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The Farm.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Rotations."—We insert, as a confirmation of what we have often said as to the alterations observable in the four-course rotation as practised in England, a passage from one of Mr. Wrightson's weekly contributions to the Agricultural Gazette; on light land, pease would be substituted for beans, in the 3rd limb of the second modification, and trefoil for clover in the 3rd limb of the first modification :

ROTATIONS OF CROPS.

One of the means suggested for helping farmers in their difficulty has been an alteration in the system of cropping. The The four-course was said to be doomed, and some other courses were submitted.

On further examination, however, it seemed that the four-course rotation was really still there in a modified form. The four-course rotation does not exist by virtue of its being four years in duration. Its essence is not in its length, but in its principle of alternation between corn and fodder. It is difficult to eradicate the four-course rotation, because, crop land as you may, it is always there. The Norfolk or four-course rotation is a wonderful and highly scientific system of cropping land which it is very hard to beat. Essentially it consists in two classes of crops—corn and fodder, which are alternated. First corn, and then fodder; first food for man, and then food for beast; first an ex-