

Potatoes and Root Crops

GENERAL HINTS

Root crops, of which the chief are Potato, Parsnip, Carrot, Beetroot, Turnip, and (so far as the scope of this book is concerned) the Onion, are indispensable vegetables. They appeal especially to the amateur gardener who has comparatively little time for garden work, for, generally speaking, they occupy the ground throughout the season, and the chief labour occasioned by their cultivation is in spring when they are sown, and in autumn when they are taken up for storing. In some gardens the subject of lifting and storing can be lightly dismissed, for all, except the Potato and Onion, may, if necessary, be left in the ground during winter, and be dug as required. This is not advanced as an ideal way of treatment, but that it will answer in an emergency I and others have proved. Even Beetroot may be left in the ground, although if convenience for storage exists it is no doubt better if lifted, and the same may be said of Carrot and Turnip.