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A French dinner-party-differs from an American one as essentially in forms, as in dishes; and both are vastly superior to ours. In the first place, six o'clock (or any given hour) means six o'clock; and if a dozen persons are in retard, nobody thinks of waiting for them. This is as it should be, for reasons which housekeepers and epicures very well understand; yet, although Americans admit this, and beleve it, I am fortunate in the acquaintance of ding the great majority of guests, lest Mr. Sucha-one should be offended at the consequences

A gentleman always enters the drawingroom with his hat in his hand, though this is not peculiar to dinner-parties; it is the custom in all cases whatsoever; one would no more leave his hat, than his coat, in the antechamber; and, since the thing meets some reprobation in New-York, I will digress a little to defendit. It will not be denied that the most thished gentleman will occasionally, in the vicissitules of a party, find a want of occupation for his hands. I am aware that there are a great many advantageous positions for them, such as being thumbed into the arm-holes of the vest: folded behind under the skirts of the coat; now and then thrust into the breeches-pockets . and frequently sentaloft to see if the collar and hair are in good order: but all this doesn't make out the evening What, then, are we to of Why, do as the ladies do; take an valent for their fan, an! carry your hat Bo. over and above the decided covenience of the custom, there is a ten-dollar consideration, not to be lightly passed over. Who ever attended a ball or a party in New-York without losing his beaver? The thing has become such a nuithat gentlemen are obliged to keep one purpose too poor to be stolen. What, then, I say again, is to be done? Carry your hat. It puts one at his ease among stranger to have his hands employed. Even with old acquaintances it assists conversation. What is the objection to it? None in the world. Genthemen, carry your hats! and, 'adies, do not ask us to lay them aside. I am sorry to deny a lady any thing-but I will carry my hat, come of it what may.

In France, guests are never introduced to each other. If there be in the world one practice represseless and more excruciating than any other, it is that of introducing all round every mortal that enters a room. It is useless, because, in reference to its avowed object, it amounts to nothing; no one can remember the various names; and, after having made the circuit, is as little acquainted with any one as if he had not been presented. As for the excruciating. I have never seen the feat performed without considerable awkwardness, without wanting to fly up chimney; which is reason enough, in all conscience, for denouncing the custom. Individual introductions have less of unpleasant formality; but even these are useless. The majority of acquaintances formed on these occasions terminates with the evening, and, therefore, to make a preparation for their commencement is to disproportion cause to consequence. But, taking the question on its intrinsic importance, what is the original design of introduction? Doubtless to give the parties, through the medium of a mutual acquaintance, a tacit assurance he or she is a proper associate. But does not the fact of their being invited by the hostess give the assurance with equal force? If it does not, the fastidious should avoid such society. Or, again, perhaps the design may be, to relieve the momentary embarrassment consequent on an abrupt meeting of strangers; but to my view it is vastly more embarrassing to be helped to say something, than to encounter new faces. Where by common consent it is presumed that guests are acquaintances for the time being, all formality, from the very nature of the case, is at can be in vogue, still, the trouble of learning is no argument against the utility of the les-

Look for a moment atits operation. A serhe addresses himself to a lady or a gentleman, the reply, and all subsequent conversation, is dependently, and cannot help feeling at his everybody's mercy, soliciting an introduction here, and finding the lady can't talk; trying again there, with no better success; and it must labical or-not, after an introduction one is tacitly bound to be temporarily active; whereas, after two sentences, he can very properly leave one whomhe has casually addresse . Asfor the indecorum of this familiarity, it is all imaginary. It is intrinsically the same thing whether somebody at your elbow says, "Miss Blank, Mr. Blank," or you say, "Miss Blank, have you read 'the Bravo'?" with this advantage always in favor of the latter method, that the formality of a bow is dispensed with; and, on this prinriple, go where you will, you are "always at faded into the sad realities of disappointment

home." Whether I have made out my case, I and sorrow. Domestic joys, and all the thou- cheek with his fingers, and rubbed them with

ost hospitable people I know of.

