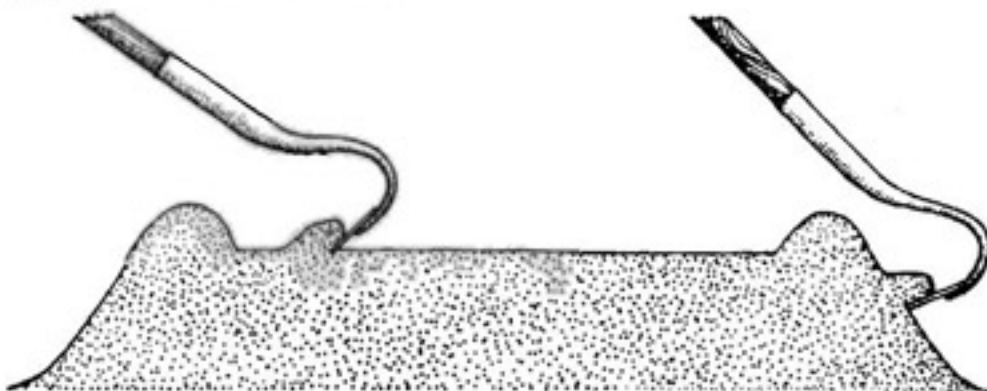


**DEEP BEDS IN DRY AREAS**

- \* *In very dry areas it is worth shaping the beds with a draw hoe, so that they rise steeply at the sides and form a basin shape at the top. The moisture is then conserved when the beds are watered. In wetter regions the looseness of the soil in the deep bed is enough to ensure that rain or spray percolate into the earth at once.*



\* **Sowing and planting in a deep bed**

Now, in your newly dug bed, either plant out plants from a seed-bed or seed boxes, or simply sow the seed direct into the ground, just as you would with a normal bed. The difference is that you sow or plant four times as densely, or thereabouts, as you do when gardening in the traditional way. The reasons for this are explained in detail further on, but are to do with the fact that you never walk on the earth between the rows so that the soil remains loose and uncompacted.