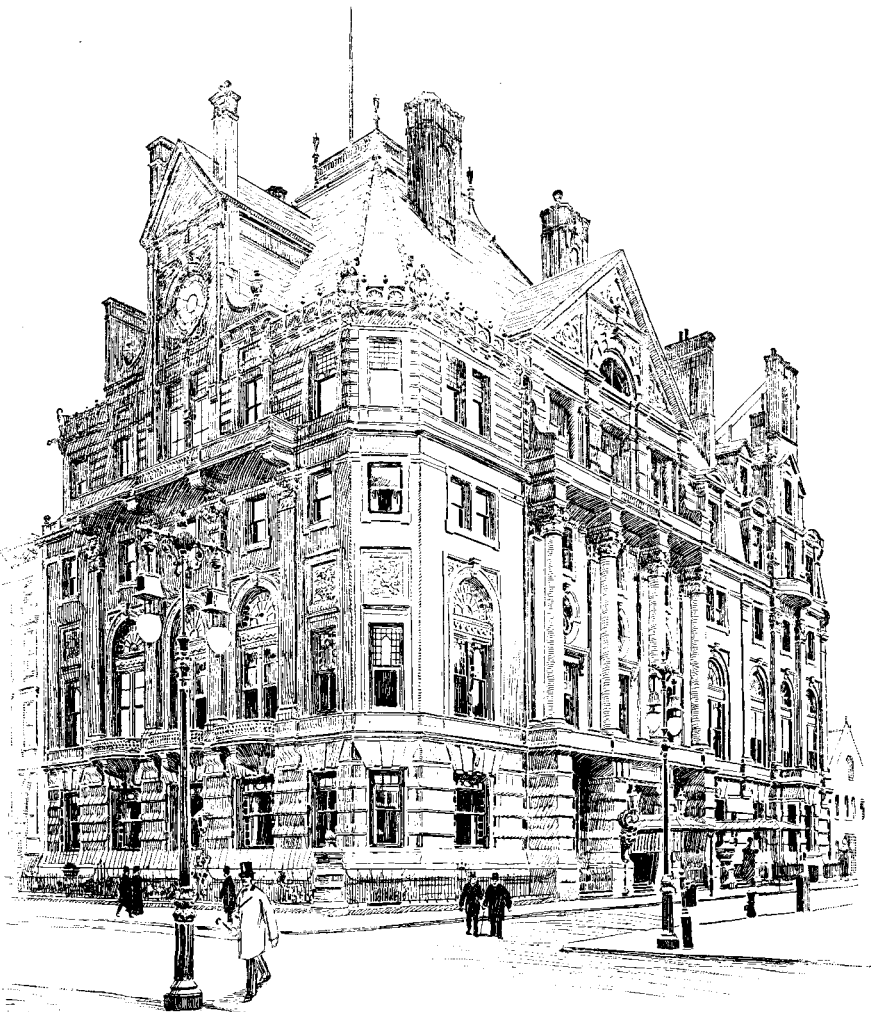


TWO MILES OF MILLIONAIRES.

New York's new section of Fifth Avenue residences that make a concentration of wealth and splendor not equaled in any other capital of the world—Some of the well known people whose homes stand for the plutocratic side of the metropolis.

THERE are a good many miles of millionaires in New York. The Bowery, the east side and the west side, downtown and uptown, and every neighborhood of the borough of Manhattan, and the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, Rich-

mond, and the Bronx—all these have their millionaires. In some sections there are few, in others many; but if all the millionaires living in Greater New York could be gathered together and were to reside on a single street there would be

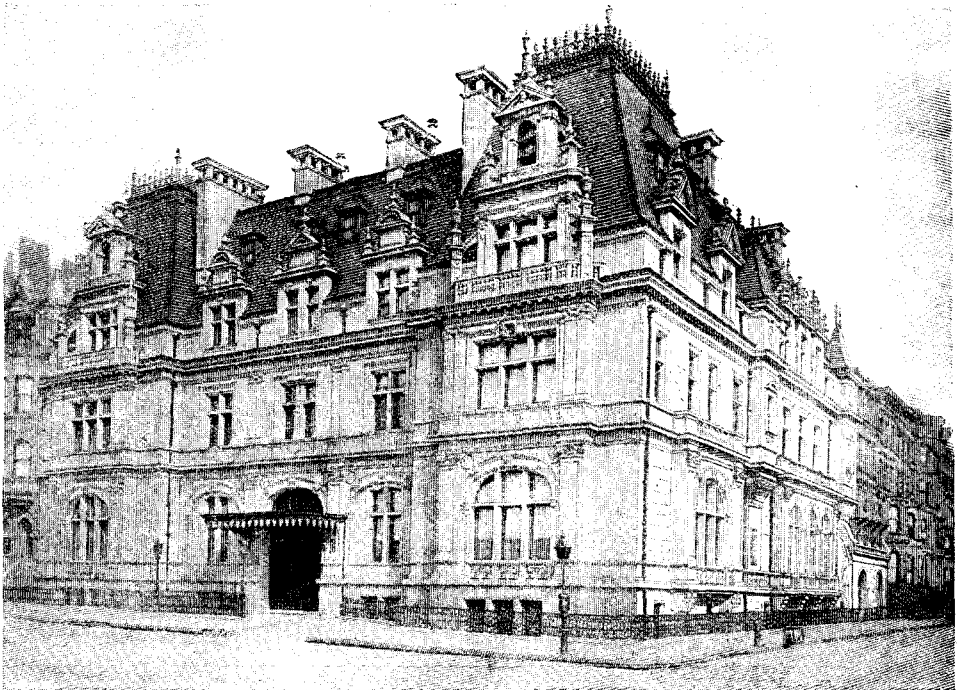


THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB, FIFTH AVENUE AND THIRTY NINTH STREET.

