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THE TRANSFORMATION OF WASHINGTON

A Glance at the History and Along the Vista of the Future of the Nation's Capital

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EIGHT cities in four different States sheltered the Continental Congress and its successor, the Congress of the Confederation. Driven from Philadelphia to Princeton by a mob of mutineer soldiers deliberately unrestrained by civic authority, Congress determined to create a capital under its own control.

This determination found expression in the Constitution, which provides that the Congress shall have power "to exercise exclusive jurisdiction in all cases whatsoever, over such district (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, by cession of particular States, and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of government of the United States."

In 1790, as the result of a bargain made by Alexander Hamilton at a dinner arranged for the purpose by Thomas Jefferson, the seat of Congress was fixed for ten years at Philadelphia, and after that time permanently on the Potomac. In return for this concession by the North, the State debts were to be assumed by the General Government—a measure which had found small favor in the South.

Congress, having charged President Washington with selecting the exact boundaries of the Federal District within which the capital city should be located, Maryland and Virginia ceded to the General Government jurisdiction over the territory so selected, including the Mary-

land city of Georgetown and the Virginia town of Alexandria.

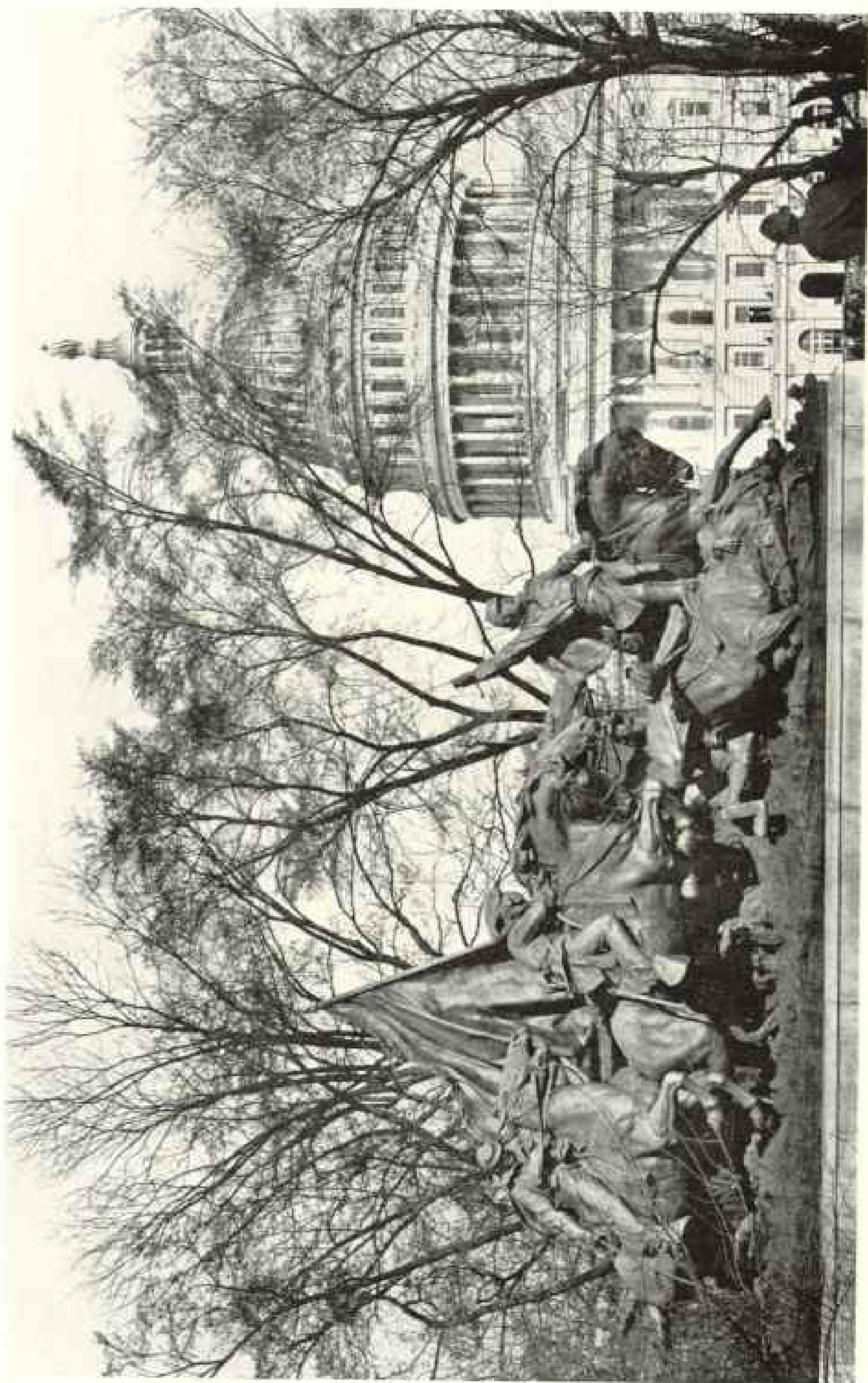
Washington bargained with the seventeen landowners for their respective holdings included within an area, wholly on the Maryland shore, extending from the Anacostia to Rock Creek, and from the Potomac to the range of hills now marked by Florida Avenue.

This territory, four and a half miles from east to west and two and a half miles from south to north, was as large as that comprised within the limits of Paris, then a city of 800,000 people. Today a population half that size occupies the entire District of Columbia.

L'ENFANT ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO DESIGN FEDERAL CITY

In 1789, while these arrangements were in progress, Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, a young French engineer of thirty-five years, who had served with distinction and had suffered wounds and captivity in the Revolution, applied to Washington to be appointed to design the Federal City, and was selected for the task.

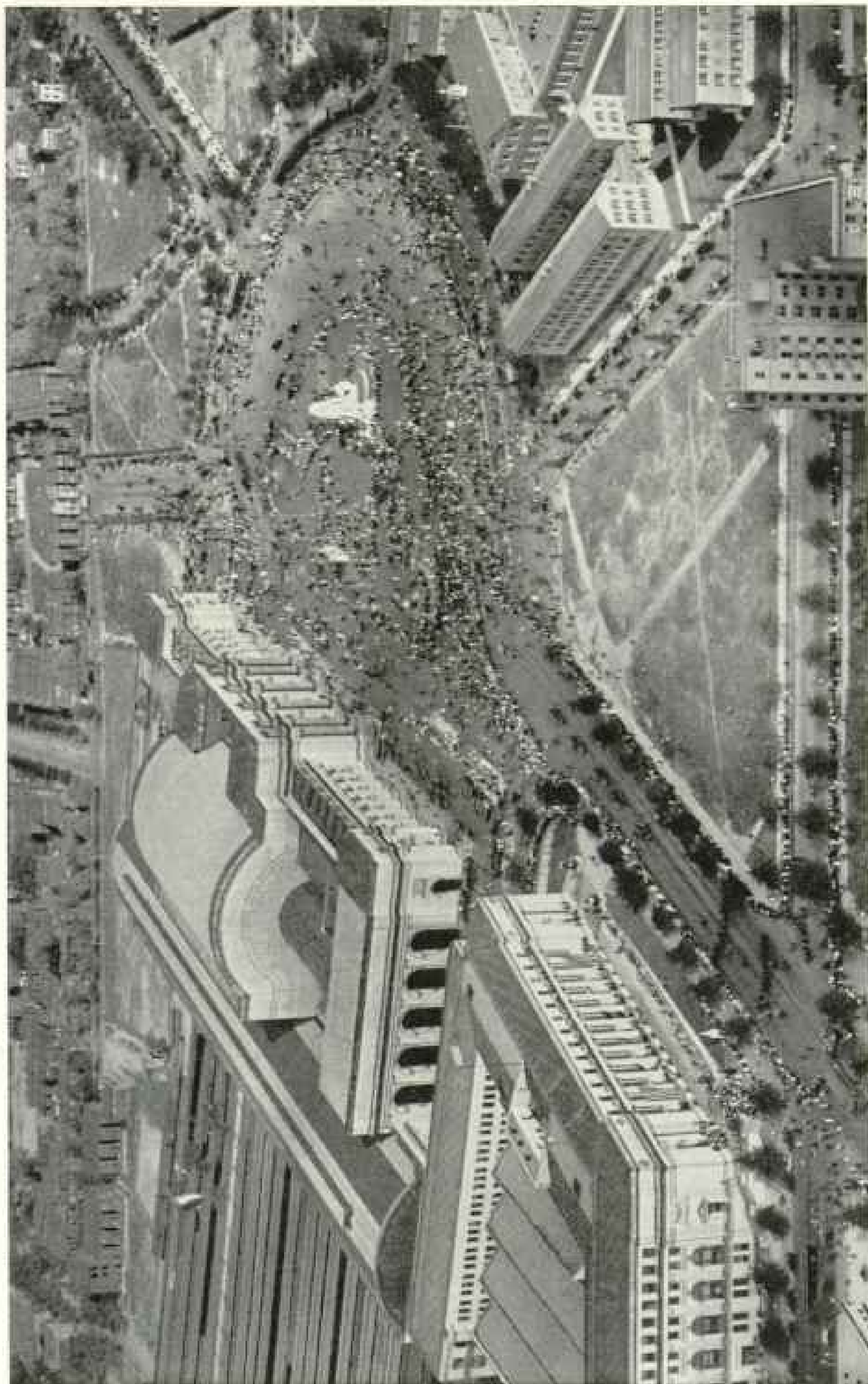
Washington personally knew the man who had secured in France the designs for the eagles worn as the insignia of the Society of the Cincinnati, and who successfully remodeled the New York City Hall, making of it the most beautiful building in America. Indeed, in this building



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THE CAVALRY GROUP OF THE MONUMENT TO GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT (SEE COLOR PLATE VI)

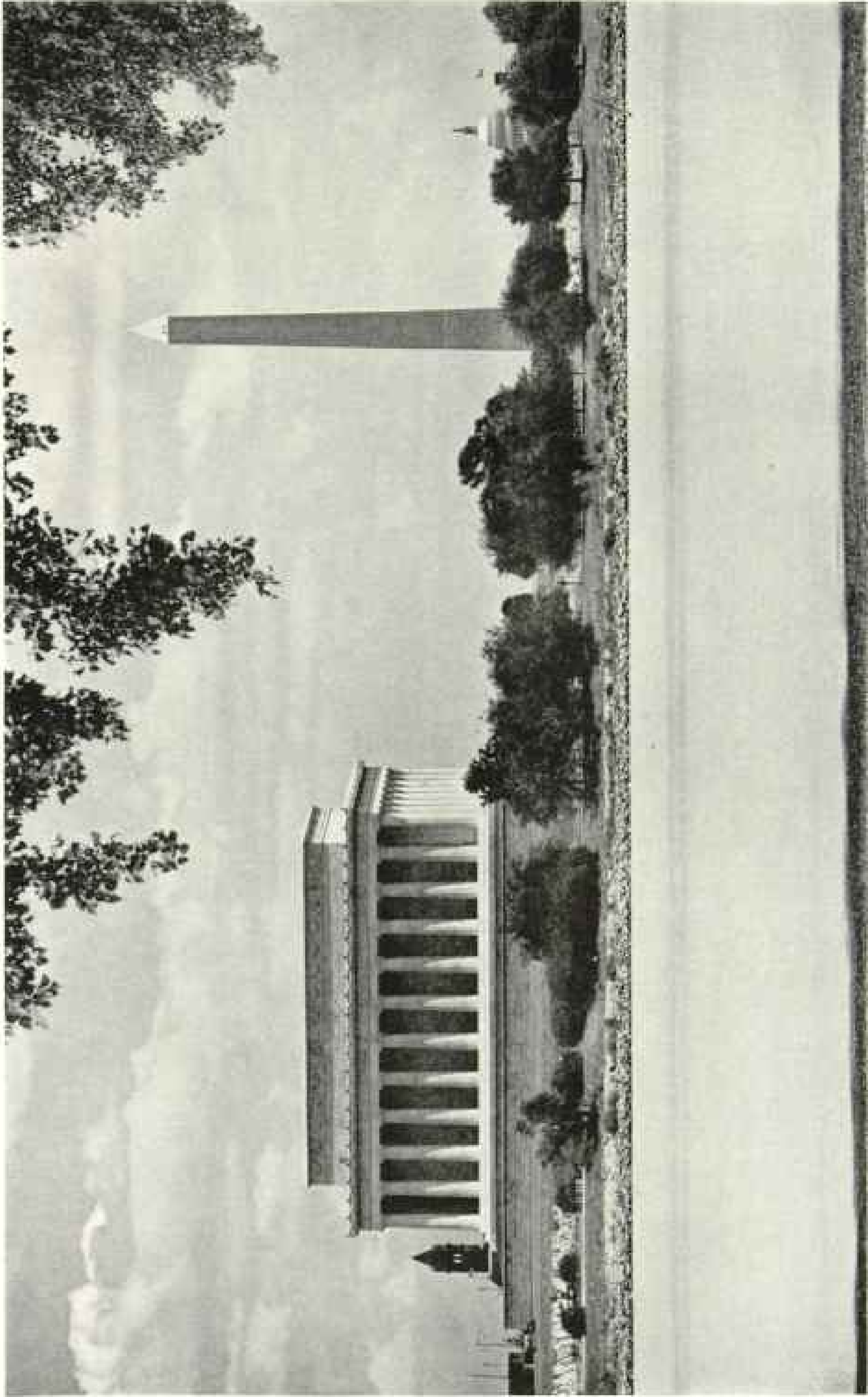
This is the most important work of sculpture ever designed for the Government, and was located so as to be the head of the Mall. From it a broad carpet of grass extending to the Washington Monument will be flanked on each side by four rows of American elms and by drives and walks, thereby restoring the park connection between the Capitol and the White House. Special artillery and cavalry drills were given at West Point and at other posts to aid the sculptor, Henry Merwin Shrady, in the development of his design. Mr. Shrady spent nearly fifteen years upon the sculpture, and died in New York just two weeks prior to the unveiling of the monument, on the centenary of Grant's birth, April 27, 1922.



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THE WASHINGTON POST OFFICE AND UNION STATION

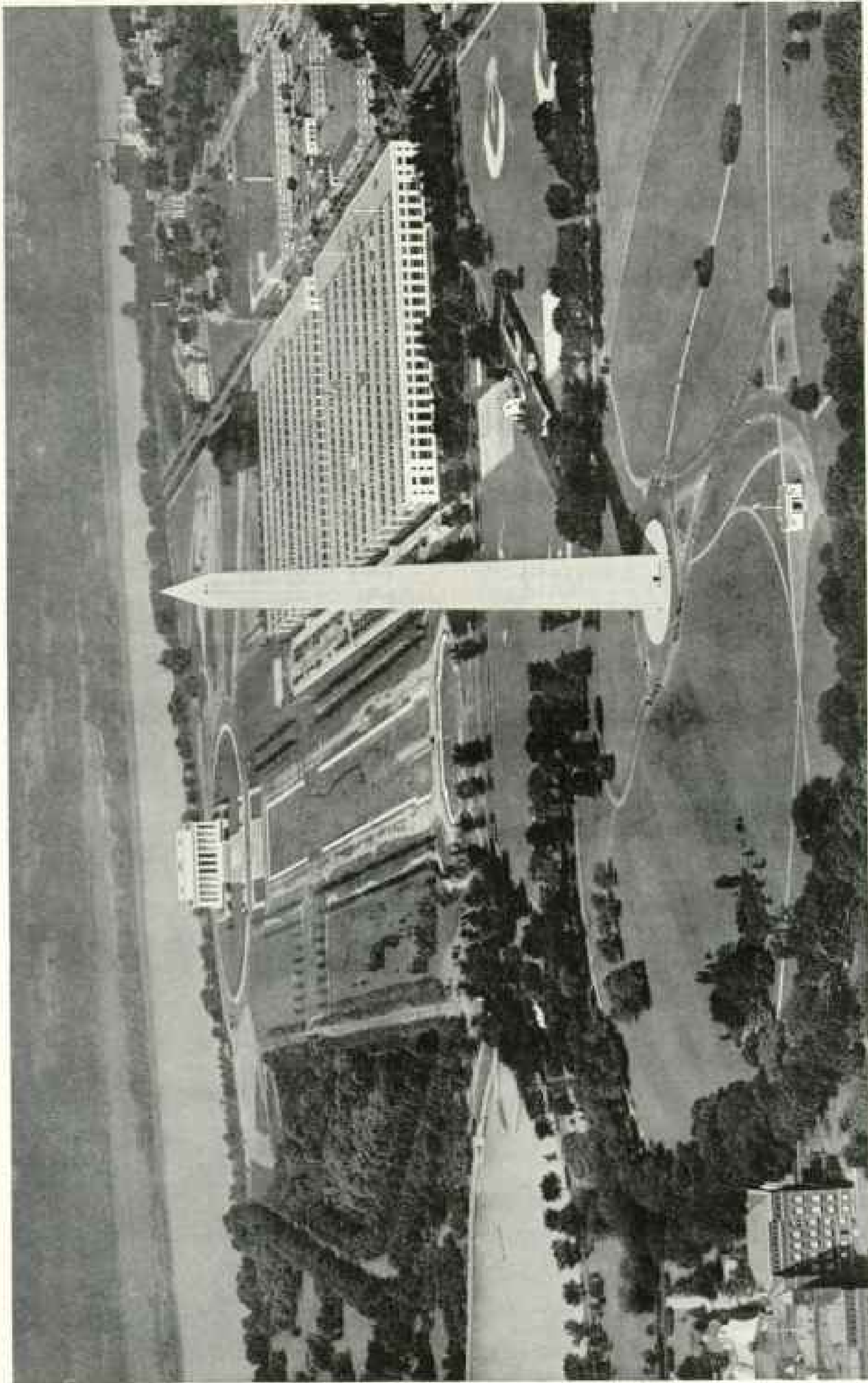
These buildings, while related to the Capitol group, were made distinctly subordinate to the Capitol. The land between them and the Capitol has been condemned for use as Congress gardens and sites for public buildings, but only half of it has been paid for. Temporary war buildings (in the right foreground) occupy a portion of the mighty area. The picture shows the crowds gathered to welcome General Pershing upon his return from France.



Photograph by Charles Martin

THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL, ON THE AXIS OF THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT AND THE CAPITOL.

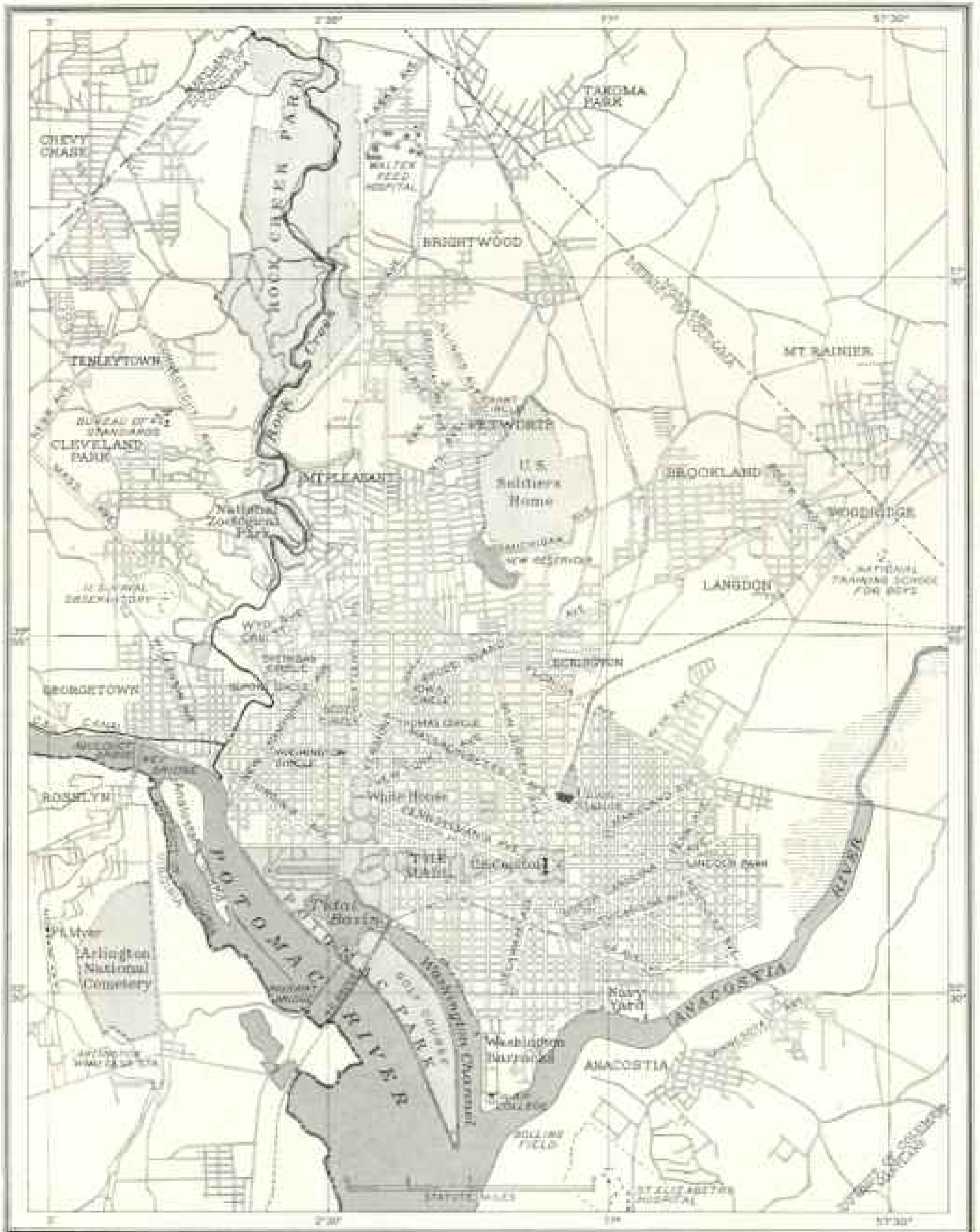
The Capitol, Washington Monument, and Lincoln Memorial are on the main axis of the central composition, so arranged that each gives dignity to the others. Washington was planned in 1792 as a unified city; the plan was neglected from 1824 until 1901, when it was reestablished and enlarged.



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THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT AND THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL, FROM THE AIR

To the right are the temporary Navy Department and Munitions Buildings, located in Potomac Park during the World War, when five thousand trees and shrubs were sacrificed to make a place for them. Every lover of Washington hopes that these factorylike structures will soon be removed, thereby restoring the beauty and symmetry of the Mall, with its monumental structures. In the lower left corner is the old Bureau of Engraving and Printing Building, and immediately beyond is the north end of the Tidal Basin. In the background sweeps the Potomac. The small white building in front of the Monument is the waiting room for those wishing to ascend the shaft by elevator.



Drawn by James M. Darley

A MAP OF WASHINGTON

Every State in the Union eventually will be represented in the names of the National Capital's avenues. Some of the avenues, such as Alabama, Mississippi, and Oklahoma, lie beyond the limits shown here, others are not yet developed, and one or two (like Oregon) are too short to be shown on a map drawn to this scale (see also map, page 576).

Washington was inaugurated as President, and there the first Congress of the United States held its sessions.

In three reports to Washington, the last accompanied by the plan finally adopted, L'Enfant presented a scheme at once comprehensive and attractive. He seized upon the physical features of the landscape and adapted to them the elements of his design; he planned a city with every adornment and every convenience then known to man; he provided for needs of recreation, of learning, and of religion.

His plan obviously was based on the plan of the French capital city of Versailles, with its focal points, radial avenues, water effects, and such disposition of public buildings as creates an ensemble in which every part has organic relations with every other part.

He wrote to Washington, that "although the means now within the power of the country is not such as to pursue the design to any great extent, it will be obvious that the plan should be drawn on such a scale as to leave room for that aggrandizement and embellishment which the increase of the wealth of the nation will permit it to pursue at any period, however remote."

This he proceeded to do in a manner at once so comprehensive and so fine that the L'Enfant plan remains to this day not alone a fulfilment of his dream, but also a prophecy and a guide for the future.

Washington believed firmly that the Potomac River was the future highway to the Ohio country, with its rich lands and consequent prospective large population. Both he and Jefferson were convinced that Alexandria was destined to become one of the great commercial cities of the United States. This prosperity the capital would share by reason of proximity.

STEAM RAILROADS CHANGED THE CURRENTS OF TRAFFIC

After Washington's death the steam railroad came to change the currents of traffic and to create other channels of trade. The growth and development of the Federal City, therefore, came to depend on causes inhering in the fact that it is the permanent seat of government.

While L'Enfant was struggling with

his grand plan, William Thornton was building the Capitol and James Hoban was at work on the White House.

These two buildings were the chief focal centers of the L'Enfant plan; from them the main avenues radiated. In scale and design they surpassed any structures in the land. Based on classic precedents, excellent in their mass and proportions, they embodied a simple dignity and substantial elegance expressive of the lives and character of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence and framed the Constitution.

The generations that have come and gone since those early days have never been able to surpass either the plan of the city or the designs of two buildings which preëminently represent the power and simplicity of the Republic.

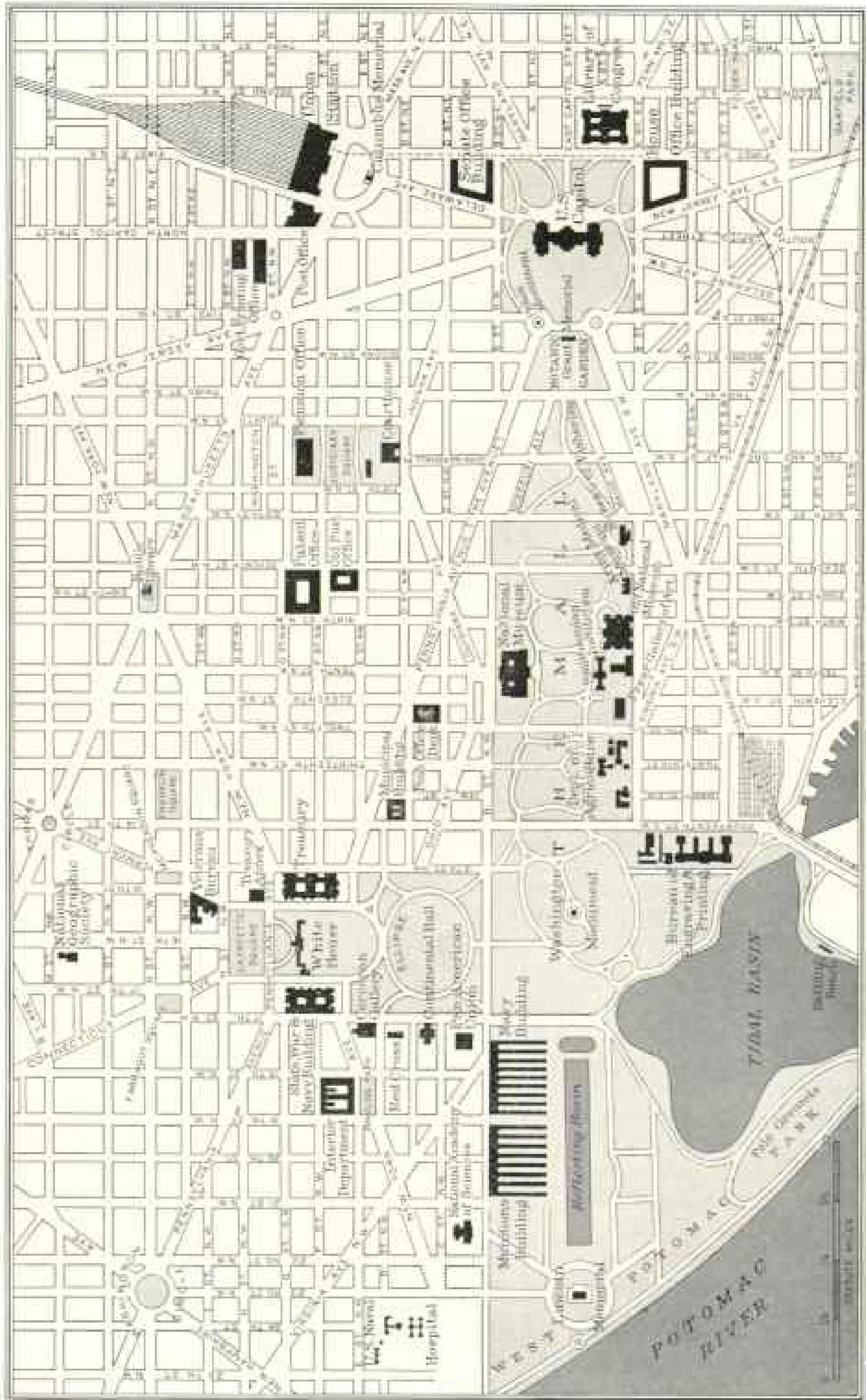
The private response to the grand public initiative, however, was slow and halting. Fearing lest love's labor would be lost if, when Congress assembled in the new city, its members should find no place in which to live, Washington took the lead by erecting at his own expense three houses for their accommodation; and he further showed his faith by buying, on the Anacostia side, lands for commercial uses and, near Rock Creek, a square of ground on which to build a residence for himself—a project prevented by his death in 1799.

ALL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S 123 CLERKS MOVE TO NEW CITY

During the summer of 1800 the entire force of government clerks, 123 in number, domiciled themselves in Washington, as the Federal City came to be called. President and Mrs. Adams, arriving in November, found the Massachusetts town of Milton superior to that abode of fashion, Georgetown.

As for the President's House, there was "not the least fence, yard, or convenience without," while within not a single apartment was completed. "The great unfinished audience-room," Mrs. Abigail Adams wrote, "I make a drying room of, to hang up the clothes in."

Surrounded by forests, people could not be found to cut and haul the wood for the fires made necessary to secure the household from daily agues. "And yet," she observes, "it is a beautiful spot, capable



Drawn by A. H. Dumstead.

A MAP OF THE MALL AND THE PRINCIPAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS OF WASHINGTON

Washington is divided into four sections by the Mall and three streets radiating from the Capitol. Between the Mall and North Capitol Street is the Northwest Section; between North Capitol and East Capitol is the Northeast; between East Capitol and South Capitol is the Southeast, and between South Capitol and the Mall lies Southwest Washington. In the main, streets running north and south are numbered, those running east and west are lettered to W, but "J" Street is omitted. See airplane views of the Mall, pages 573, 585, 596, and 604.

of any improvement, and the more I view it, the more I am delighted with it."

On the third Monday in November, 1800, President Adams repaired to the Capitol to deliver his address to Congress.

Only one wing had been built.

The Senate Chamber occupied what is now the Law Library; the walls of the stately hall, two stories in height, included the present Supreme Court room.

The House members, housed temporarily in the space now used as the offices and consultation rooms of the court, crowded into the Senate Chamber, after the immemorial fashion of the British Parliament—a custom that obtains to this day at times of the inauguration of a President.

CONGRESS TAKES UP ITS WORK IN PERMANENT HOME

President Adams congratulated the people of the United States on the assembling of Congress at the permanent seat of their government, and congratulated the members on the prospect of a residence not to be exchanged.

There must have been some misgivings on the part of his hearers; for of the avenues and streets portrayed on the L'Enfant plan not one was visible, except a road, with two buildings on each side of it, called New Jersey Avenue.

Pennsylvania Avenue was a deep morass covered with alder bushes. Between the President's House and Georgetown was a block known as "The Six Buildings," and there were two other blocks of dwelling-houses, and here and there isolated wooden buildings.

An extensive and well-kept hotel had been built on the east side of Capitol Square; but accommodations were so limited that, as a rule, Members of Congress slept two in a room, Speaker Sedgwick alone having an apartment to himself.

The Southern members for the most part found quarters in Georgetown, driving back and forth in hackney coaches.

Notwithstanding these inconveniences, the location of the capital city on a fine navigable river, with facilities for internal navigation that made it approachable by the population of the Western States, seemed to the Hon. John Cotton Smith, of Connecticut, to mark its selection by Washington as "a striking exhibition of

the discernment, wisdom, and forecast which characterized that illustrious man." But he confesses that on the oft-repeated attempts to remove the seat of government he stood almost alone among Northern members in giving his vote in the negative.

HALTING GROWTH

By 1814 Washington was a city of 8,000 people, with streets so ill defined as to resemble footpaths. John Armstrong, Secretary of War, scouted the idea of an invasion by the British, saying that no army would consider it worth while to plunder the "Sheep-Walk," as the town was derisively called. But to Admiral Cockburn and Major General Ross, the destruction of the enemy's capital seemed quite worth while.

Against trained soldiers and sailors President Madison's militia was of no avail. On August 24 a little force of sailors commanded by Commodore Barney caused a loss of some 500 of the British; but the militia fled before the British could reach them. Then that "harbor of Yankee democracy," the Capitol, was burned.

The undefended White House, the Treasury building, and the Long Bridge across the Potomac also were destroyed. Nature stepped in to repel the invaders. A torrential thunderstorm and tornado completed the destruction of buildings that had escaped set fires; but it also drove the enemy back to their fleet.

Chagrin and pride stimulated the rebuilding. Congress was accommodated in a building hastily erected by private subscriptions of landowners, who feared the removal of the capital to another location.

This building, used during the Civil War as the "Old Capitol Prison," is now the headquarters of the Woman's Party.

The Capitol was rebuilt according to the original design, by B. H. Latrobe and Charles Bulfinch; so also was the White House, happily by James Hoban, its architect.

Four other public buildings representing the period before the Civil War stand as conspicuous monuments of dignity and good taste, howbeit their appearance has been modified and enhanced in later times. These are the Courthouse on Judiciary



Photograph by Charles Martin

THE GENERAL READING-ROOM OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The rotunda is 100 feet in diameter, and at each of its eight angles rise clustered piers of red Numidian marble resting on bases of brown Tennessee stone and supporting semicircular arches that bear the massive entablatures, from which spring the ribs supporting a great dome of copper. In addition to its three million books, the library contains collections of prints, maps, manuscripts, music, and books for the blind. There are 102 miles of shelving in this, America's National Library, where two copies of every copyrighted book are deposited, the books catalogued, and the printed catalogue cards distributed among the libraries of the country. Books needed in any part of the United States are furnished to institutions through their local libraries. There is an average of three thousand visitors each day (see Color Plates I and XI).



Photograph by Charles Martin

RAMBLER ROSES IN THE GROUNDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Square; the Patent Office and its opposite neighbor, the Old Post Office, and the Treasury.

WALTER DESIGNED THE CAPITOL DOME

During the first half century the Capitol became outgrown. President Fillmore was authorized, therefore, to select an architect to plan extensions to the original building. The importance of the work led to the calling of Thomas U. Walter, a man of thorough training, broad horizons, and serious purpose, who not only became the dominant architectural authority in Washington, but who also exercised leadership in his profession throughout the country.

He wrought the Capitol dome in form so satisfactory that it has taken its place

among the half dozen great domes of the world.

When civil war came the dome was just springing into shape. To President Lincoln it seemed the sign and symbol of the Union of the States, and he commanded that work on it should not stop, but be carried on continuously throughout that struggle for the nation's very life.

By 1846 Alexandria and the Virginia side of the Potomac had become thoroughly disgusted by lack of consideration on the part of Congress.

They had gained nothing from being included in the District of Columbia; they had lost everything that makes citizenship worth having—courts, schools and colleges, and control over their local affairs. So they persuaded Congress to allow

them to vote themselves back into Virginia; and the State welcomed the wandering, not to say errant, sister.

