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for his native country? Why, he ought to be despised if he had not, if he could forget his heritages of old renown—for it is this traditional tenderness, these genial memories of the immortal words and deeds and places, that constitute his patronymic glories, which show that he has a human heart still under his jacket, and is all the more likely, on account of it, to become a worthy American.

EDo not delade yourself, however, into the shallow belief that the aliens, because of these sentimental attachments, will be led into the love of their native governments, which, having plundered them and their class; for years, at lest expolled them to our shores. Ahi nopoor devils—they have not been so chucked under the chin, and fondled and caressed—and talked preity to, and fed with sweet-cakes, and humored in all sorts of self-indulgencies, by the old despotisms, as to have failen in love with them, forever and ever. On the contrary, if the reports are frue, quite other endearments were showered upon them—such as culls and kicks—with a distinct intimation, besides, as Mr. Richard Swiviller said to Mr. Quilp, after pounding him thoroughly, that "there were plenty more in the same shop—a large and extensive assortment always on hand—and every order executed with promittude and disprich." Now, these are experiences that are apt to make republicans of men, and to fill them with other feelings than those of overweening attachment to oppressors!

But this is a slight digression, and we return to the main current of our argument, to say—what we esteem quite fatal to all schemes for excommunicating foreigners, or even greatly, extending their milority—that the best way, on the whole, for making them good clitzens, is to make them clitzens. The evils of making them a class by themselves we have already alluded to, and we now speak, on the other hand, of the benefits which must accrue to them and to us from their absorption into the general life of the community. It is universally conceded by the liberal writers of local self-

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