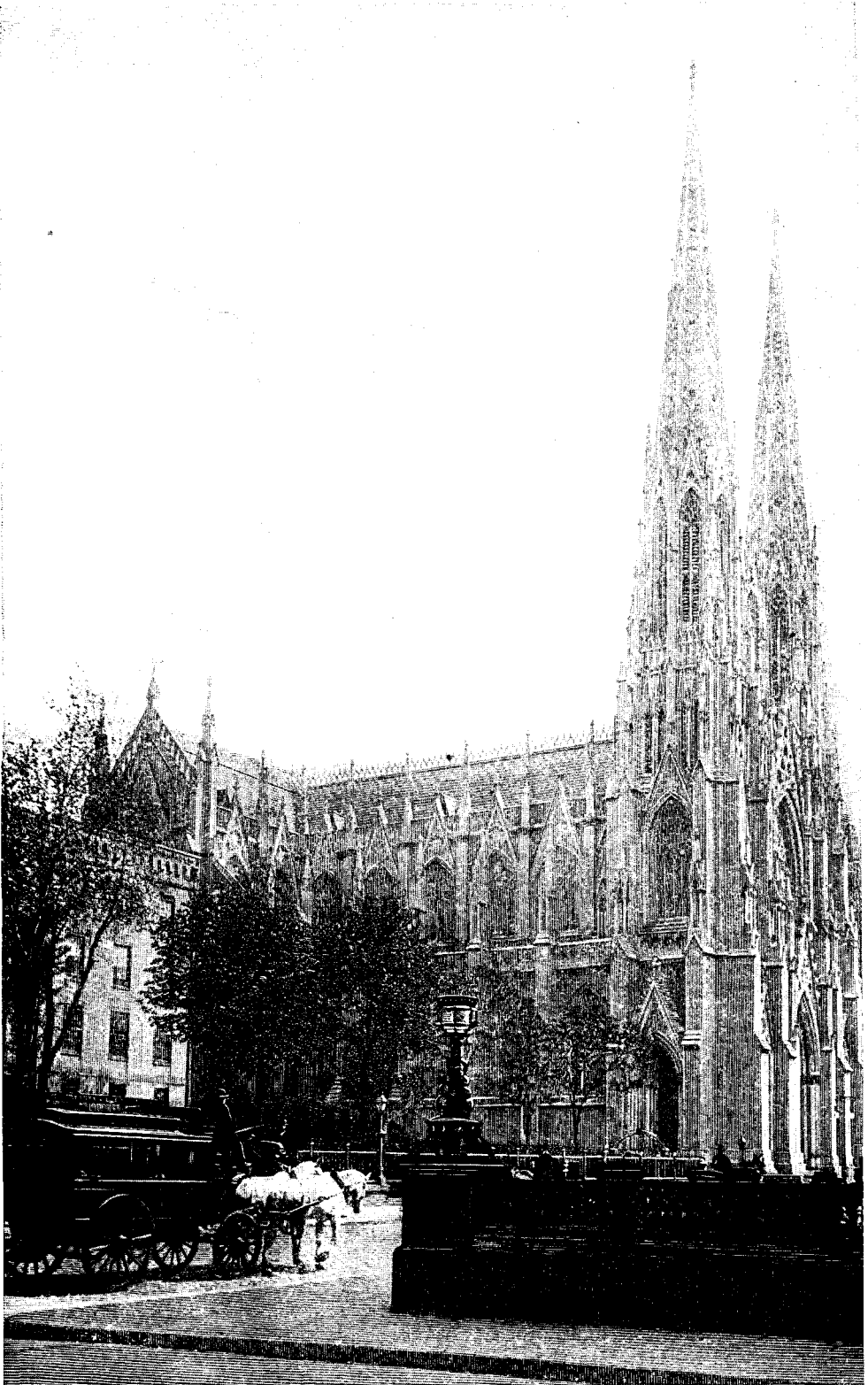


THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, FIFTH AVENUE FROM FIFTY SEVENTH STREET
TO FIFTY EIGHTH STREET.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. JOHN JACOB ASTOR, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY FIFTH STREET.



ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, FIFTH AVENUE EXTENDING FROM FIFTIETH TO FIFTY FIRST STREETS.

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HOTELS NETHERLAND AND SAVOY, FIFTH AVENUE AND FIFTY NINTH STREET.

