

titles of nobility, the ladies love to distinguish themselves by the splendour of their dress and equipages. The young women are generally handsome; but they lose their teeth much sooner than we do, and look old very early.

The men are almost always engaged in business, and show a reserve to strangers; though we have met with some very agreeable, intelligent, kind-hearted people: there being a great variety; for the city has been supplied with inhabitants from most of the nations in Europe, who have left their own country with the hopes of making a fortune, and many succeed in this enterprize very rapidly. Mr. Franklin says, there are few instances in history of a city rising, by such a hasty progress, to so great a height of prosperity, as Philadèlphia. We saw an old man who remembers the time when there were but three coaches kept in it, and now the streets are filled with them. He asserts, likewise, that two or three vessels, at most, arrived in a year, with the manufactures of Great Britain; but at present, the commerce is so much increased, that some thousands of ships go out of the port yearly, to different quarters of the globe; forty or fifty of which double the southern promontory of Africa, to exchange the productions of the United States for the richest commodities of the East, and to enrich the busy inhabitants of both countries by commerce. The modes of religion vary as much as the origin of the people; but the Quakers are
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