

“ need only to be plunged into the water once
“ in about six or seven hours. Bread soaked
“ in milk is first given him in small quantities.
“ In a short time the fish will bear more, and
“ grow under this seemingly unnatural treat-
“ ment.”

Mr. Daines Barrington, in a note confirms part of the preceding account, by mentioning the practice of a certain fishmonger near Claremarket, who, in the winter, frequently exposed a bushel at least of carp and tench for sale, in the same dry vessel, for six or seven hours; many of which were not sold, and yet continued in health though breathing nothing but air, during the time above-mentioned, for several days successively.

The carp is the most valuable of all kinds of fish for the stocking of ponds. It is very quick in its growth, and brings forth the spawn three times a year, so that the increase is very great. The females do not begin to breed till eight or nine years old; so that in breeding-ponds a supply must be kept of carp of that age. The best judges allow, that in stocking a breeding-pond, four males should be allowed to twelve females. The usual growth of a carp is from two to three inches in length in a year;

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