

nification in Dutch: the independence of white servants, here called *helps*, is not always endurable even to Jonathan; hence niggers are preferred. I never saw a Yankee menial, servitude being unpopular amongst them. Irishmen, who number 40,000 in and around New York, will do twice the work of a nigger, and are consequently in great request. A laboring negro in the city, from the savings of a self-denying indulgence, furnished his poorer brethren, in the winter of last year, with firing gratuitously. In all public employments, the Scotch, from their sobriety are preferred. Swiss and Germans, as planters, or landed proprietors. Neither the English nor Irish can withstand cheap liquor so well as emigrants from other countries. The first Germans that came thither, landed at New York, June 10, 1710.

19. Boots and shoes *look* well, but the leather, as in Canada, is mere hide, so that one pair of English will beat two of either: New York State has 385 tanneries, 16 of which partially supply Canada. Annual amount of this branch of trade in the State is \$5,000,000. Lynn, near Boston, is noted for Ladies shoes, the female operatives whereof receive \$70,000 a year for binding them. The neighbouring peninsula of Nahant is a much frequented summer retreat. When calling for orders or delivering goods, it is done by a *rat-tat*; which descends even to the shoe-boy: hence the reason, I apprehend, that so many houses are without knockers. The city has 6,000 clerks, chiefly natives, exclusive of *shop-men*, who are here and in Canada also, universally called clerks. The revenues of the city are \$1,036,960, and its expenditure about as much.

20. The following extract from the New York Courier and Enquirer, which, with the Philadelphia Courier, are the largest sheets I ever saw in the folio form, and three parts filled with advertisements—being a circular of Dec. 29, 1832, exhibits a but too common pest in their large cities: "Gentlemen, this will apprise you I have sold out my stock, and am settling up my concerns. If you relieve me from what I owe you, I will pay you in notes at the rate of thirty cents per dollar. Consign your demands to C. P. Pollard, and by the first of March I will make the payment. The amount of my New York debts is \$30,000.—J. K. Walton." I must, in fairness add, that where delinquencies occur, remote from the contamination of large towns, they are generally perpetrated by men of color, or originate with natives of other countries. I was amused by the English of Hot Coffee, at the corner of the fish or Fulton Market, accompanied by a buttered cake much relished by their customers. A coffee shop, however, as introduced at London in 1812, now containing 3,000, is not to be found in New York. I often heard a street cry of "Corn, piping hot," meaning Indian corn boiled. Ice is also retailed during summer; at which time iced soda water is in such demand, that large fortunes have been made by its sale. Although the state legislature has abolished your *Excellency*