

to nourish his starving body. He stated, that he had applied at the *Alms House* for aid, but being a resident of West Chester, the rules of the institution prevented him from being received. He was taken care of by the humane *keeper*, and will be sent back by him to his county. Truly may we exclaim—"Republics are ungrateful."

"Were the deprivation told" of Ireland, how soon would New York have conventions "to wipe off the stigma of humanity."

There are nearly an hundred hospitals in London, and it appears "a talk of more," attention therefore has been paid to persons likely to suffer in any way according to the dispensations of Providence, without poor feverish Julia being the least concerned. "In the winter of '37, fever was unusually severe in Spitalfields—an alarm being thereby given, the Commissioners under the Poor Law, considered it their duty to send thither Dr. Arnot, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Kay, to enquire into the cause of the disease." These accomplished physicians, in their report of May, '38, declared the chief causes to be bad draining, and bad ventilation. Their report was laid before Parliament by the Home Secretary; and referred to a Committee of the House of Commons, who would attend to a petition of chimney sweeps,—by the way, Frank, did you ever meet in your *extensive* reading, with a petition of the negro slaves to Congress? Never. Well, they did send a petition—it was kicked out of doors, and it was resolved—"That Niggers had no right to petition." In the most free and enlightened country in the world—was not that cruel, Frank?—uncommon.

It would appear, from the patients in Spitalfields having been attended to, and from *the action* taken upon it, as they say here, that the proper authorities were not wholly inattentive to the sanitary condition of the laboring classes. There are ten thousand lanes and alleys in the City of London—so called in contradistinction to West End—it is therefore a matter of wonder that it is so healthy, and it proves not only the excellence of the climate, but that some care is given to ventilation and draining.

But does not every person know how difficult it is to prevent inattention to salutary measures among the poorer classes, until sickness arrives; in every small family, it must be felt.—What system could be adopted to prevent reckless and improvident persons from letting in air when it should be kept out, and keeping it in when ventilation is required. It should be recollected that the population of London is very nearly two millions—to keep such a population in order, is not quite so easy as dashing off an ill-natured paragraph. I shall make it my business, now that it is said fever may prevail here, to see in what manner Five Points, and Anthony-street, are put in preparation to prevent infection, and if I do not find them