

stream, and settled in a second field of wheat, just beside the turnip one. That hare and these partridges were, it seems, property ; and we had witnessed on this occasion a curious transference of valuables that had taken place without bargain or agreement on the part of any one. Up to a certain moment the hare had belonged to one proprietor : when we had first started it, and when it was running along the furrow, and when it had turned round to reconnoitre, it had belonged to the proprietor of the turnip-plot ; but no sooner had it cleared the stream, than it straightway belonged to the proprietor of the wheat-field and the furze-brake. And, as if to make the first amends for the loss which he had just sustained, the partridges we had raised, from being the property of him of the field and the brake, had, on flying over the runnel, become the property of him of the turnip-plot. Certainly a strange mode of conveyancing ! It seemed equally strange, too, that the turnips on which the hare had just been feeding, and the wheat which expanded the crops of the partridges, did not belong to either of the proprietors, but were the property of certain third parties called tenants. We saw within view at the time a considerable number of the tame animals. Enclosed within a fold of stakes and net-work, in a corner of the turnip-plot, there was a flock of sheep bearing on their necks a certain red mark, to distinguish them from those of any other sheep-owner ; and a half-dozen cattle were picking up their sustenance for the day amid the furze of the brake. The cattle belonged to the farmer who rented the brake, and the sheep to the owner of the turnips. The one could recognise his cattle, the other his sheep. If the cattle crossed the stream into the turnip-plot, or the sheep broke loose, and, o'erleaping the runnel from the opposite side, did damage to the sprouting wheat, or picked the brake bare, either tenant would have a legitimate claim for damages done his property, but there would be no actual transfer of pro-