

# [Recipe for Preventing the Fly in Turnips]

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water  
horse aloes  
flour of brimstone

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## Description

Instructions for how to prevent pests from infecting turnips. Vol. 6, No. 300. Microfilm Reel 8167.

## Transcription

### *Recipe for preventing the Fly in Turnips.*

Take the quantity of two-penny worth of horse aloes, and the same quantity of flour of brimstone; dissolve these well in about three or four quarts of water. Before the Turnip seed is sown, throw it into the prepared water, for about an hour, but no longer. This quantity of prepared water will steep five or six pounds of seed. If a large quantity of seed is required to be sown, increase the ingredients in the above proportion. There is no occasion to use the prepara-

tion in a wet season, as it is only in very dry season that the Fly appears.

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