

plentiful growth of young grass along the sides of the pond to the water's edge ; and when the rains fill up the pond again, this will be all buried under water, and will make a feeding place for the fish, where they will come early in the morning, and fatten greatly upon what they find there.

The method of fattening carps by castration, is a discovery in epicureanism made by Mr. Tull, famous for his improvements in husbandry ; he communicated the secret to Sir Hans Sloane, in whose presence he performed the operation, by cutting open a carp, and shewing the ovary with its canal, leading into the part called the cloaca. He then performed the operation of castration on a second, by opening the ovary, and filling up the wound with the scrapings of a black hat. The castrated carp being put into water with six live ones, seemed only a little less brisk in swimming. Carp thus mutilated is said to excel the others in delicacy of flavor as much as a capon does a cock, or a fat ox exceeds a bull. The effect of castrating fish seems not improbable from its analogy with what we experience in land animals.