

104 *The Nature of the Barley-Corn,*
are most in Fashion at this time, they are certainly the greatest Security to the safety of the Drink thus exposed; and next to them is the Chesnut Hoop; both which will endure a shorter or longer time as the Cellar is more or less dry, and the Management attending them: The Iron Hoop generally begins to rust first at the Edges, and therefore should be rubbed off when opportunity offers, and be both kept from wet as much as possible; for 'tis Rust that eats the Iron Hoop in two sometimes; in ten or twelve Years, when the Ashen and Chesnut in dry Cellars have lasted three times as long.



C H A P. XVII.

Of Cleaning and Sweetening of Casks.

IN Case your Cask is a Butt, then with cold Water first rince out the Lees clean, and have ready, boiling or very hot Water, which put in, and with a long Stale and a little Birch fastened to its End, scrub the Bottom as well as you can: At the same time let there be provided another shorter Broom of about a
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