

54 *The Nature of the Barley-Corn,*
thematical Treat of a look on the Spit,
and a standing Drink at the Tap.

Of Brewing Molasses Beer.

Molasses or Treacle has certainly been formerly made too much use of in the brewing of Stout Beer, common Butt Beers, brown Ales and small Beer when Malts have been dear : But it is now prohibited under the Penalty of fifty Pounds for every ten Pounds weight found in any common Brewhouse, and as Malts are now about twenty Shillings *per* Quarter, and like to be so by the Blessing of God, and the Assistance of that invaluable excellent Liquor for steeping Seed Barley in, published in a late Book intitled, *Chiltern and Vale Farming Explained*: There is no great danger of that Imposition being rite again, which in my Opinion was very unwholsome, because the Brewer was obliged to put such a large quantity of Treacle into his water or small wort to make it strong Beer or Ale, as very probably raised a sweating in some degree in the Body of the drinker : Tho' in small Beer a lesser quantity will serve ; and therefore I have known some to brew it in that for their Health's sake, because this does not breed the
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