



GARDEN LORE & WISDOM

A Copy Book Collection

from the 19th Century OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

& other Great Minds

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To plow, to plant, and to hoe may not be the chief end of man, but it was the first great work that was given him to do; and that he might keep it in mind for all time, he had a pledge that the seed-time should never fail.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

There's something wonderfully soothing in having your fingers in Mother Earth.

It seems to take the restlessness out of one.

-- FRANCES DUNCAN

The man who has planted a garden feels that he has done something
for the good of the world.

-- CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER

The ground must touch a man before he can amount to much.

-- ABRAHAM LINCOLN

To own a bit of ground; to scratch it with a hoe; to plant seeds, and watch their renewal of life, —. this is the commonest delight of the race, the most satisfactory thing a man can do.

-- CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER

A good garden saves the butcher's bill, and keeps down the doctor's bill, too.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

Boy or girl, you need to feel plowed ground under your feet; you need the contact with growing things in the ground; you need to handle a hoe, [and] gather the garden vegetables. . . . You need to take part in the digging and weeding and planting. . . . You need to smell [the soil], to feel it, to work in it.

-- DALLAS LORE SHARP

To smell a turf of fresh earth is wholesome for the body.

-- THOMAS FULLER

Watching things grow, things that his own hands have planted, is one of the chief joys of the householder.

-- JAMES G. NEEDHAM

Behold this compost! behold it well! . . . It gives such divine materials to men, and
accepts such leavings from them at the last.

-- WALT WHITMAN

A soil, to be fertile, must above all things be light and pliable, and this condition we seek
to bring about by the operation of plowing.

-- VIRGIL

You keep square with the work, you feel greater pride and satisfaction in it, and
everything goes smoother.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

Head work in the garden is worth quite as much as hand work.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

Acquaint yourself with an intelligent system of crop rotation — Use your brains — Then
when you are certain and your program is ready, DIG IN HARD.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

Tis the farmer's care that makes the field bear.

-- OLD PROVERB

Nature will always find some mischief to do in idle land. Give her the opportunity and you shall repent in another season when you find redoubled labor essential to keep the garden clear of noxious growths.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

In the garden more grows than the gardener sows.

-- OLD PROVERB

The rich garden soil from which you have taken an early crop will bear weeds if you do not put it to use for production of something better.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

A weed, as it grows from an inch to afoot high, increases a thousand-fold in bulk or weight, and exhausts the soil in proportion.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

Cultivate! A hard crust over the surface of the ground is almost as fatal to the growth of annual plants as would be a coat of paint to the growth of a pig.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

If a good crop is to be obtained, it must be well fed and well cared for, and the work must be done at the right time.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

Land for roots needs to be worked deep and fine.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

Now that bugs and blights abound, be up and at them; but be sure to identify your enemy
before you begin your fight.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

The warfare of the insect tribes upon the vegetable kingdom is a continuous
performance at which the gardener cannot afford to be an idle spectator.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

He who would have a good garden must visit it daily, that he may discover and destroy
the insect enemies before they do any essential injury.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

Snug up and get things in order for a long winter.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

We have drawn from the land all that our industry compelled it to yield, and our crops in
store and the book of receipts will tell us the story of the year's work.

-- OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC