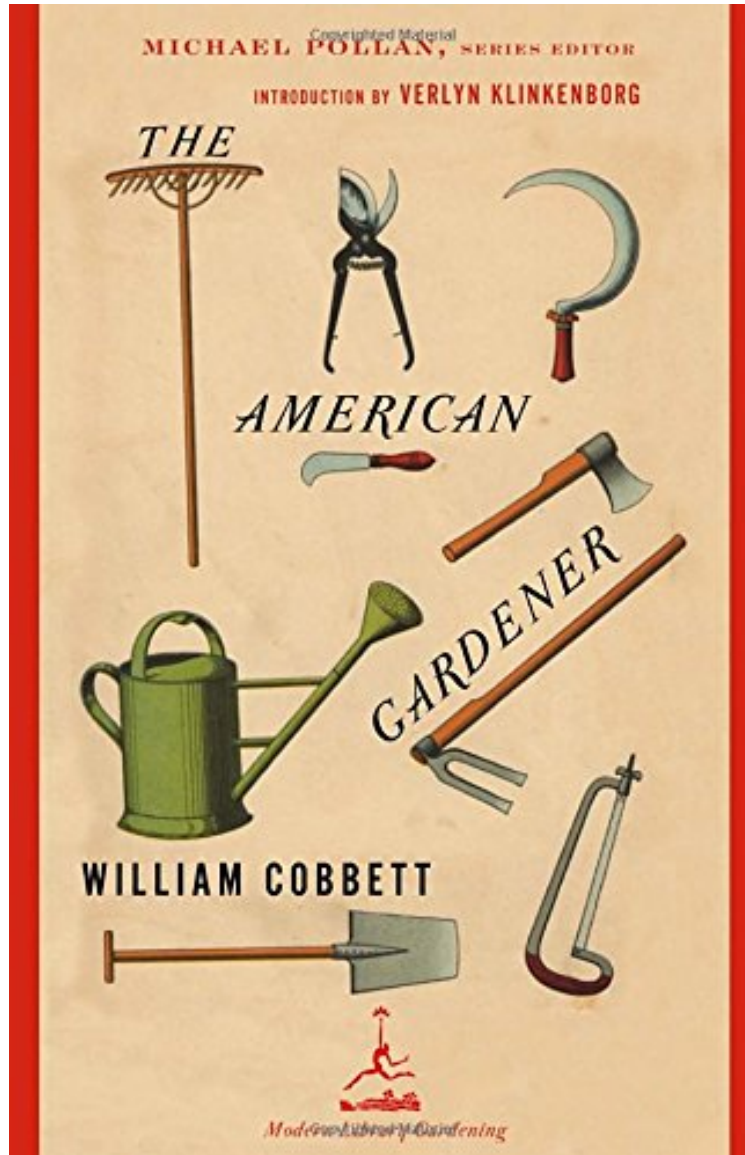


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Often sued for libel over his anti-Royalist pamphleteering, Cobbett took refuge in America, more than once, I believe. He was astonished to find that the knowledge of the land possessed by the average colonist was so abysmal that they often had no greens from the end of cabbage and spinach plantings in the early winter, until the appearance of wild nettles and dandelion greens in the late spring. With his usual sense of rightness and immaculate organizational and work habits, he set about changing that. "The American Gardener" was his contribution to the flourishing of the American colonies and her peoples. Within its pages, is information still invaluable to any one interested in truly organic gardening and living a tasty life off of the grid. In the same vein, "The English Gardener" and "Cottage Economy" will also provide endless insight into the time and effort it took the average man to provide food for his family's table before the advent of the "Super Market". When I was a child in England, our green grocer's name was Reggie. In reading Cobbett, I at last have some insight into where the immensely flavorful vegetables in his big wicker basket originated; modern food production is, after all, barely older than I myself. In the pages of Cobbett is found the precursor of my grandmother's Victory Garden. And, perhaps, for the fortunate reader, a well drilled pathway back to simpler times and tastier foods. The English Gardener (Bloomsbury Gardening Classics) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Must read for natural gardeners By JT Great book. Nice reprint of older text. Good for any non-chemical gardeners. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Dahlias in America By Harry I purchased the book in the hope of finding a reference to dahlias. I did!!! It is an interesting overview of floriculture in early United States.

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