

doors, and, as a defence against bad weather, it is furnished with a leathern curtain, which encloses the open part. The light waggons are very much like the coachees, but they are not so elegantly fitted up, and are large enough to hold a dozen people, which makes them convenient for stage carriages. I was not satisfied, you may be certain, till I had had a ride in each of them.

The Philadelphians are indebted to Benjamin Franklin for the establishment of the university, the public library, the hospitals, companies of assurance against fire, and the Philosophical Society. This great man was the son of a soap-boiler at Boston, and was born in 1706. Having taken a dislike to his father's business, he was apprenticed to his brother, who was a printer and published a newspaper; which gave young Franklin an opportunity of displaying his genius and taste for literature, that excited his brother's jealousy to so great a degree, that he was obliged to leave him; and he underwent many vicissitudes, in attempting to make his way in the world by his own abilities and industry, unassisted by a friend, or the fostering hand of a parent. He was at one time so much reduced, as to wander about the streets of Philadelphia, a stranger to all around him, without employment, or knowing where to find any; eating a dry crust, and quenching his thirst in the waters of the Delaware, with only twopence halfpenny in his pocket. And yet, he rose to be the legislator of America,