

supplying them, and improving the dwellings of agricultural servants generally. Let damp and smoke, the two greatest nuisances in the poor man's house, be especially guarded against. Let the cottages be proportioned to the size of the family, to promote decency, by rendering a proper separation of the sexes possible—forgetting not that a part, a large part, of the future agricultural labourers are to be reared in these cottages. Let them be neat, commodious, and comfortable; let them be far in advance of most of the present erections, that they may not soon become antiquated.

III.—The third thing proposed was, to consider the inattention of servants to their own temporal interests. This disposition is manifested, not in entering into engagements with employers, for the servant will in general take care to dispose of himself to the highest bidder, even too exclusively of other considerations; he will endeavour to make the most of himself, and will either raise or lower his pretensions, according to the supply and demand for labour. He prides himself on getting a *good fee*. It is to be seen in the use which he makes of his earnings, in the manner in which he spends his spare money. Let us for a little inquire into this; and, 1st, we consider that servants (more especially the female servants) dress themselves far beyond their means and station, even though their wages within the last twelve years have been nearly doubled. With this increase in the rates of wages, and a general improvement in the style of dress, increased expenditure on that article would so far be both allowable and proper; but when it is carried to such an extent as almost to rival their employers, we cannot help thinking that it is exceeding its just limits; and if too costly articles of dress are put on upon Sabbath days (for it is principally then), we have great fault to find with these, that they are often rather of a showy than substantial kind, rather base imitations than genuine articles, which, whilst they increase the expenditure, at the same time gratify the taste for *following the fashion*. 2d. The next item we would mention in the expenditure of servants (and from this we would entirely except female servants) is that of strong drink. It is perhaps more customary now, since the