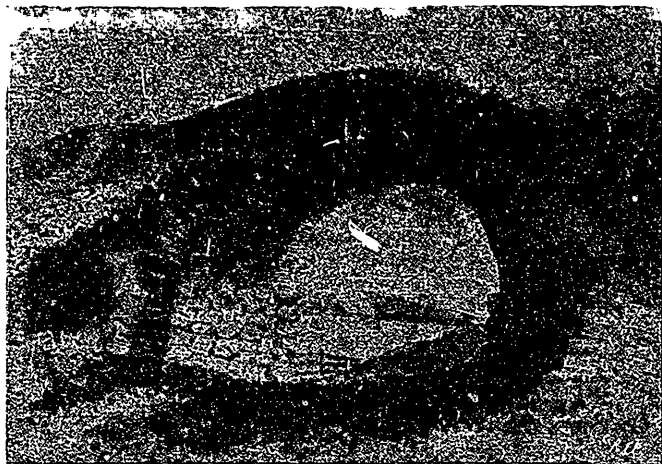


OUR OWN COUNTRY.

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IV.

ANNAPOLIS.



ANCIENT ARCHWAY, IN OLD FORT, ANNAPOLIS.

THE point of central interest, in the ancient and historic town of Annapolis, to which the tourist first makes his way, is the old dismantled fort. It is at the very water's edge and covers with its ramparts and outworks an area of twenty-eight acres. The extensive earthworks—ramparts and curtains, bastions and demilunes—are softly rounded by the gentle ministries of nature, and are covered with turf of softest texture and greenest hue. An inner fort, entered by an arched stone gateway, contains an ample parade ground. At one side are built the quaint old English wooden barracks, still in good condition. They are surmounted by a steep wooden roof with great chimney stacks. It is quite unique among structures of the kind in that, while containing thirty-six rooms, each room, as the young girl who acted as my guide informed me, has a separate fireplace. In one of the bastions is the magazine, with a vaulted roof of Caen stone, the keystone