
 **Pests and Diseases**

soil; they should be sown at frequent intervals from early April until June, in rich moist soil. The Radishes ought to be thinned out properly in good time, otherwise they become very leafy, but the roots do not develop satisfactorily. Chicory is raised from seed sown in May in deep, well-tilled soil, in rows 12 inches apart; thin the seedlings to 6 or 7 inches from each other. In winter the roots are taken up, a few at a time, and potted or placed close together in boxes which are then put in darkness and warmth; when the blanched tops are 6 or 8 inches long they are cut off for use.

Pests and Diseases of Vegetables. — The amateur will soon realise that in order to cultivate vegetables successfully he must continually be on the watch for insect and other pests, and signs of various diseases. They can be kept down fairly easily if remedial measures are adopted when the trouble is first noticed, and this practice ought always to be followed.

The Broad Bean invariably suffers from the attacks of black fly, which smothers the shoots, and particularly the upper parts, if it is not destroyed. When it is first noticed the tops of the plants should be pinched off and burnt; this usually has the effect of getting rid of the trouble;