

England. If you see posts and rails, instead of quickset hedges; if you see that which appears slovenliness about the fields, the meadows, and the homesteads; and if you see the plough and the scythe impeded in some cases by rocks and stumps of trees, do not seem in your conversation to despise a state of things so different from that in England, and do not draw the disadvantageous comparison. Do not be everlastingly saying, "We have such and such things in England;" for, though the Yankees will not ask if the poor people here have, or if you yourself ever had, fowls, turkeys, ducks and geese, and preserved peaches upon your table; though they will not ask you whether England gave you beefsteaks with your tea; though they will say nothing to you, they will form an opinion less advantageous of you, than they otherwise would have formed.

109. The best way is to take things as you find them, and make the best of the blessings you enjoy: wish for the happiness of your native country, and be faithful and grateful to that to which you have transferred your allegiance. When the proper time comes; when your term of probation has expired; when you enter upon the enjoyment of all the political rights of the citizen, then it is your *duty* to meddle with politics; it is your duty to do there as you would have done here if you could; prevent public mischief, promote public good, to the utmost of your power.

110. There are some inconveniences with respect to which I think it necessary to warn you. The first is, that you will, in spite of any cheerfulness of disposition, find yourself, at first, whether you be married or single, in that sort of state, which is described in the old saying *like a fish out of water*. I who have changed my local situation so often, and who have experienced changes so great, am well qualified to speak relative to this matter; for, if the changes have always had an impression upon a buoyant spirit like mine,