

ought to be well seasoned. No nails ought to go through the hoops into the cask, for when the Tobacco is inspected all the hoops on one head must be taken off. The hoops ought to be made of very tough wood, I believe young white oak, or white ash make the best. One nail with three wooden pins to a hoop is sufficient, the wood for the pins must be tough, make them one fourth of an inch square, and to be drove into a hole, one fourth of an inch in diameter, they ought to go through the hoop three eighths of an inch, and to be beat down as you would an iron rivet. The pin ought to be left three eighths of an inch long outside of the hoop, and being somewhat larger on the outside end, it never can draw out. The head ought to be well secured, with what we call lining, this is a withe of some tough wood, about one inch in diameter, made flat on two sides, to be bent all round the top of the head, and to be strongly nailed to the ends of the staves and head hoop. Before the planter begins packing, he ought to secure the bottom head of his hogshead, by driving a nail through the withe into every stave all round: these nails ought to go through the hoop and be clenched on the outside. There is no occasion for being so particular with the top head, a nail through the withe into every third or fourth stave will do, for when it is inspected, the head and top hoops are all taken off, but when the Tobacco is inspected, it ought to be the inspector's duty to see that the top head is secured the same way that I have directed the planter to proceed with the bottom head.

Of packing Tobacco.

This is a nice job, or rather the preparing the