

A MINIATURE WORLD.

Grand Projects Under Way at the Park—The Zoological Gardens—A vast Depot for Wonders and Antiquities—The Bear Pits—The Hydro-Saurus Building—Lilliputian Four-Legged Invalid Chairs—New Zoological Acquisitions.

Development, variety and progress are words which obtain their full significance at the Park. The Commissioners—ever active since some time over ten years ago, when they first commenced to unearth the pestiferous area that now forms the fairest 800 acres of landscape gardening in the world—also still engaged in earnest measures to make this resort still more elaborate.

The \$10,000,000 that has already been spent in developing this tract into all its present splendorous beauty has been so well expended that visitors, not alone of New York, but from all sections of the continent, and Europe, proclaim that this is the best return and constitutes the most enduring receipt which the public could hold for so magnificent an outlay.

With this the Park Commissioners are not satisfied; but they have provided a retreat for weary metropolitans and have filled it with all the gradations of natural beauty, begotten by the skill of famous artists; they have opened miles of drives, built compact smooth roadways; made shady glades; cultivated green lawns, and have mingled a wonderful scenery with a more than Chinese web of rambles and novel episodes.

It is not through their work; for in these departments alone the Park would be a theatre of more external beauty, watering and periodical with the changing seasons. The design extends beyond limits of the hand. It is broad and comprehensive, and includes plans for making the Park a repository of learning—a vast deposit where all the wonders and antiquities of the world can be seen and studied in their native state—a place where will be stored the actual subjects about which weary volumes seek the attention of the reader through tedious roots in Greek and Hebrew, wherein the dead languages are mutilated to find terms to designate the living. In other words, the uneducated who have not devoted a lifetime to theologies will be able to see and understand everything relating to the generation, propagation and general existence of all species of animal and vegetable life.

Natural historians, geologists, conchologists and other more professional have so overworked and interrelated their valuable researches with scientific expressions and forced means of explanation that the highly interesting subjects have become purely unobtainable. No one now pretends to devote any time to the investigation of shells, or the reconstruction of fossil remains, or the development of kindred branches of science, except in a rare book, to deliver a lecture, or string together a few facts in a magazine. This is a grave evil, and can be averted. With this end in view the Park Commissioners have long and earnestly considered the subject of providing the country with a natural history museum.

For three or four weeks visitors have wondered at seeing miniature trees that down the drives will cause the eye to be deceived into believing that the nature human freight. Whether the lilliputian air had begun to dawn, or whether the inhabitants of the tiny world were actually in the act of being crushed by the weight of the air, it is not clear. The miniature trees, which they match in speed, and traveling together with the delicate vehicle they draw, attract universal attention. So the animals that are seen in the park are not only of the most comprehensive order of the weather and to afford the most reliable means west of the Green-land, but also the most beautiful and interesting in the world.

The Commission, if they adopt existing novel and service to the public, also are aware of the utility of introducing former practices of value. The use of chairs for invalids, for example, has been known for years since a gentleman could be carried from Westminster to London Bridge in a chair, borne by four porters, and the same method has been adopted in the fashion of gentle transportation from a residence in civilized countries; but Mr. Green has brought it out again at the Park, not exactly in the same form, but in a more convenient and comfortable one. It is a chair, but it is not a chair in the ordinary sense of the word. It is a chair, but it is not a chair in the ordinary sense of the word. It is a chair, but it is not a chair in the ordinary sense of the word.

Something like the zoological gardens. This country will be the zoological gardens. They will cover twenty acres, bounded by Fifth and Ninth avenues, and including the block between Seventh and Eighth streets. This is the largest and most important project of the Park Commissioners, and it is not until recently that they have begun active work. The zoological gardens, as they are called, will be the largest in the world, and in capacity it is intended that they shall be inferior to none. There are so many considerations to be taken into account in the determination of quarters for animals that the subject is a most interesting one. The first step in the plan is to divide the grounds into sections, and to place in each section a number of animals of the same kind. This is a most important feature, and it is one that will be of great value to the public. The zoological gardens will be a most interesting and valuable addition to the Park, and it is one that will be of great value to the public.

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