

soft-good stores, particularly in the state of Philadelphia, are attended by females, who, in all other, as in these establishments, are brought forward and put to use wherever their services can be made available. By this means the supply of shop and office labour is frequently increased beyond its demand, and the necessity which could give it employment. The usual salary to a clerk, whether in a merchant's office, bank, or other establishment, seldom averages more than from 250 to 300 dollars. There are some who are paid beyond this sum, perhaps 600 dollars ; and, in some few instances, 1000 dollars per annum. But situations of this kind are exceedingly rare.

*Shopmen*, on the whole, are somewhat better remunerated, their services and labour being generally considered greater. Foreigners are very seldom admitted to any of these situations, for which they are generally considered unfitted ; their want of knowledge of the country, the manners and general business-habits of its people, independent of the prejudice that exists against them throughout every part of the Republic, makes it at all times a matter of extreme difficulty their securing any appointment or provision of the kind.