

'A member of the Maccaroni Club'.

The year 1772 introduced a new style for gentlemen, imported by a number of young men of fashion who had travelled to Italy, and formed an association called the Maccaroni Club, in contradiction to the Beef-steak Club of London. Maccaronies wore enormous toupees, with very large curls at the sides; upon this an exceedingly small hat was worn which was sometimes lifted from the head with the cane, generally very long & decorated with extremely large tassels.