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THE  
WEALTH AND BIOGRAPHY

OF THE

Wealthy Citizens

OF

THE CITY OF NEW YORK;

Being an alphabetical arrangement of the names of the most prominent  
Capitalists whose wealth is estimated at *one hundred thousand*  
*dollars and upwards*, with the sums appended to each  
name, and genealogical and biographical notices  
of the principal persons.

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## PREFACE TO THE TWELFTH EDITION.

Like many a more pretending predecessor, this little book of "Rich Men" has its own history - briefly this. Nearly fifteen years ago a number of leading merchants, in the course of calculations connected with business, pencilled down their estimates of the capital employed in trade, and the wealth at the command of and ready for use in "backing up" those engaged in it. As each added from his own store of knowledge, the list grew beyond a mere memorandum, and it became desirable that copies should be held by each of the contributors. To effect this a regular publication was eventually agreed upon, and the list was, for that purpose placed in the hands of Moses Y. Beach, Esq., the then publisher of *The Sun*. The first edition was merely a list of names and amounts, some seven or eight pages long, printed in large type. Nearly every copy being at once taken by the originators and their friends, and additional names being suggested, the publisher, after revising and correcting, put the forms to press a second time. From the very outset, the work proved popular—not a single copy of any one edition being left unsold. From time to time, brief genealogical and biographical notices of some of the more remarkable men and families in the community, collated from authentic sources of information, were introduced, adding materially to the general interest of the work. The present edition is a careful revision of all previous ones, the largest portion of its contents having been entirely re-written. Necessarily, also, it contains the names of some hundreds of persons never before included; and omits also the names of a large number who have been removed by death. Neither labor nor pains has been spared to make it absolutely correct, and, it is hoped, not without success. Erroneous statements there may still be, and, if so, we trust they will in all cases be pointed out by those who observe them, as a means of still greater improvement in editions yet to come. Care has been taken, in writing out the memoirs, not to invade the sanctity of private life or wound the sensibilities of any. If these rules have been transgressed, it can only be placed to the account of unintentional and regretted blunders, the earliest and fullest possible correction of which will be both a duty and a pleasure.

The usefulness and advantages of a book of this kind, apart from its power to satisfy a laudable curiosity and interest in matters of the kind treated of, are obvious. To the young, who are ever ambitious of fortune's favors, it unfolds the experience of many who have preceeded them in the path to wealth or fame, offering examples of success almost endless in variety. To those who, having put their hands to the plow, are yet looking back, it affords encouragement; and to those who have heretofore failed in their several undertakings, it opens new pages of life-histories, calculated to stimulate them still more energetically to "try again." To all it is one of the best and most complete solutions of that riddle of riddles—the *Philosopher's Stone*.

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# THE WEALTH AND BIOGRAPHY OF THE WEALTHY CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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Abeel, John H., - - - - - 250,000

In partnership with Garrit and Dunscomb, constituting the firm of John H. Abeel & Co., iron merchants. The business of this house has been greatly increased within a few years.

Abraham, Jacob, . . . . . 100,000

Adams, John, . . . . . 300,000

Addams, Charles, - - - - - 200,000

Formerly an influential merchant, but now retired on his fortune.

Addison, Thomas, - - - - - 200,000

Originally of the firm of Wilmarth and Addison, ever pointed pencil makers. They manufactured the ever-pointed pencils which were invented in England by G. J. Mordan, who held the patent right for the invention, dated May, 1825. After separating from this partnership he carried on a successful trade for many years, became wealthy, and is now retired from business.

Adriance, Isaac, . . . . . 200,000

A lawyer, and a large real estate owner in the upper part of the city.

Adriance, Jno., - - - - - 300,000

Hardware merchant, in which business he has made the bulk of his fortune. From very limited beginnings, he has by perseverance reached his present position, and become possessed of an independent fortune.

Aldrich, Herman D., - - - - - 150,000

Produce and commission broker. Came originally from England, but settled many years ago in this country. Here by persevering industry he has realised a handsome fortune. He has of late years speculated largely in real estate, which now constitutes the bulk of his property. One of the firm of McCurdy, Aldrich & Spencer.

Aldrich, John H., . . . . . 150,000

Mr. Aldrich was born and reared under the strict mental, moral and religious discipline of old Connecticut. He worked hard for his father, according to the old New England custom, until he was 21 years of age, and then went forth into the world without a penny, but with a buoyant and persevering heart. He clerked it for a year, and then entered into the mercantile bu-

business "on his own hook," in the town of Stafford, Conn., where he married. The fortune which he obtained from his wife consisted in her good qualities of mind and heart. His industry, politeness and honesty soon gained him an extensive and lucrative trade, and he became universally popular in all the surrounding neighborhood. But the field was not large enough, in a business point of view, for him, and he went to Providence, R. I., where he carried on a successful business for some years, in that beautiful structure called the "Arcade." Afterwards he removed to New York, and associated himself with the Hon. John Sanford, in the carpet trade. Succeeded, of course.—Foresaw the present hard times in good season to retire from the carpet trade and enter into the oil-cloth commission business. All this has scarcely taken him till his 40th year. His motto is: "Be sure you're right, then go ahead." Like many other Yankees, Mr. Aldrich is well informed on most subjects of popular interest, especially that of trade. He possesses a remarkably discriminating mind, is generous and accommodating, and always keeps his word.

Alger, Seneca, . . . . . 100,000

Of the firm of Alger & Brother, wholesale grocers, 85 Day street, a native of this state. He commenced life poor, and enjoys a good reputation for industry and integrity. He is a good citizen and a deservedly esteemed merchant, of cheerful, kind and jocular manners, and beloved amongst his social acquaintances.

Allaire, James P., - - - - - 300,000

One of the most extensive steam-engine builders in New York. He has fitted up many of the steamers which are now displaying to the world the skill of our mechanics. Prior to the revocation of the edict of Nantes, Alexander Allaire, a Huguenot, fled from La Rochelle to England, and soon after came thence to America. He purchased a considerable estate in Westchester county, where many of the Huguenots settled, and established the village called New Rochelle. This individual and many of his descendants have resided in the city of New York. We may mention that among them, prior to the Revolutionary war, was *Lewis*, a merchant, in 1720, and *Alexander, Jr.*, in 1746.

Allen, John J., - - - - - 150,000

A native of Scotland, and originally in the fur trade. In this he made some little property, and, commencing a more extensive business, became, by persevering industry, independent. He has acquired considerable real estate, and is esteemed, in every relation of life, a valuable member of society.

Allen, Thomas E., - - - - - 150,000

Dealer in wooden ware and baskets. These articles are manufactured in large quantities in the Eastern States, and consigned to dealers in the large cities for sale. In this business he has been long engaged, and has amassed a respectable fortune.

Allen, William M., . . . . . 100,000

Bred to the bar, and practised law for a few years as an amateur. He is a son of the late Hon. Stephen Allen, who was lost by the burning of the steam-boat *Henry Clay*, and is one of the heirs of his large fortune. He married a Miss Leggett, and now resides at his chateau near Morrisania. He has a good literary taste, and is particularly fond of polemic metaphysics.

Alley, Saul, - - - - - 500,000

Mr. A. was bound, when a small boy, apprentice to a coach maker. During his apprenticeship his father died, and left him totally dependent on his own exertions. The very clothes he wore he was obliged to earn by toiling extra hours, after the regular time of leaving off work had passed. The foundation of his fortune he acquired by the exercise of frugality and prudence while a journeyman mechanic. Mr. Alley came to this city and undertook a commission business in cotton and domestic goods. His creditors at Charleston having confidence in him, were his first patrons, and among them Mordecai Cohen, a rich Jew. In a few years he paid his creditors, and by business tact, integrity, and industry, has amassed his wealth. He retired from business several years since. Mr. Alley is an example of a man of strong

mind pushing his way through the world without the benefits of education and under many difficulties.

Allison, Michael, . . . . . 200,000

Resided and carried on business in Vesey street, as cabinet maker, for more than fifty years, but has now long since retired from business on a snug fortune.

Alsop, Richard, - - - - - 150,000

A retired merchant, formerly extensively engaged in commerce in this city.

Althause, S. B., - - - - - 500,000

A descendant of a German family that settled in this city about fifty years ago. He now carries on extensive iron works, by which he has become a wealthy citizen.

Alvord, Alonzo A., . . . . . 250,000

Ex Alderman of the 19th, now 21st, ward. Made only a part of his money by the hat business, in which he was long engaged. The larger part came from his wife, a Grinzeback. He resides on 3rd Avenue near Jones' Woods.

Anderson, Abel T., - - - - - 200,000

A respectable lawyer, who inherited most of his property from his father, who acquired his fortune in the manufacture of boots and shoes.

Andrews, Loring, - - - - - 300,000

Engaged in the hide and leather trade in Gold st., having extensive correspondence in South America and through the United States. He has commanded a valuable business for many years, and realized considerable property, consisting largely in real estate.

Anthon, Charles, - - - - - 100,000

Anthon, John, - - - - - 300,000

The parents of the Anthons were Roman Catholics, and of German origin. The children are Episcopalians, Low Churchmen. The father, Dr. Anthon, was a respectable physician of this city. The sons have distinguished themselves, John as a lawyer, Henry as a divine, and Charles as a scholar. John married a daughter of the wealthy John Hona, by which his children are said to be heirs of a fortune of over \$100,000. Charles is professor of the Latin language and literature in Columbia College, and has published many works, the most widely known of which is Anthon's Classical Dictionary. He has a popular reputation as a scholar, and is a most learned man.

Arcularius, George, . . . . . 300,000

General importer, but principally in the trade with France. Has been long established in Beaver street.

Arcularius, P. G., - - - - - 100,000

Son of the late H. Arcularius, a native of Germany. Made the principal part of his property in the wholesale grocery business. With all the steady adherence to business peculiar the German character, he has a large amount of Yankee shrewdness, and is considered a very excellent business man.

Arnold, Aaron, - - - - - 400,000

Dry goods merchant. From comparatively small beginnings, he has risen to an equality with those magnificent establishments which form such a marked feature in this city. He came from England; is head of the firm of Arnold, Hearn & Co.

Arnold, Morris, - - - - - 300,000

Apgar, Levi, . . . . . 300,000

Apgar, Mahlon, . . . . . 100,000

Of the firm of Levi Apgar & Co., 73 Dey street, wholesale grocers. They are of Dutch origin, natives of New Jersey. Levi came to this city a poor boy, and made his money by industry and ability. He is a skilful speculator,



and an active and successful merchant. Mablon, the junior partner, made his money in the present business. He is a man of large and generous sympathies and energetic and industrious habits.

Appleby, Leonard,	100,000
Appleton, Daniel,	100,000
Aspiwall, James S,	100,000

Formerly of the firm of Rushton & Aspinwall, well known druggists.

Aspinwall, Jno. L.,	200,000
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Related to the well known merchants of that name, and formerly connected with them in business. He has long been established in South street, as a general merchant. The first of the name in this city was Joseph Aspiwall, a ship captain, sailing out of this port. He was of English descent, and commenced trade to this country soon after the English acquisition of the old Dutch territory. In 1688 this gentleman married, in this city, a lady named Hannah Dean. Joseph Aspinwall was a resident of this city in 1710. John Aspinwall, following the seafaring life, was a citizen in 1737. The family at the present day of that name, resident in this city, is not numerous, but occupies a position in the commercial world of equal respectability with those of the ancient times.

Aspinwall, William H,	4,000,000
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Of the firm of Howland & Aspinwall, shipping merchants. The father of Mr. Aspinwall has long been known as an intelligent and shrewd broker, and is of an ancient and honorable family. Mr. Aspinwall has a beautiful seat on Staten Island, and his residence in this city is very valuable.

Astor, W. B.,	6,000,000
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Son of the late John Jacob Astor. During the later years of his father's life, W. B. Astor held a power of attorney for the transaction of his father's business, and exercised a general superintendence over the immense property which had been accumulated through his long life and by his extensive and successful speculations. In connection with the splendid fortune enjoyed now by his son, it may be interesting to review some of the principal points in the history of that extraordinary man, who stood pre-eminent among the wealthy citizens of New York. He was a native of Germany, and arrived in this country, comparatively poor, in the year 1784. On the voyage he became acquainted with a countryman who induced him to learn the trade of a furrier. In order to accomplish this he disposed of a few articles of property he had brought with him, and invested the proceeds in learning that trade. Soon afterwards he engaged as a clerk in the fur establishment of Robt. Bowne, a worthy Quaker, who prized Mr. Astor highly for his untiring industry and fidelity. When he left this concern he engaged in business for himself by the aid of a few hundred dollars from his brother Henry, a rich butcher in the Bowery.

At the close of the revolutionary war several posts on the western lakes were in the possession of a foreign power, which greatly embarrassed the fur trade, but in 1794 these posts were given up by treaty. When contemplating the grand opportunity then offered to him he is reported to have said—"Now, I will make my fortune in the fur trade"—a prediction which his success fully verified. With sagacity and industry unparalleled he improved every opportunity, so that in a short space of time he realized about \$250,000, and with it formed the American Fur Company, in order to compete with the British associations which sought to monopolize the fur trade throughout the north and northwest. The projection and establishment of this company did not, however, accomplish his vast designs. His grand project of the Astoria settlement was next formed. It was his intention to establish a line of Forts along the Pacific Ocean and on the Columbia river in connection with our Government, and thus monopolize the fur trade west of the Rocky Mountains. The vessels employed by this company were to trade with distant parts of the world, carrying merchandize suited to the market, and receiving furs in exchange, which were again sent to other ports in exchange for valuable goods for the home market.

By the establishment of this company he anticipated in a few years to receive a million of dollars annual profits; yet this scheme, which appeared so well arranged, failed from various unforeseen events, and was finally given up.



He then pursued his mercantile affairs with a persevering diligence which, together with an extraordinary knowledge and correctness of calculation, gave him almost a certainty of success. Among other sources of wealth we must not omit the possession of a very large amount of real estate in this city, the vast increase in the value of which must have greatly added to the amount of his property. Among other bequests Mr. Astor left 350,000 dollars for a Library, the interest of which sum was to be expended in building and in the purchase of books—a bequest already in full operation. Mr. Wm. B. Astor possesses much of his father's persevering business habits, but, having enjoyed the advantage of a large fortune, he has not had the same opportunity of displaying them.

Austin, Melvin, . . . . . 100,000

The oldest merchant in the "Swamp"—a native of Connecticut—engaged very extensively in business. He has recently built a \$28,000 palace in Brooklyn, where he resides.

Averill, Augustin, . . . . . 200,000

A much respected merchant in South street, of Connecticut extraction.

Avery, James, - - - - - 250,000

Originally known as a boat builder, but, by his scientific knowledge of ship building, he became a valuable assistant to the marine insurance companies, and has been long engaged as marine surveyor in this port.

Aymar, Wm, - - - - - 200,000

Has been established in South street for many years in the ship chandlery business. He is from an eastern family of respectability, and from his success in business has accumulated a considerable property.

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Babab, H., . . . . . 100,000

Bailey, J. H. . . . . 150,000

Of Irish descent—warm hearted and exceedingly energetic. Has been quite successful in business, but received considerable property by his wife, a relation of Archbishop Hughes. Mr. B. has been a very active and useful member of the City Reform Committee.

Baker, Anson, , . . . . , 100,000

Baldwin, John C., - - - - - 200,000

Is by birth an eastern man, but has been long resident in this city. Possessing all the business tact and energy of eastern men, he has acquired, from a very small commencement, not only a flourishing business, but a large amount of real estate and other property.

Balon, Peter, . . . . . 150,000

Commenced with nothing, and as a pedlar. Afterwards a fruit dealer, in which he met with notable success.

Bancroft, Hon. George, . . . . . 100,000

This distinguished author and historian was born at Worcester, Mass., in the year 1800. His father, who was himself an author and a doctor of divinity, gave to his son's mind the bent and disposition which in after years conducted him to celebrity position and power. When not yet seventeen Mr. Bancroft graduated at Harvard college with honors, and soon entered upon a course of literary pursuits, having as their ultimate end the profession of the historian. In 1818 he went to Europe and studied at Gottingen and Berlin, thus enjoying the advantages of the most thorough system of education. After an absence of four years, during which he travelled in England, Switzerland, Germany, and Italy, he returned to the United States, and was appointed tutor of Greek in Harvard College. A love of classical pursuits induced him to project a plan to improve the academic system of New England, which was afterward abandoned for duties of a more public character. He early adopted decided political opinions, attaching himself to the Democratic party, on whose behalf his first vote was cast. In a public ora,

tion he announced as his creed, universal suffrage and uncompromising democracy, and in the ranks of the liberal party he rose to political preferment and distinction, rarely attained by one whose character at the outset was merely that of a scholar. In 1834 Mr. Bancroft published the first volume of his history of the United States, a work to which he had long devoted his thoughts and researches. In Jan., 1838, he received from President Van Buren the appointment of collector of the port of Boston, and discharged its duties with a fidelity which proved that a man of letters may also be a man of business. In 1844 he was a gubernatorial candidate in his native state, and in 1845 was called by President Polk to a seat in the Cabinet as Secretary of the Navy—distinguishing the short period of his connection with that department, by numerous reforms of utility. In 1846 he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to England, and there represented the United States till succeeded by Abbott Lawrence. His diplomatic career was one of complete satisfaction to the government which he represented, and to that to which he was accredited. On his return he fixed his residence in the city of New York, where he resumed the prosecution of his literary labors, which have linked his name with the annals and fame of the country.

Bangs, Henry, . . . . . 100,000

A leather and hide merchant, who imports largely from South America.

Bangs, Lemuel, . . . . . 200,000

Head of the firm of Bangs, Bros. & Co, commission merchants, Park Row, many years extensively engaged in the book trade.

Banks, David, - - - - - 200,000

President of the East River bank, and also the head of the celebrated house of law book publishers, Banks, Gould & Co., of Nassau street. He is highly esteemed as a citizen for his many good qualities. His fortune has been accumulated by slow and sure degrees, through years of industry and integrity, in the management of his business as a publisher.

Banks, David, Jr., . . . . . 100,000

Partner in the firm of Gould, Banks & Co., Nassau street.

Banyer, Mrs., . . . . . 100,000

Sister of Peter A. Jay, deceased.

Barclay, George, - - - - - 300,000

Barclay, Henry, - - - - - 800,000

Of the firm of Barclay & Livingston, merchants, Beaver street. The Barclays are sons of the late British Consul, Col. Barclay, whose son Anthony succeeded him in his office.

Bard, John, - - - - - 400,000

Son of the late Wm. Bard, and grandson of Dr. Saml. Bard. He received a considerable portion of his father's property, but the principal part of his wealth has been acquired by marriage. He married the daughter of John Johnston, of the firm of Boorman, Johnston & Co., iron merchants. He resides on his estate up the North river, but holds real estate in this city.

Barker, James W., - - - - - 150,000

Long established as a merchant, in which pursuit he experienced some very severe reverses; but by his prudence and perseverance he was enabled to surmount all, and now has the satisfaction of retaining a large amount of real estate and personal property. He was recently a candidate for Mayor, receiving a very large vote from a "mysterious" political body called "*Know-Nothings*."

Barnes, Joseph N., . . . . . 300,000

Late commission merchant. Having realised a competent fortune, Mr B has retired to enjoy the fruits of his industry in private life.

Barnum, Phineas T., . . . . . 800,000

Was born in Danbury, Connecticut, July 5, 1810. He is literally a self made man. He commenced life as a clerk in a country store, and married at the age of nineteen. After this he published a newspaper several years in

his native town, in the course of which, he was fined and imprisoned for expressing his opinions too freely. Afterwards he tried a mercantile business on his own account both in Connecticut and New York, with indifferent success. In 1835, he became engaged in a strolling exhibition, and afterwards in a circus. Subsequently he went into the blacking business with Mr. Proler, and became the victim of rascality to the extent of his means. In 1842, he bought the American Museum, in New York, the staple commodity of the purchase on his side, being, as heavers, *brass*. This establishment began to thrive immensely from the day it came under his management. In 1843, he picked up General Tom Thumb, exhibited him in his museum a year, and then took him to Europe, where he remained three years, appearing before all the principal courts and monarchs of the old world, and returned to his native country with a fortune. In 1850, he engaged Jeany Lin, and with her made the most triumphant and successful musical tour ever known—clearing some \$300,000 in nine months, after paying that lady \$300,000. He has built an Oriental Villa at Bridgeport, Connecticut, styled *Iranistao*, where he resides with his family, still keeping oversight of his museum and many other successful operations in which he is engaged.

Barre, L. P.,	100,000
Barrow, Dr.,	100,000
Barsalon, Victor,	250,000

An importer of French wines, brandy and other liquors. He is a native of the wine districts of the south of France. He lost a large amount of property during the troubles in that country, and found an asylum in this from the dangers to which he was there exposed. He is in every respect a fair sample of a French gentleman, and has the satisfaction of having made a competent fortune in his adopted country.

Barstow, H. W.,	100,000
Bartlett, Edwin,	125,000

Of a Massachusetts family, and formerly a partner in the house of Alsop & Co., Valparaiso, S. A.

Battelle, Joseph,	150,000
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Of a Connecticut family, and of the firm of Eggleston & Battelle, iron merchants. Mr. Battelle has made a profitable use of his capital.

Baudoine, Charles A.,	150,000
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Formerly a cabioet maker. Began life as a journeyman. While engaged in business the last five years, in Moffat's building, Broadway and Anthony sts., he must have realized at least twenty thousand dollars per year, clear profit. That is where one "cool hundred" came from.

Bayard, Robert,	200,000
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Second son of the late William Bayard, much esteemed for his integrity and benevolence. The principal part of his present fortune he received from his present wife, formerly Miss McEvers, having lost the earnings of many years in the general panic of '36-7.

Baylis, Henry,	100,000
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General importer; in early life a clerk in a mercantile house, and esteemed as a man of strict business habits. By prudent economy he was enabled to establish himself in a good commission business, and, after a few years, as importer, in which last he has been very successful.

Beach, Moses Yale,	350,000
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Though for the last few years a resident of his native town, Mr. B's interests in this city entitle him to a place in this record. He is a descendant of William Beach, who settled in Milford, Ct., about 1738; his grandfather and father being among the original founders of Wallingford, where Moses Y. was born. His mother was of the family of Eliha Yale, Esq., founder of Yale College, and Governor of the English East India Company's possessions. At an early age M. Y. was apprenticed to the cabinet making business, in Hartford, Conn. where, by over work and working nights, he managed to save, by the time he had attained his eighteenth year, \$400, with which he



purchased of his employer the remainder of his time, and commenced business on his own account at Northampton, Mass. He soon after married, and has since then passed through many rough and varied scenes in life. After the commencement of the Sun newspaper, he purchased Mr. Wisner's half interest, paying for the experiment \$5200. Finding this a safe and permanent business, he bought out his partner, paying him \$19,000. His active career in this position is well known. Necessitated by ill health to forego business, his establishment, a few years since, passed into the hands of his sons, the oldest of whom, M. S., having purchased the interests of his brothers, now retains it.

Bezar, N. J., . . . . . 100,000

Beebe, George W., . . . . . 200,000

Firm of Beebe, Ludlow & Co., extensive brokers in Wall street.

Beekman, Benjamin, . . . . . 200,000

Wholesale straw goods, &c., William and Cedar sts.

Beekman, Dr. S. D., . . . . . 150,000

Beekman, Gilbert, . . . . . 150,000

Wholesale dealer in foreign merchandise, Broadway.

Beekman, Henry, . . . . . 250,000

Descendant of Gov. W. Beekman, about 220 years since Dutch Governor of South Fort, on the Delaware. If any of the Dutch noblesse of the very earliest colonizations at New Amsterdam (now New York) remain, here is one, who, like all the intermediate lines from the Governor down, have nobly upheld the renown and rank of their ancestors. The Beekmans, however, have never been numerous. Two others of the family follow. Governor Beekman was one of those stalwart men, who, as early as 1653, demanded of the Holland government a liberal charter for this city, and it was given.

Beekman, James W., . . . . . 500,000

Of the same family, and married a daughter of Dr. Philip Milledoler ex-President of Brunswick College.

Beekman, John, . . . . . 500,000

Beekman, John C., . . . . . 300,000

Belmont, August, . . . . . 200,000

Banker &c. His business is carried on in Beaver street, formerly in Wall st.

Bennett, James Gordon, . . . . . 150,000

A name which all will recognise from its connection with the New York Press. Mr. Bennett is Scotch by birth, and owes his present independence to his own unaided exertions. His first editorial labors in this city were in connection with the Courier and National Advocate, where he was noted for his assiduity and attention to business, devoting his utmost energy for a stipend upon which to sustain life. He now stands at the head of one of the large newspaper establishments of the city.

Berger, E. Francis, . . . . . 150,000

Bertine, Jas. T., . . . . . 100,000

Part proprietor of the Grand street and East Broadway lines of stages, in which much of his funds are invested.

Betts, Geo. W., . . . . . 200,000

A native of Norwalk, Ct., and one of the pioneers of the carpet business in this city, in which business he still continues. Mr. Betts is esteemed as one of our most worthy citizens.

Betts, Samuel R., . . . . . 100,000

Judge of the United States Court for the Southern District of New York. A sterling man. The father of Judge B. was a wealthy farmer of Berkshire county, Mass., who readily yielded to the desire of his son for a professional life, and we see the latter at an early age graduating at Williams' College,



Mass., subsequently studying law at Hudson, Columbia county, in this State, and afterwards commencing practice in Sullivan County, N. Y. He was elected Democratic member of the 14th Congress from that county whence he removed to Orange County, and filled various offices of honor and trust. In 1823 he was appointed, by Gov. Yates, Circuit Judge of the Second Circuit, as one of the eight judges under the new Constitution; and in 1827 designated by President Adams to the distinguished situation he now fills with so much industry and ability. Judge B married Miss Dewey, of Williamstown, daughter of Judge Dewey, for a long time Judge of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, which position her brother, Hon. C. A. Dewey, formerly occupied. They reside in one of the splendid mansions at St. Mary's Place, in a style (though unostentatious) in keeping with their position in life. They have had five children, four of whom are still living.

Bidwell, Walter H., . . . . . 150,000

This gentleman is proprietor of the New York Evangelist, a religious paper which has deservedly a very large and increasing subscription. He is deservedly esteemed for his sincere and unaffected piety, and has a reputation for honest business transactions. He has recently spent much time in Europe, writing thence for publication some very interesting letters.

Bill, Charles E., . . . . . 250,000

Made his money in jobbing and importing dry goods. A careful, straightforward merchant.

Binnesse, Donation, M. D., . . . . . 100,000

A physician of some celebrity, who has enjoyed the advantage of the best modern schools of medicine, both in Europe and this country, and obtained, by an extended practice, a respectable independence.

Bishop, James, . . . . . 500,000

Of the firm of Bishop, Williamson & Norris, general commission merchants. Independent of the extensive business in which he is engaged, Mr. B. holds a large amount of valuable real estate.

Bishop, Japhet, . . . . . 600,000

A hardware dealer, and married a daughter of David N. Wolfe.

Blackburne, Henry, . . . . . 200,000

Blackford, Jesse, . . . . . 100,000

Formerly commission merchant. Now retired.

Blackwell, Drayton, . . . . . 200,000

A brother of widow Howell, and son of Mr. Blackwell, who established the first foundry in the city—which was at the corner of Canal and Broadway—and a store at Coenties Slip, and was succeeded by one of his sons, who is now deceased. He made a fortune, and bought Blackwell's Island, and hence its name. Drayton studied law under Major Radcliffe, but has never practised.

Blanco, Bartolomy, . . . . . 150,000

A Spaniard, or rather Cuban, by birth, with all the habits and manners of the old Castilian. He has long been engaged in the Havana trade, and has carried on not only a large commercial intercourse with Havana but has built many sailing vessels for merchants residing there, and lately several steamers. He possesses considerable property in Cuba, but to what amount we are not informed.

Blatchford, Saml. M., . . . . . 200,000

Is said to have made his fortune by a species of commercial law practice connected with finance, loans and money collecting. At one time he was the attorney for the Bank of England, and a sort of bell-crier for Governor Seward. Represented the followers of the latter personage for some years. He is understood to have weekly made a pilgrimage to Albany to wind up the political clock. He has now become an Assemblyman, and visits Albany this present year, in behalf of his constituents.

Bleakly, James, - - - - - 100,000

Has long been known as a prominent political man in this city. Was formerly in a small way of business in a book store. By close attention to trade, and by the inheritance of some property from his father, he has become possessed of his present fortune. Formerly he was a Police Justice.

