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## Foreword



**I**F MOST garden books were not written over the heads of the average amateur or else lacking in those details which the beginner most needs to know, there would be neither reason nor excuse for this little volume. Without proper guidance, the backyard gardener may waste seed, time, labor and enthusiasm. This is unfortunate, both for the individual and the nation at large, for waste of any sort cuts into the country's resources. Every garden which is a failure results in the loss of potential foodstuffs as well as in the loss of seed. It is the purpose of this book to help smooth the way for the beginner in gardening, pointing out the pitfalls before he stumbles, and thus have a part in filling the nation's market basket.

Many garden-makers will insist upon learning their lessons by experience only, but those who are willing to take advice will find their garden operations simplified and the results more satisfactory if they will accept and profit by the experiences, successes and failures of others as here summarized. The writer is not crossing the bounds of modesty in making this statement, for he is frank to say that he has had the assistance of a great many amateur and commercial vegetable-growers in preparing this handbook. In this connection he desires to express his appreciation of this help, and also to acknowledge his indebtedness to the Boston Globe for allowing him to use some of the material prepared by him for the garden department of that paper.

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