

the Catechism, so that we may know our lesson well.'” That is enough of this subject; let us say a few words about the simplicity and the candor of these good people. When any one of them has been cured by a remedy, all the other sick ask for a similar one, although their disorders may be quite different. A poor woman having repaired to the Hospital, with two of her children, of whom one was sick, two medicines were ordered, one for the child, and the other for the mother; in the morning the two cups were offered to the mother. Now as it is the custom among these people to share with each other what they eat, or what they drink, this good creature took her daughter's potion in her hand, first tasted it herself, then gave it to her two children to drink, one after the other; having emptied the first cup, she took the second, and distributed it in like manner, each one drinking in turn. A fine way, that, of taking medicine!

Madame the Duchess d'Aiguillon, having [99] sent to the Chapel of her Hospital a beautiful Crucifix,—on one side of which is the blessed Virgin, who points out to our Lord this good Lady, and on the other Saint John, who points out Monseigneur the Cardinal, and the little Savages painted all about him,—these good people, especially the women and young girls, ran to see this lifelike Picture. Now, as the Mothers had made known to them the obligations under which they were to this great Lady, these good people were not content with simply looking at this beautiful Portrait,—they were obliged to express the actions that impressed their eyes. The little girls said to each other, speaking of Madame the Duchess, “She is on her knees;” forthwith all