Thus, constitutionally or otherwise, three miles square were lopped off of the District of Columbia.

GROWTH OF THE CITY SINCE THE CIVIL WAR

During the Civil War, Washington was an armed camp. More than once the Confederate flag flew contemptuously in plain sight of the slowly curving dome of the Capitol. Within a chain of earthwork forts encircling the city, churches and school-houses were turned into hospitals, while marching troops raised clouds of dust or long lines of artillery cut deep ruts in the mud of the unpaved streets.

Once, on July 11, 1864, General Early appeared suddenly on the northern side of the District and within the ten miles square fought a battle with an improvised force of defenders.

President Lincoln, perplexed and anxious, appeared at the front, his tall form a target for the enemy bullets that fell about him until the Commander-in-Chief was ordered to the rear!

The war over, the North paused for a brief period to gather its resources, and then began to forge ahead along all lines of activity. Even Washington felt the new impulse, and President Grant was not slow to enter upon the task of making a modern city of the straggling village in which the government had its habitation.

Congress created the machinery, and, like all the suddenly created municipal machines of the day, it was extravagant.

But it accomplished its purpose. Washington was transformed—ruthlessly, until impoverished citizens and a bankrupt treasury called a sudden halt. Yet not before a new spirit had been injected into the dealings of Congress with the District.

CHANGES IN DISTRICT GOVERNMENT

Between 1874 and 1878 a form of government for the District was devised and set in motion, by means of which the provision in the Constitution giving Congress exclusive jurisdiction over the seat of government began to have real meaning.

Both the people and Congress were just beginning to realize that Washington was primarily the nation's capital, and

must be treated as such. The right to vote for local officials was taken away. Executive functions were lodged in a board of three commissioners, two appointed by the President from among residents and one detailed from the Engineer Corps of the Army.

Taxes were paid into the United States Treasury, and twice the amount so collected might be appropriated by Congress to pay the expenses of civic government, the theory being that half the property in the District of Columbia was public property of the nation.

The various items of municipal house-keeping received needed attention—water supply, filtration, sewage disposal, street extensions, railway terminals, hospitals, charities, all were overhauled and bettered.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

In the Library of Congress, completed in 1897, the people of the United States have found satisfaction. Thousands of visitors come to it daily, not only to use its facilities, but also to enjoy the display of portions of its treasures, and particularly to admire the sculpture and mural paintings (see Color Plate I and page 578).

These improvements had the effect of attracting to Washington people from all over the land, who built fine houses along the newly opened avenues or filled the fast-multiplying apartment houses constructed for their accommodation. Organizations—business, industrial, scientific, philanthropic—established headquarters, each manned by directing and clerical forces.

The government itself was constantly expanding, thereby creating a demand for public buildings, as well as homes for clerks.

During the first half century of the Republic the plan prepared by L'Enfant, approved by Washington, and adopted by Congress had been followed or superseded, as the whim of the moment dictated.

After the passing of President John Quincy Adams, the authority of the plan, never strong, had dwindled into vague suggestion.

The grand plaza and approach to the Capitol grounds from the west had been turned into a garden to accommodate



Photograph by Charles Martin

A GLIMPSE OF THE CAPITOL DOME THROUGH A WINDOW IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OFFICE BUILDING

Committees of the House of Representatives and individual members not accommodated in the Capitol have offices in this building, which is connected with the Capitol by a tunnel passageway, as is also the Senate Office Building. The Capitol, the Senate and House offices, and the Library of Congress are on four sides of an open square.



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UNVEILING THE SOUTH DAKOTA STONE IN THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT

Many who use the elevator to ascend the Monument walk down its 898 steps to view the diverse memorial stones built into its walls. These include memorials from States, a bust of Shakespeare, a stone from a library of Egypt, inscriptions in Chinese and in Welsh, and some markers from societies all but forgotten.

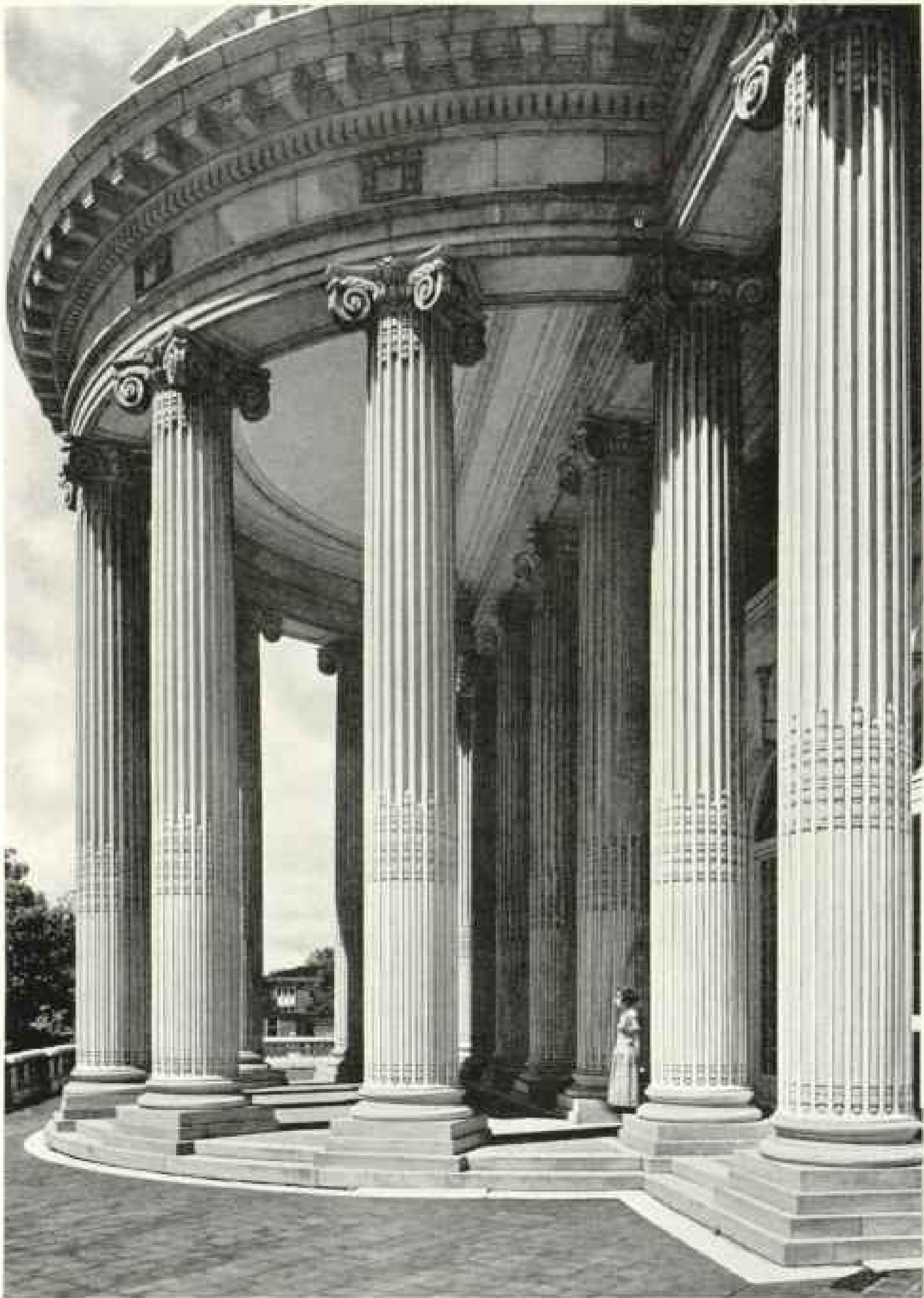
plants brought home by the Wilkes Expedition of 1838; the Smithsonian Institution had been constructed in the Mall, and what had been planned as a parkway between Capitol and White House was cut up into squares developed individually, according to the then prevalent theory that "a straight line is a line of duty; the curved line is the line of beauty."

The monument to Washington, finely

located by L'Enfant at the crossing of the axis of the Capitol with the axis of the White House, was begun at a point related to neither axis.

Worst of all, a railroad had been built across the Mall, with a station in public grounds, and a single driveway crossed the tracks by a narrow wooden bridge.

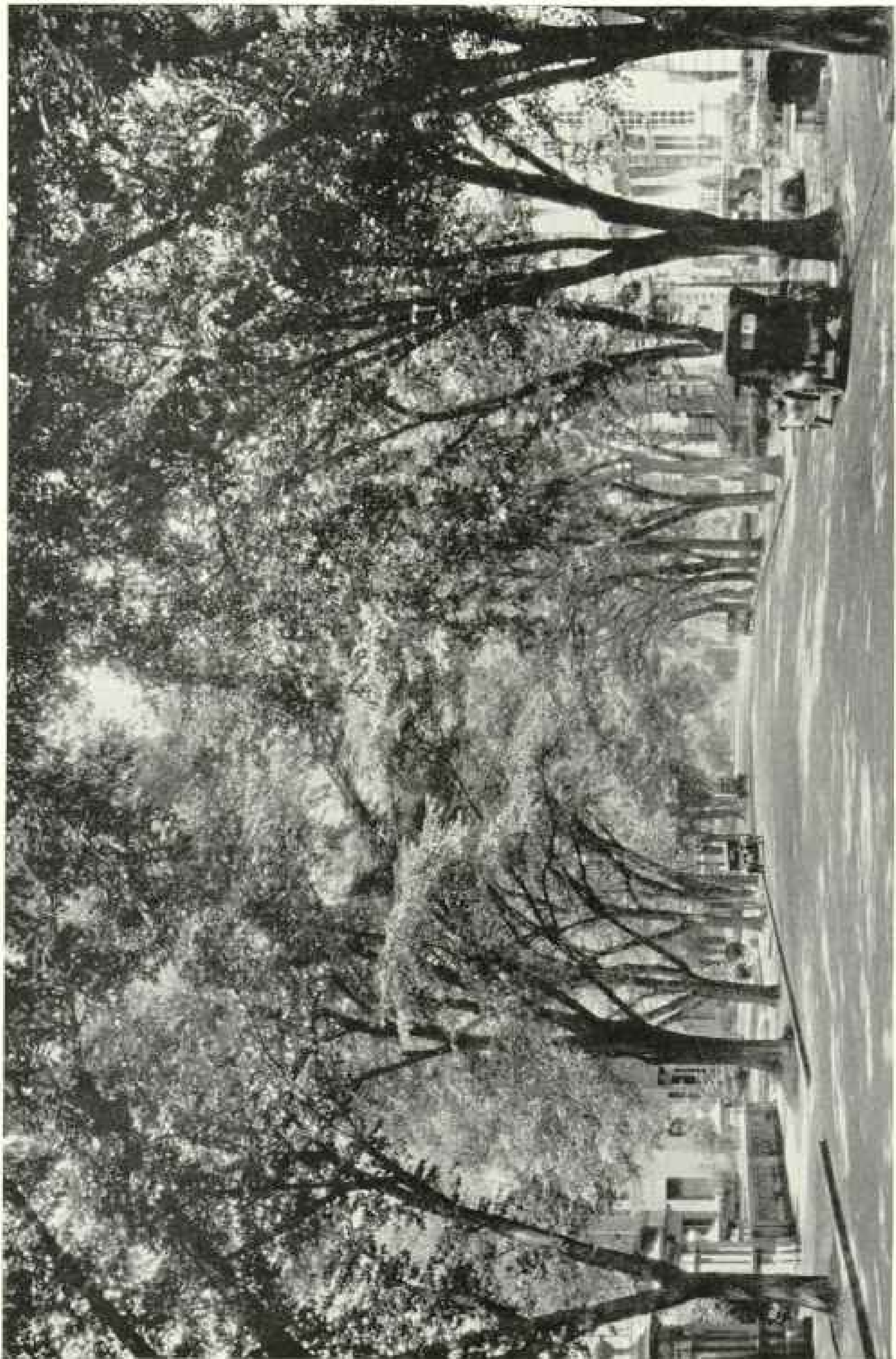
These were only some of the more glaring perversions and mutilations of the adopted plan. To check the creation



Photograph by Charles Martin

THE SOUTH PORTICO OF MEMORIAL CONTINENTAL HALL

These thirteen monolithic, fluted, Ionic columns were the gifts respectively of the society chapters or the legislatures of the Thirteen Original States. This building was loaned to the United States by the Daughters of the American Revolution for the sessions of the Conference on the Limitation of Armaments. In its auditorium are held the annual meetings of the D. A. R.



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TREE-BOWERED NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE NORTH FROM DUPONT CIRCLE

Beautiful American elms, such as these, will be planted more profusely in the future in the Capital. Washington already has the largest per capita street tree population of any American city. If its 105,889 street trees were planted at the customary interval on a north-bound highway the motorist would have a tree-shaded boulevard well beyond New York. This number, of course, does not include the thousands of trees in parks, squares, circles, and gardens.

of misfit subdivisions, Congress provided that the system of streets and avenues of the old city should extend throughout the District.

THE CENTENNIAL YEAR INSPIRES NEW SPIRIT

Throughout the year of 1900 there was in the air a feeling that the time had come to set in order the National Capital. Possibilities, never altogether lost sight of, came to take the shape of duties.

It was the centennial year of the permanent removal of the seat of government to the District of Columbia. President McKinley called to the White House the governors of the States. Congress held appropriate exercises. The civic organizations paraded Pennsylvania Avenue. The American Institute of Architects devoted a session of their annual convention to a series of papers on the improvements needed to place Washington abreast of the great capitals of the world.

There were a multitude of counsels and much wisdom, but no leadership; and Congress adjourned with nothing started.

Then at an executive session of the Senate, in March, 1901, Senator McMillan, of Michigan, chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia, secured the passage of a resolution directing that committee to report a plan for the improvement of the park system of the District. Authority was given to employ experts to prepare the plan.

For ten years the Michigan Senator had devoted his time and abilities to the interests of Washington. Possessed of wealth, trained in the handling of public utilities, fearless in making expenditures to accomplish large results, knowing by experience the necessity of obtaining the best possible advice to solve technical problems, and having unbounded faith in the future of the nation and its capital, Senator McMillan determined to spare neither pains nor money to place before the people of the United States a plan at once so comprehensive, so logical, and so fine that it would appeal to the patriotism, the pride, and the power of the nation.

Eight years previously the people of Chicago had stirred the imagination and quickened the artistic sense of the country by creating on the barren shores of Lake

Michigan a city of a day, indeed, but of surpassing beauty in the design and execution of buildings and landscape.

Senator McMillan called on the men who had created the White City to put aside their own tasks for a time, and as a patriotic duty to prepare a plan for the continuous development of the City of Washington on a scale no less grand and fine than the fathers of the Republic, with their large vision, had conceived.

He called to the task Daniel H. Burnham, director of works of the Chicago Fair, and his tried colleagues, Charles F. McKim, architect, and Augustus Saint-Gaudens, sculptor, together with Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., whose father primarily was responsible for the general plan at Chicago.

In order that there should be neither delay nor questions of expense, the Senator advanced the funds necessary to the prompt execution of the work, taking chances of ultimate repayment.

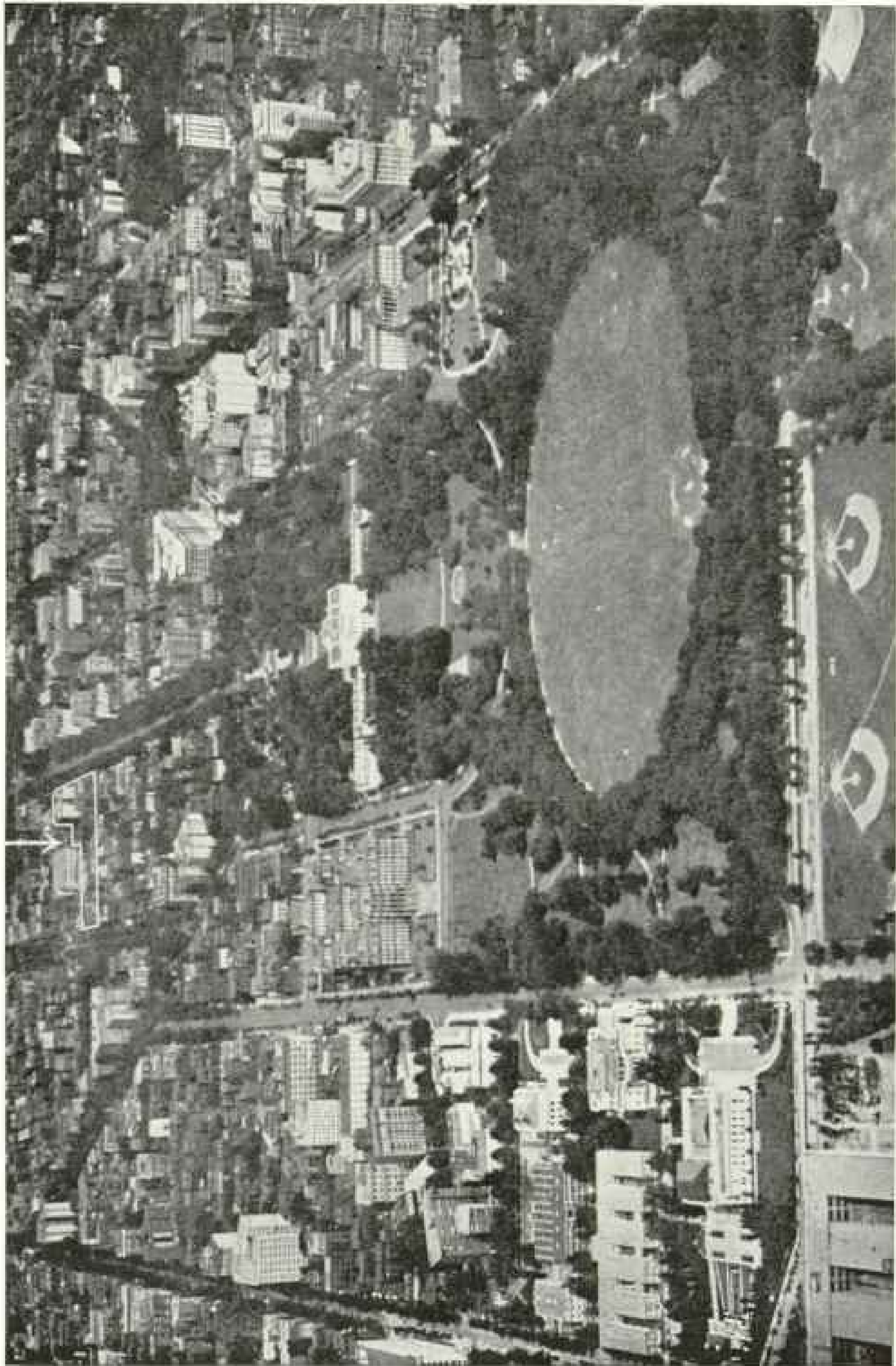
After ten months of intense study, both in this country and in Europe, the Senate Park Commission reported a plan for the comprehensive and orderly development of the entire District of Columbia, including the location of public buildings, sites for historic monuments, and the distribution of park areas, with connecting parkways.

With a wealth of paintings, photographs, models, and drawings, the Commission pictured to the eye conceptions that appealed to the civic consciousness of the people. Not the least merit of the new plan was the fact that it had for its very foundation the L'Enfant plan of 1792, approved by Washington and Jefferson.

ALL OBJECTIONS OVERRULED

Then came the inevitable reaction. Objections developed thick and fast. The House of Representatives had not been consulted. The plans were the dream of impractical artists. The costs would be prohibitive. The changes would be too radical. The plans would never be carried out.

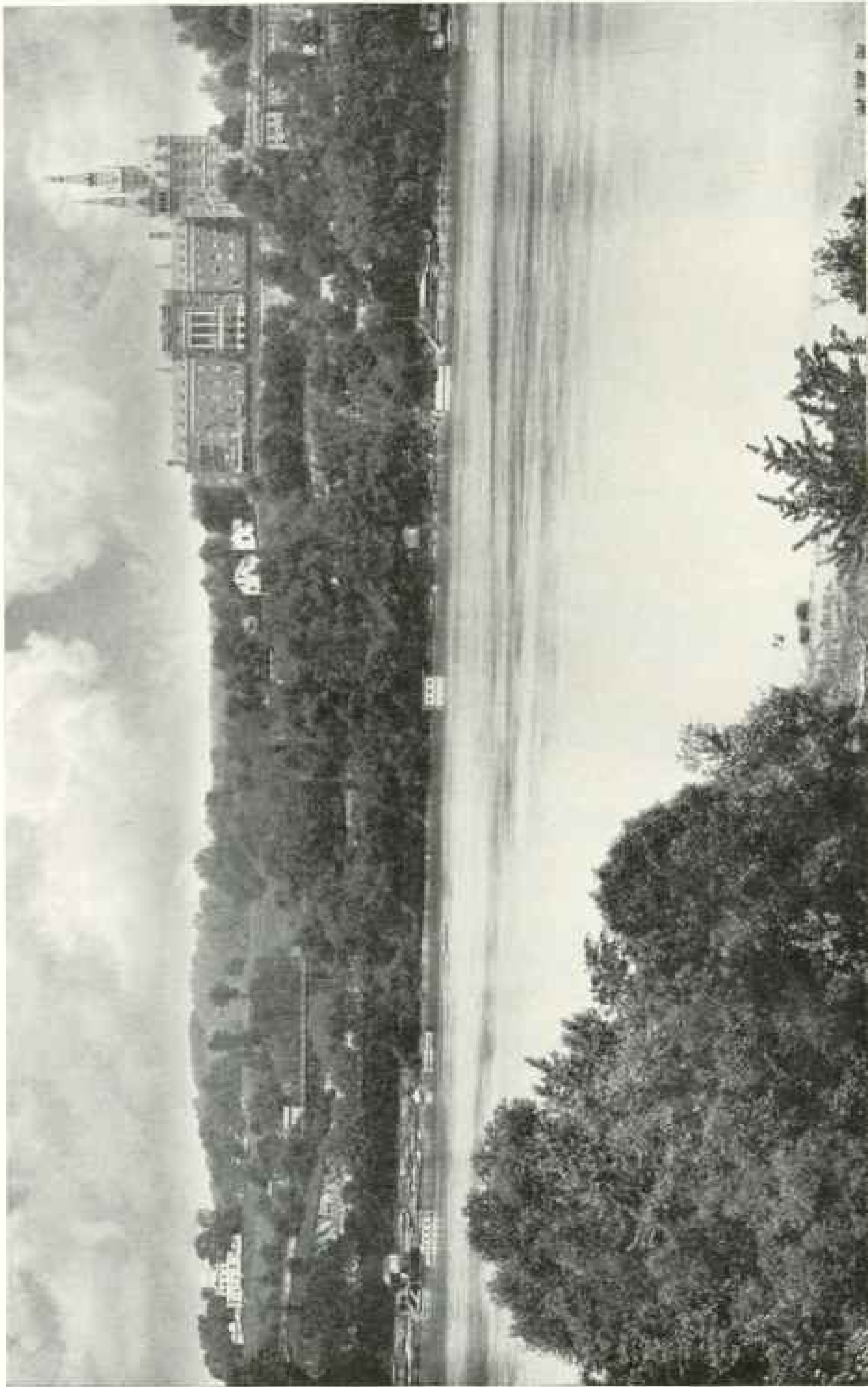
To all objectors and objections Senator McMillan made the calm reply, "If the plan is a good one, the American people will carry it out; if it is a bad one, it will fail, as it will deserve to fail."



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WASHINGTON FROM THE AIR, SHOWING THE WHITE HOUSE, THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY (INDICATED BY ARROW), AND SURROUNDINGS

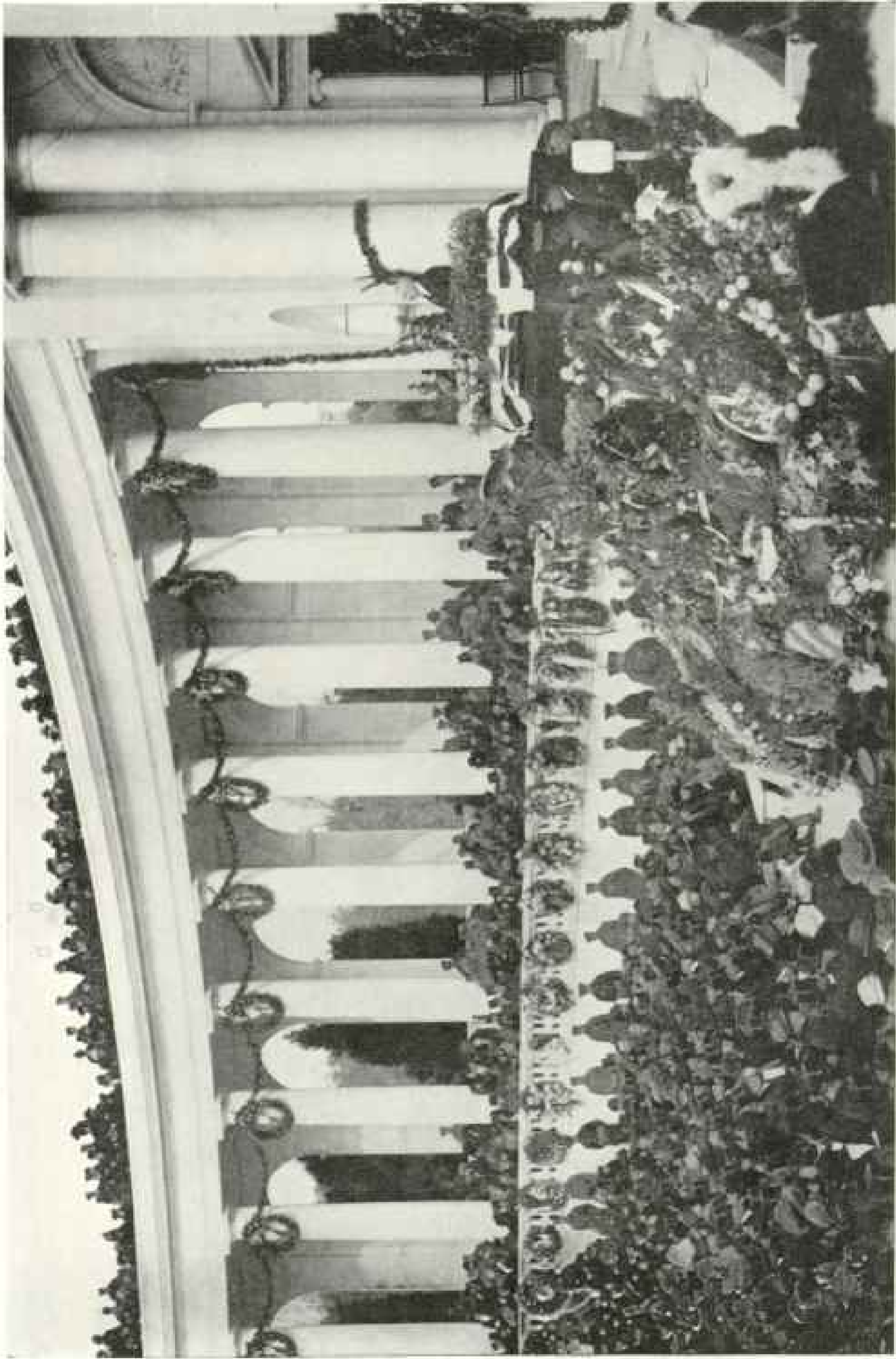
The white sectors in the foreground are a few of the many baseball diamonds which dot the Mall—one of the many public recreation features of the city in the vicinity of the Washington Monument. Beyond these is the Ellipse. In the middle distance is the White House and Lafayette Square, from which Sixteenth Street runs north past the National Geographic Society headquarters (see also map, page 576).



Photograph by Charles Martin

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY AND ITS ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY SEEN FROM THE VIRGINIA BANKS OF THE POTOMAC

Established upon its noble promontory before the Federal Government came to Washington, this venerable institution harbors historic memories which span the years from Lafayette's visit there to that of Marshal Foch. The two tiny buildings to the west of the astronomical observatory house instruments of Georgetown's Seismological Observatory, where earthquakes as far away as the antipodes have been recorded. Frequently the news of such a disturbance is reported from here far in advance of its exact location by cable dispatches.



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A TRIBUTE TO THE NATION'S HEROIC DEAD IN THE AMPHITHEATER OF THE ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
(SEE ALSO COLOR PLATE V AND PAGE 615)

The President of the United States is seen delivering his address on the occasion of the burial of the Unknown Soldier on Armistice Day, 1921.

He himself set to work to realize the first elements.

The Park Commission saw clearly that the whole development of Washington was based on the removal of the railway tracks from the Mall and the restoration of the park connection between Capitol and White House. In London they met President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, explained to him the situation, and secured his prompt assurance that, contingent on suitable legislation by Congress, he was willing to withdraw from the strategic position occupied by his railroad and to build a Union Station north of the Capitol.

A bill to relocate the Pennsylvania Railroad and to provide for a station which should not only combine all the railroads leading into the city, but which also should be a monumental gateway to the nation's capital, was introduced by Senator McMillan, who piloted it through the Senate and secured the assent of leaders of the House.

THE RAILROAD FINALLY REMOVED FROM THE MALL

At this juncture Senator McMillan died suddenly. The impetus already acquired carried the railroad legislation to completion. Henceforth, however, the plan of 1901 must stand or fall by reason of its own inherent merits. Yet had the Senate Park Commission accomplished no other result than the removal of the railroad tracks from the Mall, it would have justified its creation.

Next to the railroad removal, the biggest problem was to bring the Washington Monument into proper relations.

In the L'Enfant plan the equestrian statue of George Washington voted by the Continental Congress was appropriately located at the crossing of the axis of the Capitol and that of the White House. President Jefferson had the point marked by a small monument of stones.

Half a century elapsed before patriotic sentiment was stirred to undertake a truly national monument, and then Congress left the matter to private initiative. A design by Robert Mills, showing the present monument, with a circular base to be used as a museum, was accepted. For thirty years the work of money-

raising and building dragged, halted, and began again.

On July 4, 1876, the centennial year of independence, Senator John Sherman fanned the sparks of congressional patriotism into a blaze sufficient ultimately to carry the work to completion.

At no time, however, was consideration given to establishing the site with reference to either Capitol or White House. Due to this oversight, the Monument site required a surgical operation to reestablish neglected relationships.

This the Commission accomplished by drawing a line from the dome of the Capitol to the Monument and relating to this new axis all future buildings and planting in the Mall.

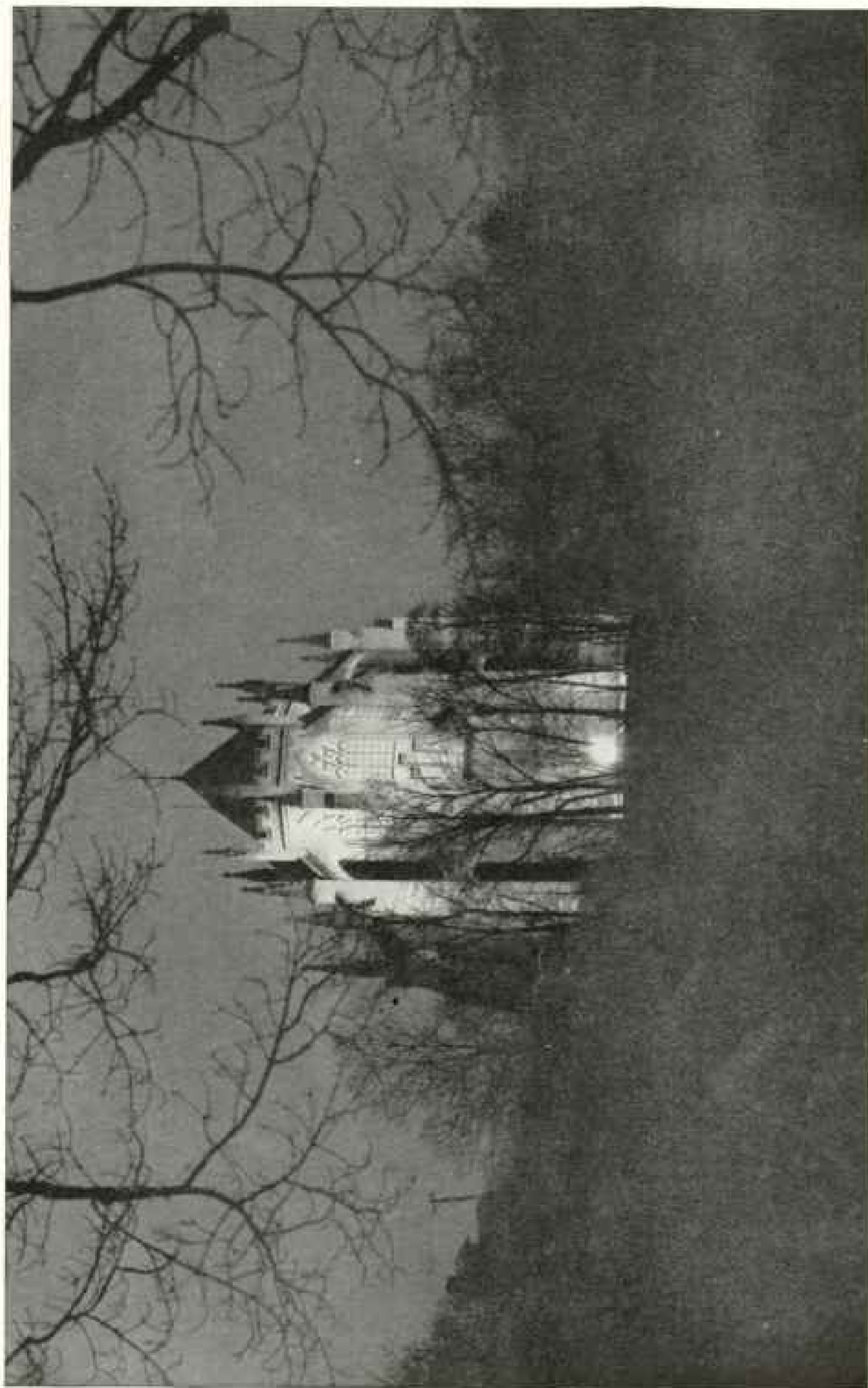
In respect of artistry, the promoters of the Washington Monument had builded better than they knew. In urging Congress to provide for its completion, Robert C. Winthrop, so late as 1880, admitted that "the structure would make no appeal to a close and critical inspection as a work of art; but," he contended, "it would give a crowning finish to the grand public buildings of the capital and would add a unique feature to the surrounding landscape. . . . It would be eminently a monument for the appreciation of the many, if not of the few, and thus would verify the designation originally given to it, of the People's Monument to their most illustrious benefactor."

Twenty years later the Senate Park Commission, composed of artists as capable as any ever known to America, reported that, "Taken by itself, the Washington Monument stands not only as one of the most stupendous works of man, but also as one of the most beautiful of human creations. Indeed, it is at once so great and so simple that it seems to be almost a work of nature."

VICISSITUDES AND TRIUMPHS

The test of the plan of 1901 soon followed.

Congress appropriated money to construct a building for the Department of Agriculture. If the building should be located normal to the new axis and within the area allotted to the line of buildings framing the Mall, then the plan would be established; otherwise it would be ruined beyond redemption.



Photograph by Clifton Adams

THE UNFINISHED CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL AT NIGHT

The recently completed ayse of the cathedral lifts its delicate beauty upon the summit of Mount St. Alban, overlooking the National Capital from the northwest (see also "Cathedrals of the Old and New World," in the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE for July, 1922).

