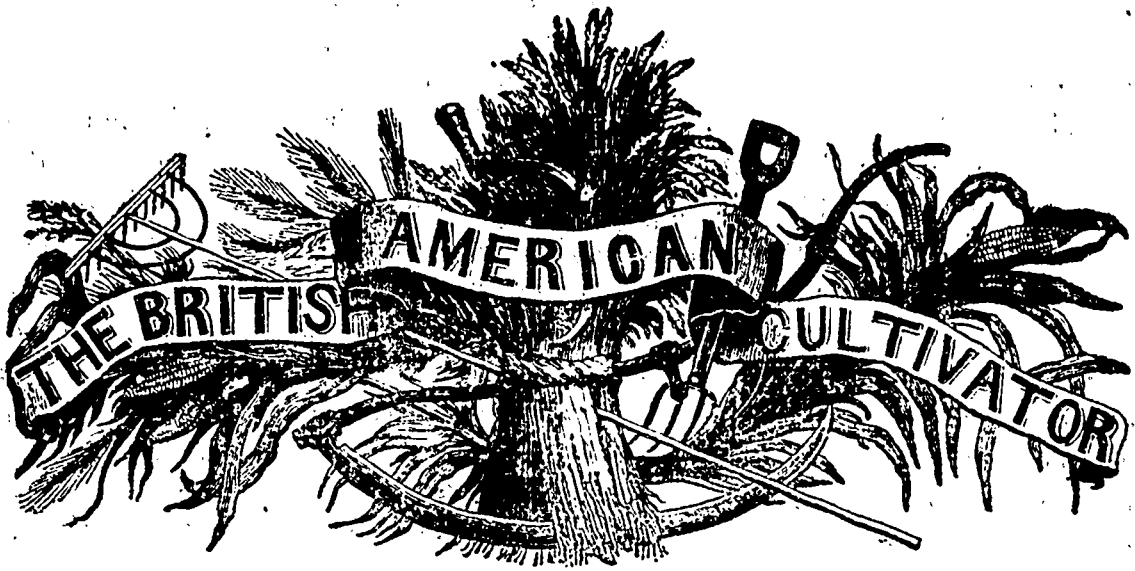


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WORK FOR THE MONTH.

MUCH of the business of the last month may still be continued; thrashing, and delivering grain to market, should be completed for the season by the end of this month. Preparation for enclosing wood lands should now be made in such instances where this work has been neglected. Stock require protection from the rays of the sun; and where it is practicable, wood land pasture should be reserved until mid-summer, when it would be found a most valuable acquisition to the stock-breeder. This is a good time to draw out barn-yard manure to the potato and turnip fields; it should be made into large heaps, and covered with short manure or swamp mould. Breeding animals and young stock now require careful attention. Ewes especially should have a regular supply of roots and hay. It is bad economy to put breeding animals upon short allowance of food, especially during the winter months. It is decidedly the most profitable course to keep a small stock well, than to half

starve a large stock, as is too much the practice in this country.

Vigilant preparation should now be made for the manufacture of maple sugar. Hitherto but comparative little attention has been bestowed upon this important branch of industry in this province. The inhabitants of Canada might doubtless manufacture a sufficient quantity of maple sugar to supply the demand or consumption in this article for the whole population of the country. This variety of sugar may be refined, and made as valuable for table use, as the finest qualities of West India sugar. On the south shore of Lake Huron, and the islands of this inland sea, there are forests of sugar maple unsurveyed, capable of producing a supply for our whole population. The Indians upon those islands have lately turned their attention pretty largely to the manufacture of sugar from the maple; and during the last season, although it was an unfavourable one for this business, many tons were exported from this source. If the Indians could obtain a fair value for their sugar, any

