







THE POET'S CORNER. O DOUBTING HEART OF MINE.

I find thee of a maiden, With clustering locks of gold, As sweet, and fair, and winsome, As any earth doth hold.

No lack hath she of suitors, For suitors never fail, To gather fast around her, With vows that might avail.

Each of its gifts hath given her, Wealth, station, rich array; While I am bound to labour, And dress in "hadden gray."

FARMING OPERATIONS FOR MARCH.

Towards the end of this month forward wheat should be harvested if sown broadcast, or sown either by the hand or horse hoe in drills.

Preparation for Green Crops.—The land designed for green crops should have been deeply ploughed before Christmas, to enjoy the beneficial effects of the winter frosts.

Potatoes.—Planting early is now an established rule. They should be planted before they are put out about the end of the month.

Parsons should be sown this month. The manure should have been put on in the autumn, so as to be incorporated with the soil.

Grass.—The preparation of the land for, and the cultivation of, the carrot is precisely similar to that described for parsnips; the carrot may be sown a fortnight later than the parsnip.

Barley.—The early part of next month is the general time for sowing barley; but in deep, dry loams and early aspects it is of much advantage to sow it in March.

Grass Seeds.—Grass seeds are sown after the oats or barley have been harvested in, as the cover given to grass seeds should not exceed half an inch.

Spring Vetches.—Another breadth of spring vetches should be sown this month for succulent feeding; a little oats or rye should be sown with them, which prevents their falling or lodging.

For other dairy or fattening stock. A top-dressing of 6 cwt. of gypsum mixed with 8 cwt. of salt may be applied per Irish acre, during rainy weather.

Eye may be sown this month for either soiling or the produce of grain. In moory soils, the newly-replenished soil is more appropriate than autumn or winter sowing.

Cabbages.—The autumn planted early cabbages should now be looked over, and the spaces between pointed over with the spade or stirred with the horsehoe, and a little earth drawn up to the stems by the hoe or plough.

Stall-feeding.—Cattle in the stalls should now be approaching maturity. Attend to former directions as to food, and if potatoes are first given one-third of the ration.

Milk Cows.—A plentiful supply of succulent food, with some good hay and cake, should be given milk cows, otherwise they will go back in their yield of milk.

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