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"Seeding."—We mentioned in our last that the best crop of wheat we ever grew was from a seeding of one bushel (64 lbs.) to the imperial acre; but we reminded our readers that they must not expect such great yields—60 bushels an acre—from such a small quantity of seed unless the land is in the very highest condition, and the cultivation as thoroughly carried out as it was in our case.

A good deal of correspondence is now going on in the "Agricultural Gazette," one of the leading farm-papers in England, on the subject of the quantity of seed-wheat required on all sorts of soils in that county, and the general opinion seems to be that the day of "thin-sowing" is past, meaning, by thin sowing, 3 pecks an acre, as recommended by Alderman Mechi, of Tiptree-farm, Essex, and Mr. Hewitt Davis, of Croydon, Surrey. The latter's farm we looked over in 1849, and found the cultivation carried on in a very praiseworthy manner, though we could not agree with the owner's opinion as to the probable yield of the grain-crops, he putting the oats at 12 quarters (96 bushels) an acre, when there were certainly not more than 80. But, then, we must remember that Hewitt Davis was anxious to extend his connexion as a "land-agent," which would incline him to exaggerate his crops in the statements made in the public prints.