



REAR VIEW OF THE BUILDINGS AT MT. VERNON.



MOUNT VERNON
WASHINGTON'S TIME

READERS of Mr. Leupp's paper on "The Old Garden at Mount Vernon," will be interested in the sketch map of the grounds at Mount Vernon. It was made in color by Mr. Samuel Vaughan, a merchant of London, who visited General Washington at Mount Vernon in 1787, and is part of a manuscript journal kept by Mr. Vaughan during a journey through Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. This journal is now in the possession of a descendant of its author, Mr. Benjamin Vaughan, of Boston, who has furnished the Century with a copy of the plan, and the following description of them taken from the journal literally except as to paraphrasing:

"The General's house is 96 feet by 32 upon an eminence, with a piazza next the Potomack of like length 14 1/2 feet wide and 18 feet high. Between the house & the River is a Lawn about 100 yards broad, from thence Declining to the River about 400 yards on which is a hanging wood, but not seen from the house, from which the River appears to be very near, 3/4 of a mile over, but higher and lower much wider, and meanders in different directions. Maryland on the opposite side of the River, is variegated and in high cultivation. On each end of the house there are sections of semi-circular colonnades to outhouses, from whence a street is formed on each side at right angles above 200 feet long in which are sundry houses for domestics, Tradesmen, Workshops, &c. Before the front of the house (which has a cupola in the centre) there are lawns, surrounded with gravel walks 19 feet wide, with trees on each side the larger, for shade, outside the walks trees and shrubberies.

"Parallel to each exterior side a Kitchen Gardens, with a stately hot-house on one side, the exterior side of the garden enclosed with a brick wall, vide a sketch on the other side.

"The General has near 12,000 acres surrounding this delightful mansion whereon are several Farms, five of which are kept under cultivation, under separate negro overseers, who every Saturday night gave an exact account of the Stock the increase, decrease, condition, work done, &c., &c.

"The General breakfasts at 7 then mounts his horse & canters 6 days in the week to every one, a circuit of about 20 miles, inspecting and giving directions for management at each & returns home at 2 o'clock.

"In good years he raises 10,000 bushels of wheat a like quantity of corn besides Oats barley rye buckwheat peas potatoes, &c., breeds horses Cattle mules & has 700 sheep, plants no tobacco, has an excellent grist mill on a creek supplied by various springs collected in a run of two miles, flower, &c., shipped on craft in the creek very near the River, has a fishery & a ferry.

WASHINGTON IN 1790. AGE 58.



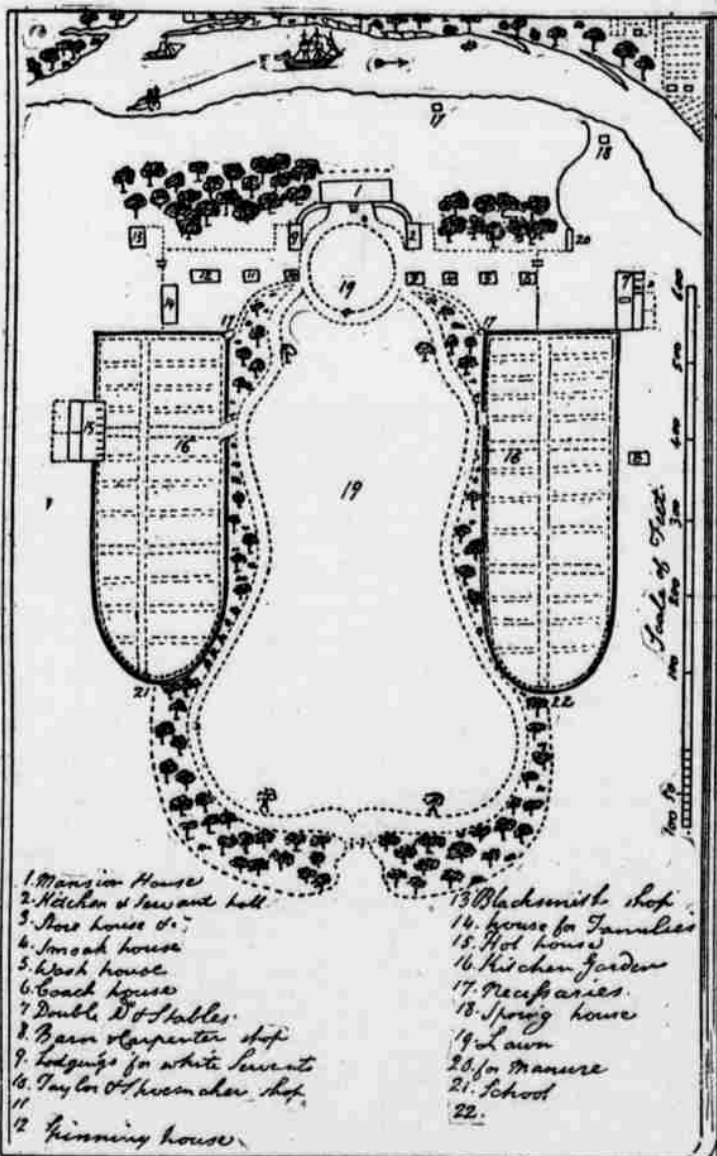
—By Joseph Wright.

