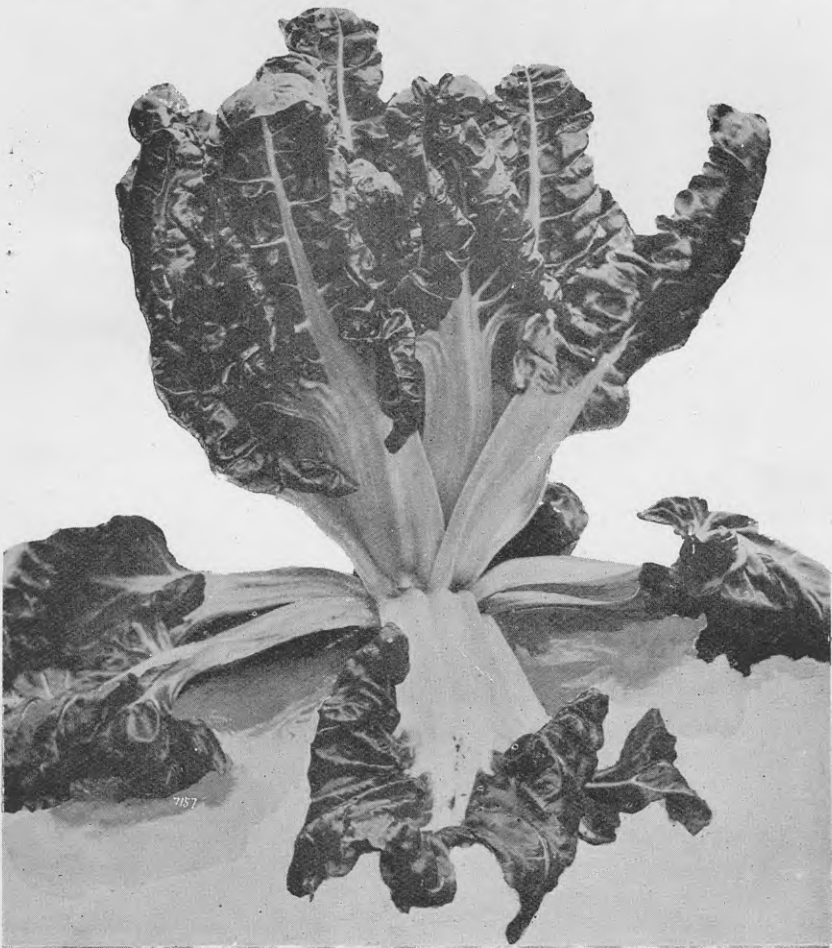


THE GREAT WHITE OR SWISS CHARD BEET.

PRIMROSE McCONNELL.

THE specimen shown in the photograph is one of the white beets selected by Mr. Davies, Wellington, from the ordinary strain of silver-beet for its superior leafstalk, and was grown at Ruakura Farm of



Instruction. It is a biennial plant, differing from the red beet in having a smaller and much-branched root, instead of a large fusiform fleshy tap-root. It has larger leaves, with thick succulent leafstalks, having strong white ribs and veins. It is cultivated in gardens