

in the hive with ke osene or carbolic solution. This treatment will soon settle the robbers and restore peace in the bee-yard. However, the best thing to do with weak colonies is to unite them without delay with stronger hives. Like most other troubles, though, prevention is the best thing when dealing with robbers. Do not spill any syrup near the hive, do not leave any combs lying about, and do not have any weak colonies, and you will not be troubled with robbing.

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## THE FARM GARDEN.

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### VEGETABLE-CULTURE.

As a matter of course, peas are sown twice during the month. When selecting varieties it is well to consider what means are available. Tall peas are the finest in pod and frequently in flavour, but it is not wise to grow them unless tall sticks can be provided. If no sticks are available, or only short ones, it will be most profitable to grow medium-height varieties. I have found it necessary to omit names of varieties. These notes are for all the Dominion, and seed-lists differ. It is best for growers to make their own selection.

About the middle of September is the best time to sow leeks if these are intended for winter use—their proper place. If required earlier, sow at once. The seed is sown in a drill, and the plants put out later on. The method of planting will be described in due course.

The first broccoli-seed should be sown in mid-September. This time is appropriate for sowing all that may be wanted for the season, including early, mid-season, and late varieties. If sown at this time and given proper attention they may be expected to give their best, and the various kinds will succeed each other. It is, however, not absolutely necessary to sow all the kinds mentioned; sowings may be continued till early in November, and this course is often necessary where sufficient land may not be available for planting all the kinds. The plants would require to go out by Christmas, whereas the later-sown might be planted up to the end of January. The resulting heads would not be likely to be so good as those planted earlier.

Brussels-sprouts seed should also be sown about the middle of the month. These sprouts require a long time to grow, and are never a success if planted late. As they are, in the opinion