

Philadelphia, I shall defer an account of them until my visit to that city. Notwithstanding this wonderful diversity, it has never produced either trouble or discontent in the state.

If there is any thing surprising in the great number of religions, the difference of our customs and those of this place will not be less so. Among us, girls are separated from boys from their infancy, and kept under the inspection of their mothers or governesses. Here the two sexes pass their youth without any distinction, attend the same schools, and receive the same instructions. When they have completed their education, which generally happens about their twelfth or thirteenth year, they are not more restrained. Their school-fellows and acquaintances are permitted to visit them; and when love succeeds to friendship, far from concealing their sentiments, they declare them with a frankness which characterises an ungoverned and unrestrained inclination. Those ladies most distinguished by their fortunes or the rank of their parents, walk alone with their lovers, without deriving any thing from such conduct injurious to their reputation.

The education of youth is simple, and ill calculated to render them learned; no efforts of genius, which have so much distinguished the inhabitants of the mother country, have yet appeared in the United States. Their studies are confined to reading, writing, and arithmetic: some are instructed in the rudiments of Greek and Latin, but so superficially that there is seldom any one found who retains the least remembrance of them. The people are commercial, and all their thoughts are directed to the acquirement of wealth, which almost always stifles the love of polite literature and the abstract sciences. The accomplishments of music, dancing, and painting, were unknown until some time ago they were introduced by the French.

CHAP. II.

NEWARK.—ENVIRONS OF NEWARK.—FALLS OF THE PAIS-
SAIC.—EXCURSION TO NEW JERSEY.—ELIZABETH-
TOWN.—CREOLE WOMEN.—BRUNSWICK.—TRENTON.—
ARRIVAL AT PHILADELPHIA.

AFTER a residence of some weeks I quitted New York, where symptoms of the yellow fever appeared. The season, although far advanced, continued excessively hot. The knowledge which I had acquired of the treatment of the Americans, even to persons who are the dearest to them; the fear of the hospital, to which strangers are sent without distinction; the