

but what the Abbé Raynal has seen and discussed with care in his work, where he has had the courage the first to rise above the unjust prejudices which the public had acquired against the French colonies upon the continent of North America ;—prejudices which they were forced to justify in the course of the Memoirs printed in the *Ephémérides du Citoyen*. Because the government had committed faults in the administration of the colony of Canada, ought we to conclude that it was worthless, and that we should congratulate ourselves upon its loss ? Such, nevertheless, when reduced are all the arguments of our economist ; a member of the political sect which always takes enthusiasm for reason, and who himself, the slave of his system, makes everything yield to it, and in doing this spares neither paradoxes nor contradiction of words.

FOUR CONFEDERATE COINS.

Dr. B. F. Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Health of this State, possesses a coin which numismatists would greatly covet. It is one of four half-dollar pieces, coined for the Confederate Government, and Dr. Taylor, who was then chief coiner, was instructed to submit to the Cabinet, then in Montgomery, a design for a new currency, the dies of the United States having been destroyed. The design was approved and orders issued for the striking off of some specimen pieces. Four half-dollars were coined and the design adopted. The project of issuing a currency of coins was subsequently abandoned on account of the want of bullion, and was never carried out. By permission of the Cabinet, one of the coins was retained by Dr. Taylor, a second was presented to Prof. Biddle, of the University of Louisiana ; a third was given to Dr. Ames, and the remain-