French Ladies were remarkable for personal beauty; and I was very much surprised (I will not say disappointed) to find the reverse is the fact. Their figures, naturally or artificially, are very fine; and they walk with a grace probably unrivalled; but beauty of face cannot be found here. They dress with great taste, and display a good sense in its adaptation, which I was unaccustomed to see. Every thing elegant and costly is reserved for the drawingroom, where it is exposed to no injury, and where, only, a lady should look for that sort of conspicuity: while such as are neat in appearance and common in texture, are worn in the street. Their bonnets, also, are just what bonnets should be; and bear the same relation to those worn in America, that a linnet does to an owl. Thus far, threfore, it may be said, in natural qualities, over which they have no control, the American ladies exceed the French; in artificial ones, which may be controlled, they are exceeded by them. Hence it follows, if our ladies would add to their pretty faces, the French fashion of manners anddress, they would be altogether irresistible. As for the intellect and accomplishments of the Parisian girls, there's no getting at them. Their education is, to all intents and purposes, conventual. On certain occasions they are allowed to mingle in society, but always under the surveil- tomer in his face. lance of a mother or a governess. In this respect they are treated as children, as mere dolls; while, "in the eye of the law," young gentlean end; and although, as matters now stand in men are no better than pirates; even the tie of America, this custom musi be learned before it cousinship doesn't help the matter. What we have read in novels, and considered as romance, or at least as among the peculiarities of past ages of barbarism, is current in France at this day; the contracting of marriages, on the part vant announces a gentleman's name; he en- of parents, and the acquiescence or submission ters, seeks the hostess, and makes his devoirs. of children. (I am not speaking of blood-roy-A dozen words are exchanged; he turns on his al, nor of the nobility: every body knows this heel; and where is he, if he depends on an in- is their slavish custom.) In very many instantire strangers)? But, agreeably to the custom I -the closing of the bargain-the signing and an advocating, he asks the first person he sealing of the necessary documents, the parties meets, "did you see what a figure the Dey of have never seen each other: and even then, Algiers cut in Tuileries this morning?" or any though permitted to meet, it is still always in familiar, common-place question; and whether the presence of a third person, up to the hour of the nuptial ceremony: after that, all restraint is taken off; and the freedom of the bride is ing to do it." perfectly informal, as much so as it could be exactly proportioned to the slavery of the between old friends. He thus moves about in- daughter. A madame may go where, when, and with whom she pleases; nobody cares nor ease. Surely this is better than to stand at inquires about her movements. She has her settlement, and she manage her own affairs in her own way. It is needless to say monsicur does the same. Their visiting together is quite be borne in mind, whether a lady is monosyl- common-place. If one is engaged to dine at A's, the other, as a matter of course, has an invitation to B's; and so it goes. It.sometimes may happen that a requisite degree of attachment exists between husband & wife, but manifestly it is a matter of mere chance. With all the comparative facilities which we have for an acquaintance with character and disposition, few of us need look far for instances where both the one and the other have been misjudged and mistaken; and where, as a natural consequence, the bright hopes of unalloyed happiness, have

know not; but I have made up my mind that and endearments of reciprocated affection, are a piece of hard soap, he removed the basin, The Louisiana Loan.—A new loan for the State introductions are a great bore, and therefore almost unknown in France; would they were and, putting his foot on the bench on which I of Louisiana, one of the United States of America, has I have already referred to the uniform ex- own highly favored land? One thing may be went on to shave me, not as our barbers do, cellence of French dishes, and after that the said of the French however; they are not taught by drawing the razor towards himself, but by details of a dinner-table must be essentially the details of a dinner-table must be essentially the with felicity, and therefore, though they seldom chin up into ridges, and taking only at a stroke to regard matrimony as especially connected pushing it from him outwards, pinching the lars. The contract was taken in New Orleans, at same in all civilized countries; some minor with felicity, and therefore, though they seldom chin up into ridges, and taking only at a stroke line of the contract was taken in New Orleans, at 106 per cent. for a 5 per cent stock, with a fixed period

