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The present Inhabitants though somewhat fan-
castick, are generally of a free and courteous Beha-
viour, kind to strangers, and extremely given to
Complement; the Women are likewise wonder-
fully familiar even with Strangers especially in Speech,
taking it for a great peice of breeding, not to be
too Austere or Reserved.

Their Apparel for the most part is rather Gay
than Costly, made of light Stuffs and slight Silks, &c.
though the Country people are distinguished from
others; by the Men's wearing a large pair of Breeches
and a Coat to their Knees; and the Womens attire-
ing their Heads, or rather wrapping them in Linnen,
and these are in a manner Drudges, or Slaves, to the
Gentry, especially such as are their Land-lords, they
being all of them Tenants at Will, and have their
Rent raised as the Land improves, or as the Lord
thinks fit; which is the occasion of their great Po-
verty; for although many of them hold Farms of
Wine and Corn, they have scarce the happiness to
tast the first, or eat any good Bread made of the
latter.

In Arts and Manufactory, the *French* are very In-
genious, and in War very furious, at the first onset,
but with the change of Fortune their courage soon
abates; though *Cæsar* confessed that he slew 110000.
of them before he could bring them into subjection;
yet by a small power of the English, they were
frequently worsted; in the Reign of *Edward* the
Third, and almost the whole Kingdom, after the
Fortunate Battle of *Azin-court*, Conquered and
brought under subjection by *Henry* the fifth, who
with 15000. men, only overthrew an Army of
above 100000. in which the flower of their Nobili-
ty were either Slain, or taken Prisoners: Nor is it
less the Fortune, or rather misfortune in all Battles,
to have the greatest storm of War fall upon their
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