Enemies of the plan were not slow to seize the opportunity to place the proposed building so as to break the contemplated order.

The struggle between contending forces was short, sharp, and decisive. President Roosevelt, instigated by the Secretary of War, Mr. Taft, ordered work on the foundation stopped and the building re-located according to the plan.

Subsequently the new National Museum and the Freer Gallery of Art were located parallel to the Commission axis, and thus the lines were fixed permanently.

The second great struggle to maintain the McMillan plan came over the location of the memorial to Abraham Lincoln. The Senate Park Commission found that, in addition to restoring the L'Enfant plan of the territory between Capitol and White House, they were called upon to deal also with an area, nearly a mile in length, reclaimed from the malarial flats which were popularly supposed to have prevented the recovery of President Garfield as he lay wounded in the White House.

THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL A SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY

For years there had been vague talk of doing honor to Abraham Lincoln by constructing a memorial comparable to the Washington Monument; but neither site nor design had received serious attention.

It was natural that Mr. Saint-Gaudens, who had wrought the classic statue of Lincoln that stands in Lincoln Park, Chicago, should have felt strongly and deeply the desire for a site and a form of the highest significance; nor were his associates less keen.

Their discussions resulted in treating the reclaimed area as a wood traversed by a canal similar to the canals at Versailles and Fontainebleau, in France, and Hampton Court, in England. At the head of this canal a great *round-point* became a point of departure for the drives leading east to Potomac Park; west, by a parkway to Rock Creek Park; south, by a monumental bridge, to the base of the hill surmounted by the mansion-house of Arlington.

Crowning the *round-point* as the Arc de Triomphe crowns the Place de l'Étoile at Paris would stand the memorial to be

erected to the memory of Lincoln, the one man who ranks with Washington in the minds and hearts of the people.

The designs for gardens, canal, and building were presented in the Commission report of 1902, and for ten years the matter remained in abeyance.

Meantime it had become apparent to every one that there was need of a commission capable of advising Congress and the executive departments as to the orderly and artistic development of Washington. The Senate Commission had expired with its report.

PRESIDENT TAFT NAMES COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

President Roosevelt, with characteristic vigor, appointed a large body, made up of architects, painters, sculptors, and landscape architects; but Congress, resenting an invasion of their prerogatives, first abolished by law the Roosevelt Commission and then, at the instance of President Taft, provided for a permanent commission of seven "well-qualified judges of the fine arts, . . . to advise generally upon questions of art when required to do so by the President or by any committee of either house of Congress."

President Taft appointed as chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts, created by Congress by the act of May 17, 1910, Mr. Burnham, and associated with him Mr. Olmsted, of the former Senate Commission; also Mr. Thomas Hastings, Mr. Daniel Chester French, Mr. Francis D. Millet, Mr. Cass Gilbert, and Mr. Charles Moore.*

One of the first questions submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts was the location of the Lincoln Memorial, the construction of which was placed by Congress under a commission of which President Taft was chairman. The report favored adhering to the site selected by the Senate Commission in 1901, and this location was reported to Congress.

* The membership of the Commission has included Peirce Anderson, Charles A. Platt, William Mitchell Kendall, John Russell Pope, architects; Edwin H. Blashfield, J. Alden Weir, William Sergeant Kendall, painters; Herbert Adams, sculptor; and now includes Louis Ayers, Henry Bacon, Milton B. Medary, Jr., architects; James L. Greenleaf, landscape architect; James E. Fraser, sculptor; H. Siddons Mabray, painter, together with Chairman Charles Moore.



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AGE CANOPIED BY A HERALD OF SPRING IN ONE OF WASHINGTON'S CITY PARKS.

The white blossoms of an oriental magnolia appear before the first buds of the surrounding trees in Franklin Square begin to open. Its conspicuous flowers are a place of pilgrimage for those who welcome the passing of winter frosts.

Thereupon a great difference of opinion arose. Again the opponents of the plan of 1901 determined to break it down, and they had the support of automobile interests and others, who desired that the memorial to Lincoln should take the form of a highway to Gettysburg. The adherents of the plan were skilfully led by Senator Elihu Root, who from the beginning was one of its strongest supporters and advocates.

In the end the plan won. Later, on recommendation of the Commission of Fine Arts, Henry Bacon was appointed the architect of the memorial, and he named Mr. French as the sculptor and Jules Guérin as the mural painter.

Many subordinate skirmishes and battles have been fought and won during the twenty-one years since the plan was published, the latest one being over the location of the Memorial Bridge planned to connect the Lincoln Memorial with the Arlington National Cemetery. President Harding and the Bridge Commission decided to adhere to the plan location. Thus again the plan was saved from mutilation.

The frequent changes in the officials charged with the conduct of affairs in the District of Columbia involve the necessity of newcomers becoming acquainted with the fact that there is a plan for the orderly and systematic development of the city of Washington, and that this plan may not be departed from save at a permanent sacrifice of good order, convenience, and beauty.

Continued watchfulness and full publicity are necessary. Not that the plan is necessarily perfect; but assuredly it should not be changed at the whim of any individual temporarily in power, or changed at all, save under advice as competent as that which created it.

WASHINGTON NOW ENTERING UPON GREAT ERA OF BUILDING

During the century and a quarter of its existence, the District of Columbia has grown in population from nothing to a half million; and with the present rate of increase it will soon reach the million mark, when it will be as large as was London in 1800.

Moreover, the governmental functions are now performed largely in either rented or temporary buildings, which

should be replaced by permanent structures, so located and so constructed as to comport with the power and dignity of the nation and to enhance the attractiveness of the national capital. Furthermore, new activities are constantly being created to meet new demands.

Changes, therefore, are bound to come. Indeed, it is safe to say that Washington is about to enter upon an era of building comparable to that at the very beginning of its history—at its creation.

To finish projects already begun will require considerable expenditures of money and thought.

EXPANDING THE CITY'S PARKS

When the old city outgrew its boundaries, no provision was made for small parks, such as give health and charm to the original city. Instead, Congress created along Rock Creek (and now in the heart of the city) a naturalistic woodland park of rare charm and beauty, and has undertaken to make a parkway connection with Potomac Park.

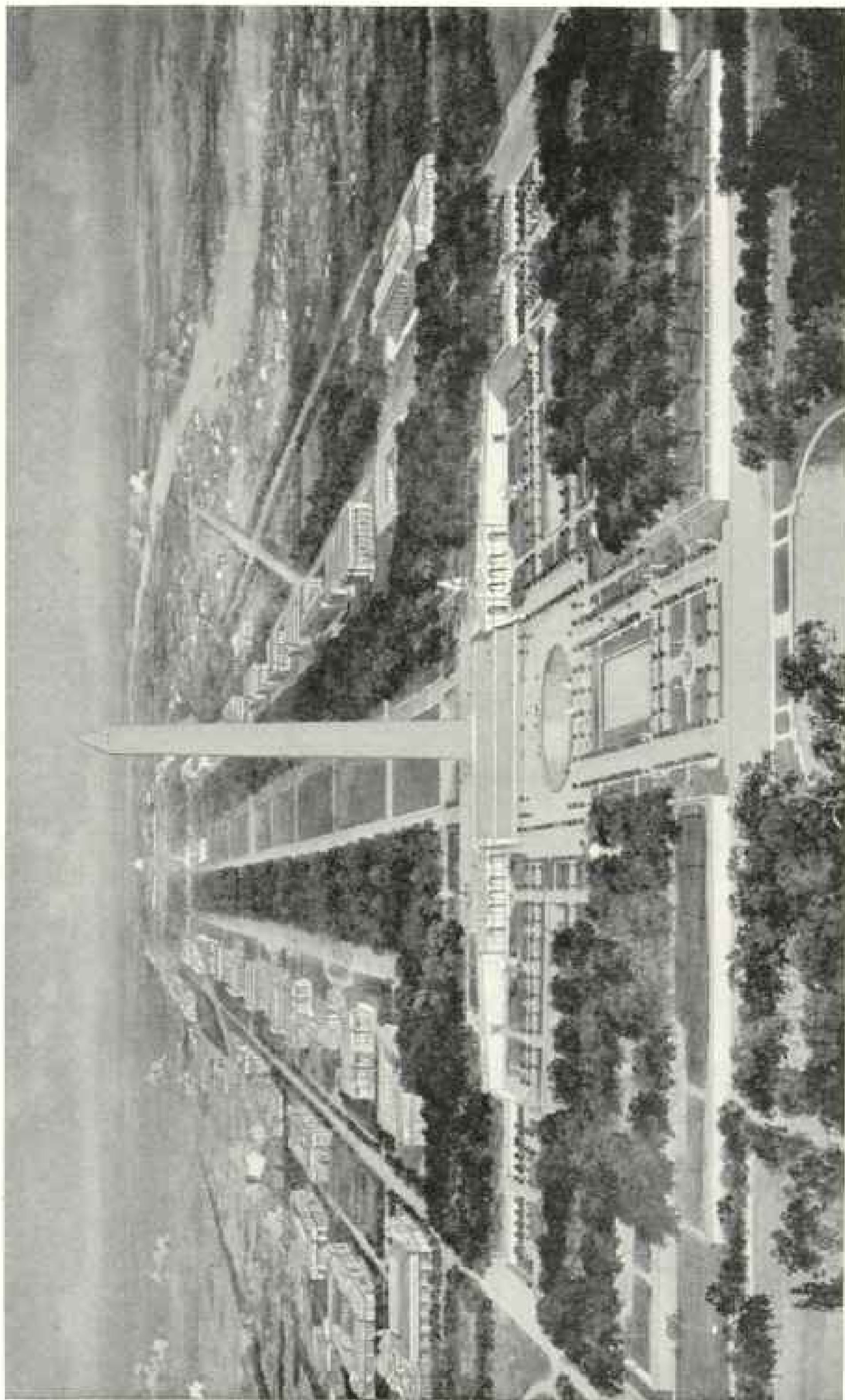
The purchase of the lands on either side of the creek is in progress. On the east the malarial marshes of the Anacostia are being converted into a water park of large extent and great prospective beauty.

These two east and west parks are to be connected along the Potomac River by a boulevard for combined pleasure and traffic purposes, not unlike the quays that give character to Budapest. Connections at the north have been planned but not undertaken.

Within the past few years Sixteenth Street, extending from the White House straight to the northern limits of the District, has become the central artery of the city. On the crest of the hill, overlooking Washington as the Pincian Hill commands Rome, Meridian Hill Park is slowly developing after the manner of an Italian garden.

A decade ago Congress started to acquire the land between the Capitol and the Union Station; but purchases were stopped when half completed and have not been resumed, thereby leaving unsightly conditions to confront the visitor on his arrival.

Along the Virginia shore a series of areas is being developed by dredging to improve river channels.



Commission of Fine Arts

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS' VISION OF THE WASHINGTON OF TO-MORROW

"Much as has been done during the twenty-one years since the enlarged plan for the development of Washington was reported to Congress, quite as much is under way, and still more is obviously necessary to be done in order to accomplish the ideals of Washington and Jefferson" (see text, page 595). The illustration shows proposed public buildings facing the Mall from the edge of the reflecting basin in front of the Lincoln Memorial to the Capitol.

If these reclaimed lands shall be treated as pleasure grounds, then the Potomac will flow through parks from the Great Falls to Alexandria.

Pennsylvania Avenue, the main traffic connection between Capitol and White House, is occupied along the south side by laundries, cheap lodging-houses, and shops of meanest character. Congress started the cleaning up of this area by the purchase of the squares between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets and the erection thereon of buildings for the departments of Justice, Commerce and Labor (then undivided), and State; but the plans for those structures have never been carried out, and the squares are still occupied by a theater, a hotel, and a motley array of miscellaneous structures whose slow decay adds to the squalor of a section which should be the most dignified in all the capital.

Temporary war buildings, hastily built, still occupy the Mall between the Washington Monument and the Capitol; but, fortunately, these flimsy structures were so located that when they crumble the roads and walks and planting spaces are adapted to the Mall plan. Even now a small expenditure for continuous paving would open a new series of park drives.

NO SAFE BUILDING FOR GOVERNMENT'S ARCHIVES

Much might be written about the urgent need and proper location of buildings to accommodate the executive departments.

There is something ironic in the fact that during all the years of its existence this government never has had a place for the safe-keeping and consultation of its archives; so that occasional losses by fire have added to that constant loss occasioned by ignorance of past transactions.

Nor is it a credit to our feeling for the humanities that the National Gallery of Art is without a home of its own to house its present valuable collections and to inspire other benefactions.

It is true that the well-endowed Freer Gallery, only just opened, represents the largest gift ever made by an individual to the government, and that it offers unsurpassed facilities to study the art of the Far East.

With reasonable encouragement, many

other such gifts might be counted on to furnish those satisfactions which go to make life best worth living.

With vast accumulations of books, prints, manuscripts, and music in the Library of Congress, all administered on a national plan; with extensive laboratories and facilities of every kind for scientific research, manned by staffs of trained experts, Washington should be a leading center of intellectual life in all its phases.

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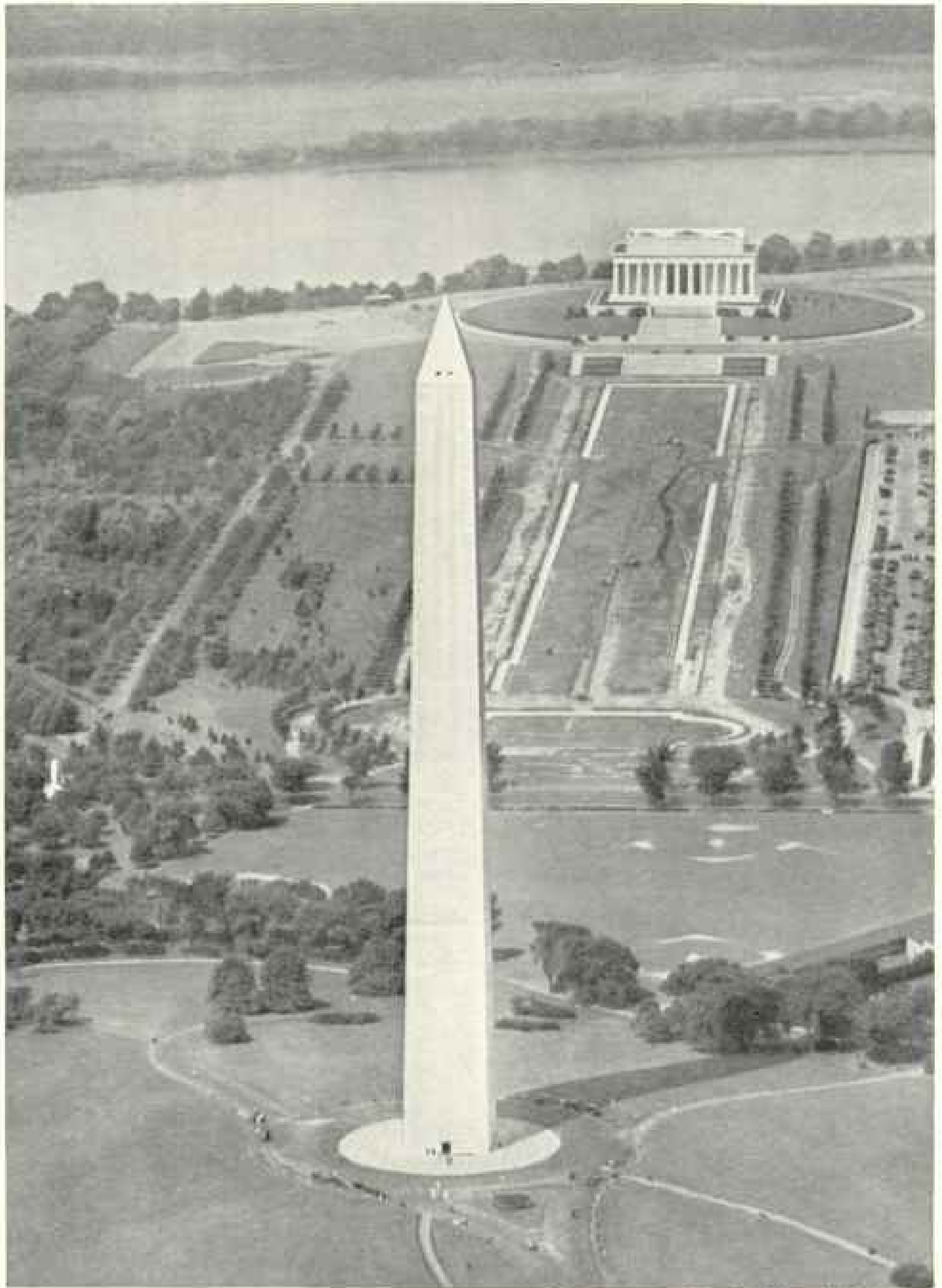
Each year adds some new feature and at the same time suggests new vistas into the future. No American city can ever be called finished until the United States ceases to grow and the Republic itself becomes moribund.

WASHINGTON COMPARED WITH OTHER CAPITALS

In comparing Washington with the capitals of other nations, one dwells upon the far-reaching expanses of the Potomac where the sunlight plays, the changing colors of the encircling Virginia and Maryland hills, the broad streets under arching elms, the multitude of parks and grassy spaces formed at the intersections of streets and avenues, the long vistas terminated by noble buildings or statues of national heroes.

One recognizes the grandeur of the central composition, beginning with the noble Capitol, extending through the Mall to the Washington Monument, changing from moment to moment under sunny or cloudy skies, and thence on to the Lincoln Memorial, that consummate expression of American loyalty to freedom and national unity.

And, so reflecting, one acknowledges with gratitude that the founders of the Republic had the wisdom and taste, and faith and vision, to plan wisely and nobly; that their successors in large measure have realized the dreams of the fathers; and especially that there remains for us service to be done in carrying on to future generations the heritage from the past.



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THE MONUMENT AND THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL

At the time that this airplane photograph was made the reflecting basin between the lofty shaft and the temple had not been completed. It now mirrors the majesty and beauty of both noble edifices (see also page 601).

THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL*

BY WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

Chief Justice of the United States

THE American people have waited fifty-seven years for a national memorial to Abraham Lincoln. Those years have faded the figures of his contemporaries, and he stands grandly alone.

His life and character in the calmer and juster vista of half a century inspire a higher conception of what is suitable to commemorate him.

Justice, truth, patience, mercy, and love of his kind; simplicity, courage, sacrifice, and confidence in God, were his moral qualities. Clarity of thought and intellectual honesty, self-analysis and strong inexorable logic, supreme common sense, a sympathetic but unerring knowledge of human nature, imagination and limpid purity of style, with a poetic rhythm of the Psalms—these were his intellectual and cultural traits.

His soul and heart and brain and mind had all these elements, but their union in him had a setting that baffles description.

His humility; his self-abnegation and devotion; his patience under grievous disappointment; his agony of spirit in the burden he had to carry; his constant sadness, lightened at intervals with a rare humor all his own; the abuse and ridicule of which he was the subject; his endurance in a great cause of small obstructive minds; his domestic sorrows, and finally his tragic end, form the story of a passion and give him a personality that is as vivid in the hearts of the people as if it were but yesterday.

We feel a closer touch with him than with living men. The influence he still wields, one may say with all reverence, has a Christlike character. It has spread to the four quarters of the globe.

The oppressed and lowly of all peoples, as liberty and free government spread, pronounce his name with awe, and cherish his assured personal sympathy as a

source of hope. Their leaders quote his glowing words of patient courage, of sympathy with the downtrodden, of dependence on God's wisdom and justice, and of his never-ceasing prayer for liberty through the rule of the people.

The harmony of his message with every popular aspiration for freedom proves his universality. It was this which Stanton was inspired to predict when, as Lincoln lay dead, he said, "He now belongs to the ages."

His own life without favoring chance in preparation for the task which Providence was to put on him, his early humble surroundings, his touch with the soil, his oneness with the plain people, and the wonder that out of these he could become what he was and is, give us a soul-stirring pride that the world has come to know him and to love him as we do.

We like to dwell on the fact that his associates did not see him as he was when on earth, and that it was for generations born after he was gone to feel his real greatness and to be moved by his real personality.

A HALO OF LIGHT ABOUT HIS HEAD

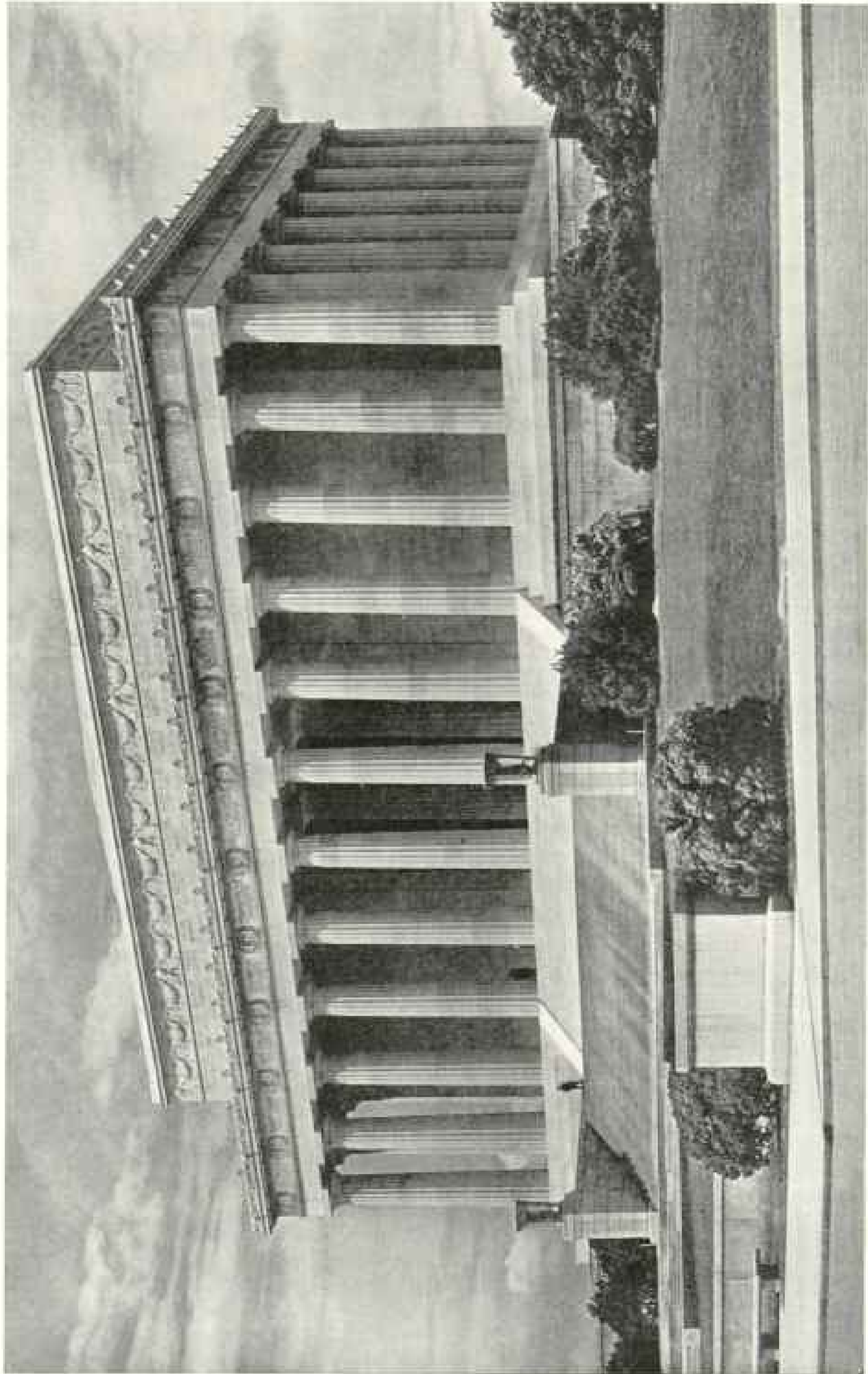
Not with the lowly only, but with all—rich or poor, ignorant or learned, weak or powerful, untutored or of literary genius—has this aura about Lincoln's head at his death grown into a halo of living light.

Therefore it is well that half a century should pass before his people's national tribute to him takes form in marble, that it should wait until a generation instinct with the growing and deepening perception of the real Lincoln has had time to develop an art adequate to the expression of his greatness.

The years immediately following the Civil War were not favorable to art, and the remains of that period in our Capital City and elsewhere show it.

But new impulses in the expansion of our country's energies were soon directed toward better things. Our expositions

*An address delivered by Mr. Taft as Chairman of the Lincoln Memorial Commission on the occasion of the presentation of the completed Memorial to the President of the United States, May 30, 1922.



Photograph by Charles Martin

THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL

"The proportions of the Memorial are so fine that its great mass and height and length and breadth are suppressed in its unity."

have marked the steps in that progress. They called together men who had been struggling singly to practice, preach, and bring home to us real conceptions of art and beauty in architecture and sculpture.

For fifteen years following the Centennial at Philadelphia, the nucleus there begun grew until at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in 1892 and 1893, there were gathered a group of artists who in the development of civic planning, landscape architecture, and monumental and sculptural beauty were the peers of any.

Burnham, McKim, Olmsted the elder, Saint-Gaudens, Atwood, and Millet were the leading figures. In 1894 they organized the American Academy in Rome for the graduate education of American students, where before entering upon their professional careers they should study thoroughly that reservoir of Greek art, the greatest of antiquity, which is at Rome, where "the noble buildings are a forest, the animals of bronze, a herd; the statues, a population in marble."

THE PLACING OF THE MEMORIAL

In 1901, under the generous and far-seeing favor of James McMillan, in charge in the Senate of the affairs of the District of Columbia, a commission was appointed to bridge over the period since Washington and L'Enfant's plan for the capital, and on the basis of that plan to enlarge and give greater scope to the beauty of this seat of government.

The four men who engaged in this work were, three of them, the creators of the "Court of Honor" and the "White City" at the Columbian Exposition, and the fourth, the younger Olmsted, was worthy of his sire. As a new feature in that plan, and referring to the place upon which we stand, they said in their report:

"Crowning the *round-point*, as the *Arc de Triomphe* crowns the *Place de l'Étoile* at Paris, should stand a memorial erected to the memory of that one man in our history as a nation who is worthy to be named with George Washington—Abraham Lincoln.

"Whatever may be the exact form selected for the memorial to Lincoln, in type it should possess the quality of universality, and also it should have a character essentially different from that of

any monument either now existing in the District or hereafter to be erected.

"The type which the Commission has in mind is a great portico of Doric columns rising from an unbroken stylobate. This portico, while affording a point of vantage from which one obtains a commanding outlook, both upon the river and eastward to the Capitol, has for its chief function to support a panel bearing an inscription taken either from the Gettysburg speech or from some one of the immortal messages of the savior of the Union."

Here, then, was the first conception of the Memorial we dedicate to-day. Not until 1911 was the idea carried forward. Then two sons of Illinois, Shelby M. Cullom and Joseph G. Cannon, fathered the bill for the creation of the present Commission, under whose official supervision this work has been done.

The Commission claims no credit for it except that it asked those who knew what to do, and did it. They consulted the Fine Arts Commission, made up of Burnham, Millet, Olmsted, French, Hastings, Gilbert, and Moore, who urged the present site and recommended as the man to design and build it Henry Bacon, the student and disciple of McKim. McKim was the dean of the architects of this country, and did most among us to bring the art of Greece to appreciation and noble use. Bacon has been his worthy successor.

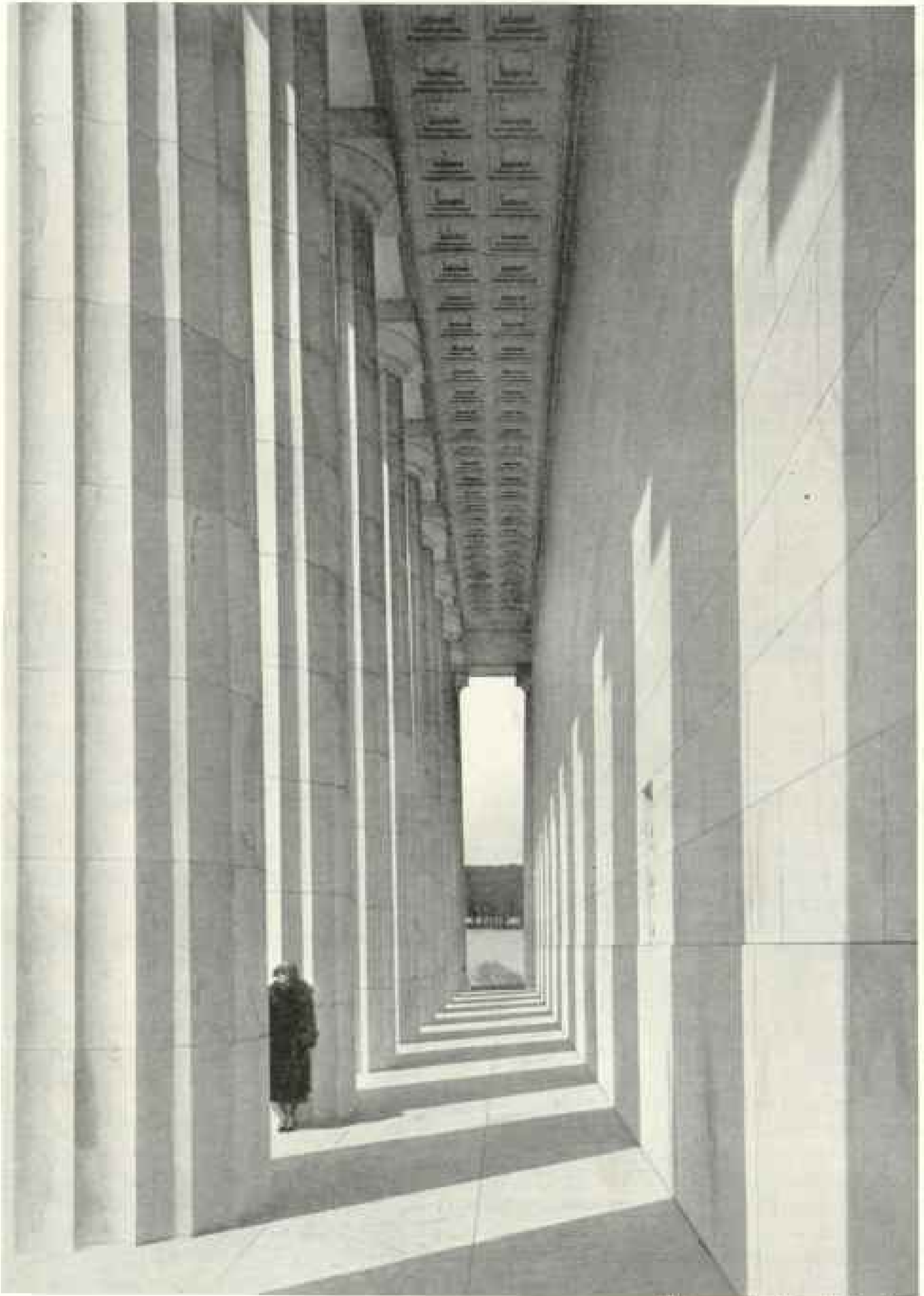
TEN YEARS REQUIRED TO BUILD THE MEMORIAL

For ten years the structure has been rising. From the solid rock beneath the level of the Potomac, 50 feet below the original grade, it reaches a total of 122 feet above that grade.

The platform at its base is 204 feet long and 134 feet wide. The colonnade is 188 feet long and 118 feet wide, the columns 44 feet high and 7 feet 5 inches in diameter at their base. The memorial hall is 156 feet long and 84 feet wide.

The proportions of the memorial are so fine that its great mass and height and length and breadth are suppressed in its unity.

The outside columns are the simple Doric, the inside columns the simple Ionic. The marble of the structure is



Photograph by Charles Martin.

AMONG THE COLUMNS OF THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL.

Surrounding the walls of the Memorial is a colonnade forming a symbol of the Union, each column representing a State—36 in all—one for each State existing at the time of Lincoln's death. The columns are 44 feet high and 7 feet 5 inches in diameter at their base. On the walls appearing above the colonnade and supported at intervals by eagles are 48 memorial festoons, one for each State existing to-day (see page 598).



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A SEAPLANE ALIGHTS ON THE MEMORIAL REFLECTING BASIN

In winter, when the shallow water freezes, the basin is an ideal rendezvous for skaters.

from the Colorado Yule mine, remarkable for its texture and the purity of its white, and for the size of the drums which make the columns noteworthy in the architecture of the world.

FRENCH THE SCULPTOR, GUÉRIN THE
MURAL PAINTER

The colossal figure of the Beloved in Georgia marble, the work of another of the group of artists of whom I have spoken, Daniel Chester French, one of our greatest sculptors, fills the memorial hall with an overwhelming sense of Lincoln's presence, while the mural decorations of another great American artist, Jules Guérin, with their all-embracing allegory, crown the whole sacred place.

The site is at the end of the axis of the Mall, the commanding and noteworthy spine of the L'Enfant plan.

Burnham, McKim, and Saint-Gaudens, who followed this plan through to its triumph, took the Mall under their peculiar protection.

It was they who caused that wonderful group of the Silent Soldier and his battling armies to be put upon this axis at

the foot of the Capitol which he did so much to defend.

It was they who struggled against encroachments upon this capital feature of our wonderful seat of government.

It was they who put this noble structure we celebrate to-day where it is.

They sought the judgment of John Hay, secretary and biographer of Lincoln, statesman and poet. He answered:

"The place of honor is on the main axis of the plan. Lincoln, of all Americans next to Washington, deserves this place of honor. He was of the immortals. You must not approach too close to the immortals. His monument should stand alone, remote from the common habitations of man, apart from the business and turmoil of the city—isolated, distinguished, and serene. Of all the sites, this one, near the Potomac, is most suited to the purpose."

THE IDEAL OF GREAT ARTISTS HAS FOUND
EXPRESSION

And now, Mr. President, the ideal of these great American artists has found



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THE LINCOLN STATUE

Standing before the colossal figure in the Memorial Building, while assistants put the finishing touches to the statue on the day before the dedication, are Henry Bacon, the architect, and Daniel Chester French, the sculptor. Mr. French is nearer the ladder.

expression in the memorial as you see it. It is a magnificent gem set in a lovely valley between the hills, commanding them by its isolation and its entrancing beauty, an emblem of the purity of the best period of the Greek art in the simple Doric, the culmination of the highest art of which America is capable, and therefore fit to commemorate a people's love for the Nation's savior and its great leader.

Here, on the banks of the Potomac, the boundary between the two sections whose conflict made the burden, passion, and tri-

umph of his life, it is peculiarly appropriate that it should stand.

MEMORIAL MARKS RESTORATION OF BROTHERLY LOVE

Visible in its distant beauty from the Capitol, whose great dome typifies the Union which he saved; seen in all its grandeur from Arlington, where lie the Nation's honored dead who fell in the conflict, Union and Confederate alike, it marks the restoration of the brotherly love of the two sections in this memorial of one who is as dear to the hearts of the South as to those of the North.

The Southerner knows that the greatest misfortune in all the trials of that section was the death of Lincoln. Had he lived, the consequences of the war would not have been as hard for them to bear, the wounds would have been more easily healed, the trying days of reconstruction would have been softened.

Rancor and resentment were no part of his nature. In all the bitterness of that conflict, tried as he was, no word fell from his lips which told of hatred, malice, or unforgiving soul.

Here is a shrine at which all can worship. Here an altar upon which the sacrifice was made in the cause of Liberty. Here a sacred religious refuge in which those who love country and love God can find inspiration and repose.

