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The New York Crystal Palace was not to be compared with the one in London. Yet it was a surprising effort, considering that it was made only by a company of speculators. But there is something arising from the institutions of the country which renders it ill adapted for display. Prosperity and comfort are generally diffused, but there are no examples of concentrated wealth, such as crowns and crown jewels, and great diamonds. Perhaps those who saw the Koh-i-Noor at the London Exhibition, and remembered its history, might have thought that the world would be quite as well without anything of the kind.

There were great complaints shortly after my arrival here, that the city of New York had been badly governed. The newspapers pointed out the cause to the people with great good sense. They told them it was their own fault—that they had, through carelessness, allowed extravagant mismanagement to subsist—that they had given their votes from party considerations, and not selected honest and able men, as they ought to