

tor of heat. The palid hue of the natives is very striking to strangers: the city is unhealthy, residents admitting to me, that if it were not for the influx of emigration (91,649 in last three years) it would soon become a desert. Emigration adds one thousand per week to the Union; and Nature as many per day: New York is its largest port of entry: England has 74, Ireland 21, and Scotland 15 ports.

26. The American Bible Society, Nassau-street, has printed 1,084,980 copies since its formation in 1816 (our king's printer and the two universities 240,000 annually) the presses are worked by steam, and attended by young women. The Tract Society distributes 1,000,000 pages weekly. Elliott's Indian Bible, set up in 1633, was the first Bible printed in America. Dr. Webster, of New Haven, has published a new edition of the sacred volume, in which he has carefully revised the grammatical errors, obsolete words, and indelicate passages of the old: it is greatly patronised. A type called backslope is much used in the city, which has six principal type and stereotype foundries, that employ 500 men, and 4000 printers in the commonwealth. Copy rights extend to 28 years, with 14 additionally to the author or his heirs. This is inexpensive, but taking out a patent costs \$30, though in England \$500. Number issued at Washington, last year, was 540. Aggregate in their patent office since its formation in 1790, down to 1831, is 6911; of which 5951 remain unrecorded; that is, on investigation, prove to be destitute of originality. Upwards of 152 patents expired in 1834. The public buildings of the capital, residences and equipages of its citizens, are of the most costly order, and living, as a consequence, exceedingly expensive. On examining the revolutionary pension roll at Washington, containing 23,438 names, I counted 457 pensioners that died off last year: New York state has the most (4310) and Florida the least (3). Several persons have been lately convicted at Clarksburgh, Virginia, of perjury and forgery, committed for the purpose of obtaining pensions under the general government. The President's residence at Washington, being of that color, is familiarly called the *white house*: Mr. Gale, an Englishman, has recently filled the office of mayor: its small river, about the width of the Paddington canal, dignified by the name of *Tiber*, is properly *Goose-creek*; whilst the straggling and unbuild character of the city, has the aspect of a town on a visit in the country.

27. America publishes 1265 newspapers, 720 of which issue from the Atlantic states. In 1775 there were but 37; in 1801—203; in 1810—358. Their first appearance at Boston was in 1704, and at New York in 1773. Amount of their sale is \$3,000,000 annually. New York alone publishes 65, of which 13 are daily, issuing 21,827 sheets per diem, averaging 1679 each. Cowper's patent press has been imported from London, and is used in the principal offices. Mushroom papers, by the dozen, start weekly at New

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