

[A Receipt for Preventing the Flies from Damaging the Seedling Leaves of Turnips, Cabbages, and Many Other Vegetables, for less than 6d an acre charge]

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Ingredients

flour of brimstone

turnip seed

Places

Halifax

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Description

Instructions for impregnating turnip seed with sulphur to prevent fly damage to new crops. Vol. 16, No. 1065. Microfilm Reel 8162.

Transcription

A RECEIPT for preventing the flies from damaging the seedling leaves of turnips, cabbages, and many other vegetables, for less than 6d an acre charge.

MIX one ounce of flour of brimstone with three pounds of turnip-seed daily, for three days successively, in an earthen glazed pot, and keep it covered close, stirring together well at each fresh addition, that the seed may be the more impregnated with the sulphur; then sow it as usual on an acre of ground ; and let the weather happen wet or dry, it will keep the fly off till the third or fourth seedling leaf is formed ; and by this time they will be somewhat bitterish, and consequently much out of danger of this little black flying insect, which in summer may be seen sometimes in swarms on the wing near the ground, searching for and settling on the fresh bites, till they ruin thousands of acres in some seasons, by lying and residing under the little clots of earth at night, and during the day following.

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