

**NORTHERY MILLIONAIRE'S
DREAM GOES TO SMASH**

Model Town of Biltmore, Erected by George W. Vanderbilt, Sold and Thus Vanishes Picture of Rural Empire — Commerce Replaces Utopia.

The model town of Biltmore, N. C. built by the late George W. Vanderbilt in connection with his magnificent country estate near Asheville has been sold to the Southern railway and two individual purchasers. So crumble the dreams of men, says the Kansas City Star.

How vast a scheme Vanderbilt conceived for developing his North Carolina estate, no one will ever know. From 1892 until his death in 1914 he made it his life's work to block together 120,000 acres of mountain land, grub out the forests, plant trees, pipe water, build roads and level off a mountain peak for his palatial home, Biltmore house. The project cost him more than \$10,000,000.

Two years after his death his widow transferred to the government 50,000 acres of the estate for a national forest reserve. Now the model town of Biltmore is sold, and the millionaire's plan of rural empire begins to disintegrate. Did Vanderbilt dream a fool's paradise on those North Carolina hills. He is dead; the dream is dust and ashes.

On a rainy day 30 years ago, Vanderbilt's private car was on a side-track at Asheville waiting to take the young millionaire back to New York. After a short stay he had become disgusted with the wet weather, the skyline, the hotel, with everything. He was to leave on the morrow. During the night the skies cleared and the next morning young Vanderbilt rising early, watched a North Carolina sunrise.

Standing on the piazza of the Battery Park hotel he looked away to the north and saw the peak of the Roan mountain in Tennessee, 60 miles away. Southward was the grim outline of Caesar's Head, a mountain in South Carolina, 50 miles away. To the southwest, dim in that blue haze which gives to this mountain range its name, was the Georgia line, 90 miles away. To the east, standing bare and bleak, and reflecting the sun's rays from its snow crowned summit was Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Rocky mountains.

Remodeled Mountain.

George Vanderbilt looked again and watched the sun come up over the peaks of the Blue Ridge mountains until it seemed to set the whole dome of the sky on fire, coloring every cloud to a bright copper hue and kindling the heavens with long shafts of golden light. His bewildered eyes took in this brilliant scene, and when he had had his fill of it, he canceled the order for his private car and began to look around for a homesite.

He came first upon the estate of a wealthy Southerner and offered to buy it. The Southerner refused all offers. Then Vanderbilt searched the countryside until he found the site he wanted and began to negotiate for the land. Some got for \$5 an acre; other tracts cost him much more, for when it was learned that a Vanderbilt was buying prices went sky high.

In the center of his holdings was a high mountain. The peak of this early pile was not intended to hold the kind of a building George wanted so he set about correcting the error of nature. He sliced off the top and added the earth and rock of the removed portion to that which was left, making a broad plateau. On this plateau he built Biltmore house.

And what a "house" it was! to say that it cost more than \$2,000,000 and contained 90 rooms gives only a sketchy outline of it. It was—and is—the finest country mansion in all America, a paradise in the mountain, a "Chateau of the Skylarks." It stands upon an esplanade 700x300 feet, bound by retaining walls of solid masonry and crowned by a coping of finely dressed stone. The outside walls of the palace are 375x192 feet. In architecture it suggests some of the famous chateaux of the Loire; yet it is no slavish copy. It has an individuality,

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Under Plate Glass.

Entering the main floor from the terrace, the visitor is struck by the beauty of the winter garden. This is an octagon space 24x25 feet, its plate-glass roof supported 12 large curved ribs. To the west is the salon, 40 feet in length. To the north of the garden and the corridors surrounding it is the banquet hall; beyond it, the breakfast room, and still further north, the kitchen wing.

The banquet hall has a ceiling 75 feet high, and is lighted only from one end and from the ceiling the remainder of the wall space being reserved for tapestry hangings. It is 72 feet long and 42 feet wide with one span and a dome ceiling. Three colossal fire places are at the western end, and an organ loft, with a balcony for musicians, at the eastern end.

Another feature of the main floor is the living hall, 60 feet long and 30 feet wide, running up to the top story. Under the main hall is a swimming pool of exactly the same dimensions. North of the living room is the tapes-

try gallery, 75 feet long where three large panels have been built into the wall to receive rare works of art. To the south of this is the library, 60 by 40 feet in dimension. This is trimmed in deep red Numidian marble and contains bookcases filled with literary treasures.

Emerging from the library the visitor finds himself on the library terrace, a plaza 35 feet wide with leads race, a plaza 35 feet wide which leads down to the south terrace, which is more than 300 feet long and contains a bowling green. The porte cochere, the gun room and the billiard room are to the east of the banquet hall.

On the upper floors, reached by the famous circular staircase are a bewildering succession of sleeping rooms exquisitely appointed. There are 20 bath rooms so arranged that every sleeping room has direct access to one.

See Only Extension

Of the external appointments, the most interesting is the "pump-house." Through this remarkable structure of masonry runs a stream of limpid water, that finds its exit through the mouths of half a dozen gigantic black iron terrapins, spouting thence, it rushes away in little stream and over

artificial cascades into an artificial lake.

On the posts of Biltmore house are marble figures of mythological creatures, half women and half lion, that were imported by George Vanderbilt from Rome for the decorative purpose they serve. To the average visitor that is, one who has a permit to drive through the Biltmore estate the rampedance and the lion ladies are the only objects that may be closely inspected. No stranger is permitted to come within 100 yards of the house itself.

Tennis courts, flower beds, aquatic gardens and an outdoor swimming pool complete and external ensemble.

One would suppose that this earthly paradise made a playground only for New York's millionaire "four hundred" but strange as it may seem, Mr. Vanderbilt's guests more often were literary or artistic folk than the merely rich. Blith Wharton Ford was often a visitor. Vanderbilt himself was a quiet, introspective character with a literary turn of mind.

WHEN MA IS SICK

When Ma is sick, she pegs away;

She's quiet, though, not much 't say. She goes right on a-doin' things. An' sometimes laughs, or even sings. She says she don't feel extra well. But then it's just a kind o' spell. She'll be all right tomorrow, sure.

A good old sleep will be the cure. An' Pa he sniffs an' makes no kick. For women folk is always sick. An' Ma she smiles, lets on she's glad. When Ma is sick it ain't so bad. "Bob" Nickles.

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