

A small Planet Junior cultivator is very valuable for work of this nature.

SOIL.

A good garden soil should contain a liberal amount of sand. A moderate sandy loam makes an excellent soil for vegetables. The quality of vegetables depends, to a very considerable extent, on the quality of soil on which they are grown, as vegetables of much finer texture are produced on sandy soils than on those of a clayey nature. Sandy soils will stimulate a much earlier growth than the heavier clay soils. In districts where the soil is of a clayey nature, the lightest land obtainable should be selected for the garden.

CULTIVATION.

The soil for vegetables cannot be too well prepared. Many garden soils are very fine and require a finely-prepared soil to give a good germination. For this reason it is better to use the same land, providing it is properly enriched for garden purposes, for a number of years. The continued cultivation that is given the land brings it into excellent condition for the purpose of gardening.

Practically all garden crops are benefited by the cultivation of the soil during the season that the crop is growing. The cultivation serves to destroy weeds, conserve moisture, which is very essential for garden crops, and maintain a finer physical condition of the soil, which is also very essential for the successful production of garden crops. This cultivation should be repeated at intervals of a week or two weeks throughout the entire growing season and may be carried on successfully with a hoe and rake or light garden cultivator.

GARDEN SEEDS.

One of the difficulties experienced in gardening is getting good seed, and much of the success of any garden depends on