

Materials. I will not quarrel with a people on account of customs, nor did I flatter the Americans by an adoption of theirs; but certainly this rapidity of eating is, in my opinion, inconsistent with health and good manners: for my own part my time has been frequently employed at the table, and eyes taken from the substantial to the picturesque;---the distortion of countenance, the swelled cheeks, &c. can only be imagined by the pleasing sensation of a *hot potatoe* being imprisoned in a certain cavity called a mouth.

We returned to New York by way of Elizabeth Town; and as my friend was a complete agriculturist, he saw no soil satisfactory, though the whole of our route was considered a fine country, and as it was the most advantageous period---the very midst of an American Spring---we could not but conclude, the thin and sandy appearance of the surface was general, and of considerable depth. We observed not the virgin snow-drop, the enamelled crocus, the golden daffodil, the bashful violet, or perfumed cowslip, decorating the banks, nor the hawthorn hedge in bloom, interspersed with wild roses; these, our native smiles of Flora, I felt grateful to find, were the admired *exotics*, as are several of our feathered warblers, which are in great demand, as the sky-lark, thrush, wood lark, blackbird, goldfinch, bullfinch and linnet.