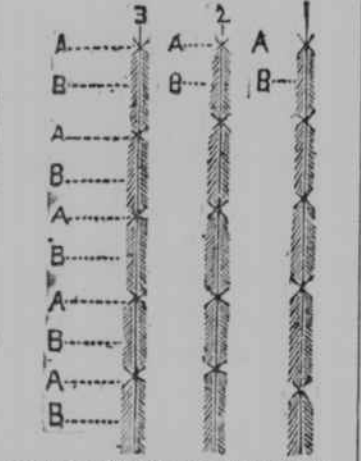




HORTICULTURE

THE STRAWBERRY BED. Advantages of Summer and Fall Planting Compared by an Expert Fruit Grower.

Each recurring season when strawberries are ripe everybody who has a patch of ground wants to plant a bed right away. Scores of times we are asked the question: "When is the best time to set them out? Can't I set out a bed now and have fruit next year?" When we tell the questioner that the best way is to set out the bed in the spring and that they will get no fruit till the following season they are disappointed. Hope is deferred too long. But some of the more insistent ones will quote instances of plants set in July that bore fruit the following season. So they will; but plants set that



SETTING STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

will not make runners to amount to much and for every plant that is to bear fruit next year one must be set out. And if the setting is too late to make runners and thus multiply the plants it is just as well to wait till September and if there are abundance of good, strong plants handy, a fairly good yield of fruit may be had next year and the bed be brought into fine condition for the next year by doing this way: Any time the latter part of August or even in September or October prepare the ground well, mark the rows 3 1/2 feet apart (for small patches); secure plants of this year's growth, set some 10 or 12 plants about five inches apart for a space of 20 inches (planting on each side of center of row) then leaving a space of say 12 inches, place one good plant in center. This is not to bear fruit but for propagating runners next year. In the figure the plants at A are for runners, B for fruit. Cultivate plants A, after fruiting is over cut out plants B and let the remaining plants produce matted row.

Note.—Be sure to plant at least one row in three of staminate such as Lovett, Gandy, Brandywine, Michel's Early. The other rows may be of the perfect flowering kinds, as Haviland, Warfield, Bubach, Crescent and many others.—G. W. Waters, in Ohio Farmer.

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Increasing the Tomato Crop. If you want your tomato plants to bear plenty of fruit do not feed them too liberally with manure until each is furnished with at least three bunches of fruit. Too much manure encourages rank growth, which is not conducive to fruit bearing. Keep all side shoots removed, allowing one main stem only to each plant. Do not remove any of the leaves unless they are dying or infected with disease. Tomatoes in greenhouses should get plenty of air daily. During the middle of the day give each plant a gentle shake to distribute the pollen and insure fruit forming freely.

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