

very few native Americans in the state of domestic servants. The class of servants is composed of Irish, Germans, negroes, and mulattoes ; and as soon as the two first have acquired a little money, they quit that station, and establish themselves upon land or in a small trade. But it is not so uncommon to see young women of good families in the situation of servants during their youth.

In dress the English fashions are as faithfully copied as possible. Their houses, their furniture, their carriages, are all English. The cookery is also English. There are great dinners, numerous tea parties, and some few societies. Tea assemblies are a fund of amusement for the ladies. Balls and plays are much frequented.

The women every where possess, in the highest degree, the domestic virtues ; they have more sweetness, more goodness, at least as much courage, but more sensibility than the men. Good wives and good mothers, their husbands and their children engage their whole attention, and their household affairs occupy all their time and cares ; destined by the manners of their country to this domestic life, their education is formed to suit their expectations or prospects.

The Americans marry young : the occasion which the young men have for a wife to assist them in their labours conduces to early marriages, and great purity of manners. But the wife who dies is readily replaced by another. She is a necessary friend, and the very soul of the family ; she is an indispensable resource for domestic affairs : she is an assiduous companion, and renders home pleasant in those parts of the country where neighbours are very scarce, and where the children soon quit their paternal abode.

The Religion of the United States is the Christian religion, without any peculiar power or privilege annexed to any of its numerous sects. The Federal Constitution is entirely silent on the subject of religion. Every man