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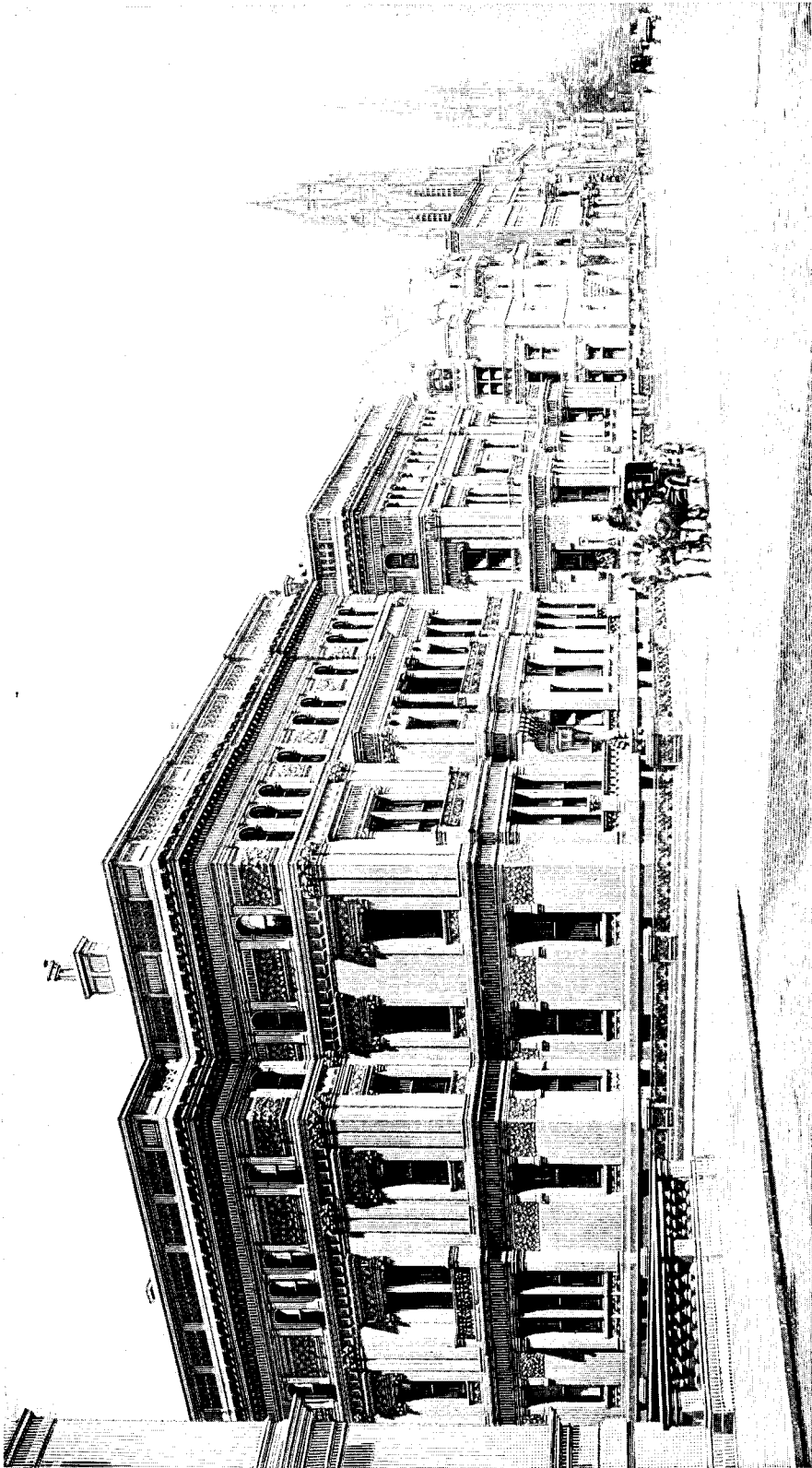
twenty continuous miles of them—perhaps more, possibly forty miles. But as these rich men are scattered all over the town, and as there is only one section where a very great number of them are congregated, it is of this section we speak.

Fifth Avenue is the backbone of New York, the spinal column. This is not only true geographically, but socially and financially as well. The two miles under consideration extend from Murray Hill to Eightieth Street, and in these two miles there is more wealth than can be found in any other residential two miles of any city of the world. It was only a

few years ago that the strictly millionaire line ran from Washington Square to Murray Hill; today it begins at Murray Hill and stretches northward almost as far as Harlem.

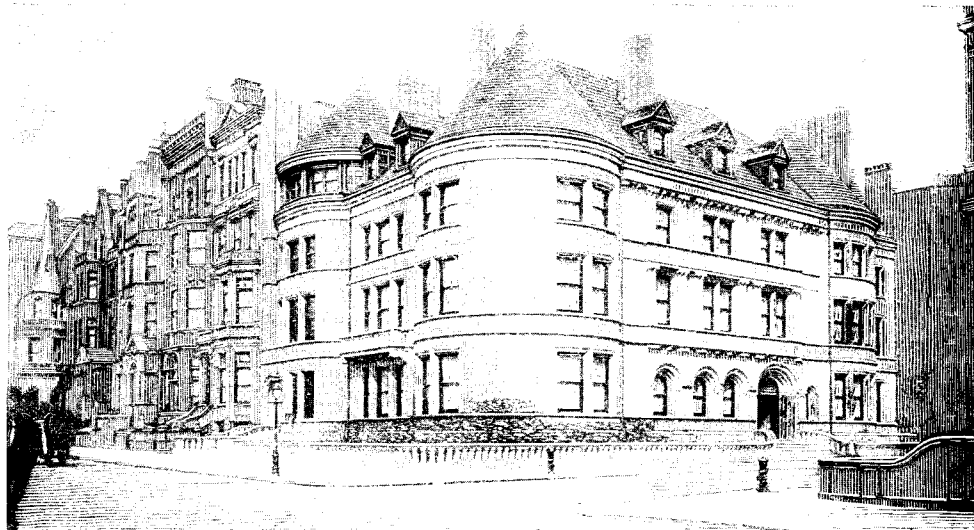
We have pictured only a few of the imposing buildings and handsome residences included in this new fashionable quarter. We could not give them all without devoting the entire magazine to this one article. Many of the buildings that we haven't pictured are quite as attractive architecturally as those we have.

