

112 *The Nature of the Barley-Corn;*
very hard, and prevent any Air getting in-
to or out of the Cask; but this in time
is apt to rot, and wear the Bung-hole by
the Salt or Sulphur in the Ashes, and em-
ploying a Knife to scrape it afterwards.
Yet, for keeping Beers, it's the best Securi-
ty of all other ways whatsoever.

There is also a late Invention practised
by a common Brewer in the Country that
I am acquainted with, for the safe Car-
riage of Drink on Drays, to some distance
without losing any of it, and that is in
the Top Center of one of these Bungs,
he puts in a wooden Funnel, whose Spout
is about four Inches long, and less than
half an Inch Diameter at Bottom; this is
turned at Top into a concave Fashion
like a hollow round Bowl, that will hold
about a Pint, which is a constant Vent to
the Cask, and yet hinders the Liquor from
ascending no faster than the Bowl can re-
ceive, and return it again into the Bar-
rel: I may say further, he has brought
a Barrel two Miles, and it was then full,
when it arrived at his Customers, because
the Pint that was put into the Funnel, at
setting out, was not at all lost when he
took it off the Dray; this may be also
made of Tin; and will serve from the
Butt to the small Cask.

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