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selae (comp. p. 165). Our train here crosses the Hudson, while trains for Troy and other points to the N. (comp. R. 20c) continue on the E. bank of the river.

143 M. *Albany* (*Rail. Restaurant*), see p. 170.

c. *Viâ Railway on the West Bank.*

142 M. WEST SHORE RAILROAD in $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. (fare \$3.10; sleeper \$1.50, parlor-car \$ 1). This line affords better views than that on the E. bank, but starts from *Weehawken* (p. 55; ferry from Franklin St $\frac{1}{2}$ hr., from 42nd St. $\frac{1}{4}$ hr.).

The train starts at *Weehawken* (see p. 56; *Rail. Restaurant*) and passes through a long tunnel into the valley of the *Hackensack*, which runs through marshes to the left. As far as Nyack our line runs parallel with the *Northern New Jersey Railroad* (to the right). All view of the Hudson is at first cut off by the *Palisades* (p. 162).

11 M. *West Englewood*; 20 M. *Tappan* (p. 163); 25 M. *West Nyack*, $1\frac{1}{2}$ M. to the W. of *Nyack* (p. 163). At (27 M.) *Valley Cottage* the *S. Hook Mt.* (p. 163) rises to the right. $29\frac{1}{2}$ M. *Conger's* is the station for *Rockland Lake* (150 ft.), 1 M. to the S.E., an important source of New York's ice-supply. The train now threads a tunnel and emerges on *Haverstraw Bay* (p. 163; *View of the *Hudson*). To the left is *High Torn* (p. 163). 33 M. *Haverstraw*, with extensive brick-fields. The line now hugs the river. 42 M. *Iona Island* (p. 163); 44 M. *Fort Montgomery* (p. 163). From (40 M.) *Jones Point* a spiral railway (views) is to ascend to the top of the *Dunderberg* (p. 163; pleasure grounds). $47\frac{1}{2}$ M. *Cranston's*, a large summer-hotel (\$ 4-5), 250 ft. above the river (*View).

$48\frac{1}{2}$ M. *West Point* (*West Point Hotel*, adjoining the Parade Ground, \$ $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4), the seat of the well-known *Military Academy* for training officers for the U. S. army, is finely situated on the W. bank of the Hudson, overlooking the Highlands (p. 163). The railway station is on the level of the river, but the parade-ground and the principal buildings of the 'Post' occupy a plateau about 180 ft. above.

West Point was first fortified in 1778, and this 'Gibraltar of the Hudson' was an important point in the Revolutionary War, though no actual fighting took place here. Arnold was commander of the post at the time of his treason. Washington recommended the site for a military academy, but it was not till 1802 that it was established.

The *West Point Military Academy* usually contains about 300 cadets, who are nominated, between the ages of 17 and 22, by Members of Congress and appointed by the President. The discipline is essentially military, and the course of instruction (4 years) is very thorough. The instructors are officers of the army. The cadets go into camp in July and Aug., but the most interesting drills are held in April, May, Sept., and Oct.; dress-parades are held all the year round, weather permitting.

Visitors will find an introduction convenient, but can see most of the points of interest without one.

Ascending from the landing by a good road cut in the cliffs, we pass, on the right, the *Riding School* (visitors admitted to the galleries). The horsemanship of the senior cadets is wonderfully good, and no one should neglect an opportunity to see their exercises. On the higher ground immediately to the W. of the *Riding School* is the *Headquarters Building*, and farther on we reach in succession the *Library* (with a dome), the

Chapel (allegorical painting by Weir; captured flags), the *Academic Building* (by R. M. Hunt), the *Cadet Barracks*, and the *Gymnasium*. To the S. of the Academic Building is the *Cadet Mess Hall*, with portraits of Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, and other officers.

