The Farm.

Digging and Care of Potatoes.

From planting to cooking and in all processes between and inclusive, potatoes are unquestionably the most abused things ever cultivated for human use; and in the long catalogues of errors peculiar to this excellent esculent, one of the most outrageous is neglecting to harvest them as soon as they are ripe. No other crop was ever maltreated in this way. When any other crop is fully matured, the farmer secures it at once, lest it wastes and decays. But potatoes, being out of sight, are out of mind until a convenient season. When the farmer can find nothing else to do he digs them, and then perhaps complains of them for being of bad character. Any other crop would be as bad or worse if treated in a similar manner. Potatoes are not unfrequently left in the ground several weeks after being ripe, as though they were dead stones and undamageable, instead of living, perishable organisms, subject to all the conditions, transformations, and diseases that pertain to all vital structures. It is seldom that potatoes are not more or less damaged by neglect to harvest at the proper time, or by improper management in harvesting, however well they may have been raised and matured. When the tops of potato plants whither the tubers are ripe, and, like other crops, will be injured, if not at once gathered and taken care of. If allowed to be once soaked in the ground by a severe or prolonged rain after ripening, they lose irreparably some degree of their sweet flavor, and some portion of their nutrient properties; nor are they so sound and vital for seed potatoes; and every rain augments the damage, rendering them both less palatable and less wholesome.—What farmer can be ignorant of the fact that the potatoes he digs in November and December are less dry and sweet than those he ate from the same field in September and October previously? Potatoes should not be exposed to the air, sun or wind to dry them, as is customary, after being dug. If moist or dirty when taken from the ground, cleaning and drying does not protect them, but the reverse. Every potato that becomes uncovered before it is ripe, or which protrudes above its earthy covering, soon becomes blighted in the exposed part—a fact which proves that it is defenceless against aerial elements, and its need when dug of immediate protection. —*Potato Book.*

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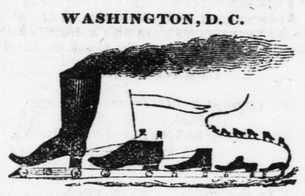

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