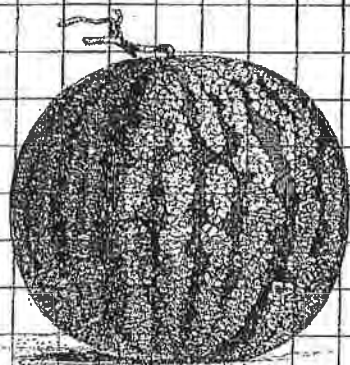
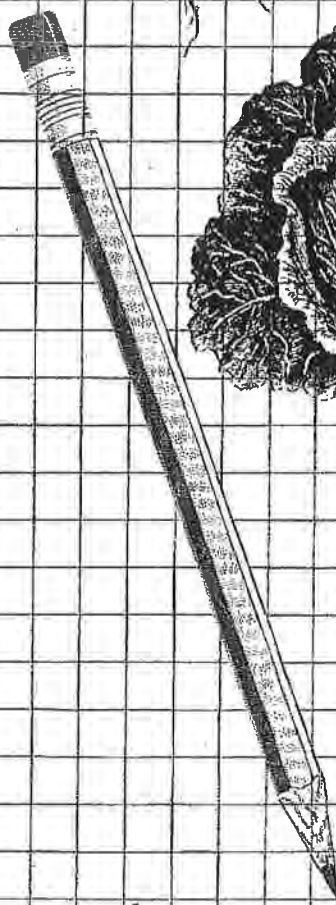
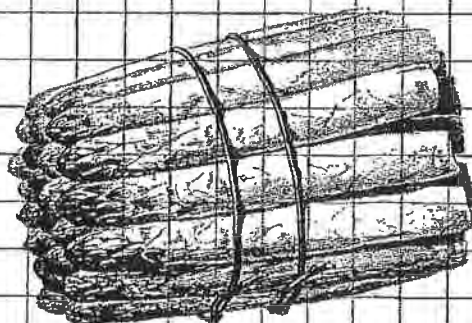
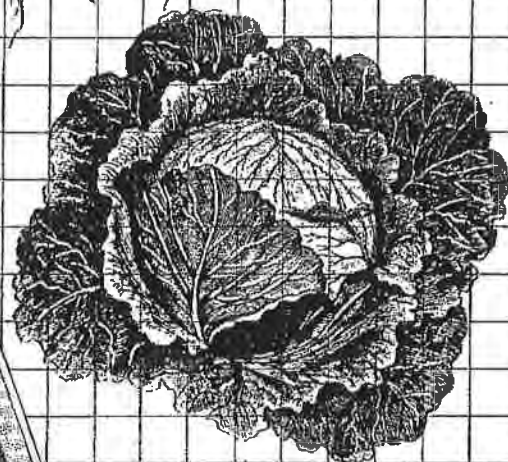
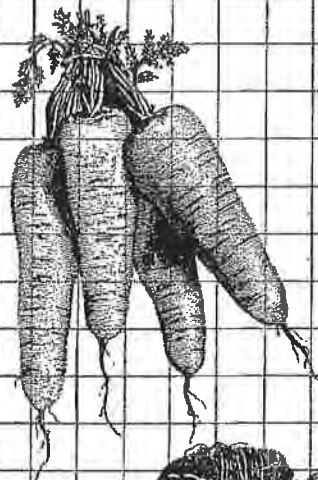
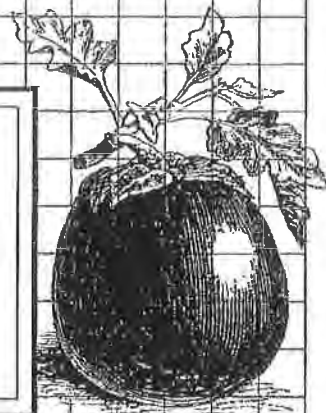
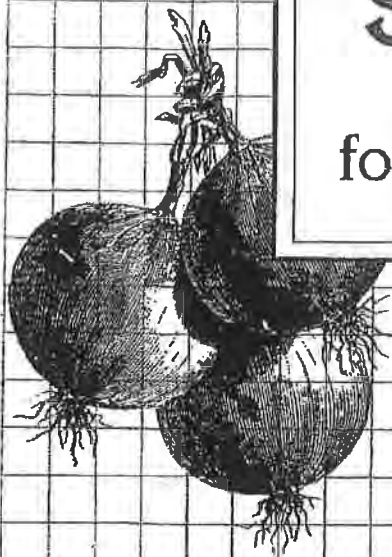


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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Smart Gardener Course!

This series will teach you how to make the most of your vegetable gardens, large and small.

Each of the lessons focuses on a specific aspect of gardening know-how:

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Each lesson includes valuable information that will teach you how to become a Smart Gardener, with key points highlighted, plus study questions and activities to put your new know-how into action.

In this packet is a 50-question review. If you complete this review and mail it in, you'll receive a Smart Gardener Certificate.

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