This is the section of clubs and of palatial hotels, as well as of the homes of



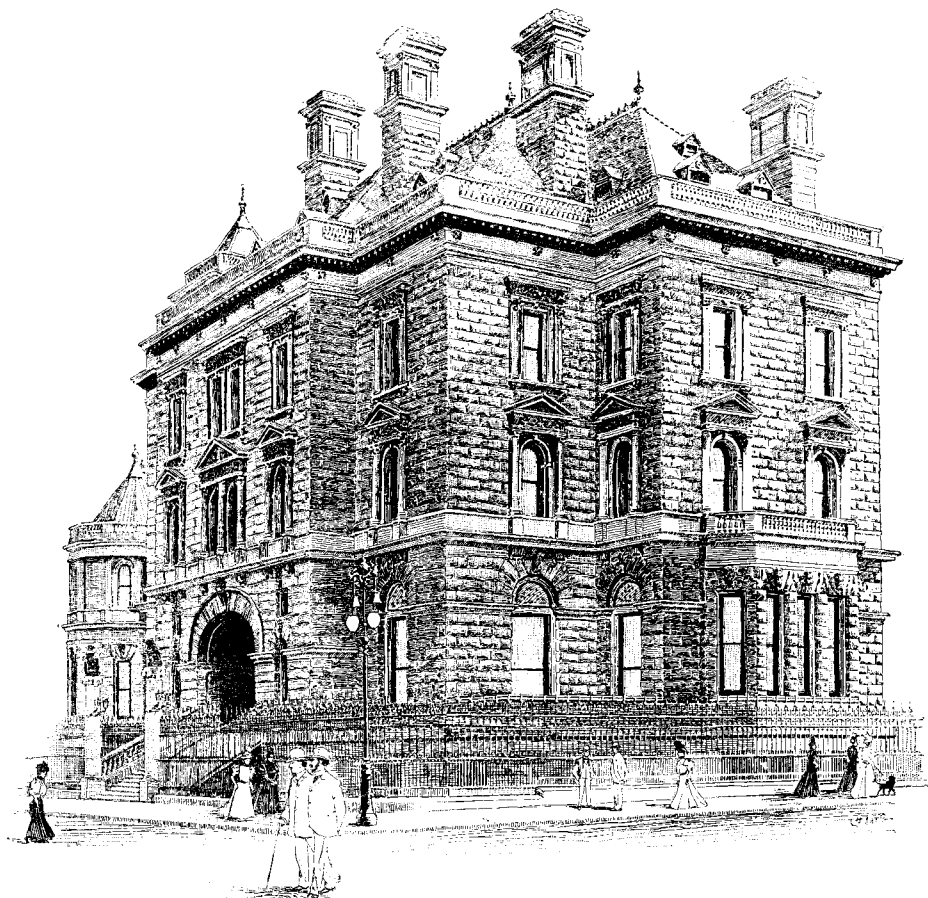
THE VANDERBILT RESIDENCES, FIFTH AVENUE EXTENDING FROM FIFTY FIRST TO FIFTY SECOND STREETS.

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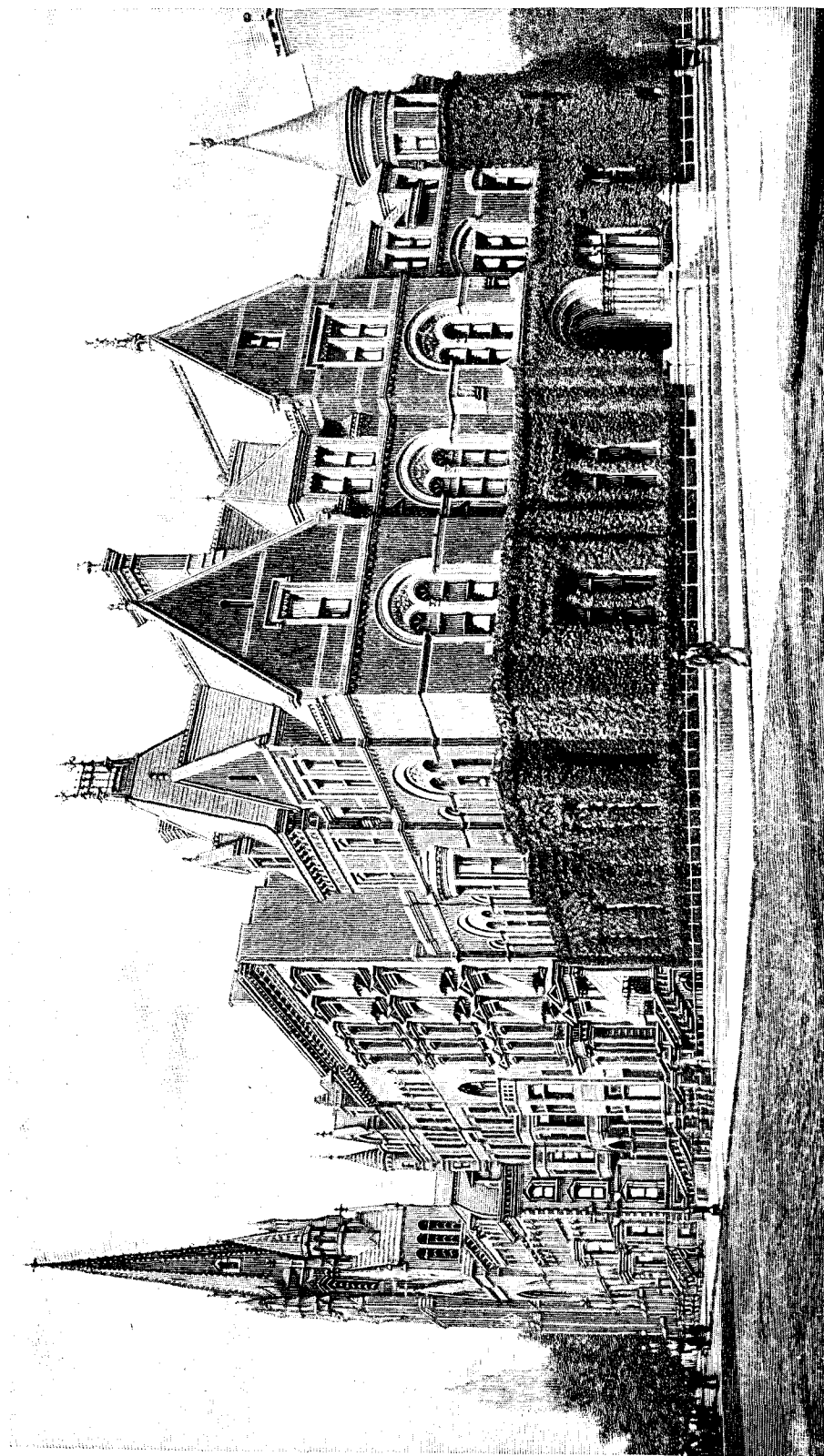


RESIDENCE OF MR. H. O. HAVEMEYER, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY SIXTH STREET.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. COLLIS P. HUNTINGTON, FIFTH AVENUE AND FIFTY SEVENTH STREET.



RESIDENCE OF MR. HARRY PAYNE WHITNEY, SOUTHWEST CORNER OF FIFTH AVENUE AND FIFTY SEVENTH STREET.

