

THE GOOD CANADIAN ;

OR,

HOUSEHOLD PHYSICIAN.

Happy the man who by Nature's laws, through known effects can trace the cause.

TASTE.

The taste is hot and moist in its nature. This sense has its residence in the palate of the mouth and tongue. Its office is to choose what food is congruous to the stomach and what is not. The skin of the palate of the mouth is the same with the inward part of the stomach, and the same with the way of the meat to the stomach; upon touching the palate of the mouth with the finger, it tickleth the stomach; and by touching nearer to the throat, so much the more the stomach abhorreth. The objects of taste are six in number, of simple kinds, as, sweet, sour, sharp, tart, salt and bitter; the compounds are many. In the mouth are five parts to be considered, the lips, teeth, tongue the uvula and the palate of the mouth. The lips are made of a musculous flesh, their office is as the door to the house, to keep the mouth close till the meat be chewed; they also help to pronounce the speech. The teeth, the hardest members, are fastened into the mandible; their office is to grind or masticate the food before it passeth to the stomach, so that it may the better digest; also, as a help to the speech for those who have lost their teeth are defective therein; the number of them is uncertain, some have more, some have less, they who have their full number have thirty-two. The tongue is a carnous member compounded of many nerves, ligaments, veins and arteries ordained principally for three purposes: First is that when a man eateth, the tongue might turn the food in the mouth till it is chewed; secondly, by the tongue and palate of the mouth near the root of