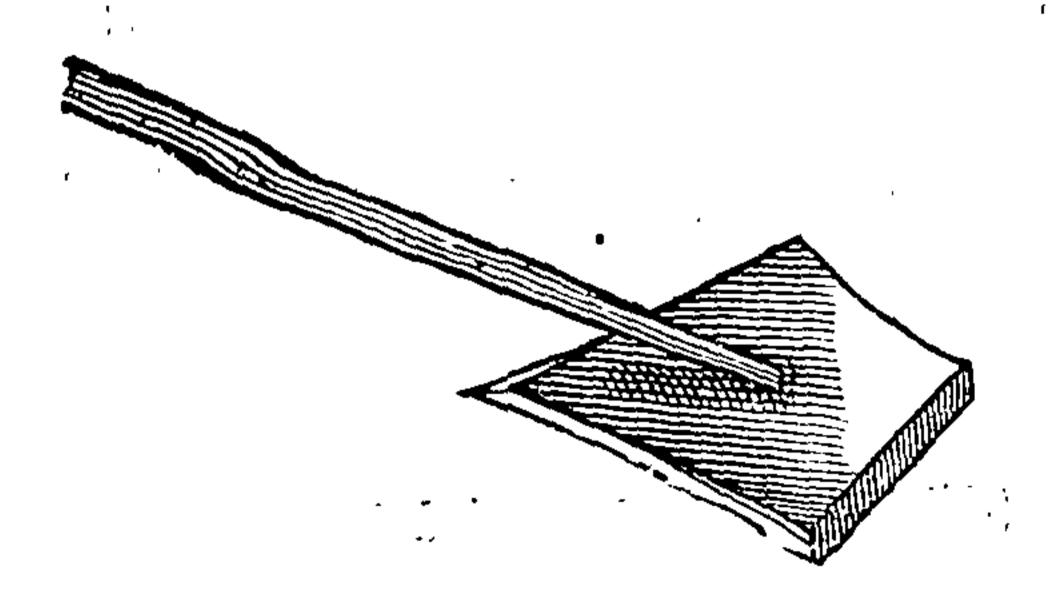
into mould, are either not at all, or else very insufficiently mixed with the Sand, Lime, and other Manures: and therefore you must rather break them that thereby they may mixt, and give easie passage to the Grain, and not like heavy poyses and dead lumps lye and press down the Seed so that it cannot sprout.

Another manner of Clotting. But if it so fall out, partly by the hardness of the ill earth, partly through the season and dryness of the year, that these clots and lumps of earth will either not be broken at all, or at least so insufficiently that the mould will not be any thing near so since as you would have it; you shall then, having done your best endeavour, let your ground rest till there have faln a good round shower or two of rain; which may wet the clots through and through; at then the next fair blast you shall take your clotting beetles, but not those which you took before in the dry season, but some much lighter, broader and slatter, being made of thick Ash-boards more than a foot square, and above two inches in thickness, according to this sigure.



And with these state Maules and Beetles, you shall break all the unbroken clots and lumps of earth which shall trouble or annoy your ground, making your Lands as plain and smooth as is possible, so that the grain way have easie passage forth; which labour as soon as you have finished, you shall then refer the increase and prosperity thereof unto the mercies of God, who no doubt will give his blessing according to thy labour and thankfulness.

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