

JULY.

We are again at the zenith of the year, when the glory and blossoming of Summer begin to pass into fruit. Already we are gathering the small fruits, and dishes piled with berries, and garished with sugar and cream, grace the farmer's repast. The cherries, in those sections of the country where they have not been winterkilled, stand thick among the green leaves, and the apples and pears are rapidly pushing on toward maturity. The meadow is now in its glory, and all the variety of grasses are shaking their plumes in the morning breeze. Much of the interest of the northern farm at this season, clusters around the hayfield. It has its poetry as well as its philosophy, its sentiment, as hard as its dull realities.

There is hardly a more beautiful sight among all the peaceful scenes of rural life, than the meadow at mowing time. Grass is at all times grateful to the eye, and the smooth shaven lawn, with nothing but evenness and monotonous green to commend it, is a perpetual feast. We can find contrasts enough in other things. But the verdure of the meadow has a thousand varying shades, as the grasses come into bloom in mid-summer. Not only are there many varieties of grasses but each variety gives a succession of hues, as it passes from the blade into the season of ripeness. We have different shades of green, and then as the tassels and plumes come out, different shades of purple, blue, pink, and crimson, blending with the ground work of verdure beneath. Then, to vary the scene, we have these colors modified by the dew and the rain, by cloud and sunshine, by wind and calm. A gentle breeze sweeping over the tall grass, gives one the impression of the waves of the sea. We never thrust a scythe into a full grown meadow, without a sigh that so much of beauty has to be sacrificed to the necessities of man and beast.

But the hay field is pleasing to the looker on, if not to the haymaker, after all its nodding plumes and flowers have gone down before the scythe. We love to see the boys tossing the withered herbage, the rakers gathering up the long windrows, the hay in cocks and covered with snowy caps, looking in the distance like a tented field, the hay cart with its enormous bulk drawn into the barn, the stacks suggestive of barns running over full with fodder, the farmer's nooning—the whole laboring group reclined upon the fragrant hay, the mirthful boys, full of dinner and practical jokes.

Nor is the eye alone pleased with the hay field. No flower border sends up more grateful odors, than the blooming meadow on a Summer morning. It pays for early rising to inhale the fragrance, as well as to catch the sparkle of the first sunbeams, as they flash from the dew drops, and then when all the grasses are laid low in death, the perfume that comes up from the crushed blossoms surpasses all that they exhaled while living. "New mown hay" gives a name to one of the most exquisite products of the perfumer, and the Broadway belle is redolent of one of the most common odors of the farm. This fragrance is most perceptible at evening, as the dew begins to fall, and moonlight rides in July are particularly delightful to those who have the leisure to enjoy them.

Sweet sounds are also the charm of the hay field, and cheer the laborer at his task. You will always hear the robin from the adjoining orchard or fence, and the Bobolink pours forth his ecstasy from every weed and shrub that overtops the surrounding grass. The meadow lark and the quail both build their nests among the grass and their notes are the constant companion of the mower. Then, the murmur of bees among the clover heads, comes up as a subdued undertone to the varied music of the feathered tribes.

And who that has been bred in a northern home and studied the New-England Primer, with its familiar illustration of old Time and his scythe, has not indulged in a bit of sentiment, as he thrust his glittering steel into the grass. What slaughter of living things that the sun has been nurturing into strength and beauty all Summer long! To-day a living host, glorious in their wealth of blossoms, and to-morrow a mass of withered herbage! He thinks involuntarily of the Great Reaper, and the human harvest that Time is always gathering.

To come down from the realms of poetry and sentiment, the hay field is a very matter of fact sort of place, full of sweat and hard work. The scythe compels one to labor in a constrained posture, disciplines new muscles, and is justly regarded as the severest labor of the farm. As a gymnastic exercise mowing is excellent

and if not too much prolonged, it gives strength to the muscles of the shoulders, the loins, and hips. The fact that one is always lame after the first day of mowing, shows that unused muscles have been taxed. The great danger at this season is of attempting too much. Labor is generally from fifty to a hundred per cent higher than at other seasons, but it is very much better to employ it at any price, than to break down the system by overwork. A strained muscle will often lay a man up for months. If the labor is more severe than usual, more time must be taken for rest. It is folly to work fifteen or sixteen hours daily, as some farmers do. We doubt if anything is gained to the employer, in the whole season, by more than ten hours of steady toil. Particular attention should be paid to food and drink. We want good nourishing food, plenty of fruits and vegetables and milk, to break up the monotony of salt junk and potatoes. Some eschew ice water in the hay field. If one is accustomed to it from the beginning of the season, there is little danger in its use. While we approve of good cheer, coffee, tea, syrups, ginger beer, and the whole some drinks that the good housewife knows so well how to prepare, we discard all intoxicating drinks.

Hay making is an art, and it requires a good deal of experience to know just when to arrest the process, so that the dried grass shall retain its virtues. It is agreed on all hands that it should be cut just as it is passing out of blossom. Later than this, the gum and saccharine matter pass over into woody fiber, and the hay is not so highly relished, and is not so nutritious. In the beginning of the season, when the grasses are full of juice, there is danger of curing too little, so that the hay heats in the mow. In the latter part there is danger of drying too much. The best hay is made mainly in the cock, and now that we have hay caps so generally distributed, this may be safely done. Heavy grass when it has had one day's sun, may be kept in cock two or three days, and improve by the process. Hay is best secured in the barn in large mows. We trust the day is not distant, when farmers will have barn room enough for all their fodder, as well as for their cattle. In the barn the hay remains undisturbed until it is fed out, and retains all its sweetness. In the stack, there is a loss in the quality of the hay, and still greater loss in feeding.

It is of great importance that corn, potatoes and other hoed crops be put in the best possible condition before haying and harvesting—the main work for this month. When the grass and grain claim attention, all other operations are put aside, and if the weeds have not been subdued, and the soil left properly loosened, corn must suffer. An additional hoeing early this month, may make five or ten bushels per acre difference in the yield.

It is poor economy to attempt the severe labors of the season with insufficient working force. Overworking during the oppressive heat of Summer is even more injurious than at other times. There may be scarcity of help in some sections, owing to the large numbers engaged in the war, but the absence of men should be supplied, as far as may be, by using labor-saving implements.

To produce a good article of butter at this season, a cool well ventilated dairy room is indispensable. Exclude flies from the premises with frames covered with millinet, placed in the doors and windows. Observe scrupulous neatness in every operation. The tub or barrel for the reception of sour milk should be kept at a distance from the dairy, and convenient to the pig pen. The effluvia from a fermenting swill tub will injure the flavor of butter.

Select the best growth of clover, timothy, etc., and leave it ripen for seed. Choose a piece as clear from weeds as possible, and pull out foul stuff before gathering the seed.

Timber cut during this and the following months is generally considered more durable than when felled in Winter, particularly those kinds which abound in sap. If practicable, secure enough for next season's wants for fencing and building.

If there be leisure between haying and oat harvest, employ it in improving open ditches which may need it. The work is better done during the dry weather of Summer. Lay tile or other drains where needed most. This improvement may be introduced gradually.

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