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Disallow compilers from generating functions you don't want.

Eg: Homedale h1;
Homedale h2;

Homedale h3(h1);
h1 = h2; // Avoid

In the above case, even if we do not declare copy constructor and copy assignment operator, compiler will make it by itself.

If we need to avoid it, we can declare the functions as private.

```
Class Homedale  
{ public:
```

```
private:
```

```
    Homedale (const Homedale);  
    Homedale & operator= (const Homedale);  
};
```

Function parameters are not given since we are never going to define it since we need to avoid copy.

The technique is not foolproof since member & friend function can still call private function but they will get linker error.

To move linker error to compile error make a class `Uncopyable` which is base class for `HomeSale`, its copy ctor & copy assignment are private.

```
class Uncopyable
{ protected:
    Uncopyable() {}
    ~Uncopyable() {}
private:
    Uncopyable(const Uncopyable&);
    Uncopyable& operator=(const Uncopyable&);
};
```

```
class HomeSale: private Uncopyable {
};
```

Thus class `HomeSale` no longer declare copy ctor & operator & the member & friend function call will be rejected at compile time.