

And as this Country excels in Rivers, so is it very abundant in Fishes. The *Tibiscus* or *Teisse*, is esteemed the most Fishy River in Europe, if not in the World; insomuch, that they have a common saying, That it consists of two parts of Water, and one of Fish. And the River *Bodrack* which runs into the *Tibiscus*, not far from *Tokay*, is so replenished with Fish, that in the Summer when the River is low, the People say the Water smells of Fish. And this is no small River, but as I had the account from a Commander who purposely made it for me when he passed it, was thirty Fathoms broad, and eight and an half deep, but being of this Figure it could not be well Fished with Nets. Which exceeding fertility, if any will ascribe unto Saline Tinctures, both of its own Stream, and others accessionary into it, which lick the many natural Salt-Mines under ground, and so may carry with them, or at least promote some Principles of fecundity, may admit of consideration. The *Danube* aboundeth in many good Fishes; as *Trouts*, *Perches*, large and delicious *Carpes*, exceeding any I have seen; and besides many others, a Fish called *Coppen*, a kind of *Capito*; a *Biscurne*, or kind of *Lamprey*, a *Grundel*, or spotted kind of *Cobites*, with six Beards, two short, and four longer; a large Fish much exceeding a *Pike*, called *Scheyden*, a *Silurus Gesneri*: and above all, there is at some Seasons great store of *Husones*, called by them *Hausons*: whereof some are twenty foot long; esteemed a very good dish, and somewhat like *Sturgeon*. There are set Fishing-places and Store-houses upon the side of the *Danube*; whereof the highest is above *Como a*, upon *Schut-Island*, but the greatest Fishing is about *Kilia* in *Walachia*; where they salt them, and send them into other Parts: they come out of the *Euxine* Sea.

As the Rivers are full of Fish, so are they covered with Fowl, in the Winter; *Swans* I observed none in the *Danube*, but many other Fowls; and some *Pelicans*, not far from *Belgrade*.

As the Waters are also fruitful in Fish, so the Land aboundeth in other Provisions; and very eminently in the two supporters of Life, *Bread* and *Wine*: their Bread is hardly exceeded by any in Europe; worked up and kneaded with long continued labour; and so made light, wholesome, and well tasted; and at so cheap a rate, that for two pence as much is afforded there, as twelve pence with us in *England*. And indeed in all the *Turkish* Dominions, where I travelled, I met with so good and well tasted Bread, that with Wine, it was a Feast; and with Water a sufficient Repast. *Grapes* they have very delicious and large; those at *Virouichitz* by *Vacia*, are of eminent Note; *Wines* also of a generous and noble sort; the *Wines* of *Tokay* are highly esteemed; the *Sirmian* *Wines* are very rich and pleasant, in the South part of *Hungary*, in which Province the Emperor *Probus* is said to have planted Vines, about Mount *Almus* or *Arpataro*. In many other places the *Wines* are very noble; and some brought unto *Vienna*, where there are above thirty sorts of *Wines* to be sold, brought from several Parts.

And as the ground is not unfruitful in its own Nature, so they are not without the practise of *Good-Husbandry*, both in their Arable and Pasture Grounds: especially in *Upper-Hungary*, and Parts not subjected to the *Turks*. I being there, about the end of *February*, saw every night all the Country about us on fire, occasioned, by burning the Stubble and Grass and Herbs; which afterwards, arose with plenty again.

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