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How to Grow Plants for Winter From Cuttings.

August Ploughing Destroys a Considerable Proportion of White Grubs and Wire Worms Infesting Old Sod Fields—Flax Is a Splendid Crop for a First Crop on Such Fields.

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TOWARD the end of the summer, the amateur flower grower often wonders how the stock of geraniums in the flower border can be increased and preserved by some other means than by taking up the old plants in

the autumn; the last named method not having, perhaps, proved successful in past seasons. By starting fairly early, toward the end of August, before cold chilly nights appear, a nice supply of young plants, more especially of all kinds of geraniums of the flowering kind, or those having fragrant leaves, or even the bronze or silver-leaved kinds, can be had by starting cuttings or slips of these plants. First of all obtain a shallow box about three inches deep, ten or twelve inches wide, and from twelve to twenty-four inches in length, an empty huddle (fish) box will do very well. It should have some small holes bored through the bottom for drainage. Pack this box firmly with moist, clean, gritty sand; sand that will make good stone mortar will do. Then take the terminal or top part of the young growth of plants about four or five inches in length, each shoot or cutting having from four to six joints where leaves are produced. Make the base of the cutting just below one of these nodes or leaf joints, making a clean cut with a sharp knife flat across. Cut off some of the lower leaves, leaving two or three leaves at the top. Cut off all bloom buds and blossoms where possible. Make a hole or drill in the wet sand deep enough to set fully half the length of stems of cuttings in the sand. Water them well once and keep the sand moist until cuttings are rooted, which should be in five or six weeks' time. The box can be set out of doors in partial shade until the first week in September, when they can be taken into the window. When cuttings have roots about an inch in length dig them carefully from the sand without injuring the roots and pot them singly into small 2 1/2 inch pots or set them about two inches apart in well-drained shallow boxes in a soil made up of one part sand, one part leaf mould, and about six parts of light loamy soil enriched with one part of dry pulverized cow manure from the pasture field. This last is one of the best possible fertilizers for soil for pot plants. Set the young plants in the window in a temperature of 60 to 70 deg. Fahr., an ordinary house temperature. — William Hunt, O. A. College, Guelph.

White Grubs and Wireworms.

White grubs are the larvae of the large dark brown May beetles, or "June Bugs," as they are commonly called, and, being underground feeders, are very difficult to control. A great variety of experiments have been made with chemicals of many sorts, but none has proved successful. The only method of control is the adoption of a system of rotation of crops. No field should be left in grass for more than three years. An old pasture, when broken up, is often found to be full of these grubs, and they will attack the roots of any plants that are sown in place of their ordinary food which has been removed. Corn and potatoes will suffer severely, but clover is least affected by them and may be seeded down with rye. After the second year any crop will usually be safe. Deep ploughing in October before the weather becomes cold will expose the grubs and destroy many. Pigs and poultry, crows and other birds and skunks greedily devour them. Where an old field is found to be badly infested, it is a good plan to turn in some hogs; they will soon root out and eat up all the grubs. If the field is large it would be well to confine them with hurdles to a small portion at a time, and when that is cleared move them on to a fresh feeding ground.

Wireworms are the larvae of Click beetles, so called from their curious habit of springing up in the air with a "click" when laid upon their backs. The beetles are long and narrow, rounded above, with very short legs, and usually dull gray or black in color. The grubs are long and round, with a very hard skin, from which they get their name of Wireworms, and yellow or whitish in color. Their life-history is very similar to that of the White Grubs, as they thrive in old pastures and take two or three years to mature. They feed upon the roots of any plants that may be grown where they are, and are especially injurious to corn and potatoes, in the latter of which they often burrow great holes. As in the case of the White Grubs, no treatment of the soil with poisons of any kind has been found effective. There is a prevalent idea that salt will kill them, but this is an entire mistake. The only remedy is a short rotation of crops as in the case of White Grubs. Ploughing in August and cross-ploughing in September will destroy great numbers. Clean cultivation, leaving no weeds or other shelter for the beetles, in fence corners and elsewhere is also of importance. Flax is a particularly valuable crop for sowing on old sod, as the worms injure it but very little.

Break up the old pastures in the advice all farmers should follow.—Dr. C. J. S. Bethune, O. A. College, Guelph.

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