the different parts of poultry, or viands, are It is a thing understood, that French Ladies tion, although, on the other hand, a very per- a price of 97 in the London market. The stock being handed successively to each guest, who can use a freedom of language, in ordinary conver- fect one; for the face will remain smooth and issued here at 104 with the addition of the exchange, thus make his own election of quantity and sation, quite incompatible with our notions of beardless for a day or two. They seem to cut quality. The number of courses is ad infini- propriety. There is no question about the about eight-and-forty hours' growth beneath tum; and, commencing with soup, the plates fact, but there may be about the correctness of the skin. This ended, he put some question are changed, no one can tell how many times. our decision upon it. It is true, the custom of to me; to which I having no idea of the conwith this transaction which deserve serious remarks, Strange to say, however, the knife and fork are the two countries, in this particular, diametri- sequences, but supposing some matter of course. as connected with the character of British capitalists never changed with them; fish and flesh must cally differs; yet, for all that, one may be as nodded an assent. He then tucked several and the security of British property. In the first managed with the same silver and steel, blameless as the other—"Honi soit qui maly towels down my neck and back, and gave me place, as relates to the former, we do not see what right without their touching a napkin in the inter- pense." What they have always regarded as another pewter basin, of the same construction vals. The good people have an idea that sa- propriety, so long as it is not morally wrong, as the first, but much larger. I had before ob- to engage for the loan at one price and sell it another, a few who will act apon the belief. The utter lad is spoiled by being cut, and therefore the is propriety with them; and it is not morally served a wooden bracket, like an old fashioned for being cut apon their list as sharers in the contract aid of fork and fingers convey each ample leaf wrong, unless it involves the consequences gallows, projecting from the wall, over my "mercy knows how") into their mouths: this which are the sole grounds of our objection. head, though without suspecting its use. Upcould not "follow," and to the horrification Scott has well remarked that nothing is more on this he suspended a pewter pail, having a nexion with America, must have been the sole guarof his own negligence, needs no argumentative of my companions, always subdivided mine in- unphilosophical than to ridicule or censure the stop cock in the bottom. He then produced antee to the public for the ultimate security of a very to practicable portions. The wines, which are customs of a nation merely because they differ a large wooden bowl, containing a quantity of unpromosing bargain. If we are rightly informed, light in themselves, are used with great mod- from our own. I am satisfied there is no better soap, and, with a raw silk, made a wash suffi- the previous debt of Louisiana amounted to about eration; and it probably never occurs that gen- cause of complaint in the present instance; and cient to wash the whole population of the is- 7,000,000 of dollars; add the 7,000,000 created by this tlemen rise from the table under any excite- since the evil to which we except exisits not in land. I saw him deposit this on the bench by contract, and the whole will amount to 14,000,000, tlement rise from the table under any excitement from it. More than this, the ladies the habit, but in our construction of its tendenis side, and bare his arms to the elbow. I the best of our recollection, sold the whole territory of never retire, that the gentlemen may discuss cy, it will be very well to have done with a saw all this preparation with some little anxietime best of our recollection, sold the whole territory of the United tates for the half of the money. By cowine and cigars until they are better prepared crusade against opinions which are entitled to ty, and even apprehension; but, encumbered as ming under such onerous obligations, the state of Loufor any thing else than society. All the guests the repect of third persons, as much as ours are. I was by my position and his infernal parapher- isiana will be more heavily taxed than any member leave the dining-hall as they entered it, and the In fact, there is more reason in condemning our nalia, he had me completely in his power; and, of the American Union for the mere payment of divievening is passed like any other party. Dan- fastidiousness than their franchise. The refinecing is sometimes resorted to; chess sometimes, ment of discarding a word in common use, on of cutting short any solecisms I might have internal government. The whole population of the music sometimes, cards always; and the bil- the ground of newly-discovered delicacy, is liard-room, which is a sine qua non in every mere affectation; and it is perfectly inconsishouse, adjoins the salon, and offers a very attent, too, because the expunged word is made and, with the speed of thought, down came a every man, woman, and child, in the republic. This greeable variety among party-amusements. It conspicuous by the very fact of its omission: is under such circumstances that this most ele- this is another branch of the same subject, and the power of utterance was gone. I would Louisianian people only exceeded in proportion by gant and fascinating of games may be rational- deserves a passing notice. The implication of have thrown the basin at him, but then my the debt of Great Britain itself, and not equalled by ly and properly enjoyed. I have never seen harm where formerly nobody ever thought of whole body must have been parboiled; I had that of any other nation with which we are acquainted people so universally at their ease in society finding it, and where in truth it does not exist, nothing left but to endure. At last, the deluge In the third place, though it would not matter much the French; I have never elsewhere attend- is a childish innovation upon common sense. ad parties in which every individual was on The French say of us, with just derision, "Amesuch perfectly good terms with himself and all rican ladies have nothing but hands and feet :" the world. The scene is one of that infor- they might now add that gentlemen are equally revenged of thee. I will dip thee in thy own impossibility of raising money at home, and therefore mal, communicative sort of pleasure, which no unfortunate; for, in the present age of prudery, one can witness without participating-there if a man is thrown from a gig, or falls out of a are no spectators in a French party. As all window, he breaks-what? his leg? Oh, no! come and go in their carriages, the evening that's an improper word! It's quite shocking! fiding Franks. But, alas! I opened my eyes, closes as independently as it commenced. No lady must say "leg"-though I think it glistening with the fire of fury, but to be quench-Whenever so inclined, this person or that disap- would puzzle any lady to say why-the gentle- ed with the tears of torture. Oh, the lather! pears without interrupting any one by adieus. man broke his limb!!! Now this is utterly ri- the lather! In an instant I was smothered-They are welcome to stay as long as they diculous: There is no more harm in saying eyes, nose, ears, and mouth-with the very please, to go when they please; and as each one leg, than there is in having one: but this excesis presumed to be the best judge of his own af | sive refinement of omitting to say it, while it of the great-grandfathers of all barbers, thro'fairs, no remonstrances are offered about being evinces a discreditable weakness on the part of out all generations, must have concentrated "in a hurry." Here, once welcome is always the speaker, conveys all of evil that can exist their wickedness in this individual. He insinwelcome; and if being made comfortable is the in the matter. It creates the very thing which, best kind of hospitality, the French are the in its folly, it takes such pains to avoid. It up my nostrils, he crammed it into my mouth, I left America with the impression that the plain path of propriety, and deservedly falls into the mire.

