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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Barley vs. wheat for pig-food.—Some experiments have been lately made on the relative values of barley and wheat in pig-feeding. As one would expect, the effects of both, weight for weight, were so nearly on an equality, that the difference was hardly worth noting. The barley, we presume, was "grinding-barley," for no one would be mad enough to give a fine sample of "malting-barley" to pigs, the value of that sort, though very likely not weighing any more to the bushel, being at least 50 cents a bushel more than the grinding stuff. We have often seen grinding-barley sold for 24s. a quarter of 432 lbs., when Chevalier barley, from the chalk soils of the S. E. of England, has been fetching 44s. a quarter in the same market.

Warp-lands.—Some of our English readers, who receive newspapers published in Yorkshire, have doubtless seen in the market-reports mention made of "warp-potatoes." A peculiar system of cultivation is pursued on these warp-lands, or rather in their formation—for they are purely artificial,—which may be worth a passing notice.

Warping can only be carried out on flat lands running along the side of a tidal river. The land alongside of the estuary of the Humber fulfils all requirements. A wall is built high enough to exclude the highest tide; at the upper end of the wall, a gate, something like the gate of a lock is made to admit as much water as is thought to be advisable, and another gate is made at the lowest point of the wall, to admit of the discharge of the water when it has got rid of its burden.