



Hurdcott

On Tuesday last the labourers and servants of Alex. Powell, Esq., celebrated their harvest home, when all belonging to the estate, and those working thereon, with their wives and children, sat down to a plentiful repast, provided for them by the kindness of their host. The worthy squire, who was present, seemed highly pleased to see all his people enjoying themselves so well together. It need hardly be said, his health and that of his family were drunk with enthusiasm by all. He returned thanks in an appropriate speech, thanking them all for what they had done towards getting in his harvest, not forgetting to whom they were indebted for such abundant crops. After wishing them to drink enough, but be wise, he took his departure. The company, however, did not break up until a late hour. Tea was also prepared in an adjoining apartment for all who chose to partake of it. Presided over by the oldest servant on the place, who has seen no less than fourscore summers, the party at length broke up, highly pleased with their evening's entertainment, hoping to see many more such happy harvest homes kept at Hurdcott.

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