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According to 13th Laws Art. 1st Sec. 3rd

I make the following Farm Report for 1870.

Fellow Members of the Queen Anne's Co. Agr. Soc.
A Farm Report of the operations of one farm, giving
the Cost of Cultivation & of the several crops
raised there upon, & a somewhat more diffi-
cult task than I had anticipated.

To begin with, I will take up my winter work,
that of cleaning new ground, which in my ex-
timation is the most laborious of all farm work.
The winter being so very unfavorable to out-
door work; I was unable to do little else than
feed my stock during the months of Jan.
and Feb. About the 1st of March at which
time the bulk of my work should have been
accomplished I commenced cutting down a
thick wood lot containing nearly 12 acres.
The timber there upon consisted of yellow Pop-
lar - of gigantic size; beneath whose spread-
ing branches young hickorys, beeches, junck,
Mulberry & Dog-wood grew; and these were
"Lashed into Matronomy" as Mr Spencer would
term it, by vines the most luxuriant in
their growth that this Climate is capable of
producing. So you see fellow members I
had ample room for the use of the axe
as well as the billhook, and the grubbing
which must follow to extricate the roots of
these gigantic trees, moreover that the plow
must do well its work, was not a small
task to be accomplished. After much trouble
for I had hard work to get hands to stick
to this work; there being much lighter work
in the neighborhood at the same rate of
wages, they had a decided tendency to take