

to which she is otherwise much devoted. But her innate affability, and her *politesse de cœur*, generally conquer the *politesse de cour*, and affectation of fashion, that is perhaps nothing more than a mask put on to comply with the habits and manners of the place. In the course of the evening a lady from the *Statés* (perhaps to test* the politeness of her partner, a British naval officer) called for "the white cockade." It is remarkable, considering the station occupied by the learned host, that so few gentlemen of the long robe attended. The Loverule family, excepting the head of the clan, were all present, and endeavoured as usual to rule the roast. Upon the whole there have been few entertainments more unostentatiously, and yet more handsomely given, or more elegantly, and yet more comfortably, conducted, in Montreal this winter than the Panet Street gala.

AN AMATEUR OF FASHION.

It is much to be regretted that the *Social Assembly* in this town has absolutely dwindled down to nothing. At the last meeting *not a single lady attended*. This has been by some who wish ill to the Scribbler attributed to the fear of their being taken notice of by me; yet nothing could be farther from my wishes than to discourage or intimidate such parties as are really *Social*—those that are *Anti-Social* are such as I deprecate, such as I wish to hold up to ridicule. In this soi-disant social assembly, there were two or more parties never uniting, but always clashing, like oil and vinegar. It was the circumstance of a certain set of second-rate-would-be fashionables keeping themselves apart from the rest of

* To test, yankee, verb active; to prove, to try.