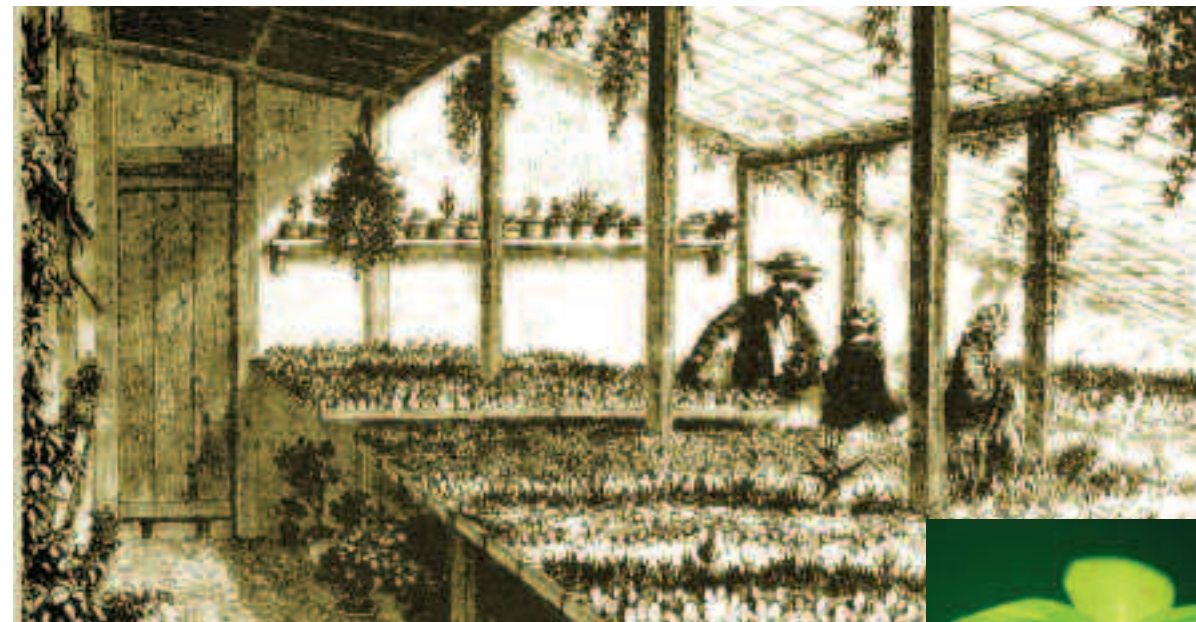
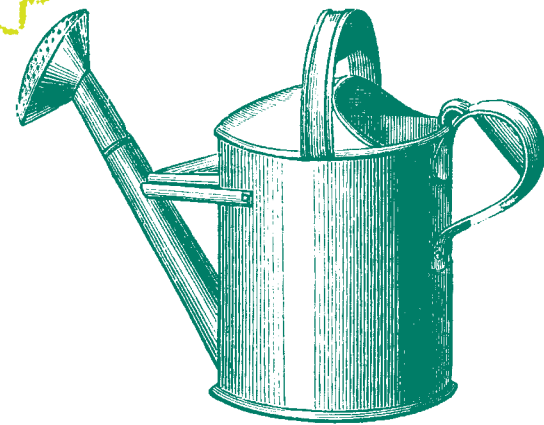


# Gardening in the Era of **MRS. BEETON**

Flower and vegetable gardens were an important part of Victorian life. Flower gardens were for beauty, respite and contemplation. Vegetable gardens were solely an economical means for people to feed themselves. Flowers and vegetables were not grown together. Almost every country

The Victorian Era saw the rise in global trade and travel, bringing with it new and exciting seeds and plants to grow. A walled garden facilitated the ability for the gardener to grow plants that were tender in the English climate, while at the same time protecting them from possible theft. Many of these walled gardens also contained greenhouses which were used to start seedlings as well as to grow crops out of season.

Many of the tools used during this time have remained unchanged in design to this day. Shovels, spades and secateurs remain similar, although updated with current materials and technology, while unwieldy or overly specialized tools have been relegated to museums. Pesticide use was rare, except for the occasional use of arsenic and nicotine in the greenhouse. For the most part, gardening was environmentally friendly.



home had a walled vegetable garden separate from the flower garden, the size of which depended on your social class – the higher the social class, the larger the vegetable garden.

