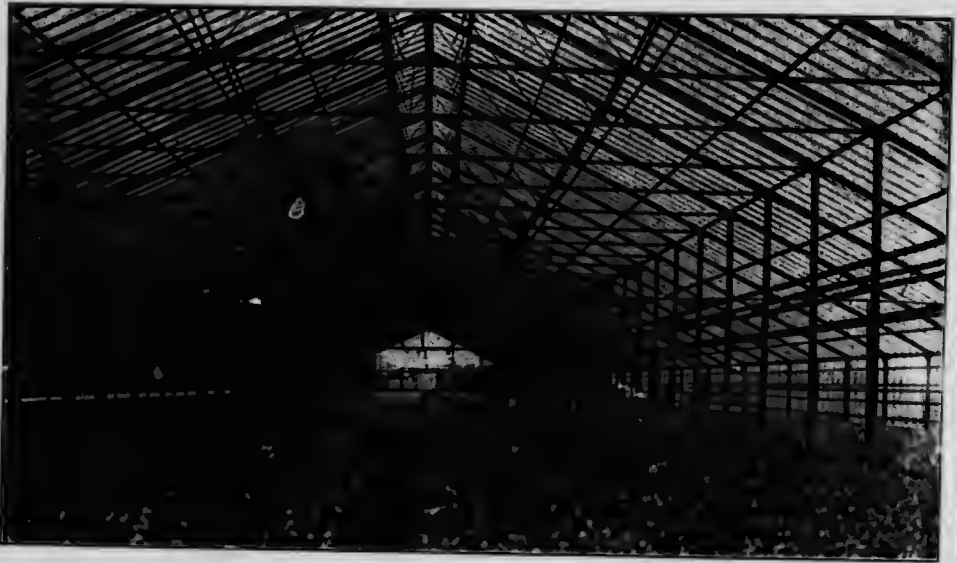


not afford to build the length of house in keeping with the wide houses, and for this reason he should insist on getting just as wide a house as his means will allow. For the man growing greenhouse products during all the winter it is not economical to build a house less than forty feet in width. Much better that he build over forty feet in width and not so long, than a long narrow house which prevents the easy handling of all parts of work, etc. It is cheaper by far to add to a wide house after a few years than to tear down a long narrow house and rebuild it. Narrow houses have their place, quite true, and many are making good returns from large plants of narrow houses; but, on the other hand, they are seeing the point of the wide house, and in many cases rebuilding. For the grower on ten acres of land who wishes to have a house to grow lettuce in during the winter and use as a plant house towards spring, it is just possible that a house twenty-five feet



In wide houses the crop can be handled with minimum expense. Horse-drawn implements were used to prepare the land here for this crop. Interior of previous view.

in width will give as good results where the heating and ventilating are carefully looked after. On the whole it will pay any man who is building a greenhouse at all to put up a house of wide span, because he has more room, better control of ventilation, less chance of disease, and the heating cost of the wide house is considerably less than that of the same width made up of several narrow houses.

IRON FRAME CONSTRUCTION.

Possibly this form of construction is receiving more attention at the present time than any other. Growers in many sections of the United States are finding that the best is none too good, and the iron frame greenhouse meets with their approval better than any other. Prominent vegetable growers in the vicinities of Boston, Rochester, Erie, and Philadelphia, who are competent men on greenhouse construction details, favor this form, and back it up by securing more houses as their demand increases. They are the best judges as to the value of these houses.

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