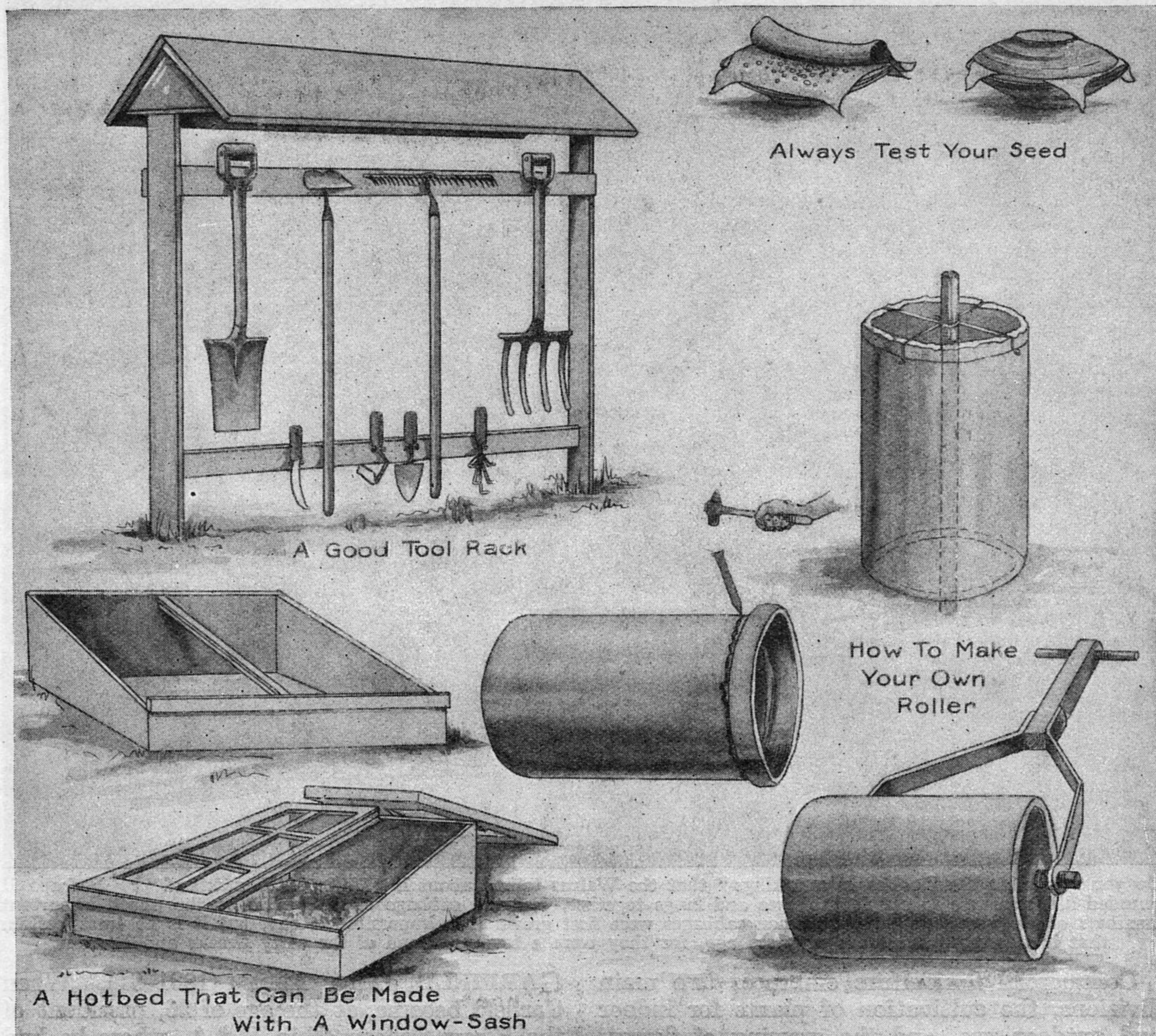


THINGS THE HANDY MAN CAN MAKE FOR THE GARDEN



The first thing to build for your garden is a good tool rack, so that you can always find your implements when you want them. You can see from the picture how it should be built. The next thing will be a roller, to help break up lumps of dirt and smooth the ground. You can make this with a length of sewer pipe. You can cut off the flange with a hammer and cold chisel by nicking the pipe all round, and, when the cut is deep enough, breaking off the flange with the hammer. Then the pipe should be set upright, and an iron pipe inserted through the middle, so that it juts out at both ends, with wiring to hold it in place. When these preparations have been made, fill the inside of the pipe with concrete. When it has hardened, the roller is ready, and all you need do is to put a handle on it. Old windows can be used to cover hotbeds, as seen in the picture, which also shows you how to build a frame to hold them. This done, you are ready for sowing. You can test seed before sowing by placing a few samples between damp cloths, and keeping the cloths moist and warm within two bowls. If the sample seed sprouts within a few days, you can be sure that the seed is good.

ing, is an important industry, especially near market towns where the produce can be sold.

The Pleasure of Home Gardening

Home gardens are less profitable in money returns to the amateur gardener, but they yield large dividends in the way of pleasure. Who gets more joy out of life than the enthusiast about flowers, who is ever trying to make two petals grow where one grew before, and who develops a new variety remarkable for its delicate colouring, its graceful shape, or its superb proportions?

No type of flower garden is more delightful than the old-fashioned garden, with its fragrant sweet alyssum and mignonette along the borders of the worn brick paths; its tall, sturdy cocks-combs and sunflowers and hollyhocks looking over the fence; its clumps of defiant tiger-lilies and pale peonies, its sweet-scented beds of phlox and petunias and clove pinks, its martial ranks of blue flags and its vivid rockets of scarlet sage—a delight from the time the first crocus opens in the grass until the last aster withers at the touch of frost.

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