

Where this plot is sown just as it is, a great number of plants inevitably contract diseases such as mosaic or blight disease, owing to their roots coming into contact with undecomposed bits of manure.

There would not be so much danger of developing diseases if the mould was treated on the spot with steam or formalin. But it is useless to expect good results from such a late application of manure, because the fertilizing elements of this manure have not time to become mixed with the coarse mould prepared in this manner.

Mould should be as homogeneous in texture as possible and the only way to make it so is to prepare it long before it is required.