

Ceres the Roman name of the goddess of agriculture. To whom men were supposed to be indebted for the gift of breadstuffs.

Corn is a name given to various seeds especially to cereals and grains which grow in ears and are used for food as wheat, barley, rye, and maize.

In England corn signifies wheat which is the grain most used for breadstuffs.

In U.S. the term corn is applied to maize or Indian corn. Indians corn the most abundant of cereals and most important grain raised by American farmers belong to the tribe of grasses. It has always formed the chief food of the Indian races from which the name is derived. Its cultivation was introduced from America to Southern Europe and Asia and to Northern Africa.

where it spread with great rapidity. It is alleged that this grain was known in very ancient times to the Chinese but by so, it fell into complete oblivion. Indian corn is properly a tropical grain a native probably of the table lands of Mexico or Peru. It thrives best under a hot summer sun and its rapid growth and ripening gives it a great value for our Northern States where the summer heat usually is as intense as the winter cold. Not so in England the summer heat is not sufficiently intense to favor its production. As a food it is very nutritious and healthful. The ingredients of Indian corn are chiefly starch and oil and an abundance of phosphorus. There are various kinds and new varieties are constantly appearing. The kind called sweet corn when green is one of the most savory

articles of food (to my thinking)

Indian corn in the U S is the prin-  
cipal crop. Being hardy and easily  
cultivated. It was the first grain  
planted by the new settlers amid the  
stumps and fallen trees by the  
aid of the hoe alone. It was the  
corn planter since the work of several  
men. The following lines are by E E H

Praise God for wheat, so pure and sweet of which  
to make our bread.

Praise God for yellow corn, with which His waiting  
world is fed!

Praise God for every winter's store of ice

Praise God for summer's heat!

Praise God for fruit trees bearing seed: so  
you it is for meat!

Praise God for all the bounty, by which the  
world is fed.

Praise God, His children all, to whom He gives  
their daily bread. (Edward Everett Hale)