Mr. President, in the name of the Commission, I have the honor to deliver this Lincoln Memorial into your keeping.

THE CAPITOL, WONDER BUILDING OF THE WORLD

BY GILBERT GROSVENOR

Editor of the National Geographic Magazine

THE United States Capitol is the wonder building of the world.

Others there are which are larger, taller, older, or more ornate, though not more beautiful or impressive to the eyes of an American. There is none other wherein is exercised such tremendous power, which so completely enfolds the pages of a nation's history, where so many great men have hallowed its halls by their presence.

The humblest citizen may walk without formality to the center of its spacious Rotunda. Standing in the center and glancing south, if the door chances to open, he may see the Speaker of the House of Representatives in his chair; to the north some one is sure to open a door through which he may behold the Vice-President of the United States presiding in the Senate.

Should he stand there two minutes before noon he will notice members of the Supreme Court of the United States, led by the Chief Justice, crossing the corridor from their robing rooms to the Court Chamber.

Facing east, he may look out upon the portico where Presidents stand, at inauguration, to take the oath to uphold the Constitution, administered by the head of the court which sustains and interprets that charter.

Upon this single spot the citizen has seen his government. All the rest is but elaboration of its threefold parts.

In its early years the Capitol officially was the "Congress House"; and though its legislative activities still are most frequently discussed, every thinking visitor must be impressed by the part the Capitol now has in the three functions of the Federal Government.

BUILDING WAS BEGUN 131 YEARS AGO

Each voting citizen casts ballots that bear upon the laws made and construed in this building; his economic and legal life is profoundly affected by the legis-

lation enacted, interpreted, and sometimes signed here by the Executive.

The Capitol was built on a hill which L'Enfant described as a natural pedestal awaiting its monument. Overlooking the vast amphitheater formed by the surrounding hills of Maryland, which rim a gigantic open horseshoe whose base is the Potomac, it commands every landscape and gladdens ten thousand views of the city.

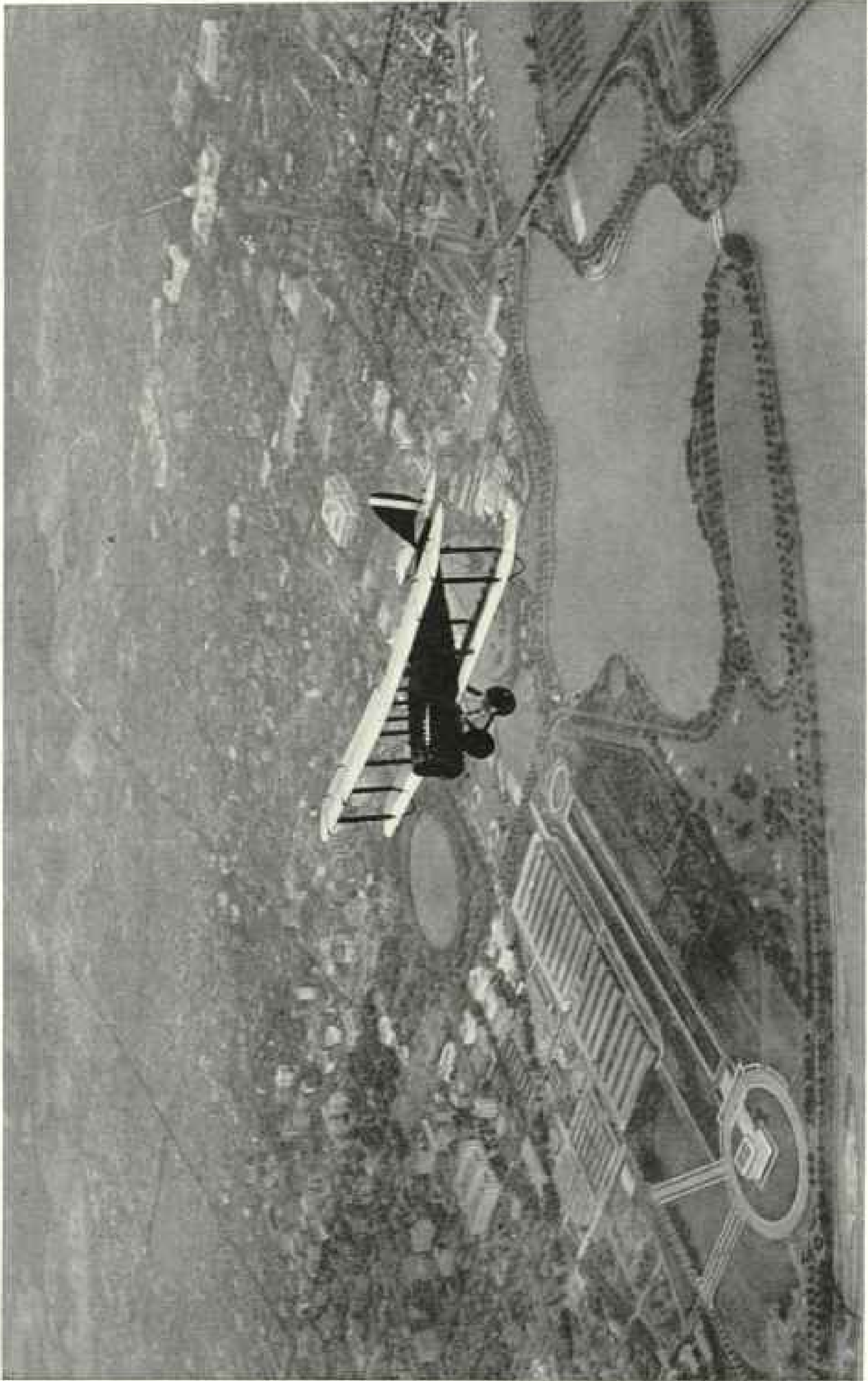
Its building began in 1792, eight years before the national government's effects were brought here from Philadelphia in a packet boat. Ever since, its construction has progressed; it is not completed yet. It seems to symbolize the evolution of our country, as well as the dignity and might of the nation. Through its vicissitudes of incompleteness, when its wings were linked by a wooden passageway; of rivalries between designer and architect; of burning; of crowding which made additions, and finally two annex offices necessary, it has grown to a unified and harmonious edifice. It is little short of marvelous that there are no "flat notes" in the frozen music of its architecture.

George Washington gave one more evidence of his prevision when he wrote, "It may be relied upon, it is the progress of that building that is to inspire or depress public confidence."

THE CAPITOL BASEMENT ONCE A BAKERY

During the darkest hours of the Civil War, while its basement did service as a military bakery, Lincoln insisted that there be no suspension of the building of its dome.

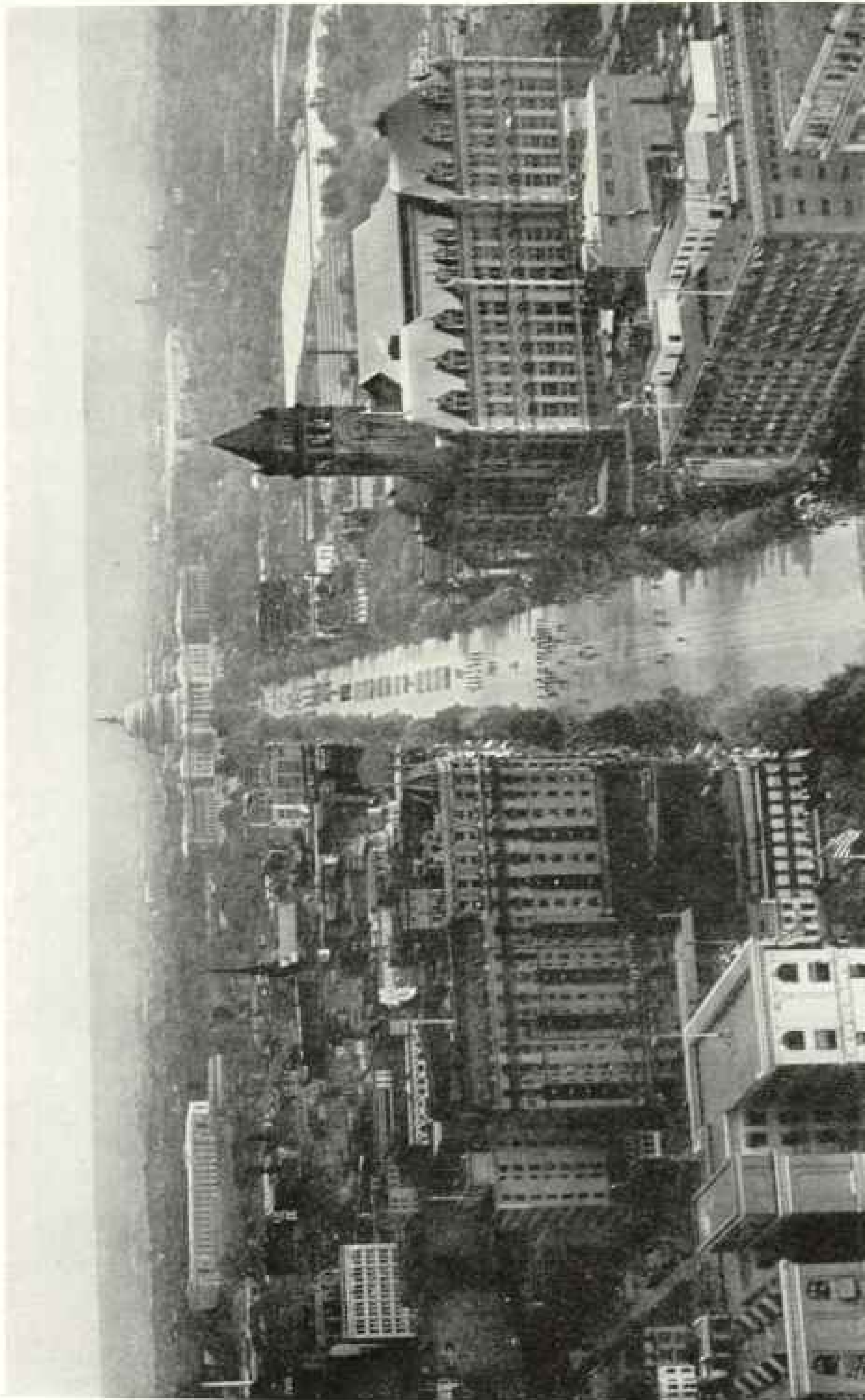
District volunteers, enrolled to defend their homes and the Capital, heard reports of plots to burn the flour mills in Georgetown. They instantly pressed into service every vehicle to be found on the streets or in stables, loaded them with flour, and all day there proceeded along Pennsylvania Avenue the most curious procession which ever traversed that



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FROM THE CAPITOL TO THE MEMORIAL

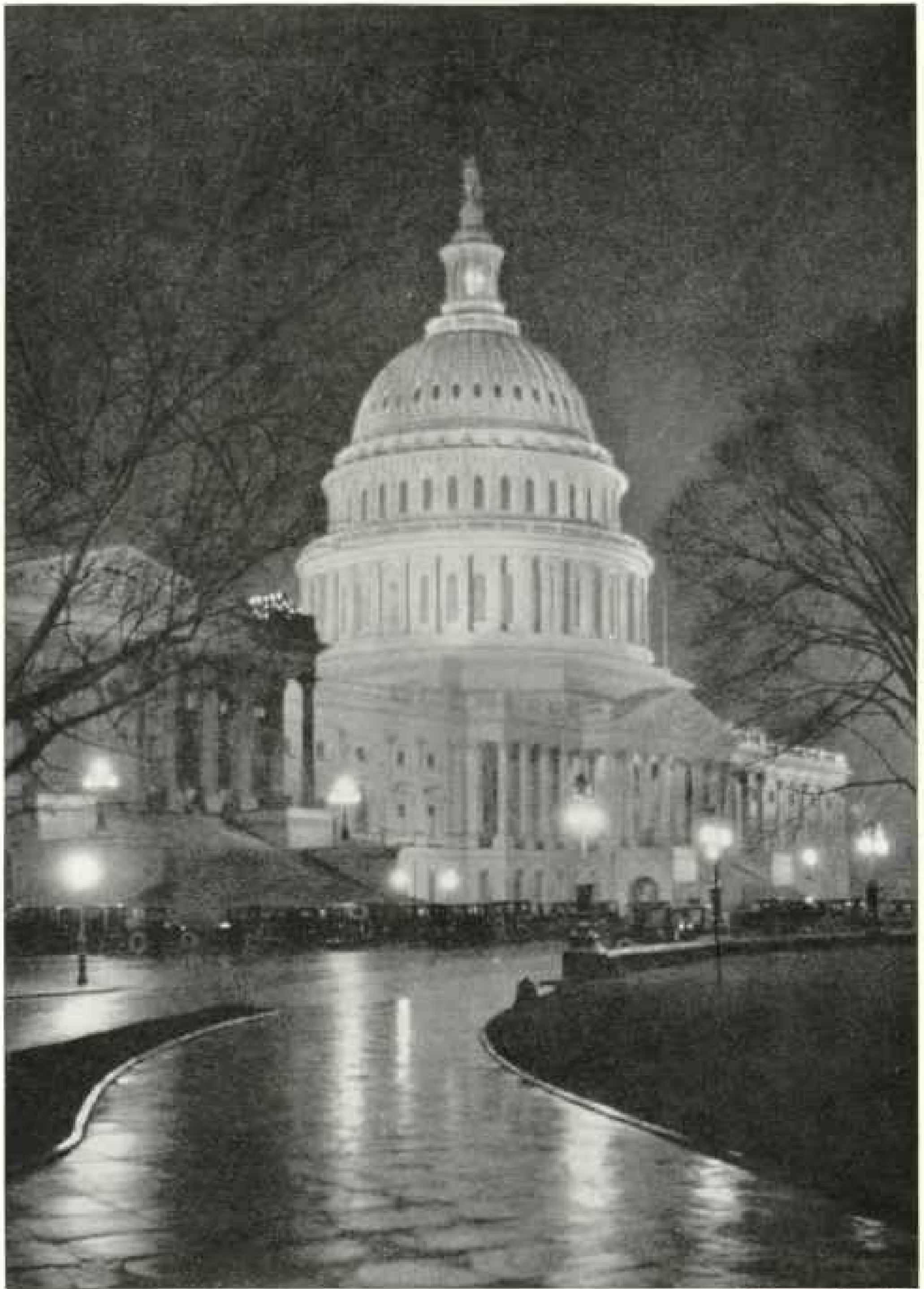
By consulting the Map of the Mall (page 576) the reader can identify in this picture practically all of the principal public buildings in the heart of Washington. The airplane conceals all of the Washington Monument except the very tip.



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A PARADE ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

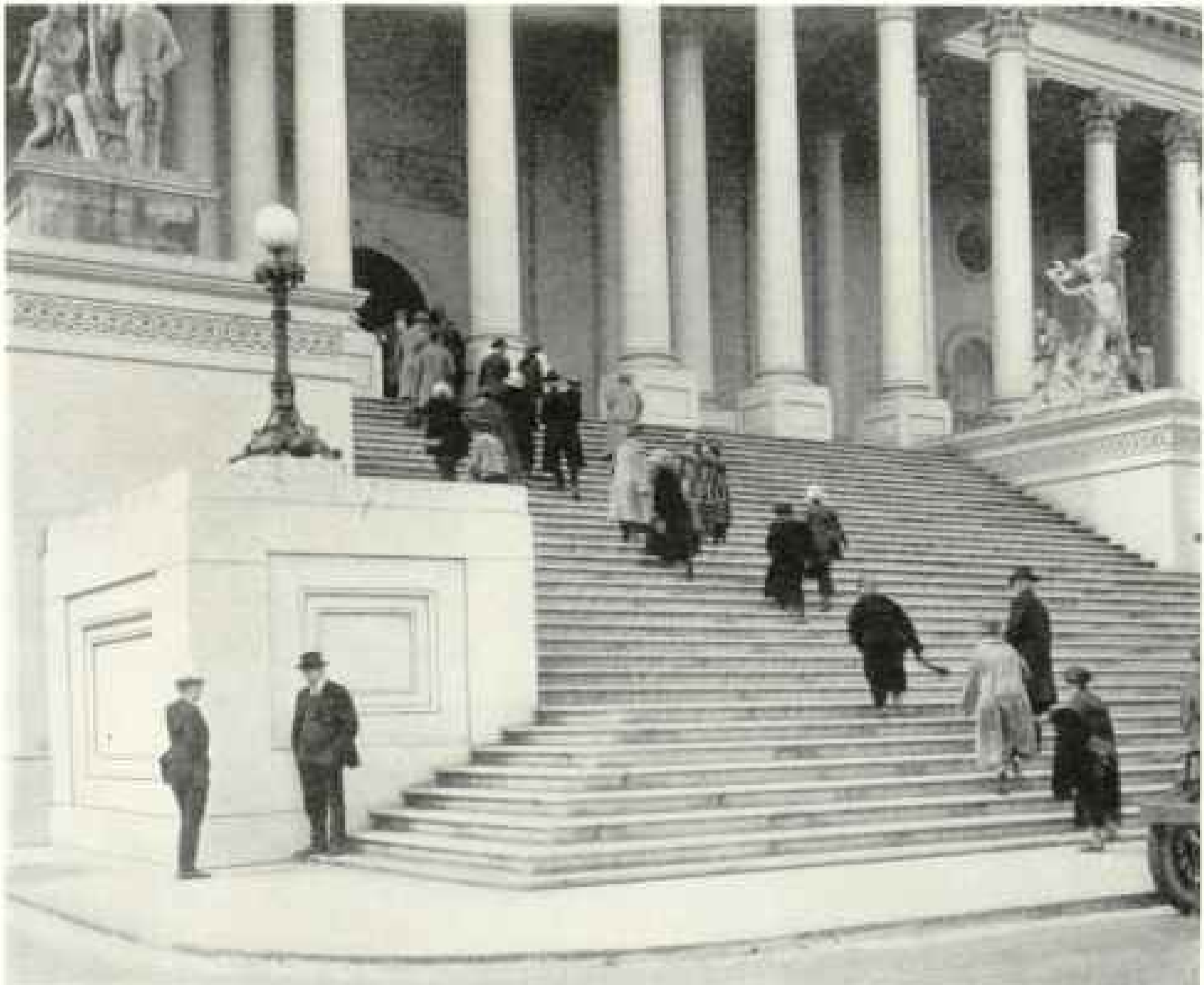
It is along this thoroughfare that the Presidential Inaugural Parade passes from the Capitol to the White House, and over the historic route have marched the victorious armies of the republic, as well as many other imposing processions. Much of the land on the south side of the Avenue is to be occupied by public buildings eventually (see text, page 595). The towered structure in the foreground is the home of the Post Office Department.



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THE CAPITOL ON A RAINY NIGHT

Modern invention has contributed to esthetic beauty in a way that the Capitol's builders little dreamed. Flood lights playing from the roofs of the wings and from the grounds cast a diffused radiance about the dome which never seems more majestic than when it stands out against a dark sky. The light in the circular balcony aloft betokens a night session of Congress.



Photograph by Clifton Adams

SIGHT-SEERS CLIMBING AMERICA'S MOST HISTORIC PORTICO

Here Presidents take the oath of office (see page 608). The steps form a theater for the summer concerts of the U. S. Marine Band (see page 609). In the doorway are the beautiful Rogers bronze doors, which weigh 20,000 pounds (see page 635).

street of countless parades. The flour was stored safely in the Capitol's vast cellars and Washington's home baking habits were revolutionized. Tradition has it that French and Vienna loaves gained their American vogue from the U. S. Capitol bakery.

While bakers kneaded war loaves below, hammers were busy every working day on the giant dome above.

To-day the veriest layman pauses, as he climbs the steps, one for every day in the year, to its lofty platform, to admire the engineering skill which bolted, girded, clamped, and trussed the two mammoth metal shells that form the majestic inverted bowl. Aloft the mechanics are forgotten in the beauty of the panorama of the city, the river, and the Virginia hills beyond.

From that vantage-point the visitor

looks down upon the main axis of the city's artistic development, past the Grant Memorial, across the restful, green Mall, to the sky-piercing shaft erected to the memory of Washington, and thence to the imposing Lincoln Memorial, with the Amphitheater-crowned heights of Arlington in the background, and instinctively knows that here urban beauty and civic dignity approach their highest expression.

It is an awesome thought to walk through the Rotunda knowing that nearly 9,000,000 pounds of metal are hanging over one's head. There is no need for alarm. Only a terrific earthquake or the rust of ages can assail the fixity of this airily woven iron fabric. The Capitol's superintendent guards against the latter incursion by mixing 4,300 pounds of paint and employing 35 men for about three months when the dome needs a new coat.



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THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT HARDING

No scene in American life is more impressive than the inauguration of a President of the United States. From every nation of the earth and every State in the Union come those who witness the assumption of the delegated power of more than a hundred million people by one who, in international affairs, is to be their voice and, in domestic matters, their Chief Magistrate. A voice-amplifying device enabled more than 125,000 persons to hear President Harding's inaugural address.

The bronze figure which surmounts the dome alone weighs 15,000 pounds and is $3\frac{1}{2}$ times as tall as an average man. It has been compared to an Indian, and mis-called the "Goddess of Liberty"; it is a statue of Freedom, typifying armed liberty by its helmet and breastplate. This representation seemed appropriate when it was put in place in 1863.

THE MOST HISTORIC HALL IN AMERICA

In the older portion of the Capitol is a room which holds more historic associa-

tions than any other chamber in America. An unwarranted phrase has made it popular to call Statuary Hall a chamber of artistic horrors. Such designation does injustice to the art and the history of the room where the House of Representatives met for 40 years and which now exemplifies a really fine memorial idea.

Here Lincoln, John Quincy Adams, Horace Greeley, and Andrew Johnson served in the same Congress. Here Henry Clay welcomed Lafayette, who replied in a speech said to have been



Photograph by Maynard Owen Williams

ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL, LISTENING TO THE MARINE BAND CONCERT

To Italy we owe some of the finest art work in the Capitol, and from Italy came the nucleus of the famous Marine Band, whose concerts here and at the White House are among the many summer delights of Washington. In the statue of Columbus (upper right) it is said the artist faithfully reproduced a suit which is pointed out at Genoa as one which the discoverer wore.

written by Clay. Here John Marshall administered the oath of office to Madison and Monroe.

When, in 1825, the House balloted in this room for President, John Quincy Adams won over Andrew Jackson. The former, the only man to be elected to the House after being President, was stricken

with paralysis suddenly, in this chamber, after delivering an impassioned address; the latter, while President, narrowly escaped an assassin upon leaving this room, where he had attended the funeral of a congressional friend.

A bronze star marks the location of Adams' desk. The star happens also to



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ONE OF THE CLOCKS IN THE CAPITOL

This clock with its surmounting figure, emblematic of the Flight of Time, is regarded as one of the finest art works in the Capitol. The Genus of History stands in a winged chariot representing Progress, and a wheel of the chariot forms the clock dial. It takes much of two men's time to wind and regulate nearly 300 clocks in the Capitol group of buildings, in addition to which there are many electrically controlled timepieces.

denote a spot where one may hear the whisper of a friend who stands in the corresponding position on the opposite side of the hall (see illustration, page 611). Move away from the spot and the speaker's voice fails to carry, even when he speaks loudly.

Closed to visitors now is the narrow gallery of the Old House, reached by dark, tortuous steps, worn deep by the tread of many feet. In this gallery Dickens gleaned notes for his comments on America's Congress. He called Washington "a city of magnificent intentions."

Close your eyes and see John Randolph

stalk in, with squirrel cap and homespun suit, white boots and jingling spurs; he has just galloped through muddy streets from Georgetown. Throwing cap and coat to his desk, he drinks a glass of porter handed him by an attendant and cuts in on any debate, in thin, querulous, piping voice. Here another type of orator, Edward Everett, just out of the pulpit, charmed his hearers by graceful phrase and gracious personality.

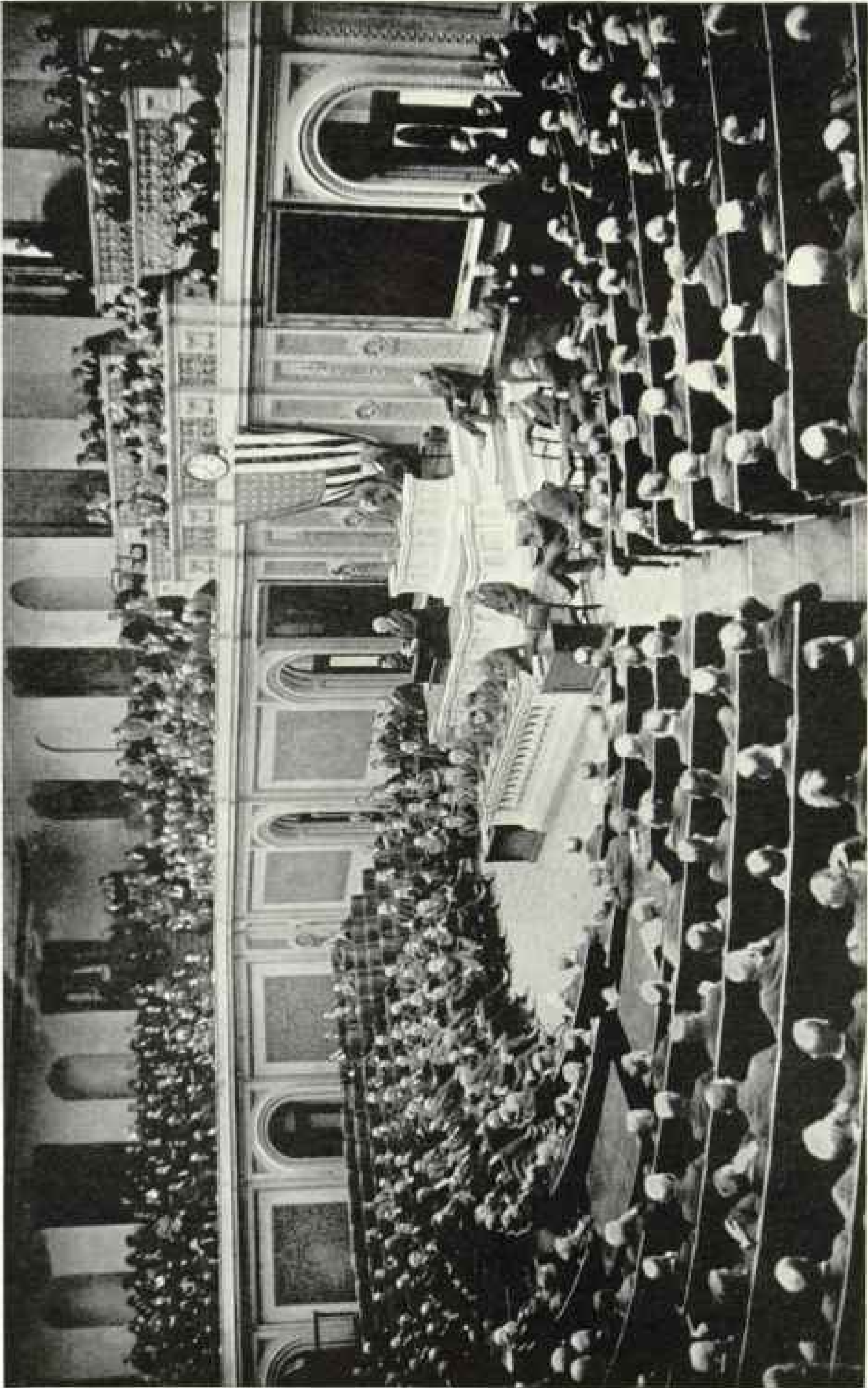
For some years religious services were held in the old Hall of Representatives on Sunday afternoons; Lincoln attended them during the war period, when the



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A GROUP OF SIGHT-SEERS TESTING THE PECULIAR ACOUSTIC PROPERTIES OF THE
"WHISPERING GALLERY" IN THE CAPITOL.

The man standing at the left of the picture is a guide, who is whispering. As long as he stands on that particular flagstone, his whisper is audible to the group of people at the right; if he moves his position a few inches, he cannot be heard (see page 610). Each State in the Union has the privilege of placing statues of two of its distinguished citizens in this hall of fame (see text, page 616).



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THE PRESIDENT ADDRESSING A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

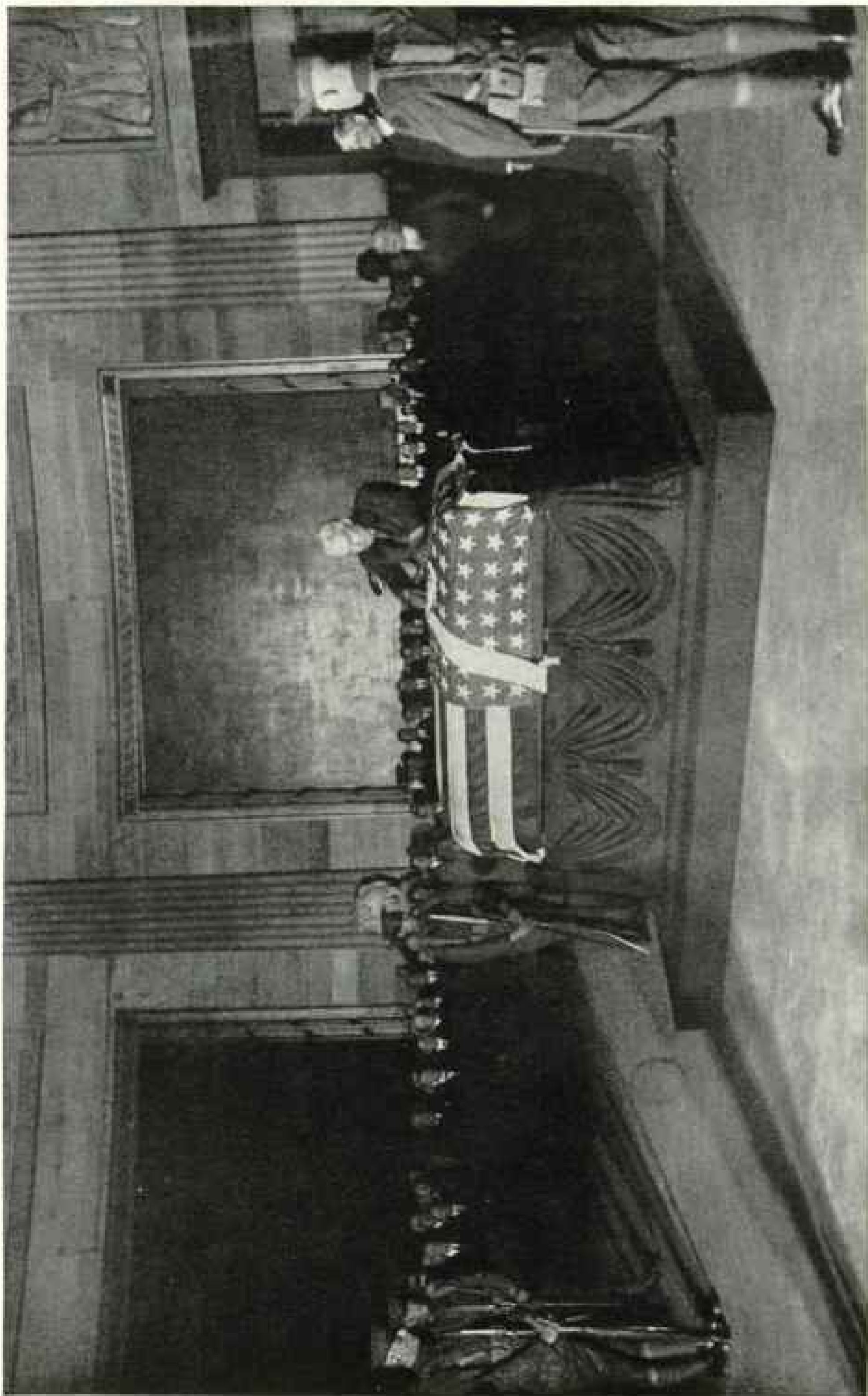
Sitting beneath the clock behind the President, who is standing, are the Vice-President (at the left) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Frederick H. Gillett. In these latter times, when the House and Senate have such stringent rules against the use of their respective chambers for any other than congressional purposes, it is interesting to recall that in Jefferson's day the former chamber of the House, now Statuary Hall, was used on Sunday as a place of worship. When Thomas Brackett Reed became Speaker of the House he was shocked to find one end of the Capitol cluttered with small shops, souvenir stores, and peddlers. He promptly drove them out.



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VICE-PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND THE SENATE PAGES ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL.

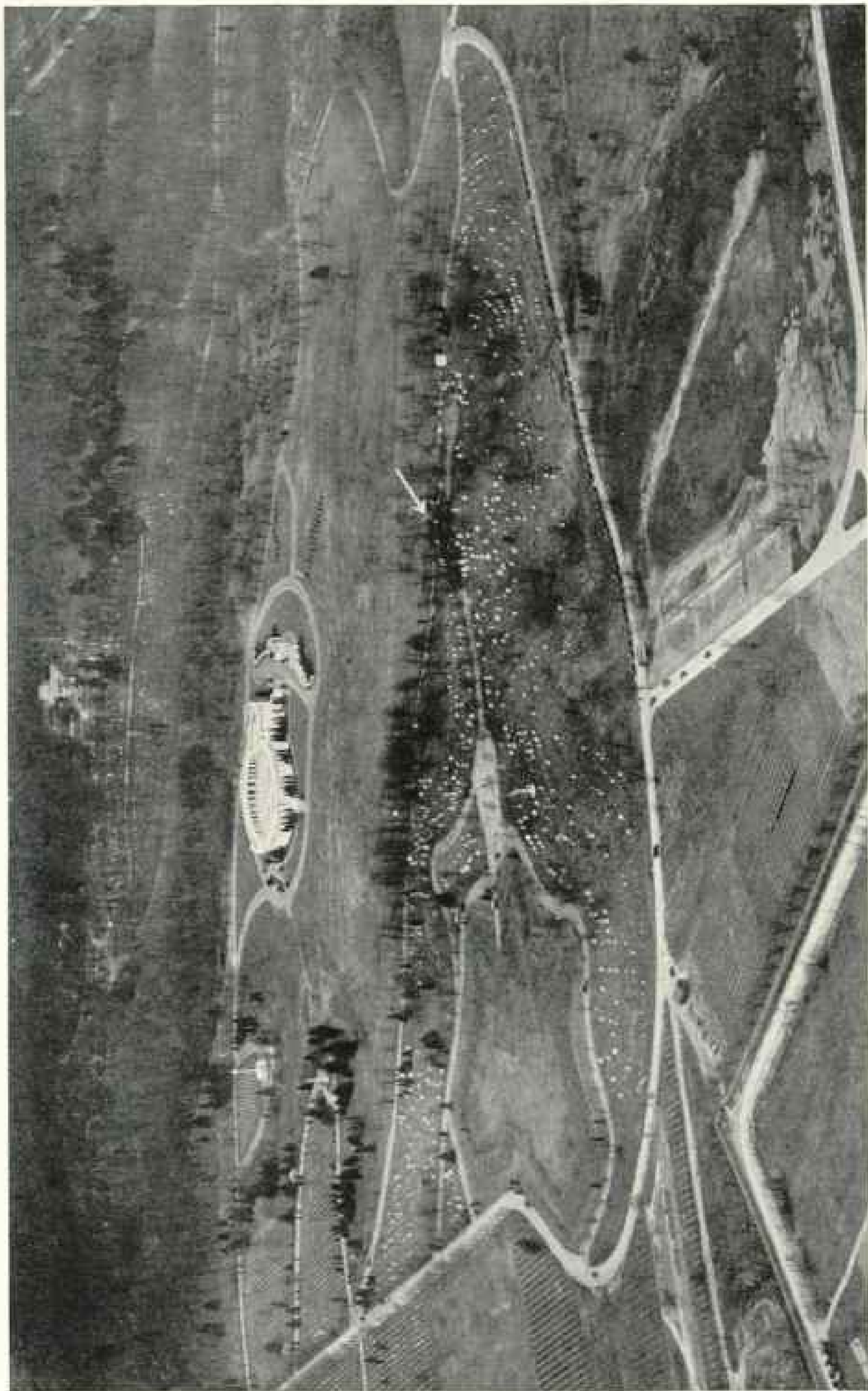
Many a boy has come to Washington as a page in the Senate of House and later in life returned as a Senator or Representative. Mr. Coolidge and his predecessor, Mr. Marshall, have been the especial friends of these virile youngsters.



