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ASPARAGUS GROWING.

The Missouri Experiment Station has been experimenting for the past two years with asparagus growing, and has successfully grown asparagus in the open field in mid-winter by running steam into shallow tunnels between the asparagus rows. The asparagus field was first covered with 6 or 7 inches of heating horse manure, and the steam forced into the soil from the greenhouse boiler. By this means a large yield of fine asparagus was obtained throughout the months of December, January and February; the finest quality being gotten in the middle of Jan-

uary when the weather was coldest. Many of the sprouts were 12 or 14 inches long and an inch in diameter, bleached perfectly and very tender and delicious. The amount of steam required was very small, and for persons located near a good market the winter growing of asparagus would prove very profitable. Bulletin No. 43, by Prof. J. C. Whitten, Horticulturist, fully described this process and the results obtained. This illustrated bulletin is for free distribution among the farmers and gardeners, and may be had by addressing the Director of the Experiment Station, at Columbia.