Bleecker, J. W., . . . . . 200,000

Bloodgood, Nathaniel, . . . . . 275,000

A merchant, and for the last fifty years extensively engaged in the sale of wines, liquors, &c. Mr. B. amassed in his general business a large fortune, and for the last ten years has confined himself to the sale of articles decidedly recherche. As a pastime merely, he still continues his business at No. 4, Pine st.

Bodine, John, . . . . . 125,000

Wholesale grocer, 77 Dey street. An industrious and respectable merchant, who takes considerable interest in our business institutions. He resides in a beautiful castellated mansion at Ravenswood, L. I.

Bogart, Eugene, . . . . . 200,000

Descended from a Huguenot Anterior of the American Revolution. Cornelius Bogart was a large land-owner and merchant, leaving his business to his two sons, Henry C. and Nicholas C., who were among the largest merchants of their day, their business with London being very extensive. N. C. married a daughter of Myndert Schuyler, an eminent merchant of this city, and during the Revolutionary war moved to Tappan, Rockland Co. Andre was confined in his house, and Washington and other officers often visited him. He left two sons, Cornelius N. and David S. The former died a bachelor, and the latter was graduated at Columbia College in 1790, and was settled as a Clergyman at Southampton, L. I., from 1798 to 1813, and then at Hempstead until 1826, when he came to this city, and died in 1839. One of his sons, Alwyn, is a physician in this city, and a daughter, Elizabeth, is distinguished as an authoress. The wife of David S. was a daughter of Jonas Pratt. Her brother Ebenezer, was taken a prisoner during the Revolutionary war, and carried to London, where he married a sister of Sir Benjamin West's wife, the daughter of Mrs. Wright, celebrated for her skill in wax modelling. Another brother, Col Richard, was the officer who received the gallant Montgomery in his arms while expiring, at the siege of Quebec, Dec. 31, 1775. Eugene is the son of David S., and early entered mercantile pursuits, in which he has attained his wealth, by the most honorable course of dealing. He married a daughter of David Beck, Esq., of this city. He has retired from business, leaving the brothers, Alex. A. and Orlando M., to succeed him in the firm of Bogart & Brothers, Commission Merchants.

Bogert, Henry H., . . . . . 100,000

Bogert, James, . . . . . 300,000

Bogert, James, Jr., . . . . . 300,000

Bolton, Curtis, . . . . . 250,000

Bonnefoux, Laurent, . . . . . 100,000

Bonnett, Peter, Estate of, . . . . . 250,000

An old Knickerbocker, of Huguenot descent. At the time of the Revolution his parents resided in a house in Frankfort street, near the big tree, below William, from which they were compelled to flee. His father was a tanner and currier in the Swamp. Peter learned the same trade. On the decease of his parents he inherited their property. He was twice married, and left two sets of children. He lived on his money nearly half a century, having retired from business. He was a prominent member of the Tammany party.

Boorman, James, . . . . . 1,500,000

Of the firm of Boorman, Johnston & Co., extensive iron merchants. He is president of the council of the University, and out of his liberality has endowed a professorship. An adopted daughter of his married Josiah Wheeler, a lawyer.



Bouchaud, Joseph,	200,000
Bowden, Andrew,	200,000

A native of Scotland. He came to this country forty years ago, comparatively a poor man, dependent on his industry for support. He tried several speculations without success, till he established the grocery which he still carries on, and which may be considered one of the most flourishing in the city. He has for some years given the management of it principally to his sons, while he enjoys the fruits of his industry in retirement.

Bowen, Henry, C.	250,000
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Came to New York about the year 1834, and engaged as a clerk in a respectable commercial house, where he remained till 1836, when he entered the establishment of Arthur Tappan & Co., in the same capacity. He continued here till 1839, when he went into business with Richard McNamee, at 16 William street, on a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, advanced by John Rackin, as a special partner. This sum they repaid in about five years, with interest and part of the profits. They have lately erected a splendid store in Broadway, and are esteemed men of sterling business habits and unbending moral principles. After the establishment of their business in Broadway, they received information through the Southern papers, that they would lose their extensive Southern custom if they adhered to their Anti-Slavery sentiments. They immediately replied, in effect, that the articles of merchandise in which they dealt were silks and fancy dry goods, which they were ready to dispose of on fair business terms, but their principles were not merchandise, and, consequently, not to be bought or sold. From their increasing prosperity the truth of the adage that "Honesty is the best policy" is again proven.

Bradford, William,	100,000
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A descendant of the Puritan Bradford, who came over in the May Flower. He was in the dry goods business in this city, and commenced poor. A fortunate investment in Delaware and Hudson Canal stock, enabled him to retire from business.

Brandreth, Benjamin,	350,000
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Came from England in 1834, and established a small store in Hudson street, for the sale of pills celebrated in England under the name of Brandreth's Pills. He soon after established a principal depot, in the then very small Sun Building, corner of Spruce and Nassau streets, and had such extraordinary success in this speculation, that in a few years he realized about \$18,000. He then established a laboratory in Sing Sing for making these pills. Of late he has been somewhat a politician, has been elected Mayor of Sing Sing, and has also occupied other important offices. He has a fine establishment at Sing Sing and a store in Broadway. Thus, with small means and great perseverance, he has placed himself among the rich ones of the land, and is much valued by his friends and acquaintances.

Brevoort, Henry,	1,000,000
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Of an old New York family. His parents owned a small farm of about eleven acres, bounded on the south by Tenth street, in former days, the produce of which they sold daily in the market. This little farm, then of comparatively little worth, has now risen to be of immense value, being situated in the court part of the city, and hence the great wealth of Henry. He also married a rich southern lady. Mr. Brevoort is a gentleman of accomplished education. He was formerly one of the firm of the American Fur Co. projected by J. J. Astor.

Bridge, Lewis K.,	250,000
Bristad, Charles Astor,	250,000

Son of an old city bookseller, connected with the Astor family. With an affection for literature, sometimes indulges in an article for a foreign review.

Broderick, Edward,	100,000
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A brother of the above, and acquired his fortune in the same way. These brothers are partners,

Broderick, John F., . . . . . 100,000

An extensive and well known lumber dealer in this city. He came to this country about twenty five years ago, and had, on his arrival, but two cents in the world. By industry and close application to business he has acquired the above handsome fortune.

Bronson, Frederick, - - - - - 500,000

Inherited his considerable property from his father, and has greatly increased it by the purchase and tenure of real estate, and the usual methods of accumulation. He is much respected as a professional man and a citizen. Is a member of the legal profession, but practices at the bar very little, except in his own affairs.

Bronson, Silas, . . . . . 150,000

Bronson, Widow of Arthur, . . . . . 200,000

Brooks, Edward S., . . . . . 250,000

Both in the clothing business, which the father carried on for many years. They made their money at it in the same establishment.

Brooks, Elisha, . . . . . 250,000

Brooks, George, . . . . . 100,000

Partners in the hide and leather trade, which they have carried on many years in Ferry street; they have also a tannery in the South. By steady perseverance they have established a valuable and increasing trade. They hold some real estate both here and in the South.

Brooks, Horace, . . . . . 200,000

Of the firm of Persee & Brooks, paper manufacturers. Mr. Brooks is a native of Vermont, but for about twenty years a resident in this city, where he has, for the last fifteen, carried on an extensive trade in the above firm, paper manufacturers & merchants. The firm has lately built in Connecticut the largest paper mills in the United States, with the most improved and perfect machinery, by which a much greater quantity of paper can be manufactured than by the old method.

Brooks, James, . . . . . 100,000

Brooks, S. R., - - - - - 300,000

Received some property from his marriage with the widow Olney, of Portland, a daughter of Asa Clapp. Has made largely from stock operations. Is a gentleman of fine taste.

Brooks, Sydney, - - - - - 500,000

Son of one of the richest men in New England, Peter C Brooks, of Boston, brother of the late Governor Brooks, of Mass. Edward Everett married one daughter of Peter C. Brooks, and Mr. Frothingham, Unitarian clergyman, at Boston another. Sydney Brooks is one of the firm of Davis, Brooks & Co, doing a large commission business.

Brower, John I., . . . . . 150,000

A hardware dealer, still in business—located in Peck Slip.

Brower, John L., . . . . . 500,000

Commenced life as a journeyman cabinet-maker; afterwards engaged in the mahogany trade. He retired from business five or six years since, and may now be called a "speculator" in real estate.

Brown, Albert N., . . . . . 200,000

Of the firm of A. N. Brown & Co., 79 Dey street, provision merchants. A native of Long Island, aged about 35 years, who came to this city about nine years ago and commenced business with a few hundred dollars. By strict economy, indefatigable and persevering industry, and earnest attention to his business, and some fortunate speculations in real estate, he has acquired his large fortune. He is an intelligent citizen, and a respectable and popular merchant.



Brown, Eugene, . . . . . 100,000

Commenced life in a very limited scale of business, and probably was indebted for the acquisition of property to marriage, as much as to his own perseverance. He has long carried on a valuable trade in clothing in the Bowery, which, together with the purchase of real estate and other speculations, will probably greatly increase his property.

Brown, Geo. W., . . . . . 400,000

All the merchants in New York know G. W. Brown, the famous eating-house keeper in Water street, near Wall. Mr. B. commenced life poor—opened his shilling plate establishment some 20 years ago, opposite the old Tontine, and is almost the only man who has remained in the same spot from the beginning. "There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and enjoy the fruits of his labor," says the preacher, and our subject, prompted not only by this moral precept, but by the *auri sacra fames*, has satisfied the cravings of many an empty stomach, and filled his own purse. George is a good fellow, his oysters, etc., are good, and his heart is as full as his purse. He still continues to serve his customers at his old stand, from simple coffee and cakes up to the gastronomic climax of canvass-backs and champagne. He has built a fine house, and now lives like a lord, and yet is not above his vocation.

Brown, James, . . . . . 800,000

Brown, John L., . . . . . 100 000

The scale beam manufacturer. Recently he was Superintendent of the Third Avenue R. R. He made his money by his business and the advance in his real estate investments.

Brown, Robert J., . . . . . 150,000

Of the firm of Brown & Co, marble cutters, &c. Mr. B. has risen to his position purely by persevering industry and prudence.

Brown, Silas, . . . . . 500,000

A dry goods merchant in Courtlandt street, in which business he has made considerable property, which, judiciously invested in real estate, he is rapidly increasing.

Brown, Stuart, . . . . . 400,000

The firm of Brown & Company, bankers, Wall st.

Brown, William H., . . . . . 500,000

Mr. B. owns one of the most extensive ship yards in the vicinity of New York, and from it a large number of the most splendid ships and steamers afloat have been launched.

Bruce, George, . . . . . 350,000

A worthy mechanic, who, in company with his brother, from a printer some years ago, became a type-founder. By great industry and care, the possession of much natural shrewdness, and judicious operations in real estate, he has rendered himself wealthy, and is now master of a handsome fortune.

Bruce, John M., . . . . . 100,000

Formerly an importer of tin, and originally kept a small tin shop in Water street, near the United States Hotel. He made his own fortune, and retired eight or ten years since, leaving his sons in a fair way to provide for themselves in the same business.

Bruner, Henry, . . . . . 150,000

A native of France. He commenced business in this country as a cabinet maker, and has by perseverance and industry established an extensive and valuable trade.

Brush, Caleb, . . . . . 100,000

A native of Holland, who came to this country about fifty years ago, and commenced business on a small scale in the hardware line. By rigid economy

he amassed considerable property, and about thirty years ago he bought some little real estate in the city. He has greatly increased the value of his property by successful speculation. He is, in the strictest sense, a sample of the knickerbocker, retaining all the peculiarities of his ancestors, added to every quality of a good citizen.

Brush, Caleb, Jr., - - - - - 200,000

Connected with the family of that name which came from Holland in the middle of the last century, and settled principally in this city and neighborhood. From a very humble condition they have generally raised themselves to respectability. Caleb Brush, Jr., has for many years been engaged in the lumber trade, from which he has now retired. He holds a considerable amount of real estate in this city and elsewhere.

Buckley, Henry, - - - - - 125,000

Son of Thomas and inherited a large estate by marriage with the daughter of Townsend Macoun, deceased, late Mayor of Troy.

Buckley, Thomas, . . . . . 100,000

Bucklin, Thomas P., . . . . . 200,000

Importer of tea. Of the firm of Bicklin & Crane, a firm owning some of the finest ships sailing out of this port.

Bullard, John, . . . . . 250,000

A native of Massachusetts. Has been very successful in the leather trade, in which he is still engaged.

Buloid, Robt., . . . . . 350,000

Head of the firm of Buloid & Company, general commission merchants. Mr. B. has been about twenty years in business, and has acquired thereby a large fortune.

Bunker, Wm. J., . . . . . 200,000

Bunflag, John A., . . . . . 300,000

A conspicuous member of the American and Mechanics' Institutes; an Ex-Alderman; a member of the Society of Friends; once a naxon; a most estimable man. John's friends long since gave him up as a confirmed bachelor, but he recently took them all by surprise, and showed them a wife worth having—a woman of beauty and excellent disposition.

Burgess, Wm., . . . . . 100,000

A wholesale druggist, who has made the principal part of his money in that business, though by speculating in real estate he has greatly added to the amount of his property.

Burke, Mrs., Widow of M. R., . . . . . 150,000

Burkhalter, Stephen, - - - - - 100,000

Has made the principal part of his property in the grocery business, which he has carried on successfully for many years. He holds real estate to a large amount in this city and its vicinity.

Burtus, James A., . . . . . 250,000

An exchange broker, many years in business in Peck Slip. His son is now a partner with him.

Bushnell, Giles, . . . . . 200,000

Is the son of the late Ira Bushnell, a highly respectable farmer of Saybrook, Ct. Came to this city in his seventeenth year, where, by close application to business, strict integrity, and honest, open dealing, he has amassed his fortune. Mr. Bushnell is a mild, generous, open-hearted, and hospitable man, an ornament to the 16th Ward, of which he is one of the most esteemed members. He has now retired from business.

Butler, Francis, . . . . . 100,000

Baxton, Vanderbilt L., - - - - - 150,000

A self-made man, in the commercial sense of the term. About twenty years ago, he occupied a situation of a secondary grade in a flour store, from which he has, by steady perseverance, attained a respectable independence.

Byrd, George, . . . . . 150,000

Of the firm of Byrd & Hall, umbrella manufacturers, Broadway. He has been for some years engaged successfully in trade, but obtained a considerable part of his property with his wife.

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Camman, G. P., - - - - - 500,000

As a physician, Dr. Camman is well known and respected. His practice has not been the only source of his wealth, for by his marriage he received a large property.

Campbell, Duncan P., . . . . . 350,000

A retired merchant. Mr. C. holds a very large amount of real estate in this city and vicinity.

Campbell, John, . . . . . 200,000

Hard ware merchant. Made the whole of his property in that business.

Campbell, Jno, . . . . . 200,000

Mr. Campbell, like his father, the late deceased and much respected proprietor of a large paper establishment, made the greater part of his fortune in that line, and has besides acquired much by inheritance. They are Scotch. He is now of the firm of John Campbell & Co.

Carman, Richard F., . . . . . 300,000

Began life as a poor boy, making packing boxes for merchants, and laboring until ten or eleven o'clock every night. Accumulated some money, and commenced as a carpenter and builder, in which, by means of his untiring industry, integrity, and talent, he amassed means and reputation sufficient to enable him to make large contracts, in 1838, for rebuilding in the "burnt district." At the time of taking his contracts, wages and materials were high, but long before the completion of his work, the price of labor and materials had depreciated to such an extent, that he realized an immense profit. He has continued building, and has invested his proceeds in real estate, the value of which has greatly risen since his purchase. He has a beautiful seat at Fort Washington, in the upper part of the island, where he resides in the summer. He is now building a village two miles this side of Fort Washington, named Carmanville. In 1842 Alderman Carman was elected by the Whigs of the twelfth ward, and held his seat for one year. Mr. Carman is one of those strong-minded men for whom nature has done more than education, and is, moreover, a very liberal and excellent man. His carnation cheeks and merry laugh will keep him young for many a year.

Carpenter, Uriah, Estate of, . . . . . 200,000

Mr. Carpenter was formerly in the dry goods business, in which, with the rise in property in which he had invested, he made his money.

Carter, Lawson, . . . . . 400,000

A commission merchant, in which business he acquired a large part of his property, which he has greatly improved by successful speculations, especially in real estate.

Cary, Henry, . . . . . 500,000

President of the Phoenix Bank, Wall st.

Castree, John, - - - - - 100,000

An old-established grocer, who has made the principal part of his property in that business. He has the perseverance of an eastern man, to which he owes his continued prosperity, and he has made his own fortune by those prudent and cautious means which seldom fall of success.



Chamberlain, Elijah, - - - - - 100,000

A persevering native of New Jersey, who has climbed to his present elevation by slow but sure steps. In the early period of his active life, he opened a small place in the lower part of the city, for the sale of feed and hay. He afterwards connected with it a bar, and at length a small refectory. This was frequented by the farmers from New Jersey, bringing produce to market. In this speculation he was sufficiently successful to be able to establish his present business, where he has accumulated a respectable fortune, and has the prospect of an increase of wealth.

Chamberlin, Enoch, - - - - - 1 300,000

Has been for some years engaged in the lime trade in West street, and from his extensive business might have accumulated considerable property; but the bulk of his fortune has been acquired by legacies and by speculating in real estate, of which he holds considerable.

Champlin, Christopher, . . . . . 400,000

Formerly a merchant. At present retired from business. Is president of the Park Insurance Company.

Champlin, Elizabeth, . . . . . 400,000

Daughter of Christopher Champlin.

Charand, M., - - - - - 200,000

A celebrated teacher of dancing, long known and respected in this city. He is a native of France, and has acquired a very respectable independence during his residence in this country.

Chardavoyne, T., - - - - - 150,000

A descendant of a wealthy and influential French family, which during the reign of Louis XVI., and at the time of the revolution in 1793, adhered to the royal party, and consequently suffered the loss of their property. They settled in some part of Europe, and, in the course of years, some of them emigrated to the United States. Here, this son began business as an importer of wines and spirits, from France. He appears to have met with some severe commercial losses, which retarded his advance for some time; but he finally established himself, and has succeeded in becoming, not only a prosperous, but a wealthy merchant.

Cheeshorough, Margaret, . . . . . 500,000

Widow of Andronicus.

Cheeshorough, Robert, . . . . . 500,000

Formerly engaged in the legal profession, in which he acquired a large part of his fortune.

Chesterman, James Estate of, . . . . . 1,000,000

This estate has recently been divided, nearly as follows:—Geo. Chesterman, \$400,000, Mrs. Hill, \$300,000, Mrs. Henry, \$300,000. Jas. Chesterman came to this country quite poor, and worked as a journeyman tailor for some time, till finally he established himself at the corner of Nassau and John streets, where he carried on a successful business, till he was able to purchase the premises. Subsequently, he held real estate in various parts of the city and Harlem, on a large scale, profiting largely by the rise in value.

Chichester, Abner, . . . . . 100,000

Civill, Aeton, - - - - - 200,000

A highly respected merchant, who long since retired from business. He holds much real estate in this city.

Clapp, John, - - - - - 300,000

Long known as a highly respected merchant, and now president of the Mechanics and Traders' Bank. A Friend. His wealth is the result of his own exertions, coupled with remarkable prudence in husbanding the fruits of his earnings. He was formerly in the flour trade, but retired many years since.

Clark, Aaron, . . . . . 200,000

This gentleman commenced the world for himself when yet quite a lad, without a cent in his pocket. After passing through many vicissitudes, he succeeded at length, by election, to the post of Clerk of Assembly which he held for many years. Mr. McIntyre, (afterwards the celebrated owner of the N. Y. State Lottery, in conjunction with Yates,) was at that time Comptroller. When Mr. Clark was defeated in a new election through the efforts of the Tammany party in this city, headed by a prominent member of the Assembly, his friend McIntyre, invited him to come to New York and open an office of fortune, which he did, and speedily became her favorite—disposing in the most astonishing manner of prize after prize in rapid succession. On the abolition of lotteries in 1836, Mr. Clark, with other honorable dealers retired from the business, having accumulated a handsome fortune. He was soon after nominated for the Mayoralty of the metropolis, which he obtained and filled, with distinguished ability. He has now retired from active life, with the exception of such attention to moneyed interests as are involved in the investment of capital. He has a large circle of valued friends, and no one is more deserving of them.

Clark, Matthias, . . . . . 100,000

A dry goods merchant, who has made the bulk of his wealth in that business, in which he has been for many years engaged.

Clarkson, Mathew, . . . . . 100,000

This gentleman is the son of the late Gen. Clarkson of this city, and brother to the long broker of that name. Mr. Clarkson erected, mostly at his own cost, St. Paul's (Episcopal) Church, at Flatbush. He has a charming residence at the same place, situated on one of the most beautiful lawns in this State: its adornments are attributed to the refined taste of his accomplished lady.

Clinton, Charles A., . . . . . 100,000

This oldest son of the ever to be lamented and never to be forgotten Governor DeWitt Clinton—every way worthy of that illustrious man, is happily placed beyond the reach of the pecuniary distress which that father heroically succumbed to, for the sake of enriching ungrateful millions with the benefits of those magnificent works of internal improvement which immortalize his name. The estate of Mr. Charles A. Clinton comes through his marriage with a daughter of Jno. Hone.

Clinton, Mrs. H. Widow of Geo. . . . . 150,000

Mrs. Hannah Clinton, daughter of Walter Franklin Esq. an eminent Quartermaster of this city, from Long Island. Her husband was nephew to Vice President Geo. Clinton, and brother of the great Governor, DeWitt Clinton—"Satis est," for Clinton is a household name. But the rich Franklin brothers, merchants of New York, deserve a memento for the many noble ways in which they, through intercession with the Tory authority and Hessian troops, were enabled generously to dispense their wealth to their poor miserable, suffering countrymen, the American prisoners confined in the Sugar House, Provost, &c., during the American Revolution. Mrs. Hannah C. is a sister also of Gov. DeWitt Clinton's first wife, descendant of the Bowses, by whom alone Gov. DeW. C. had issue.

Close, William, . . . . . 100,000

Has made his property by slow progression. He is a native of Louisiana, and was long resident in New Orleans, where he first acted as clerk in an auctioneer's office, and afterwards was connected with a mercantile house, and employed generally as a commercial agent. In that capacity he traveled over a great part of the States, principally the Middle and Southern, and became acquainted with most of the respectable mercantile houses. When he left the firm in which he had been engaged, his extensive acquaintance enabled him to commence business on his own account with great advantage. He came to this city and established, first, a commission house, and, after some years, he became an importer of French and German goods. Some years ago he suffered considerably from heavy losses, which retarded his progress, but have not prevented him from securing a respectable fortune.



Cockroft, Dr. William, . . . . . 150,000  
 Long a resident of our city. Made his money by his profession.

Coddington, J. I., . . . . . 150,000  
 Importer of metals, principally in the iron trade, one of the largest establishments in the city.

Cogswell, William L., . . . . . 500,000  
 Importer of wine, spirits, &c.; long established in this city. He is a native of Maine, but has amassed the principal part of his fortune since his residence here, and in his present business.

Cohen, Lewis J., - - - - - 300,000  
 Originally from England. In early life was engaged in the manufacture of fancy cards and stationery. By his prudent business habits he became partner in the concern, but he has been long established on his own account, and eminently successful in business.

Coit, Henry A., . . . . . 200,000  
 Son of Levi Coit, formerly a distinguished merchant. He made a fortune at his father's business, taken in connection with his marriage to a rich heiress of Philadelphia, and entered "our best society." Having cultivated the art of music, he makes more noise by his applause of a cavatina than by blowing any other horn of his superior accomplishments. He had much to do with planning the present Academy of Music, and is likely to achieve a fame equivalent to that of "the aspiring youth who fired the Ephesian dome."

Colgate, Robert, . . . . . 250,000  
 Son of William Colgate, of the firm of Pollen & Colgate, commission merchants and agents for the Atlantic White Lead Co. Having bought Pollen out, he is now alone in the commission business.

Colgate, Wm., - - - - - 500,000  
 Proprietor of one of the principal soap and starch manufactories in this city, a liberal supporter of the Baptist churches, and of the various benevolent institutions in the city. He will be long held in esteem as a valuable member of society.

Collamore, Ebenezer, . . . . . 100,000  
 Porcelain and china merchants, in which business he has been very successful. He holds also real estate in this city and vicinity to a considerable amount.

Collins, E. K., - - - - - 250,000  
 Has been long connected with the shipping interest in New York, and was formerly an extensive owner in one of the lines of London packet-ships. Soon after the establishment of ocean steamers, he sold out his entire interest in sailing vessels, and has since become more generally known as the principal of that line of splendid steamships bearing his name—the Collins line. In this he has established the high reputation of the superb vessels which are now making regular voyages to and from Liverpool, and by their entire success exhibiting to the world the high character of our naval resources. He was originally from New England, and is descended from a highly respectable but not wealthy family.

Collins, Jas., - - - - - 100,000  
 A native of Massachusetts. His parents were worthy people, holding a small farm. He received in a district school that education which appears to have been all the capital he possessed when beginning life, except a good share of perseverance. He commenced travelling as a pedlar, on a very limited stock, and appears to have visited every state in the Union. Thus gradually improving his condition, in a few years he settled in a southern city, and afterwards in New York, where he has carried on a large commercial establishment for many years, and made a respectable fortune.



Compton, Richard, - - - - - \$100,000

Is from a poor family in this State, and commenced business in a small grocery store, but, by perseverance, advanced it to one of superior grade, where he dealt rather in liquors than in family groceries. He subsequently became sufficiently conspicuous as a political character to be elected Alderman in the 8th Ward. He is at present engaged with his brother in the ice business, which they carry on extensively.

Conch, William, . . . . . 150,000

Conger, Abraham B., . . . . . 100,000

Son of Dr. Conger, of this city, and bred to the bar. Sought a fortune and obtained it in the person of his wife, who was a Hedges—makes some pretensions to ancient and pedantic lore—was associated with his great archetype, Prof. Anthon, in the publication of a dictionary. He was for a while a tutor in Columbia College, and from the exercise of this little brief authority is said to have derived his present imperial manners.

Conger, John, . . . . . 100,000

Conklin, Jonas, . . . . . 100,000

Conover, Stephen, . . . . . 100,000

Contoit, John H., . . . . . 250,000

His father John H., came from France a pastry cook and confectioner. He supplied some of the first families in the city, and opened a shop in Broadway, between Murray and Warren sts., where he became celebrated for his ice cream. He afterwards invested in real estate, which has now risen immensely in value. His son, the present John H., at twenty-one succeeded him in the well known "New York Garden." His principal wealth has resulted from his father's fortunate investments in real estate.

Cook, Israel, . . . . . 150,000

Cook, Levi, . . . . . 150,000

Cooley, James E., . . . . . \$300,000

Formerly a book auctioneer, and after "going" it for sometime, was 'gone' on a journey to Mount Parnassus and the Pyramids, and wrote a book on Egyptian hieroglyphics. He has been honored with a seat in the Legislature, and now sits at dinner in the Belmont mansion of the "Fifth."

Cooper, Francis, . . . . . 200,000

Cooper, Peter, . . . . . 1,000,000

The list of the wealthy, like a list of the *good* men of the city of New York, would be incomplete without the name of Peter Cooper. No man more fills the public eye at the present day by constant and untiring efforts for the public welfare, and by the prodigal expenditure of time and money, than Mr. Cooper. He is now engaged in the erection of a noble structure intended, when complete and in operation, as a gift to the people. It is to be devoted as an institution for learning, one of its leading features being the thorough study of the "Philosophy of Government." Mr. C. is a thorough democrat, and believing that the power to govern rests with the people, he sees the necessity of having the people instructed in the best means of applying that power. The republican form of Government he is satisfied is the most perfect one known, and he desires to have its beauty and extreme simplicity realized to the fullest extent. By birth Mr. Cooper is a New Yorker. A large part of his fortune was realized in the manufacture of isinglass and glue, for which he had for many years, a large manufactory in the once open country near 45th street. Of late years he has been largely engaged with his son and son-in-law in the iron business, having large establishments at Trenton, N. J. His firm has paid considerable attention to the rolling of iron beams for fire-proof floors in buildings, an improvement in structures new rapidly coming into use.

Copeutt, John B., - - - - - 150,000

Came to this country between thirty and forty years ago, and commenced business as a dealer in mahogany and other fine woods. He has at present an

extensive business in that line, together with saw and veneer mills in Westchester Co., where he holds considerable real estate.

Corbin, Oliver,	200,000
Corlies, John,	100,000
Corlies, John B.,	250,000

An experienced builder, residing in 34th street. He put up, recently, the fire-proof buildings for the Harper Brothers, on Cliff and Pearl streets. He was once a hard working journeyman.

Corlies, Joseph W.,	600,000
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A rich auctioneer of the firm of Corlies, Haydock & Co., formerly in the crockery business, and obtained all his wealth by his own exertions. Of a New Jersey family.

