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Problem of Advantaging

One way to split up the question of advantaging into useful categories for analysis, rather than treating it monolithically, is to consider the difference between the very rich, who advantage for the sake of maintaining family power (but are able to take care of cadets to a reasonable degree at the same time) and the quite poor for whom it means maintaining simply one viable income property--such as a farm. This involves, too, the distinction between bourgeois and peasant wealth, although the bourgeois tend to want to divide equally in most cases (if my hunch is correct) and do not do so only when there is some indivisible element in their patrimony such as an office or a business. There is, therefore, a kind of common interest between the noble and the peasant in terms of advantaging, for quite different reasons, and the bourgeois are a mixed group between them. The noble and the peasant, of course, are bound chiefly by their attachment to land, which the nobility wish to keep intact for sense of family status, the peasants for reasons of economic viability. The bourgeois wealth being more in mobile, or fictively immobile <sup>(especially rentes)</sup> ~~xxxxxx (rentes) xxxxxxxx offices~~ form, it was more easily dividible; for them to imitate noble succession and disadvantage cadets would have been pretentious, and ~~for~~ there was no compelling necessity for them to do the same for the reasons that the peasants might.