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Mr. Prescott pointed out over an arch, forming the roof of a large recess with a window in it, two swords crossed. "There," said he; "one of those was worn by my grandfather, Colonel Prescott, who headed the infantry at Bunker's Hill; the other by my wife's grandfather, who commanded the British sloop-of-war, *Falcon*, which fired on the American troops. They are now happily crossed in peace and amity."

We returned to our hotel to dine at the Sunday dinner-hour of half-past one—fixed thus early, I fancy, that the servants may have the afternoon to themselves. I afterwards went out to South Boston to pay a visit to Dr. Howe, who had been good enough to invite us to spend the evening at his house to meet Boucicault and other literary men, but we had been previously engaged to drink tea with Mrs. Abbott Lawrence. Very few omnibuses run on a Sunday, only indeed such as are required to take people to and from church, a slight remnant of the respect paid by the Pilgrim Fathers to the Sabbath. I had some difficulty in finding the way; but everybody I spoke to was civil and anxious to aid me, and a gentleman went some distance out of his road to point out the Doctor's abode. I found also, that the people I met in omnibuses were always ready to afford information, and the knowledge exhibited by many was far greater than their dress or appearance would have led me to expect. There is much in the manners and the