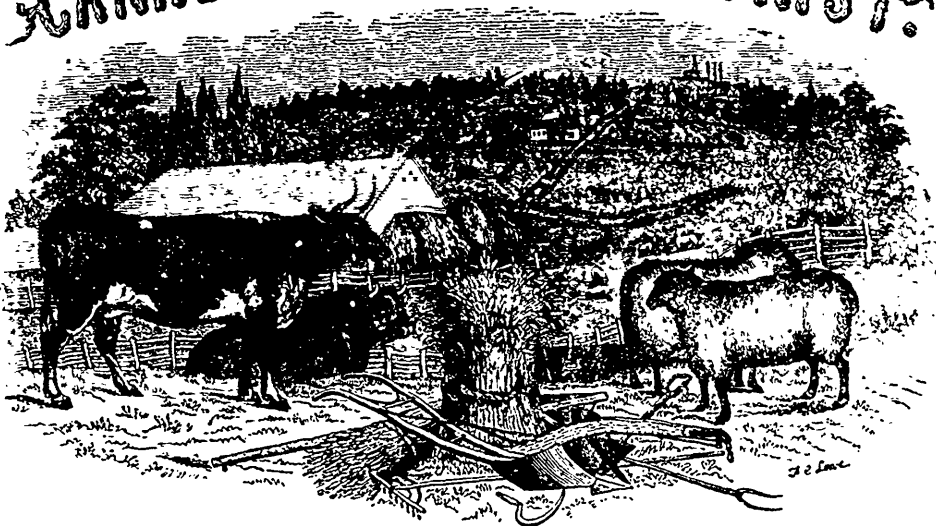


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### SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS.

Before this number gets into the hands of our more distant subscribers, the hay harvest will be fast drawing to a conclusion. A few hints, however, may not, even now, be too late for some of our readers to benefit by. The present season has been one peculiarly unfavorable to this crop; yet it is astonishing to observe what improvements the late rains have effected, by thickening the undergrowth, and

infusing fresh vigor into the plants. Too much attention cannot be paid to *close cutting*, since (in old meadows particularly) it is the bottom which yields the greatest weight, and best quality of grass. Hence the necessity of rolling, and clearing the surface of stones, &c., at the proper season, in order to admit the close application of the scythe. Most people allow their grass to advance too far in ripening, before it is cut. In the present season this may be, in some degree, practically unavoidable, in consequence of the late frequent rains. Clover, timothy, trefoil, and, indeed, all the cultivated grasses, are in the best condition for being made into hay when in blossom; and they should on no account be allowed to ripen their seeds before being mown. In making hay, the great object is, to allow the sun and air to act equally upon the whole mass, consequently the regular exposure of fresh surfaces to such action becomes requisite; but, as all practical farmers well know, the handling of hay, during the process of making, is a matter requiring some attention, much more indeed than is often given, lest the leaf and finer portions of the plant be separated, and