

these latter banished to an out-house, little better, often worse, than that provided for the brutes, entirely beyond the reach of all moral control; or, if such a course does not consist with the spirit of the age, let a course half-way between the two extremes be adopted, for "*virtus in medio jacet*," let a kitchen, in connexion with the farmer's dwelling-house, be appropriated for the servants' use, where they may have their victuals regularly cooked to them by female hands (in itself no unimportant matter), and where the master may be at hand to correct any misdemeanors in the servants. If a farmer is above doing this, he should turn himself to something else. Some will plead, on behalf of the bothy, that the cooking for the family, at all events for convivial occasions, is sadly interfered with by having the servants in the kitchen. Granted that such is the case; if the farm kitchen be the proper place for the servants, as we hold it to be, *even their inalienable right*, the cooking should be done elsewhere, if it cannot be conveniently done there. In the case of an out-farm, it may be necessary to lodge the unmarried servants with a grieve and his wife, who should have as little encumbrance in the shape of family as possible; and here it should be seen to, that justice is done to them in these quarters; but with all possible care, it may be a better plan to have such farms wrought principally by married servants who have houses of their own.

2d. Let many more cottages, and these of a superior description, be forthwith erected for the accommodation of married agricultural labourers. Farmers have, in self-defence against the carelessness of their unmarried servants, been rigging up many cottages for married servants of late, too often solely at their own expense; and as a consequence of this, they have often patched up an old house which should have been demolished—converted one house into two, which formerly was not more than large enough for one family—or have built insufficient new ones upon the cheapest scale, with little attention to the comfort of their inmates. Now, these things ought not so to be. Let proprietors liberally assist in the erection of suitable cottages. Let plans be got for these from the Cottage Association, which has been formed for the very purpose of