

SONG OF THE SOIL.

BY J. H. R. BAYLEY.

I start the bulb of the beautiful flower,
And feed the bloom of the wild-wood bower;
I rear the blade of the tender herb,
And the trunk of the stalwart oak I curb;
I force the sap of the mountain pine,
And curl the tendrils of the vine;
I robe the forest and clothe the plain
With the ripest of fruit and the richest of grain.

The cheek of the peasant I flush with health,
And yield the sturdy yeoman wealth.
I give the spirit of commerce wings,
And prop the tottering thrones of kings.
The gorgeons palace and humble cot
Owe every atom to me they've got;
And the prince at his banquet and hind at his board
Alike must depend on the fare I afford.

Man may boast of his creature might—
His talents in peace, and his prowess in fight;
And lord it over beast and bird,
By the charm of his touch, and the spell of his word,
But I am the sole and mighty source
Whence flows the tide of his boasted force—
Whatever his right; and whoever he be,
His pomp and dominions must come from me!

I am the giver of all that's good,
And have been since the world has stood!
Where there's wealth on the ocean, or beauty on land
But spring from the warmth of my fostering hand?
Or where the object fair and free,
That claims a being but's traced to me?
Cherish! then cherish, ye sons of toil,
The wonderful might of the fruitful soil.

ON THE CULTURE OF LUCERNE.—TO THE EDITOR.
SIR,—I think there is not a more profitable grass than the lucerne, having experienced the usefulness of it for eight years, and having had this season three good crops, and the fourth cutting—half a crop. Mine is in rows, eighteen inches apart, kept clean, and manured every other year with good dung from the stock eating hay and corn. One acre of lucerne managed well on good land, is worth more than £20 for the season. If you or any one wishes for information on the subject, I shall feel pleasure to give it.—Yours faithfully, A CAMBRIDGESHIRE FARMER.—October 2, 1844.
—*Cambridge Independent.*

MONSTER POTATO.—We are in the frequent habit of hearing of "monster meetings," "monster trains," "monster trials," &c.; but last week our optics were astonished at seeing, on entering the Denbigh Arms Hotel, in Lutterworth, a monster of another kind—viz., a monster potato! Its length is 18 inches, its circumference 12, and in appearance it resembles some of the monster effigies that ornament many of our old churches. It was grown in the garden of Mr. Vears and weighs rather more than four pounds.—*ib.*

In the first place, take care ye never begin to speak till ye have got something to say; and secondly, be sure to leave off as soon as ye have done.—*Wiltber-spoon's Advice to Orators.*

MONTREAL MARKET PRICES.

CORRECTED BY THE CLERK OF THE MARKET.

New Market, January 1.

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| Wheat,.....per minot, | 5/0 @ 5/0 |
| Oats,..... do | 1/3 @ 1/4 |
| Barley,..... do | 2/0 @ 2/6 |
| Peas,..... do | 2/0 @ 2/9 |
| Buckwheat, do | 1/8 @ 2/1 |
| Rye,..... do | 2/6 @ 2/10 |
| Flaxseed, ... do | 4/0 @ 5/0 |
| Potatoes, New, do | 1/3 @ 1/6 |
| Beans, American, per bushel,.... | 4/0 @ 4/6 |
| Do. Canada,.... do | 6/0 @ 6/8 |
| Honey, per lb., | 0/5 @ 0/6 |
| Beef, ... do .. | 0/1 1/2 @ 0/5 |
| Mutton, per qr. | 1/0 @ 4/0 |
| Lamb, ... do .. | 1/0 @ 4/0 |
| Veal,..... do | 2/0 @ 1/0 |
| Pork,.....per lb.,.... | 0/2 @ 0/4 1/2 |
| Butter, Fresh, do .. | 0/9 @ 1/0 |
| Do. Salt, do .. | 0/6 @ 0/6 1/2 |
| Cheese,..... do .. | 0/3 @ 0/4 |
| Lard,..... do .. | 0/5 @ 0/6 |
| Maple Sugar, do ... | 0/4 1/2 @ 0/5 1/2 |
| Eggs, per dozen, fresh, .. | 0/7 1/2 @ 0/9 |
| Turkeys, (old), per couple, .. | 4/0 @ 6/3 |
| Do. (young) do .. | 4/0 @ 6/3 |
| Geese,..... do .. | 3/0 @ 5/6 |
| Ducks,..... do .. | 1/8 @ 2/6 |
| Fowls,..... do .. | 1/0 @ 1/8 |
| Chickens,..... do .. | 1/0 @ 1/8 |
| Partridges,..... do .. | 1/8 @ 2/0 |
| Hares,..... do .. | 0/4 @ 0/6 |
| Apples, American, per barrel,... | 7/4 @ 10/0 |
| Do. Canada,.... do .. | 10/0 @ 15/0 |
| Flour, per quintal, .. | 10/6 @ 12/0 |
| Beef, per 100 lbs.,... | 20/0 @ 22/6 |
| Pork, Fresh, do .. | 22/6 @ 25/0 |
| Hay, per 100 bundles, .. | 20/0 @ 27/6 |
| Straw, per 1200 lbs.,... | 12/6 @ 17/6 |
| Woodcock, per brace,... | 0/0 @ 0/0 |
| Peaches, half barrels,... | 00/0 @ 00/0 |

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