

to be split with a knife made for the purpose within three or four inches of the ground, this is a much better way than to peg the Tobacco, for, when it is split it sets much better on the sticks, cures or dries quicker, and of course has a better colour, than when it is hung on pegs.

When the Tobacco is cut down, it ought to be moved as soon as possible to the house and hung up, for if the leaves get too much withered, they are apt to stick together and house burn, or rot before they can dry; the best way to manage when the Tobacco is withered too much, is before the stickfull is hung up in the house, for a man to take both ends of the stick in his hands, and swing the plants backward and forward quickly two or three times, then immediately hang it up in the house; generally this will separate the leaves, but when the Tobacco has lain too long after being cut, nothing will effectually separate them, some will be lost. The best way to prevent the leaves sticking together, is as I said above, to carry the Tobacco to the house as soon as possible after it is cut down, if by this method, a few more leaves break off, never mind it, the industrious planter will not lose them, but have some small sticks made round for the purpose, split the thick end of the stem and hang his leaves on these sticks, where they will quickly dry, and be of as good a colour as those on the stalk.

Of hanging the Tobacco up in the House.

The sticks of Tobacco ought not to have too many plants on them, nor be hung too close together in the house, for if they are, it does not cure of so good a colour, and is also liable to be house

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