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RECEIVED of James Frampton Esq; Half a Guinea,
being the first Subscription to A Tour through Ireland.

Wm Young

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YOUNG, Arthur, an eminent writer upon agriculture, was intended for a merchant, but having no taste for mercantile pursuits, after the death of his father he started a periodical called the "Universal Museum," which was discontinued at the sixth number. He next devoted himself to the management of a small farm belonging to his mother, and in 1765 commenced writing upon agriculture. Two years later he entered upon the management of a larger farm, and, in consequence of the experiments he carried out therein, was enabled to produce in 1770 his "Course of Experimental Agriculture," one of the first works of any importance upon agriculture published in this country. He then proceeded to make tours of observation through England, publishing his experience in works which were translated and read in France, Russia, and other continental countries, almost immediately after their appearance in England. He likewise travelled through France, and produced an "Agricultural Survey" of that country, which materially contributed to the improvement of the arts of husbandry there. About 1793 he bought 4400 acres of waste land in Yorkshire, for the purpose of carrying out his scheme for the improvement of uncultivated soil. He also became secretary of the Board of Agriculture. His principal works were, "Six Weeks' Tour through the Southern Counties of England," "Tour through the Northern Counties," "Political Arithmetic," "The Annals of Agriculture," of which he published 45 volumes; and some political pamphlets. In 1801 the French Directory ordered a French translation of all his agricultural works to be made. This work was produced in Paris, under the title of "Le Cultivateur Anglais." B. 1741; D. 1820.

YOUNG, ARTHUR, an eminent writer on agriculture, was born in 1741, at Bradfield, in Suffolk. With a desire to improve British husbandry, he made innumerable experiments at home, and also travelled over the greatest part of Great Britain, Ireland, France, Spain, and Italy. In 1770 he published his "Farmer's Calendar," which became a popular work; and also a periodical, entitled the "Annals of Agriculture." On the establishment of the Board of Agriculture he was appointed secretary, which office he held till his decease, in 1820. Besides the works already mentioned, he published his "Tour in England, Ireland, and France." 171.2824