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PRESIDENT HARDING PLACING AN EMBLEM OF THE STATES ON THE CASKET OF AMERICA'S UNKNOWN SOLDIER

This unnamed hero, brought home from France, was honored as were our martyred Presidents—Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley. His body lay in state in the Rotunda of the Capitol while tens of thousands passed in procession to pay a last tribute of respect and gratitude (see also pages 588 and 615, and Color Plate V).



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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AND THE AMPHITHEATER, WHERE THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER IS BURIED (SEE ALSO PAGE 588)

The tomb is on the marble terrace in front (at the right) of the Amphitheater. Behind the Amphitheater, to the left, rises the *Maine Memorial*. This photograph was made on April 6, 1922, during the unveiling of the National Geographic Society's memorial (indicated by an arrow) to Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary, on the 13th anniversary of the discovery of the North Pole.

hall was crowded because many churches had been converted into barracks. The room was also used at times, many years ago, by classes of Columbian College, now a part of George Washington University, when a statesman would address the students on some phase of political economy.

The floor of this room was raised to its present level when the hall was converted into an American Westminster Abbey. Tradition has it that the lower level of the old floor led to the popular designation of the House of Representatives as the "Lower House."

CONVERTED INTO STATUARY HALL

When the old hall was deserted for the new, a law was enacted, in 1864, providing that the States could use it as a place to do national honor to the memory of their sons and daughters renowned for civil and military service, each State being entitled to place two statues here.

Rhode Island was first to respond. It sent statues of America's pioneer Baptist, Roger Williams, and the militant General Greene. Pennsylvania also sent a clergyman, Muhlenberg, shown in the act of throwing off his ministerial robes and displaying a sword beneath, and exhorting his congregation to remember that there is a time to fight as well as a time to pray. Pennsylvania also honors Robert Fulton and Florida, John Gorrie, for devising the ice machine; for the rest the genius of science and invention is neglected. No poet and few pioneers have yet been memorialized. Frances E. Willard is the only woman so far honored. Oklahoma sent the statue of an Indian Chief, Sequoyah.

Some of the figures recall stirring stories of our school days. There is John Stark, who vowed a victory or his wife a widow. There is Ethan Allen, who is reputed to have demanded surrender in "the name of Jehovah and the Continental Congress."

Twenty-nine States thus far have responded to the invitation to honor their distinguished dead and twenty-one of these have selected both representatives. Some of the States have postponed their selections.

A complete list follows:

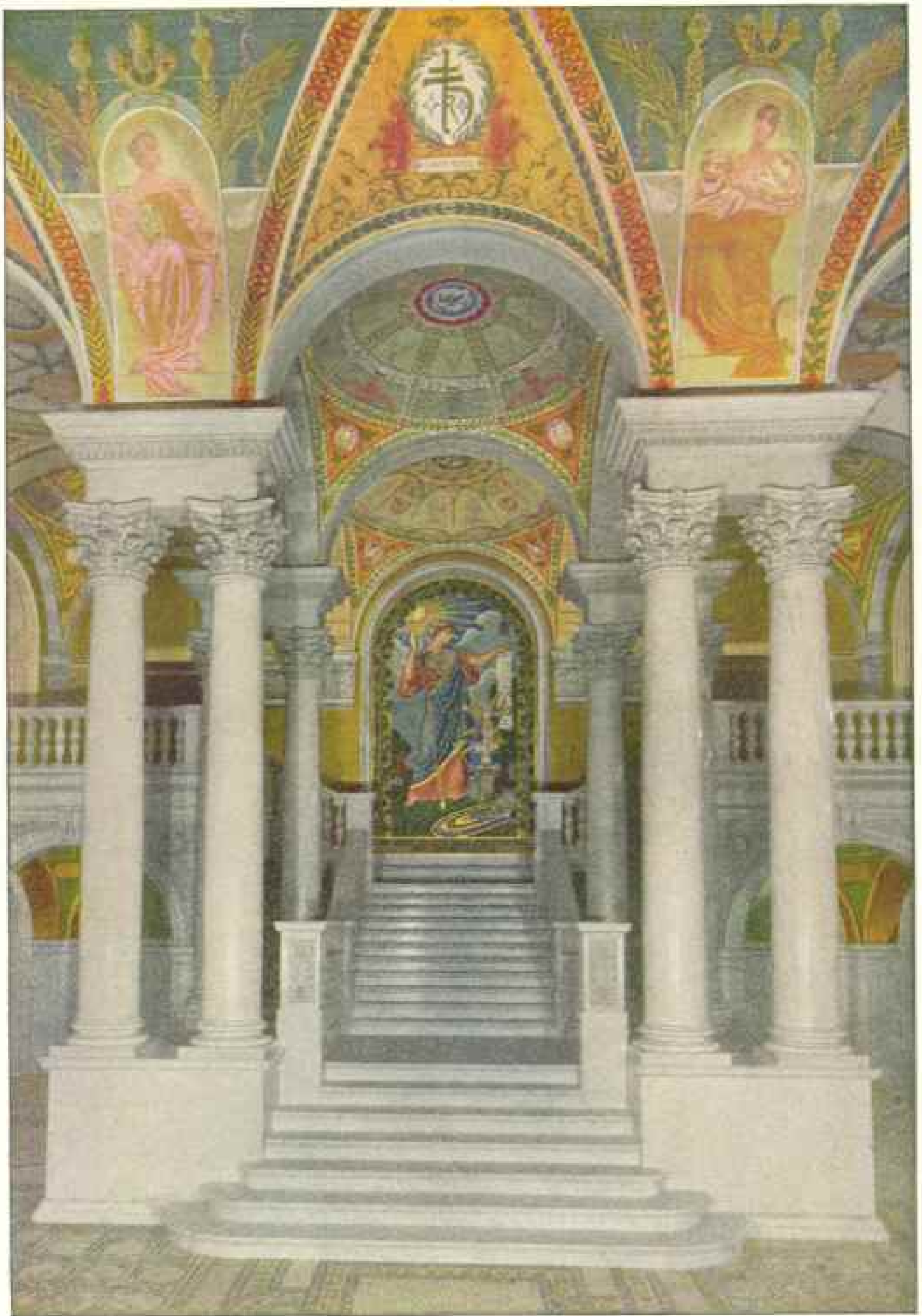
Alabama: J. L. M. Curry; *Arkansas:* James P. Clarke and Uriah M. Rose; *Connecticut:* Roger Sherman and Jonathan Trumbull; *Florida:* John Gorrie and Kirby Smith; *Idaho:* George L. Shoup; *Illinois:* James Shields and Frances E. Willard; *Indiana:* Lew Wallace and Oliver P. Morton; *Iowa:* James Harlan and S. J. Kirkwood; *Kansas:* George W. Glick and John J. Ingalls; *Maine:* William King; *Maryland:* Charles Carroll and John Hanson; *Massachusetts:* Samuel Adams and John Winthrop; *Michigan:* Lewis Cass and Zachariah Chandler; *Minnesota:* Henry M. Rice; *Missouri:* Thomas H. Benton and Francis P. Blair; *New Hampshire:* John Stark and Daniel Webster; *New Jersey:* Richard Stockton and Philip Kearny; *New York:* Robert R. Livingston and George Clinton; *North Carolina:* Zebulon B. Vance; *Ohio:* James A. Garfield and William Allen; *Oklahoma:* Sequoyah; *Pennsylvania:* J. P. G. Muhlenberg and Robert Fulton; *Rhode Island:* Nathanael Greene and Roger Williams; *South Carolina:* John C. Calhoun; *Texas:* Stephen F. Austin and Samuel Houston; *Vermont:* Ethan Allen and Jacob Collamer; *Virginia:* George Washington and Robert E. Lee; *West Virginia:* John E. Kenna and Francis H. Pierpont; *Wisconsin:* James Marquette.

STATUES "BOWED" AT NIGHT

One other room in the Capitol, that now occupied by the U. S. Supreme Court, might challenge the claim of Statuary Hall to preëminence in long historic association.

Of this Supreme Court room a tale is told which ranks as one of the most charming chapters of the copious lore of the Capitol. Around the chamber are busts of the Chief Justices since the time of John Jay.

For some years it was exceedingly difficult to get any of the darker-hued employees of the Capitol to go into this room after nightfall. They shunned it as they would a cemetery. They said it was haunted. They knew it was haunted because the statues of these jurists bowed their heads when any one entered the room after sun down!



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© THE MOSAIC OF MINERVA AT THE HEAD OF THE MAIN MARBLE STAIR OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

This picture in stone of the Goddess of Wisdom, by Eilifu Vedder is a symbol of the enduring treasures of man's research and imagination. The crystallized thoughts of all the ages are contained in this great library's more than three million books and prints. The mural decorations of the building are among the finest in the New World.



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THE HOME OF THE PRESIDENT

In this, the official residence of the Chief Executive of the United States, there is no suggestion of the pretensions of a palace. The architecture of the White House reflects the dignity, the simplicity, and the stability of a Government of the People, by the People, for the People.

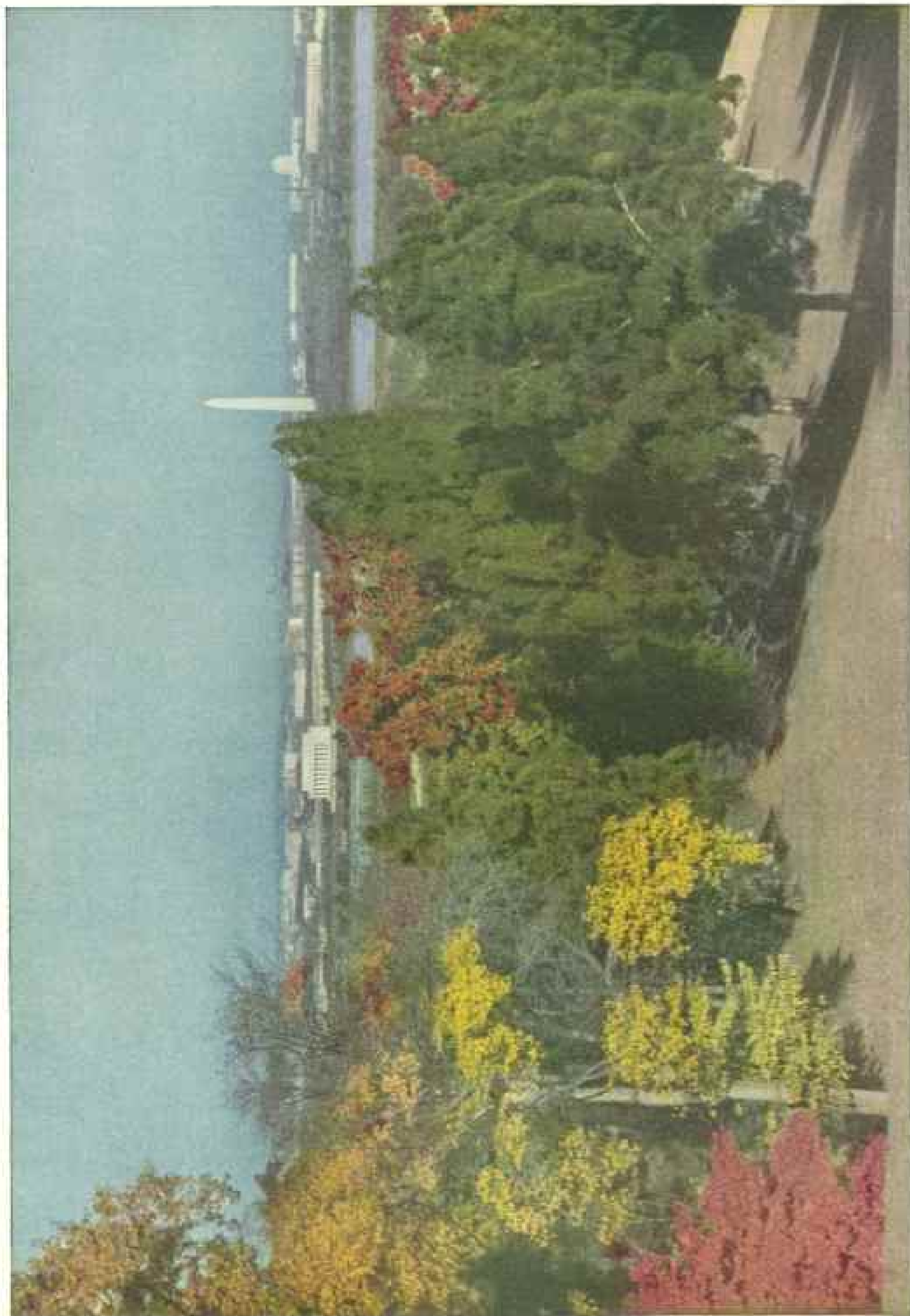
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THE MOST MAJESTIC BUILDING OF THE NEW WORLD

No visitor to Washington can stand beneath the shadow of the great dome of the United States Capitol without being imbued with a feeling of awe and a sense of the responsibility of citizenship. This noble pile of marble and masonry, is truly the place of the Seats of the Mighty, for within its halls are made the laws of the Nation and within one of its chambers sits the Supreme Court which interprets them.

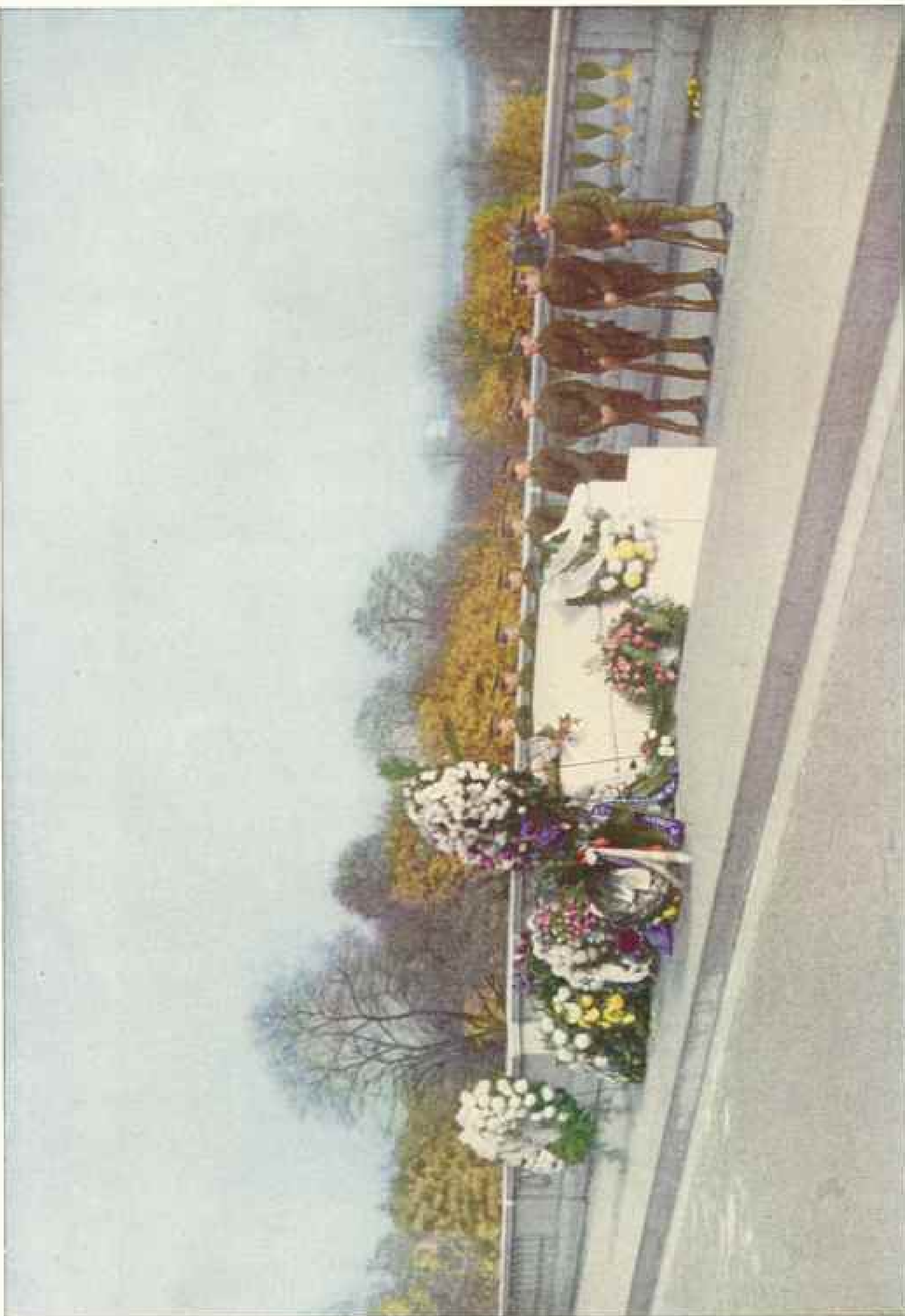


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A GLIMPSE OF WASHINGTON FROM ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Looking across the Potomac one sees the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the United States Capitol as the dominating features of the Mall.



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Aspirations by Charles Martin

THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Within this massive uninscribed sarcophagus rests an unknown soldier, a hero of the World War. The Republic has bestowed upon him its most cherished decoration for valor, the Congressional Medal, and all the major nations associated with America in the great Enterprise for Liberty have similarly honored his memory and the memory of the thousands of his comrades who laid down their lives on the Field of Honor. The Grave of the Unknown Soldier is on the terrace of the Arlington Amphitheater, facing the rising sun and looking toward the Capital. Dimly discernible in the background are the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument.



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THE NATION'S TRIBUTE TO GRANT

Those upon whom rests the responsibility for the selection of sites for memorials that beautify the National Capital and epitomize the people's gratitude to their glorious dead placed this equestrian statue of General Grant at the eastern end of the Mall, at the foot of Capitol Hill. To the west, in the center of the Mall, is the Washington Monument, and beyond it, on the banks of the Potomac, the Memorial to Lincoln. Thus does the monument to the Founder of the Republic rise between those of its two great preservers.

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MIDSUMMER IN WASHINGTON'S BOTANICAL GARDENS

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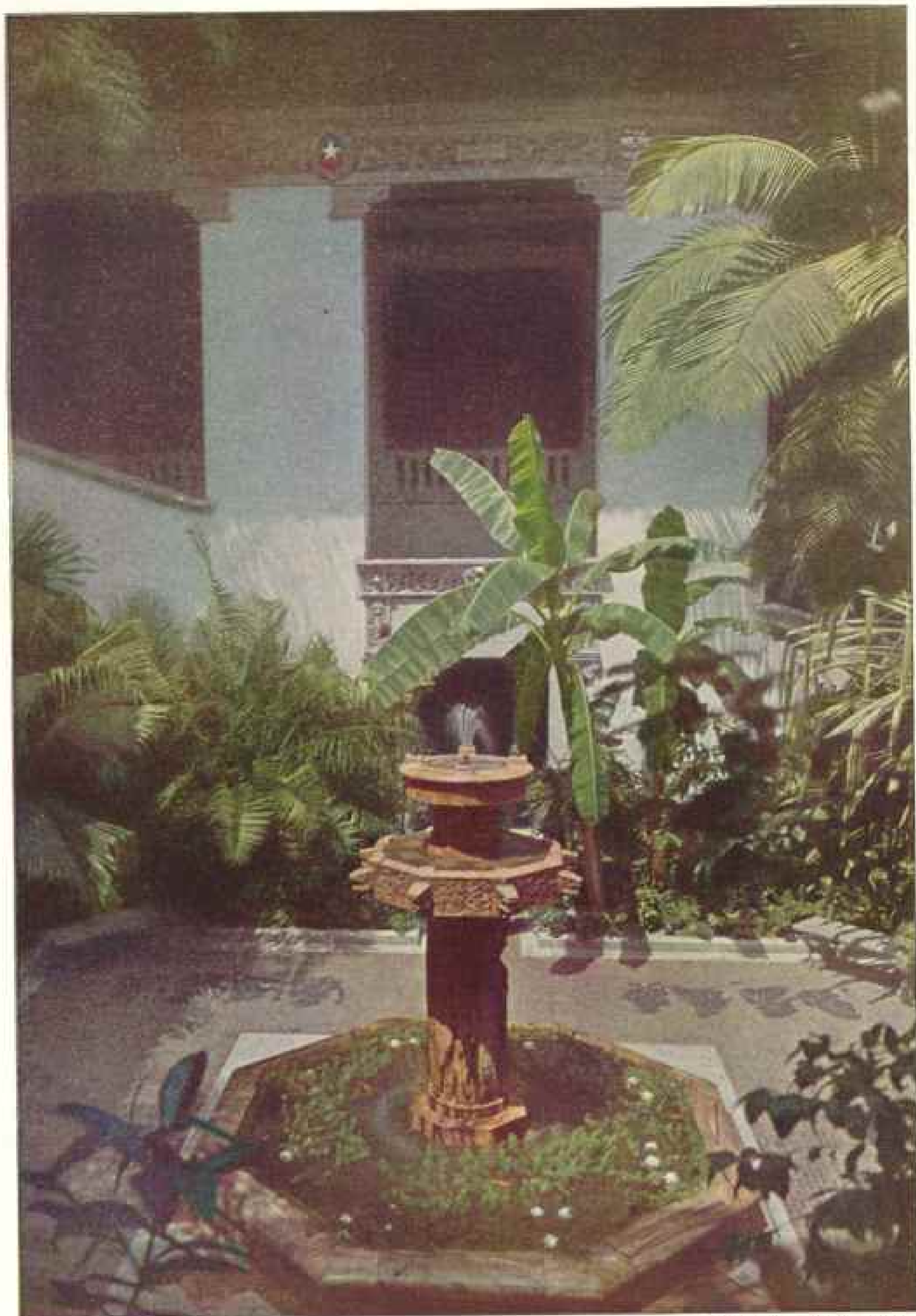
The builders of few World Capitals have given as much thought to the tranquil beauties of Nature as have those who planned and have made Washington. Every broad vista is interrupted at intervals by squares and circles in which bloom many flowers beneath a canopy of trees brought from all parts of the world. The Botanical Gardens occupy the eastern end of the Mall. At the right is a part of the pedestal of the Grant Statue (see preceding illustration).



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A MONUMENT TO A HEALER OF HUMAN ILLS

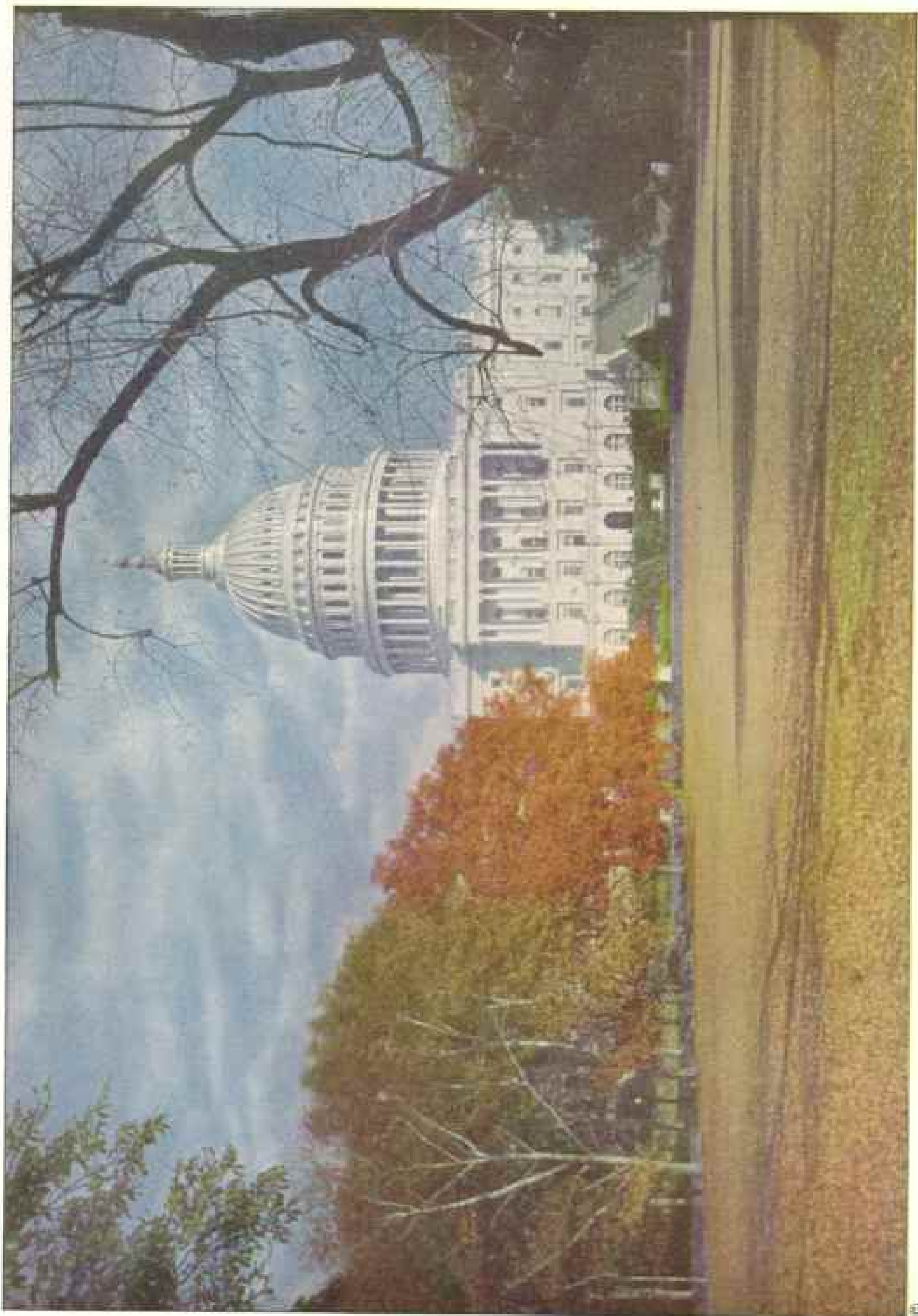
Facing a bronze statue of Daniel Webster, across Scott Circle and Sixteenth Street, one of Washington's most magnificent residential thoroughfares, is this colorful memorial to Samuel Christian Friedrich Hahnemann.



Autochrome by Charles Martin

THE PATIO OF THE PAN AMERICAN UNION

In the center of the building known as the American Peace Palace is this indoor tropical garden with its Aztec fountain in whose basin glints of the goldfish may be seen. Here the visitor finds growing in luxuriant profusion the fruits and flowers of our neighbor republics to the South.

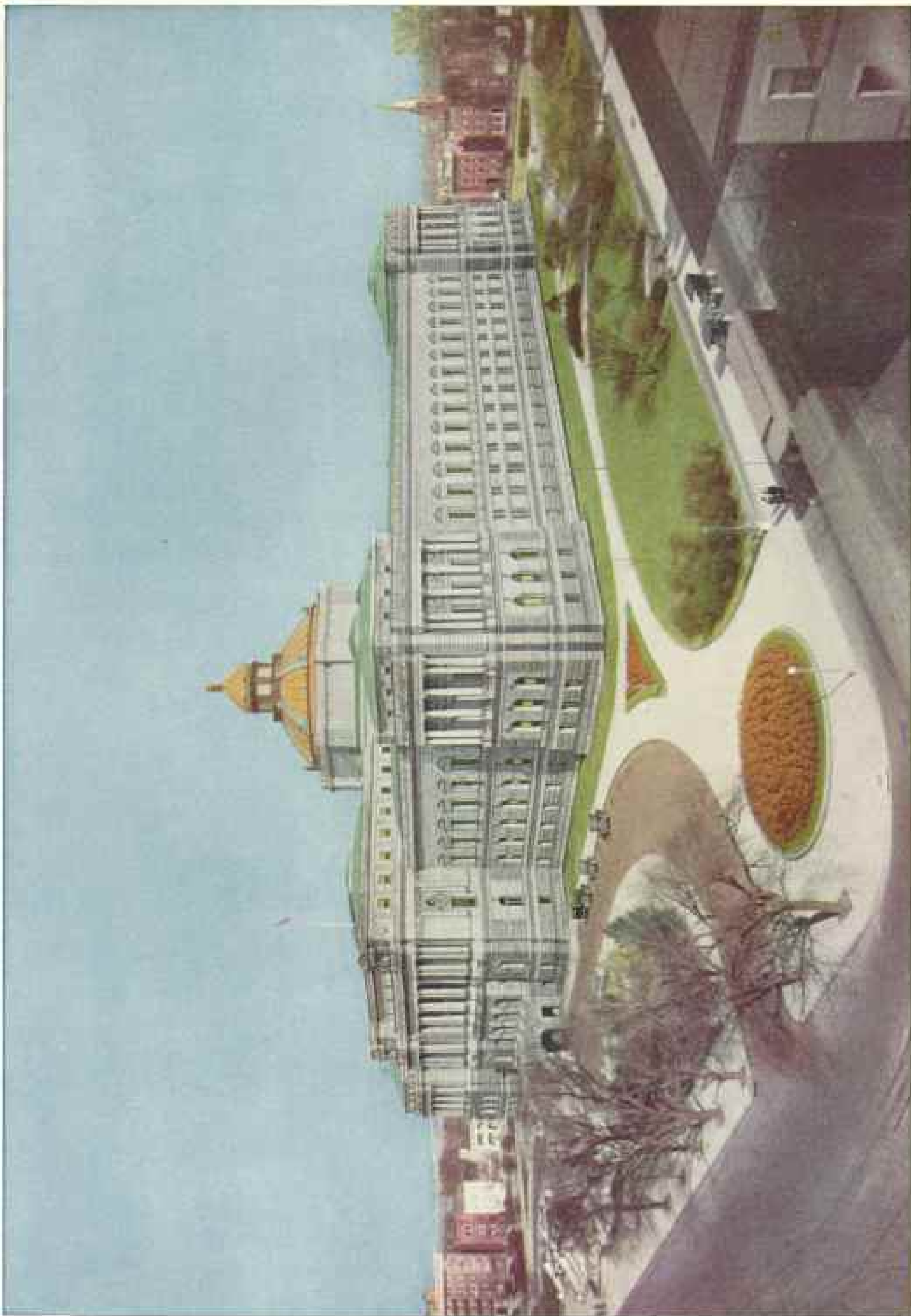


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A NATURAL PEDESTAL WITH ITS MONUMENT

When L'Enfant wrote of the proposed site of the Capitol, he described it as "a pedestal awaiting its monument." One who beholds the commanding situation of the Capitol today feels that L'Enfant was as happy in his phrases as in his engineering.

