

2 *The Nature of the Barley-Corn,*

Clays this Grain generally comes off red-
dish at both ends, and sometimes all over,
with a thick skin and tuff nature, some-
what like the Soil it grows in, and there-
fore not so valuable as that of contrary
qualities, nor are the black blewish Mar-
ly Clays of the Vale much better, but
Loams are, and Gravels better than them,
as all the Chalks are better then Gravels;
on these two last Soils the Barley acquires
a whitish Body, a thin skin, a short plump
kernel, and a *low* tower, which occa-
sions those fine pale and amber Malts
made at *Dunstable, Tring* and *Dagnal*
from the Barley that comes off the white
and gravelly Grounds about those Places;
for it is certain there is as much differ-
ence in Barley as in Wheat or other Grain,
from the sort it comes off, as appears by
the excellent Wheats that grow in the
marly vale Earths, Peas in Sands, and
Barley in Gravels and Chalks, &c. For
our Mother Earth, as it is destinated to
the service of Man in the production of
Vegetables, is composed of various sorts of
Soils for different Seeds to grow therein.
And since Providence has been pleased to
allow Man this great privilege for the im-
ployment of his skill and labour to improve
the same to his advantage; it certainly
behooves us to acquaint ourselves with its
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