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Notes by the Way.

Markets.—The past year has seen many important changes in the general features of the agricultural interests. Prices for wheat, that had been abnormally raised, by the reckless speculations of Mr. Leiter in the Chicago and other markets, have returned to their more natural position; and that without doing so much harm to dealers or consumers as might have been expected. In England, the best qualities of white wheat, such as Chidham, Talavera, etc., are still worth 32s. a quarter, equal to 90 cts. a bushel, and as the average crop of '98 over the whole of Britain is rated at the, comparatively, enormous yield of 35 bushels to the imperial acre; (1) equal to \$33.60; the British farmer has not many complaints to make on that now, particularly since, owing to the marvellously fine weather of the latter summer and early autumn, the harvest was got in at a very moderate expense. No. 1 Hard Manitoba is, we see, quoted at 34½ a quarter at Mark Lane, or 6 cents a bushel more than the best English white wheats; unfortunately, there cannot be much of this quality to sell, as the weather during harvest in the North-West was the very reverse of the propitious weather that in Britain accompanied the ingathering of the crops.

Barley was a first-rate crop both here and in England. The malting quality of the barley grown in the Eastern Counties of England has turned out; after the usual three months mellowing in the stack or mow; to be all that the brewer

(1) Scotland grew 40.5 bushels to the acre; but then she grows but few acres of that crop. En.