

## Agricultural Department.

### Time—The Farmer's Treasure.

There is no employment better adapted to secure the improvement of one's time, particularly of those fragments which are so often unimproved, than that of the farmer. There are many occupations in which time is necessarily lost to the occupation itself, because of hindrances which, in stopping one part stop all. There are intervals in most persons' business which cannot be filled up with any thing pertaining to the business itself, because the main thing to be done is itself almost the only thing. It is true that no man, whatever his occupation, need waste any portion of time, however small, for he can employ it in a thousand things which will promote his happiness and usefulness, though not bearing directly upon his main object of pursuit. He can always be at hand a book, or a subject of study to engage his thoughts when they are temporarily released from daily business. But there are few who can, like the farmer, employ even the fragments, in the details of that which is emphatically the business of their lives. The farmer's business is one of times and seasons, and to every thing in the farmer's life there is a time, and for every time, every day in the year—there is something which not only can be done, but must be done. It will not do then for the farmer, of all men, to put off till to-morrow what can be done to-day, for to-morrow will certainly bring enough to be done. We have heard farmer's complaint of this, and say that they were the only men who were drudges, always having something to do, while many others, if stopped in the prosecution of their daily business, were stopped altogether, having no incidental matters to attend to, and therefore had no time for rest. This is far from being true, and many classes of persons, as editors, physicians, etc., never have an hour they can call their own. But if it were true, and so far it is true, it shows a clear advantage on the part of the farmer. If the carpenter or the mason is stopped for a day or two in his work, he must lose the time, so far as his earnings are concerned. And this is often a serious loss, for though it is true he may improve the time in study and other useful ways, yet it may be that he can ill afford the consequent diminution in his earnings. Yet it is very seldom that he can turn his hand to anything else with any profit. Generally the most that he can do is to perform any little household jobs which perhaps he might have had to hire another to do, if he had been employed at his own work.

But the farmer can never be at a loss for work adapted to the very time which the necessity of discontinuing some other work has rendered vacant. He has but to step out of his door, and cast his eye over his domain to discover something to be attended to. It is true if he is a careful man he will not see fences down, doors off their hinges, manure evaporating in the sun, as he can see every day in the year upon the form of his neighbor, who has adopted the principle of never doing to-day what can possibly be put off till to-morrow. But his experienced eye will detect the symptoms of decay, he will see where things are just beginning to go wrong, as things are constantly beginning to do in this world, and he will remedy the matter at once. There is no greater mistake than to suppose that when the farmer is prevented by the weather from out-door work he has nothing else to do.

He can always find something to do in the barn, the stable, the granary, or the tool-shop where he has laid up some nice seasoned hickory, and ash for extra hoe handles, ax-helves, teeth for rakes, ox-yokes, &c., for it is very easy for him with a few good tools to make these things, and much better ones than he can buy; and then how much time is saved by having such things ready when they are wanted, so that important work may not be delayed by sending a man on horseback three miles to get a new implement, or waiting half a day to have the old one mended. A great deal of the farmer's work is that of preparation, and these preparations are so various that he may easily choose his own time for any of them.

Another important respect is Time the farmer's treasure. He can, and in fact usually does, use the same time several times over. While he is cutting his hay his wheat is ripening; while he is hauling his manure his cattle are fattening; while he is making his fences his chestnut rails are growing. Nature, or we would rather say, Providence, is all the time doing his work for him. All he has to do is to "cut out work" for the rain and sun and atmosphere to do. How ungrateful it is to grumble if sometimes these powerful and benevolent agents, in accomplishing other more important purposes of the Almighty, destroy his crops. Nor is there, notwithstanding what we have said, any man who has had more time to spare for social intercourse and intellectual improvement, than the farmer who makes it a point to let nothing get behind him. While other men, however industrious they may be, find their business constantly making greater demands upon them, he can at almost any time with safety, leave his farm for a few days.—Things cannot go very far wrong in that space of time, when they have so uniformly been made to go right, and his first business when he returns will be to see if everything is right. Thus we contend that the farmer can, if he will, make more of his time than any other man, not excepting a Wall-street broker. *Country Gentleman.*

The prize of \$10 offered by Orange Judd, the publisher of the American Agriculturalist, for the best corn bread loaf was awarded to Mrs. James O'Brien, of Carrick, Pa.—The recipe for making the bread is as follows:

To two quarts of meal add one pint of bread sponge; water sufficient to wet the whole—add half pint flour and a table spoonful of salt—let it rise; then knead well for the second time, and place the dough in the oven and allow it to bake an hour and a half.

COUGH MIXTURE.—Take one teacupful of molasses; add two table spoonfuls of vinegar; simmer this over the fire; then, when it is taken off, add three teaspoonfuls of paregoric, and as much refined nitre as can be put upon the point of a small breakfast knife. Of this mixture, take two or three teaspoonfuls on going to bed, and one or two during the day when you have a disposition to cough.

If you discharge a jest at a friend or a gun at a woodcock, be sure that it isn't out of season.

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### Miscellaneous.

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Towanda, Aug. 1, 1861.

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