

After going down another beautiful reach of the river, and round St. Anthony's Nose, opposite to Forts Clinton and Montgomery, we approached West Point. Just near here Henry Hudson anchored in 1609, and on the left bank is the house where Arnold's headquarters were, when he heard of André's arrest.

West Point is a Government Military Academy. It is some 200 feet above the river, and is a very picturesque spot. The view down the river from below the stables recalled the view over Lake Como to Bellagio, from the hills above Menagio. It was not, however, so extensive, or quite so beautiful.

There are some three hundred cadets in the Academy, and they are instructed in the three branches of the service. They are there eight years, and are paid for their duties during that period. We went over the chapel, gymnasium, library, and stables, but were not much impressed. In neither the cadets nor the horses did we see such smartness as one would have seen at Woolwich or Sandhurst.

In New York the best shops are chiefly on Broadway, Fourteenth, and Twenty-third Streets, or in Union and Madison Squares. All the articles in the stores in these localities are about double the price one would pay in Sixth or Third Avenues. At one large jewel and plate store, in Union square, the prices are