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carry back what they have earned to spend in France. The *Fishermen* from *Bayonne*, and the neighbouring Places, supply them with great Quantities both of *fresh* and *salt* Fish to eat on *Fast-Days*, and to keep *Lent*. The *Pedlars* and *Shop-keepers* in *Spain* are mostly *French*, who retire into their own Country, when they have made their *Fortunes*. The Towns in *Languedoc* supply them with Cloth, Silks, and Stockings ; *Rouën* with Hats, and coarse Linen Stuffs ; *Abbeville*, with superfine Cloths ; *Amiens* and *Arras*, with worsted and camblet Stuffs ; and *Lions*, with all Sorts of rich Silks, Gold and Silver Lace, &c. for their Consumption both in *Europe* and *America*. In short, the greatest Part of the Produce of the Mines of *Potosi* is brought into *France*. Hence it is, that their Payments are all in *Silver* : and *Gold* is more scarce in *France*, in the Currency of Coin, than *Silver* is in *England*. A plain Proof, that they have the great Trade to *Spain*, as we have to *Portugal*.

IX. *Their Address in drawing raw Materials from other Countries to work up in their own*, serves greatly to enlarge and extend their Trade. — *France* produces some *Wool* and *Silk*, but not a fourth Part of what they manufacture. *Wool* they import from *Barbary*, the *Levant*, and *Spain*. They also bring *Wool* from *Switzerland*. Some little perhaps is run from *England* ; but, I have good Reason to