THE GREEK BARBER.

and his girdle was garnished with several ra- cause the involuntary ejaculation of ha! as loud twenty dollars, and so continued for months .zors of very peculiar construction, very nar- as an Irish pavior. The measure of his iniquity Last September, the tenant commenced an acrow in the blade, and firmly fixed in straight new being full, he called for a tchibouque and a tion before Mr. Halliday, against his landlord. sir! what is your wish?) I signified my inten- perpetrator of all these atrocities had the im- lord defended the suit and gave notice of set-off tions. "Efthese," said he, (speedily,) and, pudence to wish me a good health and many a- for rent due. The trial was adjourned to a cerwith his left hand, stretching the strap, that ges. hung from his middle, he smoothed it down my head shaved, but simply my hair cut.

zor; have you not got a -- " imitating the months, I never saw an instance of it. I have action of a pair of scissors with my fingers.

the neck; and, having washed my chin and bles in America.

peculiarities there are, however. The carving find it, they are, at the same time seldom disap- just the crown of each ridge, making it not on- of redemption. The American exchange on England ly a tedious, but to me an excrutiating opera- being about 9 per cent discount, this would be equal to as to remonstance, he took an effectual method dends, without raising one cent for the expenses of committed against the dignity of Greek, by state does not exceed 215,000 persons, of whom 109,turning the top cock of the bucket above me, the debt of Louisiana will amount to 26l. a-head on bucket of scalding water! I tried to scream: is an amount of mortgage on the industry of the ceased. Now, thought I,-now, thou perfidious barber,-though thou wert even the progenitor of Sir Edward himself!—now will I be and paying interest to foreigners, shows the absolute copper, and hang thee up to dry like a lathered the difficulty with which remittances must be procunapkin, as a warning to all thy detestable craft red to fulfil engagements in London, where the shares how they exercise their attrocities upon con- are all issued, and where only provision is to be made sublimated essence of soap suds! The souls even an independent Government to offer its security. uated the compound into my eyes, he blew it sees danger where there is none. It "flees and thrust into my ears. Soap-suds and hot when no man pursueth." It shrinks from the water! soap-suds and hot water!! soap-suds and hot water !!! three times over. I can no more; 'tis like Alonso's dagger-