Cornell, George,	350,000
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In the legal profession, esteemed as a lawyer of superior talent, and much employed among commercial men.

Cornell, John H., Estate of,	200,000
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In early life a green grocer, next a bank clerk, and finally a Wall street cashier. A man of energy, perseverance and ambition, but eagerness for money kept in subjection the more generous virtues.

Cornell, Peter C.,	100,000
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Cornell, Whitehead J.,	200,000
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Corning, Jasper,	600,000
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Banker in Wall street; highly esteemed as a philanthropic and benevolent character. The poor find in him a friend, not only in the supply of their wants, but in the aid of institutions for educating their children and elevating them in the scale of society.

Cotheal, David,	150,000
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Brothers, of the firm of H. & D. Cotheal, importers of horns, hides, indigo, &c., from South America. They have invested largely in real estate.

Cotheal, Henry,	100,000
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Coursen, Abraham,	200,000
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Cram, Jacob,	500,000
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Formerly a distiller of the pure and unadulterated spirits. One of his daughters married the celebrated James Watson Webb; and another, John K. Mason, *quondam* of the Park Theatre. He has now abandoned the potentiality of a liquid which has made him rich beyond the dreams of avarice.

Crane, Jacob,	150,000
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Crane, John J.,	150,000
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Formerly in the tea trade, but now importer of spirits, of the firm of Coggs well, Crane & Co., Front street.

Crane, Theodore,	150,000
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Of the firm of Backlin & Crane, importers of tea, Front st.

Crawford, George,	100,000
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Cromwell, Charles T.,	100,000
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Lineally a descendant of the great Oliver. Mr. Cromwell belongs in this city, and has gained his fortune in the legal profession, aided by fortunate investments. He married a Miss Brooks, of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Crosby, John P.,	100,000
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Mr. C married a daughter of Hon. Benjamin F. Butler. His first wife was a Murray, by whom, we believe, he received an accession to his estate.

Crosby, Wm. B., . . . . . 600,000

As the great nephew of the rich Col Henry Rutgers, of the ancient Rutgers family of this city, he inherited an immense estate. His wife, through her mother, is grand daughter of Gen. Wm. Ford, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Cruger, Harriet, . . . . . 400,000

Daughter of the late Peter Cruger.

Cruger, John C., . . . . . 250,000

Son of Mr Peter Cruger, and grandson of old Mr. Nicholas Cruger, who was in 1770 the largest merchant of New York, and who is worthy of honorable mention as the patron of the illustrious Gen. Hamilton. Mr. Nicholas Cruger is said to have been the son of Henry Cruger, Sen., Mayor of Bristol. The first of the family who immigrated to this country, came over as early as 1660. Mr. John Cruger has been married twice first to a daughter of the late Isaac Jones, Sen., and second, to the youngest daughter of the late Patroon. He received the principal portion of his property from his two wives, particularly the last one. He owns the Island in the Hudson river, just below Saugerties, known as "Cruger's Island."

Cruger, Mrs. Douglas, . . . . . 400,000

Her father was Geo. Douglas, a Scotch merchant, who hoarded closely. His wine cellar was more extensive than his library. When George used to see people speculating and idle, it distressed him. He would say "People get too many ideas in their heads. Why don't they work?" What a blessing he is not alive in this moonshine age of dreamy scheming! The Crugers were of Bristol, England, of which the one that first came out here, "Old Harry," father-in-law of Judge Thos. J. Oakley, of the Superior Court, had been Mayor. Mrs Cruger is the sister of George and Wm. Douglas.

Cushman, Don Alonzo, . . . . . 500,000

Came from Connecticut, and established a dry goods store in Pearl street, where by close attention to business he made the greater part of his property.

Cutting, F. B., . . . . . 800,000

Married a daughter of Mr. Hayward, by whom he obtained a large amount. The Rev. Mr. Cutting, his grandfather, was the principal of a famous grammar school at Hempstead, before the American Revolution, and from him the celebrated Dr. Samuel L. Mitchell received his first lessons, as did also many of the sons of the gentlemen of Long Island of those times. His son William (father to F.B.) married a Livingston, and by this, and that hourly source of accumulating wealth, the Fulton steam ferry boats, established by him—they have become extremely rich.

Curtis, Col. James L., . . . . . 150,000

Recently connected with the New Jersey Zinc Co., as president, by which he made considerable money. He also received considerable with his wife, a daughter of Mr. Racy, the brewer. He was once unfortunate in business, but has now more than recovered himself. Some passages in the life of his wife would be of great interest, reflecting, as they do, most creditably upon her character.

## D

Dater, Philip, . . . . . 150,000

Dutch by descent, of New Jersey, and son or nephew of Abraham D., an iron master, who owned a considerable forge on the Ramapo, in Rockland county, New York. He is one of the celebrated firm of Lee, Dater & Company, wholesale grocers.

Davis, Abraham B., . . . . . 150,000

Flour merchant. Principally engaged in exporting to Europe, but doing a good business in the home market, especially with the Eastern States.



Davis, John M., . . . . . 150,000  
Of the firm of Davis, Jones & Co.,

Davis, Mrs. M., - - - - - 125,000  
Her property, partly derived from her late husband, principally consists of real estate in this city.

Dawson, Jacob, . . . . . 150,000  
Formerly of Williams & Dawson, cabinet makers, in Broad street. They dissolved about 1834, when Mr. Dawson went into the mahogany business with Moses Young, now deceased. Jacob continued on in this business after Mr. Y.'s death, but subsequently retired, and is now interested with his son in the patent leather business. Made every dollar by hard work.

Dean, Nicholas, - - - - - 100,000  
Has long been connected with the commercial interests of this city; is a large holder of real estate, and has filled several important places of public trust. He is now President of the Harlem Railroad Company.

De Forest, Gerardus, . . . . . 400,000  
A native of this city. At an early age he apprenticed himself to the ship joiner's trade, and by following the maxim that "a penny saved is two pence," he saved enough to be able when out of his time to start business for himself. By perseverance and industry he got the work of some of our largest lines of packet ships, and thus amassed enough in a few years to purchase considerable property along the North river, which in those times could be had for a mere trifle compared with present prices. This is now so much enhanced in value as to entitle him to the figures above given.

DeForest, William W., . . . . . 500,000  
The son of Lockwood, and of the firm of W. W. DeForest & Co, Commissioners and West India and South American Shipping Merchants.

DeLafield, Dr. Edward, . . . . . 100,000  
An eminent Physician, who has reaped a fortune in his profession. His father was once wealthy, but failed. He received an accession to his fortune, by his wife, the grand daughter of the late Gen. William Floyd. His brother John was formerly an immense operator in Stocks, and his brother Joseph is a man of considerable scientific attainments.

Delano, Franklin H., . . . . . 200,000  
Firm of Grinnell, Minturn & Co. Married a daughter of Wm. B. Astor. A generous, sensible man, of most pleasant manners; came from New Bedford some years since, and commenced as clerk with the above firm, of which he is now a partner.

Delaunay, Victor, . . . . . 150,000  
Dalmonico, Lorenzo, - - - - - 400,000

Related to the proprietor of the celebrated restaurant, but not connected with that establishment

Dalmonico, Widow of John, . . . . . 100,000  
Demaray, David, - - - - - 100,000

Wholesale grocer, long established in West street, who came to this city to seek employmen, and was engaged as clerk in a store in Dey street. From thence he removed to his present place of business, here he has been eminently successful.

Doming, Bersilla, . . . . . 300,000

Deming, Frederick, . . . . . 100,000

Denison, Charles, . . . . . 150,000

Denison, Lyman, . . . . . 150,000

Dennistoun, William, . . . . . 250,000

Has been long and successfully engaged in commercial pursuits in this city, by which he has acquired a respectable fortune.

Depeyster, J. W.,	350,000
De Peyster, J. Watts,	300,000

Son of Frederick De Peyster, and therefore a grandson of St. Nicholas—devisee of a rich relative, yet quite a youth. With a patriotic devotion to his country, he acquired a military title and embarked as a voluntary ambassador to foreign nations, to study the art of war and investigate the secrets of monarchical power. He has not yet made his report.

Deraismes, John J. F.,	150,000
De Rham, Henry C.,	250,000

This gentleman is a Swiss. One of the most respected and worthy merchants in New York of the firm of De Rham & Moore; a firm of the highest respectability.

De Ruyter, John D.,	150,000
Dickie, Patrick,	600,000
Dickinson, Daniel S.	100,000

Was born at Goshen in Connecticut. He removed with his father to the State of New York in 1806. While a boy he learned a mechanical trade, but subsequently studied the legal profession, and was admitted to the bar of the New York Supreme Court in 1823. He became eminent in his profession, and pursued it successfully until his election to the State Senate in 1836. During his Senatorial term of four years, and subsequently as Lieutenant Governor, and President of the Senate, he took an active and leading part in politics. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1844, and continued a member of that body till 1851. His Senatorial career brought him prominently before the country, and he distinguished himself particularly in the debates on the Oregon question, and by his zealous, able and eloquent support of the compromise measures of 1851 contributed largely to their success.

Dodge, Isaac,	150,000
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Has long carried on an extensive business as importer, from which, we understand, he has now retired. He is largely interested in real estate.

Dodge, W. E.,	500,000
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Head of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Company, merchants, Cliff street. Was formerly clerk for Anson G. Phelps.

Dolan, John S.,	250,000
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A retired cabinet hardware merchant. His sons succeed him in the business. He is an Irishman by birth, first worked as a journeyman, and made the whole of his property by his persevering industry.

Dominick, James, Estate of,	300,000
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Formerly a cabinet-maker. He has now retired from business, and owns nearly all the square bounded by Catharine and Chatham streets and East Broadway.

Donaldson, James,	150,000
Donaldson, Robert,	200,000
Dortie, S. C.,	100,000
Douglas, George,	300,000

A commission merchant, principally doing business with the south. He has been long established, and has accumulated considerable property, especially in real estate. He is from Baltimore.

Douglass, George	600,000
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His father came from Scotland, and acquired a large property in the commission business. The whole of his estate was divided between his two sons and daughter. George has now retired from business.

Douglass, William,	500,000
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Has retired from active business, and is now president of the Mercantile Bank.

Dowley, John,	150,000
An old bachelor.	

Drake, Jacob,	150,000
Drake, James,	100,000
Drake, John,	200,000
Drew, Daniel,	250,000

Has made all his money. Formerly kept Bull's Head, and is now of the firm of Drew, Robinson & Co., large brokers, doing business in this city and Buffalo. They are the proprietors of the People's Line of Steamboats between this city and Albany. A shrewd, keen, money making man.

Driggs, Chester,	100,000
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A grocer, carrying on an old established business, by which he has become wealthy. He holds some real estate.

Duberceau, L.,	300,000
Duacan, John,	150,000

Stands among the many instances of self made men in this city. He arrived from Scotland about forty-five years ago, with but a small portion of this world's gear, but with what is frequently more valuable, a good portion of industry and economy. After passing through the usual routine of seeking a settlement, he established himself in a small grocery in Broadway. This gradually grew, and ultimately became a source of wealth. A few years ago he purchased the lots on which the store stood, with those adjoining, on which he has erected a very superior building, where the business is still carried on, principally under the management of his son.

Dunham, John B.,	150,000
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A piano-maker. Commenced poor, served his time as a cabinet-maker, and worked his way into a competence by industry and close application.

Durand, Asher B.,	100,000
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Was born in Jefferson, New Jersey; is of French descent. His great-grandfather was a surgeon and a Huguenot, who sought an asylum in this country on the revocation of the edict of Nantes. His father was a watchmaker, and it was in his shop that the young artist imbibed a taste for engraving. Cyphers were frequently required to be engraved on spoons and other articles, and on these he began to exercise his skill. He imitated the cards that were placed inside watches, and made the tools he required for engraving. His success was such as to attract the attention of an amateur, who interested himself to obtain for him a situation where he might enjoy greater advantages. Through his aid he was apprenticed to one of the most prominent engravers of the time, and he finally attained the first place in that profession in this country. To be a painter had always been the chief aim of his life, and hence he devoted his leisure hours to that art, in which he is now so distinguished. His early contributions to the National Academy of Design were chiefly portraits, but he finally adopted that department which was more in accordance with his taste—landscape and figure pieces—in which he now holds the first place in this country.

Durand, V.,	100,000
Duryea, Jacob,	100,000

Formerly a journeyman cabinet-maker. He afterwards started in the mahogany business, and is now interested in the same line with his sons.

Dyckman, James,	100,000
Dyckman, Mathew,	100,000

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Eagle, Henry,	200,000
Edgar, H. L.,	150,000



Edgar, William,	150,000
Eggleston, Thomas,	150,000

Extensively engaged in the iron trade. He has long been one of the principal importers, and the head of an old established firm in that line. From comparatively small beginnings, he has reached his present position by the exercise of those excellent qualities which generally insure success in commercial pursuits.

Elder, George,	250,000
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Of the firm of Elder & Painter, 75 Dey street, wholesale grocers and oil dealers. A native of this city. Began life without any pecuniary means, and by an unwavering course of strict integrity and industry, has acquired not only a fortune, but what he esteems still more, the highest reputation as an honorable, Christian merchant. Every man who knows him believes that his word is as good as his bond.

Elliott, Daniel,	100,000
Elliott, Dr. Samuel,	100,000
Ellsworth, Edward,	300,000

Long established as a merchant in this city, and now occupying an extensive store in Dey street.

Ellsworth, Henry,	450,000
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Formerly extensively engaged in commerce, but retired several years ago with an ample fortune.

Ely, Ambrose K.,	200,000
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A son of Epaphras C. Ely. Has carried on the same branch of business in another establishment about five years, and from his present position bids fair to accumulate a handsome fortune.

Ely, Epaphras C.,	100,000
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Formerly a tanner in Ulster Co., in this state. Commenced the leather business in this city in 1835

Ely, Smith, Jr.,	100,000
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Mr. Ely is known in the trade as a man of persevering business habits — The whole of his property has been made in the leather trade, and from a very limited starting capital.

Emanuel, Michael,	150,000
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Embury, Peter,	150,000
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Formerly a merchant in this city, but long since retired from business. He has always been esteemed a man of sterling principle. His son's wife is the distinguished poetess.

Emmet, John P.,	100,000
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Carrying on the business of broker, in which he has made the principal part of his property.

Emmet, John T.,	100,000
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Emmet, Robert,	100,000
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Has long occupied an eminent place in the legal profession, and is now one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

Emmet, Thomas Addis,	200,000
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Nephew of the Irish Patriot and Martyr, Robert Emmet. A fine specimen of the true gentleman, and an example of generosity, honor and integrity.

Eno, Amos R.,	150,000
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Everrsen, Mrs.,	100,000
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Ewen, Daniel, - - - - - 500,000

Formerly an extensive builder and architect, in which profession he realized considerable property, and became a large holder of real estate. He has for some time past held the office of City Surveyor.

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Fabroquet, Edward - - - - - 150,000

is a native of France, and formerly served under Napoleon. After the defeat and exile of that great man, and on the return of King Charles, he collected what property he could, and retired to Germany, and from Bremen he sailed for this country. After travelling in South America, and speculating in various descriptions of merchandize, by which he realized considerable property, he settled in the United States, and has been sufficiently successful to obtain a respectable independence, on which he has now retired.

Faile, Edward, . . . . . 100,000

Faile, Thomas H., . . . . . 150,000

Faile, Thomas H., Jr., . . . . . 100,000

The Faile brothers are sons of an old Scotch merchant, who began life as a pedlar, and settled as a merchant in East Chester, recently deceased. His sons came to this city and are now Wholesale Grocers, doing a good business. They are very much respected.

Fanshaw, Daniel, . . . . . 200,000

Was originally a poor printer, but a steady moral man, who pushed his way in the world by honest industry. His principal source of wealth has been his contracts with the Bible and Tract Societies, and here he had great advantages. The capital for carrying on the business was furnished to his hands, the contracts were favorable to him, and payment was sure and regular. With these advantages, it is not surprising he made steady and rapid progress. He is much esteemed as a benevolent man and a valuable citizen. His real estate interests in the upper part of the island, and particularly at Yorkville, are great.

Favre, Frederick W., . . . . . 150,000

Fellows, James, - - - - - 250,000

Is a general importer, principally from France and England, and has been eminently successful in his commercial speculations. He is related to the Fellows of Massachusetts, a wealthy family, of which several members have settled as merchants in New York.

Felt, David, . . . . . 500,000

A native of Massachusetts. Has for many years carried on a large establishment of stationery in New York. He has also an establishment in Brooklyn, where he has a considerable amount of real estate. He has built a village in New Jersey, in which he has established various means for instruction and moral improvement.

Ferris, Floyd T., . . . . . 100,000

Ferris, Estate of Charles G., . . . . . 200,000

He was long an Inspector of Flour. Has made a large fortune, which he left to a daughter who married Samuel Lewis, a nephew of Henry Youngs, who at that time was a clerk in a dry goods store in Broadway. Charles G. has been a member of Congress, elected by the Democratic party. He was much beloved by those who knew him, and distinguished himself by his attention to the wants of the poor and needy, especially during the great cholera year.

Fiedler, Ernest, . . . . . 200,000

Field, Benj. H., . . . . . 100,000

In the drug business. Married the sister of Fred. De Peyster. Is called a "jolly good fellow," is generous and charitable, and deserves his fortune. He

belongs to the St. Nicholas Society, where, in the capacity of one of its stewards he aids the entertainments by his genial flow of soul. He is yet young and good looking, and waxes quite poetic at festivities.

Field, David D., 150,000

Married a rich widow by whom he acquired a fortune. Is an illustration of what my Lord Coke says—that lawyers are peculiarly susceptible of the tender impressions. He is the reputed author of that master-piece of juridical skill and logical analysis called the *Code*, to which the works of Bacon and of Aristotle are as sounding brass. No intellectual achievement has created such celebrity in the legal annals of our State. The days of the ancient practice of an honorable and courteous profession are past, and in its stead we have a practice which *don't* make perfect. Our subject reminds us of the immortal Phaëton, who fancied that he could find a better course for the sun through the heavens, and seizing the reins of his father's chariot,

“Far from its track impels the glowing sun,  
— And all the orbs to wild disorder run.”

Field, Hickson W., 350,000

Fish, Hamilton, 800,000

Son of the late Col. Fish, from whom he received a large amount of his present fortune, which was greatly increased by his marriage with a daughter of the late P. Stuyvesant. He has been for some years a Senator from New York. There are few who hold more real estate in this city than Mr. F., besides which he holds considerable in other parts of the State.

Fisher, George, 150,000

Fisher, Henry, 100,000

Fisher, James, 100,000

Fisher, Leonard, 200,000

Fisher, Mrs., 200,000

A daughter of John Glover, deceased some twenty years since. He was an Irishman, and began life in this country as a pedlar, and with \$100 bought, some fifty years ago, a large lot in Laurens street, which, with the buildings now on it, is worth nearer a million than a hundred dollars. Her sister married John Adams, President of the Fulton Bank. Her brother Edward married a poor milliner, and his mother bought for him a farm of six hundred acres, in Ulster Co., this state. On the death of Edward his mother confirmed this farm to his widow, whereupon Mr. Adams and Mr. Witherspoon invoked the Court of Chancery, in vain, to turn it to their own account. John J. Glover, one of whose daughters married the Hon. C. C. Combreling, is of another family.

Fisher, Thomas, 150,000

Fitch, Asa, Jr., 250,000

Of a New England family. Asa was for a long time a merchant at Marseilles. They are now doing a large commission business in New street.

Fitch, William, 100,000

Fitzgerald, Edward, 150,000

A native of England, and an excellent machinist. He commenced life poor, and was for a long time dependant on his own labor for his support. Industry and energy soon dissipated the clouds which hung over him, and brought brighter days. Possessing a good share of genius, he invented several useful machines, and among others the conical mills for which he obtained a patent, and which have been a great source of his wealth, principally by the sale of patent rights for various states. They are extensively used as flour mills and for various other purposes. He has now retired from active business.

Fillmore, Millard, 150,000

Was born January 7th, 1800, at Summer Hill, Cayuga County, New York. His father, Nathaniel Fillmore, who was descended from an English family, was a farmer, and in 1814 removed to Erie County, where he still lives cultivating a small farm with his own hands. Owing to the humble circum-



stances of his father, Millard's education was necessarily of the most imperfect kind, and at an early age he was sent to Livingston County, at that time a wild region, to learn the clothier's trade and about four months later he was apprenticed to a wool carder in the town in which his father lived.— During the four years that he worked at his trade, he availed himself of every opportunity to improve his mind and supply the defects of his early education. At the age of nineteen he made the acquaintance of the late Judge Wood, of Cayuga County, a man of wealth and eminence in his profession, who discovered in the humble apprentice talents that would fit him for a higher station, and offered to receive him into his office and to defray his expenses during the time of his studies. Young Fillmore accepted the offer, but, that he might not incur too large a debt to his benefactor, he devoted a portion of his time to teaching school. In 1821 he removed to Erie County, and pursued his legal studies in the city of Buffalo. Two years later he was admitted to the Common Pleas, and commenced the practice of the law at Aurora, in the same county. In 1827 he was admitted as an attorney, and in 1829 as counsellor in the Supreme Court, and in the following year he removed to Buffalo, where he entered into partnership with an elder member of the bar. His political life commenced with his election to the State Assembly, in which body he took his seat in 1829, as a member from the county of Erie. He took a prominent part in assisting to abolish imprisonment for debt in this state. In 1832, he was elected to Congress and took his seat the following year. He was successively re-elected to the 26th and 27th Congresses, and in both of them distinguished himself as a man of talent and great business capacity. At length he returned to Buffalo and devoted himself to his profession, of which he had become one of the most distinguished members in the state. In 1846 he was elected Comptroller of the state, and in 1848 was elected Vice President of the United States. The death of General Taylor raised him to the Presidential chair. His wife was the daughter of the late Rev. L. Powers, by whom he had a son and daughter. He lost his wife and daughter by death soon after the expiration of his term of office.

Floyd, F. T., . . . . . 150,000

A physician of some celebrity. His property is principally in real estate.

Foot, S. A., . . . . . 100,000

Forbes, Jehial, . . . . . 100,000

Forbes, Widow, . . . . . 250,000

Forrest, Edwin, . . . . . 250,000

The distinguished American tragedian. Was a poor boy, and has made his own fortune by his profession. He married a daughter of Mr. Sinclair, the English vocalist, from whom he has recently been divorced. Mr. Forrest has wisely invested a portion of his funds in up-town lots, and in the erection of dwellings.

Forsyth, Wm., . . . . . 400,000

From Aberdeen, Scotland, where he learned the jewelry business. With the restless energy of his countrymen he travelled, first to London, where he worked as a journeyman for some time, and afterwards commenced business on his own account, in which he was unsuccessful. He left the country for America considerably in debt. On his arrival in the new world, he united with a Frenchman in business, and made considerable progress; and then, having accumulated some property, he commenced a new speculation. He travelled through the South American states for the purpose of purchasing jewels and curiosities. In this he was very successful—in one instance particularly so. The government had seized a quantity of jewels for the payment of taxes, which were sold by auction. These he bought for about seven hundred dollars, a sum greatly below their value. He immediately sailed with them to England, where he sold them for nearly twelve thousand pounds. With this he honorably paid his former unsettled debts, and returned to America. Now, in the meridian of life, he enjoys a handsome fortune.

Foster, Andrew, . . . . . 150,000

Of a Scotch family. Originally an auctioneer, and now with his sons in the commission business.

Foster, James, - - - - - 150,000

Many of our wealthy men rise from comparative poverty, through difficulties with which they struggle manfully, till, superior to every obstacle, they win for themselves the prize at which they aimed, and set an example worthy the imitation of others. Mr. Foster has thus raised himself. In early life he occupied some comparatively humble stations. He has gradually advanced by his prudence and energy, improving every opportunity, till he has placed himself at the head of a flourishing mercantile establishment, and has already reaped the rich fruits of his industry.

Foulke, Joseph, . . . . . 200,000

Foulke, Joseph, Jr., . . . . . 100,000

Foulke, Louis P., . . . . . 100,000

Foulke, William, . . . . . 100,000

Joseph Foulke is an English gentleman who has maintained the highest rank among our honorable merchants. He has long been engaged in the West India importing business, and now has three sons, Joseph Jr., Louis P., and William, in business with him. Joseph Jr. married a daughter of John Backman, who brought him a large sum. Louis P. married an heiress, the daughter of Charles Town.

Fowler, John O., - - - - - 150,000

Came to the city from his native place (Yonkers,) in 1827, when quite a boy. Was employed as clerk until 1837, and then started in the grocery and tea business in Greenwich street, on his own hook. In this he was remarkably successful—the fruits of economy in personal expenses, of never flagging industry and perseverance, and, though last, perhaps the most essential, great enterprise and *liberality in the advertising department*. The newspapers all know Mr Fowler. His snug fortune is all invested in real estate and leasehold property, a portion of which is represented by the splendid brown stone front building on Nassau street, extending from Fulton to Ann streets.

Fowler, Theodocius, . . . . . 300,000

A son of an old Whig of the revolution, Major Fowler, from whom he received a large property. He married one of the daughters of the late Francis Depeau, by which his fortune was largely increased. Many years ago he did business as a stock broker under the firm of 'Coit and Fowler,' 53 Broad st.

Fox, George S., . . . . . 100,000

Son of George Fox, tailor in Pearl st., of the olden time. He married a daughter of the late Thomas Leggett—of Quaker descent, and formerly of the old auctioneer firm of Leggett, Fox, & Co.

Fox, Samuel M., . . . . . 200,000

Fox, William W., . . . . . 100,000

One of two Quaker brothers, in the dry goods jobbing and auctioneer business. They are from Westchester. A man of sterling integrity—of the class of the Allens, Coraells, and such like. He was one of the water commissioners; held many offices of public trust, and proved faithful in all. He has been for many years President of the New York Gas Company. With the *rationale of Gas*, he is more familiar than Priestley or Lavoisier, and is fond of having this scientific title addressed to him by his relatives. His wife is the daughter of the late Thomas Leggett.

Francis, John W., - - - - - 100,000

A distinguished physician of the city of New York, where he was born. He is the son of Melchior Francis, a native of Germany, who immigrated to this country in 1784. John graduated at Columbia College in 1809, when he became the pupil of the celebrated Dr. Hosack, subsequently his partner in business. He became a lecturer on some of the most important subjects in the profession, and was elected the first president of the New York Academy of Medicine. His medical works gave him an extensive reputation as a learned and skillful physician. For forty years he has been enga-



ged in the most active exercise of professional duties in his native city; but amid the incessant avocations of a large practice, he has found time to manifest his interest in and genius for liberal studies. He is identified with New York more than any other individual in the same professional sphere. He is always consulted in questions of local and personal interest, and his co-operation is deemed essential on important subjects. He is at present president of the Medical Board of New York.

Fraser, Thomas, . . . . . 125,000

A native of Scotland, and long established in the Southern trade, in which he carries on an extensive business. He is in every respect an excellent specimen of a Scotch gentleman, and much esteemed as a valuable member of society.

Frazee, Abram, - - - - - \$150,000

Son of A. Frazee, Sr. A native of Switzerland, and known as an importer of the various articles used by watch and clock makers. He has carried on the business for many years, and become wealthy by this successful commercial speculations.

Freeborn, James F., - - - - - 150,000

A merchant carrying on an extensive business in South and Front streets, and largely interested in shipping.

Frost, Samuel, . . . . . 100,000

Frost, Thomas, - - - - - 100,000

The principal part of the property he holds has been acquired almost entirely by the improved value of real estate, which he purchased many years ago in the upper wards of the city. When a laboring man, he, in some cases, had lots given him on condition of filling up adjoining hollow lots. This property is now of great value. He still speculates in this description of property, and has made a respectable fortune.

Furniss, Wm. P., . . . . . 650,000

Made all his money at the South, and is now a broker in Wall street. He built the Globe Hotel, and is a large owner of real estate, which has risen much in value since his investment.

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Gallatin, Albert R., . . . . . 100,000

Gallatin, James, . . . . . 100,000

Sons of the late Albert Gallatin, who came to this country from Switzerland when quite young, and successively held the office of Negotiator with Clay and Adams of the Treaty of Ghent, Secretary of the U. S. Treasury, and President of the National Bank in this city, in which last he has been succeeded by his son James, Jr.

Gardiner, John, . . . . . 100,000

Gardiner, Nathaniel, . . . . . 100,000

A descendant of the Gardiner's Island family of Gardiners. Twenty-five years since he was a merchant in this city, where he acquired a handsome fortune, and is now enjoying it in honorable retirement in our sister city, Brooklyn. He is the younger brother of Hon. David Gardiner, who lost his life by the accident on board the Princeton some years ago, and whose daughter was married to John Tyler, late President of the U. S.

