

The culinary art
depends on the psychological
state of society...
wherever life is easy and
comfortable,
where the future is assured,
it always experiences a
considerable development.
On the contrary,
wherever life and its cares
preoccupy the mind of man
he cannot give to good cheer
more than a limited place...
They consider lost the time
spent at table and demand
only one thing:
to be served quickly.

~ Escoffier