From the original portrait, in the United States National Museum, Washington, District of Columbia; owned by Mr. G. L. McKean, Chicago, Illinois. Canvas, 17 by 21 inches. In 1790 Joseph Wright painted a portrait of Washington and etched a small profile, which is the same as the portrait reproduced except that the body in the etching is also in profile. Washington's profile is very attractive, and the simplicity and directness of this one have a charm of reality which is its highest recommendation, while the etched profile from its first publication was universally accepted for its correctness of line and expression.

"The General has 200 mouths to feed, makes most part of the woolen clothing & a considerable quantity of linen made at home.—The General seldom goes out but on public business, always making experiments. The farms neat, kept perfectly clean & in prime order. Keeps an excellent table & is indispensibly the best, if not the only good farmer in the State.

"NB during the General's absence as president to the Convention, the farms are kept in excellent order by Maj. George Washington, the Gen's nephew, who with his Lady lives in the house."

Mr. Benjamin Vaughan informs us that "About the time or within a couple of years of the date of this journal, Samuel Vaughan sent to General Washington, as a present, the marble mantle which is now in the dining room, or, as then called,



A PLAN OF MOUNT VERNON, MADE 1787.

From a photograph by Baldwin Coolidge of the original color sketch owned by Benjamin Vaughan.

the 'Banquet Hall' at Mount Vernon.

In the "Writings of George Washington" by Sparks (Vol. IX, page 281) there is a letter from Washington dated Mount Vernon, 12 November, 1787, in which he indicates an error in the plan, as follows:

"The letter without date, with which you were pleased to honor me, accompanied by a plan of this seat, came to my hands by the last post. For both I pray you to accept my hearty and sincere thanks. The plan describes with accuracy the houses, walks and shrubs, except in the front of the lawn, west of the court-yard. (The bottom of the plan is west). There the plan differs from the original. In the former you have closed the prospect with trees along the walk to the gate; whereas in the latter the trees terminate with two mounds of earth, one on each side, on which grow weeping willows, leaving an open and full view of the distant woods. The mounds are sixty yards apart. I mention this, because it is the only departure from the original."—The Century.

RECITATION FOR A 6-YEAR-OLD.

I'm just a very little boy,
I never fired a gun;
I never led an army,
Like brave George Washington.
And though like him I may not fight
To set a people free,
I'll try to be as brave and true,
As kind and good as he.
—Alice Jean Cleator.

Glass brushes are used by artists who decorate china. They are made of glass fibers as thin as spun silk.

LIBERTY.

What man is there so bold that he should say,
Thus, and thus only, would I have the sea?
For whether lying calm and beautiful,
Clasping the earth in love, and throwing
back
The smile of heaven from waves of amethyst;
Or whether, freshened by the busy winds,
It bears the trade and navies of the world
To ends of use or stern activity;
Or whether, lashed by tempest, it gives
way
To elemental fury, howls and roars
At all its rocky barriers, in wild lust
Of run drinks the blood of living things,
And strews it wrecks o'er leagues of desolate shore—
Always it is the sea, and men bow down
Before its vast and varied majesty.

So all in vain will timorous ones essay
To set the metes and bounds of Liberty.
For Freedom is its own eternal law;
It makes its own conditions, and in storm
Or calm alike fulfills the unerring Will.
Let us not then despise it when it lies
Still as a sleeping lion, while a swarm
Of goat-like evils hover round its head;
Nor doubt it when in mad, disjointed
times,
It shakes the torch of terror, and its cry
Shrills o'er the quaking earth, and in the
flame
Of riot and war we see its awful form
Rise by the scaffold, where the crimson ax
Rings down its grooves the knell of shuddering kings.
Forever in thine eyes, O Liberty,
Shines that high light whereby the world
is saved,
And though thou slay us, we will trust in thee.
—John Hay.

