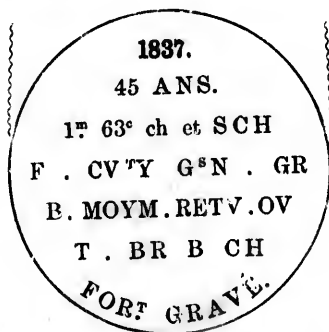


ago, having sustained an injury which incapacitated him from heavy work, he purchased from the police, for forty sous, the plaquet of a chiffonnier, which was on his breast, and to which he pointed. It was a round brass plate, bearing in hieroglyphics—which, although he could not decipher them, were no doubt well enough understood by the police—the following description of his person, &c. :—



With reference to his vocation he informed me that, by a law among themselves, the heap from every house is considered to belong to the first chiffonnier that reaches it, but that they usually work constantly in the same districts, where they are known.

My principal object was to ascertain what were the articles they obtained, and, although I