
SOME FRENCH WIT AND WISDOM.

That curious little paper, the "Eagle and the Serpent," which ordinarily confines itself pretty much to the teaching of Nietzsche, seems inclined to enlarge its scope. This month it draws its readers' attention to the maxims of Sebastian-Roche Nicholas Chamfort (1741-1794), whose sayings will often bear comparison with the best of Rochefoucauld. From the selection given we take the following specimens of Chamfort's wit and wisdom:—

Intelligent people may make blunders because they never believe the world as stupid as it is.

Love pleases more than marriage for the reason that romance is more interesting than history.

You run the risk of being disgusted if you pry into the processes of cookery, government, or justice.

A man in deep mourning is asked:—"Good God! whom have you lost?" "I?" says he. "I have lost nothing; I am a widower."

Milton, after the restoration of Charles II., was on the way to securing again a lucrative office which he had lost. His wife urged him. He replied:—"You are a woman, and you want a coach; as for me, I want to live and die an honest man."

A bright woman told me once that when choosing a sweetheart a woman pays more regard to what other women say about the man of her choice than to her own opinion of him.

When a man has been tormented and fatigued by his sensitiveness, he learns that he must live from day to day, forget all that is possible, and efface his life from memory as it passes.—"Daily Mail."

A reliable Chinese report says that Li Hung Chang's credentials have been refused, as they do not bear the Emperor's private seal. A further delay in the negotiations is, therefore, inevitable.
