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FORCING LETTUCE IN POTS.



THE following description of a method of forcing lettuce in pots that has been followed at the New York Agricultural Experiment Station, may be of interest to those who grow lettuce under glass, either in an amateur way or as a commercial product.

The seed is sown in flats as usual, that is to say in boxes about twelve by ten inches and three inches deep. When the plants are about two inches high they are transplanted to two-inch pots. The benches are filled with soil, in which the pots containing the lettuce are plunged so that the top of the pots are covered with about half an inch of soil.

Preparation of Soil.

Soil for lettuce should not be too heavy, and as the soil which we use for potting is a rather heavy clay loam, sand is mixed with it in preparing it for the lettuce house. The potting is composed of three parts by measure of loam, one of manure and one of sand.

The benches are six inches deep ; the lower three inches being filled with well-rotted manure, and the upper three inches with potting soil prepared as described above.



FIG. 819.—LETTUCE PLANT GROWN IN A TWO-INCH POT.