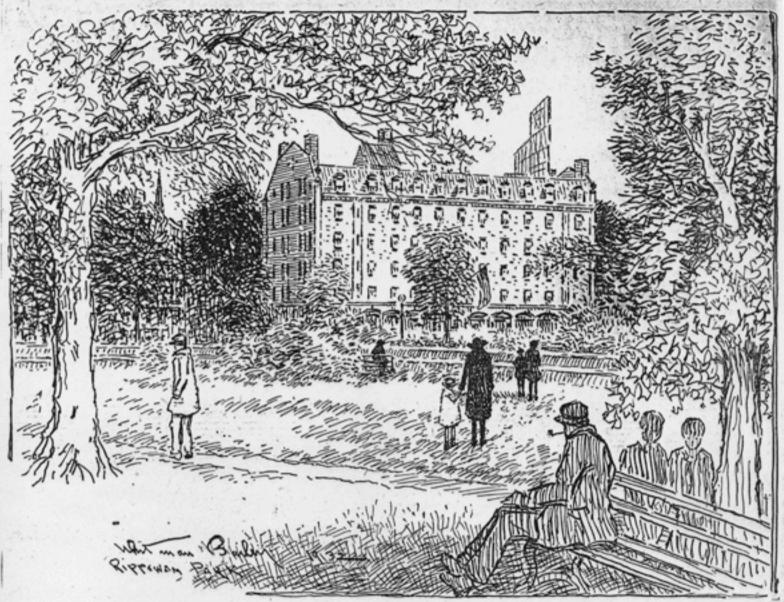
LOOKING EAST ACROSS RIPPOWAM PARK



parks, that are scattered here and there throughout the commercial center. The triangular Central Park with its great elms, St. John's Park with its soldiers' monument glistening through the trees, West Park with its historic cannons, and several other parks, including Rippowam Park, all help to make the city beautiful. Perhaps the most recent one, Rippowam Park, is more of a direct benches situated under spacious trees, y ere during the hot Sum- our one may rest in more mer ¢m or lemen

Stamford are its delightful little derives its historic name, flows Stamford to Rye, he made a sudclose by. There in Winter has been heard for generations the voices of happy skaters.

This section of the river has long been known as the mill pond. Today it is bordered on each side by a rather high cement wall, and directly to the eastward, one can see through the interlaced branches a modern hotel-the "Roger Smith"-whose name undoubtedly is wholly in keeping benefit to the public welfare, for with its historic neighborhood, for, there one may find the usual park indeed, this locality has a history. Tradition tells that the father of country-General

den turn and came upon the dashing waters of the river kindled by the distant rays of the late afternoon sun. Stopping his horse abruptly by the wayside, he wrote a few lines in his diary describing the scene.

Later history pictures this iden-tical spot, now known as Rippowam Park, as a large pond, where in Winter ice was harvested and at the east end of the dam a woolen mill was active. This mill was operated by William C. Harding and John A. Smith until about George 1886, when a great fire destroyed one may rest in more Washington-admired the beauty most of the building, only the buston. Then, too, the of the Rippowam River near this original chimney now remaining.

Among the many attractions in river itsef, from which the park point. That on travelling from Bill Harding was a staunch Republican, who headed many a torchlight procession during political rallies and on election nights. In fact, Bill Harding's political cannon is still remembered, as it thundered a salute across old Rose Park, breaking many a window in the vicinity. Doubtless Harding and his party had to settle many a fine after election night was over. As one of the old natives remarked to the writer: "That 'Harding Battery' might have amused some people, but I was gol darn glad when some Democrat spiked it, though I be a Republican."

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