All military exercises take place on the fine *Parade Ground*, 40 acres in area. The tall *Battle Monument* (78 ft. high), near the flag-staff, was erected in 1894; it consists of a column surmounted by a Victory by Macmonnies. In the N.W. corner is a statue of *Gen. Sedgwick*, in the S.E. corner one of *Col. Thayer*. To the N.E., in an angle of *Fort Clinton*, is a monument to *Kosciuszko*. Just below the crest of the hill, to the N. of the library, is a monument to *Dade's Command* (p. 413). On the E. side of the Parade Ground is the *Cullum Memorial Hall*.

The so-called 'Flirtation Walk', on the river side, leads to *Kosciuszko's Garden*, a spot frequented by that heroic Pole. The *Officers' Quarters* are on the N. side of the Parade Ground; and the *Soldiers' Barracks* are on a lower level, below and to the W. of the West Point Hotel.

The views from different parts of the Post are beautiful, but the visitor with a little time to spare should ascend to Old Fort Putnam (596 ft.). We follow the road ascending the hill behind the new Gymnasium and at (3 min.) the cross-roads take the third road to the left (second to the right), which brings us in 10-15 min. to the ruins of the Old Fort. Here we can walk round the ramparts, obtaining a magnificent *View in all directions: up and down the Hudson, nearly the whole of the Highlands, Newburgh, the buildings of the Post (at our feet), the red-domed observatory on a lower hill to the S., Cranston's Hotel (p. 168), etc. — A fine road (*Views) leads from West Point to (7 M.) *Cornwall* (see below) over the slopes of *Crow Nest* (p. 164) and *Storm King* (p. 164), and the energetic visitor may easily ascend one or both of these mountains (*Views).

Leaving West Point the train tunnels under the Parade Ground and skirts the bases of *Crow Nest* (p. 164) and *Storm King* (p. 164), commanding fine views of the mountains on the other side of the Hudson. 53 M. *Cornwall* (Elmer Ho., \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3), a popular summer resort, with *Idlewild*, for 15 years the home of *N. P. Willis* (1807-67).

58 M. *Newburgh* (**Palatine*, \$3-4; *U. S. Hotel*, \$2), a city and coaling port of (1890) 23,087 inhab., finely situated on the W. bank of the Hudson, 130-300 ft. above the water. The chief point of interest here is the old *Hasbrouck Mansion*, to the S. of the city, which was Washington's headquarters in 1782-83 and dates in part from 1750 (interesting relics; adm. free; catalogue 25 c.). It was here that Washington was offered the title of king by the officers of the army. In the N.E. corner of the grounds is the so-called *Tower of Victory*, with a statue of Washington (view).

Newburgh is the junction of a branch of the *Erie Railway* (running into Pennsylvania) and connects across the Hudson, at Fishkill Landing, with the Highland Division of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. (comp. p. 167).

The line continues to follow the Hudson closely. — 73 M. *Highland* is the station for the steam-ferry to *Poughkeepsie* (p. 167).

89 M. *Kingston* (*Rail. Restaurant*) and *Rondout* (*Mansion Ho.*, \$2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$), the one on the heights a little back from the river and the other at the mouth of the *Rondout Creek*, have been united in one city with (1890) 21,381 inhab., cement works, and a trade in coal. The *Senate House* of Kingston, built in 1676 and the first home of the N.Y. State Legislature, contains an interesting collection of Dutch and other relics. Kingston was burned by the British in 1777.

Kingston is the junction for the *Ulster & Delaware R. R.*, one of the approaches to the Catskill Mts. (see R. 24c), and connects by steam-ferry with *Rhinecliff* (p. 167). — Rondout is the termination of the *Delaware and Hudson Canal*, which was constructed in 1825-28 to tap the Pennsylvania coal-fields and runs to (108 M.) *Honesdale* (p. 251). About 2½ million tons of coal are annually brought over it.

