

yet undeveloped, potential influences upon the business of Annapolis. The Chesapeake gives its share of the trade to Annapolis, and the surrounding country adds to its business life. An electric line to the large cities of Washington and Baltimore adds greatly to the population and trade of Annapolis. Steamboat communication, a part of the State Roads system, has been established from Annapolis with the Eastern Shore—the Bay not being over ten miles wide at this point.

**Annapolis as a Residential City.**—Annapolis has superior advantages as a residential city. Its healthfulness is remarkable. It is current that, when the commission that selected the site of Annapolis for the Naval Academy met, it found Annapolis the second most healthful place in the country. Annapolis has maintained its reputation for healthfulness. Not one serious epidemic, due to the atmospheric or climatic conditions of the locality, has occurred at the Naval Academy. The drainage of swamps in and near the city has added to the salubrity of the climate. Annapolis is free from prolonged rigors of cold or heat. Seldom, if ever, does a heated term or cold spell last longer than a week. The great freedom of the town from floods, tempests, and other disastrous physical conditions is notable. The intelligence, hospitality and urbanity of its citizens make Annapolis a most desirable residential city. The social festivities of city, college and Academy, produce a favorite rendezvous for the lovers of fashionable festivities. The educational advantages of Annapolis are unsurpassed. It has grammar and high schools of superior grade. St. John's affords broad education and the city's constant touch with the Naval Academy, the Legislature and the Supreme Court of the State all combine to give Annapolis an educational and even an intellectual atmosphere. The city is well supplied with churches, their denominations being Catholic, Episcopalian, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Baptist. The society of Annapolis is refined and agreeable, and its naval conditions have induced a large number of naval officers and naval families to make Annapolis their places of residence. Here they find congenial tastes and interests. The waters, markets and gardens in and about Annapolis furnish the best and freshest of fish and vegetables. Its market stalls afford the choicest meats, and its large and well filled stores supply provisions and groceries of the finest character. The city of Annapolis, with its healthfulness, pure air, peacefulness, order, good government, intelligence, refinement and hospitality, is a model American residential city. The stranger always receives a hearty welcome.

**The Scenery About Annapolis.**—Aside from its ancient buildings and historic sites, and one of the most picturesque cities of America, Annapolis, lying on the "Hudson of Maryland"—the beautiful and romantic Severn—presents every variety of sublime and magnificent scenery save that of lofty and imposing mountains. Its historic, architectural and natural attractions make it of intensest interest to the tourist, the historian and the lovers of water and landscape beauty. The great Naval Academy, with its splendid buildings, appeals not only to delights of vision, but rouses the pride of the American in the "greatest Naval School in the World." The hills of the Severn bristle with historic forts, while its towering banks, sloping in verdure and woodland to the blue waters of the river, create pictures of poetic beauty, as its tide rolls on to the majestic Chesapeake where marches in unending columns the commerce of the metropolis of Maryland to the ports of the world.

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