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‘Creo, y ésta es mi profesión de fe, que el que tiene disposición para escribir debe hacerlo; empezando por poco para ir a más; errando algunas veces para acertar otras; en estilo florido o severo, alto o bajo, como pueda; de asuntos graves o frívolos, según le dicte su temperamento; sin aspirar a la suma perfección, y sin creerse superior a los demás; respetando el gusto y el decoro, pero con cierta soltura; y sin aguardar para todo ello a formarse un criterio muy exacto, filosófico, estético, etc., que ¡ay! no logrará acaso poseer nunca . . .’ From a letter, dated 19 September 1879, from Emilia Pardo Bazán to Francisco Giner. Quoted by Alberto Jiménez Fraud in ‘Jaime, doña Emilia y don Francisco’, *Papeles de son armadans*, xxvi (1962), 171–82 (p. 176)

‘El comer se *humaniza* cada día más. Ya no es el engullir de la bestia hambrienta. También en la mesa puede el espíritu sobreponerse a lo material.’ Emilia Pardo Bazán, *La cocina española moderna* (Madrid, 1916), p. viii

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References to works by Pardo Bazán have been made as far as possible to the three volumes of the Aguilar *Obras completas* and have been included in the text abbreviated to a roman numeral (volume), and arabic numeral (page) and a letter, a or b (column on page). The text of the first two volumes of the *Obras completas* is not always accurate. The more glaring errors have been corrected in accordance with the first edition and/or Pardo Bazán's own *Obras completas*. The references to unpublished correspondence from Pardo Bazán to Narciso Oller are the catalogue numbers of the Instituto Municipal de Historia in Barcelona, i.e. the initials of the recipient followed by a roman numeral and an arabic numeral. References to the Giner papers in the Real Academia de la Historia have been abbreviated to RAH, Giner. *Bulletin of Hispanic Studies* has been abbreviated to *BHS*.