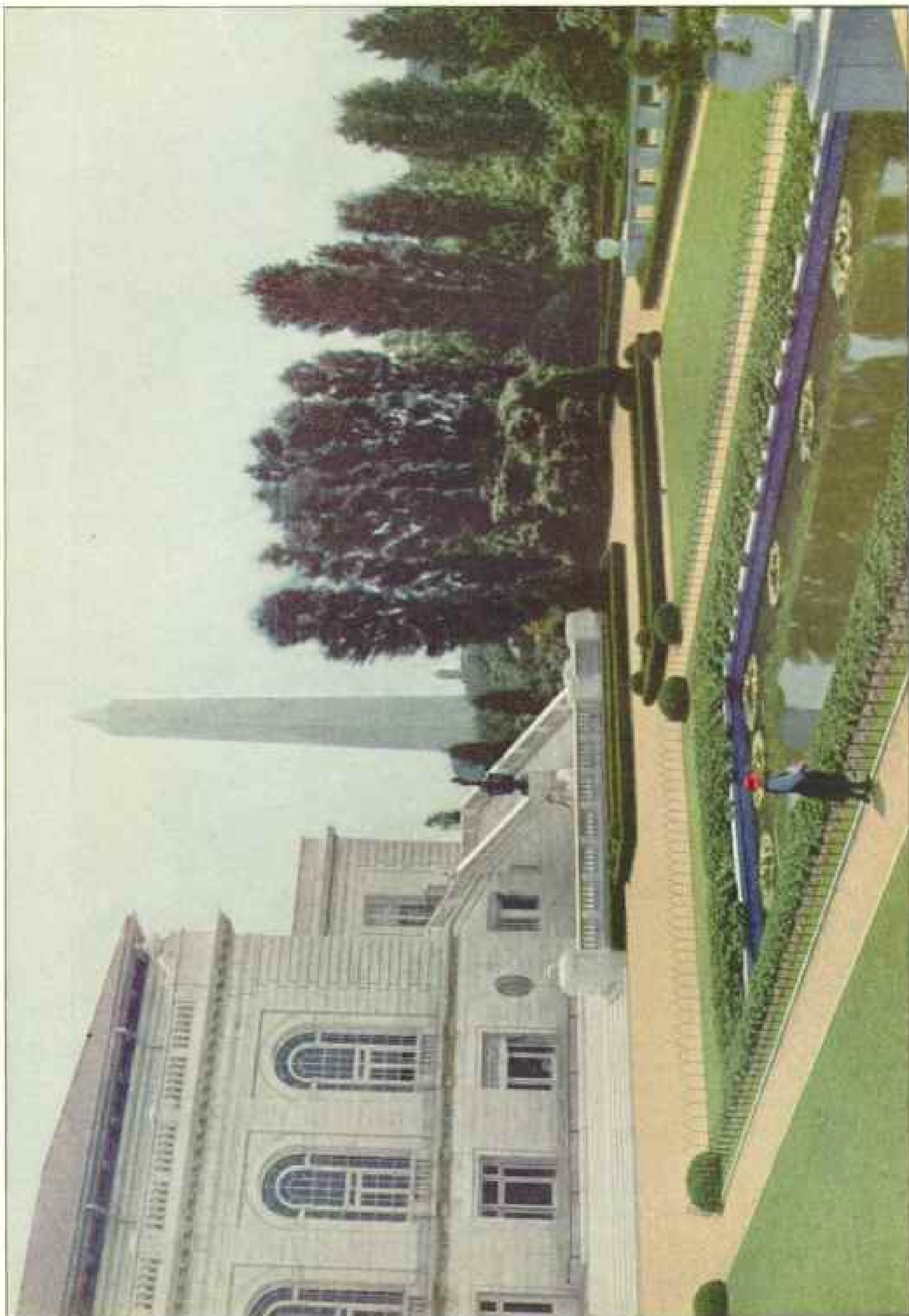
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THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, REPOSITORY OF MAN'S IMPERISHABLE GIFTS TO POSTERITY



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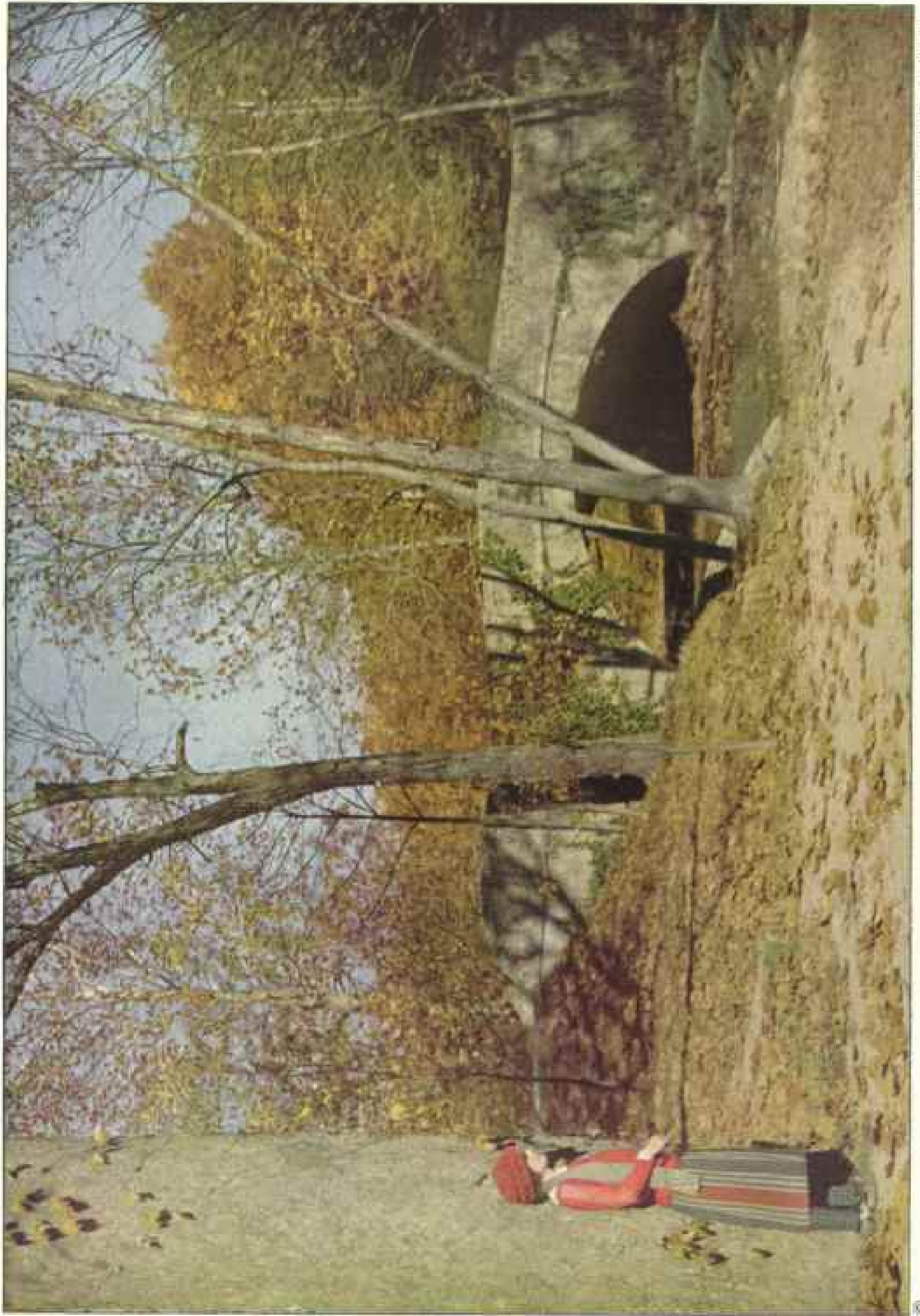
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A GLIMPSE OF THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT FROM THE GARDENS OF THE PAN AMERICAN UNION



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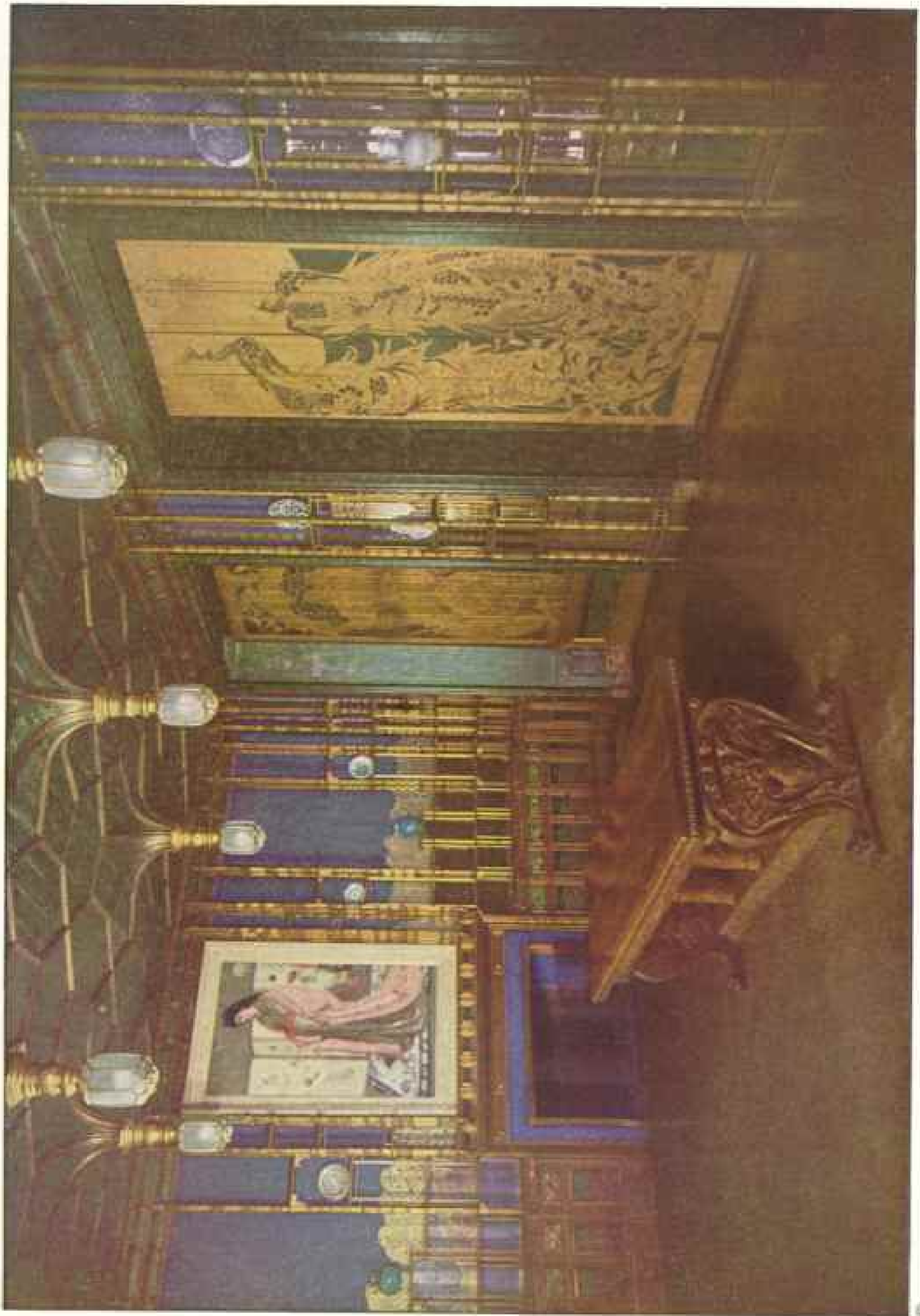
A GOD OF PREHISTORIC AMERICA SURVEYS THE PASSING CENTURIES IN THE PAN AMERICAN GARDENS



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ROCK CREEK PARK IN AUTUMN

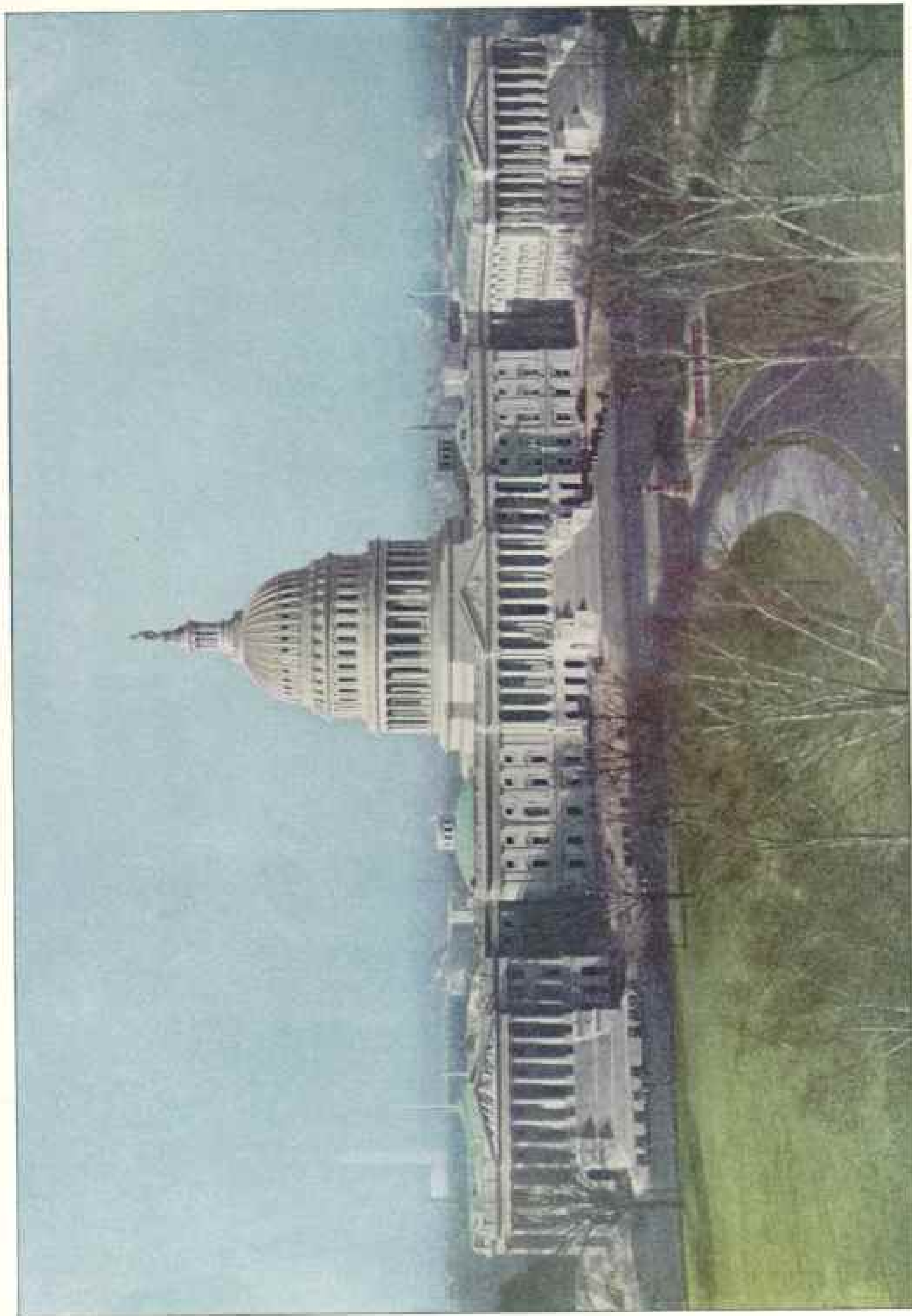
Sylvan scenes, winding bridle paths, many miles of roadway, and the laughing waters of the stream from which it derives its name have made this playground famous throughout America.



Assignment by Charles Merrile

THE PEACOCK ROOM IN THE FREER GALLERY OF ART

This room was designed and decorated by James McNeill Whistler as a part of the house built for a London shipping magnate. It was brought to America and set up as a part of the magnificent Whistler exhibit, bequeathed to the United States Government by Charles L. Freer, as a part of the National Gallery of Art at Washington.



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Appointments by Charles Martin

THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL AND ITS PLAZA

It is in this great edifice that "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity," are, through our representatives in Congress, working out the destiny of the Nation.

One day an employee in the office of the Clerk of the Court was detained by his work until late in the evening. Entering the room where the court sits to get some papers, he was astounded to see the ghostly figures slowly swaying back and forth!

Investigation disclosed that a suspended light outside was swung by a breeze, and the play of the shadows gave the statues the semblance of bowing, as they were reported to have done.

To every American this room is haunted—haunted by memories of Clay, Calhoun, and Webster, giants of the days when the Senate met here. These walls heard Webster's immortal reply to Hayne, Jefferson's second inaugural, and Clay's two farewell addresses.

Here was confirmed the treaty with Napoleon by which this country acquired the territory included in the Louisiana Purchase. Here was proclaimed the Monroe Doctrine. Here, too, sat the Electoral Commission that may have averted a civil war over the succession to the Presidency, declaring Hayes elected by a majority of one vote.

The Senate began sitting in this chamber immediately upon the transfer of the government in 1800; for a time the House occupied a room in this wing; later it was housed in a temporary brick building about where Statuary Hall now stands, appropriately known as "the oven," both from its shape and its summer temperature.

Since 1860 the Supreme Court has sat here and, within our own time, an historic precedent was set with the induction of a former President, William Howard Taft, as Chief Justice of the United States.

AN EMPTY TOMB UNDER THE ROTUNDA

Under the Rotunda is a chamber, now bare, circled by severe Doric columns, and beneath the center—an empty tomb.

Congress requested that Washington's remains be removed from Mount Vernon to this sepulcher, which was to have been a national shrine, where all would pause in reverence as they passed. The owners of Mount Vernon, mindful of Washington's wish to be buried on his estate, would not permit the removal of his body; and future generations are grateful that they acted as they did.

The resting place he chose in life, on the green rounded knoll overlooking his well-loved Potomac, seems now a fitter resting place than this rather cramped crypt (see page 650).

The nation ever will be grateful, also, to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association for buying Washington's home, saving it from further dilapidation, restoring it, and maintaining it for the American people.

The crypt, located on the ground floor of the Capitol, is in the center of a corridor which runs the length of the Capitol, almost 750 feet, thus forming what is reputed to be the longest passageway of any public building in the world.

MANY SHOPS BELOW THE GROUND FLOOR

Below the ground floor is a part of the Capitol closed to visitors, honeycombed with shops, stores, ducts, and corridors, which best tells the magnitude of the task of operating the building.

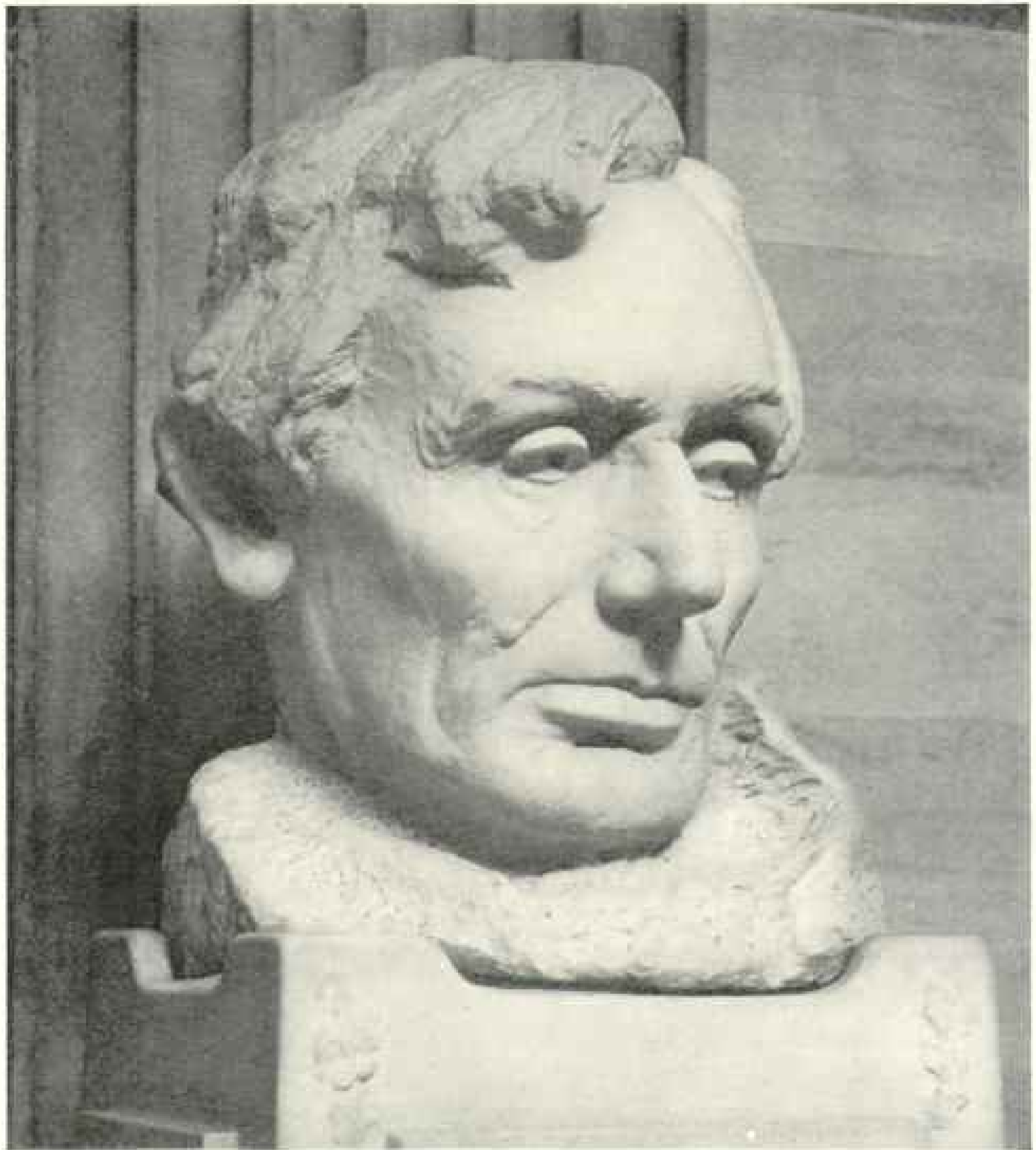
One corridor is like a busy street of Tunis, in that it is shut off from the light of day, though its activities are far more modern. There is a machine shop, a plumbers' shop, a carpenter shop with lathes and sawing-machines, and a paint shop. Here are supply-rooms where workmen may requisition a tack or a wash-basin.

An array of electrical equipment is kept on hand to replace parts of motors, fans, lights, and the voice amplifier in the House. A gardener has tools to care for some 225 kinds of trees planted in the Capitol grounds, for these 58 acres form a veritable arboretum, with tree specimens from China, Persia, Japan, and the Caucasus.

A power plant five blocks away furnishes current for the Capitol. This power runs 49 elevators and lifts, and lights 49,750 electric bulbs in the Capitol group, runs a dish-washing machine, operates potato-peelers, and reduces ice-box temperatures. Even pencil-sharpeners have been motorized!

NO REGISTERS OR RADIATORS TO HEAT THE HOUSE

A single 14-inch pipe conveys steam from the plant to the House Office Building, then to the Capitol and Library, and to the Senate Office Building.



Photograph by Charles Martin.

THIS LIKENESS STANDS WHERE HE LAY IN STATE

Having been presented by an individual, not by a State, this impressive head of Lincoln, by Gutzon Borglum, appropriately rests in the Rotunda under the dome upon which he would not allow work to cease for a single day during the darkest hours of the Civil War. The marble figure can be recognized over the left shoulder of one of the men on guard at the casket of the Unknown Soldier, page 614.

An inquiring person who stands in the spacious hall of the House of Representatives must wonder where the light and heat come from. Neither electric lights, radiators, nor registers are visible. Thereby hangs one of the most fascinating mechanical stories of the Capitol.

Members of the House and the scurrying pages literally are walking on air anywhere they tread on the main floor of the

House, for beneath them is an air chamber from 3 to 5 feet deep. Over their heads is another chamber, where thousands of electric bulbs diffuse a soft light through the ceiling panels of glass, and from this upper chamber constantly is being pumped the vitiated air which arises from the chamber.

To trace this story, one needs go into the "hold" of the Capitol, far beneath



Photograph by Charles Martin

THE ROGERS BRONZE DOORS OF THE ROTUNDA

These doors were formerly hung at an entrance to Statuary Hall, but the crowds which paused to admire their exquisite workmanship obstructed the corridor. The eight panels depict scenes from the life of Columbus. One of them shows the explorer in chains, which he continued to wear after boarding the vessel that was taking him back to Spain "as a memento of the gratitude of princes." A vandal has stolen the chains and the extended hand is worn by many visitors who observe a ritual of "shaking hands with Columbus."



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A GROUP OF PROUD PILGRIMS ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL.

Tens of thousands of Americans take a short course in patriotism and government annually by making a pilgrimage to Washington; but none of them get more of happiness and inspiration out of it than the members of the boys' and girls' clubs of the rural high schools. The boys and girls in this picture hail from the parishes of Louisiana and won a national poultry-judging contest. They are seeing Washington under the guidance of one of their Senators and the Secretary of Agriculture.

the offices and public corridors. Here sits an engineer, who can ascertain the temperature of any part of the building by consulting a device originally developed to determine temperatures in deep-sea soundings.

From the west terraces great ducts afford inlets for streams of fresh air. Huge motors operate metal fans, twelve feet in diameter, which drive this air through about 10,000 feet of steam coils to provide the heat for the chamber of the House.

This heated air passes through a duct, really a passageway wide enough for two men to walk abreast and in many parts twice a man's height. A condenser maintains proper humidity; on its upward way the air passes an ozonator, where electrical discharges accomplish the effect of lightning during a summer shower.

Finally this shaft reaches the chamber which extends under the entire floor space of the House. There it diffuses and sweeps up without drafts through

scores of vents in the vertical parts of the steps of the tiers of seats. It also escapes through inconspicuous brackets close to the floors, along the walls of the room.

THE COAT OF ARMS OF EACH STATE IN CEILING PANELS

The glass panels which form the House ceiling, each with the coat of arms of a State, seem to be set solid in the wood-work; in reality rows at each end are raised about three inches above the frames, and through the many vents thus afforded the heated air escapes. The air chamber above is twelve feet high in the center, beneath a glass peak roof. Other motors propel huge metal fans which pump out this foul air as it rises.

Thus streams of pure air, heated to about 70 degrees, continuously flow into the hall and seep out again. The fans below have six speeds, and when the hall is crowded, as it always is when the President addresses Congress and during important debates, the motors are thrown



Photograph by Maynard Owen Williams

THE CAPITOL IN WINTER

Three stages in the Capitol's building, representing three epochs in American history, are discernible in this picture. The Statue of Freedom, which crowns the dome, was put in place during the Civil War; the narrow part here shown was burned during the War of 1812 and afterward restored; the cornerstone of the House wing, to the right, was laid in 1851, with Daniel Webster as the orator.

into "high" and the whole process is greatly accelerated. Not a sound or sight of this mechanism mars the dignity of the House proceedings.

Essentially the same method is employed in the Senate. Smaller coils are near committee rooms and other offices. In his subterranean office the engineer may scan, by his recording device, the

temperature of the outdoor air as it pours into the great duct, he may determine whether it is heated enough by the time it reaches various parts of the building, and he regulates his coils accordingly.

This pumping goes on winter and summer alike; for the problems of heating and ventilation are allied. Substitution of ice for the steam coils has been tried



Photograph by Clifton Adams

AN EASTER MONDAY EGG-ROLLING THROUNG IN THE WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS

in summer, but the volume and speed of the air is so great that a reasonable amount of ice has little effect upon the temperature.

The Capitol, the Library of Congress, and the House and Senate Office Buildings are parts of the Capitol unit. The Library, one of the world's most beautiful structures, is not a public library; it was designed to be just what its name implies, the working library for members of Congress.

Subways connect the Capitol with its two massive office buildings; that to the Senate has an electric conveyance, Washington's only subway. Members of the House must walk, because their larger numbers might entail traffic jams were provision made to haul them. An electric conveyer, in a tunnel, delivers to the Capitol books ordered by members from the Library of Congress.

A SCENE TO INSPIRE PATRIOTISM

One pauses on the steps of the main portico of the Capitol, immediately back of the point where more than a score of America's Presidents have taken the oath of office before assembled multitudes, to

behold this greatest legislative group in the world, the Senate and House Office Buildings to his left and right respectively and the Library of Congress in front of him.

The scene enkindles patriotism and awakens in every citizen a sense of his exalted responsibility to his forebears who founded the republic and to the future generations whose privilege of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is in large measure dependent upon what he does to-day to safeguard and uphold the nation's institutions.

Amid the glamor of history, some are prone to discount the achievements of the present and the abilities of those to whom have been entrusted the duties of law-making and law-administering. But the student of the past knows that the wail of the "decadence of the times" is one which has gone forth in every age.

The men of to-day who are making the history of America will, in turn, have their meed of recognition, and in some future time their effigies in bronze and marble will be placed in Statuary Hall as comrades in glory with the Founders and Preservers of the Republic.

THE SOURCES OF WASHINGTON'S CHARM

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DURING the World War and after, when Europe was establishing an American calling acquaintance by commissions of distinguished statesmen and occasional kings and princes, a young reporter fell into the habit, when sent to interview them, of asking one question:

"What do you think of Washington?"

Being polite and politic, these gentlemen said complimentary things. It finally did strike this reporter, however, that there might be something significant about their almost invariable use of the word "charm" in their replies.

They disagreed upon nearly every other topic—economic, political and social; why, then, this independent and common verdict that Washington has "charm"?

Finally there came a very great statesman, who also is a very great philosopher, to whom the reporter dared ask further:

"What do you mean by charm?"

"What do I mean by charm?" He hesitated. "Why is a rainbow beautiful? Of course, you can pick out its different colors; but, separately, they won't tell the whole story."

Here, at least, is a starting point. Picking out some of the colors of rainbow Washington, one begins to find many things that make it different from other American cities and from other world capitals.

INCIDENTS WHICH COULDN'T HAPPEN ELSEWHERE

It was after a two-hour stroll through Rock Creek Park on a Sunday afternoon that another visitor, by no means a philosopher, echoed the same thought when he exclaimed, "Well, all that couldn't happen anywhere except in Washington."

Before the excursion, he made no attempt to conceal his amusement at "walking through a park for something to do in a strange city."

His first surprise was in turning off stately upper Sixteenth Street, embassy-lined and motor-studded, and in less distance than two city blocks trailing through

a tree thicket toward the boisterous brook that gives the park its name.

"Why, this is like stepping off Fifth Avenue into the Maine woods," was his candid confession of sudden interest.

THE CHARM OF THE UNEXPECTED

Scene after scene impressed him. Most of all, he admired the way nature was left undisturbed except for ribboned automobile roads; but the three mental pictures he has been talking about ever since were these:

A veteran ambassador of one of Europe's most punctilious courts cheerily engaged in testing his aim by hurling rocks at a rock target atop a third rock; a noted Western Senator riding horseback along a bridle path past a Girl Scouts' tea-room; a Rear-Admiral of the United States Navy hiking along with seven Russian children of graduated height.

Yes, the dignity and beauty of its public buildings, its broad, tree-bowered streets, the very magnificence of its distances, once an aspersion and now an inestimable civic asset, along with its incomparable natural setting—these make for the charm of Washington. Yet there are other attributes—the charm of the unexpected, the ways that are different, the things that could happen nowhere else except in Washington—which contribute to the eternal fascination of our National Capital.

"See Mecca and die" is the prayer of the Mohammedan. "Let us go to Washington and live," seems to be the fervent aspiration of more and more Americans. And all the rest, it would seem, wish to visit it.

WHERE ALL MANNER OF EXPERTS GATHER

There is an intellectual charm about Washington which arises from the fact that here live experts on nearly every subject human genius has explored.

From the Astrophysical Observatory down through the scientific alphabet to the Zoological Park runs the city's gamut



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INDIANS WHO HAVE COME TO GREET THE GREAT WHITE FATHER

Washington was once the site of an Indian village. A line of these villages existed along Eastern Branch as far up as Bladensburg, and there were others between the Capitol site and the river, and in the neighborhood of the Sixteenth Street Bridge spanning Piney Branch.

of institutions and authorities, whether your hobby be ballistics, conchology, geography, hydraulics, or taxation. Constantly the city garners more of these experts, coming to associate themselves with scientific establishments or to pursue independent ways among such a wealth of facilities and kindred minds.

AID OF SCIENCE ENLISTED TO SOLVE BASEBALL PROBLEM

A whale drifts ashore on the lower Potomac, an unexpected star cuts across a corner of the firmament, a disease menaces cattle in Montana, a plant of China's remotest province arouses interest, an earthquake shakes a South Sea island, a baseball player knocks out too many hotne runs for the precedents and equilibrium of the game—and Washington promptly provides an expert to tell wherefore and why.

To explain the last and most trivial case, it will be recalled how, some seasons ago, a batsman loomed up to knock out more home runs than the most confirmed "fan" ever before observed. That same season the major league clubs had adopted a slightly modified type of baseball. Enthusiasts were deeply concerned whether the new ball or the new and mighty Casey was responsible for this showing.

Whereupon a sample baseball was sent to a certain scientific bureau in Washington, where it went into the hopper of problems with the day's other work. Erudite physicists and chemists took that baseball to pieces, used microscopes, hair-trigger scales, and mysterious acids, and solemnly gave the important decision that it was the latter, not the ball, who was doing it.

Washington's formal official life, with its mammoth receptions, complexity of precedence, and its endless maze of vicarious calling by leaving cards, frequently is exploited by visiting correspondents and "special writers."

The deeper currents of social life which flow from these groups of mutual intellectual interests, being less obvious, receive scantier outside attention. Yet they are the very marrow of Washington.

Presence of picked men from nearly every field of human achievement makes possible Washington's unique Cosmos Club, known from Kennebunkport to

Kairowan, which unobtrusively but surely limits its members to those distinguished in science, art, letters, or public service.

Enter its dining-room, home-like though far from pretentious, overlooking Lafayette Square, and scan a typical noon-day luncheon gathering.

Here is a man who dug up some tiny plants in a remote place and thereby brought home to his country more wealth than the Indies ever afforded. There sits an authority on waterways and railroads of Europe, talking to the author of a recent novel, a best-seller.

Casualty others are dropping in—a jurist whose name is familiar wherever civilized man dwells; another, known to few but his fellow-scientists, who spent years learning about pulmonate gastropods—meaning garden slugs. At a window table is a world traveler, and near by a world forsaker, who deliberately has narrowed his life work down to a study of mushrooms. Later he may specialize on certain varieties. And at yonder place—his presence a typical Washington contrast—is a famous newspaper man.

Scientist and news-gatherer sit down together—a genius who gladly spends a lifetime if he can add one new fact to human knowledge and establish its relation to the scheme of things, and this craftsman who constantly struggles to cut the seconds between the time anything happens and your first inkling that it occurred.

A MAJOR INDUSTRY—THE EXPORT OF WORDS

Washington has a major industry outside the scope of the U. S. Census. That industry is the exportation of words. The statement is no play upon words; even the courts have ruled news a commodity. The mere physical transmission of the 500,000 words it is estimated Washington news-gatherers send out daily by wire, wireless, and mail is no mean industry.

Practically all the 2,455 daily newspapers in the United States are represented in Washington, singly and in groups, by correspondents, press associations, and syndicates.

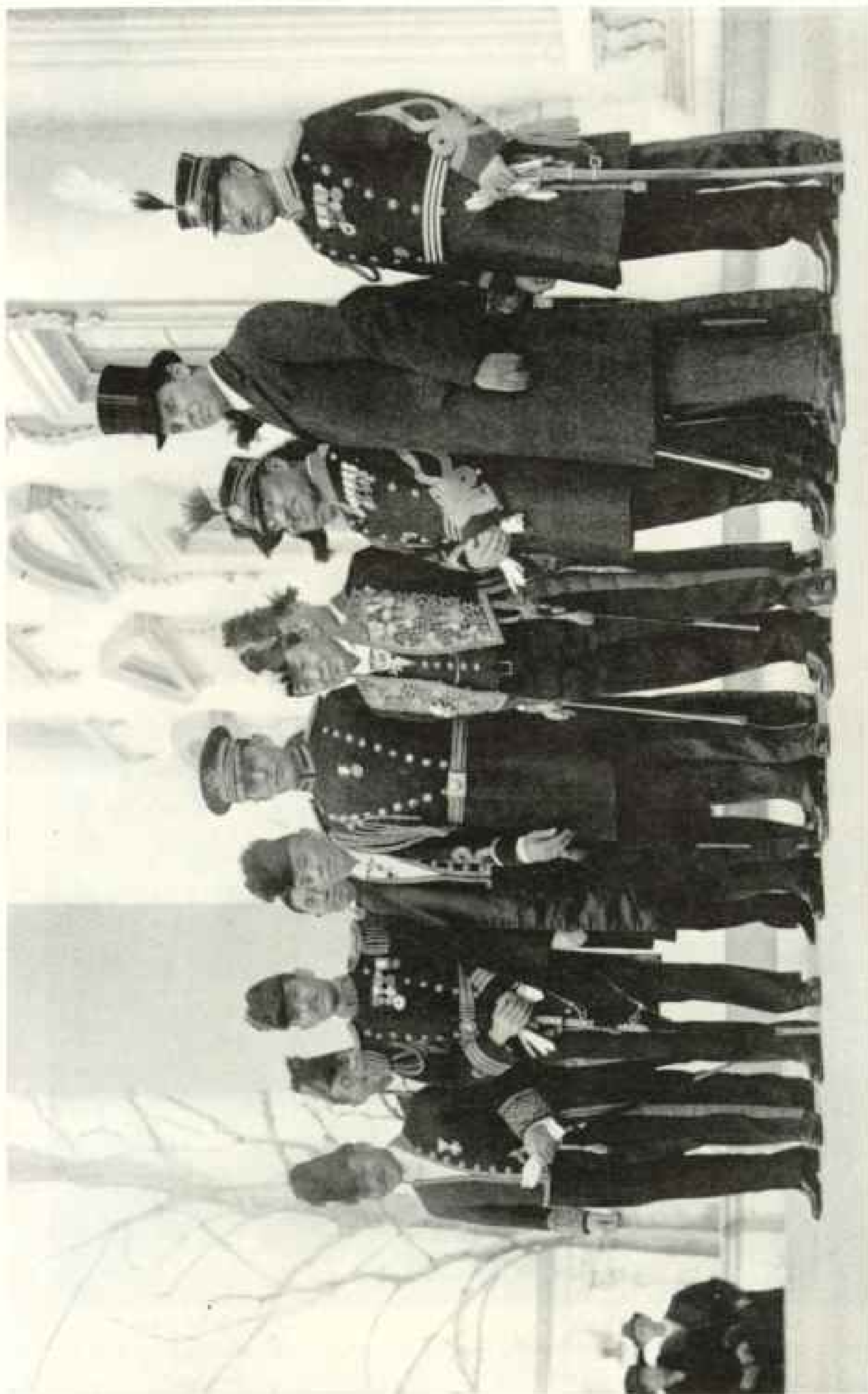
This makes for another group of men peculiar to Washington—a group which



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MARSHAL FOCH, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR JUSSEKAND, LEAVING THE STATE, WAR AND NAVY BUILDING AFTER PAYING HIS RESPECTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

"Where are you going?" said one famous interviewer to another, just after the war had been lifted. "I'm to sail tomorrow for a trip around the world. And you?" "I am going down to Washington to watch the world go by."



