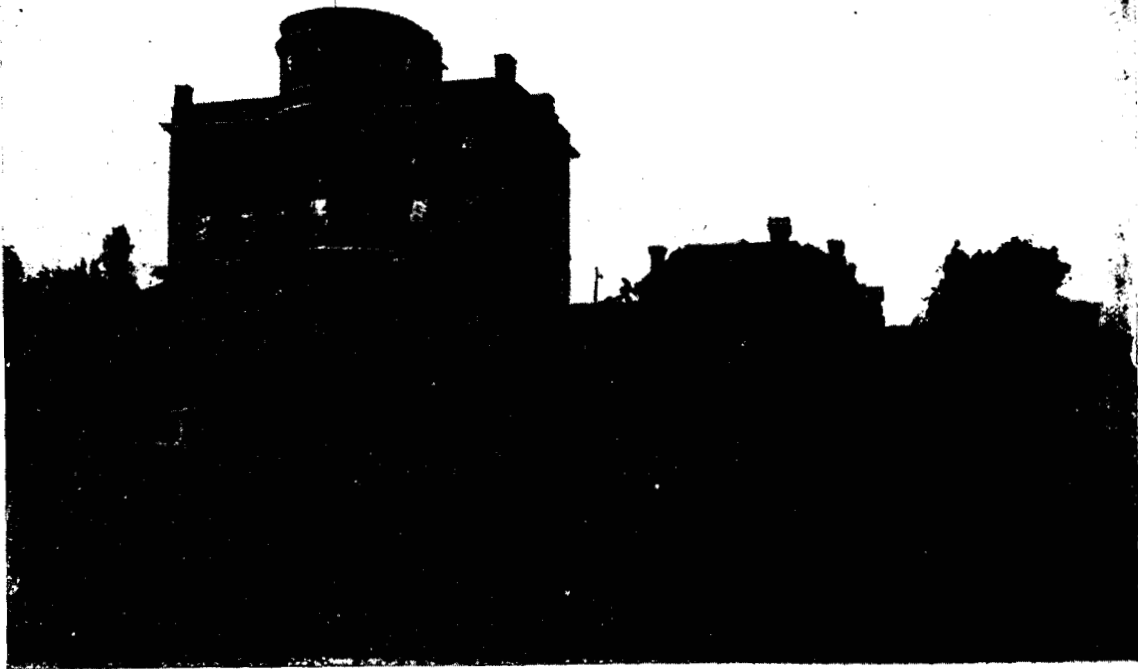


dows, and beyond is a spacious loggia. In the meanwhile I get myself into flowing robes, such as are in harmony with balconies and moons, and slip out. What an exquisite scene! What a pity the immortal bard never saw the moon in Maryland; never could he then have slandered this glorious orb through pining lovers' lips. Pale—inconstant—the moon? Indeed not so. Gorgeous, golden, intoxicating light, streaming broadcast, bathing the whole city in indescribable beauty, illuminating, as if by magic, the crowning glory of the Capitol, that imposing dome, springing

building of their Holy of Holies, the magnificent Capitol which arises before one in majestic proportions, distinguished for the dignity, grace, and beauty of its design and the adornments and decorations which beautify it without and within, and which unite to give it rank as an architectural jewel among the noblest in the world? Nay, more. Surely the music of the people's ecstasy comes ringing through the centuries on buoyant waves of sound towards those who have ears attuned to the melody of human harmony.



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from a peristyle of fluted Corinthian columns, which is surmounted by the statue of Freedom, towering 300 ft. upwards towards the skies. How intensely still it is! Is it possible that at one's feet stands the capital of the greatest Republic of the world? There is not a sound, and yet history and the dramatic strain people the night with sound and action.

Inspired by a whole continent of hope, was it not in September, 1793, that the flower of a free people assembled in their thousands on Capitol Hill to see their liberator and idol the great Washington himself lay the corner-stone of the main

“Be it known,” exclaimed a patriotic orator, when the corner-stone of the extensions was laid, “that on this day the Union of the United States stands firm; that their Constitution still exists unimpaired, and with all its original usefulness and glory, growing every day stronger and stronger in the affections of the great body of the American people, and attracting more and more the admiration of the world. And all here assembled, whether belonging to public life or to private life, with hearts devoutly thankful to Almighty God for the preservation of the liberty and happiness of the country, unite in sincere and fervent prayers that

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