

aprons; and, instead of stays, they wear a loose jacket, like a bedgown. It is owing to the high price of stays, and not to any dislike they have to them, that they are not worn in common. The few that are used, are imported either from New or Old England, as they have not any staymakers amongst them. The women, in summer, in imitation of the men, usually go without stockings or shoes, and many without caps. They take much pains with their hair, which they tie in their necks, and fix it to the crown of their heads. Nor are they on the Sabbath less gay than the men, dressing for the most part in silks and callicoos, with long ruffles; their hair dressed high, and many without caps. When at Church, or Meeting, from the mistress to the scullion girl, they have all their fans. We even thought, in the article of dress, they outdid the good women of England.

(Nothing can be said in favour of the inhabitants, as to their management in farming. They neither discover judgment or industry. Such of the New Englanders, into whose manners and characters we particularly inspected, appeared to us to be a lazy, indolent people. In general, they continue in bed till seven or eight o'clock in the morning; and the first thing they do, after quitting it, is to get a glass of rum, after which they prepare for breakfast, before they go out to work, and return to dinner by eleven: They go out again about two, and at four return to tea. Sometimes they work an hour, or two after, and then return home, both masters and their servants, amongst whom there seems to be no distinction; and you scarce can know one from the other. They are all Masters and Sirs, and their maidens all Misses; so that you never hear a Christian name mentioned. They usually all eat together,