Gardiner, Thomas, . . . . . 500,000

Garner, James G., . . . . . 100,000

Gasner, Peter, - - - - - 200,000

For many years kept an exchange office at the corner of Roosevelt and Chatham streets, where he made nearly all his money. He now owns that property, including the National theatre. He married a daughter of the Rev. Mr. Fellows.



Gassner, Peter, . . . . . 500,000

An old established merchant, formerly in South street, but now in Broadway. He is of German descent, but his family have been long resident in the United States, and have lost all the peculiarities of their European ancestors.

Gautrie, William, . . . . . 100,000

Now and for several years engaged in the cloth business in Maiden Lane

Gelston, George, . . . . . 150,000

Gelston, John M., . . . . . 100,000

Gelston, Maltby, . . . . . 100,000

Gemmel, James, . . . . . 150,000

Of Scotch descent, long known among us as a jeweler and watchmaker, in which business he has been particularly successful; but most of his property has been obtained by marriage with Miss Catharine Eu-ley, who, with her brother Daniel (deceased), owned the real estate on Broadway once known as "Kusley's Ice Cream Garden." He is an industrious and enterprising citizen.

Getty, Robert, - - - - - 250,000

Was appointed Beef and Pork Inspector, about fifteen years ago; in this office he acquired considerable wealth, which he has greatly increased by speculating in real estate. After the Hudson River Railroad commenced operation he made large purchases of land in the village of Yonkers, and laid out lots for building almost a new town to the southwest of the railroad station, also building a very large hotel in the centre of the village, which is considered the handsomest building in Westchester county. He is, in every sense, a public spirited man and valuable citizen.

Gilbert, Clinton, . . . . . 150,000

Gilbert, Joshua, . . . . . 100,000

Gilbert, Mrs., . . . . . 150,000

Gilbert, Nicobas, : . . . . 500,000

Gillespie, Geo. D. K., . . . . . 100,000

Gilley, Mrs., . . . . . 150,000

Gitman, Nathaniel, . . . . . 600,000

From Bath, Me. Formerly in a wholesale business in Portland, and subsequently in Boston. He is now one of the leather dealers in Gold street, and imports largely from South America and Africa. A man of great energy and business capacity.

Gilsey, Peter, . . . . . 125,000

Giraud, Jacob P., . . . . . 200,000

Giraud, Joseph, . . . . . 300,000

Goelet, Margaret, Widow of Robert R., - - - - - 1,000,000

Her husband, with his brother Peter P. was of English birth, and a hardware merchant, and accumulated a large property in his business. Both these brothers married daughters of Thomas Buchanan, a Scotch merchant of this city, prior to the American revolution. Her only daughter is married to Mr. Kipp. Her only son is deceased.

Goelet, Peter, . . . . . 1,000,000

A rich old bachelor, who feels more joy in bondsmen's seals than "Cæsar with a senate at his heels."

Gomez, A. L., . . . . . 100,000

Is a descendant of the Gomezes who were among the first Hebrew emigrants to England and the colonies from persecutions in Portugal, where they could not exercise their ancient faith under the penalty of death. The relatives of his father, who brought considerable wealth with him, were

distinguished nobles of that kingdom, and held lucrative appointments at the court of the monarch prior to their departure. Mr. Gomez is the true representative of a modern English gentleman, in his amiable deportment and refined breeding.

Gratacap, J. C., . . . . . 100,000

Green, John C., . . . . . 600,000

Formerly a clerk with George Griswold, then married his daughter, and rose to be a partner.

Griffin, Mrs. Mary, . . . . . 400,000

A descendant of an English family, who have become wealthy since their residence in the United States. Her grandfather, Joseph Sands, died worth three hundred thousand dollars, which was divided between his three children, Joseph, Ferdinand and Mary all of whom have increased their property. Joseph was principal in the firm of Sands & Collamore, earthen ware merchants, and realized a handsome fortune; and Mary married F. Griffin, a lawyer, lately deceased, who left her a large amount, principally in real estate.

Grosvenor, Jasper, . . . . . 100,000

A merchant connected with Ketchum, Rogers & Bement, Brokers, in Wall street, and manufacturers of Steam Engines and Locomotives, at Paterson, New Jersey.

Grosvenor, Seth, . . . . . 500,000

Dry goods merchant. Of an old New England family, and brother of the once distinguished orator and Congressman, deceased, (Thomas P. G.) Seth is uncle to the widow of that late brilliant meteor in judicial acumen, S. A. Taft, which set so prematurely in clouds and darkness.

Gunther, Christian G., . . . . . 150,000

A German by birth, who came to this country when quite a youth. He has made his fortune in the Fur business, and by his untiring efforts has become one of the most extensive dealers in Furs in this country.

## H

Hadden, David, - - - - - 200,000

A Scotchman, of the firm of David Hadden & Son, Importers of Irish Linen. Thomas Crowe was formerly a silent partner of this firm.

Haggerty, John, . . . . . 1,000,000

Of Irish parentage and formerly of the firm of Haggerty & Austen auctioneers, and the richest men in that business. He retired from active business many years since.

Haggerty, John A., . . . . . 350,000

Haggerty, Ogden, . . . . . 200,000

Haggerty, William, . . . . . 200,000

Haight, D. L., . . . . . 250,000

Haight, Henry D., . . . . . 600,000

Haight, Richard K., - - - - - 500,000

One of our well known and respected merchants, who has made an ample fortune by commercial enterprise. His success has depended not so much upon an ample capital on which to build a large commercial establishment, as upon the energy and judgment with which his business is managed. In this he has been eminently successful. He and his wife make up a life which shows a flush like batter's plush. What an era in the cranitological history of man when, like Prince Harry, he "doffed his beaver." But for this, where would have been the elegant mansion of "The Fifth," which has entertained the literati and gentry, amid the sounds of music and silken luxuriance! "None but the brave deserve the fair," and none but those, we

may add, who can improve or adorn the human head. His lady has travelled, and written a readable book about Egypt and the Mummies, and belongs to our best society, and so does our hero. Their only daughter, some four years since, married "the boy Jones," grandson of John Mason—at Saratoga Springs—a very fashionable wedding.

Haines, R. T., . . . . . 200,000

Of the firm of Halsted, Haines & Co., large dry goods dealers; an old house.

Hall, Daniel K., . . . . . 150,000

A feather dealer, formerly of the firm of Hall & Millen. Mr. Hall is one of the very few who can always say "I don't owe a dollar." He won't be trusted by anybody for anything.

Hall, Francis, . . . . . 150,000

Senior partner of the firm of Francis Hall & Co., proprietors of the Commercial Advertiser and New York Spectator. Mr. Hall is an Englishman. Coming to this country when a young man, he was employed in the office of the Com. Ad., and afterwards became with Mr. Lewis a partner; the latter of whom six years afterwards was succeeded by the late Col. Stone. The success and reputation of this paper is greatly owing to Mr. Hall, who from his connection with the paper to the present time, has constantly exercised over it an editorial supervision. Mr. Hall is a most excellent man.

Hall, J. Prescott, . . . . . 200,000

Hall, Peleg, . . . . . 100,000

Originally from Newport, R. I., and by exceeding enterprise and industry has amassed a fortune.

Hall, Valentine G., . . . . . 250,000

Hallock, Girard, . . . . . 150,000

The editor and the principal proprietor of the Journal of Commerce. In addition to the profits of this paper the estate of his wife in this city has been turned to good account. Mr. Hallock has a beautiful seat in New Haven, where his wife and family reside.

Halsted Caleb O., . . . . . 500,000

Halstead, W. M., . . . . . 100,000

Hamersley, Andrew Stelle, . . . . . 125,000

Mr. H's paternal great-grandfather, William, came to America, an officer in the British navy, in 1716. His admiralty orders, (dating from 1700 to 1716) now in this city, are curious, as containing the autographs of some of the most distinguished men of the periods of William III. and Queen Anne. He married a Van Burgh of New York, and left the navy at the request of her family. Died 1762. His paternal grandfather, Andrew Hamersley, married a granddaughter of Thomas Gordon, one of the old proprietors of East New Jersey, and one of those who ceded their rights of sovereignty to England. The portions of East New Jersey, still undivided, are in slow course of distribution, having been held in common for 180 years, this family receiving their distributive shares as heirs at law of Thomas Gordon. Both great grandfather and grandfather were vestrymen of Trinity Church for about 20 years each. Mr. Hamersley's is the only family of the name that ever resided in the city of New York. There is a considerable amount of wealth divided among its different members, all or nearly all inherited; very much of it having been held for several generations back. Andrew Stelle was educated to the legal profession, and is a member of the New York Bar. He now resides on his estate at Westport, Conn., and is soon to be admitted to the bar of that State.

Hamilton, J. C., . . . . . 100,000

Harbeck, H., . . . . . 100,000

Harbeck, John Henry, . . . . . 300,000



- Harbeck, William Henry,** - - - - - 300,000  
 Received considerable from their father, but made most of their money by the stage and shipping business. They are both persevering, money-making men.
- Hargous, L. E.,** . . . . . 100,000  
**Hargous, P. A.,** . . . . . 150,000  
**Harmon, Philip,** . . . . . 100,000  
**Harmony, Peter, Estate of,** . . . . . 2,000,000  
 Peter Harmony came to this city a poor cabin boy, and eventually became largely engaged in the shipping business with several partners. In this he was very successful, the ship Warsaw making him \$90,000 in one voyage round Cape Horn. He has been largely interested in the trade between Cuba and Spain, and some of his ships to Africa, it is said, have brought cargoes that have been very profitable.
- Harriot, John B.,** - - - - - \$100,000  
 Came from Connecticut about thirty years ago, and opened a family grocery and feed store. Here he obtained sufficient to commence speculating in real estate. He bought up the lots adjoining his store, on which he built a block of houses. By continuing these speculations, he has acquired an independence. The firm of J. B. Harriot & Co. is now extensively engaged in the flour trade.
- Harriot, Joseph B.,** - - - - - 100,000  
 Came from Connecticut about thirty years ago, and opened a small grocery or rather liquor store. Here he obtained sufficient to commence speculating in real estate. He bought up the lots adjoining his store, on which he built a block of houses, and by continuing these speculations has acquired an independence. He is now extensively engaged in the flour trade.
- Harris, Deanis,** - - - - - 250,000  
 Sugar refiner, formerly in Duane street, but now occupying the extensive premises near Carmansville. He has long been a liberal supporter of the Methodist church, and highly esteemed as a benevolent friend of the various institutions for the diffusion of knowledge, and for the amelioration of the condition of the poor.
- Harris, J. W.,** - - - - - 100,000  
 Importer and dealer in earthen ware. He has long been settled in this country, and from his former connection with Staffordshire houses, became an importer in that line. For many years he was agent for some of the principal manufacturers, and acquired the major part of his property in the prosecution of that business.
- Harrison, William H.,** - - - - - 250,000  
 Proprietor of the Northern Hotel in Courtlandt street, and well known to the public as possessing that urbanity which renders him peculiarly suited to the station he occupies, and to which his rapid rise and his success in business may be attributed.
- Hart, David,** . . . . . 200,000  
**Hart, Widow of Peter G.,** . . . . . 150,000  
**Hatch, Geo. W.,** . . . . . 200,000  
 Rawdon, Wright & Hatch are the celebrated bank engravers, and another sample of intelligent, spirited mechanics, making for themselves a name and a fortune incomparably more to be prized than the wealth which has been acquired too often by mere mercantile gambling. Mr. Hatch is half brother of Ex-Governor Throop, and to judge of his early prosperous career, cannot be said to have counted his chickens before they were hatched. Mr. Rawdon is a branch of the Irish family of Rawdon, Earl of Moira, who was so distinguished as a British partizan or cavalry officer during the revolutionary war.

Havemeyer, Albert,	100,000
Havemeyer, Diedrick,	100,000

The above are partners in the firm of Havemeyer & Co., Sugar Refiners, Vaniam and Front streets.

Havemeyer, Frederick C.,	150,000
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Of a German family ; a merchant in Front street, and brother to ex-Mayor William F.

Havemeyer, William F.,	200,000
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Elected Mayor of the city in the spring of 1845 by a very large majority by the Democratic party, of which he has long been a distinguished leader. Mr. H is of German descent, and succeeded his father in the sugar business, whence he has made his money.

Haven, H,	100,000
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A merchant, doing a general business with the southern states. He has been long established, and has for some time left the active part of the establishment to his son.

Havens, Henry,	150,000
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Was born at Savannah, and resided there till about fifteen years ago, when he removed to New York and opened a commission establishment in South street. For some time he did an extensive business, principally with the southern merchants, but finally changed the nature of his trade and commenced shipping goods on his own account. In this he has been very successful. He has a large connection in the south and west among commercial men, from whom he receives the principal part of his merchandize for the home and foreign markets.

Haviland, Daniel G.,	150,000
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Head of the firm of D. G. Haviland, Bros & Co., importers of porcelain, &c. Mr H. is a native of Westchester county, New York, and has been established about eighteen years in his present business, which is the most extensive in that department of trade in the United States.

Hawley, Irad,	150,000
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Haxturn, A. B.,	200,000
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Heabben, Widow of John,	100,000
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Heard, James,	250,000
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Hearn, George A.,	150,000
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Heckscher, Edward,	100,000
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Heiser, Henry A.,	200,000
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Of the firm of Chambers & Heiser, general commission merchants, Bridge street, engaged extensively in the California trade.

Hendricks, (five families of)	2,000,000
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Henriques, David,	100,000
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Formerly a commission merchant. Now retired.

Herrick, Elias,	100,000
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General commission merchant, Coenties Slip.

Herring, Silas, C.	150,000
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Was born in Massachusetts, and remained in his native state till he was about twenty years of age. He received a common-school education, and was sent, while a boy, to work at various employments, as his parents were in but moderate circumstances. His first attempt at business for himself was in Albany, where he opened an office as a lottery broker. In this, after experiencing diversified fortune, he failed; but, not disheartened, he collected what little property he had, came to New York, and commenced as a provision dealer, speculating chiefly in butter. In this he was no more success-

ful, and in a short time he broke up and became clerk, or bar-keeper, at the Howard Hotel, in which occupation he continued about six months. He then made another effort to establish himself in business and opened a store in the lower part of the city, in the year 1834; but before he had got fairly established, the great fire of 1835 destroyed the building in which he had commenced business, and with it the whole of his property. Under these discouraging circumstances he was compelled to look around anew for some opening in which he might employ his industry. It is possible that the conflagration suggested the idea of forming some means of preserving valuable property such as deeds, books, bank bills &c., from destruction by fire; and hence the origin of the salamander safe. At all events, to this department of business he turned his attention, and established in a few years his reputation as manufacturer of the fire-proof salamander safe. He has an extensive manufactory on the Ninth avenue, where the most skillful mechanics are employed in making these and other articles of a similar description. Thus, by perseverance, skill and industry, he has at length established himself, with the prospect of realizing a handsome fortune.

Herring, Wm. C.,	100,000
Hicks, Henry V.,	250,000

Robert Hicks, Plymouth, 1831, a rich merchant, was the progenitor of the family in Rhode Island, Long Island and New York. They have always "cottoned" to merchandise, and been distinguished in the commercial annals of this country as shipping merchants, at Plymouth, Newport and New York, for 200 years past.

Hicks, John G., Estate of,	200,000
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Deceased about fifteen years ago—a merchant who made fortunate investments in real estate. By his will he left the income of his estate to his widow, provided she remained unmarried, as also his fine house in Waverly Place. But a briefless lawyer commenced suit, and by winning the widow destroyed her life estate. The husband for want of a child has won no *courtesy in foro legis*.

Hicks, John H.,	600,000
Higgins, Alvin,	500,000

Was born in the State of Maine and came to this city about nineteen years ago, and opened a carpet store in company with a younger brother. Soon after the copartnership was formed, the brothers commenced the manufacture of carpets in a moderate way, and as their business increased they extended operations until at the present time, they are the most opulent carpet manufacturers in the United States. Mr. Alvin Higgins is one of the few men able to form great projects, and then execute them successfully. His business talent is not confined solely to the making of carpets, but he is a merchant in the true sense of the word, and eminently deserving a place among our "merchant princes."

Hillman, Capt. Jona.,	600,000
Hitchcock, C.,	600,000
Hitchcock, W. R.,	500,000
Holden, Horace,	200,000

For many years known as a respectable member of the legal profession.—By an extensive and successful practice he has acquired an ample fortune, on which he has retired.

Holbrook, E.,	500,000
Holbrook, Mrs. N.,	200,000

Widow of Ephraim Holbrook, who rose from comparative poverty to the possession of wealth, by persevering industry.

Holmes, Eldad,	150,000
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An Old New Yorker, and a very respectable man. Made all his money as a Grocer. He is no relation of Silas Holmes.



Holmes, Silas, . . . . . 150,000

A large shipping merchant, and President of the Screw Dock Co

Holt, Philatus H., . . . . . 150,000

An old established flour merchant in Front street. His father was engaged in the same business, as was also his brother, who subsequently became a Presbyterian minister, and was pastor of the church in Carmine street. He has become wealthy, and holds considerable real estate.

Hone, Mrs. Paillip, . . . . . 500,000

Widow of the distinguished politician and auctioneer—once Mayor of the city.

Hoople, Wm. H., . . . . . 200,000

A most wealthy and enterprising citizen in the leather trade, who but a few years since came into this State from Canada a poor young man, with scarcely a shilling in his pocket, and succeeded in obtaining work as a journeyman currier at very low wages. After continuing thus for some time, he went to Philadelphia, where, after pursuing his trade for a while with industry, he was enabled to accumulate what he considered a small fortune, \$175 with which he came to this city in 1832, and commenced business on his own account, the success of which is above attested. Recently he has been an active member of the New York City Reform Committee.

Hope, Thomas, - - - - - 150,000

Commenced business as a grocer in a small way. By perseverance and a continuance of general success, he has acquired considerable property, and from a small retail dealer, he has become one of the principal family grocers in the city. Some years ago he opened an extensive establishment at the corner of Chambers and Hudson streets, where he still carries on an extensive retail and wholesale business.

How, Fisher. . . . . 200,000

Howard, D. D., , . . . . . 150,000

Howard, Jas. P., . . . . . 150,000

Howell, George, - - - - - 100,000

Holds the large sugar refinery in Duane street. This was formerly held by an Englishman named Blackford, and afterwards by Havens who owned it at the time it was destroyed by fire. The present occupant, who has made his money by persevering industry, erected a new building at the cost of about forty thousand dollars, and bids fair to reap a valuable harvest from his extensive business.

Howell, Widow of Wm. . . . . 150,000

Howland, John H., . . . . . 500,000

Resides in Bloomingdale, and with William E. is doing a large mercantile and shipping business.

Howland, Gardiner, . . . . . 1,000,000

Howland, Saml. S., . . . . . 1,000,000

Howland, Wm. Edgar, . . . . . 400,000

One of the firm of Howland & Aspinwall.

Hoyt, Edward, . . . . . 150,000

Hoyt, Edwin, . . . . . 150,000

Hoyt, James, - - - - - 100,000

A flour merchant, formerly engaged in the forwarding trade. He became agent for the Oswego Rochester, Black Rock and other mills. He suffered severe reverses and heavy losses from the state of commercial affairs in 1836 and 1837. His warehouse was destroyed by a mob with a large quantity of flour about that time, but this we believe did not much affect his interests or his credit. He has succeeded in establishing a valuable trade, and has made a respectable fortune.

Hoyt, Widow of Gould,	400,000
Hubbard, N. T.,	100,000

In the provision trade. The father of several pretty daughters. Has a vast deal of music in his soul and cannot miss the opera—takes a rational view of life, and is as Horace says “porcus e grege Epicuri.” He is not one of Goldsmith’s class,

“Whose beggar pride denudes its daily cheer,  
To give one costly banquet once a year.”

The phrase “Codfish Aristocracy” was not suggested by this gentleman.

Hudson, Joseph,	200,000
Hunt, Jonathan,	1,500,000
Hunt, Samuel J.,	100,000
Hunt, Thomas,	800,000
Hunt, Wilson G.,	200,000

One of our honorable merchants. He paid his debts when he was relieved therefrom by the law. The people showed their respect by nominating him for Mayor, and would have chosen him had they suspected his defeat. As Hamlet says, “To be honest, as this world goes, is to be one man picked out of ten thousand.” He was once a clerk in the dry goods store of Ira B. Underhill, in ancient Pearl st., and acquired his fortune by honest trade.

Hunter, Jacob,	150,000
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A grocer still doing business in 3d avenue, but rather as a pastime than otherwise. He has two or three times retired from, and again resumed, business. He received considerable of his property from his father, but has always been successful in his undertakings.

Hunter, John,	100,000
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A native of Scotland, and a physician of some celebrity. When he first came to this country he was absolutely poor, and under the necessity of seeking the aid of friends to enable him to gain some means of support. He was sent by them, with letters of introduction, to a physician in Troy, who, upon examination of his credentials from the Colleges of Paris and Edinburgh, and upon personal inquiry, found him to be a highly educated man and a proficient in his profession. He gave him his patronage, and by this means Dr. Hunter soon rose in public estimation, and in a few years settled in a southern city. He afterwards removed to New York, where he resided till he retired from practice with a respectable fortune.

Hunter, Wm.,	200,000
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Hurry, William,	100,000
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Formerly a builder, has been engaged in erecting a large part of the public and private edifices which adorn the upper part of the city. He is now employed principally as an architect, together with his sons, and has made the bulk of his fortune in that profession.

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Inglis, John,	150,000
Irving, widow of Jno. T.,	300,000
Irvine, Richard,	100,000
Isaacs, Levy,	100,000

Was formerly a planter in the island of Jamaica, and realized there a handsome fortune, which was lost by fire and by the failure of his debtors. When he came to this country, he brought the wreck of his property, with which he successfully established himself here. He has now retired, and his business is carried on by his son.

Isaacs, S. I., - - - - - 150,000

Proprietor of the large copper manufactory in Water street. He is of Jewish connection, and a native of England, though many years resident in this country. From a comparatively small concern he has raised an extensive business, from which he has reaped and still is reaping a golden harvest.

## J

Jackson, D. S., . . . . . 150,000

Jackson, Hamilton, . . . . . 200,000

James, Daniel, . . . . . 200,000

James, Henry, . . . . . 100,000

Janeway, Geo., . . . . . 100,000

Janeway, J. J., . . . . . 600,000

Janeway, Rev. Jacob I., . . . . . 550,000

Janeway, William, . . . . . 100,000

Jaudon, Samuel, . . . . . 100,000

Jay, Wm., . . . . . 150,000

Jewitt, John, . . . . . 300,000

Johnston, John, - - - - - 500,000

One of the late firm of Boorman, Johnston & Co., an English firm in the iron business.

Johnson, David, . . . . . 100,000

Johnson, William Samuel, - - - - - 100,000

A highly respectable lawyer, prominent Whig politician, formerly Alderman, and grandson of the former President Johnson, of Columbia College. He is of Connecticut origin. Wm. S. obtained the mass of his fortune by marriage with the daughter of "Cardinal Woolsey," as a certain eminent merchant used facetiously to be called "on Change." The "Cardinal" was an extensive operator in Connecticut banks, and became very rich.

Johnstone, J., . . . . . 800,000

Jones, Isaac, . . . . . 300,000

His father and uncle, Edward R., were coopers, and sons of Joshua a cooper. The father of Isaac was later in life in the dry goods business, with John Mason, (now deceased,) who was early in life a tailor. John Q., and brother, married daughters of John Mason, who left an estate worth nearly a million. A son of John Mason married a charming young actress, Miss Wheatley the daughter of Mrs Wheatley, of the Park Theatre, and was cut off with \$1,500 a year. He was lately President of the Chemical Bank.

Jones, James, . . . . . 700,000

One of the most extensive land holders on Manhattan Island. Tracing his early history, we find his ancestors have for several generations possessed a large amount of wealth, not only as merchants, but as owners of real estate in New York and some of the Eastern States. But his property being situated in the city and its vicinity, has rapidly increased in value. The wood extending from 61st street on the East River, which the corporation of the city wished to obtain for a public park, belongs to him, but he is determined not to dispose of it for that purpose.

Jones, Robert, . . . . . 250,000

Jones, Walter R., . . . . . 250,000

Journeay, Albert, Sr., - - - - - 250,000

Journeay, Albert, Jr., - - - - - 100,000

The history of this family is both "ancient" and interesting. The grandfather of Albert, Sr., a French nobleman and a Huguenot, came to this country



in 1734. He settled on Staten Island, his first purchase being a tract of some 1,200 acres. Besides this he owned large tracts in Nova Scotia and Virginia. His son, the father of Albert, Sr., also called Albert, took an active part in the Revolutionary War, fighting stoutly in the ranks of the Patriots, and became quite a distinguished character in his day. His son, the present Albert, Sr., did not however find the path of life one of roses only. He battled with the world as a merchant with great success, and having acquired a large property in that pursuit retired to the old homestead about ten years since. The homestead, embracing about 250 acres, which was left to him on the death of his father, has now been in the family for about 110 years. His sons, of whom the present Albert, Jr., is the youngest, have received but little pecuniary assistance from him, and have made their way up by their own exertions and industry. Close application and energetic dispositions mark, in fact, the lives of the family. Albert, Jr., is now in business at 41 and 43 Warren street, being the head of the firm of Albert Journeay, Jr., & Co. Both these gentlemen reside on Staten Island, but a considerable portion of their property is real estate located in this city.

Judah, Amelia,	100,000
Judah, Bell,	100,000
Judah, Rebecca,	100,000
Judd, Samuel,	100,000

One of the principal oil merchants in the United States. It would appear that the introduction of gas into all our cities, and the immense consumption of camphine and other articles for illuminating dwellings with all the improvements connected with them, do not diminish the demand for oil, if we may judge from the cargoes continually arriving for Mr. Judd's establishment alone. The day is far distant when whales may rest in safety. Mr. Judd holds real estate to a considerable amount.

## K

Kane, Oliver,	100,000
Kellogg, Edward,	200,000

Born in Litchfield Co., Ct., and began life a foot pedlar, carrying trunks filled with tin pepper-boxes and other Yankee notions. Being a man of genius, it was not long before he became a dry goods jobber in Pearl street, making \$20,000 per annum net profit. In 1837, at a time when by a legitimate business he had become worth half a million or more, he failed in consequence of heavy losses (\$200,000 almost in a lump) by his southern customers, and by an unfortunate speculation in Elizabethport lots. He has, however, paid all his creditors, leaving a snug fortune for himself. He is the projector and mover of the Elizabethport speculation, owning a large part of the village. This was first laid out and bought by a company of stockholders who intended to build up a manufacturing village to rival Newark. Most of the stockholders failing to pay their instalments, Kellogg took their shares and became the chief shareholder. These lots cost him from \$300 to \$400 an acre. In addition to his estate in Elizabethport, Mr. Kellogg is an owner in the steamboats plying between that place and this city, and has real estate here and in Brooklyn, where he resides. He is now again engaged in the dry goods jobbing business in Pearl street. Mr. Kellogg is no ordinary man, having in addition to his attention to a large business, acquired an education superior to many who in early life have received what is falsely styled "a liberal education."

Kellogg, Henry P.,	200,000
Kelly, Eli,	100,000
Kelly, Robert,	200,000

A prominent Soft Shell politician.

Kelly, William,	150,000
Kennedy, David S., Estate of,	350,000

A highly respectable Scotch merchant, who obtained some addition to his fortune through his wife, the daughter of Robert Lenox.

