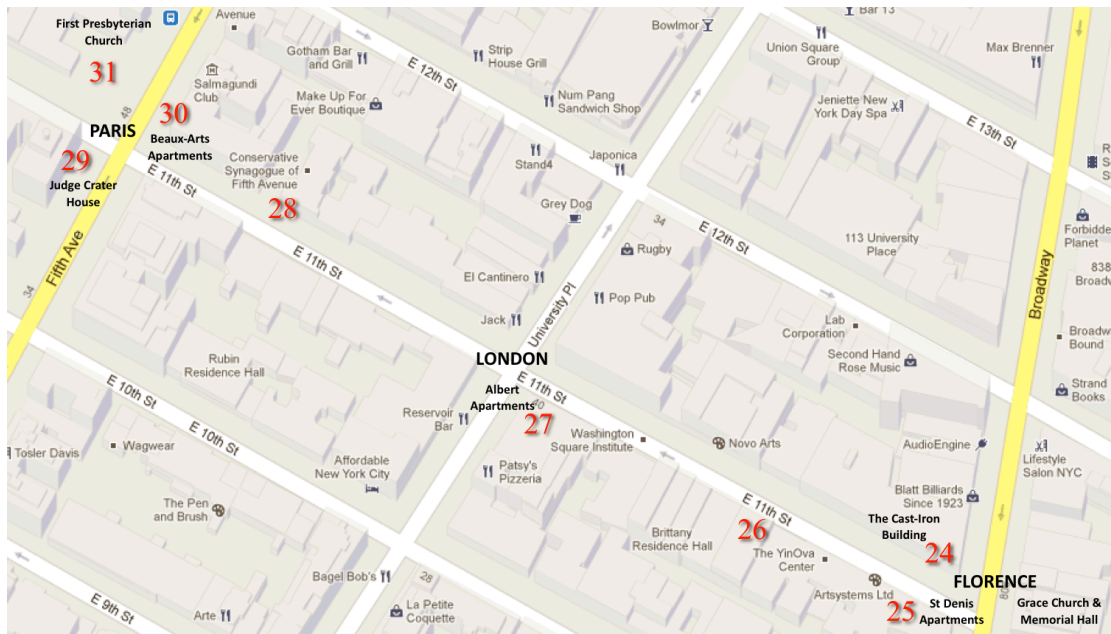


Purgatorio Grandissimo (Broadway to 5th Avenue)



Between Broadway and 5th Avenue sits some of the grandest residential buildings on 11th Street, in a variety of opulent styles: cast-iron, mock Tudor, Beaux-Arts and somewhat more Contemporary.

The intersections, in particular, stand out for the European cities they recall. The first, at 4th Avenue, framed by Grace Church, the majestic Cast-Iron Building and a few other cast-iron clad loft buildings, reminds one of a fashionable street corner in Florence or Venice. The second, at University Place, dominated by the Albert Apartments building, channels a busy intersection in Westminster, Central London. Finally, the third, at 5th Avenue, adorned with Beaux-Art apartment buildings, as well as by the imposing Gothic edifice of First Presbyterian Church, reminds one of Paris, albeit a high-rise, Big Apple version of the City of Lights.

Purgatory never looked so good.

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24 – No. 67: The *Cast-Iron Building* (1869), looking like a latter-day Venetian palazzo.



25 – No. 80: The *St. Denis Hotel* (1848) was once a legendary hotel boasting the likes of Abraham Lincoln, Sandra Bernhard and P.T. Barnum as guests.



26 – No. 62: Another cast-iron apartment block.



27 – No. 42: The *Albert Apartments*, formerly the *Hotel Albert* (1887), boasting literary guests such as Robert Louis Stevenson, Hart Crane and Thomas Wolfe.



28 – *5th Conservative Synagogue* – the only Jewish House of Worship on the street and also its humblest establishment. It was once a stable dating from 1898.



29 – View past high-rises to the magnificent *Judge Crater House* (1929), adorned with a neo-classical temple.



30 – This Beaux- Arts apartment building, built in 1905, was the grandest building in Lower 5th Avenue.



31 – *First Presbyterian Church (1846)* – the Gothic Revival Tower is inspired by Magdalene College in Oxford, UK, though it also somewhat recalls Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.