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Notes by the Way.

Corn.—A new kind of corn seems to have been brought into notice by a Mr. Routliff, of Hull, near Ottawa, to which the name of its promoter, if not its inventor, has been assigned. Some of the seed of this maize has been distributed, by the Department of Agriculture, throughout the eastern part of the province of Quebec, with a request to the recipients that they would report upon the results of the crop after harvest.

M. Auguste Dupuis, the well known orchardist of P'Islet, speaks in the following enthusiastic terms of the Routliff corn: "The two ears of Indian corn you sent me have yielded enormous crops, with very long, well filled ears. It was greatly admired at the P'Islet exhibition, where it won the first prize of the 12 finest ears of maize. It is later in ripening than the Canadian corn, but its stalks are as long as the taller sorts of sweet-corn. If large ears are desired, this corn must be planted in rows 2½ feet apart.

I am satisfied, that of all the corn introduced into the county of P'Islet this is the most profitable. It is better for silage than the dent-corn. I only grow a small quantity of corn on my farm. As manure for the crop I use poultry-droppings mixed with bog-earth.

Sugar-beets in England.—Further experiments on the growth of the sugar-beet have been carried out in England. In May 1899, a detailed report of the results of this crop, grown by sixty-five persons, in 30 different counties, was sent in to the Board of Agriculture. In 13 cases, the yield was trifling, in consequence of the excessive drought.