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Geography and Geology.—You are looking southeast from the southernmost end of Manhattan Island, down New York Harbor, toward Staten Island. This round building down below us, formerly a fort, is now an aquarium. The huge copper Statue of Liberty out there on Bedloe's Island holds her torch 306 feet above low tide. Most of those passing boats are tugs. Great railroads carry whole trains on huge transport boats down around this end of Manhattan. This whole bay which is practically the mouth of the North or Hudson River is a drowned valley. Many, many thousand years ago a small stream passed down through this valley and led out to the ocean. In course of time all the land round about here subsided and the ocean backed up in here, and what was once a small stream became the beautiful, broad Hudson River. The effects of the rise and fall of the tide may be noted as far north as Albany.

History and Biography.—It was in through these waters that Hendrick Hudson sailed in 1610 and thousands of emigrants from all parts of the world have landed right down there almost at our feet. That grassy space is the old Battery Park, so called because it was fortified in the 17th century for protection of

the infant town. In those days the ground where that low building stands was a ledge of rock a few yards off shore, and it held a rude fort connected with the mainland by a draw bridge. The natural moat around it has since been filled in. Washington often walked in the old park down there; so did Arnold, Andre, Thos. Jefferson and the British generals Howe and Clinton and others.

Castle Garden and Liberty Statue from New York City.

Jardin Castle et statue de la Liberté vus de la ville de New York.

Castle Garden und die Freiheits-Statue von New York City aus

Jardin del Castillo y estatua de la Libertad, vistos desde la ciudad de Nueva York.

Castle Garden och Frihetsstatyn från New York stad, F. S. A.

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