#### Agricultural.

TOADS.

The common toad, which is generally esteemed the most loath-some of British reptiles, and which boys too often heedlessly pelt with stones, as if it were a creature injurious to mankind, is an animal of considerable use in the economy of nature, beof considerable use in the economy of nature, being evidently created for the purpose of destroying
and clearing away worms and other small-vormin
which would injure vegetation. The character of
this moffensive creature has been well described
by Mr Fothergill, a naturalist. "The common
tood of the toad," says he, "is small worms, and
insects of every description; but its favorite food
consists of bees and wasps. When a toad strikes
any of these insects, however, deglution does not
immediately take place, as in other cases, but the
mandibles remain closely compressed for a few
seconds, in which time the bee or wasp is killed,
and all danger of being string avoided. The mandibles are provided with two protuberances which dibles are provided with two protuberances which appear to be destined for this office. Although capable of sustaining long abstinence, the toad is a voracious feeder when opportunity offers. To a middle-sized one the writer has given nine wasps, one immediately after another; the tenth it refused but in the afternoon of the same day it took eight more. To see the toad display its full energy of character, it is necessary to discover it in its place of retirement for the day, and if possible, unperceived, to drop an insect within its sight: it immediately arouses from its apparent ternor, its beautiful diately arouses from its apparent torpor, its beautiful eyes sparkle, it moves with alacrity to its prey, and assumes a degree of animation incompatable with its general slungish appearance. When arrived at a proper distance, it makes a full stop, and, in the attitude of a pointer, motionless it eyes its destined victim for a few seconds, when it darts out its tongue upon it, and lodges it in its threat with a velocity which the eye can scarcely follow. It sometimes happens to make an ineffectual stroke, and stuns the insect without gorging it, but never makes a second stroke until the insect resumes motion. It uniformly refuses to feed on dead insects, however recent. For several years a toad took up its abode, during the summer season, under an inverted garden pot, which had a part of its rim broken out, in the writer's garden, making its first appearance in the latter end of May, and retreating about the middle of September. This toad, there is rea-son to believe, distinguished the persons of the fa-mily, who daily fed it, from strangers, as it would permit them to pat and stroke it.

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