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AN AMBASSADOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS

Diplomatic intercourse is always marked by the most meticulous observance of precedents, and when an ambassador presents his credentials he is accompanied by his staff in full uniform. The picture shows the new Japanese Ambassador, Masanao Hamihara, on his ceremonial visit to the President, as the representative of the Emperor. He is to be introduced by an Assistant Secretary of State (at the right).



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THE PRESIDENT GREETS HIGH-SCHOOL GIRLS FROM WESTBORO, MASSACHUSETTS



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THE PRINCE OF WALES IS MET AT UNION STATION BY THOMAS R. MARSHALL, THEN VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The distinguished visitor has just stepped from a private suite built at the east end of the station for the President and his guests. In this room Marshal Joffre, Earl Balfour, and members of other overseas missions were welcomed officially when they arrived in the Capital.



Photograph by Harold Stieg

KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM RECEIVING AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

comprises hundreds of the best correspondents, writers, and news-gatherers in the country, who are seldom heard of beyond the District of Columbia borders because they write not at all about themselves.

Their significance in our national life is one story—the late Viscount Bryce discusses it in his “Modern Democracies”—for they transmit the raw material which voters from 48 States utilize in their ballot-box verdicts upon their government and their representatives in Congress.

Their distinctive contribution to Wash-

ington's life is another story. Their numbers make up the membership of two unique institutions, the Gridiron Club and the National Press Club. In the rooms of the latter, Presidents, the Prince of Wales, Sarah Bernhardt, and Emile Coué have been honored guests.

At the Gridiron Club's famous dinners, with guest lists reading like a Who's Who of Fame, the paradoxical rule is observed that, constructively, “ladies always are present and reporters never.” There the President, Cabinet members, Senators, diplomats, and noted men from all walks



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THE PRESIDENT INAUGURATES THE BASEBALL SEASON



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CHARLES E. HUGHES, SECRETARY OF STATE, RECEIVES A DELEGATION OF BOY SCOUTS



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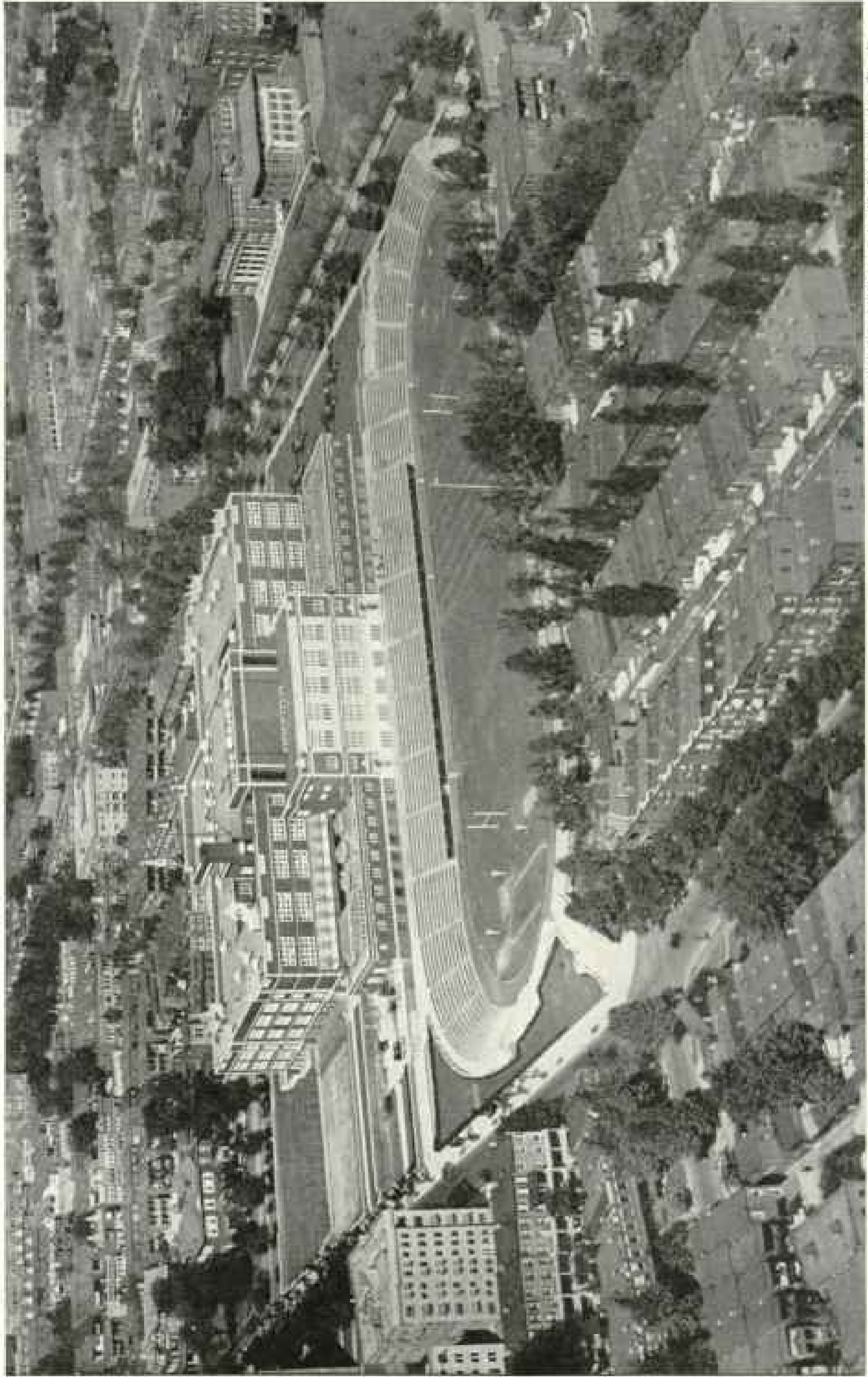
MAKING A MOTION-PICTURE RECORD OF A VISIT OF THE WIVES OF PHILIPPINE COMMISSIONERS TO THE FIRST LADY OF THE LAND

Everything that happens at the White House is of interest to the country at large, and there is rarely a "news reel" shown in the thousands of theaters throughout the United States that some scene in Washington is not included.

of life watch themselves "gridironed" merrily and mercilessly. Never have the hosts had the bad taste to give offense nor a guest to take it.

A third club "which only could happen in Washington" is the Army and Navy

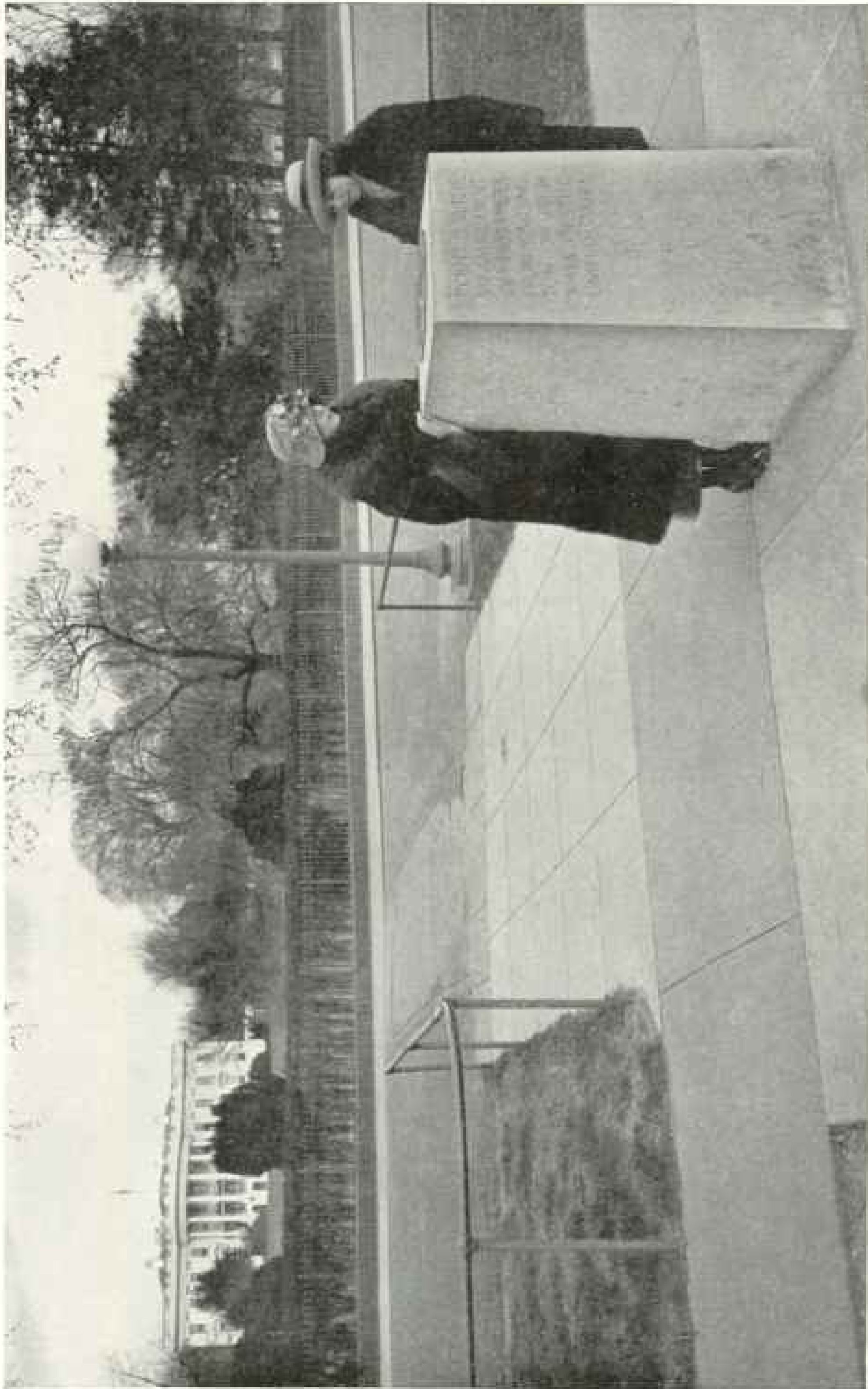
Club. In peace time, without their uniforms, men whose names are already emblazoned with those of Grant and Sherman and Lee traverse Washington streets often unrecognized by the crowds. Should this club and its luncheon gathering be



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CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND ITS STADIUM

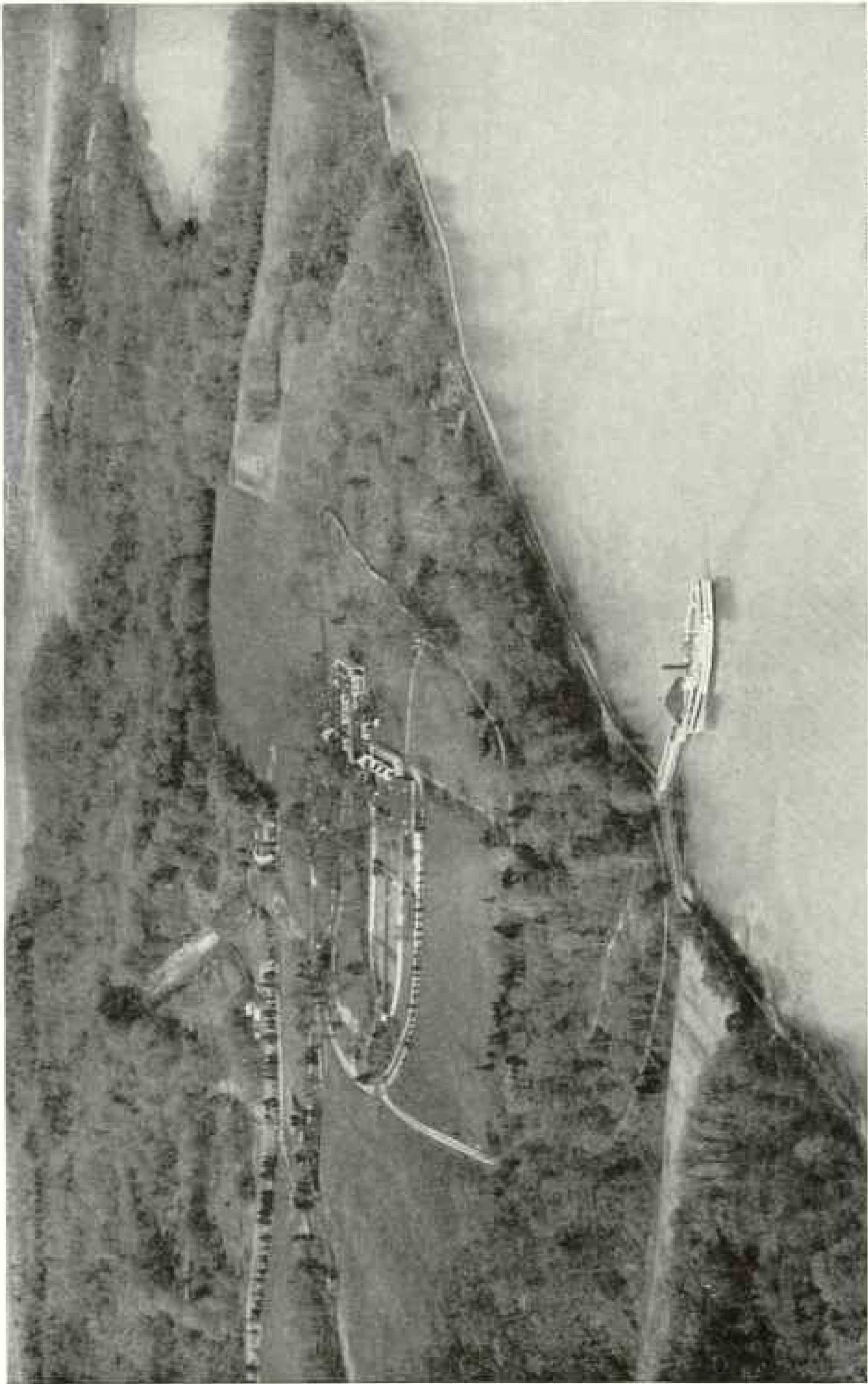
Washington schools are highly cosmopolitan. Pupils from many embassies and legations attend them. The present Minister from China is one of Central's many distinguished alumni. Seventeen nationalities were represented among its pupils early in 1923.



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THE ZERO STONE FOR UNIFIED STATES DISTANCES

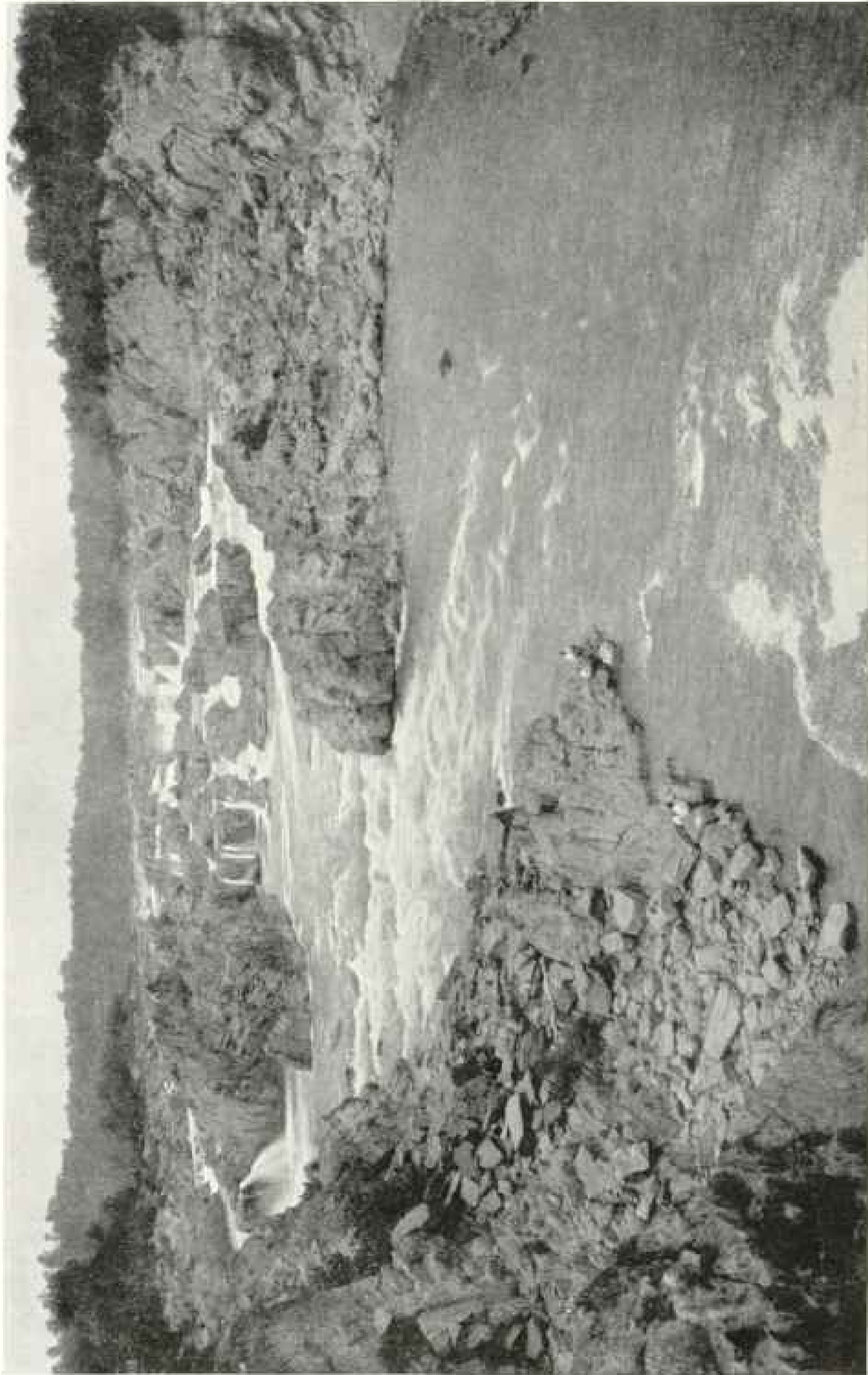
In his plan for the Federal City, Major L'Enfant proposed to erect, in what is now Lincoln Park, "an historic column, also intended to be a mile or itinerary column, from whose station (a mile from the Federal House) all distances of places through the continent are to be calculated." This stone at the south front of the White House Grounds is a belated adoption of at least a part of that idea.



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MOUNT VERNON FROM THE AIR

This interesting view of our National Shrine gives an excellent idea of the beautiful site which Washington, with his knowledge of surveying, chose as his home and wished to be his burial place. It is a custom among high officials of foreign governments to make a pilgrimage to Mount Vernon and lay a wreath at the simple tomb of the first President. The estate is reverently preserved by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association exactly as Washington left it.



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THE GREAT FALLS OF THE POTOMAC

This region has both scenic and historic interest. "The Potomac has two kinds of beauty," wrote Viscount Bryce, "the beauty of the upper stream, murmuring over a rocky bed, and the beauty of the wide expanse, spread out like a lake below the city." Along the Virginia bank at this point is the abandoned "Washington Canal," now used for boating, and the crumbling foundations of a mill which recalls Washington's hope of founding a manufacturing city here.



Photograph by Charles Merritt

THE HOME OF AMERICAN INVENTION: THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

From this classic structure, occupying two city blocks, have been issued one and a half million patents safeguarding the fruits of genius. Within its archives may be found the history of the inception and development of the telephone, the telegraph, the electric light, the phonograph, the photographic art, the radio, and the myriad other inventions which have contributed to the comfort of man and the progress of civilization.



Photograph by Charles Martin

HISTORIC ST. JOHN'S, OFTEN CALLED "THE CHURCH OF THE PRESIDENTS"

Its cornerstone laid 108 years ago, this edifice has been the place of worship of many men and women famous in the country's history. The lofty office structure which forms the enveloping background houses several thousand clerks of the United States Veterans' Bureau. Between the church and the bureau building is the four-story brownstone house in which tradition says "Lucile" was written (see text, page 661).



Photograph by Clifton Adams

FEEDING THE PIGEONS IN LAFAYETTE PARK

Opposite the White House, flanked by historic homes and other buildings, and containing statues of great men of four nations, this park is one of the most interesting of the smaller reservations in Washington. The pigeons are "at home" here, as are the squirrels in the Capitol grounds and the peacocks in Rock Creek Park.



Photograph by Maynard Owen Williams

SUN HUNTERS IN WASHINGTON'S TOURIST CAMP, EAST POTOMAC PARK

The War Department supervises Potomac Park with its public golf course, vegetable gardens, a river driveway, a Girl Scouts' tea-room and picnic grounds, in addition to the tourist camp.



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THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE GOES TO MARKET WITH HIS WIFE

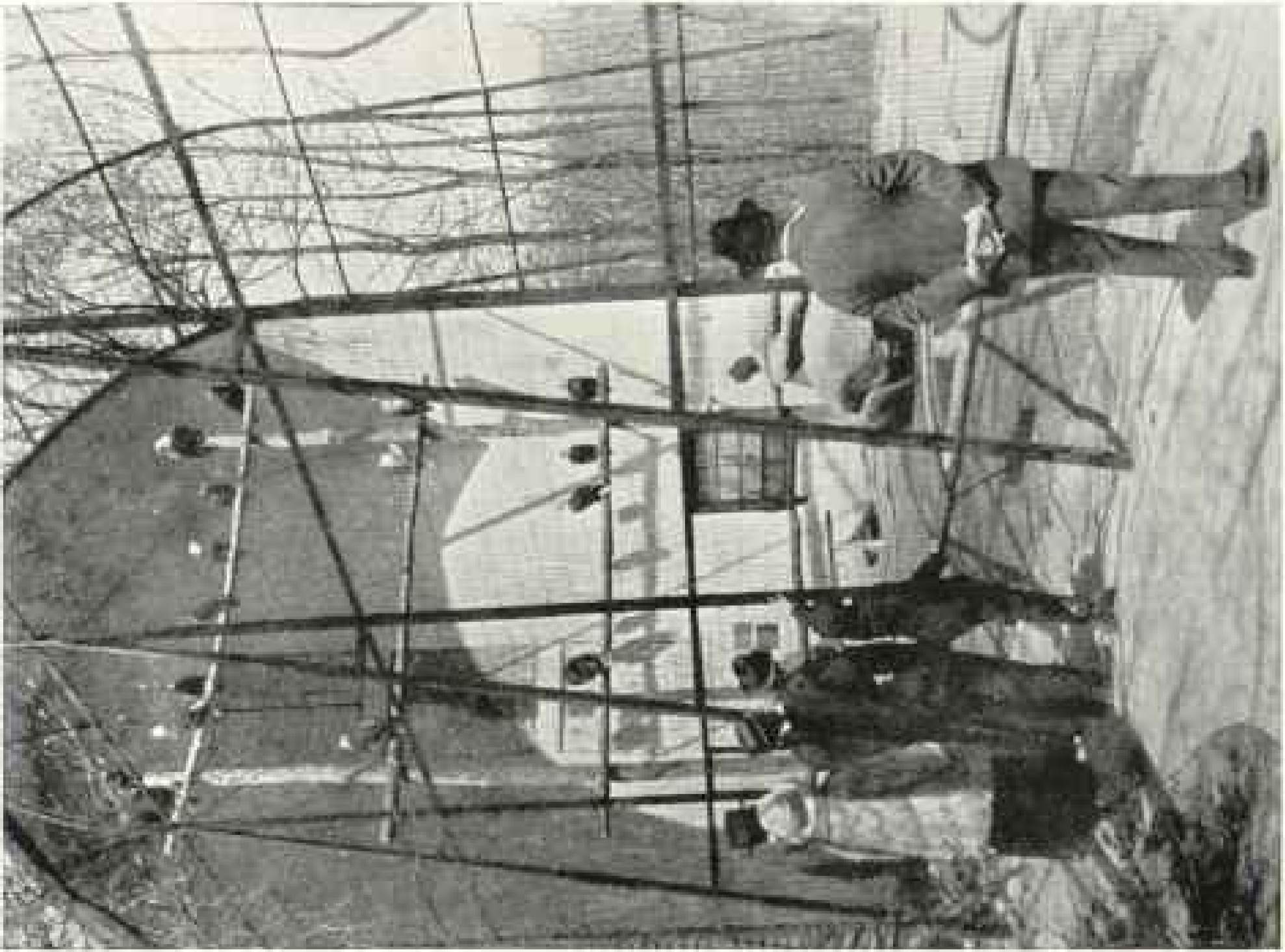
As head of the Department of Agriculture, the Secretary also has charge of this market, the only one owned by the Federal Government. For many years this Center Market has ranked in interest with Washington's public buildings, because wives of Presidents, of Supreme Court Justices, of Cabinet and Congress members shop there.



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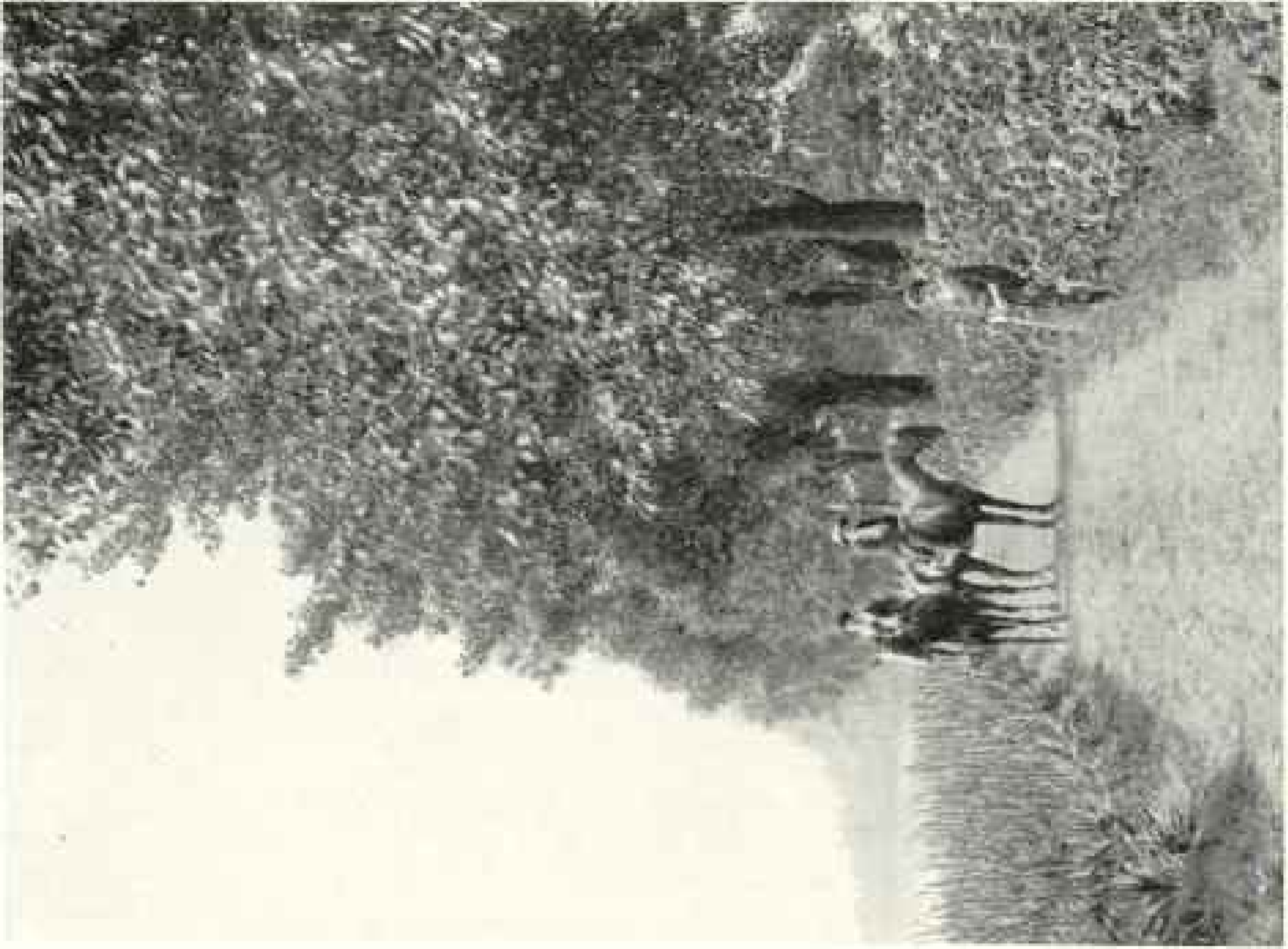
AN AL FRESCO LUNCHEON "A LA CART"

Washington probably is the foremost "quick-lunch" city of the world, a custom entailed by the Government's allowance of only half an hour for midday refreshment.



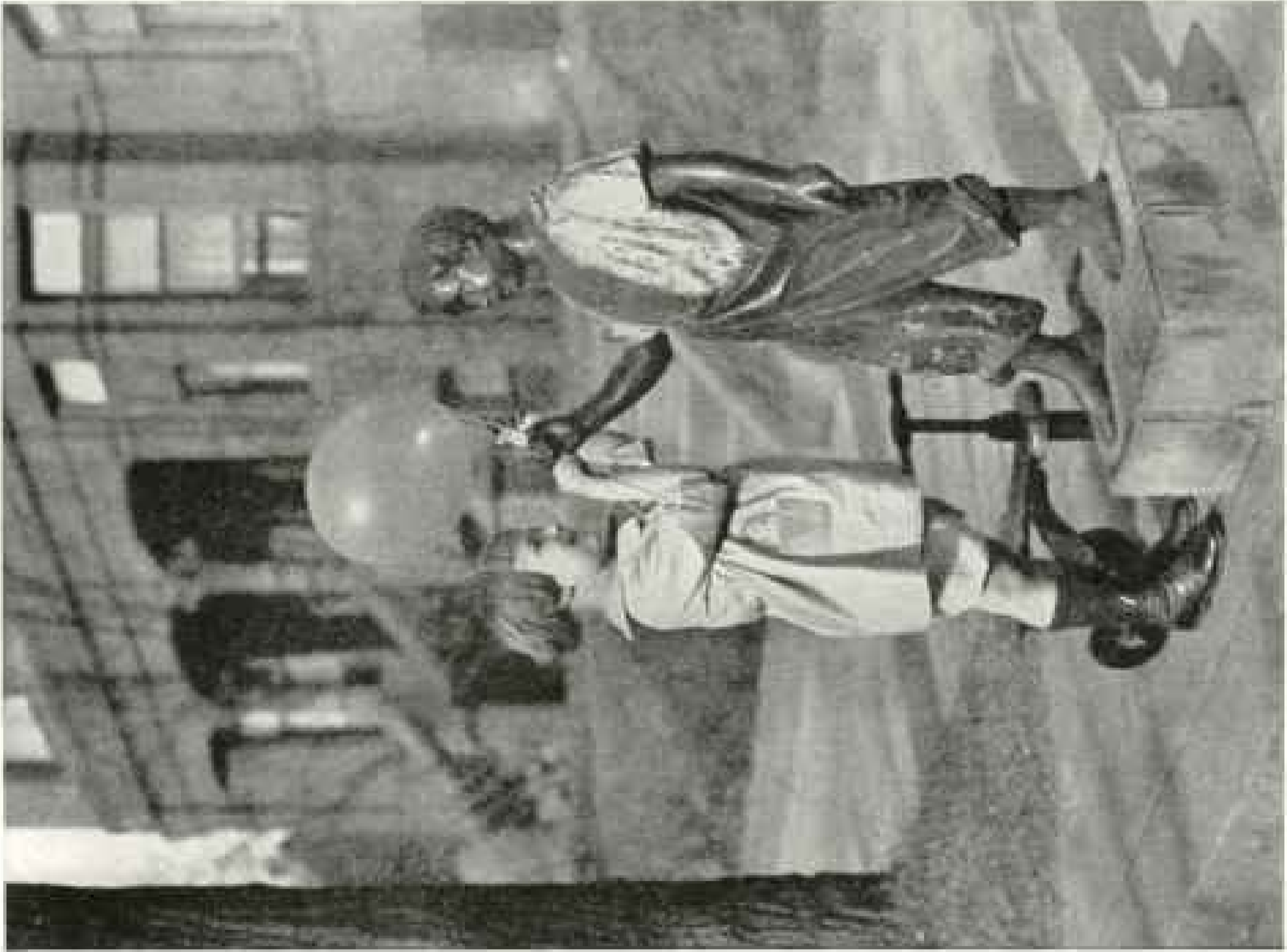
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WATCHING OUR NATIONAL BIRD IN OUR NATIONAL ZOO



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ALONG A BRIDLE PATH IN EAST POTOMAC PARK



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A HITCHING-POST RELIC OF HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLE DAYS.

Washington probably is the only large American city where the hack still defies the taxicab.



THE SUNSHINE OF A DARK SMILE.

A youthful representative of more than 100,000 colored residents of the District of Columbia.



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PLAYING POLO IN POTOMAC PARK

Marshy flats and a brush-grown peninsula have been reclaimed by army engineers to make this superb recreation ground.

wafted away on some magic carpet at noontime, these United States would be without the generals and admirals, the engineers and other technicians who constitute the "thinking arm" of the military service in a time when, as never before, trained men's brain power constitutes our first line of national defense.

SEEN DURING A SIXTEENTH-STREET STROLL

It is characteristic of Washington to reveal its picturesque qualities to the casual visitor. Its most interesting sights and scenes require no special invitation or ten-day card.

Here is a series of vignettes of a short stroll along Sixteenth Street:

A pretty child buying a balloon from a vender whose varicolored array of inflated toys seems large enough to lift him off his feet. She is a daughter of a South American minister.

The Chief Justice of the United States, along with thousands of government clerks, walking to work.

A group of Indians, in native dress, with pattern of pre-Columbian times, on their way to the White House to pay their respects to the Great White Father.

An ambassador from over the seas, a Senator often mentioned for the Presidency, an officer of the Serbian army in gorgeous uniform, a famous mining engineer, all afoot, and the proprietor of a



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A DEBUTANTE FOURSOME OUT FOR A STROLL BENEATH THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS WHICH BORDER POTOMAC PARK (SEE TEXT, PAGE 663)

popular candy establishment riding in a horse-drawn Victoria of the General Grant period.

In front of a building which a sight-seeing bus guide points out as the home of the National Geographic Society, a group of laborers quit their ditch-digging for their noon-day luncheon. One fries pork chops on a shovel over an improvised open fire (a hint of the hoeecake's origin), as the dialect and song of others fit this unexpected picture of the old South.

STREETS PROVIDE A STORY OF MANY CHAPTERS

The atmosphere and flavor of Washington streets is a story of many chapters. There is the aforementioned Sixteenth

Street, its lower end housing national institutions, including your National Geographic Society, by far the largest scientific and educational society in the world.

Diagonally across the street is the home of the National Education Association, which links school men, administrators, and teachers into an influential professional organization.

Half a block to the south is the imposing Russian Embassy, once center of fashion and brilliant functions, now boarded up, silent, and vacant, mute evidence of the travail of its home land.

Newer homes of embassies and legations, however, lie farther north, beyond a private home whose architecture suggests a turreted, medieval castle, flanked by a beautiful new public park, where a



Photograph by Maynard Owen Williams

CANOEING IN THE TIDAL BASIN

panoramic view, statues of Joan of Arc and Dante, and croquet grounds are rival attractions (see page 679).

