

requisite that constitutes a good or valuable animal, and generally so modelled, as to yield no adequate return for the quantity of victuals they devour. An improvement and more extensive breeding of this Stock are matters, not only of private interest but of public importance. The demand for Pork is regular and great, and the price such as will pay well for feeding and curing. To make up the deficiency of our supply, the merchant imports large quantities through the fair and regular channels of his business, whilst many, too many, discarding all considerations of the legality of their actions and at all hazards of property and character resort to the basest means for supplying themselves. It therefore is surely a matter of the deepest consequence, that some measures should be adopted to remedy, if possible, such an evil, an evil, not only active in the violation of the laws of our country, but subversive of all principles of probity, and most prejudicial to the farmer and fair trader; and it is because of such consequences, as well as in consideration of its advantages, that the attention of our readers to the improvement of Live Stock is so earnestly claimed.

The varieties of Swine, necessary for our purpose, are very limited, and may be classed, in the larger breeds for the supply of our Navigation, Lumbermen, and other Commercial purposes, and the smaller breeds as *porking* stores for family use.

For the former purpose, the breeds of Berks and Hampshire, will be found admirably calculated; their character, throughout England, is in great repute. There are larger breeds to be found there than either, but none possessing better qualities—in their forms, they have great depth of carcase, breadth of chest and loin, and proportionate length, with good gammons and fine legs, have large pendulous ears, are *quickly fed and brought to proof*. So little difference is there made between the Hants and Berkshire Hogs, that dealers at Smithfield are indifferent which to choose.

Of the smaller breeds for Pork for the family supply, the Chinese are in the greatest estimation, and also their cross with the Oxford Dairies, for delicacy of meat, fineness of bone, and quickness of proof, and being easily fed, they stand unrivalled.

I understand some specimens of pure Chinese, half bred and Berks Pigs have been imported, and it is to be hoped more will soon follow. Scarcely a vessel arrives in the ports of the Province, without having some Stock of this kind on board, which could be procured on very easy terms, and by repeating the importations and preserving them for breeding, we should soon find our slow feeding gaunt incumbrances removed. We need not be apprehensive of getting a bad breed of Pigs from on board a ship from England, for throughout that Country the best are to be found, and so generally is this admitted, that it is said,