

Cities.

It will hardly be thought that there are not on the whole globe fifty cities containing 200,000 people; but such is the fact, and any one may convince himself of it by consulting a geographical dictionary. It would seem at first that there must be at least 200 cities of 200,000 population; but there is not, I repeat, one-fourth the number. Of these Great Britain has about nine, France three, Italy four, Germany (proper) five or six, China some nine, and the United States, according to the latest census, nine or ten. It is somewhat remarkable that a country only a hundred years old should have as many (if not more) large cities as the oldest lands; but it is not improbable that before another century we shall count as large a number of cities of 200,000 inhabitants as there are now in the whole world. New Yorkers may look with a certain disdain upon towns of that size; but when they remember how few there are their disdain should be modified, if not converted to respect. We are inclined to think that old and famous Capitals like Cordova, Granada, Cadiz, Florence, Venice, Padua, Verona, Bologna, Warsaw, Cracow, Antwerp, Ghent, Rotterdam, Leyden, Leipsic must be very large, though they really have no more than 70,000 to 140,000 or 150,000 people each. The cities that can lay claim to 100,000 population and upward are perhaps 150,000, and these include many of those which at first thought we should suppose contained two or three times the number. *Commercial Advertiser.*

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