

## IN THE METROPOLIS

### EXAMPLE OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP IN NEW YORK

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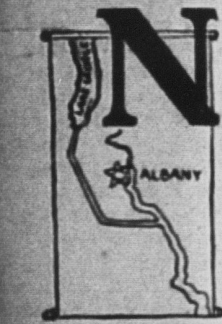
The Yankees Use Much Water—Proposed Hudson Bridge — To Commemorate 400th Anniversary of Henry Hudson's Arrival.



NEW YORK.—While political parties are squaring off for a long battle upon a vague something called "municipal ownership," the greatest example in the world of municipal ownership is quietly getting itself accomplished. Aaron Burr, besides many other activities, started New York's water supply on the old Manhattan bank. Every once in awhile people dig about the lower part of the city will find a piece of old wood called the Croton aqueduct that got its picture into all the school geographies. The "high bridge" which carries water over the Harlem river is still the handiwork of the city. People didn't know in those days that water could be easily carried under the river in an inverted siphon. Then came the new aqueduct. Irishmen built the first; Italians built the second. It made a lake in the valley of the Croton river 13 miles long, besides any number of little lakes. The city was consolidated, Brooklyn bringing into the partnership a moral threat and no water supply for the future. The city kept on growing until the rest of the state became alarmed at the menace of its waterworks. Now the logical result is a state commission—that gives both political parties a chance at the contracts, too—to parcel out water rights so that nobody need be sighted. And the newest new aqueduct, Hungarians will help build that. As New York reaches farther north for water it reaches farther east in Europe for labor.

On the threshold of a \$200,000,000 enterprise how does municipal ownership figure out in water? Both New York and Brooklyn began with the supply in private hands. Five per cent of the people are still served by private companies. Yet the city only owes on its water debt some \$75,000,000, less than \$20 for each citizen for water brought 30 miles and run into his house. The works have cost over \$100,000,000, but between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000 of the debt has been paid off by water rates applied to sinking fund. The rates are not so high as private companies charge. The city is on Easy street.

#### New York a Big Place.



NEW YORKERS are suspected of harboring large ideas of their city. But it is a pretty big city. Its new waterworks are to drain in part 900 square miles. They concern eight counties, running as far north as Albany. They are to cost \$161,000,000 in ten years, and no one really expects them to be finished for much less than \$200,000,000.

The Congressional Library at Washington is the wonder of bridal tours. The waterworks will cost 20 times as much. The German emperor's great plan for east-and-west canals tying together the sluggish rivers of the low plain of Prussia is to cost for the present only one-third as much. The Erie canal enlargement which has split New York politics for years is a big job. It will cost half as much as the new waterworks.

And when the waterworks are finished in ten years, they will last the city without reinforcement just ten years longer! Do you know what we must do then? It is almost worth getting down the old map to trace out. Well, we must either go to Lake George or to Lake Ontario or to the Adirondacks. Call it 180 miles to Lake George, the fall is 300-odd feet—enough to run water by gravity. Only as Lake George has small affluents, the solid mountains to the westward must be tunneled and some higher Adirondack streams diverted to fill it deeper. Now you see where the state comes in. Such a water system could supply every town along the Hudson valley as well as New York. Massachusetts has at Clinton such a general supply source tapped by all the east-coast towns that chip in. To date, it is the greatest supply in the world. New York's new one will surpass everything. London talks of going to Wales for water, must some time do so. But London, indeed most large European cities, use only about one-fifth as much water per head as we Yankees.

#### Henry Hudson's Day.



HENRY HUDSON came to New York in 1609, the same year that Champlain saw the lake that bears his name. The place looks different now, it will be even more markedly changed when the proposed great Hudson Bay canal is thrown across the Spuyten Duyvil creek in full view of the river boats. This bridge is to cost \$3,000,000, and is to be designed by artists. So Hudson need not turn in his grave to have it named for him.

Some thought that New York ought to have a world's fair to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of Hudson's arrival. But New York is scared of world's fairs. It tried to get the Columbus exposition of 1892, but the effort was beaten by traitors in the New

York camp. Tom Patis was then in the height of his power, and he preferred to throw the fair to republicans. Hudson rather than have it come to New York when the city would be certainly and the state probably in democratic hands. Since then world's fairs have grown a little onerous to those who get them up. Also they have a certain sameness. The exhibits are practically kept on the move from one to the other. When you have seen one fair you have seen a good part of the next one.

