

31 *The Nature of the Barley-Corn,*

it out of the Bin (which formerly they used to do before this new way was discovered) and also the waste of a great deal of the Malt-flower that was lost when carried in Baskets, whereas now the Cover of the Tun prevents all that Damage. In my common Brewhouse at *London*, I ground my Malt between two large Stones by the Horse-mill, that with one Horse would grind       quarters an Hour. But in the Country I use a steel Hand-mill, that Cost at first forty Shillings, which will by the help of only one Man grind six or eight Bushels in an Hour, and will last a Family many Years without hardning or cutting. There are some old-fashion'd stone Hand-mills in being, that some are Votaries for and prefer to the Iron ones, because they alledge that these break the Corn's body, when the Iron ones only cut it in two, which occasions the Malt to broke by the Stones, to give the water a more easy, free and regular Power to extract its Virtue, than the Cut-malt can that is more confin'd within its Hull. Notwithstanding the Iron ones are now mostly in Use for their great Dispatch and long Duration. In the Country it is frequently done by some to throw a Sack of Malt on a Stone or Brick-floor as soon as it is ground, and there let it lye, giving