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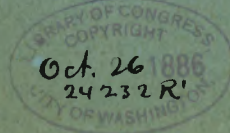
TO



TEMPORARY VAULT.

General Grant's Tomb

IN RIVERSIDE PARK.



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PEOPLE FROM LONG ISLAND, landing at the Thirty-fourth Street Ferry (East), may take the Boulevard horse-car, alighting at 122d Street, from which, turning to the left, it is only a short block to the Tomb.

The view from this Mecca of the American traveler is one of the finest in the world—for thirty miles, on a clear day, up the Hudson toward West Point, and southward to the Battery, and across the Bay to the Narrows. The East River and Long Island Sound may be seen in the East, and the Palisades, Fort Lee, and the bold, steep, leafy shores of New Jersey on the West.

The historic associations connected with this

portion of Riverside Park are of the most interesting character. Here came Washington, the great "Father of our Country," to inspect the situation when the British were in hot pursuit, in September, 1776; and near by was fought the Battle of Harlem Heights, in which the American soldiers won their first victory over the trained warriors from Great Britain.

To this point came nearly all the great generals of the two opposing armies. Less than a mile from General Grant's Tomb stands the old historic Apthorpe Mansion, the head-quarters of Washington for some days before the battle, and where the secret expedition of Nathan Hale into the enemy's camp was planned. Within an hour after Washington left it, on the 15th of September, 1776, the British commander-in-chief and his officers came in and ate the supper, with wonderful relish, that had been cooked for Washington; while their gay, red-coated regiments pitched their tents all along these beautiful Bloomingdale Heights. General Sir William Howe, Lord Howe, Lord Cornwallis, Lord Percy, afterward Duke of Northumberland, and other distinguished British officers, sat round the blazing wood fire in the grand old dining-room on that



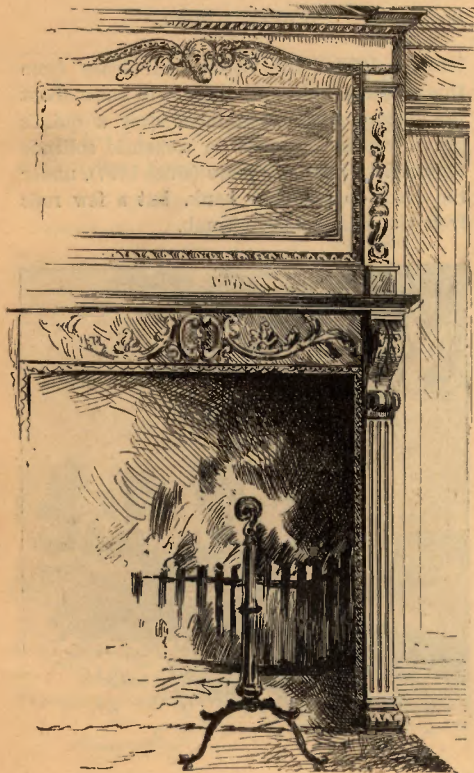
THE APTHORPE MANSION.—HEAD-QUARTERS OF WASHINGTON.—HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE BRITISH GENERALS.

[From Magazine of American History for Sept., 1885.]

chilly, rainy evening, telling stories until a late hour. The quaint fire-place and mantel on opposite page, were sketched in 1885, for the *Magazine of American History*.

When peace was restored to the country and Washington was President of the new nation, he used to drive out here for the view every pleasant day, with his chariot and six horses. The great statesman, Alexander Hamilton, built a home only about a mile distant, which is still standing ; and on Riverside Park, near Ninetieth Street, may be seen the house built at the same time by Judge Brockholst Livingston, the brother-in-law of the celebrated Chief-Justice John Jay. The building known as Claremont (now a restaurant), close by the Tomb, was once the abode of Viscount Courtenay, afterward Earl of Devon ; also of the British Minister to this country, Mr. Jackson ; and later on of Joseph Bonaparte, ex-King of Spain, the eldest brother of Napoleon I.

The whole Park is alive with historic memories. The first and only authentic account of its various residents, its vicissitudes, its glory as the "Newport of New York," and its history as a public domain, may be found complete in the *Magazine of American History* for Sep-



tember, 1885. The visitor will learn from this magazine, also, all there is to know about the quaint little monument over a child's grave, which has stood in romantic solitude for nearly a hundred years (since 1797), under the trees on the river bank, but a few rods from the great soldier's Tomb.



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