

B Y C H A R L E S F O R T



1112 sq. ft

The Vanderbilts were a wealthy family who dominated what has come to be known as the “Gilded Age” at the beginning of the 20th century. It was a period when Vanderbilt men were the merchant princes of American life through their prominence in the business world and as latter day Medici, sponsoring the arts throughout the world. They contributed to the construction of many important Manhattan buildings in the first half of the century but were renowned for their impressive money-making and even greater money-spending ways.