"It rouses herrid images-away with it!" * * I crossed the ferry to Poros. that stood in the centre of the room, over a ba-Now the conveniences for the indulgence of sin of burning charcoal, a hot napkin, which he the toilet, situated as I then was, were exceed- folded, turbin-like, upon my head, while, with ingly limited; and seeing the depot of an artist, another, he dried my sodden countenance as vulgarly recognized as a barber, abundantly well as he could. I was completely subdued I might be made comfortable. I seated myself was only to prolong my existence till I had encomplacently upon the bench which was ex- dured, to their full extent, the enormities the tended round the room, and folded my legs un- monster yet meditated against me. He took der me with as much grace as the little prac- my hand in one of his; and, placing the other though very large and thick, were balanced to whole vertebral column was dislocated. He beauty.- Taunton (Mass.) Reporter. a hair, -in fact, it might be said of him, that then placed me upright, my back against the he carried the best recommendation to his cus- wall, retreated some three or four paces, and, Oriste, Effendi, "Ti theles?" (command me, most obsequious maner, this most obsequious knowledge, approbation, or consent. The land-

with his right, and ended by giving it two or American Courts of Justice. —I never went ment was for, the stipulation is appealed to and three smart slaps, that sounded like the smart into a court house in the west in summer, with- cannot be found. In the meantime the plaintiff crack of a rifle. The art of making the noise out observing that the judges and lawyers had goes before the Justice and obtains an exparte troduction (for I am supposing him among encracking a whip is to the French postillion. fore them, and raised much higher than their \$316; and the costs amount to (100 per cent ad-Having strapped a razor he removed my cap, heads. This, however, is only in the western Svance) 364. Total \$6 80. and I then thought it high time to enter a re- country; for in the courts at Orleans, New There being no way of ascertaining the day monstrance, saying, that I did not wish to have York, and Philadelphia, the greatest order and to which the adjournment was made, the judgregularity is observed. I had been told that ment was entered up, and afterwards paid by the "I understand you so," said he, "and am go- the judges often slept upon the bench; but I defendant to the plaintiff, who is good for noconfess that although I have entered court-hou- thing, and while in fact the plaintiff is indebted "But," interrupted I, " surely not with a ra- ses at all seasons, during the space of fifteen five times the amount to the defendant. frequently remonstrated with the Americans on Court .- Albany Daily Advertiser. "Do not be afraid," said he; and a smile of the total absence of forms and ceremonies in contempt passed over his features as he, with- their courts of justice, and was commonly anout further parley, applied his razor to my de- swered, "Yes, that may be quite necessary for 1832 present a statistical view of the Methodist voted head, and scraped therefrom a quantity in England, in order to overawe a parcel of ig- Episcopal Church in the United States. The whole norant creatures, who have no share in making number of Methodists is 584,593—being an increase "There," said he, "if you are not content, these laws; but, with us, a man's a man, wheth-I will send to my uncle Theodoree, the tailor, er he have a silk gown on or not; and I guess New York 47 085 Rolling to the contains 40,he can decide quite as well without a big wig I was compelled to submit, though in the as with one. You see we have done with wigfull expectation of being scalped at every stroke gery of all kinds, and if one of our judges was of his accursed tool. When he pronounced to wear such an appendage, he'd be taken for the operation ended, I was not a little surprised a merry-andrew, and the court would become to find my hair very decently cut, and myself a kind of show box; instead of such arrange- and painted with the gum, and polished so as to pre ments producing with us solemnity, they, sent a beautiful surface resembling kid. These shoes He then proceeded to place under my chin would produce nothing but laughter and the being impervious to the wet, are intended to superseduce that every a pewter basin, with a large rim cut out to fit greatest possible irregularity."-Farral's Ram- the rubber shoes—the most uncouth things that ever

more generally known than they are in my sat, he laid my head gently upon his knee. He been contracted for by the house of Baring and Co. The following account of the transaction is from au-

is equivalent to 113 in New Orleans, and consequently the English subscribers have an advance of 7 per

the contractors have, consistent with usual practice. for being put upon their list as sharers in the contract.