Kennedy, Robert Lenox,	150,000
A son of David S., and his successor in business.	
Kent, James,	250,000
Kermit, Robert,	250,000
Established in South street for many years, where he has realized an ample fortune by enterprise and industry in the shipping business. He is justly esteemed as an excellent commercial man, and in every respect a valuable citizen.	
Kernochan, Joseph,	600,000
Kerrigan, James,	150,000
Ketchum, Morris,	200,000
Ketchum, Treadwell,	100,000
A native of Long Island. After occupying some humble stations in this city in early life, he engaged in the profession of stock broker, in which he has been eminently successful, and amassed an honorable independence.	
Kettletas, Eugene,	500,000
Kettletas, William,	250,000
Descendants of the Rev. Abraham Kettletas, whose father came from Holland in 1723 and was a merchant in this city. Rev. Mr. Kettletas, was distinguished as a clergyman, on Long Island, during the revolutionary war, and was a member of the convention which formed the state constitution in 1777. Eugene was educated a lawyer, and married the sister of Mrs. Thos. McCarty, daughter of John Gardner, deceased, whence he receives a good portion of his estate. Hackett, the comedian, is a son of Ann, daughter of the Rev. Abraham Kettletas.	
Kidmore, Samuel S.,	100,000
King, James G.,	300,000
Was connected with the firm of Prime Ward & King, but retired before the failure. He is the son of the distinguished Rufus King, who was born in Maine in 1775; graduated in Harvard College; served in the revolutionary army; was a delegate to the old Congress, from Massachusetts, and a senator from N. Y., the first session, and afterwards minister to Great Britain. Mr. King has for a long time exercised great influence over the money market in New York. He is now head of the firm of J. G. King & Sons, bankers.	
Kingsland, Ambrose C.,	300,000
Firm D & A Kingsland & Co., in the sperm oil, and shipping business. Recently Mr. K. was Mayor of this city.	
Kingsland, D.,	100,000
Attorney at law. Inherited his fortune from his father, D Kingsland, deceased, a well known ship carpenter.	
Kingsland, Daniel C.,	300,000
Kingsland, R.,	200,000
One of the oldest and richest firms in the hardware line, and a man of great respectability and high standing in this community; a modest gentleman that has calmly pursued "the even tenor of his way," without show or parade, and thus silently passed down the stream of time, everywhere beloved and honored.	
Kip, Leonard W.,	400,000
Kip, Livingston,	400,000
Of an old Ketcherbocker family. Lawyers. Their father was the first President of the North River Bank, in 1820.	
Knapp Shepard,	300,000
Has been long established as a leather and hide merchant, carrying it on	

in every department, as importer, tanner, &c. He has realized a handsome fortune, and is in every respect an excellent citizen. He is also president of the Mechanics' Bank, and somewhat known in the political world.

Kortright, N. G., . . . . . 800,000

## L

Labitute, J. M. J., . . . . . 500,000

Is of French extraction. He made a handsome fortune in the mahogany trade, and retired to a country seat in the English Neighborhood, N. J., eighteen or twenty years ago. About ten years since he returned again to business as a pastime.

Lafarge, John, . . . . . 1,000,000

Lafarge, John, . . . . . 1,500,000

A native of France, and at one time acting as steward or agent for Joseph Bonaparte, from whom it is said he obtained some property on very advantageous terms, by which he was enabled to make considerable progress in the acquisition of wealth. He now holds a large amount of very valuable real estate in this city.

Lane, Nehemiah B., . . . . . 100,000

Of the firm of Lane and Wagnam, grain and flour commission merchants, originally located in James Slip, but now in Broad street. Mr. Lane has acquired the whole of his property in his present business.

Langdon, Walter, . . . . . 250,000

Originally from New Hampshire, and a man of great literary acquirements. He married a daughter of John Jacob Astor.

Latan, Louis, - - - - - 150,000

A native of France. He once served on board of a French man-of-war as a common sailor. During the stay of his ship in one of the southern ports of the United States, he wandered inland in quest of employment. After many singular adventures, he came to the city of New York, and obtained some very humble employment. But this did not suit his active mind, and we next find him manufacturing and vending pills of his own invention. By this speculation he made considerable money, and laid the foundation of his future fortune. He now began in a new line of business, importing precious stones, in which, dealing largely, he rapidly increased his property, and long since rendered himself independent.

Laurie, George, . . . . . 100,000

George and John L. for 30 years merchants, (originally from Scotland) and of the very first character as to respectability. The universal consideration they enjoy in this community must be a comfort to them when they look back upon the bright and honorable career they have passed through.

Laurie, John L., . . . . . 100,000

Laverty, Hy., . . . . . 500,000

Law, George, - - - - - 1,000,000

The early history of Mr. Law is marked with sufficient accuracy to enable us to give a correct account of his origin. His father was a native of Scotland and held a small farm by which he supported his family. In order to improve his circumstances he emigrated to this country, while yet a middle-aged man. We are not certain whether his son George was born on this side of the Atlantic or not. We find him first engaged in farming work in the interior of this State. When he came to this city, while yet comparatively a youth, he possessed already all the tact and the energy of character that would enable him to become, not merely an accumulator of wealth, but a promoter of those national works of internal improvement by which the wealth of a nation is increased. He was content to begin to build his fortune, as a wise architect commences an edifice, by laying a good foundation. Hence we find him working on roads and canals by contract, evincing



by all he did his uncommon skill and powers of calculation. He soon became known to those who, engaged in the construction of our public works, readily availed themselves of his superior abilities; and thus to him are we indebted for the perfection to which some of those works of internal improvement have been carried. Nor was he confined to a particular department. In canals, railroads, bridges, aqueducts and reservoirs, we find him equally successful. We may name one, the High Bridge at Harlem, as a sample of his superior powers of conception and execution. The boldness, the beauty, and the simplicity of the design, the completeness of the work, the firmness and grandeur of the whole, will perpetuate the name of George Law to distant periods of our nation's history. With the power of effecting important public objects, we may, however, notice the prudent calculation by which he has turned them to his own advantage. Hence his rapidly increasing fortune. Few men possess those qualities of mind in combination by which they are enabled to effect great national works, and at the same time secure their private interest. While he was constructing the High Bridge, we find him engaged in another equally splendid work, which displayed not only the versatility, but the power of his comprehensive mind. We refer to that noble steamboat, the Oregon, which, built under his orders and inspection, exhibited to the world one of the finest specimens of naval architecture and beauty that ever floated. In every point of view it reflected honor on the intellect that both conceived the noble design and carried it into effect with such perfect success. The Oregon gave an impetus to steamboat building which is not yet lost. It was the progenitor, so to speak, of the "Empire State," "Connecticut," "Plymouth Rock," "Metropolis," and others of our finest boats. Mr. Law has sometimes been engaged in speculations of a singular and indefinite character which have excited the curiosity and eager enquiries of the public. One of them of late raised as many vague reports as ever did the Phantom Ship or Flying Dutchman. We allude to the clipper barque Grape Shot, which, with its cargo of arms, seems to have scared half the world from its propriety. The enterprise nevertheless terminated as peacefully as a cargo of corn or cotton could have done. As might have been anticipated, we find Mr. Law among the first engaged in the railroad across the Isthmus of Panama, which great work has engaged a large share of his attention, as likewise the great projected work of the Pacific Railroad. One of the regular lines of steamships to California has been under his direction from the commencement. In truth, there is scarcely an important undertaking in which he has not had an active part. Few men have been more extensively engaged in speculations, and few have been so uniformly successful; a fact which can be reasonably attributed not to chance, but rather to a clear perception of the results likely to flow from any given operation. His interest in the Dry Dock Bank has, however, realized to him a very large sum.

Lawrence, Cornelius W., . . . . . 150,000

Formerly collector for the port of New York. Of a highly respectable Quaker family on Long Island. He with his brothers, Joseph and Richard M., made their fortunes in the old distinguished auctioneer firm of Hicks, Lawrence & Co. This firm failed in 1837, but C. W. and J. backed out before the ship sunk. C. W. first married a rich sister of David M. Prall, and afterwards a daughter of his partner, Mr. Hicks, who is now poor, living with his son-in-law, Dr. Cressman. C. W. has been Mayor of the city. He has been a large speculator in cotton, and has lost immense sums. He was a farmer's boy, and worked many a long day in rain and sunshine on Long Island. There were few lad's within twenty miles of him that could mow a wider swath or turn a neater furrow. He is now the President of the Bank of the State of New York.

Lawrence, D. L., - - - - - 250,000

Has now retired from commercial life. He made the bulk of his fortune first in the commission business, in which he was particularly successful, and afterwards as an importer. His trade was principally with England. He was part owner of several ships, and lately made considerable profits in stock operations. He has now retired from business, with good fortune and a fair reputation.

Lawrence, Henry E., . . . . . 120,000

Having acquired a very thorough education at Columbia College, from which he graduated with high honors, he entered as clerk with Messrs. Law-

rence, Trimble & Co., of which the senior member was his father. Mr. Trimble having since died, this gentleman has taken his place in the now existing Domestic commission house of Lawrence, Clapp & Co., doing a large and very profitable business. Mr. Lawrence has devoted himself thoroughly to business, although his tastes are more inclined towards the study of the fine arts particularly music. He has already composed several fantasias for the flute of much merit, which his friends have in vain been endeavoring to persuade him to publish.

Lawrence, Jno. W., . . . . . 150,000

Commission merchant, Front street, and President of the Seventh Ward Bank.

Lawrence, Joseph, . . . . . 150,000

A brother of Cornelius W., and once a partner; now of the firm of Lawrence, Trimble & Co., a large commission house. He married an heiress, daughter of Ald Thomas S. Townsend.

Lawrence, Richard, . . . . . 100,000

Lawrence, Richard M., . . . . . 100,000

Lawrence, W. B., Jr., . . . . . 600,000

Leary, James, . . . . . 100,000

The celebrated hatter in Broadway. He knows what hard work is, and also what it is to be successful in business.

Leavitt, David, . . . . . 400,000

From New England, and has made his money in a great measure by improving leaden busts. Is now President of the American Exchange Bank, and has retired.

Le Barbier, A. . . . . 150,000

Lee, John A., . . . . . 150,000

Formerly an importer of Swiss and French fancy goods, now retired from business.

Lefferts, Leffert, . . . . . 100,000

Leland, Jno., . . . . . 100,000

Has been many years extensively engaged in the business of a pork packer. He has long since been independent, but still carries on an extensive and lucrative business, and is also a holder of a large amount of real estate.

Lenox, James, . . . . . 3,000,000

Nearly this sum was left him by his father Robert, deceased, who was a British commissary. But James has nobly given fortunes to his sisters, and devotes himself chiefly to pious objects.

Le Roy, Jacob R., . . . . . 350,000

Of an ancient and highly distinguished Huguenot family. Jacob Le Roy inherits a large estate from his father-in-law.

Lesieur, J. B., . . . . . 100,000

Was born in Bordeaux in France, and left an orphan under the care of his uncle at a very early age. His guardian, on leaving France for this country, brought his nephew with him, and placed him in the house of Peter Harmony & Co., where he was employed as a clerk for some time. He afterwards commenced business in South street, as an importer of French goods. In this business he made the principal part of his fortune, and has, we believe, now retired, but still speculates in real estate.

Leupp, Charles M., . . . . . 300,000

Lave a Director in the Tradesman's Bank, and of the New York and Erie R.R. He started a poor young man from New Jersey, and by his industrious habits was admitted a partner with Gideon Lee & Co. Afterwards he married Mr. L's daughter, and succeeded him in business at his decease.



Leveraidge, John, . . . . . 250,000

A lawyer, formerly in extensive practice. His attention has lately been devoted principally to financial affairs. He is now President of the Chatham Bank.

Levy, Captain U. P., . . . . . 250,000

A Post Captain in the U. S. Navy, who served with distinguished honor in the last war, on board the celebrated U. S. brig *Argus*. He fell into the hands of the enemy, and was imprisoned two years in England. He was the first captain to abolish flogging in the Navy, and introduce salutary moral punishment. His popularity with the sailors is greater than that of any other commander. He is a Philadelphian by birth. He left home at the age of nine years, became a cabin boy, and rose rapidly to his present position, although comparatively a young man. The bronze statue of Jefferson which adorns the President's mansion at Washington was presented to Congress by Captain Levy. He is also the present proprietor of Jefferson's mansion in Virginia, and a large holder of real estate in New York city, his place of residence. He rescued numbers of the perishing, in the great storm in Carolina, for which heroic act the population voted him a civic wreath.

Lewis, James, . . . . . 150,000

Son of the late Philo Lewis, pork and beef inspector and packer. The family has long resided in the 8th Ward. Mr. P. Lewis was a highly esteemed member of the Society of Friends, and will be long remembered as a man of benevolent and philanthropic character. His sons have become wealthy in the same business. James was long in the drug trade, having succeeded Blachly in Greenwich street, where he acquired considerable property. He has now united with his brother in the packing business.

Lewis, John, . . . . . 100,000

A branch of the well known family of Lewis of this city and other parts of New York, generally connected with the Society of Friends. He was appointed inspector of pork, beef, &c., for this port many years since. In that office he made considerable property. He has also purchased real estate to a large amount. He still carries on an extensive business in beef and pork packing.

Litchfield, E. B., . . . . . 500,000

Little, Edward B., . . . . . 200,000

Little, Jacob, . . . . . 500,000

One of the rich "Jacobs" of Wall street. Famous for big strikes and lucky hits—seldom a loss, because the small ones follow in his wake and unintentionally aid and sustain him. Jacob has some brains as well as money, and people say that his wife is pretty. She has a fondness for opera, and in a union of hearts there is a union of tastes; therefore Jacob is fond of music, and not the chick alone of the "*bright patines*." He is bear or bull, or both at the same time. His ways are past finding out, and although waxing grey, is still up to his "time engagements."

Livingston Maturine, . . . . . 250,000

Though of the family of Livingston, which, for a family so prolific and numerous as theirs, has been one of the most wealthy in the State, but little in the subdivision of multiplying generations fell to the share of Maturine, who, marrying his cousin, daughter of General Morgan Lewis, has, however, acquired large opulence in perspective. The Livingstons began in this State about 150 years since in the person of a Scotch clergyman, who on a famous old white horse, made his intigrations through the valley of the Mohawk tell with effect. From him sprang an intelligent, enterprising race, who in the next generation secured large landed estates mainly by their extent on both sides the Hudson river. Martin Van Buren commenced his career as a village lawyer at Kinderhook by undertaking to validate the Livingston titles, but their numbers and wealth were too much for him. Their names loom largely on our records; and after the Rensselaers and the Dutch and English noblesse, they rank among the most distinguished families in the State.



Livingston, Margaret, . . . . . 500,000

A descendant of the Scottish clergyman of that name, who settled in this country about 150 years ago. The Livingston's form a very numerous and wealthy family, generally found in honorable and beneficial professions.

Lockwood, Roe, - - - - - 150,000

A native of Massachusetts, but long resident in this city. He has for many years been in the book trade, formerly on a small scale, but a few years ago he purchased a lot and built a more extensive store, where he has greatly extended his business.

Loder, Benjamin, - - - - - 350,000

Has been long known as extensively engaged in financial affairs, especially with the New York and Erie Railroad Company, of which he was president. He inherited considerable property from his father, which has been greatly increased by his intimate knowledge of the various sources of wealth. He is also connected with his brother Jeremiah Loder, as a lawyer, and derives considerable income from that profession. His real estate is very extensive.

Loomis, Luther, . . . . . 200,000

Longworth, Nicholas, - - - - - 4,000,000

Although Mr L. is a resident of Cincinnati, O., his large landed interests in this city fully entitle him to a place in this list. The introduction by him of the grape culture on a large scale, for wine making, has already made his name familiar. He was born in Newark, and is descended from a Tory family, whose estates were confiscated after the revolutionary war, after which his father became a shoemaker, and had all his children educated to follow trades. Nicholas was also intended for a shoemaker, but being at an early age taken south by a brother, he became a clerk in a store. After this he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he commenced the study of the law, was admitted to the bar, and continued the practice of his profession until 1819. Mr Longworth has accumulated a large part of his fortune by the rise of real estate. About twenty years ago, he resolved to cultivate the grape for wine making, and during the last fifteen years he has devoted much attention to the subject, bringing his wines to great perfection. He has at present about two hundred and twenty thousand bottles of them in his establishment.

Lord, Benjamin, . . . . . 150,000

An eminent dentist, who has made most of his property by his profession.

Lord, Daniel, . . . . . 250,000

The first mercantile lawyer in the city. His business is very lucrative. His father was a physician.

Lord, George, . . . . . 400,000

Of the firm of Lord & Taylor, dry goods merchants; among the most extensive establishments in the United States, having several large stores in this city and in other parts of the Union.

Lord, Joseph N., Estate of, . . . . . 250,000

Mr. L. was for many years a block and pump maker, at which he laid the foundation of his fortune.

Lord, Rufus L., . . . . . 800,000

From Boston. He owns property in the burnt district of '35.

Lorillard, Jacob, . . . . . 800,000

Lorillard, Peter, . . . . . 2,000,000

Son of the late Peter Lorillard. The family came originally from the South of France, to this country, without property, but have by honorable industry become among the most wealthy citizens in the state.

Lorillard, Widow of Jacob, . . . . . 500,000

Three brothers, Jacob, Peter and George, were of an ancient Huguenot family, and all from nothing became rich—the two latter in the tobacco bus-

ness. They are now all dead, Jacob and Peter leaving widows and children; George was a bachelor; Jacob was at one time in partnership with Gideon Lee and Shepherd Knapp. He left all his money to his widow. One daughter of Peter married T. Reynolds, bookeller, deceased; another, John D. Wolfe, of the firm of Wolfe & Bishop; and another, Lieut. Spencer, of the Navy, all three rich. The widow of Jacob resides at Bloomingdale, and her son Jacob resides with her.

Lott, Jeremiah,	100,000
Lovett, George,	700,000

Is the son of a barber, and the architect of his own fortune. Was a contractor many years ago for filling out the Battery, by which he cleared a very handsome sum, which was afterwards increased by purchasing estates sold for taxes. Also said to have been in the lumber business.

Lovett, James,	200,000
Low, Albert,	200,000
Low, Cornelius,	200,000
Low, Daniel,	300,000

Another enterprising, driving, pleasant son of New England, who resided a long time, as a merchant, in Paris, and surviving every blasting stroke in trade, came out rich. He is interested largely in real estate.

Low, Nicholas,	250,000
Lowerre, Seaman,	150,000

About thirty years ago he was employed as a clerk in a hardware store and he is indebted for his subsequent success in life to his own prudence and economy. He commenced business on his own account in Spring street, where for many years he has carried on a successful and increasing trade. He is now enjoying not only the profits of that establishment, but the returns of considerable real estate.

Lowther, Charles,	150,000
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Came to this country with his father from London about thirty years ago, at the time the Lehigh coal was first introduced into New York from Pennsylvania. He engaged as clerk to the first yard opened and soon became partner. In a few years after he joined his father and opened a coal yard in Washington street, under the firm of Lowther & Son, continuing that over twenty years and doing a safe business. The city is somewhat indebted to this firm for the introduction of Anthracite coal into family use, it being considered at that time literally as stone coal. By perseverance and good judgment he has secured a good class of custom (and withal a competency) for his new establishment in the upper part of the city.

Ludlum, Nicholas,	200,000
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One of the firm of S. M. Althaus & Co. Studied metallurgy and became a disciple of Vulcan. Has hammered out a large fortune, and acquired a fondness for the fine arts, displayed in the purchase of a choice painting or an elegant bronze. His fondness for archaeological learning led him to Italy, where his daughter married a son of Genl. Cass. Mr. L. married the daughter of one of the securities of Swartwout.

Ludlow, Thos. W.,	200,000
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By profession a lawyer, but receiving a large inheritance from his father, Thomas, he retired. The grandfather of Mr. Ludlow was a baker; his father a marshal under the British rule, and a Tory. A large present of wine sent to Genl. Washington, which was confiscated, came into the hands of Thomas W. The auctioneer is a cousin of the present Thos. W.

Luqueer, Francis S.,	250,000
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Stock broker in Wall street, and president of the Friemans Insurance Company.

Lydig, Philip M.,	200,000
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A New Yorker, son of Daniel Lydig, now deceased, formerly an extensive flour dealer.

Lyman, Gen. Samuel P.,	100,000
Lynde, Charles W.,	850,000

Colonel Lynde is perhaps better known in Brooklyn where he lately resided, and in Buffalo and the Western States, where the bulk of his real estate is located, than in this city, where he has quite recently taken up his residence. He is of a New England family which has given two Chief Justices to the State of Massachusetts, but, preferring not to fall back ingloriously upon ancestral honors, he chose to be the architect of his own fortune. At an early age, in company with his brother, who is now one of the wealthiest citizens of Brooklyn, he settled in the western part of this State, which was then a complete wilderness, and by persevering industry, and judicious foresight in the mercantile business and in real estate investments, he laid the foundation of his present fortune. He was for several years a member of our State Senate, and has held other important public offices, but has long since abandoned the political arena.

Lyon, David,	100,000
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Macy, Josiah,	200,000
Magee, James,	200,000
Maidland, R. L.,	150,000
Manice, D. F.,	450,000
Matdeville, William,	200,000

Formerly carried on a large cabinet manufactory, in which branch of business several of his relatives are now engaged. He retired some years since. He was formerly Alderman of the 8th ward.

Manning, John,	200,000
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Dry goods merchant in Broadway, where he has been established for many years.

Marsh, Charles,	150,000
Marsh, Stewart G.,	100,000
Marshall, Benjamin,	500,000
Marshall, Charles H.,	150,000
Marshall, Joseph,	300,000
Martin, Thomas,	250,000

Many years established in Water street as a dealer in stoves; now retired with a competent fortune.

Mason, John, Estate of,	700,000
Mason, Sydney,	200,000
Masterton, Alexander,	200,000

A native of Scotland, who was formerly working as a journeyman mason, but, with the national energy of his countrymen, he soon became a prominent builder and architect. By his reputation he obtained a contract for building the Custom House and other public buildings, and is now possessed of considerable property.

Mauran, Oroondates,	300,000
Maxwell, Hugh,	300,000

An able lawyer and a good orator. His father was a respectable Scotchman, and a brewer at Baltimore, and Hugh married the beautiful daughter of an eminent blacksmith in this city. His son has been Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg and he was recently collector for New York City.

Maxwell, W. H.,	100,000
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McBrair, James,	100,000
McBride, James,	350,000
McCall, James,	300,000
McCarty, Mrs., Widow of Thomas S.,	300,000
McChain, H.,	100,000
McCoskey, Robert,	200,000

One of the few managers of the Chemical Bank, and until within a few years a jolly good bachelor—married a Miss Read of Troy, to the disappointment of "the nephews of their uncle."

McCoun, Wm. T.	100,000
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Vice Chancellor, and from the rank of a young attorney who came from the country to practise law and try his fortune, has risen step by step, by his own merits, into the good opinion of the profession and community, till honored with one of the highest dignities of the State.

McCracken, John L.,	100,000
McCrea, Robert,	100,000
McDonald, Alexander,	100,000

A native of Scotland, and originally possessed of no property but industry and shrewd business ability. For some time he struggled with the difficulties necessarily attendant on such limited resources. He learned the trade of umbrella making, and worked for several years as a journeyman with Edmund Smith, but finally succeeded in establishing a manufactory on his own capital, in which, by persevering industry, he rapidly rose to the possession of considerable wealth. In a few years his business became very extensive, and he has now retired on a comfortable fortune.

McElrath, Thomas,	100,000
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The business partner in the publishing firm of Greeley & McElrath, proprietors of The Tribune, a leading New York journal. He is a man highly valued by all who know him for his urbanity, uprightness and strictly business qualities. Issued in law to Thomson Price, and President of the Nassau Bank.

McKie, Thomas,	100,000
McLenn, John,	350,000

Lumber merchant, formerly engaged in the eastern states in what is termed the lumbering trade. He has long carried on a successful business in this city, and has acquired a considerable amount of personal property and real estate.

McNamee, Richard,	150,000
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Partner in the firm of Bowen, McNamee & Co., whose commercial history seems to be identified with that of his partner, Henry Bowen having been clerks together in the same house, and commencing business together on the same borrowed capital, and now embarked in the same extensive and flourishing trade. (See Henry C. Bowen.)

Mead, William,	400,000
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Commission merchant in South street. Though the bulk of his fortune has been acquired in the prosecution of his extensive business, it has been greatly increased by bequests, and consists very much in real estate.

Meeks, Joseph, Sr.,	200,000
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Mr. Meeks is a wealthy and respectable inhabitant of the fifth ward and a large land holder of the first ward and elsewhere. His business was that of a cabinet-maker for nearly half a century and by assiduous care and attention he has amassed his above fortune. He commenced in life with a merely nominal capital, and retired about the year 1834. Is of an old Knickerbocker family. Though young at the time, he was present at the Battery when the British evacuated this city, and assisted in tearing to atoms the British flag which was left flying, and also assisted in hoisting the first American flag that was raised in this city, in its stead, by order of Gen. Washington.

Messerole, Abm,	100,000
Mesier, Edward S., Estate of,	200,000

Recently deceased. Kept a store for the sale of paper and stationary articles as an occupation of relief, not of necessity. Became heir to his daughter by his first wife, who was a daughter of a Captain Cowman, an old seaman. Who does not recollect old Peter, the father of our subject when he sold his red tape and quills in Wall street? Blessed be his memory. The second wife of Edward S. is a daughter of Mr Robt. Hyslop. She has two children. How appropriate here are the words of the Psalmist: "Man heaps up riches, but cannot tell who shall gather them."

Mesier, P. A.,	400,000
Meyer, George,	200,000
Milbank, Robert W.,	100,000

Son and successor to Samuel Milbank, merchant.

Milbank, Samuel,	150,000
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An eminent merchant, retired in favor of his son, who now conducts a large house in Front street, besides a branch in New Orleans,

Milbank, Samuel, Jr.,	300,000
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A native of the city of New York, where he continues to reside. He has carried on a brewery in the Fourth Ward, for many years. His premises extend from Catharine street through to Oliver.

Mildeberger, Christopher,	200,000
Mildeberger, John,	150,000
Miles, Jacob,	100,000

Dealer in leather and hides. Has an extensive wholesale establishment in Gold st., and a retail store in Division st. He has made the whole of his property in this business.

Miles, William,	100,000
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A native of Scotland, Captain of the "Swamp Cadets," and a large importer of grease from Buenos Ayres.

Miller, Charles C.,	100,000
Miller, Daniel S.,	250,000

Member of Congress. George, Horatio, and Daniel accumulated a large fortune in merchandize. Though they once failed, they are now reported to be each worth the sum of \$250,000.

Miller, Horatio,	250,000
Miller, George N.,	250,000
Miller, Mrs. George B.,	100,000

Muller, James,	100,000
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With his brother, a wool dealer in Jacob street.

Miller, Michael,	100,000
Miller, William P.,	200,000

From Connecticut. Formerly in the leather business with Jacob Lorillard; and now in the same business in Gold street. He has acquired all his money by honest industry.

Mills, Drake,	100,000
Mills, James,	100,000
Minor, Israel,	200,000

Wholesale chemist and druggist, in which business, by perseverance and industry, he has established an extensive and valuable connection, and made an independent fortune.

Minturn, Edward, . . . . . 200,000

A son of B. G. Minturn of the old firm of Minturn & Champlin, who carried on the largest trade in China goods of any house in America, and was in the tea trade formerly what Smith afterwards became. He has made money lately in the California trade; is a fast driver, particularly on the road of the great South Side, and still is a vigorous bachelor in the green days of his prime. He sips his wine with moderation, and loves with ardour the idols of his attachment.

Minturn, Robert B., . . . . . 200,000

Of the firm of Grinnell, Minturn & Co., a large and old shipping and commission house.

Mitchel, Samuel, . . . . . 600,000

The shipper. Owns the Savannah line of steamers. A generous, noble-hearted man, in whose praise too much could scarcely be said.

Moffat, Dr. Wm. B., . . . . . 500,000

Made his money, and has now an ample income from the sale of "Life Pills and Phenix Bitters." His investments in real estate have been remarkably successful. When he is in his office, he is a working business man; when out of it, he knows how to enjoy the money which dame Fortune has placed in his way. He is a large holder of up town property, which is continually rising in value.

Moller, William, . . . . . 100,000

Partner in the firm of Havemeyer & Co., Sugar Refiners.

Monroe, Mrs. James, . . . . . 150,000

Moore, Baltus, . . . . . 150,000

Moore, Clement C., . . . . . 600,000

Moore, John P., . . . . . 100,000

Morewood, Edmund, . . . . . 100,000

Morgan, Capt. Thomas, . . . . . 200,000

A native of Connecticut, who has risen from a hand before the mast to be one of the most able and esteemed commanders in the mercantile navy. He has been remarkably successful in his voyages, having been now for many years engaged in the London Line of packets. On board he has ever been considered a kind but strict officer, and possesses so much urbanity and facetiousness that a trip across the Atlantic seems greatly shortened by his pleasantries. When the packet he commanded was first chartered by Louis Phillipe to convey himself and suite to France, he was so well pleased with the manners of Capt. M., that he presented him with a valuable service of plate.

Morgan, Charles, . . . . . 400,000

An enterprising and once a hard-working man—the head of the Morgan Iron Works.

