

62. At the steam-boat stations, boys attend, after the manner of coach-offices in London, with the daily papers: if you buy and require change, demand it before parting with your silver, otherwise you will see neither of them again. 63. Upon executions within the Bridewell at New York, the sheriff is not allowed a deputy. The culprit is placed under the beam, with one end of the cord round his neck, and the other fixed to an immense weight above, which, at a given signal, is rolled off; the sufferer instantly drawn up, and thus suspended till he dies. Transportation beyond seas, is a mode of punishment unknown in America.

64. The size of an American rifle ball for shooting deer and bears, is 60 to a pound; that for the buffalo and elk, 50; and practising at a mark, from 60 to 80. Their chief sword, rifle, and pistol factories are in Middleton, county of Middlesex, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Principal armories are at Springfield, 87 miles from Boston, and including a cannon foundry, at Richmond, Virginia; in which town is a monumental church, built on the ruins of the theatre, consumed by fire on the night of December 26, 1811, during the rehearsal of a play, when 72 persons were killed, including the governor, G. W. Smith, Esq. one of the actors, by the name of Cone, who escaped this conflagration, afterwards became a most eminent preacher in New York. At Harper's ferry, is a large gun establishment, also an elegant stone arsenal at Rome near Albany, and a national one in Watertown near Boston, besides those of individual states, as that of New York, which alone has eleven arsenals. The leading cannon foundry is at Chambers Creek: whilst in that of Richmond, 500 pieces have been already cast.— Delaware state contains the best gunpowder mills: those at Manchester, Conn. have been twice blown up during the last six months. The chief shot-towers are in Herculaneum, on the Mississippi, with one, 160 feet high, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: great beds of coal are found in this district, and around Pittsburg, which from its numerous factories, potteries, distilleries, &c. disgorge clouds of coal smoke, may be considered the Birmingham of America: indeed, on one side of it, is a village so called, and on the other, the town of Manchester. The treasurer of the Pittsburg Missionary Society, lately received \$1000 anonymously. There are 24 Benevolent Societies in America, with an income of \$584,000: the first was formed in 1798, the last in 1830. I saw, in many houses, gun barrels and bayonets, as fire pokers, which, on inspection, proved to be English. They were a sort of heirloom, received by their progenitors from England, when under the sway of the British Empire.

65. The theatres are the Park, Richmond Hill, and the Bowery, having a much admired portico. The first American theatre was erected in Virginia. Constables are admitted within them to preserve order. Shakespeare's head, Nassau street, is the theatri-