

## II.—CULTURE OF STRING BEANS

### Importance

Of all the categories of crops enumerated in the first page, the most important and the less expensive is, unquestionably, the one previously treated, viz: the cultivation of bush beans for dry seeds. In fact, it does not occasion as high harvesting and shelling expenses as the other three the cost of production of which would still be higher, in the case of pole beans. Nevertheless, beans for the consumption of pods hold such an important place in the alimentation and are the object of so many different culinary preparations, that it is the interest of all people who can dispose of a small space for vegetable growing, to give them a good share of attention.

As for growers around the cities, they will derive valuable profits from this undertaking as long as the crops can be harvested at an early date and young helpers easily obtained for so doing.

### 1.—String beans

Are called string or snap beans, the green pods, long and slender, usually produced by membranous bush varieties, which are gathered when young, tender, fleshy, when the seeds are not yet formed, and constitute, once cooked, a much esteemed vegetable, much sought for on markets as well as for canning purposes.

*Varieties.*—Preference must be given to membranous (1) bush varieties, as they are the earliest. Amongst these, there are some the pods of which, first green, turn to a wax color when they have reached the required size to be eaten: they are called "*wax-podden beans*." They have over the other "*green-podded*" varieties the advantage of being less filamentous, although a little more liable to diseases.

#### YELLOW POD BUSH VARIETIES

	Bean.
Early Mohawk	"
Challenge (53 days)	" (Beurre Hudson).
Hudson wax	" " blanc de Davis).
Davis' Kidney wax	" " de Keeney)
Keeney's wax	" " Refugee).
Refugee wax	" " de Currie à l'épreuve de la rouille).
Currie's Rust-Proof wax	" " flageolet beurre rain).
Scarlet Flageolet wax	" " jaune hâtif de six semaines).
Round Yellow of Six Weeks	" " rognon de Burpee).
Burpee's Kidney	"

#### GREEN POD BUSH VARIETIES

Long Yellow Six Weeks	Bean. (flageolet jaune).
Canadian or Crimson Wonder	" (flageolet rouge).
Stringless Green Pod	" (à cosse verte sans fil).
Burpee's Stringless Green Pod	" (à cosse verte sans fil de Burpee).
Extra Early Refugee	" (Refugee très hâtif).

(1) If, however, pole varieties for consumption when green were desired for planting, we would recommend the following:

White Dutch Pole Bean (Sabre à rames).  
 Flageolet Long Scarlet Pole Bean (Flageolet rouge à rames).  
 Kentucky Wonder Bean (Merveille de Kentucky).