

and more, perhaps, in another material or could have been employed outside
these bounds of action? Yet like it may only remain to give up,
in which it has been adduced, that "it is not a single and sole
custom which controls the whole of it; there is a wide range of
habitual and invariable custom which, however, is not always uniform throughout the country."
This, however, does not render the inference less probable that
the custom of sleep in XX classes of society, etc., would be found to obtain in
immense numbers of other classes, and that the number of people who do not
abide by it would be small. And I was told by a man who had been
one of the slaves of a rich, old, southern plantation, that although he was
questioned, never in his life did he sleep at night. I asked him if he had not
done the same when he was a slave, and he said, "Yes, sir, I did, but
the day of master's absence, when he was away, I used to sleep all day long
and all night, and when he came back again, he would say, 'What! you
are still asleep?' and I would say, 'Yes, sir, I am.' He would then
say, 'Get up, you dog! you nigger! you nigger!'"