

removed; and, on examining the cage, I found it very neatly arranged between the folds of the flannel, and rendered more soft by being mixed with the knap of the flannel, which the animal had torn off in considerable quantity for the purpose. The chief part of this operation must have taken place in the night; for although the mouse was generally awake and active during the daytime, yet I never once observed it employed in removing the grass. On opening its nest about the latter end of October, 1804, I remarked that there were among the grass and wood at the bottom about forty grains of maize. These appeared to have been arranged with some care and regularity, and every grain had the corcule, or growing part, eaten out, the lobes only being left. This seemed so much like an operation induced by the instinctive propensity that some quadrupeds are endowed with for storing up food for support during the winter months, that I soon afterwards put into the cage about a hundred additional grains of maize. These were all in a short time carried away, and on a second examination I found them stored up in the manner of the former. But though the animal was well supplied with other food, and particularly with bread, which it seemed very fond of, and although it continued perfectly active through the whole winter, on examining its nest a third time, about the end of November, I observed that the food in its repository was all consumed except about half a dozen grains.—*Chronicles of the Seasons.*

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EDITORIAL.

The July number of the "Maple Leaf" was issued later than usual. The extreme heat, together with the prevailing sickness in the city, affected business, and prevented the necessary despatch. Our publisher found it difficult, for a while, to retain men enough to keep the press in motion. Such being the case, we trust our subscribers will overlook the tardiness.

Notwithstanding the heat, we have received a good number of original articles for this issue. Mrs. Traill's pretty little narrative will be liked. The charm of her writings is their truthful simplicity of style. She is, we believe, about to send forth a work of practical character, which will be very useful to settlers in Canada. We are expecting to receive a specimen number, when we shall notice it more particularly.

We have to thank "Persolus" for his continued interest in the "Maple Leaf." His articles exhibit a cultivated taste, not only, but most of them seizing on some passing incident, or sentiment, bring out fine thoughts, and convey elevating moral lessons.

We welcome the communication from "A lady residing in Montreal," and hope she will favor our readers with more of her interesting notes.

"Edla" has sent us a sweet little poem, inspired by the pure influences of Green Mountain scenery. "S. E. H." and "Isidor" have also our thanks, and we are glad to find that Mrs. Hayward does not forget us, though the first chapter of a promised tale from her facile pen has not reached us. We hope to lay it before our readers in the next number.