

formerly much larger, and connected with extensive possessions of the crown, some of which are now alienated. Stacks of barley were also put up in different places of the park for their support ; and some of the old turkey-cocks are said to have weighed from twenty-five to thirty pounds. They were hunted with dogs, and made to take refuge in a tree, where they were frequently shot by George II. I have not been able to learn how long they had been preserved in the park before his reign ; but they were totally destroyed towards the latter end of it, in consequence of the danger to which the keepers were exposed in protecting them from poachers, with whom they had many bloody fights, being frequently overpowered by them." Here we have a pleasing instance of even the monarch of the country yielding up his amusements in order that the lives of his servants might not be endangered. David would not drink of the water, which was, he said, "the blood of the men that went for it in jeopardy of their lives," and so he "poured it out unto the Lord."—*February 13, 1847.*

IS GAME PROPERTY ?

WHEN we last walked out through several of our busier Edinburgh streets into the country, we did not see a single article in the shop-windows or elsewhere which we did not at once recognise as property, and of whose general lineage, as such, we could not give some satisfactory account. Human skill and labour had been employed upon them all, from the nicely-fashioned implement or machine in which the baser metals had become more valuable than silver, or the elaborate strip of gossamer-like tissue in which the original vegetable fibre had been made to outprice its weight in gold, to the wild