In the second place it must be evident that the reputation of the house in question, and its known con-

to a private debtor who has to pay interest for a loan as the necessity of resorting to a foreign loan-market, for the ultimate liquidation.

It is not for us to step in between people and their own imprudence; but we express our surprize and regret that we should be obliged again to advert any farther to the waste or the risk of British capital invested in trans-Atlantic loans, where there is not

TAUNTON .- Our population is about 6,000. In 1652, the first extensive iron works in North America were crected in this town. The nail factories, when in full operation, can now turn out from eight to ten tons of cut nails per day. The first shovels that were made in this country were made here. Most of the bricks for this section of the country, have long been manufactured in this town-between eight and nine millions are now made annually. There are in the place seven cotton factories-two breweries-two At last, he took from a dome-topped towelhorse, printing offices, from which are issued two weekly newspapers and two juvenile papers-one rolling and slitting mill-one forge-one shovel manufactoryone copper and lead rolling mill-one paper millone carding and fulling mill. The calico establishment furnishes from 4 to 5000 pieces per week, in a style equal to any manufactured in the country.stocked with clean towels and keen-looking | -my spirits was broken-he might have tweak- There is also a manufactory of Britannia ware. We razors, I entered, and intimated my wish to ed me by the nose, and I should scarce have believe it is the only establishment of the kind in the have my hair cut, and the performance of other known it; but yet, I wondered how these lat- country; and as such deserving of a more particular little operations in his line, to the effect that ter kindnesses were vouchsafed me. Alas! it notice. It is about three years since it was commenced on a small scale. It has now grown into an extensive business. The ingenious and enterprising mechanics, who began it, are deserving of great praise. By their native ingenuity and skill, unassisted by any foriegn aid, they have succeeded in mixing tice I had had in that position enabled me. upon my shoulder, suddenly extended my arm, their own metal, and preparing their own machinery Seeing that I was a Frank (Franks generally making every joint crack. The other arm --- and their ware is now pronounced, by competent pay better than natives) the master of the shop But I hasten over this part of my narrative; judges, to be far superior to the imported article. It approached me with an air of considerable de- the remembrance is too painful to dwell upon. has already made its way into public favour; and ference. He was a good-natured looking Greek, He took possession of my head, and, causing the "Taunton Silver" is now to be seen in most of particularly neat and trim in his attire. He it to perform a roulude, after the fashion of our large cities, rivalling in beauty and brightness. wore his crimson Phesi jauntingly on one side, harlequin, he gave it such a dexterous twist on cle, without mentioning the Court house, the stone discovering a great portion of his very clean one side, producing a report that sounded, to Church and the Episcopal Church, as being ornashorn temple. His eye-brows were reduced my hearing, (almost the only faculty I had ments to the village—the last, we believe, to be unrito a beautifully fine curved line, his moustaches, left,) like the crack of doom! I thought the valled in this country for neatness and picturesque

A FACT.—Glorious uncertainty of the law! raising his hands, pushed with outspread -A person who lived in the house of a landlord From his waist hung a broad leathern strap, palms against my chest, with such force as to in this city fell in arrears for rent, upwards of wooden handles. He addressed me with an cup of coffee, and, presenting them to me in the for repairs done upon the house without his tain day by a written stipulation. A dispute subsequently arose as to what day the adjourn-

This is one of the blessings of a Bethlehem

"The Minutes of the several Annual Conferences" New York, 47,085-Baltimore, 43,990-Ohio, 44,879 -Missouri, the smallest number, viz: 5,205.

A Yankee Notion.—The Yankees have sent to this market samples of shoes made of Indian rubber cloth, called tympan cloth. The cloth is saturated deformed pretty feet. - N. Y. Jour. of Com.