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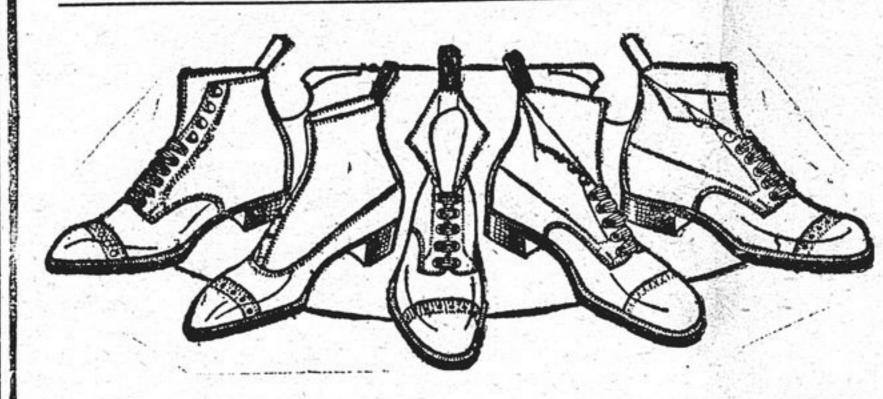
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CULTURE OF ASPARAGUS.

How to Prepare the Ground and Set the Roots.

As a garden vegetable asparagus was cultivated more than 2,000 years ago among the Greeks and Romans. It is generally supposed to be a native of Europe and Asia. Among the hardlest of plants, it will endure neglect. Quite frequently stalks are found along the roadside and in fence corners, where they live for years without attention. But nevertheless asparagus responds to kind treatment.

Practical asparagus growers of the state of New Jersey prefer planting in the spring. They set the roots six to ten inches deep and cover very lightly at first, say two or three inches, the remainder being gradually filled in during the summer.

Roots may be planted as late as July 1 and even later. Early planting, however, gives them a chance to make some growth of tops before winter sets in. There is no danger of getting the soil too rich. Starved roots are one great cause of rust.

The next fall after setting give the bed a heavy coat of stable manure, and the spring following use nitrate of soda. After that it is advised to use stable manure one year and commercial fertilizer the next and nitrate of soda every spring.

In preparing for asparagus it is best to select a piece of ground that is well drained and one that has had good manuring and clean cultivation for a year or two previous to planting.

Plow as for other crops, but make it as deep as soil and good judgment will permit. If subsoil is hard and compact, subsoiling would be beneficial. The asparagus plant is comparatively a deep rooter and has been known to be traced over three feet below the surface. Plowing may be done at almost any time, but at time of setting plants replow with one horse, striking back furrows between every row. Then make a row for plants in each dead furrow. Use no stable manure in rows at time of setting. It induces mice to work there, and they will kill a good many crowns. Chemical fertilizer or a good grade of bone dust and a little muriate of potash, mixed and applied in furrows after the plants are set, are beneficial; also a light dressing or two of nitrate of soda through the growing season is valuable.

Frequent and thorough cultivation is one of the essentials to successful asparagus culture, and this can more easily and cheaply be obtained by setting in spring than otherwise.

Asparagus needs a large amount of nitrogen. The droppings from the henhouse are excellent, as also the refuse from the horse stable. Both can be spread on the old bed and worked into the ground before cold weather. The results will be in evidence next spring. The method of a New York grower which has been fully and thoroughly tried is to dig trenches three feet deep

and one and one-half feet wide. Put

the depth of one foot; then fill the trenches to within six inches of the surface with the soil thrown out and well rotted manure in equal proportions, thoroughly mixed and pressed down with the feet. Make a shallow trench for the seed, which should be sowed thinly, covered half an inch and then the soil packed firmly over the seed. When the plants appear, thin to two feet apart in the drill. As the plants increase in height fill up the trench to the level of the ground.

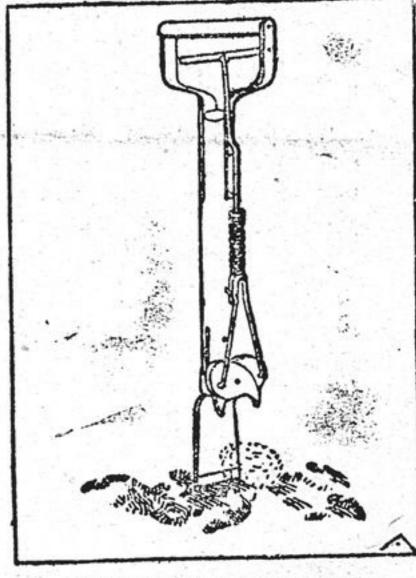
Before a heavy frost comes the plants will have made a growth of at least three feet and from six to tent plants from each seed. Before winter remove the tops, sprinkle the surface of the bed with common salt, then cover with coarse litter from the stable and leave until spring, when all straws should be raked off and the bed thoroughly forked in.

The first season cuttings should not be made later than June 15.

Destroy the Weeds.

The gardener, whether amateur or rofessional, is continually endeavor-

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an implement something like the one
shown in the accompanying illustra-



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