

000; the bell in its clock tower, weighing two tons, was cast in the city, and is the largest produced in the states. Its staircase is the easiest, and at the same time dirtiest, I ever ascended. The window sills in the waiting passages, being of wood, are cut down to the brick work by the *leisure knives* of brother Jonathan. On each side are the Cholera and Bridewell hospitals, and in their rear the United States Courts, which retain in their pleadings the names of John Doe and Richard Roe. Their oaths are attested by holding up the hand, not, as with us, by kissing the Evangelists. The commencement of their legal instruments, is, "The people of the State of New York, by the grace of God, free and independent." Their criminal prison is at Sing Sing, containing a thousand separate cells, 30 miles up the Hudson. There are many public buildings and benevolent institutions, with 20 fire and 8 insurance offices, 120 places for divine worship, besides catholic churches and a cathedral, the bishop of which lately received \$10,000 from the Propaganda at Rome, for establishing a college in his diocese, there being 30,000 Catholics in and around New York. The reformed Dutch church, Nassau street, to which Washington belonged, is the largest in the city, which is governed by a mayor and aldermen, similar to London, whose Lord Mayor is not so called in virtue of his office, but from the manor of Finsbury, of which, during his mayoralty, he is *lord*. At its police office, one of the three magistrates is in constant attendance: chief constable Hayes is the Townsend of the office: its annual expense is \$12,928. There is but one coroner, his fees and expenses, last year, were \$3,184. Principal law school is at Litchfield, Connecticut; with 8 professional ones in the city, one public law library, and another in Albany. The expense of the legal courts for those States forming New England, is \$150,000 per ann. Chief Justice in the Supreme Court of the General Government \$5,000; his six associates, \$4,500 each; and the Attorney General \$3,500 a year, who alone wear a costume of plain silk gowns. There are 500 lawyers in the city, with 2,000 in its state, which has five times as many judges as in all England. Every city, town, and village being crammed with lawyers, added to its illusory cheapness, accounts for Jonathan's proneness to litigation. Judges in this State, which has 3,057 justices of the peace, must retire from the bench on attaining the age of 60; in Connecticut at 70; but without any pension. The common law of England is the text book of an American lawyer. This state sends the greatest number of representatives (34) to Congress, and contributes $\frac{1}{4}$ of the entire revenue of the Union. Its foreign trade requires 1,384,000 tons of shipping. Nett receipts of its custom house last year were \$13,000,000, though much smuggling exists along the whole line of its northern frontier. Still the city is a million dollars in debt. A new species of commerce has sprung up here, namely, shipping ice to Calcutta, covered with tan, which is a non-conduc-