

judge, composed, in about equal parts, of young men and young women; and with the curiosity natural to their age, they all stopped work as our party passed the tables on the right and left, at which they respectively were seated; however, I could not but feel they had as much right to be curious about us as we had about them.

Like a hen preceding a brood of motley-coloured chickens, our young conductor now led us along a passage to the summit of a very broad staircase, where, gradually stopping, he turned round, took off his hat, and, with a slight bow, announced to us that "we had seen all." My right hand, as in duty bound, dived straight into my pocket; but as I felt it was grasping at a quantity of loose silver, of all sizes, without knowing how much to select, in a whisper I asked my fair interpreter, who had been labouring hard in my behalf, to be so good as to ascertain for me what I ought to give. Our young conductor must have instinctively understood the question I was asking, for, with that pleasing manner and mild expression of countenance which had distinguished him throughout the many weary hours we had been bothering him, he said to me, before the whole party, "*Monsieur, il nous est expressément dé-*