

I say no gentle, I mean not as a distinctive class. Everybody is gentleman and lady, and is treated as such. Their institutions deify neither wealth nor birth, but every one obtains from his fellows that degree of consideration to which his private worth and public services entitle him. That being the case, and the rich having, in a great degree, the same plain, inexpensive habits as their fellow-citizens, they have the more superfluous wealth to bestow upon public purposes, and they think these more worthy objects of their regard than the various paraphernalia of ostentation which, in other countries, are considered necessary to support the dignity of man. It is often urged that a luxurious style of living among the few is useful, as an incentive to industry among the many. But these people are industrious and enterprising without it. None on earth more so. Even the name of servant is hateful to them, and the only kind of domestic obtainable, some years back, especially in the country, was a "help," who sat at table with the family. The service of the hotels in Boston was then performed by free people of colour; but of late, by Irish, who have supplanted them.

Well, but if this equality and fraternity, or brotherhood of man, be good things (and some may be inclined to think so), notwithstanding the efforts that are made to cast obloquy upon them—here they are established—and here may be observed their fruits, similar to what may be seen in the republican countries of Europe, such as Norway and Switzerland, but in greater perfection; that is to say, the people are better off, better cared for. There is more sympathy from their rulers towards them than in other countries.