Morgan, John I., . . . . . 100,000

Morgan, Matthew, . . . . . 400,000

Morrell, Thomas, . . . . . 100,000

Morris, Gouverneur, . . . . . 700,000

His father, the venerable and famous Gouverneur M., late in life married a Randolph, of Virginia and left his son Gouverneur rich. The Morris family of New York and New Jersey began on a large figure, and so continued to prosper for 160 years. Col. Lewis Morris, a celebrated English Quaker merchant of Barbadoes, and friend of Wm. Penn, came here to New York with his own ships and goods, and, with his brother Richard M., made immediate purchases of large tracts on Long Island, at Harlem river, at Shrewsbury N. J., &c., and from thence come the names of Morri-town, N. J., and Morrisania, N. Y. And from this truly illustrious stock came all the Morris hereabout and in New Jersey; and in their hands the patri-



monial estates still rest, together with the household jewelry and plate for many generations back, which few families can say. The grandfather of the present Gouverneur (whose name was also Gouverneur) provided in his will that his son should not be educated in Connecticut for the reason that those Yankees were too cute at bargains with their Dutch neighbors.

Morris, Robert H., . . . . . 150,000

Morse, Sidney E., . . . . . 250,000

A son of the distinguished geographer, Rev. Jedediah Morse, who lived and died at New Haven, Ct. Sidney E. is editor and proprietor of the New York Observer, by which paper he has made his fortune. He has lately published a Geography, which will have a large sale for years, and on which he will doubtless realize a large sum.

Mortimer, John, . . . . . 150,000

Mortimer, John, Jr., . . . . . 250,000

A cloth importer, from Yorksh'ire. Married a daughter of the late T. C. Morton, a wealthy merchant; for many years the "Stewart" among the ladies.

Mortimer, Richard, . . . . . 200,000

An honest, upright tailor, now retired on a large estate.

Morton, Peter, . . . . . 100,000

Moss, John, . . . . . 100,000

Mott, Dr. Valentine, - - - - - 200,000

This distinguished Surgeon and Physician is a descendant of Adam Mott, who, coming from England, and residing first at Hingham, Mass., became an inhabitant of Hempstead, L. I., 1655. Henry, the father of Valentine, was a Physician, and married the daughter of Samuel Way, at North Hempstead. At an advanced age he moved to this city, where he died in 1840. His only surviving son, Dr. Valentine, was born at Glen Cove, L. I., Aug. 20, 1785. He was a student in the office of his relative Dr. Valentine Seaman, and attended the medical lectures at Columbia College. Sir Astley Cooper has said of him, that he has performed more great operations than any other man that ever lived. He was induced to accept the professorship in Columbia college in 1809, but in 1840, his health failing he went to Europe, travelling in England, France, and Egypt. The result of his observations he has given in a book entitled "Travels in Europe and the East". During his absence, the Medical School of the N. Y. University was organized, and the professorship of surgery tendered to him, which he accepted on his arrival in 1840. The success of the school is unparalleled, and is, in a great measure, owing to the influence of Dr. Mott. He has accumulated his fortune by his extensive and very lucrative practice. The family of Motts became Quakers in the time of George Fox.

Mott, Horatio, - - - - - 100,000

Was formerly a grocer in the Eighth ward, and was also engaged in a distillery or wholesale liquor store, where he accumulated some property. A few years after he gave up that business, and became a strong advocate of temperance. He now commenced as a ship chandler in West street, where he did an extensive business, and made considerable property. He was elected alderman in 1847, and by his general upright conduct secured the respect of all who knew him.

Mott, Jordan L., - - - - - 500,000

Is a New Yorker in the true sense of the word. He was born in the year 1793, and is the youngest son of the late Jacob Mott, who was Alderman of the Seventh ward when it was an out ward of our city. In his youth Mr. Mott was subject to long and frequent spells of sickness, by reason of which and the anticipation of his inheriting a competency, he was brought up without the knowledge of any profession or business. But the revolutions that followed the year 1818, left him dependent on his own exertions. Being naturally of an ingenious and inquiring mind he applied himself when but 16 years of age and during a period of illness to the invention of a loom for

weaving tape in which he succeeded. In 1824 a friend credited him with stock to commence the grocery business, which he prosecuted for some time, but the introduction of anthracite coal into the New York market seems to have formed the turning point of his fortune. The coal was generally thought unfit for use as fuel, but Mr. Mott thought otherwise. He believed it might be made to supercede the use of wood, and made many experiments to test its utility, and devoted several winters to that purpose. At length his efforts were crowned with success and thousands in every part of the Union are this day enjoying the benefit of his persevering labors. The difficulty of burning coal in ordinary stoves induced him to construct some on a suitable plan, but the opposition he experienced from the trade in the manufacture and introduction of them induced him to establish a foundry for doing the whole work himself, and notwithstanding the destruction of his buildings twice with all his patterns and castings, he persevered, and has now a greatly enlarged foundry in full operation. Nor is it only in the iron business that Mr. Mott has rendered himself useful. By many other inventions he has greatly benefited the community. He it was who built the first house in the village of Irving, near Tarrytown, and when he removed his foundry from that place to the banks of the Harlem River, he became the originator and principal agent in the formation and establishment of the line of villages on the railroad from Harlem to William's Bridge, of which Morrisania is the principal one, and all have been built in the space of twelve years. He has also manifested his public spirit by strenuous efforts to obtain from Congress a modification of the patent laws, by which inventors might enjoy greater security in and benefit from their inventions. His character, in a moral point of view, for probity and disinterested benevolence has been displayed in many instances, and is well known in the community.

Mott, Samuel F.,	250,000
Moulton, Charles F.,	500,000
Mount, Richard E.,	200,000

Of old New York descent, and from the neighborhood of the ancient Franklin-square to which his affection still clings with the reverential love of the old and his abhorrence for whatever is new. Bred a mechanic, he carved out his own fortunes by his talents and industry.

Muloch, William, Estate of,	400,000
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Well known from his connection with the legal profession and from the very warm manner in which he espoused his clients' quarrels. He died recently while on a tour of pleasure in Belgium.

Munn, Orson D.,	125,000
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Mr. Munn, although a young man, is very widely known as the senior editor and proprietor of the Scientific American, the leading mechanical and scientific publication of the United States. Only nine years since Mr. Munn was a clerk, on a salary of \$300 per annum, in a small country store in the pleasant village of Monson, Hampden county, Mass. his native place. On coming to New York his attention was immediately turned to Scientific pursuits, in which, by the exercise of first rate business talents, great practical foresight, and undeviating rectitude in all his dealings, he has within the brief period named with the aid of some well-judged investments, succeeded in amassing a handsome competence. Mr. M. commenced business in this city with a cash capital of \$400 the careful savings of his early youth, which he had long held in readiness for the first propitious occasion that might offer. His success presents to young men a fine illustration of the importance of economising their earnings instead of expending them for useless amusements, or for the gratification of unworthy habits. Under the magic influence of Mr. M. the Scientific American has risen from an obscure beginning to a rank of high importance, having a weekly edition of between 20,000 and 30,000 copies, or over 100,000 readers.

Munn, Stephen B.,	800,000
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A native of Massachusetts. He engaged in several speculations which did not prove very successful before he settled in Pearl street, as a dry goods jobber, where by close attention to business he made considerable property, which he continues to increase by his business habits.

Murray, Col. James B., . . . . . 400,000

Col. Murray participated actively in the last war, and is now a member of the "Veteran Corps" of this city, and yet he was born in England, and is immediately related to several "noble" families. His property was nearly all inherited, but a part of it was received by his wife, a daughter of the late Isaac Bronson.

Murray, John B., . . . . . 150,000

A son of Col. Murray. Actively and successfully engaged in the commission business.

Murray, Mary, . . . . . 400,000

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Nash, James, . . . . . 200,000

From Stamford, Conn. He commenced business poor, but was very successful, and retired about four years ago, leaving his sons to carry on the business. He has a country house at Rye. He was, one time, alderman in the 10th ward, and his brother, D D. Nash, is now a successful and much esteemed general auctioneer.

Naylor, Joseph, . . . . . 350,000

Naylor, Peter, . . . . . 200,000

Nesmith, John P., . . . . . 100,000

Of the firm of Nesmith & Co., commission merchants, 50 Pine street. From the Granite state.

Newbold, George, . . . . . 150,000

A merchant and President of the Bank of America. The Newbolds are of a very ancient and highly distinguished family of New Jersey.

Newton, Isaac, . . . . . 500,000

Formerly a commission merchant, and with Drew, Robinson & Co., an owner of the People's Line, and several other steamboats.

Nevins, Peter, . . . . . 100,000

Nevins, R. H., . . . . . 200,000

A broker, of the firm of Nevins and Townsend.

Niblo, William, . . . . . 400,000

Well known to the fashionable world, as the proprietor of the place of amusement which bears his name. Many years ago he held Castle Garden, where he was very successful, and secured the public patronage so far as to induce him to establish himself in the upper part of Broadway. His place there, soon after destroyed by fire, was rebuilt and greatly improved. Since that time it has been removed, and handsome stores have been built in the front. Mr Niblo began the world without much property.

Nichie, John, . . . . . 100,000

Has made his property as a merchant and general importer. We may trace in his history the usual results of strict business habits and a rigid adherence to the principles of rectitude, as contra-distinguished from the loose moral dealing too frequently thought allowable in business. Through the early period of his commercial life,—although he commenced with a very limited capital, and that partly borrowed,—he was very successful, and acquired some considerable property; but, through adverse circumstances, he failed, and made but a small dividend to his creditors. The general respect in which he was held enabled him soon, however, to recommence business, and in a few years he paid the balance of his debts left unpaid at the former settlement. He continued to prosecute his plan of business till he again found himself possessed of an independence, on which he has now retired.

Noel, C. N., . . . . . 100,000



Noel, N.,	100,000
Norrie, Adam,	150,000
Norris Thomas P.,	200,000
Nunn, John F.,	500,000

Is a native of England, but has been resident in this country many years. Glancing at his history, we find him at first an apprentice to a piano forte maker in London, where he became a very skilful workman. At the termination of his apprenticeship, for some reason he went to sea as a hand before the mast, and made several voyages. At length he left the sea and settled again at his old trade, and soon made some property. A singular circumstance, however, offended him, and he determined to leave the country. He made a very superior piano forte, which was to be sold for a high price to a person of distinction. As usual he placed his name, "Nunn, Piano Forte maker," on the front of the instrument. The dealer for whom it was made objected to this, and, as Mr. Nunn was then unknown, required him to remove his name, and place that of a celebrated maker instead. This so offended him that he resolved to leave the country for the United States. He arrived here between thirty and forty years ago, and obtained employment as a journeyman, till at length he commenced business on his own account. He seems to have laid it down as an invariable rule in trade never to get in debt, and hence, notwithstanding all the changes in the commercial world, and the vicissitudes of inflation and collapse in currency and credit, he has rarely felt any inconvenience. In only one instance we find him at a loss for capital. During the year 1887, when many of his debtors failed, he borrowed fifty thousand dollars of John Jacob Astor, on property in the 3d avenue; a sum which probably the wily Dutchman wished he might not be able to pay. Pay, however, he did. He has of late years built extensive workshops and dwelling houses, among the rest a row of houses for his workmen, near the 3d avenue, which property is rapidly improving in value. He has also a good farm on Long Island. The whole of his property is entirely unencumbered.

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Ogilvie, Wm.,	300,000
Oakley, Daniel,	100,000
Okill, Mrs. Mary,	250,000

Made her money in keeping boarding school, for which she has long been distinguished. She commenced in Barclay street, where she owns two houses, and went to Clinton Place, where she built two large houses, in which she keeps one of the largest boarding schools in the city.

Oliphant, D. W.,	150,000
Olmstead, Silas,	150,000

Commenced business in a small grocery store in the eighth ward, and depended chiefly on the sale of liquors, which at that time constituted an important part of every grocer's stock. By degrees he improved his business, and acquired sufficient capital to purchase considerable real estate. He has now retired from the business, which is carried on by his son.

Oothout, Catalina,	350,000
Oothout, John,	300,000
Osborn, Charles, Estate of,	250,000

Formerly a hard-ware merchant, at which, with good investments, he made his money. A regular, persevering business man, of strict integrity working early and late.

## P

Packard, Isaac,	1,000,000
Packer, Wm. S.,	250,000

Packwood, Samuel,	250,000
Paine, John,	600,000
A youth well esteemed, and only child of a rich father, who got his money by hard knocks. But no family of Vermont nobility can hold up their heads higher than his. He made most of his money in the lottery business at Providence, R. I., where he was in company with James Phalen. He now devotes his attention to ancient rabbinical lore, and is a liberal patron of the Opera.	
Paine, William H.,	100,000
Is a lawyer, and the son of John Paine. He married well, and is, like his father and James Phalen, a great opera man. His practice as a lawyer is only that of an amateur. His wife, daughter of R. H. Withers, Cashier of Bank of State of New York, brought him considerable money. The two Paines and James Phalen were the principal movers in getting up the new Opera House.	
Painter, William R.,	200,000
Of the firm of Elder & Painter, 75 Dev street, wholesale grocers and oil dealers. Mr. P. was born in this city, and went to business when only 10 years old. He has made his fortune by persevering industry and the strictest honesty in his present business. As yet he is a young man but a little over 40 years of age; a genuine New Yorker, every inch a true Democrat, and a large hearted, whole souled man, of liberal, amiable and hospitable manners, and elegant and cultivated tastes. Both in public and in private, in the domestic as well as in business circles, as a kind friend or an honorable merchant, there is no man better beloved or more deservedly popular.	
Palmer, Benjamin,	200,000
Commenced business in this city as a working jeweller, on a very small scale. By steady industry he gradually increased his business till he stood at the head of the largest jewellery manufactory in the State. By this he accumulated a respectable fortune, when he retired in favor of his son. He has for many years held real estate, which by its productiveness has greatly increased the amount of his property.	
Palmer, Courtlandt,	200,000
From Connecticut, commenced in the Hardware business in this city with a capital of \$300, and besides having made the fortunes of several others, by setting them up in business, has attained for himself great wealth. He is a large holder of real estate, and long since retired from active business.—His second wife is daughter of Richard Suydam, of the old firm of Suydam, Jackson & Co.	
Palmer, John,	300,000
Long ago retired from active commercial life, and is now President of the Merchants Bank.	
Palmer, William,	100,000
A young man from Ohio. If not yet quite deserving of these figures, he makes it all up in energy. He is a leather dealer.	
Panon, Marcus,	100,000
Pares, Francis,	500,000
Is a native of England, but came to this country in early life with his father, who had made himself obnoxious by the extreme radical principles which he publicly advocated. Apprehensive of an arrest for treason, he sailed for America. Here his son commenced business on a small scale as paper hanger, in Pearl street. In a few years he was able greatly to extend his business, and ultimately to establish an extensive paper manufactory. He has now an elegant store in Chambers street. He has purchased real estate to a large amount, and is considered a valuable citizen.	
Parker, Chas. M.,	300,000
Parish, Daniel,	600,000

Parish, Henry, . . . . . 800,000

This family sprang from an honorable root, a surgeon of the British Navy, who about two centuries ago, located in this province. In one of the earliest commercial adventures from a neighboring village to the South, a venerable lady, the proprietor of the vessel and cargo of cider and apples, went passenger, accompanied by a beautiful daughter, and Dr. Parish was invited to act as navigator. On their return they were overtaken by a storm, which but for the doctor's seamanship, would have consigned them all to the deep. For this he received the hand of the fair young damsel and her property — But from that day to this, the generations have never been blessed with worldly prosperity until in the persons of these brothers.

Parmly, Eleazer, . . . . . 1,000,000

Parmly, Jahial, . . . . . 100,000

Eleazer and his brother Jahial are the two most distinguished dentists in this country. Eleazer spent some time in Paris, where he attained the highest distinction in his art.

Partridge, William, - - - - - 100,000

A manufacturer of drugs, dye stuffs &c., long established in Cliff street. About thirty years ago he came from Connecticut to New York, and commenced a small concern for grinding coffee, spices, &c. By degrees he extended his business, and finally, giving up the coffee and spice trade, he engaged largely in grinding drugs, dye stuffs and paints. Finding steam power inconvenient for his purposes, he bought the tide-water mill at Gravesend on Long Island, formerly the property of Dr. Moat. Here he made considerable improvements, and now employs that mill exclusively in his trade. He may be said however to have retired from active participation in the business, which is now conducted by his son.

Patrick, Richard, . . . . . 350,000

Hardware merchant; formerly in Pearl street. He retired from business about two years since. About twenty years ago Mr. P. came to the city from his native place, in the interior of the State, a poor boy, seeking employment. Traveling from door to door through Pearl street, he finally engaged himself in a hardware store. Step by step he rose to be clerk, then partner, and finally sole proprietor of what originally was "Van Wagner's old stand." There, and in this way, he made all of his money.

Paulding, William, . . . . . 250,000

Payne, Thatcher T., . . . . . 100,000

Served a severe apprenticeship in struggling up hill labor, as a school teacher, and became of great eminence as a linguist and correct scholar — being of a family, part Jew, from the east end of Long Island, not far from Montauk. — He is a brother of the justly celebrated Jno. Howard Payne. Thatcher's fortune was mostly made by marrying the rich, young, blooming widow of Mr. Bally, a rich merchant, deceased.

Pearsall, Frances, Widow of Thomas C., . . . . . 400,000

Her husband made money as a druggist, and realized a princely fortune by investing in real estate. The widow lives in magnificent style in Waverly Place, and supports two or three sons-in-law in good style. Her husband was of a Long Island Quaker family, and she the daughter of the rich merchant, Thomas Buchanan, deceased.

Pearsall, Thomas W., . . . . . 200,000

A retired auctioneer, who made money in the business, but besides received \$75,000 by his wife, the daughter of Thomas Leggett, deceased. He is a Quaker.

Pease, William, - - - - - 150,000

His father, Mr. Jno Pease, was, in the commencement of his speculations, poor, and kept a small store for fruit and candy in Division street. At a late period of his life, he introduced an article which turned the tide of his fortune. This was his "Pease's Hoarhound Candy." He pushed this article



with considerable energy, sending samples to various influential public men, from whom he received letters commending it. He then brought it into public notice, and ultimately retired with a fortune. W. Pease, his son, thus obtained capital to engage in the foundry known as the Fulton Foundry. He is united in business with Mr. J. Murphy, and they have furnished some of the most splendid steam engines afloat. This firm has lately taken the contract to build the engines for some of the new government steamers.

Peck, Elisha,	500,000
Peck, John,	100,000
Pell, Duncan C.,	150,000
Pell, Walden,	150,000

The auctioneers, of the firm of D. C. & W. Pell & Co.

Pellot, A. P.,	100,000
Pendleton E. H.,	300,000
Penfield, John,	100,000
Penfold, Edmund,	100,000
Penfold, John,	150,000
Pentz, Frederick,	300,000

President of a Wall street bank, and a retired merchant of the firm of Pentz & Co., in Water st. Son of a worthy Knickerbocker cordwainer in the Coenties-slip of the olden time. Bred to the bar, which he abandoned for a more lucrative vocation. In these degenerate days, a man of strict probity, integrity and moral worth, but *that cursed bank* does vex him so.

Perit, Peletish,	500,000
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From Boston, and formerly book keeper with Jonathan Goodhue & Co. He was taken into the firm as a partner, and hence his wealth. His name appears conspicuously in all the philanthropic and charitable movements of the day.

Perkins, H. B.,	100,000
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A native of New Hampshire. Came to this city at the early age of eighteen, to become the architect of his own fortune. With very limited means, he entered a store as clerk, and by industry, economy, and steady perseverance, rose rapidly from his position as salesman to the head of the well known firm of Perkins & Brother. Few men have been more noted for their energy and strict application to business, or shown better calculation, and clearer judgment in managing their affairs. The principal part of his fortune was made in the carpet trade. As he is but thirty-five years of age, may we not venture to predict for him, at no distant period, a place among the wealthiest of our citizens?

Perkins, J. N.,	150,000
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Partner of Winslow, in Wall street. A very good fellow, and a shrewd active business man.

Pettigrew, John,	200,000
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A contractor, and ex Assistant Alderman of the 17th Ward, of the Democratic party. Has been a laboring man, and has made all his money.

Pierce, Nathaniel,	300,000
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Peyser, D. M.,	300,000
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Phalen, James,	600,000
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Formerly a broker. Has a fine free stone residence in Union Square. During his minority he was with Dana, a lottery dealer of Boston. At his death took his business, spent two or three years in Virginia and Maryland, and made the handsome fortune now invested chiefly in up town property. Is a liberal patron of the artist, and in every respect generous and patriotic. Such men are valuable members of society.

Phelps, Anson G., . . . . . 500,000

Son of the late A. G. Phelps, and trustee of his estate. He is now of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co.

Phelps, Anson G., Estate of the late . . . . . 2,500,000

Mr. Phelps came from Connecticut, and learned the tinner's trade. By hardwork and selling off the workmanship of his own hands, he hauled in the tin as fast as he shoved it off. Subsequently he became a merchant in the tin, iron and copper line in this city, and afterwards a partner with Mr. Peck, constituting the firm of Phelps and Peck, whose store fell in 1832. Mr. Phelps then took into the firm Messrs. Henry Stokes, Wm. E. Dodge and James Stokes, sons in law, the two former once his clerks, but soon after retired, and these three, together with his own son associated under the firm of Phelps, Dodge and Company. In 1843, Fitch Smith commenced laying out a village for factories, in his native town—Derby, Connecticut—which has grown to a little city, and is called Birmingham. Phelps, Dodge and Company, here erected the most extensive copper works in the United States. In addition to this Mr. Phelps individually bought of Mr. Smith a large share of the water privileges of an adjoining place, which are very valuable. Mr. Phelps was also a large owner of the iron mines of Pennsylvania, and also of a part of the Missouri mountain, a valuable mountain of iron ore. He owned altogether, perhaps, half a million of acres.

Phelps, John J., . . . . . 500,000

Phelps, J. N., . . . . . 200,000

Phelps, T. J., . . . . . 200,000

Bankers in Wall street, residing in two very fine houses on Murray Hill.

Phelps, William, . . . . . 150,000

Of the firm of Phelps & Kingman, chair makers in Chatham st. A self-made man.

Phoenix, John, . . . . . 150,000

Phoenix, J. P., . . . . . 300,000

Pierson, Henry J., . . . . . 125,000

The son of Jeremiah Pierson, iron merchant, who established several manufacturing, one of which, on an extensive scale, was for nails, and the first of the kind in the United States. He also had cotton mills on the Ramapo river, N. J. By these speculations he obtained considerable wealth. He has also held several places of public trust in this city, with much credit. H. J. Pierson still carries on an extensive business in the same line in Broadway.

Pike, Jr., Benjamin, . . . . . 100,000

Son of Mr. B. Pike, Sen. The family came from England about forty years ago, and commenced business as optical, mathematical and philosophical instrument makers. By a uniform adherence to the principles of integrity and industry, he has secured the respect of his fellow citizens, and an independent fortune.

Pinckney, Wm. H., . . . . . 130,000

Pirnie, John, . . . . . 150,000

Pitcher, Stacey, . . . . . 150,000

Platt, George W., . . . . . 350,000

Platt, Nathan W., . . . . . 250,000

The Platt brothers originally began business as spectacle makers in Chatham street. They are now established in Maiden Lane. Nathan bought the old bible house in Nassau street, and has lately re-built it with a fine marble front, to be occupied still as a bible house by those who favor the Baptist's old version, the first floor being arranged for spacious stores.

Poillon, Alexander C., . . . . . 150,000

Poillon, Cornelius, . . . . . 150,000

Both were recently in the dry goods business in Catharine street. Fifteen

years ago they were not worth a dime. They were both the architects of their own fortunes, and have now retired from business.

Poirier, P.,	100,000
Ponvert, Elias,	100,000
Porter, Charles,	100,000
Porter, D. C.,	100,000
Post, Allison,	350,000
Post, George D.	300,000

Son of Joel Post, of an old New York family—a bachelor, of close and uniform habits.

Post, Waldron B.,	500,000
Prall, Miss,	100,000
Pratt, Henry Z.,	100,000

Of the firm of Robinson, Pratt & Co, booksellers and publishers in this city, and originally from Hartford, Conn. Their line is chiefly in school books.

Pratt, Zadock,	250,000
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President of the Mechanics' Institute, New York; an eminently successful mechanic, banker and legislator; born at Stephentown Rensselaer county New York. He commenced his early life without means but by his untiring industry has gained a large fortune. Devoting his attention to tanning as a science, he attained eminent success in that important branch of the useful arts, and became so to speak chief in his profession. Colonel Pratt was elected to Congress in 1836, and labored diligently and successfully for the public good. He has been several times proposed for governor of the State of New York and other high offices. He is a man of enlarged liberal mind gentle yet firm in his deportment, and an ornament to the profession of working man to which class he is proud to belong. He is a living monument of what can be accomplished by industry, integrity and energy.

Price, Thompson,	200,000
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A well known builder and contractor. Owner of the Tribune Buildings and other property.

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Quintard, George W.,	250,000
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Married a daughter of Mr. Morgan, by whom he received a large amount.

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Rabbins, John,	1,000,000
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One of the most wealthy citizens of New York; formerly extensively engaged in mercantile pursuits; a large holder of real estate.

Rait, Robert,	300,000
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A native of England, who has been for many years engaged in the jewellery business in Broadway. By largely importing precious stones, he has amassed an independent fortune.

Randall, James,	200,000
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Son of the late John Randall, of Harlem and one of the pioneers to California. He left New York early in 1850 before he was 21 years of age, and in the spirit of true Yankee enterprise shipped a limited invoice of merchandize round Cape Horn, himself taking a shorter route by the Isthmus to San Francisco. On his arrival he proceeded to the mines, where he was very successful. On the arrival of the vessel with his merchandize he went back to San Francisco, and entered into mercantile business, making the acquaintance of a Mr. Coleman, from St. Louis with whom he formed a partnership under the firm of Coleman & Co. In every enterprise they were very



successful, so much so that Mr. Randall withdrew from the firm a year since, with a handsome fortune. He now resides at Harlem, enjoying in the early period of manhood the fruits of five year's successful speculation.

Randolph, Stuart F. . . . . 250,000

Rapelye, Estate of G., . . . . 500,000

The first Dutch child born on Long Island, over two hundred years ago, was a Rapelye, and the ancient patrimonial estate was somewhere near the Wallabout. (Now the United States Navy Yard.) George Rapelye inherited a large estate from his father Rem Rapelye—he died about twenty years ago—was married to a daughter of the late Bishop Provoost, and she after his death became the wife of the celebrated Fire King Mors. Chabert, and died about twelve years ago. His widow was an eccentric woman, and there was not much love between two uncongenial souls. He left several children, but not by this lady. They are devisees of his immense estate but the disputes about the will are already food for the legal fraternity.

Rapelje, Sylvanus, . . . . . 100,000

Raversies, Frederick, . . . . . 200,000

Ray, Robert, . . . . . 300,000

Son of Cornelius R., an ancient merchant, of an old Dutch New York family. Robert added some to his wealth by marrying a daughter of N. P. Iime, the broker. Jno. A. King, per costra, got a very large slice of the Ray property by marrying a daughter of Cors. Ray.

Raymond, James, . . . . . 500,000

Reed, Jas. B., . . . . . 100,000

Reed, Lewis B., . . . . . 100,000

Remsen, Henry, . . . . . 800,000

Remsen, Henry B., . . . . . 100,000

Remsen, William, . . . . . 100,000

The Renssens are one of our very oldest Knickerbocker families.

Richardson, Sam'l, . . . . . 400,000

Rhineland, William, . . . . . 500,000

Rhineland, Wm. C., . . . . . 350,000

Riggs, Elisha, . . . . . 400,000

Rigby, Thomas, . . . . . 300,000

Is a native of Ireland. He emigrated to Canada when young, and resided in the city of Toronto for many years, where he was much respected, and there by attention to business and natural shrewdness laid the foundation of his present fortune. He subsequently removed to New York when he engaged in the Canada produce trade, in which he is now actively engaged. He has taken a lively interest in, and been one of the promoters of the present Reciprocity Treaty between the United States and Canada. He is a gentleman in his manners, benevolent and amiable in his disposition, decided and ardent in his conduct, with clear and decided notions on all subjects.

Robbins, Elisha, . . . . . 100,000

Robbins, John, . . . . . 800,000

Robbins, N., . . . . . 100,000

Robinson, Nelson, . . . . . 100,000

Of the late firm of Drew, Robinson & Co., 37 Wall street. An active, energetic man. Is from Carmel, N. Y. State.

Robson, Dr. Benj. R., . . . . . 150,000

A resident of the 7th ward for many years, and now retaining one office in East Broadway, while he has another in Washington Square. He married

a daughter of Capt. Bull, and his daughter married Francis B. Sage, of the firm of Suydam, Sage & Co. He made his money mostly by his profession, though he received considerable by his wife.

