be sure, and the soft, mellow notes of the guitar were certain to be heard out on the river as some youth sang the popular ballad of the day:

Lightly row, lightly row, as o'er the dancing waves we go;
Smoothly glide, smoothly glide, out on the silent tide.
Let the winds and waters be, mingled with our melody,
Lightly row, lightly row, for music's voice is low.
Gently with the sea-bird's note, let our dying music float,
Lightly row, l-i-g-h-t-l-y r-o-w.

There was serenading by groups of young men, who would visit the home of some popular person and with music and songs entertain the household for half an hour or so, those within in the meantime preparing refreshments for the serenaders. Frequently the presence of some "love-sick" person would be evinced by the notes of his guitar, as he stood singing softly outside the home of his "lady-love". More boisterous was the custom of charivari, or "shiveree", a hideous clamor of tin pans, horns, whistles, and other disagreeable noises, indulged in outside the home of a newly married widow or widower. The hilarious amusement always provoked anger on the part of the groom, but it would not cease until the participants were refreshed with cake and wine.

This lightness, vivacity, love of pleasure, marks clearly the impress of the Spanish character upon the community.

The English occupation also left some of its staunch, staid customs, such as strict attendance upon the Church services; financial provision for the future; propriety the requirement of society's inner circle; and a rigid obedience to set customs, a disregard of them being considered an evidence of ill-breeding.

All forms of affliction met with the profoundest sympathy. Notice of funerals was written on a sheet of letter paper through which a wide black ribbon was inserted, and taken from house to house by a servant, attendance being considered a mark of respect for the living, as well as for the dead. There were no trained nurses and it devolved upon some member of the family, usually the mother or oldest daughter, to perform such duties in case of sickness. When members of a household were unable to provide the necessary attention for its sick, neighbors volunteered. It was nothing out of the ordinary for those occupying the highest social