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the Cræsus of the metropolis. No poor men reside within the limits of this plutocratic district. They cannot afford to do so. The aristocracy of descent and the aristocracy of brains are no more to be found here, except, perchance, the god of gold has smiled upon them, than are the

Fifth Avenue as in Piccadilly, and are the joy of the feminine heart. The whole avenue is alive with them. They flit here and there and everywhere—down in the shopping district, up among the big hotels and the clubs and the palaces that stir the passion of the socialist to envy.



RESIDENCE OF THE LATE JAY GOULD, FIFTH AVENUE AND FORTY SEVENTH STREET.

longshoremen or the draymen. And the reason for this is that none but the very wealthy can maintain homes on this the most expensive residential avenue of any capital.

The repaving of Fifth Avenue with asphalt last fall made it at once the delight of the bicyclist and the parade ground of the pleasure driver, and, in fact, of every one who can command a hansom. The hansom, by the way, has literally captured New York. They are as thick on

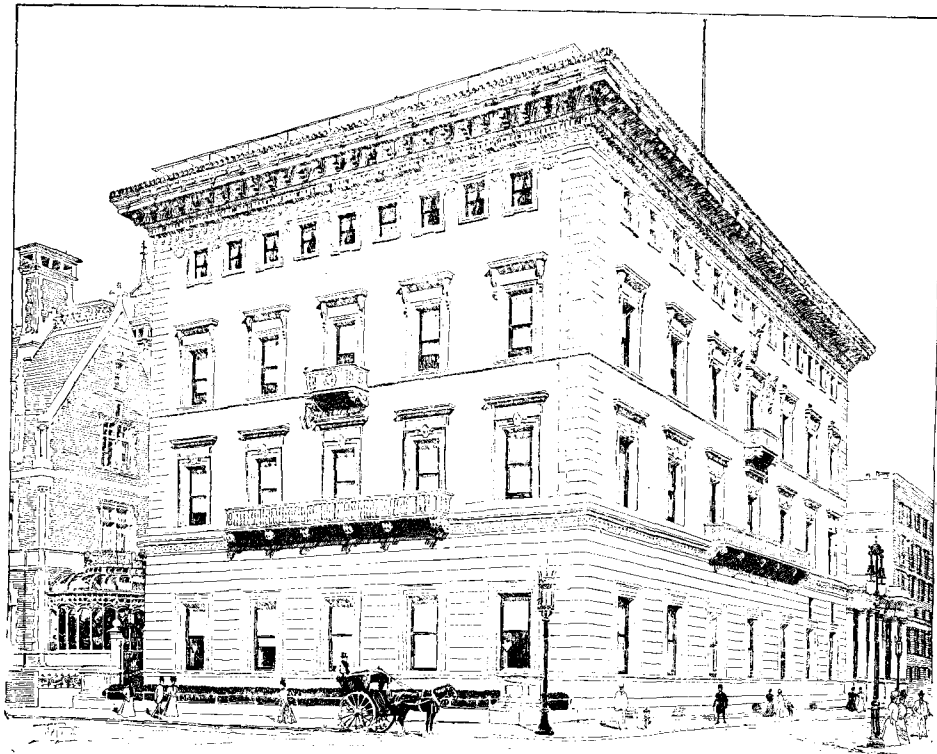
From 59th Street to 110th, Fifth Avenue runs along the east side of Central Park. This is the newest, the most exclusive, and the most fashionable part of the avenue. Here the lavish expenditure of money on the homes of the multimillionaires makes all the world marvel. No such row of palaces can be found in any other city—new, modern, beautiful, and all facing Central Park, with its soft green grass, its graceful and stately trees, its lakes and its walks and its drives.



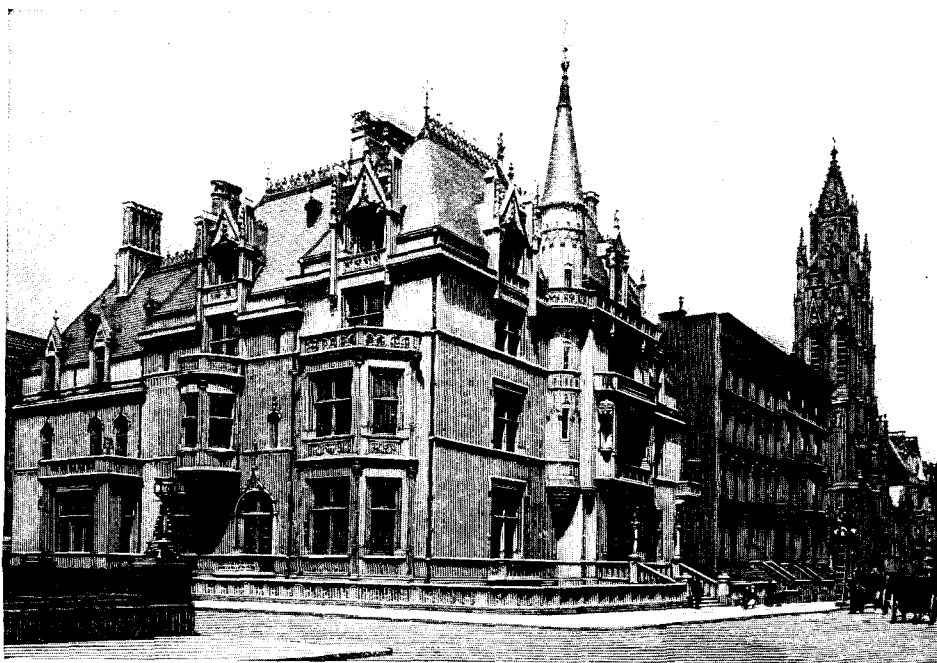
RESIDENCE OF MR. CHARLES T. YERKES, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY EIGHTH STREET.



RESIDENCE OF MR. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY EIGHTH STREET.



THE METROPOLITAN CLUB, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTIETH STREET.



RESIDENCE OF MR. W. K. VANDERBILT, FIFTH AVENUE AND FIFTY SECOND STREET.