Rogers, G. P.,	600,000
Rogers, John,	150,000
Rogers, J. Smyth,	100,000
Rogers, Mrs. John,	200,000
Rehr, John G.,	200,000

If we should seek a sample of the power of industry and skill in business, we might find it in this gentleman. We are not certain whether he was born in this country or in Germany, but he is directly descended from a German family. He has now been long established as a clothier, but formerly worked as a journeyman tailor, and afterwards struggled with all the disadvantages of limited capital. He opened a small place of business in which he made some progress, and finally settled in his present location, where he has been established about twenty-five years, and where he has made the principal part of his fortune.

Rogers, Moses,	400,000
Romaine, Berj,	100,000
Ronalds, Mrs. T. A.,	400,000
Ronalds, T. jr.,	150,000
Roosevelt, C. V. S.,	500,000
Roosevelt, Jas. I.,	300,000

No family shines more honorably in the ancient Dutch annals of this province than the Roosevelts—the venerated Burgomasters of their day. James I. is now a Judge in the Supreme Court, which he honors by his sound and clear views and discriminating judgment, and in which he gives universal satisfaction. This is partially due to the circumstance of his having mixed with and understood the practices and motives of the commercial classes. He is no monastic Judge, and is free from the trammels of bad authorities sanctioned by immemorial usage. His decisions are not swayed by his feelings, and, unlike his brother, the stern dignity of judicial station is seen in him to smile with jocular good nature. Some years ago his foreign card denominated him as a *Membre du Conseil*, which being interpreted meant the Common Council of New York, whereas the Federal Cabinet Council was the translation very freely put upon it.

Roumage, C. C.,	125,000
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Entirely self-made. Began his career almost while yet a child in an importing house, and through his great talent and sagacity, finally succeeded in obtaining the direction of one of the leading French importing houses in this city, and in acquiring a fortune for himself. Mr. R. is of French descent.

Rowe, Alfred L.,	150,000
Rowe, James E.,	100,000
Rowe, Thomas,	150,000

Oil dealers, in which they have made their money. They reside in Brooklyn.

Ruggles, Saml. B.,	150,000
Russell, Chas. H.,	150,000
Russell, Wm. H.,	100,000
Ruthven, James,	100,000

A native of Scotland, and could, in the beginning, boast of but little wealth; but he possessed what is far superior, an excellent education, the example of worthy parents, the knowledge of a good trade, and good moral principles. Furnished with this stock to begin the world, he emigrated to the United States, and suffered the common lot of emigrants, considerable difficulty and

disappointment. Yet he had sufficient energy of character to overcome these obstacles, and at length established a manufactory which he carried on for many years, sending his goods to every part of the Union, and, as the fruit of his industry, is now retired on a competent fortune.

Ryerson, John H., . . . . . 200,000

A saddler by trade. Made his money by the omnibus and railroad business. His first speculation was the purchase of the 61st street line of stages for \$400. The Bull's Head line next took his fancy, and from that he went into the Third Avenue Railroad, which he projected himself. He is now largely engaged in shipping.

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Saltus, Francis, . . . . . 200,000

Saltus, Nicholas, . . . . . 150,000

Sampson, Joseph, . . . . . 700,000

Sandford, Charles, . . . . . 100,000

A lawyer in a good practice, in partnership with his brother, Charles R. Sandford.

Sandford, Charles, - - - - - 150,000

Formerly a builder, and very successful. He is now a director in the Chatham Bank.

Sands, Joseph, . . . . . 100,000

A highly respectable proprietor, who early settled on Long Island, and hence Sand's Point at the entrance of the Sound.

Sands, Thomas, . . . . . 150,000

Sanford, Henry J., . . . . . 100,000

Schermerhorn, Edmund H., . . . . . 250,000

Schermerhorn, Henry - - - - - 100,000

Began business as a jeweller, manufacturing trinkets for the Indians. These were bought up by the fur companies, by whom they were conveyed to the Indian settlements, where they were exchanged for furs. By this trade he became rich, and has now retired from business.

Schermerhorn, John, . . . . . 400,000

Schermerhorn, John P., . . . . . 250,000

Schermerhorn, Mrs. Adeline, (Widow of Peter) - - - 800,000

Schermerhorn, Loretta, . . . . . 250,000

Schermerhorn, Peter, . . . . . 850,000

The son of the late Peter Schermerhorn, from whom he acquired a large amount of property, which, together with his previous possessions, gives him a handsome fortune.

The Schermerhorns are old Knickerbockers, and have risen to note within about a century past, as mechanics, small tradesmen, merchants, &c., keeping aloof from all entanglements of party strife or otherwise, and closely husbanding the abundant fruits of their laborious toil, which they have doubled by frequent alliances with other opulent families, the Joneses, &c., of their own grade.

Schiffelin, Effingham, . . . . . 200,000

Schiffelin, Henry, C., . . . . . 150,000

Schiffelin, Henry M., . . . . . 150,000

A heavy druggist, until recently associated with his sons and brothers in business. He is a son of Jacob.



Schieffelin, Richard L., . . . . . 200,000

A Lawyer. He married a step daughter of George McKay, by whom he received a large sum, the remainder coming from his father Jacob, who was a large druggist, and made all his money.

Schieffelin, Sam'l B., . . . . . 150,000

Schoals, Francis, - - - - - 100,000

Came in his youth from Great Britain to this city and learned the trade of book binding. Some years ago, he engaged with the American Bible Society as book-binder, by making yearly contracts with them, for their business. In this way he obtained considerable wealth, which he has since greatly increased by making loans on real estate, and purchasing property in the city.

Schuchardt, Ferdinand, . . . . . 100,000

A nephew, and partner of Frederick.

Schuchardt, Frederick, . . . . . 250,000

A German, and of the firm of Schuchardt, Favre & Co., large importers. Married a Remond. Has a town house, and a splendid country seat at New Brunswick, N. J.

Scofield, Jesse, . . . . . 150,000

Scofield, William H., . . . . . 100,000

Commission merchants, Pine street, in which they have been engaged for some years.

Scott, L., - - - - - \$100,000

A native of Massachusetts, who settled early in life in this city, as a dry goods merchant. His property has been made by a persevering, quiet business habit. He has acquired some valuable real estate, which, with some bequests, have rendered him a man of considerable property.

Secor, J. M., . . . . . 150,000

Sedgebury, James, . . . . . 100,000

A native of England. He was many years ago a laboring man, but now owns a Brewery in Duane street.

Selden, Dudley, . . . . . 500,000

Married a daughter of Mr. Packard, a sugar planter in Cuba, by whom he received his entire fortune. He has resided in Paris for some years. His daughter married Mr. Morgan, son of Matthew Morgan, of this city. These last figured largely in the public prints some years ago, in consequence of Mr. M's violence to his wife, and crowding Mr. Hone for his interference while at Newport.

Seymour, Daniel, . . . . . 100,000

Seymour, Melancthon, - - - - - 100,000

Son of Jonathan Seymour, who established the first wholesale paper warehouse in this city.

Seymour, William N., . . . . . 150,000

Of the firm of Seymour & Co., hardware dealers Chatham square. The father of Mr. Seymour was for fifty years established in this business, from which he retired, leaving a valuable and improving trade to his son, who now carries it on.

Staw, James M., . . . . . 100,000

A crockery dealer in Chatham street. He commenced as a clerk for Ebenezer Cauldwell, in Pearl street; was with him many years. He is a member of the Oliver street church, and is much esteemed for his many good qualities as a man and a citizen.

Sheffield, Joseph, . . . . . 150,000

Shields, Robert, . . . . . 250,000

Formerly a hardware merchant, in which business he made the principal part of his property. He has now retired, but is still sufficiently awake to business to be ready for a speculation.

Sheldon, Henry, . . . . . 200,000

Sherman, Thaddeus, . . . . . 200,000

Retired at New Haven.

Shrady, John, . . . . . 500,000

One of the oldest and wealthiest of our real estate holders. This large fortune has been accumulated partly by his own exertions, and partly by inheritance, but mainly by the rapid rise of landed property. He succeeded his father in the shoe business in Coatham street near Pearl street, and for a long time commanded a large and lucrative trade, the result of his uniform urbanity of manner and strict integrity.

Silvianus, Ward, . . . . . 200,000

A coal dealer, long established in this city. He holds considerable property in the coal regions of Pennsylvania.

Simonsoe, Charles M., . . . . . 100,000

Was in his youth apprenticed to a ship joiner, and afterwards worked as journeyman, till by prudent economy he was able to commence business on his own account. He has built some splendid vessels, among others the celebrated steam yacht North Star, for C. Vanderbilt, Esq.

Simpson, William, . . . . . 100,000

Has arisen like a Phoenix from the reverse of fire, and other misfortunes that befall men in business, to the enjoyment of a competent fortune. He is a native of England, and possessed no more on his arrival in this country than his skill as a mechanic, and an unconquerable energy as a man. For some years he worked as a journeyman cabinet maker, and being an excellent workman was able to save something from the ordinary expenses of the family. With this he commenced business on his own account, and had made considerable progress when the whole of his hard earned property was destroyed by fire. Not being insured, he was compelled to begin the world again. Once more he established a manufactory, and flattered himself that he was comparatively safe, when the pressure of 1837 swept off the greater part of his outstanding credits, and compelled him once more to begin afresh. This he did, and has now one of the most flourishing establishments in this city.

Skidmore, William, B., . . . . . 100,000

Stocum, Samuel, . . . . . 200,000

This gentleman is largely interested in the manufacture of pins at Waterbury, Conn. Yankee ingenuity has so far superceded the dull "plod on your old way" principles of the English manufacturers of the same article that the market is now almost wholly supplied by a *solid headed* pin, superior in quality, at half the price of the Foreign article, besides giving an excellent profit and encouragement to "Home" industry and perseverance.

Snedburgh, C. G., . . . . . 350,000

Smith, Carol C., . . . . . 250,000

Of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, Broadway.

Smith, Cornelius C., . . . . . 600,000

One of the Union Square nabobs. The dry and fancy goods business in Maiden Lane laid the foundation of his fortune. He left it, however, some time since in favor of his brother-in-law, Mr. Strang, now of the firm of Briance & Strang.

Smith, George, . . . . . 150,000

Formerly a milkman. About fifteen years ago he bought, for \$3000, the mortgage of a farm in Brooklyn, which is now covered with handsome residences, and from which he now realizes a large annual income.

Smith, Ira,	150,000
Smith, Micha J.,	100,000
Smith, Peter,	200,000
Smith, Rensel,	100,000
Smith, Robert L.,	100,000
Smith, Sheldon,	100,000
Smith, William H.,	450,000

Came to this city when quite young, and was employed with Henry Young in Maiden Lane, military and fancy goods dealer. Afterwards he became a partner, and is now head of the establishment.

Smull, Thomas,	200 000
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Of the firm of Thos. L. C. G. & Thos. Smull & Healy, leather dealers, long established in Ferry st. They import raw hides largely.

Scowden, Thomas,	100,000
Spencer, C. L.,	300,000
Spencer, Capt. Estate of	500,000

Capt S. married a daughter of P. Lorillard.

Spies, Adam W.,	400,000
Spicer, George,	150,000
Spofford, Paul,	800,000

Of the firm of Spofford, Tilton & Co., one of the largest shipping houses in the city. Paul Spofford was a shoemaker till about 20 years old; he then went into a country store. His elegant mansion rears its proud pinnacles on Murray Hill, emblematic of the poet's distich, that

"Worth makes the man, and want of it, the fellow,  
The rest is nought but leather and prunella."

We see the name in 1639, mentioned among other settlers of Massachusetts

Stagg, Benj.,	150,000
Starkweather, Estate of Samuel,	100,000

Formerly of Otsego Co. and a leading lawyer—his heirs are the children of his daughter, the late Mrs. Judge W. W. Campbell.

Stevens, Alex. H.,	150,000
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A surgeon of some repute, and son of General Ebenezer S. The Doctor's three successive marriages to rich heiresses has, we imagine, put more money in his purse than amputating limbs or tying up arteries.

Stevens, Horatio G.,	150,000
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Brother of "Alderman Sam," William, John, &c. Their father, Maj. Gen. Ebenezer Stevens, was a meritorious and gallant officer of the old continental line of the army of the Revolution, and as Major commanded the artillery with deadly effect in several bloody encounters. How honorable to Major Stevens to rise to that point from out of the ranks, where it is said he enlisted as a private soldier, leaving his tools as a journeyman carpenter to take up the sword and battle-axe for liberty. His sons have many of them inherited much of his inborn energy and power of mind. The Stevenses so celebrated in engineering, and sons of Col. Stevens, of Hoboken, are a totally different family.

Stevens, John C.,	500 000
Stevens, John H.,	200,000
Stevens, Robt. L.,	500,000
Steward, John,	600,000

But 30 years a resident here, and by the force of his own straight-forward, clear-headed sagacity, in the dry goods line, &c., has acquired above half a million.



Steward, John, Jr.,	500,000
Stewart, Alexander T.,	2,000,000

About thirty years ago Mr Stewart opened a small fancy store, which, gradually increasing, led him to the importing of lace from England and France. By this he accumulated sufficient to open a store in Broadway, opposite the Park, where he carried on for some time an extensive business. When the old Washington Hotel was destroyed by fire he purchased the ground, and built upon it a part of the magnificent building which extends from Read to Chambers street. Here, with his partners, he now carries on the largest retail trade in the city, besides an extensive wholesale trade. He has combined every branch of business which could consistently be united with the dry goods. He has been married many years, but has no family.

Stewart, Lisperard,	1,000,000
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He is now possessed of the remains of the Lisperard estate, in addition to a large amount received by his wife, a daughter of L. Salles, deceased a native of France, who amassed a large fortune in this city, by cautious loans during great pressures, and by rigid economy.

Stewart, Robert,	200,000
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One of two Scotch brothers, who, by marriage, inherits the great old Dutch estate of the Lisperards, near Canal street.

Stillman, Thomas B.,	350,000
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One of the proprietors of the Novelty Iron Works. He has made himself a superior place among the manufacturers of New York by his own decided ability. He is one of those who, from the smallest beginnings, have been highly successful in trade. The superior condition to which machinery is brought in this country, has enabled him to compete with foreign importations, and we have in his extensive establishment a proof of the skill of our artisans in the variety and perfection of their products.

Stilwell, Sylvanus B.,	175,000
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A native of Long Island, who began life as a tailor, with an empty pocket and a stout heart. By sterling honesty, industry and economy, he overcame all difficulties, and, in 1840, established a clothing house in this city, with a branch in New Orleans, forming a copartnership with N. Montross of New Orleans, under the firm of Stilwell & Montross, N. Y. and Montross & Stilwell, New Orleans. Besides accumulating a comfortable independence, he has an established reputation for the "fits" in which he indulges his customers.

Stokes, Henry,	150,000
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Partner in the firm of Phelps, Dodge and Company. Formerly clerk in that firm.

Stokes, James,	200,000
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Partner in the firm of Phelps, Dodge and Company. Was formerly clerk in this house. He married a daughter of A. G. Phelps. Lives now near the old homestead on Thirtieth street, East River.

Storm, Garrit, Estate of,	500,000
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For many years a retired grocer. He made his way by honest and persevering industry.

Storm, Isaac A.,	300,000 <sup>0</sup>
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Early in life he left the place of his nativity in Dutchess Co. and came to this city. It is said of him that about the first enterprise into which he embarked, was the purchasing of a keg of beeswax while a clerk in a grocery store the profits on which gave him a start, and undoubtedly formed the nucleus around which his present ample fortune has gathered. "Industry and economy" have always been his maxim. He is now one of the oldest grocers in this city.

Storm, Stephen,	200,000
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Brother of Garrit Retired from business

Stout, Aquila G., . . . . . 200,000  
President of the Eagle Insurance Co.

Striker, James, Estate of, . . . . . 1,500,000

Mr. Striker died in the year 1831, at an advanced age. His is one of the oldest Knickerbocker families of our city. His estate has been handed down in regular succession from the year 1640 when his family emigrated to this country from Holland. Mr. Striker has held several civil offices of responsibility. He was also proprietor of the splendid estate known as "Striker's Bay," now leased by his widow, in whose possession the estate now is, as a public house. Mr. James Striker was the father of General Striker, a gentleman well known in this city, as one of wealth and standing, and who has held many exalted stations in our city and state.

Strong, George W., . . . . . 200,000

A lawyer, much noted for his chamber practice and the furnishing of opinions. Was never seen in court, except in the Mason-will case, wherein he testified to what will speak for itself if not for him. Is now a partner of Marshall S. Bidwell, who, bred a Yankee, became one of the representatives of monarchy, and as a self-exiled Canadian patriot, is now a sojourner among the Knickerbockers. The latter does the court business and all the professional craft, and is celebrated for the subtleties and niceties of an exact practice. He is great in all the small business.

Strong, Mrs. James, . . . . . 250,000

Her husband was a merchant, and brother of Geo. W. Strong. She was a Remsen and hence a great part of her wealth.

Stuart, Alexander, . . . . . 200,000

Stuart, Robert L., . . . . . 250,000

The celebrated candy manufacturer and sugar refiner. His father, falling in Glasgow, Scotland, came to this country, where he soon amassed property, with which he returned and paid up his old debts. His son may be proud of such a nobility. Robert is an enterprising and liberal business man. Married the daughter of Robert McCrea, (deceased,) by whom he received considerable property. Has recently built a fine house on the "Fifth," and ranks himself among the 'upper ten.'

Sturges, Jonathan, . . . . . 100,000

Stuyvesant, A. C., . . . . . 200,000

Stuyvesant, Catharine L., . . . . . 300,000

Stuyvesant, Gerard, . . . . . 400,000

Stuyvesant, J. R., . . . . . 400,000

Stuyvesant, Julia, . . . . . 300,000

Stuyvesant, Mrs. P. G., . . . . . 200,000

Stuyvesant, Peter, . . . . . 500,000

Stuyvesant, Widow of Peter, . . . . . 500,000

The Stuyvesant family settled in New York while yet under the dominion of Holland, and have maintained an influence in the commercial and financial affairs of the city ever since. The transition from Dutch to English, and ultimately to American political control, does not appear to have affected their prosperity. To them wealth flows in as freely as ever, and with it the influence which wealth will ever bring.

Suarez, L. S., . . . . . 150,000

Leonardo S. Suarez is of the house of P. Harmony's Nephews & Co. Was formerly a member of the Spanish Cortes, and fled from that country on account of his political opinions.

Suckley, George, . . . . . 300,000

Saffern, Thos., . . . . . 600,000

Of Irish descent—nephew of the venerable Judge S., of Rockland Co., N. Y., deceased. Mr. S. owes his gold to the linen trade, in which he has been successful.

Summer, George W., . . . . . 100,000

Married the rich widow of Captain Barclay, of the British Navy, who died in this city, leaving a large estate.

Saydam, Ferdinand, . . . . . 250,000

Saydam, Lambert, . . . . . 300,000

Swan, Benj. L., . . . . . 500,000

Swords, George H., . . . . . 100,000

Swords, Widow of Thomas, . . . . . 100,000

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Talbot, Charles R., . . . . . 100,000

Talbot, C. N., . . . . . 200,000

Talbot, William R., . . . . . 100,000

Tappan, Lewis, - - - - - 100,000

A member of the well known family of Tappans, of Massachusetts. He has been from early life a man of persevering, strict business habits. He at first engaged in mercantile pursuits in the city of Boston, and carried on an extensive, and for some time successful business there, but from severe reverses was compelled to wind up his affairs and remove to New York. Here he engaged with his brother Arthur, who at that time carried on an extensive and lucrative trade in silks and fancy dry goods, in Pearl street, Hanover Square. He continued thus till the general bankruptcy of 1837, when in consequence of the almost total loss of their southern debts, they failed, and the business passed into the hands of Alfred Edwards. Lewis then purchased the books of an establishment known as the Mercantile Agency, which concern he has greatly improved and extended in its operations; and has succeeded in acquiring very considerable property, and, by the purchase of real estate, principally in Brooklyn, has become independent. He has long been known as an advocate of anti-slavery principles, and partly in consequence of that had his house and furniture destroyed in the riots of 1832. We believe him to be conscientious in his views, and by no means an extravagant or fanatical adherent to those principles. He lost his first wife about two years ago, and has lately married a lady who was a resident of New Haven.

Taylor, Henry J., . . . . . 100,000

Of the firm of Taylor, Marks & Co., William st.

Taylor, John, - - - - - 150,000

Came from England about twenty-five years ago, and was for some time an assistant in the establishment of J. Thompson. About fifteen years since he opened a refectory or "saloon" in Fulton street, Brooklyn, where he was so successful that he subsequently started a more extensive establishment in Broadway. He has lately built a very splendid store—the most brilliant establishment of the kind in the United States, if not in the world—and appears to be running a race of opposition, or rather competition, with his old friend Thompson, who has an elegant store in the same vicinity. They are however on excellent terms, and both enjoying a large measure of prosperity.

Taylor, Joseph R., . . . . . 100,000

Ex-Comptroller and President of the Central Bank. Received some money from his father, gathered some from good salaries while holding public positions, and accumulated the rest by good management.

Taylor, Moses, . . . . . 500,000

A very worthy shipping merchant. His connection in business with the



Astors brought gold to his coffers. He was brought up with Howland and Aspinwall. The duties now paid into the Custom House by this gentleman are second in amount only to those paid by A. T. Stewart & Co, these last paying more than any other house in the United States.

Taylor, Robert L., . . . . . 150,000  
Shipping merchant, of great respectability.

Terbell, Henry S., . . . . . 200,000

Thompson, James, . . . . . 150,000

Son of James Thompson, deceased, who was a merchant and ship owner, and came from Scotland. The son has not been in business, and has spent much time in Europe. He is President of the New York Life Insurance Co. Has a rare collection of paintings and works of art.

Thompson, James, - - - - - 125,000

James Thompson, the son of the late Mr. Thos. Thompson, came from England with his father when quite young. In early life he was employed in the City Hotel, where, by economy, he saved a few hundred dollars. He then commenced a refectory in John street, and afterwards in the Arcade, which, at that time, passed from John street to Maiden lane. Soon after he established himself in Broadway, where he succeeded in gaining an excellent reputation for his "Saloon," which became the leading refectory in the city.

Thompson, O., . . . . . 200,000

Thompson, Samuel, . . . . . 150,000

Thomson, Samuel, . . . . . 200,000

Thorne, Herman, . . . . . 500,000

Formerly a purser in the navy, and good looking, married a daughter of "old Janncey," of Wall street, in its ancient days. Made foreign excursions and acquired the grace and dignity of the ancient dukes. Has now the bearing of majesty, and treads the earth as if he would aspire to the gods. What a wretched government is a Democracy! It is told of him that after the deposition of Charles X, he purchased the Royal carriage and that the soldiers of Paris, in their ignorance, presented arms on its passing them.

Thorne, Jonathan, . . . . . 1,200,000

Formerly of the firm of Thorne & Corse, leather dealers. On the dissolution of the partnership, Mr. Thorne established extensive tanneries in Tannersville, Monroe Co., Penn, in which, by close and shrewd management, he made a large amount of property. He still carries on an extensive and valuable business.

Thorne, Thomas W., . . . . . 100,000

Formerly engaged in the Lottery business, but at present president of the Jefferson Insurance Co.

Tawing, J. C., . . . . . 150,000

Tilden, William, . . . . . 300,000

Head of the firm of Tilden & Co., varnish manufacturers, in Front street. He is the president of the Pacific bank.

Tileston, Thomas, . . . . . 300,000

Of the firm of Spofford, Tileston, & Co., and president of the Phoenix Bank. Mr. S. was a poor shoemaker, from Massachusetts. His partner, Mr. Tileston, was a journeyman printer from the same state. From small beginnings as shoe dealers, they subsequently became very extensively engaged in that line as wholesale dealers in Water street, in which, with operations in navigation, they have each amassed a large fortune.

Tilley, S. C., . . . . . 200,000

Was formerly engaged in an extensive business in this city, but has now retired. He holds real estate to a large amount in the city and its vicinity, which now forms the bulk of his property.

Tillotson, Jno. O.,	150,000
Tilton, F. R.,	200,000

Ex-Recorder of the city. A self-made man in the law; his father being a long time in the humble capacity of one of the Mayor's police marshals. This son married a sister of that remarkable genius, the first of American poets, Dr. Joseph Rodman Drake, "croaker senior."

Tisdale, Samuel T.,	100,000
Titus, William M.,	300,000
Todd, William W.,	200,000

A genuine old New-Yorker, born in this city in the year 1781. Was clerk, when a boy, with his uncle, John Jacob Astor, who sent him at 16 years of age to Canada, to buy furs. He has been for the last 55 years dealing in salt on the corner of Old Slip and Front street, where he received the soubriquet of "Salt Todd." He has now retired, and the business is carried on by his sons, William J. and Theodore W. Todd, under the firm of Todd & Co. He is a liberal benefactor to the various benevolent societies, especially those of the Baptists, to which denomination he belongs. A worthy citizen and good man.

Torry, Joseph,	250,000
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Long engaged in the general commission business, in which he has been eminently successful. Though subjected some years back to severe reverses, he has been able to maintain a steadily improving business by which he has realized an independent fortune. His real estate in this city is very valuable.

Townsend, John R.,	100,000
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Of a Long Island family—a member of the bar—inherited his money from his father, Ald. Thomas S., and from his wife's father, Jacob Drake. The sister of John R. married Joseph Lawrence.

Townsend, Samuel P.,	300,000
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The originator of the celebrated "Townsend's Sarsaparilla," the sale of which laid the foundation of this large fortune. Dr. T., as he is called, was formerly a contractor and builder—a man whose first dollars were earned by the sweat of his brow. As a business man he is shrewd, and keeps the run of his affairs as much in his head as on his books. His liberality in advertising was the groundwork of the success of his sarsaparilla. Recently he has erected a "palace" on Fifth Avenue costing some \$150,000 or more. It is one of the wonders of the city, and an object of great attraction.

Townsend, Thos. J.,	300,000
Townsend, William H.,	250,000
Townsend, Wm.,	150,000

Received \$100,000 by his wife, a daughter of Leonard Gates, deceased.

Treadwell, William,	100,000
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His parents settled in the western part of New York, when it was almost an uncultivated wilderness, and became owners of what are now well cultivated and valuable farms. In his youth he followed the occupation of farming, till he engaged as a hand on board a vessel trading on Lake Ontario. After some time, he shipped as a hand before the mast on board a New Orleans packet, and in a few years became mate, and ultimately captain. By his prudence and skill, he at last became part owner, and thus laid the foundation of his future fortune. He now turned his attention to speculating in real estate, in mortgages, and other safe investments, by which his property is rapidly increasing.

Tredwell, Adam,	100,000
Tredwell, Ephraim,	400,000

Head of the firm of Tredwell & Sons. He opened a small store in Dey street about thirty years since as a bakery, from which he afterwards removed to establish the soda biscuit and pilot bread baking on a large scale. He has now two large establishments, one in Washington street and another

in South street, which last was destroyed by fire Dec. 27, 1853, the time the splendid ship "Great Republic" and several other valuable vessels were burned.

Tredwell, George,	100,000
Tredwell, Lambert,	250,000

A merchant who has been established in Front street about eighteen years. He is a native of New York, and obtained the principal part of his wealth in his business. He has now retired, or is about to retire, devoting his attention hereafter to the management of his real estate.

Tredwell, John,	100,000
Trimble, Daniel,	100,000
Trimble, George T.,	100,000
Truslow, James,	100,000
Tucker, Fanning C.,	150,000
Tucker, Moses,	200,000

Born in the city of New York; son of the late Gideon Tucker. He commenced the hardware business in Chatham street on a small scale, and continued both early and late until about eighteen years ago, when he retired from business. He is now president of the Jefferson Insurance Company.

Turner, John	100,000
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The vicissitudes and the rapid success of some individuals strongly illustrate the wisdom of the counsel: Hope on, hope ever. Mr. Turner is a native of Ireland, and was brought up in the vicinity of Belfast. His parents were poor, but from the good moral education of their son we may judge them to have been, in the best sense of the expression, respectable people. He was early sent to gain his living at the trade of a baker, and worked at this business till he was grown up. He then left it, and went to work as a brick maker. He continued in that employment till he married and had several children; when, finding himself unable to support his family on his slender income, he collected what property he had, and shipped for the United States. On his arrival here he got employment first as a gardener, and afterwards in a bakery; where by rigid economy he saved sufficient to open a small establishment on his own account. He succeeded so well in this that in a few years he was able to purchase the property he occupied, and, by degrees, extended his business, till he became owner of several houses up town. He has now a block of seventeen houses which, together with a good business, produce a handsome income.

Tweed, Richard, Sr.,	100,000
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Chair manufacturer, who made a competent fortune and retired, some years since, but returned to business as a pastime. His sons, William M. and Richard, Jr., are extensively engaged in the same branch of business, and in the same neighborhood, but in a separate establishment.

