

DIRECTIONS to FARMERS and GARDENERS.

AS some Springs are much earlier than others, the following directions ought not to be too literally adhered to in point of time ; but may rather serve to point out the order in which things may succeed each other ; but as to the precise time of beginning, the judgment of the Planter must be in some measure regulated by the appearance of the Spring.

The last week in April, sow early pease, cabbage, parsnips, parley, onions, turnips, radishes, lettuce and mustard.

However, those mentioned for the last week in April, may be put whenever the snow is gone, the frost out of the ground, and the soil so dry as not to be muddy, and the others succeed in their order.

The first week in May, sow oats, wheat and rye ; also some early English beans, (and the main crop by the 20th or 21st), spinage and orice ; and by the 20th of May a few hills of cucumbers, and a few early bush beans.

The middle of May, sow hemp and flax ; and any time between this and the 10th of June will do for potatoes ; such as are planted about the first of June, are frequently the largest, but the earliest planted are commonly the best to eat, being drier, in consequence of their being more thoroughly ripe.

The first week in June, plant all sorts of kidney beans ; also cucumbers, squashes and pumpkins.

The 20th of June, sow buck wheat ; this is also a good time to sow in herd grass, clover, or any sort of grass seed, which is thought to succeed better if sowed in now with buck wheat, than in the spring with oats. Herds-grass that is sowed the latter part of June or through the whole of July, instead of running up, heading out, and ripening as that does which is earlier sown, spends the summer in spreading into a large bunch, and rooting firmly, by which it not only bears the severity of the winter, but sends up from each seed many more stalks the ensuing summer. The farmer should be careful to sow his clover, if possible, before the end of July : for it is very apt to be killed with the winter, if not well rooted, and it often happens that crops which come up well, late in the fall, are wholly killed, so that a single plant cannot be found the next Summer.—The first week in July sow field turnips—the early Dutch may be sown as late as the 25th.—The 20th is a good time to sow winter wheat and rye, as by being sowed early it will be better rooted to stand the severity of the winter, and be more likely to escape a blast by coming in earlier next summer. In the fore part of September, corn salad, which then may be cut any time in the winter or spring when the snow is off.

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