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watered sufficiently to settle the soil around the bulbs and eliminate "air" pockets. Subsequently, aside from the rains over which we have no control, the beds should be watered very sparingly, sufficient only to prevent drying-out to the depth at which the bulbs are planted. Do not be concerned if the surface soil appears to be dry. Scratch away the surface soil to determine if moisture is within an inch or two, and don't water if it is. Frequent watering of a bed planted to dormant bulbs may cause rot to set in. Newly planted ranunculus bulbs will entirely disappear in a short time if overwatered. Follow this watering program until the foliage shows above ground. From this stage, the matter of uniform moisture becomes quite important, but must not be overdone. The important consideration once the foliage appears above ground is to keep the beds from drying out during dry intervals through Winter, Fall and early Spring.

When bulbs specified are inter-planted with annuals and perennials which require only moderate amounts of water, a layer of sand under and around the bulbs or "casing" them, will insulate against the clammy, cold, wet soil and protect the bulbs against rot.

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Origin of Potato

CHICAGO. (U.P.)—After much investigation, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, it seems to be accepted that the original habitat of the wild potato is either Peru or Chile. Some authorities believe it was Sir Walter Raleigh who brought potatoes to Ireland and England. Others say that Sir Francis Drake did so in 1580.

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(*Cilanthus puniceus*)

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