

108. *The Nature of the Barley-Corn,*

half, if not a whole Year afterwards; such is the Tang of the Oak and its Bark, as may be observed from the strong Scents of Tan-Yards, which the Bark is one cause of. To prevent then this Inconvenience, when your Brewing is over put up some Water scalding hot, and let it run thro' the Grains, then boil it and fill up the Cask, stop it well and let it stand till it is cold, do this twice, then take the Grounds of strong Drink and boil in it green Walnut Leaves and new Hay or Wheat Straw, and put all into the Cask, that it be full and stop it close: After this, use it for small Beer half a Year together, and then it will be thoroughly sweet and fit for strong Drinks; or

*Another Way.*

Take a new Cask and dig a Hole in the Ground, in which it may lye half depth with the Bung downwards; let it remain a Week, and it will greatly help this or any stinking musty Cask. But besides these, I have writ of two other excellent Ways to sweeten musty or stinking Casks, in my Second Book of Brewing.

*Wine*