

people as if he had full confidence in their civility, and they will never fail to treat him politely. Their rudeness, when they are rude, is more apparent than real, and they are invariably kind and attentive when a person in any way appeals to their generosity. They certainly do not smile, and bow, and cringe, and look as if they thought the stranger their superior; but they treat him, if he behaves properly, as man should man, as their equal, with all due charity and kindness.

Prescott observed to me that the English have very mistaken notions of the Yankee character. They picture him only as a money-making, money-saving, money-loving, 'cute fellow, who manufactures wooden nutmegs, and drives a sharp bargain whenever he has the chance. The real Yankee, on the contrary, though he thinks it is his duty, as it is his pleasure, to make money by all honest means, neither loves it for itself, nor by any means wishes to save it; but wherever he goes he is known for his liberality and the freedom with which he scatters about his wealth. At hotels he lives in the best style, and never dreams of looking at the items of a bill, while price seldom deters him from attaining any articles on which he has set his heart. Indeed, the Canadians complain that the Americans spoil the people at the hotels by their free payment, while throughout Europe they are known for their open-handed liberality.

We returned late to our hotel. A large dinner was taking place in a fine room in the hotel held by the members of a club, who go by the name of the Sons of Vermont, all having been born in that State. The master of the hotel politely invited me to look on at the proceedings. The table was elegantly decorated, and in perfect good taste. I regretted not being able to spare