

used, and the proper terms devised. Wynken de Worde printed a *Book of Kerwinge*, A. 1508, wherein the said terms are registered^p. 'The use of *forks* at table, says Dr. Percy, did not prevail in England till the reign of James I. as we learn from a remarkable passage in *Coryat*^q'; the passage is indeed curious, but too long to be here transcribed, where brevity is so much in view; wherefore I shall only add, that forks are not now used in some parts of Spain^r. But then it may be said, what becomes of the old English hospitality in this case, the *roast-beef of Old England*, so much talked of? I answer, these bulky and magnificent dishes must have been the product of later reigns, perhaps of queen Elizabeth's time, since it is plain that in the days of Rich. II. our ancestors lived much after the French fashion. As to hospitality, the households of our Nobles were immense, officers, retainers, and servants, being entertained almost without number; but then, as appears from the Northumberland Book, and afterwards from the household establishment of the prince of Wales, A. 1610, the individuals, or at least small parties, had their *quantum*, or ordinary, served out, where any good œconomy was kept, apart to themselves^s. Again, we find in our Roll, that great quan-

^p Ames, Typ. Ant. p. 90. The terms may also be seen in Rand. Holme III. p. 78.

^q Dr. Percy, l. c.

^r Thicknesse, Travels, p. 260.

^s Dr. Birch, Life of Henry prince of Wales, p. 457. seq.