

— BRITTON ABBOT,

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Britton said he had always worked hard and well; but he would not deny but that he had loved a mug of good ale when he could get it. When I told him my object of enquiring after him, that it was in order that other poor persons might have cottages and grounds as neat as his, and that he must tell me all his secret, how it was to be done, he seemed extremely pleased, and very much affected; he said, "nothing would make poor folks more happy, than finding that great folks thought of them:" that he wished every poor man had as comfortable a spot of land as his own; not but that he believed there might be a few thriftless fellows, who would not do good upon it.

I asked him whether he had not had a cow. He said that he had had one, and she had died, and, having no other place but the lane to keep this cow, he had not attempted to get another.---"Could you get more land, if you had a cow?" He thought he could. 'Supposing then,' I added, 'a cow could be bought for four pound ten, and you could rent it on the terms of paying one pound ten shillings at the end of each year, during three years; and that the cow was to be yours at the end of three years, if she lived, and you paid regularly, do you think such a bargain would answer for you?' Yes, he said, he was sure it would very greatly; and there were few poor men to whom it would not be a very great advantage, especially where they had a family of children. I told him to enquire whether he could get a little land; and I would have some more talk with him about it, when I came down in August."

This narrative affords, among other things a striking proof of the beneficial effects of giving to the Labouring Classes a small portion of land; at the same time, evinces the necessity of Industry in the Emigrants if they ever intend to benefit themselves upon *Land*.