

go out to visit their relations, or to church. With the most conciliating serenity they endure the mortification and disgust of a husband, who is generally morose, and often drunk.

The expences of the women are very limited. If any extraordinary luxury is displayed in their houses, it is to satisfy their husbands, who often only preserve their credit by dazzling the eyes of the public.

The American women always suckle their own children, and can hardly conceive it possible how a mother should abandon to a stranger so essential a part of her duty. Female beauty is here of short duration. There are few countries where the women have worse teeth than in the United States.

CHAP. VI.

DEPARTURE FOR LOUISIANA.—LANCASTER.—ASSEMBLY OF THE STATES OF PENNSYLVANIA.—HARRISBURG.—SUSQUEHANA.—CARLISLE.—MOUNTAINS OF KITUCKTUNY AND SEDLING.—BEDFORD.—ALLEGANY MOUNTAINS.—GREENSBURGH.—PITTSBURGH.—RIVERS ALLEGANY AND MONONGAHELA.—COAL-PITS.—INHABITANTS BEYOND VIRGINIA AND THE WESTERN STATES.—COL. BROWN.—CHELLICOTHEE SALT-SPRINGS.

IN the latter end of February I departed from Philadelphia for Louisiana. The winter, which had been very mild this year, had prepared an active vegetation, and the fields had already assumed their verdure. As we had to pass through the greatest breadth of Pennsylvania, that is, from east to west, we took the stage for Lancaster. The country that I passed was superior to any that I had before seen in the United States. The lands in the environs of Philadelphia are sandy and poor, but better according to their distance; and the county of Lancaster presents to travellers one of the sources of this opulence, of which the Americans are so proud. The farm-houses are near each other, and well built. Their exterior announces abundance, and the interior displays the most complete ease without luxury. The Germans, who inhabit them, are economical, industrious, and good labourers. They are accounted the best farmers in the United States, and although far inferior to the English, or even French, in husbandry, may be deservedly styled the fathers of this art in America.

The States are obliged, on account of the great numbers of German inhabitants, to publish the laws and advertisements in the two languages. Notwithstanding the numerous schools, to which fathers are obliged to send their children to be instructed