

is left for feed, it should not be fed at all. In France they feed their horses with this feed instead of oats, and experience hath taught them that it will go much farther; it is also very serviceable in feeding hogs. It is evident from these circumstances that it must be exceedingly profitable, more especially as it does not wear out like clover, but will last, with very little manure, for twenty years, and if sowed in rows, and properly hoed, more than twice that time. The celebrated Mr. Tull affirms, (and he made the culture of this grass his particular study) that a plant of Saint Foin hath been scarce known to die a natural death.—Besides, instead of impoverishing, it greatly enriches the soil; so that the land when broke up, and thoroughly ploughed, is so manured by the large roots of this plant, as to be fit for any kind of corn; and when a convenient number of crops have been taken, may be laid down and sown with Saint Foin again. Tho' it is true that it grows, and with great profit, upon the worst lands, even upon those that are stony, and makes them better, yet it is acknowledged that the greatest crops are, as might be naturally expected, reaped from the best soils; so that in this light, of being equally adapted to poor and rich soils, it may be considered as a general improvement, and it has accordingly been cultivated with success, in most countries, and is still diffusing itself, in proportion as husbandry is more studied, and its principles become better known.

As to the profits arising from Saint Foin, Mr. Kirkham mentions an estate of one hundred and ten pounds per annum, so improved thereby, as to be sold for fourteen thousand pounds. Mr. Tull confirms this, that a farm in the same county (Oxfordshire) which, while arable, distressed the tenant, at no more than ten pounds a year, when planted with Saint Foin was let for one hundred and ten pounds per annum, and proved a good bargain. These were both stony lands, worth only from one to two shillings an acre, and never would have been worth more but for this improvement. Mr. Tull reckons four sorts of this hay; the virgin, blossom'd, full grown, and threshed hay; the first, in his opinion, is the best that can be made, and he affirms that the hay from a single cultivated plant may weigh half a pound; but taking them at a quarter only, it will make two ton for a crop upon an acre. Other intelligent writers agree with him nearly in this computation, which may taken for truth. Though Saint Foin lasts longer than any grasses, it stands less in need of manure on account of its drawing the greatest part of its nourishment below the staple of the soil. In the first year, however, when the plants are young and tender, foot, peat, and cool ashes, serve to cherish them and quicken their growth; after the first year they require less hoeing, and when old may be revived by stirring the earth properly with the plough.

## A FORTUNE WITH A WIFE NO UNGENEROUS DEMAND IN A HUSBAND.

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I HAVE frequently heard my brother batchelors reflected on for mercenary views in their matrimonial pursuits; and every girl with little or no fortune, is sure to stigmatize the man who requires money with his wife, as a down right fortune hunter, in the odious sense of the word. But, under the shelter I now write; I dare tell these pretty disinterested maidens, that the man who is under a legal obligation to provide for his family, is no such unreasonable monster in expecting a wife, to furnish something beside her fair person; and even when he has the name of receiving what is called a fortune with his wife, the affair is so entangled by affection, that he has generally very little to boast of; and is extremely well off if the interest of this fortune indemnifies

him for the extraordinary charges a family brings upon him.

But I will not let these blooming accusers off quite so easy; the tables may be fairly turned upon them; and if some men are rendered cautious by outliving their boyish attachments, and are hence charged with mercenary views; (for I speak not of professed adventurers) it may be justly said, that the generality of girls are real fortune hunters in the utmost latitude of the word. How many base parents are there in specious circumstances, who drop artful hints of what they will do for a daughter, and when an advantageous offer appears, will encourage a young man until they think he has swallowed the bait, and then discountenance the connexion; when the young lady co-operating, a private