MARTHA WASHINGTON IN CAMP.

At Valley Forge She Knit Stockings
For Her Husband's Bare-Footed
Heroes.

"Martha Washington was then forty-five years of age, and those who went to the camp and expected to find her arrayed in the gowns which they had supposed would be worn by the General's wife were disappointed," writes William Perrine of "Washington's Christmas at Valley Forge" in the Ladies' Home Journal. "Whilst our husbands and brothers are examples of patriotism," she would say to her country-

with her 'sweet and solemn voice' for the stricken couple. All day long she was busy with these errands of grace, or in the kitchen at the stone house, or in urging other women to lend a helping hand. And when she passed along the lines of the troops she would sometimes hear the fervent cry of 'God bless Lady Washington!' or 'Long live Lady Washington!' Well, indeed, might the men feel that they could fight to their very last drop of blood with a commander whose wife, who was formerly the belle and leader of her set among the dames and damsels of Virginia, was not ashamed to be seen darning his and her own stockings!"

BUST OF WASHINGTON.

A French Gift to America.



—By David d'Angers.

The bust was cast by Hohwiler; the pedestal was cut from the marble quarries of Berring Nicoll at Carrara; the bronze plate, in the style of Louis XVI., was made by the talented artist in metal, Charles Dupont.

A GEORGE WASHINGTON TEXT.

The life of so many-sided a man as Washington furnishes all varieties of texts for anniversary orators. Texts for war and peace, for commerce and industry, for moral reproof, for every contingency which arises.

Perhaps as appropriate a text as could be desired is to be found in a letter written by Washington to Hamilton in which he said that of all possible distinctions he valued highest "that most enviable of titles, an honest man."

This was the opinion, confirmed by years of experience, of the man who as a boy had learned the moral precept, "Labor to keep alive in your heart that little spark of divine fire called conscience." In the year that has passed since last Washington's Birthday the significance and importance of this sentiment have been sufficiently emphasized.—New York World.

WARNING AGAINST DESPOTISM.

Caution those intrusted with administration to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department encroachment upon another. The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all departments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism.—Washington's Farewell Address.

WASHINGTON'S HALF-BROTHER.

Lawrence Washington, George's half-brother, returned from England a fine young gentleman when George was still going to "Mr. Hobby's old field" school, diligently learning to misspell. There was a pretty affection between George and his half-brother. Lawrence went off again, a doughty captain in the King's navy, to whip the Spanish.

WASHINGTON'S CHARACTER.

America has furnished to the world the character of Washington. And if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind.—Daniel Webster.



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LABOR WORLD.

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Labor leaders in Washington alleged wrongful practices of ship subsidy promoters to make labor men appear as favoring bill.

Sacramento (Cal.) glass workers have reached an agreement with their employers and returned to work. Both sides made concessions.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway has granted the request of the Brotherhood of Conductors for an eight-hour day.

Nashville (Tenn.) machinists have a new scale. Those working in the machine shops of the city will receive thirty-three and one-third cents an hour.

Journemen Horseshoers' International Union has raised the per capita tax to twenty-five cents a month and adopted the stamp system for the payment of dues.

Union glass chimney workers are asking the manufacturers to withdraw the sliding scale adopted a year ago, according to which they are working under a twenty-five per cent. reduction.

After many weeks of effort, representatives of the Master Horseshoers' Association, of Minneapolis, Minn., and the union journeymen have succeeded in reaching a joint working agreement.

The laboring men of Hamilton, Canada, are so jubilant over electing a candidate for the Dominion Legislature that the talk now is of endorsing candidates for Mayoralty and for Aldermen.

Street car traffic in Lima, Peru, was recently suspended as a result of a strike of the motormen and conductors. The company agreed to arbitrate the differences and the men went back to work.

A young man in Illinois was killed when a train struck his automobile, and his relatives having sued for damages were awarded the sum of one dollar. The verdict has just been affirmed by the appellate court. The decision, it appears, says the Indianapolis Star, was rendered on the ground that the man was a bachelor, with no one dependent on him, and the natural assumption, is therefore, that the dollar represented, in the judgment of the jury, the value of an unmarried man to the community.

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