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and a quarter of a mile deep, a characteristic of the estates bordering on the west side of High Street in Newburyport.

The building, house and stable conceal the garden. There is a steep slope immediately behind the house and this has been cut into terraces, giving the garden the effect of a sunken one. The center of the garden consists of parterres, bordered by box, shaded by flowering shrubs and fruit trees, and filled with brightly blooming annuals and perennials. On part of the second terrace is an herb garden and from this level eight steps lead to the terrace above, topped by a vine-covered lattice.

House, courtyard, surrounding hedges, the garden and terraces, were planned by an unerring eye, and stand unaltered in their essential design.

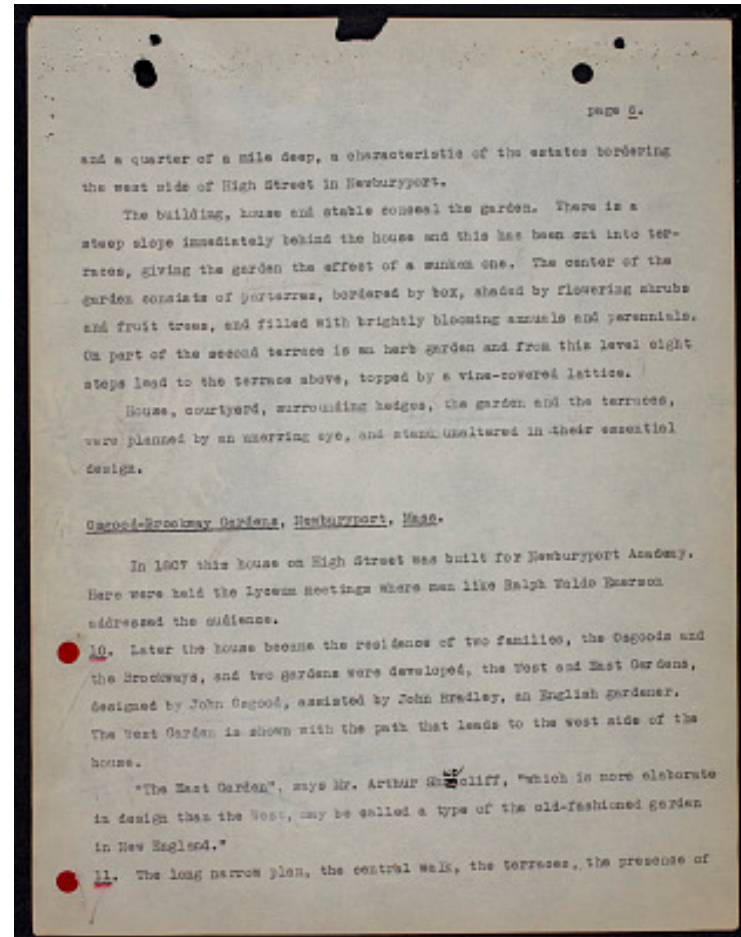
Osgood-Brockway Gardens, Newburyport, Mass.

In 1807 this house on High Street was built for Newburyport Academy. Here were held the Lyceum meetings where men like Ralph Waldo Emerson addressed the audience.

10. Later the house became the residence of two families, the Osgoods and the Brockways, and two gardens were developed, the West and East Gardens, designed by John Osgood, assisted by John Bradley, an English gardener. The West Garden is shown with the path that leads to the west side of the house.

"The East Garden", says Mr. Arthur Shurcliff, "which is more elaborate in design than the West, may be called a type of the old-fashioned garden in New England."

11. The long narrow plan, the central walk, the terraces, the presence of



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