

Agriculture, &c.,

HOT-BEDS.

The requisites for making a hot-bed are boards, glazed sashes, manure in a state of active fermentation, and a supply of light, rich soil. The old way of making a manure stack on top of the ground, and putting a frame over it, is well-nigh abandoned. It is more economical of manure and other materials to make an excavation. All the operations depend upon the size of the sashes. Six feet by three is the regular size, but any other will do. Select a well-drained place, facing to the south, and sheltered by a fence, building, or hedge, from prevailing cold winds; make an excavation two feet deep, of a width any length to accommodate the sash. Drive down stakes, and board up the pit, having the boards at the rear 18 inches, and those at the front 12 inches above the surface. The manure to be used should be in a state of active fermentation—a condition which may be secured by turning over stable manure two or three times, at intervals of a few days, according to the temperature, watering it if it becomes dry. A good rule is to form the manure in a compact, conical heap, and when it "smokes," turn it over. Fill the trench with fermenting manure, pack or tread it rather firmly, cover it with six inches of light, rich soil, and put the sashes in place. Put a thermometer in the soil, and when the heat declines from 100 degrees, the sowing may be done. Sow Tomatoes, Egg Plant, Peppers, Early Cabbages, etc., in rows four inches apart. The soil covering the seeds must be both rich and light. Where plants are forwarded to best advantage, a milder bed is in readiness, to which the plants are transplanted, when large enough to handle.—American Agriculturist.

EARLY VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS.

We have often endeavored to impress upon our readers who have farms the importance and value of the vegetable garden, and the duty also of paying some attention to garnishing their homes with beautiful flowers. A little labor now and then, at the right time, will secure both of these objects, and not interfere seriously with farm work.

To obtain a small supply of early vegetables, which will be more highly prized than two or three times the quantity some weeks later, take some nail kegs, saw them in two, knock out the bottom, place each on a small board, fill them with rich soil, and plant two or three seeds of different kinds of vegetables in the middle of each pot, and let one plant grow. When they have attained a large size, set each tub in an excavation in the open ground, saw the hoops loose and remove the staves. Tomatoes put out in this way, as soon as the cold weather has passed, will continue to grow without showing any injury from being transplanted. A few hills of early Sweet Corn, Egg-Plant, and many other desirable vegetables, may be obtained early in the summer by starting one or two plants in March in a tub, old raisin box, or cheaply made boxes of any kind.

The flower-garden should be attended to early. Flowers require leaf-mould, sand, and ashes. Iron-filings and iron-turnings are also excellent material to mingle with the soil where bulbs and flower-seeds are to grow. If the soil is heavy, well-rotted chip dirt dug into the soil will be found to exert an excellent influence on the development of large and beautiful flowers.

When planting bulbs or seeds of any kind in pots, choose large ones, so that the roots may have more space. Whatever the pot may be, see that an inch hole is kept open in the bottom for the surplus water to escape. If pots are water-tight, the roots are often required to stand where there is an excess of moisture, which will be worse for the growing plants than a limited supply of water.—Observer.

CUCUMBERS.—"It does not seem to be very generally known," says an exchange, "that the cucumber is one of the most useful vegetables we have, and can be dressed in a greater variety of palatable ways than any other even than the tomato. It is better than squash and more delicate than the egg-plant, prepared in the same manner; can be stewed, fried, or stuffed, and, above all, can be parboiled, mashed up in batter and fried as fritters, more pleasant and easily prepared than any other vegetable or fruit. When a cucumber becomes just too old to be used raw or pickling, it is then at its best for cooking—and may be used for that purpose even until the seeds become hard. A raw cucumber is for most persons an indigestible abomination, however much they may admire its flavor and odor."

FEED THE BIRDS.

A bird appears a thoughtless thing, He's ever living on the wing, And keeps up such a carolling, That, little else to do but sing, A boy would guess had him.

No doubt he has his little cares, And very hard he often fares, That which so patiently he bears, That listening to those cheerful airs, Who knows but he may be

In want of his next meal of seeds? I think for that his sweet song pleads; If so, his pretty art succeeds, I'll scatter here among the weeds All the small crumbs I see.

MESSANGER ALMANACK.

From March 23th, to April 10th, 1869. Last Quarter..... April 3rd. 4 34 Afternoon. New Moon..... " 11th. 9 33 Afternoon. First Quarter..... " 19th. 10 51 Morning. Full Moon..... " 26th. 2 7 Morning.

Table with columns: Day, SUN. (Rises, Sets), MOON. (Rises, Sets), HIGH WATER AT (Halifax, Windsor)

For the time of HIGH WATER at Pictou, Pugwash, Wallis, and Yarmouth add 2 hours to the time at Halifax. For LOW WATER at Annapolis, Digby, &c., and at St. J. in, N. B., add 3 hours to the time at Halifax.

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Halifax, 1st January, 1869. Jan. 6.

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