ceived for answer that "it was done already." "Then," said the farmer you may go to plough." "Been already, master," said Giles, "Already!" said the farmer, "what does the fellow mean?" "Aye," rejoined Giles; "could'ntrest, measter; must go and try the zoul, and a rare good one it is; and if you'll go to the field, you'll find the day's work all done!" And so in truth he found it, and done in first rate style, although it was a nocturnal job.—North Devon Journal.

SONG.

I'LL FARM LIKE MY FATHERS BEFORE ME.

[FROM THE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COURIER.]

When my landlord says, "John,
You must really get on,
Just see how your neighbours are striving;
We must be improving,
And onward keep moving:
Depend, that's the right road to thriving."
"Sir, I pay when I can;
I'm a hard-working man;
At elections you know you get o'er me;
Let them do as they may,
I prefer the old way,—
I'll farm like my futhers before me.

"There is Berwickshire Dick—
Of the fellow I'm sick—
They say that his crops are so charming;
And there's East Lothian Will,
He is worse and worse still;
They boast,—how they boast of his farming!
Every thing is so good,
And so well understood;
It's all just to chase and to bore me:
But I care not a jot,
For I value them not,—
I'll farm like my fathers before me.

"There's nothing but toiling
At draining, subsoiling,
And grubbing old hedgerows and fences;
It is all very neat,
When the thing is complete,
But dreadful to think what expenses!
Should I spend on the land,
I cannot understand
How cash it again would restore me:
I shall therefore take care
Aught that I get to spare,
I'll keep like my fathers before me.

"To the market they ride, In the flush of their pride, As if they were pinks of creation; On the best they will dine, And sit over their wine, And talk about crops and rotation; But how they do contrive To get RICH,—man alive!

That certainly RATHER gets o'er me!
But I care not a jot,
For I envy them not,—
I'll farm like my fathers before me.

"There's such newfangled ways
About dung now-a-days,
Whole islands have gone to destruction,
It's absurd to suppose
That so tiny a dose
Can greatly increase the production.
About liquid manure
I am not quite so sure;
But trouble and tanks, I abhor ye!
"Twas my old father's song—
'Jack, thou'lt never do wrong
To farm like thy fathers before thee.'

"Improvements in breeding;
And new modes of feeding;
Bout science they'll preach you a sermon;
They may boast of Liebig,
But I care not a fig,
He's nought but some cunning old German.
They talk about gases

Like thundering asses,
Such nonsense shall never get o'er me;
I have just this to say—
I prefer the old way,
I'll farm like my fathers before me."

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