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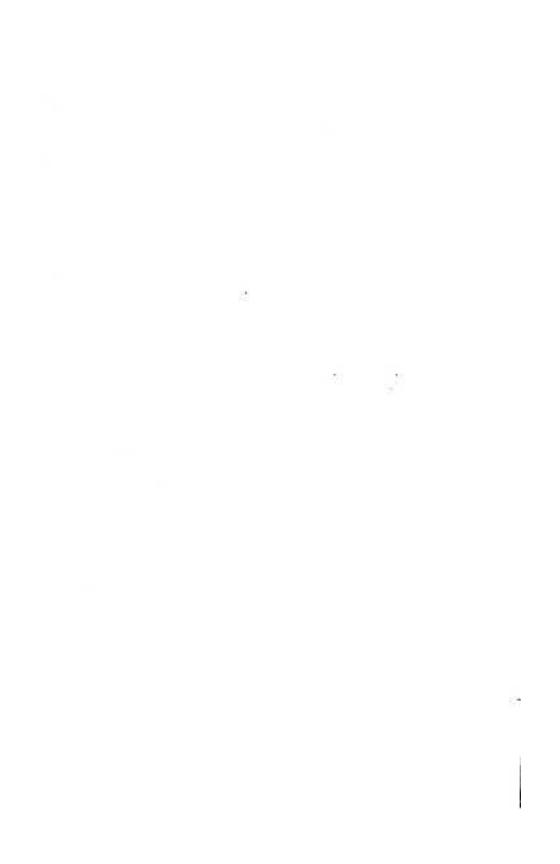
Memoriam quoque ipsam cum voce perdidissemus, se tam in nostra potestate esset oblivisci, quam tacere.—TACITUS.

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### ERRATA.

On the tenth page of the body of this history, Mr. Olmsted is improperly said to be "the originator of the Central Park," This is a mistake which the writer thand with many others. Mr. Olmsted, with his partner, Mr. Calveet Vaux, who has an equal claim to this distinction, was only one of the designers and executors of the plan adopted for the Park. The present design was made and exercted by the firm of "Olmsted & Vans," and they merit equal peaks for it. The false of the Park is said to be due to Mr. A. J. Downing, the pioneer of landscape gardening in America, whose ismented death in 1852, in the accident which hefel the Henry Clay, deprived the country of one of its most accomplished liftens. What credit belongs to the city government of that day, we are unable to say, but peols ably not a little, in adopting and moturing Mr. Downing's suggestion. Having gone over the much ground of the Park, before a spale had been put into it or a rock blasted, with Air. Obsered blasself, and I see sed to his scheme for redeeming the ground to the uses of a park, the a ster may be partioned for having permanently awardated him with its authorship,

He did not learn the real facts, and then from a source of perfect authority, until the Sketch was in print. He has deemed it due to all concerned, as well as to himself and the credit of the Sketch for perfect accuracy of intention, amid many powible errors or defects of information, to append this correction; bls. Olimsted never claimed, it sectors, in he sade designer, nurch less originator, of the Central Park. That has however been claimed for him by friends who did not know, or who, like the writer, forgot the claims of Mr. Vaux and Mr. Downing. The error, we hope by this note, to do something to finally correct.

Another important verbal error, still left in the text, is the misprint on the twelfth page of a/ms-bearers which should read arms-bearers.

The name of Carl Schurz, on the one hundred and thirty-sixth page should be spelled without the t. And on the one hundred and forty-sixth page, acts the bottom, E. R. Pearsles, should read, E. R. Pearsles.

