



Great Fire in New York.

16. This city suffered a severe loss by the great fire of December 16th, 1835, which destroyed 530 buildings, and other property to the amount of more than seventeen millions of dollars.

17. Brooklyn, on the opposite side of the East river, is properly a suburb of New York. It commands a delightful view of the city and surrounding country, and is a pleasant place of residence. Above New York, on the Hudson, is West Point, the seat of the United States' Military Academy for the instruction of officers of the army.

18. Albany, the capital of the state, is 150 miles north of the city of New York. It is the centre of an extensive and important inland trade, being connected with the ocean by the Hudson river, with lakes Erie and Champlain by the State canals, and with Boston and Buffalo by one of the finest rail-roads in the Union.

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19. Newburg, Poughkeepsie,* Catskill, Hudson, Troy, and Lansingburg, all on the Hudson, are flourishing towns. Schenectady, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Lockport, and Buffalo, are the most important places on the Erie canal. The latter is the great emporium of the trade on Lake Erie. Rochester is noted for its numerous flour-mills, and Syracuse for the vast quantity of salt made there, and in the vicinity.

20. Besides these, there are many other thriving towns in various parts of the state, of which, Rome, Auburn, Geneva, Canandaigua, Ithaca, Oswego, Sackett's Harbour, and Plattsburg, are the principal. Plattsburg is noted for the two victories gained over the British in 1814. Sackett's Harbour was the chief naval station on Lake Ontario in the late war.

16. What is said of the Great Fire? 17. Describe Brooklyn, &c. 18. Albany. 19. Newburg, &c. 20. The other towns.

* Po-kep'-sy.