

confuming Power of the Sun's Heat. Besides, the Discolouring that comes by reason of Exhalation carries a Glistering and Shining along with it, and the Discolouring from the Sun's over-concoction only is obscure, or iron-colour'd, or black.

From what is already said, considerable Conjectures may be made for the finding out of Mines in the Bowels of the Earth, by the Colour of the Ground and Cliffs, or by the Tilt ploughed up upon the Mountains; as daily Experience hath shewn all over the Dominions of *Spain*.

C H A P. II.

Of the divers Smells of the Earth, and the Reason thereof.

THE Works of Nature in producing Variety of Smells of Earth, is also worthy of Admiration.

Ordinarily the Earth smells well upon the Fall of the first Rains after the Heat of Summer is past: The dry Time having baked together the moderate Humidity that was in the Earth, (which is the Cause from whence all good Smells proceed) and the first Rains dissolving that again (which being exhaled by moderate Heat) makes the good Scent which we perceive. Some Sorts of earthen Vessels also have this Privilege, as that of *Estremos* in *Portugal*, and of *Nata* in *Panama*, which