

The Farmer and Housekeeper. HOW TO START AN ASPARAGUS BED.

I have told my neighbor manages his asparagus bed after it is once started. Thinking that some would like to know how to start an asparagus bed, I inquired how the beds formerly described had been prepared and found that they were all alike.

In the meantime the ground for the future asparagus bed was dug, or rather trenched deeply, and underlain with stone drains (the wood, of course, have been burnt).

It will thus be seen, that it is by means of a difficult operation to raise this delicious vegetable, and I yet know villages in which there is not one asparagus bed to each hundred houses. If any one after reading what I have written should be smitten with the fever, let them prepare for the next spring.

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