FOREIGN.

The *Chronique des Arts* tells a curious story which shows very strikingly to what perfection the art of manufacturing sham antiquities has attained in Italy. In 1864, M. de Nolivos, a French art-collector, bought at Florence a bust of Girolamo Benivieni, the friend of Pico della Mirandola and Savonarola. It was exhibited in the following year in Paris, where it was pronounced by connoisseurs to be the work of either Mino da Fiesole or Benedetto da Majano (1429-1510). M. de Nolivos's collection was sold by auction in Paris last year, when the bust excited a lively competition, and was finally secured by the Government at a large price for the Louvre. It now appears, says the *Chronique*, that the bust was the work of a living artist, Giovanni Freppa, residing at Florence. This statement is supported by certificates from Freppa himself, from a sculptor of Florence who saw him model the bust, and from a workman in a tobacco manufactory, who declares the bust to be an excellent likeness of a comrade who sat to the sculptor as his model. The most amusing part of the affair is that the *Gazette des Beaux Arts*, to which the *Chronique* is a sort of appendix, itself published an article on this bust in 1865, which speaks in enthusiastic terms of its merits, and indulges in much fanciful speculation as to its author. M. Paul Mantz, the writer of this article, sees in the likeness of the cigar-maker that of "a person who has grown old through much study and acquired intimacy with the Muses," and adds that, although he could never have known Benivieni, he is ready to "swear that the bust is like him."

The Paris correspondent of a London paper has the following: "The balls at the Grand Opera-House have commenced, and are attended by the class of persons who are accustomed to indulge in these midnight revelries. It is remarked that every year the number of foreigners who flock to these Bacchanalian festivities is on the increase. The Americans in particular are great patrons of everything *accoutré* in Paris. A French journal observes: 'The Opera balls are more and more crowded, gay, animated, rollicking, unrestrained, and amusing. It is a remarkable fact that now-a-days ladies are at no pains to conceal the fact of their attendance at these places of amusement, which calls to mind what Chamfort said: '*Ce sont de nouvelles lieux qu'on avoue.*'" The truth is that these visits are talked about very freely in some well-regulated *salons* of Paris, where you may hear a lady say to another, 'I went on such an evening to the ball at the Opera,' and the ladies to whom these remarks are addressed listen with interest to the avowal, and smile, with a cigarette between their ruby lips. 'A sign of the times! very pleasant!' It is notorious that some half-dozen ladies who move in the highest circles of Parisian society have long assumed the toilette, and in some respects the manner, of the *demi-monde* world, and have made themselves so conspicuous that they are glared at by the public whenever they visit any of the shops in the leading thoroughfares. The other day a *grande dame*, who shall be nameless, was making purchases at a famous bronze establishment on the Boulevards. A crowd collected outside the window, watching the movements of this aristocratic notability, and indulging in remarks which the ancients would have applied to an Aspasia. Ladies who ought, from their education, position, and responsibility to society, to set an example to the world of morality and propriety, condescend to pervert everything to which they were born, and dedicate themselves to the most 'base uses.'"

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