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SINCE I published, in 1864, my latest edition of "How to Farm Profitably," I have continued my exertions in the cause of agricultural progress, and now submit a record of them to the public in a small additional volume.

If I am spared for some time longer, it is probable that I may publish a work on agriculture in a less disjointed and more orderly form.

J. J. M.

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June, 1867.

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PROFITABLE FARMING.

SOME OF THE CAUSES THAT TEND TO RENDER FARMING UNPROFITABLE.

Read before the London Farmers' Club, Dec. 5, 1864.

IN accordance with the notice on our paper of business, I purpose this evening to point out and investigate some of the causes that tend to render farming unprofitable. I shall classify them under the heads of uncontrollable and controllable, apportioning the latter between landlords and tenants, according to their responsibilities. In the tenants' department I shall consider the causes as affecting animal and vegetable management; also soil, climate, and manures. I need hardly say that it will be impossible to deal with so large a subject comprehensively within the time limited, but I will do my best to be brief and, if possible, clear. If the farmers of Great Britain generally knew as well how to produce a profitable result as most of the gentlemen I now see before me, I should have no occasion to read this paper; but, as I have said before, this Club represents the sunny side of agriculture, and that is but a small area compared with the shady recesses of mismanagement, misfortune, and loss. "Plenty of meat and manure" must be, for the future, the motto of successful agriculture. The want of this is a prominent cause of unsuccess in farming. Farmers must learn to sell their crops to their animals, rather than to the miller: even with an immediate loss of 15 per cent., there is a greater gain in so doing. If sending away the crops from the farm impoverishes it, keeping them at home must produce an opposite result; and therefore, if I want to know how a man is *getting on*, I ask him how many score pounds of meat *per acre* he makes over the whole area of his farm?—200 lbs.