

owner," and "despot," are only synonymous terms. Well may the Emperor of Austria complain of the "felonious plunder" of the fugitive Hungarians, his property, and calculate the "mighty heap o' dollars" he has lost thereby.

They have lately established at New Orleans a House of Refuge, similar in principle to those of New York and Philadelphia; but it is yet in its infancy, fostered only by the exertions of a few benevolent individuals, who have migrated here from the North. The natives of the place are devoted to pleasure, music, dancing, card-playing, and racing. Sundays and weekdays all come alike to them, as far as I can learn.

I visited the House of Refuge for Girls, and by the kindness of a lady directress obtained a list of the nativities of the inmates. The total number was 76, of which only three were the offspring of native Americans. In the workhouse, where culprits are confined under sentence for small offences, and which is next door to the Boys' House of Refuge, I counted no less than sixteen advertisements of runaways, stuck up in the gateway. More happiness!—yes, "happy and contented," and "faithful and attached," are the phrases all over the world.

I saw one date-palm growing in a garden within the city of New Orleans, but it does not bear fruit. The most northern point in Europe where it is to be found is, I believe, Nice, in the south of France, where also it does not bear fruit. The banana, or plantain, also grows in gardens in the city, but produces little or nothing. They import the fruit from Jamaica. The climate is subject to those violent meteorological changes

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