Tweed, William M.,	100,000
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Well known as a political character. A very active and a skillful politician—an ex-alderman, and now a member of Congress. He is one of the few who manage to save something out of their salaries while holding office. He lives in elegant style in Rutgers Place. Is still in business with his brother Richard, Jr., as a chair manufacturer.

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Ulshoeffer, Michael,	100,000
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This gentleman is well known as late judge of the court of common pleas.—His father was a respectable musician from Hesse Cassel, who came over at the time of the revolution, and was for many years a performer at the Park Theatre. The son was sent to the Assembly while yet a young man by the Tammany party of this city. He was distinguished at that time for his unbending manners, his independent character, and his great moral courage.



Office and honor were rather thrust upon him than sought for. Had he possessed more blandness and suavity of address, more gennine office-seeking talents, there were no obstacles that could have prevented him from attaining almost any situation he might have aspired to. He is esteemed as a man of upright and honorable character.

## V

Vanalen, James J., . . . . . 200,000

A native of New York, but of German descent. Was formerly in the dry goods trade, in which he made the whole of his property, by rigid economy and strict attention to business.

Van Antwerp, James, . . . . . 100,000

Van Arsdale, Dr. Peter, . . . . . 150,000

A highly respected physician, who has, by dint of severe and continued hard labor in his profession, acquired a comfortable fortune. He is of our old Dutch families.

Van Auker, Jesse, . . . . . 100,000

Van Buren, John, . . . . . 100,000

Vanderbilt, Cornelius, - - - - - 1,500,000

In the strictest sense of the expression, Mr. Vanderbilt is a self made man. Tracing him from his earliest start in life, we find him dependent on his own energy and industry, in the first place for support, and ultimately for the acquisition of wealth. He was born on Staten Island, where he spent his early years, and where he has ever held considerable interests and influence. He could not boast of education or property, or the influence of wealthy friends. Dependent on his own, unaided exertions, he was always ready to perform any labor or occupation that presented itself. It was a very general thing for him to be engaged in boating passengers to and from vessels arriving at the Quarantine and that vicinity. He frequently took charge of small fishing vessels to the city, and often made fishing excursions on his own account. Before steamboats were invented, he was employed in carrying passengers to various places on the North river by boats, and in the shad season, was generally engaged in that profitable fishery. In this last particularly, he showed his tact for business. Having a small schooner, he would in the early part of the season run to Savannah and other southern places, and bring shad to the New York market, where they could be sold at an exceedingly high price, realizing a large profit to Mr. Vanderbilt. When he left this occupation he became bar-keeper in a hotel on Staten Island, where he continued for some time, and appears to have given general satisfaction by his attention. But a circumstance soon occurred which brought him back to his old business. A vessel belonging to a Mr. Gibbon got ashore in the Bay in a gale of wind, and being in a dangerous position and a heavy sea running, no boats would venture out to bring off the passengers or aid the crew. In this emergency, C. Vanderbilt nobly offered his services, and went out in a boat with the help of two others. They reached the vessel and succeeded in bringing all the passengers safely to land, and afterward, by securing a line and hawser on shore saved the vessel from further injury. By this exploit he secured the friendship and patronage of Mr. Gibbon, and from this point in his history we may date the rapid progress he made in after life. He now obtained the command of a coasting vessel, in which he made frequent voyages to the southern ports, and traded on his own account. By these means he soon gained considerable property, which enabled him to take shares in vessels, and purchase land on Staten Island. The introduction of steamboats was, however, destined to become the great source of his wealth. He has had an interest in almost all the important lines of steamers on the North and East rivers; such as the C. Vanderbilt, Commodore, Bay State and others. But the most important line of vessels under his immediate control, is or was, that running from New York to Nicaragua and St. John's river; but this he has lately sold to a company who intend building a railroad across the Isthmus. As a holder of real estate he has very considerable property on Staten Island and other parts, amounting to about five hundred thousand dollars. He has, however, lately sold a

large amount of this kind of property. He formerly held the three lines of steamboats running to New Brighton, Factoryville, Port Richmond, the Quarantine, Stapleton, Perth Amboy and other places. These, together with the docks, landings, buildings and water rights, he has sold to a Company, and now, with all the advantages of long experience, and immense resources, he continues to prosecute his plans, and is likely to reap from them a still richer harvest of wealth.

Mr. Vanderbilt, like other men of wealth, is surrounded by multitudes of friends, and they, on occasions, have contributed to the success of his plans. An instance of this occurred many years ago which may be related. Mr. Vanderbilt owned the line of steamboats to New Haven. The rate of fare and freight was high, and altogether the accommodation was such that the cry of monopoly or "mad dog" was raised, especially in Connecticut. A stock company was formed to start an independent line. The steamboat *Belle* was purchased at a rather exorbitant price, considering her age and condition, but as it was reported that no other boat could at that time be had, the objectors were easily silenced. The opposition was started at a fare of \$1, while Vanderbilt put down the fare on his boats to from \$1.50 to 25 cents. Such was the enthusiasm, however, that for a time travel increased at least four fold, and, day after day, the opposition boat was crowded while Vanderbilt's boats had few or no passengers. Once in a while to be sure, when the *Belle* brought an unusually heavy load to New York, she would break down and lay up for a day or two. On these occasions her passengers had to pay Vanderbilt's boats \$2 to get home again. Finally passengers got tired of paying a dollar when better boats would take them for 25 cents; but in proportion as travel returned to Vanderbilt's boats, he raised the fare on them, still keeping it below that on the *Belle*. The *Belle* soon became a losing concern, and, as her receipts diminished, the cost of repairs and running her in some unaccountable manner increased. The managers didn't exercise so much prudence as some of the stockholders thought they should. At last she was hauled off and sold for a song. The stock which had stood anywhere from 150 to 200 per cent. was cried down—sales were made of large quantities below par—it kept going down, down, down. When it reached about ten centson the dollar, all or nearly all of it disappeared. When the bubble burst it became whispered around that Vanderbilt was, really, the owner of the *Belle* when she was sold to the company—that his friends took a majority of the company's stock, he furnishing the means—that the first sales and crying down the stock were effected by him—that the increased expenses resulted from "improvements" made by him, and that he subsequently bought in the *outside* stock at an average of 11 or 12 cents on the dollar—that he added many thousand dollars to his wealth by thus making the animosity and "monopoly" feeling of the New Haveners work for him through the names of his friends. At all events Vanderbilt was the only one who reaped an extra "dividend" on the *Belle* speculation.

Vanderpoel, Jacob, Jr., - - - - - 300,000

The first Vanderpoel family—three brothers—came from Holland the latter part of the seventeenth century. Two of them settled at Kinderhook, the mother of ex-President Van Buren being a descendant of one of them; the third, the ancestor of Jacob, settled at Newark. The name properly spelled is "poel" but the Newark branch have mostly modernized it into "pool." Jacob Vanderpoel, Jr., was brought up in the Fourth Ward of this city, his father being tolerably well off. Determined, however, to make his own mark in the world, he apprenticed himself—verbally only—at an early age to the cabinet making business, contrary to the wishes of his parents, who desired him to distinguish himself in mercantile affairs. Having served out his time to the age of twenty years, buying the last year with the little savings of previous years, he found himself in 1832—the great cholera year—on the world—a journeyman without means. His trade, however, more than afforded him a living, and he made arrangements to go into the furniture making business with a fellow workman, the following spring. The season being unusually favorable for the purchase of stock, they raised between them \$112, Mr. V. borrowing his half of a relation, and went into the market. They bought four or five mahogany logs and sent them to Elizabethtown, N. J., to be sawed up, there being no saw mill in the city. An uncle of Mr. V.'s—Foster Day—kept the mill. Taking an interest in young Jacob, he advised him as to the sawing. Apparently the wood was best calculated for bed-posts, but on chipping the first log a little, it turned out good enough for table boards.



This discovery doubled the value at once. They set to work, and on taking off the first slab it proved even better than table boards—it was good enough for first rate veneers, and the same was true of each of the other logs. The logs were worth seven or eight hundred dollars, but veneers were not the kind of stock Jacob needed for his work. He had not money enough to pay for the sawing, and could not afford to hold the logs long enough to sell again; but his uncle was willing to trust him, and sawed up the veneers, keeping them ready for use at the mill. Meantime Jacob worked on at his trade as foreman for Mr. Shipman, and paid off his loan with interest. During the winter a large lot of mahogany was put up at auction. Jacob got his father to endorse his paper for two hundred and thirty-two dollars, and with that he made his next purchase. It turned out like the first. Good luck and good judgment, with an offer from his father of yard room, thus frustrated his plans, and induced him and his partner to set up as mahogany merchants in Cherry st. Their cash capital of one hundred and twelve dollars, and credit of two hundred and thirty-two dollars, by great prudence and an exceedingly favorable reaction in the business, turned them in nearly twelve thousand dollars the first year! and established a business worth from five to eight thousand dollars per year after that. When the great commercial crisis 1836 and '37 came they weathered it without difficulty, but curtailed their business to "see what was coming of it." When the times improved again—in 1839 or '40—they dissolved, Mr. V. buying in the old place and carrying on the business on his own account until 1851, when he retired from active life.

At present his only business connection is as a special partner in the firm of Vanderpoel, Smith & Co., varnish and mahogany dealers, 28 and 30 Cherry street—an interest taken for the benefit of his brother rather than himself. He now resides on Madison avenue, occupying the entire front between 30th and 31st streets—one of the finest residences on the island—owning considerable real estate there and also in the upper part of the island. One peculiarity in Mr. Vanderpoel's manner of doing business, which won him much credit when understood, was this—It is, or was, the custom with mahogany dealers to pick out one or two of the best veneers—the inside ones—from a log, and sell them for extra prices, while at the same time they would sell the log of veneers as though complete. Mr. V. set his face against this.—When he sold a log of veneers he said it should be just exactly what it appeared to be—he would allow no deception about it. If a chance customer wanted the outside or poorest veneers he might have them, but the choice ones should not be stripped out for anybody. This is but a sample of the stern honesty which has characterized Mr. Vanderpoel's acts throughout his life. He would never buy an article without first having the money in his pocket, and would never make a promise, be it never so small, without fulfilling it to the letter. So far did he carry this principle that on one occasion, not long since, having said of a man in business that he was good, and if a certain note of \$700 or so was not paid "bring it to me," he handed out his check the moment he heard that the note was not paid and before it was returned. No obligation was upon him to do this, save the above expression in the course of conversation. He is largely interested in real estate at Buffalo, as well as in Ohio and in many parts of the south.

Vanderpoel, Judge Aaron,	150,000
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From Kinderhook originally. He has held several public offices of trust and honor, though without much emolument. He inherited considerable property, and received more with his wife. He is an upright man and a good citizen, as well as an excellent lawyer.

Van Nest, Abraham,	200,000
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Van Nostrand, John,	150,000
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Van Schaick, M.,	200,000
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Van Winkle, Tunis,	100,000
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A specimen of the true Kaickerbocker. He has collected a considerable fortune by close application to business, and, from his general habits, seems to defy the possibility of losing any fraction of it by loose speculation or otherwise. Almost the whole of his property is in real estate in the 8th ward.

Vassar, Matthew,	200,000
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Head of the firm of Vassar & Co, brewers, Warren street, and Poughkeeps-



ste. This firm has been established about thirty years, with the addition of two partners, the sons of Mr. Vassar, Senr. They have an extensive trade, sending their ale to almost every part of the Union.

Verplanck, Gulian C., . . . . . 200,000

Son of the rich Judge V. of Fishkill, deceased. "Gulian Verplanck," the ancestor, is one of the names found on the earliest Dutch records of New Amsterdam, and he himself of plain origin, rose to consideration in municipal trusts, after the English Conquest, 1614. The present Gulian holds the most polished and classical pen in American literature, but wants the pathos and feeling of Irving, and the strength and energy of many other of our native writers. He has been a Senator of this State, and has been distinguished as a Whig politician. He edited one of the best editions of Shakespeare ever published.

Vincent, Thomas, . . . . . 100,000

Voisin, J' A., . . . . . 100,000

Van Zandt, Thomas, . . . . . 150,000

## W

Waddell, W. C. H., . . . . . 200,000

Mr. W. was appointed United States Marshal of this District by General Jackson, and held that position many years. Mr. W. has been twice married, and each time, we believe, to great pecuniary advantage. On the Bankrupt Law going into effect, he was appointed general assignee for New York and vicinity.

Wainwright, Eli, . . . . . 100,000

An English gentleman, long resident of this city, and formerly head of the house of Wainwright, Shiels & Co. He long since retired from business.

Walker, Joseph, . . . . . 200,000

English merchant. Quaker.

Walker, R. G., . . . . . 100,000

Wallace, Mrs. William, . . . . . 300,000

Wallace, William, . . . . . 300,000

Walters, James R., . . . . . 150,000

Made his money in the business of a plumber, a vocation which instructs its votaries in that part of the mystery of the philosopher's stone which converts lead into gold. He is a Yorkshireman, and still bears the broad accent of the old country, with some of its coarseness and shrewdness, but without any of the small vices for which that ancient shire has become renowned.

Walworth, Reuben Hyde, . . . . . 150,000

Ex-chancellor of the State of New York. Was born at Bozrah in the State of Connecticut, in 1789. He was brought up to the business of farming, and received no education but such as could be obtained at the common schools at that day, in a country town in the State of New York. He commenced the study of the law at the age of seventeen, and at the age of twenty, was admitted to practice in the county court, and was licensed as an attorney of the Supreme Court of the State of New York two years later. He settled at Plattsburgh, and in 1811, was appointed master in chancery, and one of the county magistrates. He was subsequently an officer in the militia, and during the Siege of Plattsburgh in 1814, he was acting as adjutant general of the combined regulars, and militia forces in the service of the United States, under the command of General Mooers, and was in the Battle of Beckmans-town, and at Pike's cantonment, on the 6th and 11th of September. He served as a representative in the Seventeenth Congress, and was appointed one of the Circuit Judges under the new constitution of New York in 1823. Having discharged the duties of that office for five years, he was in 1828 appointed to the office of Chancellor, the highest judicial office in the State.

His published decisions may be found in Wendell's, Hill's, and Denis's reports, and are considered highly important. Upon the retirement of Chancellor Walworth from the bench in 1848, he resumed his professional labors at his residence, and in the city of New York.

Ward, A. H., . . . . . 100,000

Ward, Henry W., . . . . . 150,000

Has been long known and respected in the banking and commercial community

Ward, James, . . . . . 100,000

Ward, Samuel, Jr., . . . . . 250,000

Watson, John, . . . . . 450,000

One of the oldest merchants in the leather trade. Has amassed a large fortune entirely in that business.

Weller, John, . . . . . 150,000

A native of England, who was, many years ago, principal cook in the City Hotel. By economy, he here made sufficient to commence business on his own account, and, after a variety of changes, he united with his brother-in-law, James Thompson, in business. In a few years afterwards they dissolved partnership, and Weller purchased a lot in the upper part of Broadway for eighteen thousand dollars, on which he built a handsome house and store. Here he carried on an extensive and lucrative business, by which he amassed a handsome fortune, on which he retired. He is now engaged in purchasing real estate and in building, by which his property is rapidly increasing in value.

Wenzel, Henry, . . . . . 100,000

A director in the Pacific Bank. He was once a journeyman chairmaker for Baldwin & Cook, of Broad street. He afterwards commenced in a small way at sawing out mahogany, at which, notwithstanding several misfortunes from fire, failures, &c., he raised the pillars of his fortune.

Wetmore, Apollos R., . . . . . 150,000

An extensive hardware merchant. He is well known as an eminent philanthropist, actively engaged in the cause of humanity, being one of the originators of the Society for the Relief of the Poor. The blessings of the widow and orphan are his, and happy for the world would it be were there more like him.

Wetmore, David, . . . . . 200,000

An iron merchant. Married a daughter of old Peter Sharp, the whip maker, by whom, it is said, he obtained \$100,000.

Wetmore, Wm. S., . . . . . 500,000

Formerly a clerk in the house of Carrington & Co., Providence, by whom he was sent to Canton, whence, after a residence of a few years, he returned with a princely fortune.

Wayman, Edmund H., . . . . . 150,000

Long established as a clothier in Maiden Lane, where he has made the principal part of his property. He is an Eastern man, and possesses all the business qualities requisite to secure a fortune.

White, Eli, . . . . . 400,000

Head of the firm of White & Sons, wholesale furriers, long established in Water street, and connected with the American Fur Co. He has been a prominent and successful trader in that branch of business for many years.

White, Wm. A., . . . . . 100,000

Whitehead, Wm., . . . . . 100,000

Whitfield, George B., . . . . . 100,000

Of the firm of G. J. Whitfield & Co., Plumbers. He has risen by persever

ing industry and hard work to his present position. Formerly he worked as journeyman with Wm. Hillsboro.

Whitlock, William, Jr., . . . . . 150,000

Whiting, James R., . . . . . 200,000

The late District Attorney for this county, and distinguished as a lawyer. He has been an alderman, and an influential man in the Democratic ranks. He has made a fortune by investments in real estate, and his profession has been lucrative. His present residence is in Westchester county. The rogues, withering under his maledictions, long since nick-named him *Little Bitters*, by which sobriquet he is now occasionally known.

Whitney, Stephen, . . . . . 5,000,000

Some estimate his wealth at double the amount. The great impetus to his fortune, was given by several heavy but fortunate speculations in cotton. His investments in real estate many years ago, have doubled his fortune by a rise in value. Mr. Whitney is a very shrewd manager, and careful in his dealings, but liberal in other respects.

Whittemore, John, . . . . . 100,000

Celebrated Card manufacturer, son of the late Thomas Whittemore, who has acquired a handsome fortune, and has one of the most extensive and complete Card Manufactories in the United States, at Paterson, New Jersey.

Whittemore, Mrs. Samuel, . . . . . 200,000

Whittemore, Thomas, . . . . . 150,000

A son of Timothy, whose father was the inventor of the wool carding machine, one of the most remarkable inventions on record, as displayed in its complicated and marvellous movements. This invention is the source of Thomas' wealth.

Whittemore, Timothy, . . . . . 100,000

President of the Greenwich Insurance Co.

Widmeyer, George, . . . . . 250,000

There must be some gold-mine connected with the bread baking business, and Mr. W.'s is one of the many specimens of fortunes made, as it were, in a day out of it. He is a German by birth.

Wiley, John, . . . . . 150,000

Formerly of the firm of Wiley & Putnam, the largest importers of books in the city. Mr. Wiley has been a long time in the book business in this city, commencing as agent for Thomas Wardle, of Philadelphia.

Wiley, Leroy M., . . . . . 300,000

Dry Goods Merchant, a Georgian.

Willets, Samuel, - - - - - 500,000

An esteemed member of the society of Friends. Has for many years been engaged largely in the manufacture of iron, chiefly nails. Is now possessed of very considerable real estate in this city and in other places. He has lately been elected President of the American Exchange Bank.

Williams, Charles, . . . . . 100,000

Williams, John H., . . . . . 150,000

Formerly of the firm of Williams & Sons, Pearl street, dealers in looking glasses, &c., but now of the firm of Williams, Stephens & Williams, Broadway. The whole of his property has been accumulated in the regular prosecution of his business.

Williams, Richard S., . . . . . 200,000

By faithful and close application to the grocery business, in which he bears a most respectable name, Mr. W. has acquired a large property. He is of the family of one of the greatest landholders among the early purchasers and settlers who colonized the English villages on Long Island, viz :



Robert Williams, nephew, it is believed, of Roger, the founder of Providence. He is now President of the Market Bank.

Williams, Thomas, - - - - - 150,000

Formerly a cabinet maker in Broad street, of the firm of Williams & Dawson. After having retired for a few years he went into the mahogany trade with Smith, formerly partner with Jacob Vanderpool, Jr., and in a few years he retired from this, in favor of his son.

Wilink, I. A., . . . . . 100,000

Willis, Alfred, }  
Willis, Edward, } . . . . . 300,000

Hardware merchants, firm of Willis and Bro

Willoughby, Samuel A., . . . . . 250,000

Known as Lord Willoughby of Brooklyn, and so named in consequence of his princely and elegant bearing, and not out of admiration for his fine mansion or respect for his great ancestor, the Baron Willoughby de Eresby of England. He was born in Nova Scotia, came to this city and engaged in the lace business with Mr. Crips, an Englishman, and married a fortune in the person of Miss Duffield of Brooklyn. The rise in town-lots elevated him—he became a candidate for Mayor of Brooklyn, and then he established the Willoughby Bank, but people had more confidence in him than in his institution. He wound it up, but like a bad chronometer it would not go. He lately made the tour of Europe, and returned looking as distinguished as Metternich or a crowned head. With his blushing honors thick upon him he married his second wife from Nova Scotia. Before he went abroad he was dubbed a Colonel in the Westchester Militia, and had his cards engraved bearing his name with the addenda of Col. U. S. A, the last initial being of course that of America. His fondness for the legal profession leads him into many law suits. His daughter married Edwards Pierpont of this city, a gentleman and scholar whom personal attractions can add lustre to his illustrious wife's sire.

Wilmerding, Wm. E., . . . . . 300,000

Of the auction house of the late firm of Austin & Wilmerding. He is, we believe, German in extraction, and now of the firm of Wilmerding & Sons

Wilson, D. M., . . . . . 100,000

Formerly of the firm of D. M. Wilson, & Co, Broad st. Has retired from active business. Resides at Newark, N. J.

Winans, Anthony V., . . . . . 100,000

Winans, William W., . . . . . 100,000

Late merchant. Retired from business.

Winants, Capt. Garret E., - - - - - 150,000

Another self-made man. From his earliest start in life, we find him dependent on his own energy and persevering industry, in the first place for support, and ultimately for the acquisition of wealth. He was born on Staten Island, which place he left when quite young. He commenced his career in early life in the river and coasting trade as a hand before the mast, at the rate of \$8 per month. By his energy and industry he made friends who built for him a small freighting schooner, by which he acquired considerable wealth, and has greatly increased it by speculating largely in real estate in the upper part of our city and vicinity. He has built and has an interest in a number of river and sea going vessels. He is now engaged in the superintendence of his vessels, and also in purchasing real estate and building, by which his property is rapidly increasing in value. Mr. Winants is in every sense a benevolent and thorough business man and valuable citizen.

Winslow, R H, . . . . . 300,000

Broker and Banker in Wall street, of Pilgrim descent; with Perkins, his partner, does most of the Ohio business. Brought up her State stocks by his judicious management. A sound, clear-headed man.

Winthrop, Benj. R., . . . . . 100,000

A lineal descendant of the Winthrops who were Governors of Massachusetts and Connecticut. His mother was a Stuyvesant of the 5th generation from the renowned "Peter the Headstrong." His property is derived from his grandfather Stuyvesant, who deceased in 1804, leaving a life estate to his daughter, and the fee to her children, viz., Benj. R. and the wives of Rev. J. W. Chanler and Senator Geo. Folsom.

Withers, Reuben, . . . . . 150,000

Cashier of the Bank of the State of New York. Came here a poor boy from Virginia, and earned his money in the China trade, when of the house of Withers and Heard.

Witherspoon, George, . . . . . 100,000

An Englishman, who married the daughter of Mrs. Fisher. Is a cotton broker, in business with his brother.

Wisner, Gabriel, . . . . . 150,000

His grandfather was a member of the Continental Congress from this State, and his father was killed at the Indian massacre at Minisink. Gabriel has made his money in the grocery business.

Wolfe, Christopher, . . . . . 300,000

Son of an old Knickerbocker shop-keeper. Made a large fortune in the hardware business.

Wolfe, John D., . . . . . 1,000,000

Formerly a hardware merchant, and one of the most wealthy men in the city. His real estate is very extensive, not only in the city of New York, but in the adjacent country. He is related by marriage to the the late P. Lorillard.

Wolfe, N. H., . . . . . 100,000

Flour dealer. Formerly from Norfolk, Va. His father resided in Baltimore, and was one of its first citizens.

Wood, George, . . . . . 150,000

A lawyer, well and widely known.

Wood, Ross W., . . . . . 150,000

Here is the reward of thirty-seven years of close application to legitimate business. Every cent has been told in fair profits and percentage in the grocery business, in which he has been engaged. Mr. Wood is from some of our old Knickerbocker families, and has been a director of the Seventh Ward Bank.

Woodhull, Albert, . . . . . 150,000

A brother of Caleb E., and of the late firm of Woodhull & Minturn, large Commission and Shipping merchants, and owners of line of Liverpool packets.

Woodruff, Thos. T., . . . . . 100,000

An architect, formerly an Alderman. Is said to have made money by corporation contracts.

Woodward, Robert, . . . . . 100,000

The son of a Canadian farmer, he spent the early part of his life among the forests and the half-civilized settlements of that province, till he was introduced into a situation more congenial to his taste. He was sent to Montreal to learn the trade of a blacksmith; and, when he had completed his term of apprenticeship, he entered on board a whaler for a voyage. On his return, he found himself possessed of a considerable sum as the fruit of this voyage, and was thus encouraged to make another trip, which proved equally fortunate. He now made up his mind to settle on shore, and accordingly took up his residence in New York, where he has been long established, and very successful. As a citizen, he is much respected, and has filled some offices in this city.

Woolsey, Edward J.,	250,000
Woolsey, Geo. M.,	250,000

Brothers, who have acquired most of their property in the sugar refining business in this city. They are the owners of most princely mansions on Long Island.

Wright, John D.,	250,000
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Son of Jordan Wright, a Quaker, deceased, of Flushing. He married the only child of James Bird, Quaker, of the same place, by whom he received upwards of \$100,000, and, in addition, a large amount from his father's estate. His property is about equally divided in real estate between this city and Flushing. He was formerly an importer in the city.

Wright, Widow of Isaac,	100,000
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Her husband was the projector of the first line of Liverpool packets.

Wright, William,	100,000
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Son of Isaac Wright, the projector of the Liverpool line of packets. Formerly in business with his father, and now retired to New Jersey. His father was of a Long Island Quaker family.

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Yates, Mrs. Joseph C.,	200,000
Young, Henry,	500,000
Youngs, Henry,	800,000

A high churchman, and a pillar of St. John's, as well as one of the vestrymen of Trinity Church. He is one of the few who have made money in the retail dry goods business in Broadway, and kept it. Is a large holder of real estate in this city. He is brother-in-law of Charles G. Ferris, Esq., formerly member of Congress from this city.

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Zimmerman, J. C., Sr.,	100,000
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Many years a commission merchant in South st.



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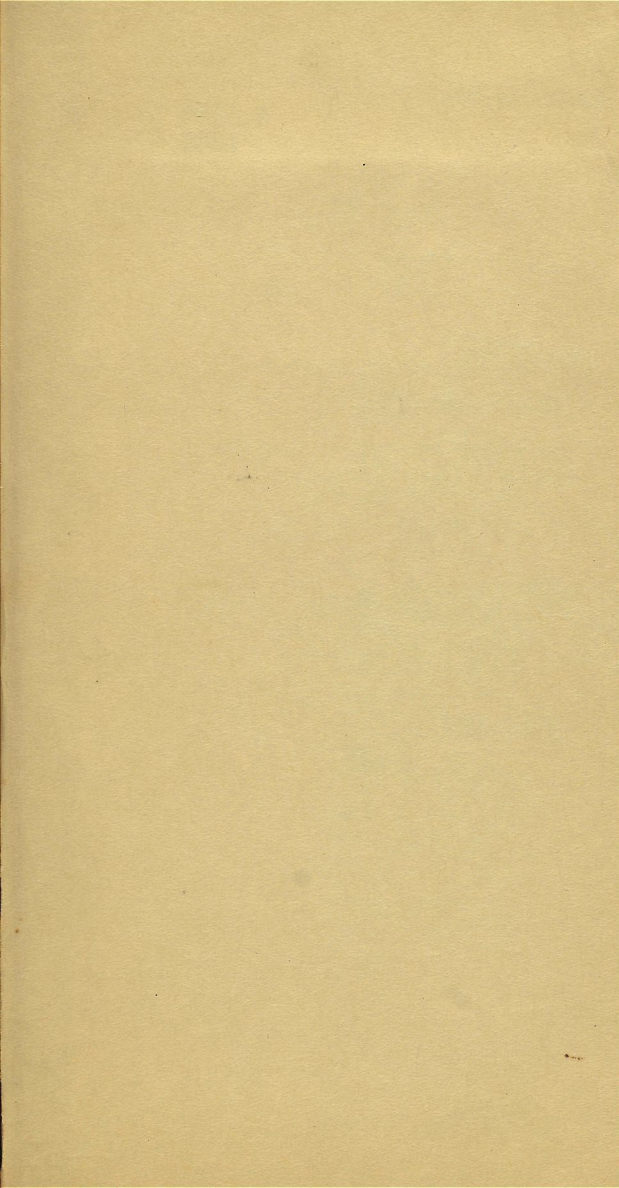
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