

address upon American notes. The President and all heads of departments have the privilege of franking: senators also send and receive free, but if they frank one not written by themselves, their order, or on public business, the fine is \$10. Lists of unclaimed letters are regularly published in American and Canadian newspapers: postage on letters to the frontier of either, must be paid each way.

29. The Parade, where Mr. Buchanan, our consul resides, and which formed Washington's head quarters, is nearly enclosed with good houses, chiefly owned by an English capitalist. Here I witnessed the removal of a house, whole and entire, full 500 yards. I also saw a brick one, 210 Bowery, raised so as to build another story beneath it, without making even a crack in the wall: hence, peradventure, houses will soon be sold, and like other sort of goods, be delivered, per order, to any part of the city. The foregoing was executed by Mr. Bakewell, 177 Elizabeth street, whose address I introduce lest some one might cry *fudge*, a word originating, in 1700, with Capt. Fudge of London, who, whatever cargo he brought from foreign parts, always returned well freighted with lies. There are 20,903 building lots occupied, and 6,352 vacant. I met our celebrated ex-sheriff Parkins in the Broadway: his litigious propensities had involved him in 100 lawsuits. He and Stephenson the Lombard street banker, from cross suits of law with each other, are now inmates of the same prison. 30. Touching the articles of morality and sobriety, read the following extract from the New York Enquirer of December 29, 1832: "Some idea may be formed of the number of larcenies in this city, from the fact, that since the first of November, 165 entries have been made in the book kept at the Police office, for the purpose of recording losses by theft. More than double the number of cases were decided, which arose exclusively from the inordinate use of strong waters." From the same authority, it appears that swindling, and obtaining goods fraudulently, are rapidly increasing. Burglers conceal their operations by imitating the cry of a cat. The light-fingered gentry, have also this season, visited the President's levees, and intruded in the chambers of the senate. Dr. Cathcart of York, Pennsylvania, keeping regular entries, ascertained that, in 1831, from intemperance, 169 murders had been committed in the States: to which cause, according to Major Noah, of the New York Star, may be attributed the frequency of suicide and insanity. The expenses of a lunatic enquiry here, seldom exceed ten pounds, but with us they commonly amount to thousands. Many tavern keepers have bowling alley ten pins, because *nine* pins are illegal. A Faro-table keeper profiting by this hint, called it *forty eight*: the authorities however were not to be evaded, for they broke up his table, and sent him to the penitentiary. Draughts and Backgammon are the chief sources of amusement in private parties. A wealthy Irishman, of this city,

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