

passengers' heads, crossing and re-crossing it. In one place the pole, too slender, on which the four wires are suspended, leans over the street at an awkward angle. It will some day come down, and entangle a dozen omnibuses.

Generally, the shops, like their houses, are on a larger scale than ours. Their extent is remarkable. So is the great size of the timbers and beams used in their construction. It is true wood is in plenty here. Thickness and strength not being economised as with us. There is a sort of bold novelty in everything the Americans do; a usefulness connected with durability—impossible not to admire. In their newest buildings they beat our houses out and out. Trinity Church is a most noble pile, semi-Gothic; and within, very like a cathedral. It has rich stained-glass windows, and the whole speaks an almost Greek solidity of construction. The spire is exceedingly handsome, as are all the spires, remarkably so. Several of these rise to an elevation of two hundred and fifty feet. There are more than a hundred and seventy places of religious worship of all denominations and sects.

I walked into Trinity Church, the door being open, and no dean and chapter extorting fees. I felt no small degree of admiration at the simplicity of the interior, and its fine effect as a whole; but it struck me as too sombre; indeed, as positively dark; but the Americans are fond of this sort of darkness—visible—in their hotels and private houses you can hardly see to read and write, or eat your dinner! keeping their outer green shutters (*jalousies*) closed. To the left, on entering the churchyard, which is embellished with flowering shrubs and weeping willows, my attention was fixed for a moment on the tomb of Captain Lawrence, who was killed in the Chesapeake. The monument and inscription are both in good taste; indeed, particularly so. There is nothing turgid nor overdone; a fault sometimes noticeable here. He was really a noble fellow! Some few other public buildings have fine façades of solid granite; the most conspicuous are the Exchange in Wall-street, of stately effect, and the Tomb's prison, in Centre-street, is built entirely of granite, with great solidity, in the Egyptian style, the massive gloominess of which is not inappropriate to a receptacle for evil doers.

How much earlier a people our cousins, the Americans, are than ourselves! At six in the morning, the din of activity was already heard on all sides. In truth, it seemed scarcely to have ceased all night. While we, in London, are only opening our shop windows at eight and nine o'clock, our omnibuses are hardly harnessed, and very little stir seen, even the streets scanty of people; the inhabitants of New York are three good hours before us. At seven o'clock, in the great room of the Irving and Astor Hotels, we see a good

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