

time that it disappears in another. Or, rather, at the very time when the demand for a particular commodity is slackened at home, it is stimulated abroad. We have already adverted to the way in which families shift their expenditure in a year of scarcity, directing a far greater proportion of it than usual to the first necessities of life, and withdrawing it proportionally from the comforts, and even second necessities of life. Cloth may be regarded as one of the second necessities; and it were woful indeed, if on the precise year when food was dearest, the numerous workmen engaged in this branch of industry should find that employment was scarcest. But in very proportion as they are abandoned by customers at home, do they find a compensation in the more quickened demand of customers from abroad. It is in these various ways that a country is found to survive so well its hardest and heaviest visitations; and even under a triple price for the first articles of subsistence, it has been found to emerge into prosperity again, without an authentic instance of starvation throughout all its families.*

20. When any given object is anxiously cared

* It is right to mention that the four preceding paragraphs are taken in substance, and very much in language, from a former publication—as presenting a notable adaptation of external to human nature which offered itself, in the course of other investigations, and at a time when we were not in quest of it.