

but are ready to carry the gifts of the earth to the ocean, and to bring back to the inhabitants the products of other climes.

5. The soil returns an ample harvest for all that is planted in it, and the climate is favourable to nearly every production of the earth, that can sustain life or increase its luxuries.

6. Agriculture is the leading pursuit in this country. The eastern states are devoted to grazing, and the dairy; the middle and western to the raising of wheat, Indian corn, &c.; and the southern states, to cotton, tobacco, sugar, and rice. Slave labour is chiefly employed in the southern and some of the western states.

7. The United States are richly supplied with valuable minerals. Gold, the most precious, and iron, the most useful of metals, with lead, coal, salt, and lime, all exist, most of them in great abundance; while beautiful and durable building materials are furnished by the extensive quarries of the different sections of the Union.

8. The manufactures are already extensive, and are rapidly increasing: they yield in value, annually, near 400 millions of dollars; and with the products of the agriculture, the forests, the mines, and the fisheries, amount yearly to almost 1300 million dollars.

9. The commerce is, next to that of Great Britain, the largest in the world; it extends to all parts of the earth, and embraces the products and manufactures of all nations. The number of vessels that enter and depart from the ports of the United States, amounts from 22,000 to 25,000 every year.

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10. The Fisheries are highly important, and are carried on mostly by the New England states: they embrace chiefly the whale, cod, and mackerel fisheries, and employ upwards of 36,000 men, the products amount to from 10 to 12 millions of dollars, annually.

11. The whale fishery alone employs upwards of 650 vessels, and 16,000 men. The ships employed in this important business are absent frequently two and three years at a time.

12. No part of the world presents such an extensive inland commerce as that of the United States. Steam vessels navigate all the principal rivers, lakes, bays, &c. The Mississippi river and its tributaries alone are traversed by near 400 steamboats, all of which make several voyages every year.

13. The employment of Steam Power is probably greater in this country than in any other part of the world, and forms one of the pri-

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