FROM KINGSTON TO CAMPBELL HALL, 33 M., *Wallkill Valley R. R.* in 1½ 1¾ hr This line is of importance to the tourist mainly as giving access to *Lakes Mohonk* and *Minnewaska* (see below). The station for both of these is (15 M.) *New Paltz* (Locust Grove Ho., Tamney Ho., \$ 2), which may also be reached from New York via the N.Y., Ontario, & Western R. R. and the Erie R. R. (through-fare to Lake Mohonk about \$ 3½, to Minnewaska about \$ 4½). Stages run in connection with the trains from New Paltz to (6 M.) *Lake Mohonk* (fare \$ 1.25, when not included in the railway ticket, trunk 50 c.) and to (10 M.) *Minnewaska* (fare \$ 1.50). — **Lake Mohonk* (1200 ft.) is a charming little sheet of water, situated near the summit of *Sky Top* (1700 ft.), one of the *Shawangunk Mts.*, 6 M. to the W. of New Paltz. Fine views are enjoyed in all directions over a scene in which the wild and the gentle are mingled in picturesque variety. On the margin of the lake stands the **Mohonk House*, a huge hotel with accommodation for 400 guests (\$ 3-5 a day, \$ 15-30 a week, acc. to season). The mountains are traversed by fine walks and drives, and fishing and bathing are also among the attractions. — About 6 M. to the S. of Lake Mohonk and 10 M. to the S.W. of New Paltz, at an elevation of 1800 ft., is **Lake Minnewaska*, on the banks of which are two similar hotels, the *Wildmers* and the *Cliff* (\$ 2-3 a day, \$ 11-20 a week). All three hotels belong to the same owner and are managed on 'a strictly temperance plan'. Moreover 'visitors are not expected to arrive or depart on the Sabbath'. The life generally is much quieter than at most large American summer-hotels. The Mohonk House opens about June 1st and closes about Oct. 20th; the Minnewaska season begins in mid-June and closes about the end of September. — On the crest of the mountains above Lake Mohonk, overlooking the valleys of the *Rondout* and the *Wallkill*, is the *Mountain Rest*, a boarding-house for 50 guests (\$ 2 a day, \$ 9-15 a week). — The 'Mohonk Conferences', held every autumn, discuss the means of improving the condition of the American Indian.

The train now runs at some little distance from the river. 100 M. *Saugerties*, at the mouth of the *Esopus Creek* (rail. stat., 1 M. from the river), near the *Plattekill Clove* (p. 181).

111 M. *Catskill*, the junction of the *Catskill Mt. Railway* and another portal to the *Catskill Mts.*, see p. 177. 115½ M. *West Athens*; 121 M. *Coxsackie*. At (129 M.) *Ravena* the line for Buffalo and the West diverges to the left.

142 M. *Albany*, see R. 22.

22. Albany.

Hotels. *TEN EYCK (Pl. b; D, 4, 5), at the N.E. corner of State and Chapel Sts., \$ 4, R. from \$ 2; *KENMORE (Pl. a; D, 4), N. Pearl St., \$ 3; STANWIX HALL (Pl. c; D, 5), Broadway, near the railway-station, from \$ 2½, R. from \$ 1; GLOBE, State St., \$ 2-2½; KEELER'S, Broadway, for men only, R. from 75 c.; MANSION HO., 337 Broadway, \$ 2. — *Railway Restaurant*.

Tramways (chiefly electric; fare 5c.) run through the main streets and to *Watervliet* (p. 174), *Cohoes* (p. 158), *Troy* (p. 160), *West Albany*, and *Rensselaer*.

Steamers ply to *New York* (see R. 21a), *Newburg* (p. 164), *New Baltimore*, and *Troy* (p. 160), and **Steam Ferry Boats** run to *Rensselaer* (p. 167) and *Bath*.

Cabs. For each pers., 1 M. 50 c., 2 M. 75 c., 3 M. \$ 1.

Theatres. *Empire*, State St., above S. Pearl St.; *Leland Opera House*, S. Pearl St. (Pl. C, 5); *Harmanus Bleecker Hall*, see p. 174.

Post Office (Pl. D, 5), Broadway, corner of State St.