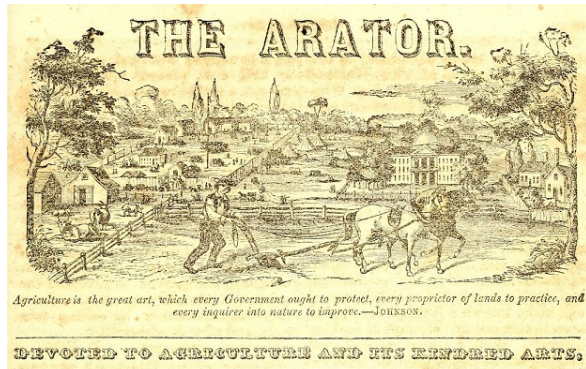


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Masthead of The Arator, 1855-1857.

^[2]*Arator*, or the *Plowman*, was an agricultural periodical published monthly by its editor Thomas J. Lemay from 1855 to 1857. Lemay had been prevailed on by the North Carolina State Agricultural Society to start the magazine as its official publication, although the *Arator* was never accorded that designation. Lemay had previously owned and edited the *North Carolina Farmer* and the *North Carolina Star*.

Like other agricultural journals of the day, the *Arator* aimed to educate farmers as well as provide them with up-to-date information on all phases of farming. It also included information to appeal to housewives and young farmers-to-be. The readership was never large, and the decline of Lemay's health along with his financial assets ended the *Arator's* short life.

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