



## A Miscellany for Garden-Lovers: Facts and Folklore through the Ages

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The founding crops of agriculture—emmer and einkorn wheat, barley, lentils, peas, and flax—were first farmed ten thousand or so years ago, which led to innovations like forged plows and scythes during the Iron Age, grafting expertise eventually followed, and then, most importantly, garden gnomes appeared in Britain in the 1840s. But there is so much more of interest in this beautifully illustrated little project—wisdom, folklore, and insight on seeds, sowing, weather, pests, bees, tools, compost, manure, and yes, even aromatherapy.

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