

there were received or discharged from the city prisons (police prisons) during the years 1850-51-52, a total of 68,456 persons, of which only 12,522 were native white Americans, 3757 coloured people, and 52,177 foreigners. In the whole of the prisons I visited in New York, I found that for equal numbers of the population of each class the number of native white Americans was to the others :: 1 : 5·56 for the coloured, and 1 : 4·42 for the foreigners. I have extracted from a New York paper the following:—

“The whole number of places in this city where alcoholic liquors are sold, is 7130: 1043 are kept by Americans, or persons calling themselves such; 3270 by Germans; 2327 by Irish; 235 by other foreigners; 233 by women, and 22 by coloured people. Open on Sunday, 5893; drinking places where boxing-matches are allowed, 11; resorts of thieves, 126; resorts of prostitutes, full 500; billiards, 216: dance-houses of prostitutes &c., 162; dog-fights allowed in 6; rat-killing allowed in 4; cock-fighting allowed in 7.” Now the county of New York (including the city and a small district round) had in 1850 a total number of native white Americans, 260,743—of foreigners, 240,989.

It is not, then, to her own institutions that the chief city of the republic owes this mass of profligacy, but to the different monarchies of Europe, whose degraded children have been trained up to dissipation by the pernicious example of the privileged idlers they have been taught to venerate. Let us, at least, put the saddle on the right horse.

This corrupt element is now a large one, and increasing year by year from the emigration. It will be