

this, some people let off all the water, and fill again afresh; but the better way is to have a continual small stream, always running in, and another running out, by which means the warmth must be equal throughout.—The water, when done with, should be conducted over the meadow, and will greatly enrich it.

The hemp must be well watched, as the time necessary for rotting it will depend on the state of the air from 3 to 10 or 15 days. Take out a bundle and dry it, and try it with the break.—This operation of rotting, requires more nicety than any other in the whole process;—a crop may be totally ruined by want of judgment;—or the labor, in the ensuing stages, may be doubled by it.

You may rot hemp by spreading it thin on meadows or other grounds.—You may effect this operation by setting it up thin, on end, against fences, secured by lines; to be exposed, during the winter, to the frost. This last method is the best for linen.

TO DRESS HEMP.

You may as a concise plain rule, manage in the same way, in regard to Breaking, Switching or Swingling or Scutching and Heckling, as with flax; but with coarser machines and tools; only observing, that hemp, designed for cordage, does not want heckling, but it must be well switched or swingled, or scutched.

TO PACK.

Make your hemp up into hands, as they are called, of five pounds each. Having cut off the roots and switched it well, it will become thin, at the end, like a horse's tail;—twist it round the root end, and make a tie of it, leaving the other end loose; then take it by the middle and make a twist of it, always placing the root ends outwards. The bundle should weigh five hundred weight.—It will, therefore, require one hundred and eight hands for the body of the bundle, and four others to make a many bands to tie it firm together, after being pressed down with a twenty foot lever, between two cheeks, made into a frame, lined with plank. The bale, thus made, should be three feet long, by about two feet square, at the ends.

If a farmer, fairly, estimates his labour and want of skill, he will find that he gains no advantage by manufacturing his own crop;—and that, by cultivating it only, it will be among the most profitable articles he can sow.

The Fountains of Memory and Forgetfulness.

THERE are two fountains in Bessia of an opposite nature, though they are very near each other. Whosoever drinks of the one immediately loses his memory, which he recovers upon drinking of the other; nay, if he drinks a double quantity of the latter, it becomes thereby stronger than it was before.

A Wonderful Dog.

THE master of this animal affirms, that he could distinguish at first sight his friend from his foe, and an honest man from a knave. If he by chance left any thing behind him, when from home, the dog would lie upon it or as near as the creature could get, till he returned; he could express distinctly all the tones of music; and so very quick, that when any person sung out of tune or time, he was always sure to howl