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THE twelve papers dealing with recent changes in English systems of husbandry have been grouped in the following order :—

The first two papers, by Sir John Russell and Mr C. S. Orwin, take a general review of the subject from the practical and economic aspects respectively. Mr Rayns deals with the present position in Norfolk, the county of origin of the famous four-course rotation. This paper is followed by a group of six, dealing with the counties of Suffolk, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Sussex. In these counties the four-course rotation, with minor modifications in some areas, formed the essential basis of the farming system until recently. The next paper deals with South Lincolnshire, an area where a six-course shift was drastically changed within living memory. This is followed by Mr Mercer's account of Cheshire husbandry, which was never dominated by the four-course rotation; and in the last paper Mr Taylor discusses the general question of fruit and vegetable growing.