[Method of Preserving Cabbages, Radishes, and Turnips, and Other Such Plants, from the Game and Insects]

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Ingredients
asafoetida
dung juice
dung water
dung
woad
garlic
laurel berries
elder leaves
carline
thistle root
white chameleon

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Description

A remedy for keeping hares from vegetables using a mixture of asafoetida and dung juice followed by a recipe for preventing caterpillar infestation in cabbages. nn.490. Microfilm Reel 8063.

Transcription

METHOD of preserving CABBAGES, RADISHES, TURNIPS, and other such PLANTS, from the GAME and INSECTS.

[From the European Magazine.]

PLANTS cultivated in the open field, where there is a great deal of game, are liable to be consumed, especially by hares. This is a very great misfortune in those places where a great deal of cabbage is planted; and many methods have been used to prevent it, though without success: That we are going to prescribe may be tried with great safety, seeing every time it hath been employed, it has always produced the desired effect. The misfortune must be prevented at the time of planting. For an acre of ground take two ounces of Assa Foetida, such as sold by the apothecary or druggist; put it into a small pot full of dung-juice, and boil it until the whole is dissolved; then empty this decoction into a shallow tub, add a pint or two of dung-juice; stir it well with a piece of wood, and carry it into the field for use. All the plants, before they are put into the earth, must be steeped in this composition, in the following manner: A person must be expressly employed in preparing them for being planted. Take as many of them as you can clasp in both hands, and dip them in the prepared matter, so that each plant shall be moistened in every part. This being done, lay them in heaps upon the ground, and sprinkle a little earth upon the roots. Distribute the plants, thus moistened, to the planter, who must immediately set them in holes prepared for that purpose; then press the earth against the plant with a piece of wood made for that use, and continue so to the end. No game will touch these plants; but on the contrary avoid them with great abhorrence and precipitation. Yet, the plants which are either not at all, or not sufficiently sprinkled will soon be discovered and eaten by the hares; so that the place must be replanted. There is no danger of the plant's contracting any

bad scent from this preparation; for the sun and air will purify it in time. As for caterpillars, and other insects, which bite the young cabbage plants, radishes, &c. They may be prevented very easily by the following remedy:--Take a pail of dung water, and infuse into it, of Assa Foetida 6 dwt. Woad 3 dwt. Garlick 3 dtw. Laurel berries bruised 3 dwt. leaves or tops of Elder, one handful; Carline, White Cameleon, or Thistle root, one handful. Let the whole digest for three days and three nights. When you have occasion to use this composition, take a whisp of straw, and dipping it in the pail, sprinkle the small plants that are infected by those insects, which will soon perish or forsake the place. -- To this remedy we will add another, which is infallible against the caterpillars in cabbage. Sow with hemp all the borders of the ground where you mean to plant your cabbage, and you will see, with surprize, that although the neighbourhood is infected with caterpillars, the space inclosed by the hemp will be perfectly free; not one of the vermin will approach it.

Annotations

Assa Foetida / Assa Fetida / Asofoetida

A powdered resin derived from giant fennel, commonly used in India.

Woad

A European plant of the cabbage family used as dyer's woad to make blue.

White Cameleon

A culinary and medicinal herb native to southeast Asia.

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