

✧ The Kitchen Garden. ✧

EARLY AND LATE CAULIFLOWERS.



FOR early cauliflowers to cut at the end of April, May and part of June. About the first week of January I take a box 18 inches long to 12 wide and three inches deep, I fill it with half loam and half sand well mixed, and press it down with a brick, I then sow the seed very clear, cover it up a quarter of an inch with same soil and press it down again, water it well and put the box near the glass in the greenhouse. When the plants are one inch long water no more on top, only to the roots. About the end of January, the plants having two or three leaves, I make a mixture of two parts of loam and one sand, and pot them in three inch pots, one in a pot, water well and place them near the glass again. Once in pots, keep them growing to avoid failure and, if too pot-bound before the frames are ready, re-pot in five inch pots.

By the second week of March the hot beds are made. Six inches of earth on the manure is needed. When the heat has passed through the earth, plant as soon as possible. Be careful not to break the ball of roots. I put 36 plants in a frame of three sashes, or 12 per sash. Press well round the roots and cover with the sashes. Of course frost must be kept out. They will not require water for a couple of weeks, the frames being kept closed at that period, the dampness of the frame is enough. Give light every day and a little air when fine during these two weeks; by that time they are generally well rooted, then begin to water, moderately at first, and soak them as soon as they bud until cutting.

The frames come in use in time for melons; after lifting them up the manure is taken from each side to fill up between the cauliflowers up to the first leaves.

For late ones I sow the seed out doors in the middle of June; keep the black fly away with tobacco water or stems spread over the bed. When big enough, transplant where required to bear, one foot apart; by being thick the leaves grow straight up and give the head protection against the first frosts.

About the middle of October they are rooted up and put in frames head up, the roots to spread on the ground but not covered. Keep the frost out and give air at every opportunity.—JULES BETRIX, Montreal Horticultural Society, 1892.

JOSEPH HARRIS, of Moreton Farm, near Rochester, died the 18th November last. His famous "Walks and Talks," in the American Agriculturist, have interested thousands, and make him celebrated. So much was his ability appreciated that he was engaged by that journal as a constant contributor, at a salary of \$5,000 a year.