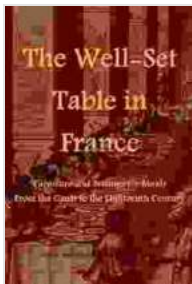


# Furniture and Settings for Meals: A Journey Through Time from the Gauls to the Eighteenth Century



## The Well-Set Table in France: Furniture and Settings for Meals From the Gauls to the Eighteenth Century

by Andrew M. Civitello

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

Language : English  
File size : 682 KB  
Text-to-Speech : Enabled  
Screen Reader : Supported  
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled  
Word Wise : Enabled  
Print length : 104 pages  
Lending : Enabled



Dining has always been an important part of human culture. It is a time to gather with family and friends, to share food and drink, and to socialize. The furniture and settings for meals have evolved over time to reflect the changing needs and customs of society.

### The Gauls

The Gauls were a Celtic people who lived in Europe from the 5th century BC to the 1st century AD. They were known for their love of feasting and their elaborate dining rituals.

The Gauls typically ate their meals on the floor, sitting on cushions or animal skins. They used wooden bowls and platters for serving food, and they drank from horns or cups made of wood or metal.

The Gauls also had a custom of using communal pots for cooking and eating. These pots were often made of bronze or iron, and they were large enough to feed an entire family or group of people.

## **The Middle Ages**

The Middle Ages were a period of great change in Europe. The rise of Christianity led to a new emphasis on dining as a social and religious occasion.

The dining table became an important piece of furniture in the Middle Ages. It was typically a long, rectangular table made of wood or stone. The table was often covered with a tablecloth, and it was set with plates, bowls, and cutlery.

The Middle Ages also saw the development of new dining customs. For example, it became common to use individual plates and cutlery, and to eat with a fork instead of a knife.

## **The Renaissance**

The Renaissance was a period of renewed interest in classical learning and culture. This interest extended to the area of dining, and the Renaissance saw a return to the use of elaborate dining furniture and settings.

The Renaissance dining table was typically a large, round or oval table made of wood or marble. The table was often decorated with carvings or

paintings, and it was set with fine china, glassware, and cutlery.

The Renaissance also saw the development of new dining customs. For example, it became common to serve multiple courses at a meal, and to use napkins and finger bowls.

### **The Baroque Period**

The Baroque period was a time of great opulence and extravagance. This is reflected in the dining furniture and settings of the period.

The Baroque dining table was typically a large, rectangular table made of wood or marble. The table was often decorated with elaborate carvings or gilt, and it was set with fine china, glassware, and cutlery.

The Baroque period also saw the development of new dining customs. For example, it became common to serve even more courses at a meal, and to use elaborate table centerpieces.

### **The Rococo Period**

The Rococo period was a time of reaction against the opulence and extravagance of the Baroque period. This is reflected in the dining furniture and settings of the period.

The Rococo dining table was typically a smaller, more delicate table made of wood or marble. The table was often decorated with rocaille ornamentation, and it was set with fine china, glassware, and cutlery.

The Rococo period also saw the development of new dining customs. For example, it became common to serve fewer courses at a meal, and to use

more informal table settings.

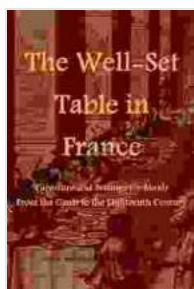
## The 18th Century

The 18th century was a time of great change in Europe. The Industrial Revolution led to new technologies and materials, and the Enlightenment led to new ideas about society and culture.

The dining furniture and settings of the 18th century reflect these changes. The dining table became smaller and more portable, and it was often made of new materials such as mahogany or satinwood.

The 18th century also saw the development of new dining customs. For example, it became common to serve food on individual plates, and to use separate dishes for different courses.

The history of dining furniture and settings is a fascinating one that reflects the changing needs and customs of society. From the simple meals of the Gauls to the opulent banquets of the 18th century, the furniture and settings for meals have played an important role in our lives.



### The Well-Set Table in France: Furniture and Settings for Meals From the Gauls to the Eighteenth Century

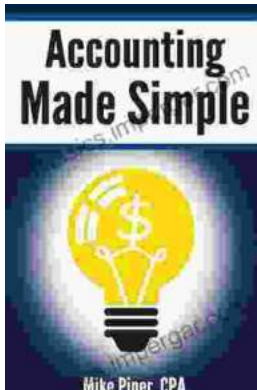
by Andrew M. Civitello

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

Language : English  
File size : 682 KB  
Text-to-Speech : Enabled  
Screen Reader : Supported  
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled  
Word Wise : Enabled  
Print length : 104 pages  
Lending : Enabled

FREE

DOWNLOAD E-BOOK



## Unlock Financial Literacy: Dive into "Accounting Explained In 100 Pages Or Less"

Embark on an enlightening journey with "Accounting Explained In 100 Pages Or Less," the ultimate guide for comprehending essential financial concepts. Designed for...



## The Intrepid Wanda Jablonski and the Power of Information

In the heart of Nazi-occupied Poland, amidst the darkness and despair, a beacon of hope flickered—Wanda Jablonski, a courageous librarian who dedicated her...