

rubbish, namely, from five in the morning till ten; and at night from sunset till eleven; that the latter hours were contrary to the regulations of the police, but that, as it was the habit, they were always in attendance. Lastly, he informed me that the unmarried chiffonniers principally lodge in the Faubourg. St. Marcel, where they obtain half a bed for from two to four sous a night, which they are required to pay in advance.

I asked him how much the chiffonniers obtained per day. He replied that the value of the refuse depended a good deal on the district, and that accordingly they gained from ten to thirty sous per day, according to the localities in which they worked. He added that for several years he himself had gained thirty sous a day, but that since the departure of Louis Philippe he had not, on an average, gained fifteen. "In the month of February," he said, "we did nothing, parceque le monde s'était retiré."¹

"But now that tranquillity is restored," said I, "how comes it that you do not gain your thirty sous as before?"

"Monsieur," he replied, "depuis la révolution le monde est plus économe; la consommation est moins grande dans les cuisines; on

¹ Because everybody had left.