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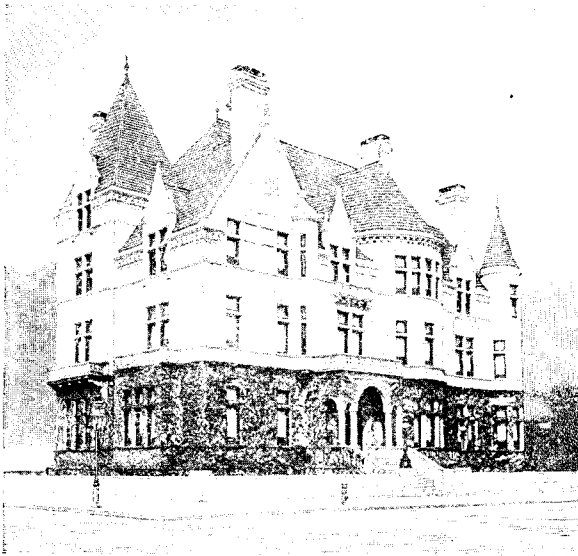
RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE GOULD, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY SEVENTH STREET.

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Here are a few of the names that go to make up the two miles of millionaires :

Frederick W. Vanderbilt	John W. Mackay	George Gould	Colonel Oliver H. Payne
Marshall Orme Wilson	William T. Aston	Isaac Stern	H. H. Cooke
Colonel Lawrence Kip	James Tolman Pyle	Charles F. Yerkes	Isaac V. Brokaw
Russell Sage	George W. Vanderbilt	William C. Whitney	H. M. Flagler
Henry B. Plant	William D. Sloane	John H. Inman	H. V. Newcomb
Mrs. Ogden Goelet	William K. Vanderbilt	H. R. Bishop	George A. Morrison
General Daniel Butterfield	Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard	John Sloane	William Rockefeller
William Ziegler	H. McK. Twombly	James A. Burden	Levi P. Morton
D. O. Mills	William S. Webb	James D. Layng	Calvin S. Brice
R. T. Wilson	F. Gallatin	Elbridge T. Gerry	James Everard
General Thomas T. Eckert	Harry Payne Whitney	W. V. Brokaw	Benjamin Brewster
Miss Helen Gould	Cornelius Vanderbilt	Isaac Wormser	Robert D. Evans
Frederick Roosevelt	Mrs. Moses Hopkins	H. O. Havemeyer	Herman Oelrichs
James B. Haggin	F. H. Benedict	Ogden Mills	Collis P. Huntington
Robert Goelet	Andrew Carnegie	John Jacob Astor	William E. Iselin

A single dozen of these names stand in round numbers for twelve hundred million dollars, or an average of one hundred million dollars each. These are startling



RESIDENCE OF MR. ISAAC V. BROKAW, FIFTH AVENUE AND SEVENTY NINTH STREET.

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figures, but how much more startling would they be if the total wealth of these Two Miles of Millionaires could be accurately stated. For instance, the combined Vanderbilt fortunes as represented by the Vanderbilts, the Webbs, the Sloanes, the Shepards, and the Twomblys, is perhaps five hundred million dollars. The wealth of the Astors, not including William Waldorf Astor, who now resides in England, is fully half as much more. William Rockefeller's fortune is a good second to that of the Astors, and he is followed closely by John W. Mackay, Colonel Oliver H. Payne, H. M. Flagler, Collis P. Huntington, George Gould, and Russell Sage. The foregoing represent the colossal fortunes of Fifth Avenue, but there are a good many estates and individual fortunes here that run up to possibly as much as thirty or forty million dollars each. Of course all the residents of this Two Miles of Millionaires are not on a par with the Vanderbilts,

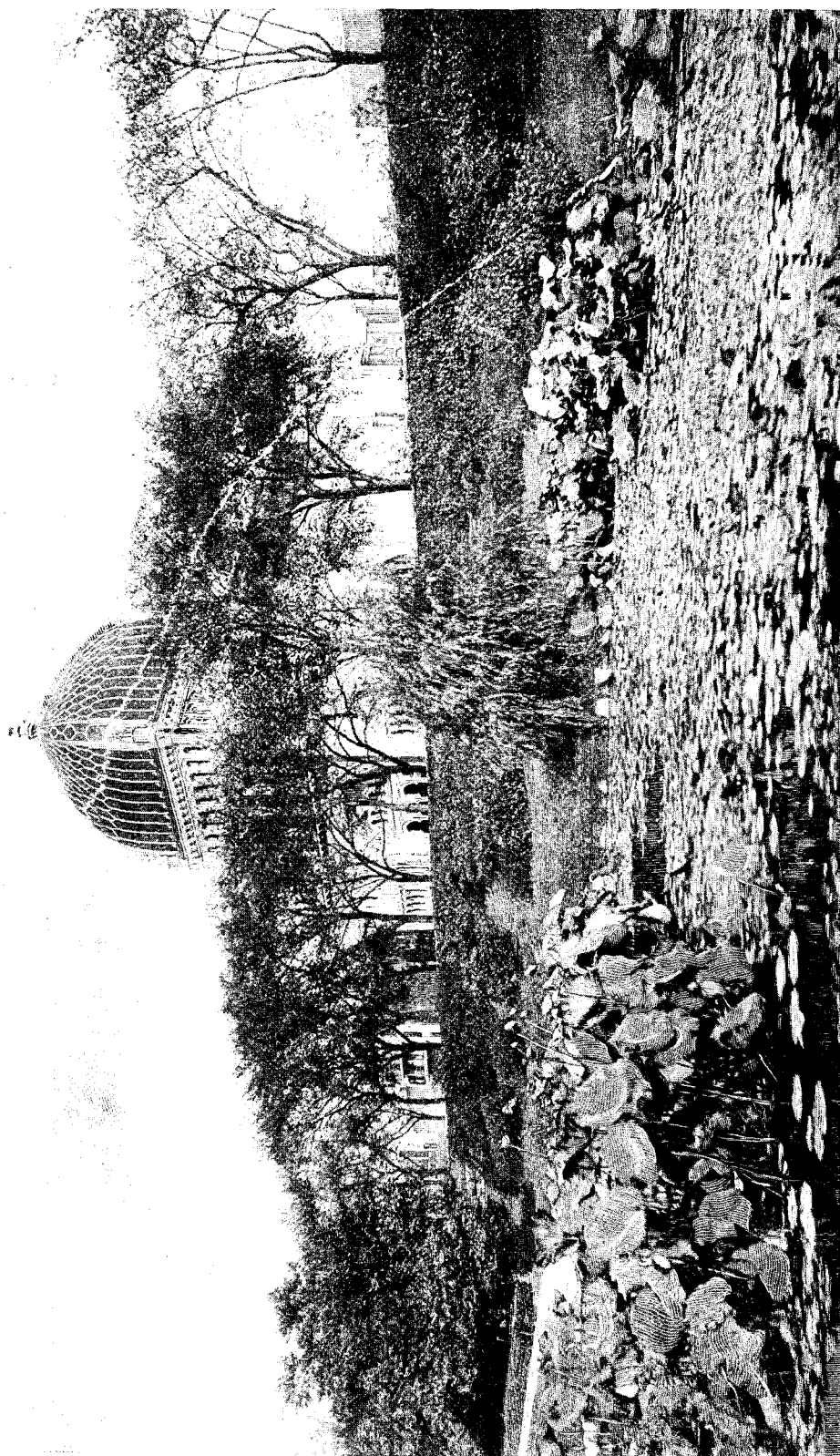
the Astors, the Mackays, and the Huntingtons, but they are all rich. There is not enough known publicly, however, of the fortunes of the quieter families for us to give anything like an accurate estimate of the total wealth of this particular residential section. The man who is undoubtedly the richest in New York, and the richest in America, and the richest in the world as to that matter, is not included in this article, as he does not live on Fifth Avenue. We refer to John D. Rockefeller. He lives just off Fifth Avenue on West Fifty Fourth Street. We have not included in this article any of the rich men living on the cross streets running out of Fifth Avenue. We could not include them, as

