

common in tomato-culture. I never water, and get good crops with little or no disease.

SMALL FRUITS.

Cape gooseberries may be planted when safe from frost. Last year's plants that are to be kept to fruit again should be cut down to near ground-level.

The soil should be kept open around young strawberry-plants: this will do more to make them grow than will anything else.

Newly planted loganberries should be allowed to retain all the growth they make—the more the better.

Check suckers in raspberry plantations by frequent cultivation. The beds should be kept free of weeds; if couch gets possession it may ruin the plantation.

THE FLOWER-GARDEN.

Chrysanthemums should be planted out by now; if not, it is as well to get this done, as the plants may not take easily when the sun gains more power. The plants should be renewed each year, as the growth they make is more likely to be satisfactory than if left alone, although the let-alone method has its merits in some cases. For instance, old clumps left in a border are likely to give large cuttings of flowers, which, though they will not be of a high order taken as separate flowers, yet in the mass may be found more pleasing than a smaller number of fine flowers on a stronger plant. Moreover, the old plants give but little work, for they need not even be tied up. I have known such plants to be appreciated. In a similar manner dahlias may be left alone. The flowers are never of the best, but there is a mass of them, and they come early. The left-alone clumps are quite suitable for leaving in borders among shrubs, where they make a good show without attention.

Most spring bulbs are looking worn by now; they should not, however, be lost sight of on that account; keep the soil loose about them, so that they may finish well. Narcissi that it may be desired to lift should be taken up before the foliage is quite dead. When it is yellow is the time, for many of the bulbs have new roots by the time the foliage is dead. After lifting, leave the bulbs lying in the sun till the foliage dries off.

Half-hardy annuals of the aster, &c., type may be sown in the open ground.

Early-flowering shrubs should be pruned as soon as flowering is past. This is necessary in order to give the resultant growth time to mature before winter, and on this operation depends the quality of next year's flowers.