

Introduction

The "SYLVASPRINGS" Farms cover 1,000 acres of Dorset country-side, of which 36 acres are in Watercress.

Over 600 tons of Watercress are marketed annually.

This brochure illustrates the many processes involved, in the hope that it will interest all who have enjoyed "SYLVASPRINGS" Watercress (probably without thought as to its origin) particularly those whose idea of a Watercress bed is a little limpid brook where a square yard or so of cress competes for existence with weeds and waterfowl!

The Watercress-grower's need, first, last and always is WATER—running

water, pure clean water, PLENTY of water-in never-ceasing flow.

Let us begin then with glimpses of the source of water supply at the "SYLVASPRINGS" Farms and the way in which this supply is tapped.