they would not come strictly under the heading of the Two Miles of Millionaires we are discussing. If we were to diverge at all we should certainly have



PROGRESS CLUB, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY THIRD STREET.

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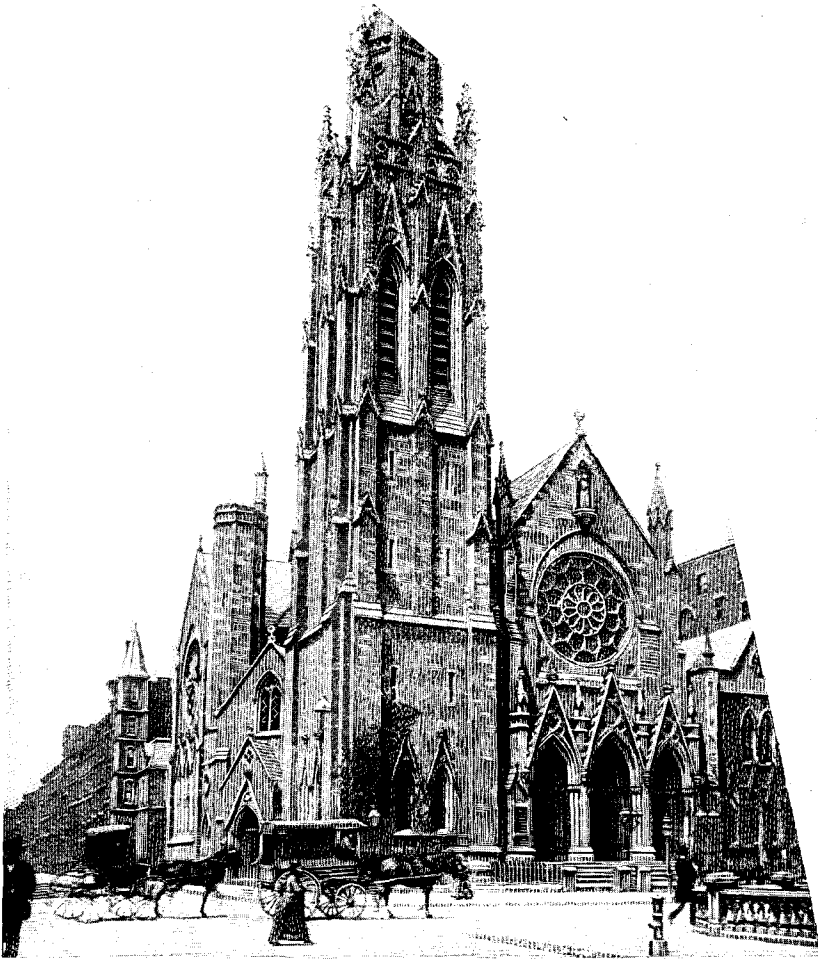
TEMPLE BETHEL, FIFTH AVENUE AND SEVENTY SIXTH STREET, FROM ACROSS THE LILY POND IN CENTRAL PARK.

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to take in J. Pierrepont Morgan, whose home is one block east on Madison Avenue.

But this section of Fifth Avenue is

the Windsor, the Buckingham, the Plaza, the Savoy, and the Netherland are the palatial hotels on this stretch of Fifth Avenue, and on this same stretch are the



ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, FIFTH AVENUE AND FIFTY THIRD STREET.

