

#### §4 *The Nature of the Barley-Corn,*

plain, but shrewdly suspect it may be the Cause of Stones, Colicks, Obstructions, and several other Chronical Distempers; for if we consider that the sediments of Malt-liquors are the refuse of a corrupted Grain, loaded with the igneous acid Particles of the Malt, and then again with the corrosive sharp Particles of the Yeast, it must consequently be very pernicious to the *British* human Body especially, which certainly suffers much from the animal Salts of the great Quantities of Flesh that we Eat more than People of any other Nation whatsoever; and therefore are more then ordinarily obligated not to add the scorbutick mucilaginous Qualities of such gross unwholsome Particles, that every one makes a lodgment of in their Bodies, as the Liquors they drink are more or less thick; for in plain Truth, no Malt-liquor can be good without it's fine. The late Curious *Simon Harcourt* Esq; of *Pely*, whom I have had the honour to drink some of his famous *October* with, thought the true Art of Brewing of such Importance, that it is said to Cost him near twenty Pounds to have an old Daysman taught it by a *Welch* Brewer, and sure it was this very Man exceeded all others in these Parts afterwards in the Brewing of that which he called his  
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