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### Notes by the Way.

"Selection of seed" is very much practised in England. For instance, in the case of barley, grown for the purpose of being converted into malt, many of the farmers of Essex, and other East-of-England counties, sell the whole of their own growth to the large maltsters of Royston, Sawbridgeworth, &c., and buy their seed from the fen-farmers of Cambridgeshire. Poor looking stuff it is, too; but in the uplands of the chalk formation, it finds what it stands in need of, both in climate and soil, and produces the finest malting barley in England.

As we have asked a dozen times: why will not a maltster even look at a sample of barley grown on the "plastic clay" of West-Kent (Eng.), while the same man will jump at on Essex or Hertfordshire barley without seeing it? And yet, we have seen the chevalier barley of West-Kent weigh a pound or two a bushel more than the same sort from the other counties mentioned.

"Rape."—We had a good deal of talk about rape, at the meeting, last month, at the Reburn's farm at Ste-Anne de Bellevue. The report of the conversation, in one of the papers, is rather misleading.

It speaks of "twins and sometimes triplets" being produced by Mr. Boden's (the manager) system of feeding cows on rape before being served. The fact is, that we ourselves were praising rape as a food for "sheep" (not cows) and giving an instance of the great number of lambs dropped per centum of 'ewes,' (nor cows) when our Hampshire-