

At first I thought this proceeded from jealousy, and no doubt it often does, but when we hear a lecturer, for instance, enumerate the different amputations at the foot without mentioning Harvey or Syme; speak of diseases of the chest and liver, without allusion to Stokes, Budd, &c., but cite in all cases, French authority and the results of French practice, we cannot but conclude that they are really ignorant of the existence of such men, and of the boon they, *et hoc genus omne*, have conferred on mankind. Indeed they seem constantly to impress on the minds of the students, that, without the gates of Paris there is little to be learned, impressions generally acted upon, for French students are rarely met with out of France. The political alliance now happily subsisting between the two great powers will greatly tend to a change in these matters. The French Physician possesses in an eminent degree that "*manière à faire*" so peculiar to his countryman; I might also add "*la manière à parler*," but verbiage is oft times substituted for argument. An hour is with ease occupied in discussing questions of trivial importance. For the time an auditor may well be satisfied, but a retrospective glance too often shows him that there has been (to use a Shaksperian phrase) 'much ado about nothing.' I do not intend such sweeping remarks to apply to the whole profession, for there are men such as Civiale, Nelaton, Andral, Velpeau, Guersant, and a hundred others, who despise anything approaching to *charlatanerie*, but I am convinced that they are applicable to the class. Of the talents, genius, faculty for observation and powers of perception of the French, it would ill-become me to speak, they are discernible in almost every page of medical history, and the names of many will last as long as the science they have so much enriched.

The medical Student in Paris is not so distinctive a character as he is in Germany. While the latter has been pictured with his scars across his intelligent and contented looking face, his mug of *Bayerische bier* and his pipe, the latter might be sketched with his wan, sallow countenance, his *demi-bouteille de bon vin* before him, and his *grisette* by his side. The latter is with him an indispensable article of furniture to grace his lodging, prepare his meals, &c. Each *grisette* occasionally gives her little tea-party, at which assist the intimate friends of her *aimant* and their *grisettes*. Once aweek they adjourn to the *Prado*, or some other dancing *local*, and there "trip the light fantastic toe." The *grisettes*, when students are received, are transferred to some one else, provided they do not get married, which not unfrequently happens. It is sometimes a difficult matter to keep students in order during a lecture or operation. If too long, they put an end to it by their shuffling. If some unlucky assistant places himself between the operator and the stu-