

generally thought to be at evening, but Bellair says: "In the spring in the middle of the day, because the morning and evening are too cool; in the summer, at evening because the days are so hot that a great part of the water given during the days would be evaporated immediately; in the autumn, in the morning, because nights are cold." But the great point about watering is to do it thoroughly, then as soon as the soil can be worked, loosen the surface to prevent evaporation.

WEEDS

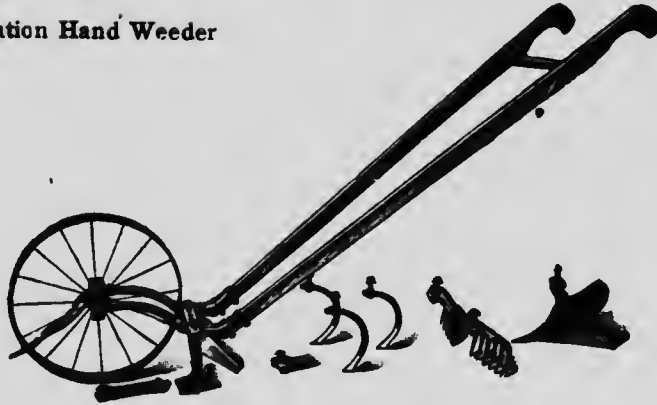
Very troublesome in many small gardens are some of the tough-rooted grasses, but deep and thorough tillage may be depended upon to get rid of them. With the common weeds we must depend mostly on the hand and



Combination Hand Weeder



Hazeltine Hand Weeder



Wheel Hoe

wheel hoes, hand weeding being only necessary in the rows; we find that a conscientious weeding in June, by which time most weed seeds are well started, will leave the garden clean most of the summer. A weedless garden requires very little more work than a poorly kept one, and the results in quantity and quality are vastly different. There are many tools made to lighten the labor of weeding. The scuffle hoe is a useful thing in walks and between the rows, as it cuts off the weeds just below the surface of the soil; the Iron Age plow, and the hand wheel hoes are very effective tools and save much time and labor in a larger garden.