

their fresh colour, and at twenty-five some of them might be taken for Europeans of forty. There are some instances, nevertheless, of natives who have lived to a great age, to that of 70, 80, and 90 years, with remarkable health and spirits.

The number of children which die in infancy is proportionably greater than in Europe. Colds, hooping-coughs, and disorders of the throat and bowels take off great multitudes.

The manners and domestic economy of the inhabitants differ only in a few trifling shades from those of Great Britain; for although the population is composed of adventurers from every nation in Europe, the original settlers being principally English, to their customs and manners, as well as laws and language, successive emigrants have conformed in a great degree. The possession and usage of slaves, have introduced the only considerable difference, that commands the attention of a traveller, and this difference is most observable in the southern states.

The traits of character common to all are an ardour for enterprize, courage, an high sense of liberty, and an advantageous opinion of themselves. Habituated to business from their infancy, having for the most part made their fortune by their labour, industry is not become repugnant even to those in the most easy circumstances: while they wish to enjoy the sweets of life, they do not regard them as absolute wants; they know how to dispense with them, and to quit them, whenever their interest requires it; they can forget them whenever a reverse of fortune takes them away; and they know how to run after fortune when she escapes them, for the desire of riches is their ruling passion.

It has been asserted that the New World could not produce genius and talents like the Old, which has been