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Experiences on Sugar here introduced. Sugar came was  
but into Europe from East by Saracens & Crusaders.  
was introduced in Spanish peninsula, <sup>some say</sup> went to Canary  
Is at Madeira & then to America, others say it was  
indigenous to new world. Certainly Spain brought  
knowledge of cultivation & introduced sugar culture  
into Española, St Domingo & Brazil, where  
cane chiefly flourished for better than in any  
other of West India Is. & better than in  
Spain. For a long time part of European  
sugar was derived from St Domingo. The  
whole of Española was nominally Spanish till  
1690 but, in 1697 peace of Ryswick western part  
of Is. was retained by Fr. by tacit understanding  
this part had been inhabited by Fr. bucheons  
from middle of 17<sup>th</sup> cty on. This was most  
important colonial possession of Fr. from  
middle of 18<sup>th</sup> cty. It declared itself independent in  
1791, the Fr. proclaimed death of King's edict. he  
conquered & Fr. withdrawn from Is in 1803. The  
Spanish part of Is became independent in 1821. Since  
then has followed every sort of paper constitution -  
parts have been joined separated, been republics  
empire etc. Sugar prod<sup>n</sup> suffered in proportion  
Island has come down hill till its internal condition is  
disgrace to the world & presents a probable future of ineffect  
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