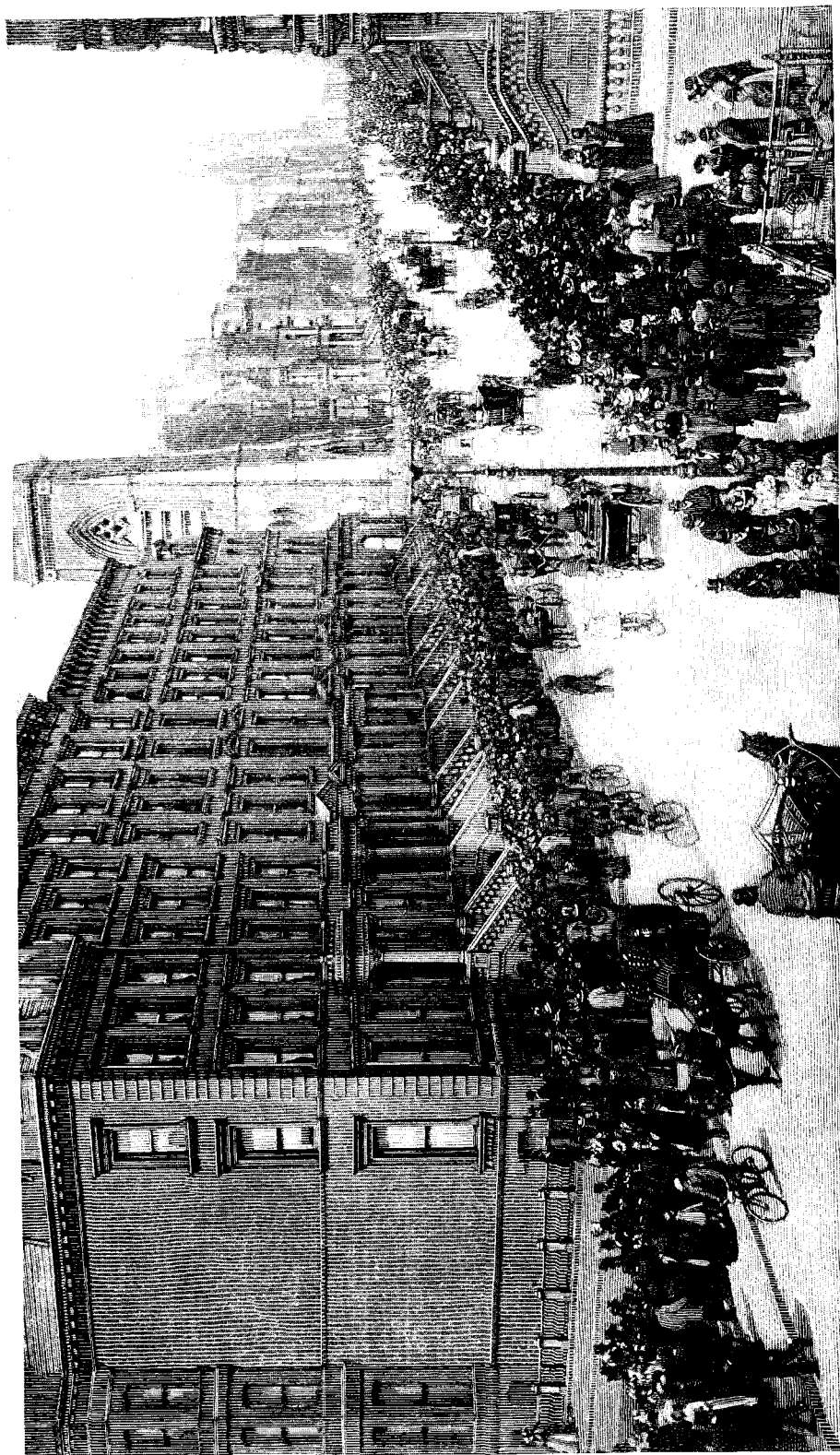
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relatively quite as strong socially as financially. The Astors, perhaps, head the list, of which the Vanderbilts, the Wilsons, the Goetts, the Whitneys, the Oelrichs, the Millses, the Twomblys, the Sloanes, the Webbs, the Bishops, the Gerrys, and the Mortons are among the most notable—all "Four Hundreders."

The Waldorf-Astoria, the Renaissance,

following clubs: the Manhattan, the New York, the Union League, the Republican, the Lotos, the Democratic, the University, the Military, the Metropolitan, and the Progress.

We made the statement that none but rich men, and we meant men of a good deal of wealth, lived in this district. So far as the individual homes go, this is



A VIEW OF FIFTH AVENUE LAST EASTER SUNDAY, FROM THE WINDSOR HOTEL, FORTY SIXTH STREET, LOOKING NORTH TOWARDS CENTRAL PARK.
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RESIDENCE OF MR. H. H. COOKE, FIFTH AVENUE AND SEVENTY EIGHTH STREET.



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true, but an exception must be made regarding the residents of hotels and clubs. A man does not necessarily have to be a millionaire to make either of these his home. The cost of living in them, to be sure, is vastly in excess of that required in other sections of the town, but it is not so great as to be prohibitory to the man with a handsome income. The clubs in particular make it possible for him to reside in this ultra fashionable quarter and at a comparatively moderate outlay. They, however, can furnish a home only for the bachelor, or the man living as a bachelor. All these are denied to women. The hotels, then, are the only retreat for

the family man who aspires to live on Fifth Avenue and hasn't the means to support an individual establishment. And they make no mean homes either. They are in very fact palaces, luxuriously and artistically furnished. Indeed, so home-like and attractive are they that not a few families prefer them to housekeeping—families, too, who have the means to keep up first class independent residences. Since it has become the thing to own country places, a good many people find that the big modern hotel serves their purposes for the few winter months they elect to be in town better than housekeeping.



SAND HOUSES.

THE summer sun is fair today
Upon the sandy beach ;
The sails are white upon the bay
As far as eye can reach.

With pail and shovel here we build
Frail houses out of sand,
Forgetting that the restless tide
Is creeping up the strand.

We build and still we build, and then
Alas for our array !
A wave runs higher than the rest
And sweeps them all away.

A brief lament, then farther back
We fashion them once more,
Till once again the wave comes in
And takes them as before.

Dear little heart, through life we build
Frail houses out of sand,
And watch the tide of years roll in
And sweep them from the strand ;

Yet keep on building day by day,
Still higher up the beach,
While hope sails white across the bay
As far as eye can reach.

Albert Bigelow Paine.