

are carpeted throughout their whole length with carpets of rushes and aloes. There may be seen toilet tables, ward-robes and marble wash-hand stands; useless furniture for rustics, who, by their use, acquire luxurious habits, and who for the same reason would find themselves ill suited or out of place in their own humble dwellings. This superfluity seems to me to be blameworthy, as it compromises rather than promotes the cause of the lunatics in the eyes of the public and the dispensers of the public funds. Everything that partakes of luxury, should be discarded in a benevolent institution, justly writes Mr. Fusier; one species of luxury alone is obligatory, that is cleanliness."

If the treatment, to which a patient is subjected, produces a happy result, he is returned to his friends, and the transition from the modest life of an hospital to the family will be more easy and burdened with fewer deceptions; for it is better for him to leave a comfortable but humble asylum to enter upon a life of ease, than to leave sumptuous mansions, in which ostentation and profusion are to be met with at every step, to enter into the bosom of a family already plunged in misery. In the latter case, the deception is bitter, and the patient, particularly if he be the father of a family, vainly demands of his reason energy sufficient to support the misfortune, the recollection of which has been nearly effaced from his memory. Alas! frequently the despair, which closely follows the tender emotions caused by a first meeting, exercises upon his still affected organism a depression that sometimes causes a painful relapse.

Let it be well understood, however, that if we deplore, as prejudicial, any display of wealth, we do not mean thereby to exclude comfort, and confound it with luxury. On the

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