
The Allotment

August, in shallow drills 12 inches apart; the seedlings are thinned to 10 inches or so from each other. Superfluous seedlings may be transplanted elsewhere. The plants must be kept moist at the root. Endive must be blanched by covering with a flower-pot or tile about a fortnight before it is required.

Other Salad Plants.—Cucumbers are easily grown on a small mound of loam and leaf soil in a frame. Pinch out the points of the shoots when the seedlings are 6 inches high, and treat the subsequent growths similarly. Give little air for a week or two after planting in May, but during the height of summer ventilate freely. Syringe the plants every day, except in dull, wet weather, and keep them moist at the root. Ridge Cucumbers are grown on a heap of soil or chopped turf out of doors, a pailful of fresh manure being placed 6 inches or so beneath each plant. They should be raised from seeds sown in a greenhouse or frame in April or early May, and be planted out of doors in early June. Globe Beetroot is an acceptable summer salad; seeds may be sown out of doors in early April and at intervals until July. The Long Beetroot, from seed sown in May, is most useful in autumn or winter. Mustard and Cress and Radishes are easily grown in rich