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Of the Nature of Several Waters and their use in Brewing. And first of Well-waters.

ATER next to Malt is what by course comes here under Consideration as a Matter of great Importance in Brewing of wholsome fine Malt-liquors, and is of such Consequence that it concerns every one to know the nature of the water he Brews with, because it is the Vehicle by which the nutritious and pleasant Particles of the Malt and Hop are conveyed into our Bodies, and there becomes a diluter of our Food: Now the more simple and freer every water is from foreign Particles, the better it will answer those Ends and Purposes; for, as Dr. Mead observes, some waters are so loaded with ftony Corpuscles, that even the Pipes thro' which they are carried, in time are incrusted and stopt up by the and is of that petrifying nature as to breed the Stone in the Bladder, which many of the Parifians have been instances of, by using this fort of water out of the River Seine. And of this Nature is another at Rowel