

every dance ; I rather like the fashion than otherwise, one requires something to relieve the fatigue of dancing, altho' perhaps it has its inconveniences : you are in danger from a sudden jerk, not unfrequent in a crowded room, of putting the contents of your plate into the lap of your neighbour. The last tray had scarcely made its exit, when a tremendous *crash* was heard, indicative of the downfall of a large china bowl of pickled oysters, accompanied by a suitable supply of plates, forks &c. ; our well bred hostess did not *look* as if she trembled, but when the slam of the hall door followed the crash, *some* of her guests *did*. I met the fearful glance of Mrs. C——and in a moment she was at my side ? that was Mr. C——whispered she. I am afraid so, replied I, in rather a dismal tone. We had better go *now* don't you say so ? O yes, certainly said I. Feeling we had *done our best* for one evening, a very few minutes saw us in our carriage, neither spoke, but drove home in silence, each occupied with our own feelings. At length we arrived, and found Mr. C——striding up and down the room like a maniac. There, Susie, didn't I tell you, he bellowed forth as we entered ; I don't like parties, and you would not believe me ; isn't there all the oysters on the fine carpet, and the plates on the top of them, and I forget, about the tray and forks, and oh my eight dollar hat, you would make me put it on ! there it is upon the peg. I mechanically looked up on the wall, not *there* said he, but on the peg on *their* wall, (he had actually left his hat in his fright) O Miss Maria, it all came of one of them men in blue and silver, I was helping myself quite fast to *plenty* oysters ; you see I like them very much, when I turned round, and that man was looking at me, as if I was doing something wrong, I got so frightened, my hand trembled, and before I knew what I was about, down went the bowl and the tray, and all came down together, and then—I ran away,—I never will go to another party, so don't ask me. I did not *hesitate* to promise, or mentally vow, never to be induced to accept another invitation while in Philadelphia.