Hudson would find changes if he came now. There is a bridge across at Poughkeepsie; another has long been projected in the Highlands. A tunnel under the river is now complete and Jersey citizens will soon be able to travel through it from their homes to their offices. The metropolis grows in every direction. Newark is as much a part of it except politically as Yorkers, and neither is technically a part. In the Jersey Oranges almost every able bodied man except the grocers and butchers comes to New York to work. The city has the working population of more than 5,000,000 people.

#### The Last of the Patrons.



WILLIAM VAN RENSSELAER, who died the other day at the age of 60, was the nearest approach to the head of New York's hereditary aristocracy that could be named. Few outside of New York had ever heard of him; few in New York could spell his name. Yet he was the grandson of Stephen Van Rensselaer, the "last of the patroons;" his ancestors held thousands of square miles of lands all the way from New York to the Canada line; lands that would have dwarfed the Scottish estate of the Sutherlands; lands that no Van Rensselaer could ever have seen if he had devoted his life to viewing them.

The Van Rensselaer manorial home was Albany. There they erected a stately house, one of the finest in the country. Of late it grew dilapidated, practically on the edge of a railroad yard, and it was taken to pieces, carried over the mountains into Massachusetts and set up to serve as a chapter house for a Williams college secret society, so much more reverent of things of the past in New England.

Taxes and neglect of trade were the causes of the decline of the Van Rensselaers. They had land, but in the '40s the state of New York adopted a "burner constitution." Astor was a parvenu beside the Van Rensselaers, but he traded in furs and got rich. Old Lion Gardiner, on Gardiner's Island, at the eastern end of Long Island, was the English aristocracy that came in after 1668 when the various Vans were in Albany; the Gardiners had better luck in preserving their strangely un-American manor untouched by modern change, but like the Vans, they are prominent, proud and comparatively poor. Gardiner's Island was one of the few American lordships outside of Maryland, and it is about the only one that retains much of its ancient form in the hands of descendants of the ancient owners.

The Van Rensselaers are wealthy, not as the newly rich reckon wealth. Killian was a captain in the civil war, and served upon various charitable boards. His family is less prominent than that of the Roosevelts and other plebeian Dutch immigrants of the old days who engaged in trade in the city.

#### American Manors.



It would be interesting to gather up the instances of manors which in America retain some of the characteristics of European ways. You would have to include the Bonapartists' establishment at Trenton and in the Adirondacks; the Genesee valley homes of the Wadsworths, who have furnished generals and congressmen for generations; the Hayards and Salisbury in Delaware, who long divided the senatorial seats of the state between them; the Wentworths of Newburyport, whose home is one of the best survivals of colonial times and whose most famous governor gave his name, Benning, to Bennington, in Vermont; the Van Rensselaers, the Schuylers, the Philipses, the Coopers, the Morrises, the Livingstones, the Pierponts, the Rutherfords, every one of which families has had towns, counties, rivers, streets with one number named after its members. The Gardiners would be the most picturesque exhibit; the Lords Fairfax of Virginia, best known of all in revolution, whose home is one of Washington's friendship for Fairfax of Greenway Court, now represented by Baron Fairfax, of London and Wall street; the Byrds of Westover, the—but the list lengthens as you go south. Twenty names would nearly exhaust the list of those northern families which are at once old and still flourishing socially in their ancient domains.

Will the Vanderbilts in their Idle Hour, the Twomblys in their Florham, the Webbs in their Shelburne, the Harrimans in their Arden Woods, be as long remembered?

#### OWEN LANGDON

#### Getting Used to It.

Sometimes one is almost tempted to wonder whether the world is really getting better or whether it is merely, with the passage of years, getting accustomed to it.—Puck.

#### Which Is Worse?

It is becoming a question to the children which looks worse, father's bald head or the little door knob of hair on mother's head.—Athol Globe.

#### Postcards of Peat.

Postcards made of Irish peat from the bog of Allen formed one of the features of the Irish exhibition in London.

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