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The swash of two big paddle-wheel; a multitude of people upon deck chairs; a sun-lit brown
river; and the wide-mouthed cannon, peaceful
sward, and white soldiers' quarters of the United
States Arsemal slipping past. It is the daily pilgrinage of the W. W. Covoren down stateen
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son, Etrayon Parke Livis, in the daughter of Jirk Washtsonos, and to Hirs. M. E. A. Constan, her daughter.

Then we troop to the house, undergo the photographic maryydom in front of it, and travel in droves from room to room, ever markailled by the omtorical guide. To say that the "Manistan-house" is an irregular pillared wooden etructure painted to imitate white merble, ninear-six feet long and thirty feet deep, is to convey its appearance as correctly and inadequately as possible. It is a rambling old structure, many-conned and many-windowed. The wide cast plazar is paved with fings brought from the Isle of Wight, and commands a magnificent view of the river. The family and state kitchens are connected with the house by curved colonandes, but the servants' quarters are detached. Each room is the charge of the rice-regent of a State, the name of which is lettered above the door, like the patron association of a ward in a public charity. Some few original articles remain in the house, but the furniture, which is complete, is mainly a reproduction as nearly as possible of the pieces that were probably used by the family. In most cases the tasts shown in this matter is excellent, and the bed-hangings, prints, candlesticks, and time-pieces are quite in the spirit of a century sgo. A melancholy exception must be made to this in the care of Georgis, however, whose viceregout has garnished Lody Wassusarm's sitting-room with a crimson Brussels carpet and plach-trimmed furniture of unmintakable modern-hees.

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regent has garmined Lady Astendams surting-room with a crimson Brussels carpet and
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In the main hall hadga a glass case containing
the great ponderous rusty key of the Bastile, prexented to Washikarror by Laddert when the
prison was destroyed in 1789. In the banquet
hall is a model of the Bastile cut from one of its
granite stones, also the gift of Washikaroror's gullant side. The liquor case Lord Faintax gave
Washikaror's here too, and a genatine Magnorer
chair, and Rendraman Paule's famous picture of
the General reliaking a subordinate. In Nall'
Cestis's mush-room the harpsichord her stepfather gave her on her wedding-day still remains,
said Washikaror's flute reast upon its antiquated
cover. Upstairs the creator lingers longest and
the crowd guthers thickest about the door of the
room the Father of his Country died in. Almost
everything here is as it was on that day. Tho
quare four-poster, the queer little oval medicine
stand, the secretary, the mutiked chairs, the firelimss with the blackened coat of arms behind the
hearth, even the cracked shaving-glass, muff and
match boxes, stand as they stood then. It might
have been only has week that the Hartford newpaper frumed in the ball published the following
said intelligence in the dignified phraseology that
once chameterized Aurenten journalism: "A
multitude of persons assembled from many miles
around at Hount Verson, the choice abode and
last residence of the illustrious Chief. There
were the graves, the spacious avenues, the beautiful and sublime scenes, the observation.

alas! the august inhabitant was now no more! That great soul was gone! His mortal part was there, indeed; but, als, how affecting, how awful the speciate of such worth and greatness thus to mortal eyes fallen! Yes, fallen, fallen!"

### BOMBÉ IN THE PARK.

For a week the rhinoceros contributed by In-dia to the Central Park hade fair to overshadow Fon a weak the ramocerosk-continuated by india to the Central Park bade fair to overshadow in public interest the obelisk contributed by Egypt. But it was for a week only. Hombé was knaded at Hoboken June 19, and June 20 he was no nove, though, indeed, none of those who saw him during his brief and bright American career could have wisited that he should be any "more," in point of mass, though in beauty lo left much to be desired. Not to speak III even of the pachyldermatous dead, it will be owned by all who study his picture on another page of this issue that there was a sort of randymade or misil-parlor look about the beast. No portion of his hide had the appearance of having been made for him. Comment of this kind would be unnocerastry were the rhimocorous a more familiar creature than he is, but since there are to day but two specimens of the single-hore rithocorous in the United States, it is safe to infer that a great many of the readers of Harrier's Werkey have never seen one.

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The history of this particular rhimoceros is commonplace, with the exception of his andden and trugic death. This event is variously attributed by rhimocerologists to pusumonia, to non-taigia, and to the fact, that the sensitive and high-arrong nature which he concealed beneath an apathetic and corrugated exterior was wrought beyond its power to resist by his inability to get at the elephants whose paddock adjoined his cage. He was still a child in years, and although he weighed seven thousand pounds, and was 11½ feet long by 8 feet 6 inches in height, he had not stopped growing, which may account for the rither-alously loose fit of his heavy hile. He was captured by a party of Shikarris, who sold him to the agent of a French menagerie. This explains how be received the uame of Bombé (wrongfully spelled "Bunbi" and "Bomby" by the reporters of the daily press), which is a Frouch adjective, meaning curved or arched, and which was applied to him, as it sometimes was to the hiet Emperor of France, on account of the booked or Roman shape of his nose. When Bombé grow too hig for convenient transportation in the Fronch circus, he was sold to a dealer in wild beast at Hamburg.

The Hamburg dealer proposed the sale of Bombé of \$0.000, and the Park Commissioners embraced the opportunity to acquire him. As the beast had not been formally "accepted" or paid for, however, it is supposed that his loss, so far as it is estimable in money, will fall upon the importer, and not upon the circ. The rimoceros was packed list.

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acepers produced the desired of the hitherto unsured the top.
This is the first intimation of the hitherto unsurepetcel fact that the rhinecerus may perings vary the monotony of wallowing in the bogs and marshes of his native land by occasionally climbing a tree. During his residence in this country Hombé was treated to a daily bath from the nozzle of a garden hose, and was without doubt made as cumfortable as the circumstances permitted. He was the largest rhinecerus in captivity. It seems a pity that he was not more beautiful, for upon the theory of the old adage that beauty is but skih deep; how very heautiful he would have been if only he had been beautiful at all!

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