Starting on its northward course at Lafayette Park, exactly opposite the stately colonial doorway of the White House, this Street of the World continues its crow-flight course far beyond the limits of present building, where trees and markers pay fitting tribute to heroes of the World War.

"I could spend a week on Sixteenth Street," said one visitor from another land. One needs no guide-book. The back of a Washington City Directory, which lists buildings and residents in geographic order, is sufficient gazetteer for the well-informed. He will recognize the names of notable men who live here, institutions of world fame, embassies and legations, from the Antilles to Poland.

This street is national and international

in a sense seldom realized. The jurisdiction of the District of Columbia stops at the front door of every embassy and legation and at the boundary of Scott Circle and any park. Washington's parks and circles are under control of the Federal Government, exercised through the War Department.

The embassies and legations, legally, are territories of the countries whose representatives live in them. Technically, a Washington policeman ceases to function when he enters a park where the park police prevail. In a much more literal sense, he has no jurisdiction at all across the threshold of a diplomatic residence.

WHERE WHISTLER AND WHITMAN WORKED AS CLERKS

Turn to a far less conspicuous and beautiful neighborhood. On Twelfth and E streets a near-beer saloon marks the



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AQUAPLANING, A NEW SPORT IN WASHINGTON

home of James McNeill Whistler while he was a government draftsman in the Coast and Geodetic Survey for \$1.50 a day. Two blocks north was the home of another clerk who did not quite make good—his superiors said he was forever scribbling on the backs of envelopes—Walt Whitman. Two more blocks north, on I Street, is the house where Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett devised herself an attic den (she had not read "If Winter Comes") and wrote "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

Back of St. John's Church, not far to the east, on H Street, is a brownstone

house which looks as if it had been transplanted from Boston's Beacon Hill, where the British Minister lived. Here Robert Bulwer, later Earl of Lytton, began his notable diplomatic career as an attaché of legation, and here, tradition has it, he wrote the greater part of "Lucile," published some years later under his pen name, Owen Meredith.

Churches which Presidents attended are frequent; over on Capitol Hill is one where a famous orator, then a "baby Congressman," practiced on Sunday evening congregations.

Pennsylvania Avenue is celebrated for



Photograph by Clifton Adams

ALONG THE PICTURESQUE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL

The project to build the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal dates back to two years before the Declaration of Independence was signed; George Washington fostered it, and became the first president of the company, resigning when he became President. A touch of Holland is discernible along this canal in the summer when many folk take the trip from Cumberland to Washington by engaging passage with a canal-boat captain. It runs through a region of great scenic beauty, including Harpers Ferry. For ten miles above Georgetown the canal is alive with canoes and swimmers in the summer. The digging of the canal was inaugurated on July 4, 1828, and President John Quincy Adams turned the first spade of dirt. It was opened 22 years later. The canal is 184 miles long, 6 feet deep, and from 60 to 70 feet wide.

its parades; its lower stretches are fascinating any afternoon at the hour Congress adjourns and legislators walk homeward.

A JURIST'S SEARCH FOR THRILLERS

Among Chinese laundries, "sample shoe" shops, hotels teeming with bygone political memories and once famous for certain juleps and cocktails, is a book stall. There a noted Supreme Court justice, now dead, whose hobby was his Sunday School class, almost invariably stopped to

ask his friend, the proprietor, "Got a new one for me?"

The bookseller would dust off a thriller with his sleeve. Preferably it was a detective story, often paper-backed and yellow. The kindly old man would thrust it under his arm with a Bible commentary, chat a bit, take a substantial bite from a plug of chewing tobacco, and trudge on his way.

Tradition, in Washington, always is brewing.



Photograph by Maynard Owen Williams

A MIDSUMMER CROWD AT THE BATHING BEACH

Recreations afforded in West Potomac Park run the athletic gamut from polo, swimming, boating, horseback riding, tennis, golf, and motoring to walking. Across the water is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where the Government's paper money and its bonds and stamps are made.

Uptown is a square, substantial home, on a short and modest street, where Marshal Joffre on a memorable Sunday morning earnestly made an appeal to the American nation, through a group of newspaper men, that this country send "just a hundred thousand or so soldiers" to France.

The doughty old warrior paused, as if asking too much; the sun struck his face and disclosed tears in his jolly eyes, as he told how just a few thousand Americans would refresh the spirit of France's war-wearied fighting men.

It was that appeal which caught the country's imagination as no argument had—and its result is immortal history.

FLOWER TIME IN WASHINGTON

Consider, now, less official aspects of the Capital.

Springtime is flower time in Washington. Balmy weather begins to brew about mid-March; the first shoots of

crocus and tulip appear in flower beds around the Capitol terrace, and from then on, until late June, Washington becomes as much a resort as is Miami in winter or New England in summer.

The climax of the flower season is the blooming of the famous Japanese cherry trees in Potomac Park. Mrs. William Howard Taft, then in the White House, initiated the plan of planting the trees about the Tidal Basin, and the mayor of Tokyo cordially assisted.

Late afternoon and all day Sundays during the "cherry-blossom time" the footpath around the mirror-like basin is crowded with pedestrians, and scores of amateurs are clicking cameras, trying to catch a bit of the tree-fringed shoreline with the stalwart Washington Monument shaft and that house of many windows, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in the background.

On a driveway beyond the trees, traffic



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FISHING ALONG THE WASHINGTON CHANNEL.

These waters by night, with their reflected lights, afford a scene of magic beauty.

policemen keep automobiles moving. On Sunday afternoons, at the height of the season, crowds of motorists so congest traffic throughout the vast stretches of the marsh-reclaimed Potomac Park that cordons of policemen sometimes are thrown around entrances to keep more automobiles from entering.

Beyond the roadway is a practice golf course, to the south are polo grounds, and along the southern rim of the Basin itself is a bathing beach.

A TRIP THROUGH GEORGETOWN

One needs no automobile to find the spring flowers in Washington. In front of the British Embassy, on Connecticut Avenue, a visitor paused to exclaim, "I've

been in many American cities, but I never saw anything like that before!"

"Meaning what? The street-car?" asked his puzzled companion.

"Read the sign on front of the car."

The big-lettered placard said:

"BEAUTIFUL SPRING! BIRDS ARE SINGING!
Flowers are blooming along
the Potomac!
TAKE CABIN JOHN CAR."

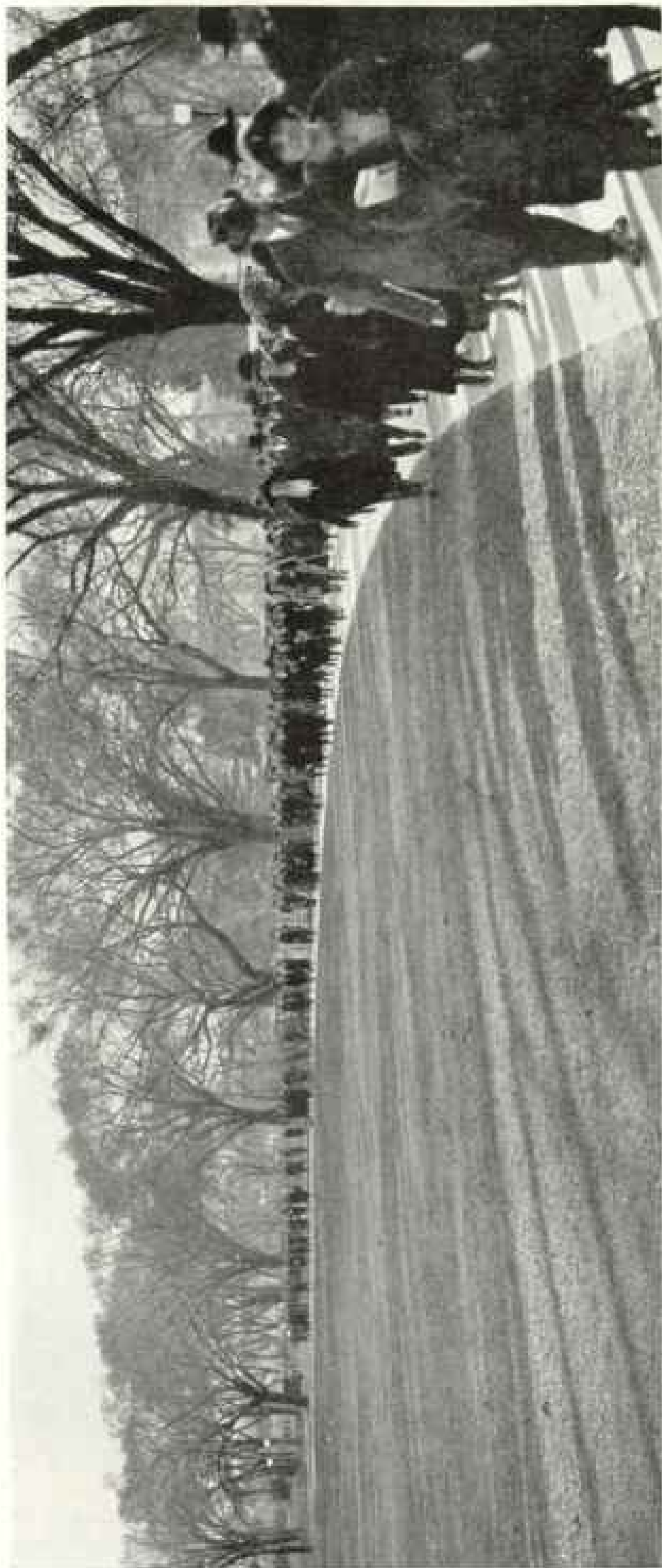
Let us do so, especially if you prefer your flowers wild. You will ride through venerable Georgetown, home of the pre-Capitaline civilization in the District of Columbia. Its citizens once considered asking Congress to call the mud-bound settlement which then was Washington



Photograph by Maynard Owen Williams

AMONG THE FLOWERS IN EAST POTOMAC PARK

Two decades ago this entire section was a hopeless swamp. To-day, through the skill of the landscape gardener, it has become a peninsular park, with fine driveways lined for miles with lovely flowers. A stadium, a boating canal, and many other features for public recreation are included in plans for its future development.



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GOVERNMENT CLERKS HOMEWARD-BOUND FROM THEIR DAY'S WORK IN THE MUNITIONS AND NAVY BUILDINGS

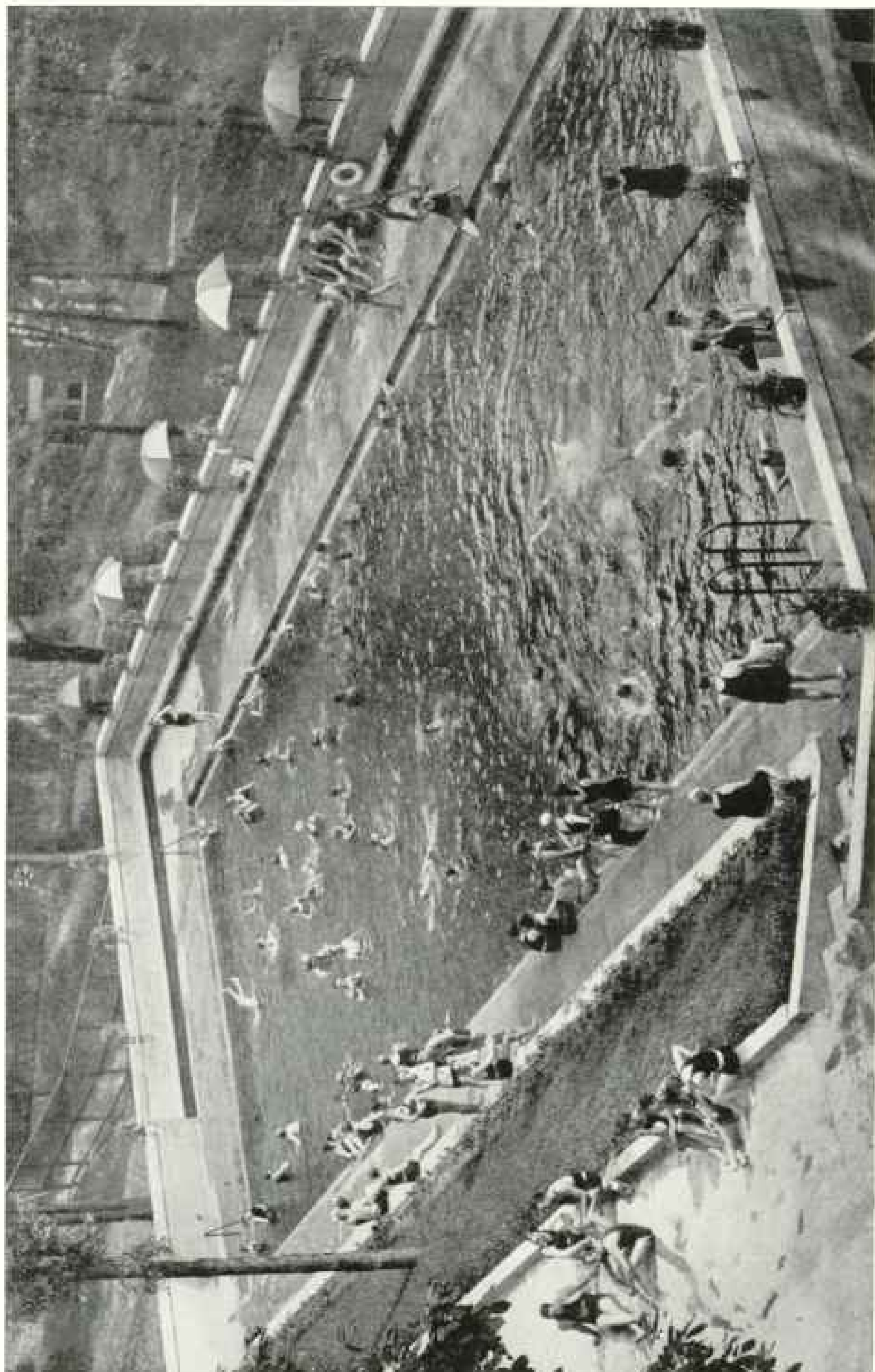
by the name of East Georgetown. There the fiction of a collector of the port still survives. Many old families live in tolerance of the newer "down town" and speak of Washington as they would of a distant city.

Soon you reach the point where your trip becomes a trolley ride in reality. Inside the older city limits underground slots supplant unsightly poles and overhead wires. Here a panorama opens before you the like of which, in very truth, could only be seen in Washington.

To your right is Georgetown University (p. 587), whose beginnings extend back to the decade of the founding of Harvard. It has the largest law school in the country and established the first School of Foreign Service. Across the river, to your left, is the Lee Mansion at Arlington.

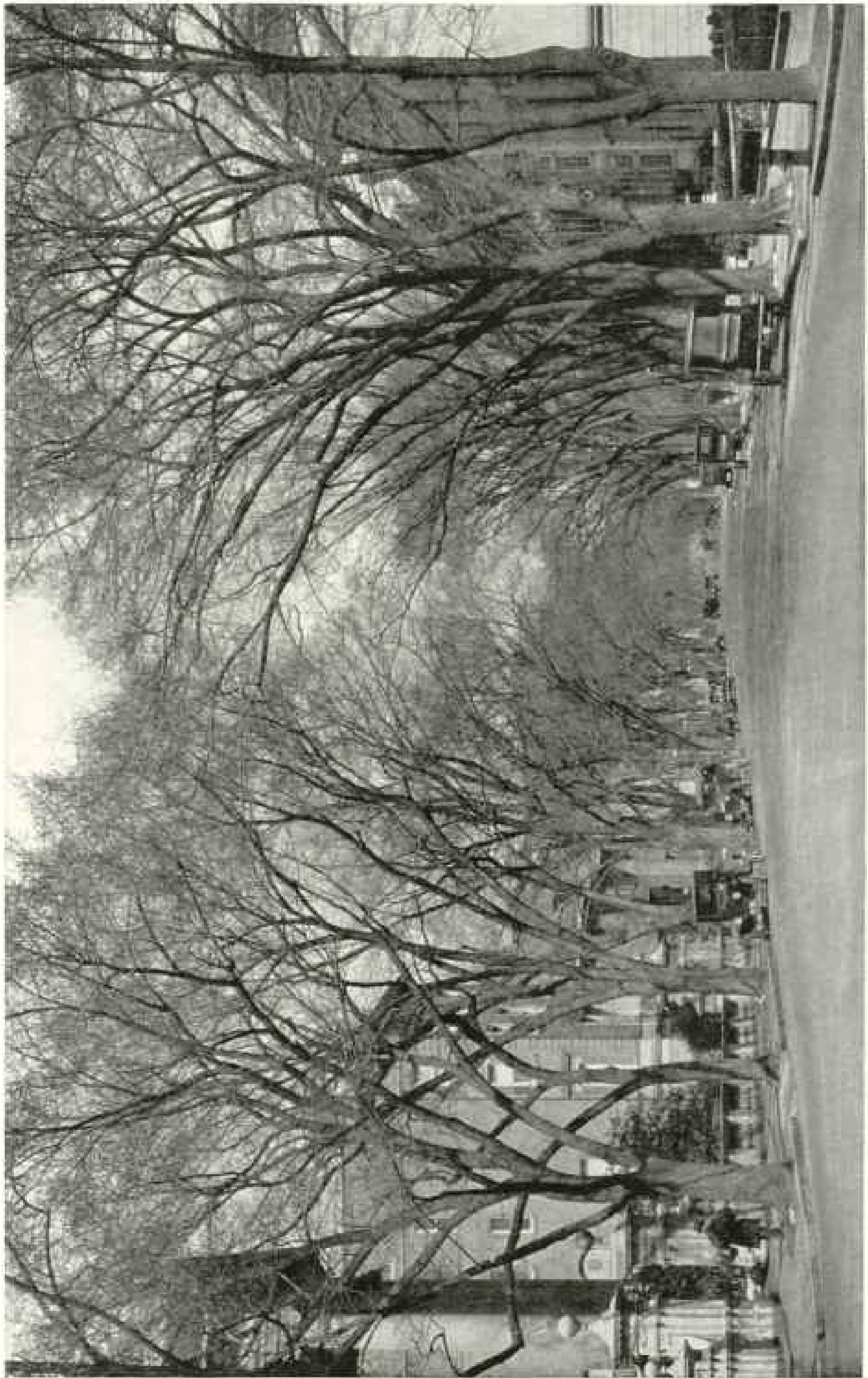
Back of you stretch the Key Bridge, not named for its strategic location, but for the author of our National Anthem, and the older, straggling structure hallowed by the slow tread of many solemn processions on their way to lay honored military or naval heroes to their last rest in Arlington.

The center of Key Bridge affords an even more unusual picture



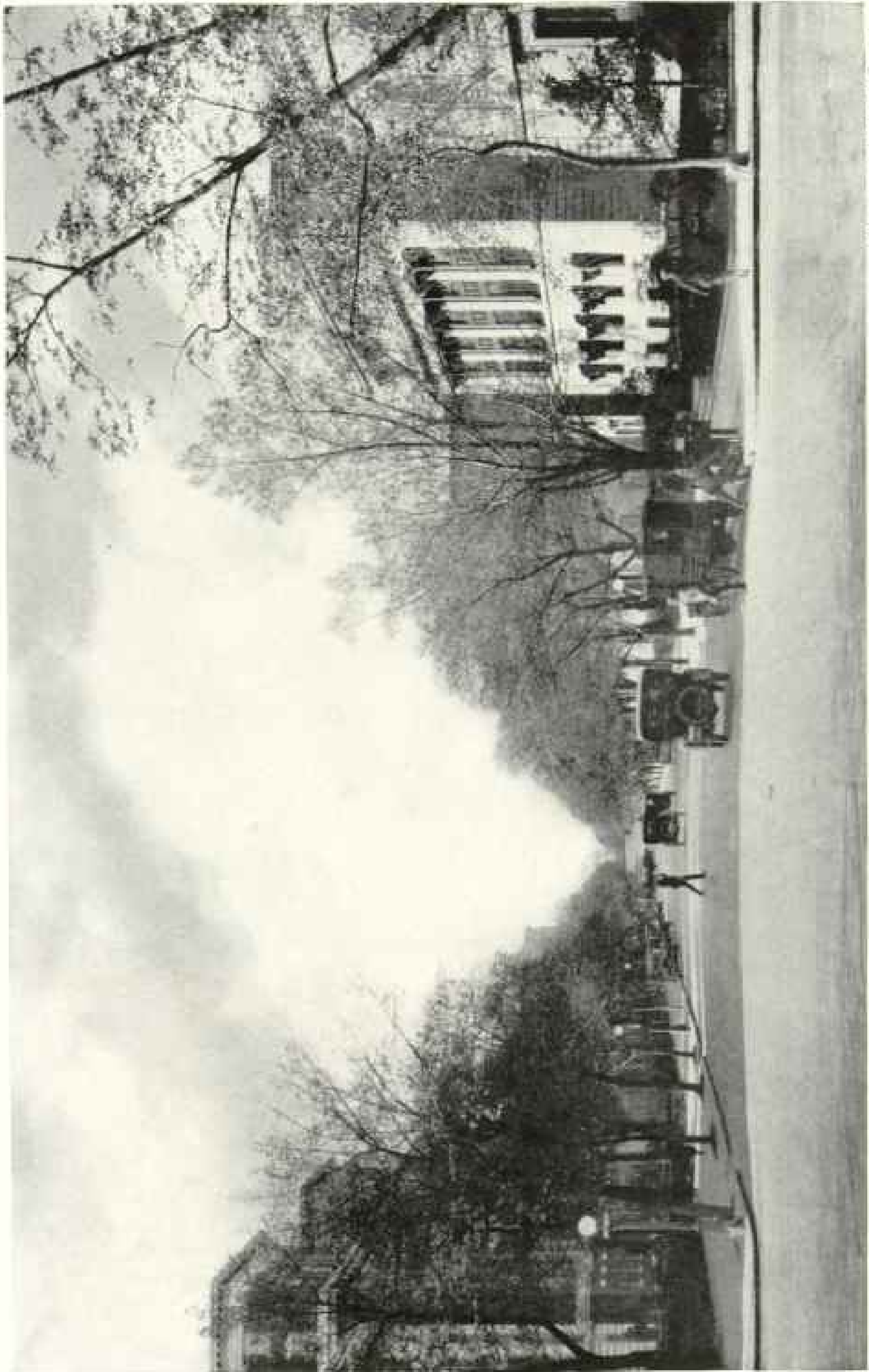
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ENJOYING A SUMMER SWIM IN THE OPEN-AIR POOL AT WARDMAN PARK, SITUATED IN THE HEART OF WASHINGTON'S RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT



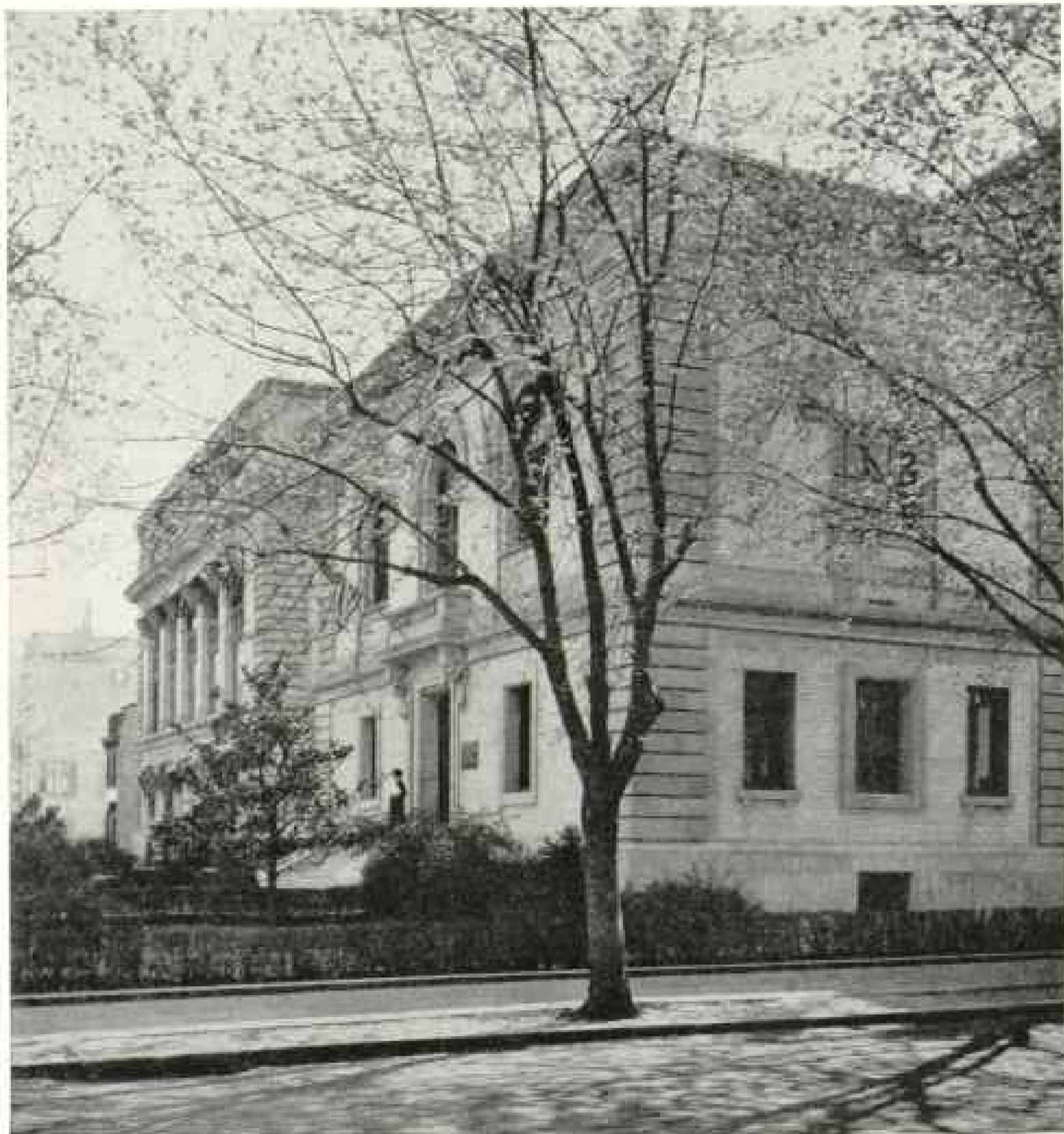
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A RESIDENTIAL AVENUE OF WASHINGTON



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LOOKING DOWN SIXTEENTH STREET FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY (AT THE RIGHT) TOWARD THE WHITE HOUSE, DIMLY SEEN IN THE DISTANCE



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HOME OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The headquarters of this, the largest scientific society in the world, with more than 800,000 members, is at the corner of M and Sixteenth Streets (see also pages 586 and 609). The editorial offices and The Society's library are located here. A commodious annex near the GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE printing plant accommodates a part of the clerical staff.

than a memorable panorama of scenery and history—a picture that epitomizes American transportation. The eye catches speeding automobile and farmer's wagon, electric train, trolley car, and puffing freight engine, canal-boat and river craft, and frequently an airplane or two hover above.

Washingtonians have become accustomed to the last-mentioned or they would be a stiff-necked generation from

sky-gazing at craft that range from the tiny air-boat which landed neatly in a narrow street to the giant dirigibles and sky-writing planes of more recent memory.

Down a steep bank, as you start up-river, a barefoot boy is calling hoarsely to mules whose placidity is akin to the lazy, chocolate waters of the canal along which they trudge. The "captain" of the coal-boat cargo lolls on "deck" with his corn-cob pipe. Through the cabin win-



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THE SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE

This monumental structure on Sixteenth Street is said to be reminiscent of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Its 33 Ionic columns are 33 feet tall, suggestive of the 33 degrees of Masonry. On each side of the main entrance are two colossal sphinxes symbolic of Divine Wisdom and Power. They are inscribed with Egyptian hieroglyphics and Phœnician characters.

Now you glimpse a harried mother getting dinner as she clutches a squalling infant.

Beyond the tree-shaded canal the river, here broadening into navigability, is flecked with canoes, launches, and row-boats—literally with thousands of canoes if it be a pleasant week-end afternoon. Between the whirlpool "Little Falls" and the decrepit wharves that betoken the former importance of Georgetown as a river port is Washington's aquatic play-place supreme.

So plentiful have the pleasure craft become within the last few seasons that several barge pavilions sell soft drinks and sandwiches to passing canoeists, and provide floating dancing floors and diving-boards as added diversions.

On the further steep and corrugated river bank, which is the Virginia side, is a veritable city of shacks and tents, with

landings as close as those of a Venetian street. A kindly construction company has allowed campers to "pick their sites," and these "squatter rights" are rigidly regulated by a sort of town-meeting government improvised each summer by campers themselves.

Up climbs your trolley car, shouldering the river ledge, sometimes seeming about to plunge over, until a welcome curve swerves it back to the path of safety.

Let us get off at Chain Bridge. This dangling structure links a favorite Virginia motor road to Washington. On the near side river and canal part widely enough to make room for a colony of more permanent cottages—a rendezvous for artists.

Here the canal has many locks, for the Potomac is making its final swift descent, having surrendered nobly to tide water at



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DEER IN THE NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK ON A WINTER MORNING

Able from its noteworthy collection, Washington's Zoo is unrivaled for scenic beauty and, with its 175 acres in Rock Creek Park, is surpassed in area by only one zoological park in America (see also page 656).

Great Falls (see page 651). On the Virginia side the banks, now too precipitous for habitation, are veritable palisades.

You pass Glen Echo, home of Clara Barton, once a Chautauqua, now a pleasure park, and you smile at the Sunday-afternoon spectacle of sailors in Uncle Sam's uniform, inured to the briny deep, taking their sweethearts boating on the canal. A mile farther on is Cabin John Bridge, a great stone arch, which projects an automobile road across a deep gully,

but performs a far more vital function in supporting Washington's water conduit beneath the highway.

In the middle river, in this vicinity, are islands where Potomac sediment borne from far up its course has sown plants of amazing variety. Washington botanists maintain a club on one of these islands.

WASHINGTON IS A MARKET-GOING CITY

Back in Washington flower stores abound. Venders display bouquets on



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THE PEACOCK GIVES A PLUMAGE PERFORMANCE FOR A PICNIC PARTY IN
ROCK CREEK PARK

"To Rock Creek Park there is nothing comparable in any capital city of Europe—a winding, rocky glen, with a broad stream foaming over its stony bed and wild leafy woods looking down on each side, where you not only have a carriage road at the bottom, but an inexhaustible variety of foot-paths, where you can force your way through thickets and test your physical ability in climbing up and down steep slopes, and in places scaling the faces of bold cliffs."—*Viscount Bryce*.

sidewalks, and flower stalls flank vegetable and meat stands of the markets.

Washington markets are institutions. The Capital is said to go to market in larger proportion than any other city. Wives of Cabinet members, Senators, and leaders of social sets stroll through the aisles of the vast Center Market, baskets on arms (see page 655).

Outside this, and many smaller markets, wagons back up to curbs laden with vegetables garnered in the cool of the evening, hauled into Washington long before daybreak, to be sold "direct from farm to consumer."

Frequently old negro "mummies," with red bandannas and battered clay pipes, looking as if they had stepped from the chapters of Thomas Nelson Page's novels, call you "honey" as you barter for a bunch of radishes, and naively tell you the dew still is on the lettuce, though their half-empty sprinkling can is in plain view.

Even Washington hotels pay tribute to this flower season. At Easter time their lobbies are banked with plants and cut flowers. Native sons and daughters stroll through Peacock Alleys to see displays comparable to any flower show.

MUSIC IS AN AFTERNOON DELIGHT IN
WASHINGTON

Next to flowers, Washington's principal esthetic bent is music. Here again the Capital does it differently. If you would hear a symphony orchestra, or a noted artist in concert, you must go at 4:30 o'clock. A negligible number of concerts are given in the evening.

It behooves one to engage seats far in advance. A newcomer bethought himself in the spring that he would like to hear the concert course of a visiting symphony orchestra the next winter. To be forehanded, he went to the agent's office in June, only to be told that more checks

already were deposited than there were seats for the entire series!

That much-worked word, "unique," must do duty again to designate Washington's park concerts. These are given in the afternoons and evenings by military and naval bands throughout the summer in all sections of the city.

Most notable of these concerts are the weekly programs of the U. S. Marine Band—the President's Band—in the south (the Easter egg-rolling) grounds of the White House and at the east plaza of the Capitol. The President and his family frequently step out to the south portico to hear the former. If Congress be in session, Senators and Representatives seat themselves on the Capitol steps with thousands of other auditors to hear the latter (see page 600).

THE THEATER AUDIENCE KNOWS WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED

Even theater-going Washington is different. Frequently the audience, not the play, is most distinctly the thing for the visitor. Especially is this true if he happens to attend a playhouse the night the President goes. Suddenly he will hear whispers of, "The President is coming," and he will wonder how this mysterious information is so suddenly broadcast. It is merely that Washingtonians have "spotted" unobtrusive secret-service men occupying seats at strategic places and perhaps arranging the chairs of the President's box.

He need only keep his ears open for the whispered, "That's Mrs. So and So" or "That's Senator Blank," to hear who makes up the President's party.

If the play is notable, especially if it be a classic, the observant stranger may note a phenomenon which gives a clue to another picturesque phase of Washington life.

Two or three rows of seats, or perhaps a block of forty or more, may remain vacant until the curtain is about to rise; then suddenly they are filled by a whispering, excited, pretty bevy of young girls. That means some girls' school has adjudged this play one its pupils may see and has provided chaperones for their attendance.

Washington is becoming more and

more a city of junior colleges, seminaries, what our grandmothers called "finishing schools," and preparatory schools. One such institution, in a suburb of Washington, has a special train sent out to a siding and arranges for special street-cars to be ready at Union Station, when its young women get the coveted "permission" to attend theater.

A MECCA FOR STUDENTS

Private schools in Washington are numerous enough to constitute an important industry, but they are only a small segment of the institutions which make Washington an educational center.

Facilities for research, such as those afforded by the Library of Congress, with its more than 3,000,000 volumes; technical libraries of all kinds, ranging from that of the Army Medical Museum to that of up-to-date geography at the home of the National Geographic Society; experts working upon every conceivable topic of current research and many other men in private life who are qualified to teach and advise—these are some of the factors which make Washington a mecca for students.

Many bureaus of the government itself are finishing schools in highly specialized subjects, and young men give valuable Federal service while pursuing investigations which make them stand out in their chosen fields.

Any one who gets the false notion that, because of its many-sided social life and cultural opportunities, Washington is a dilettante city should post himself on a corner near George Washington University. The hour of 4:30, dismissal time for government workers, merely means a change of occupation for thousands who converge upon the various schools of that university for late afternoon classes in subjects that range from economic botany to Chaucer, from pedagogical psychology to Greek architecture.

At Catholic University courses may be had obtainable nowhere else in this country. Georgetown University has a law school, a medical school, and a foreign service school of highest rank, besides the usual collegiate courses. The American University is a Protestant institution for postgraduate work.



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AUGUSTUS SAINT-GAUDENS' STATUE OF "GRIEF" IN ROCK CREEK CEMETERY

While the sculptor called this masterpiece "The soul face to face with the greatest of all mysteries—the problem: 'If a man die, shall he live again?'" the public has come to know the world-famous bronze memorial over the grave of Mrs. Henry Adams as "Grief." The monument bears no inscription or date. It stands secluded in a small grove of evergreens.



WAITING TO ASCEND THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT BY ELEVATOR



A BALL GAME ON PLAYGROUNDS NEAR THE UNION STATION

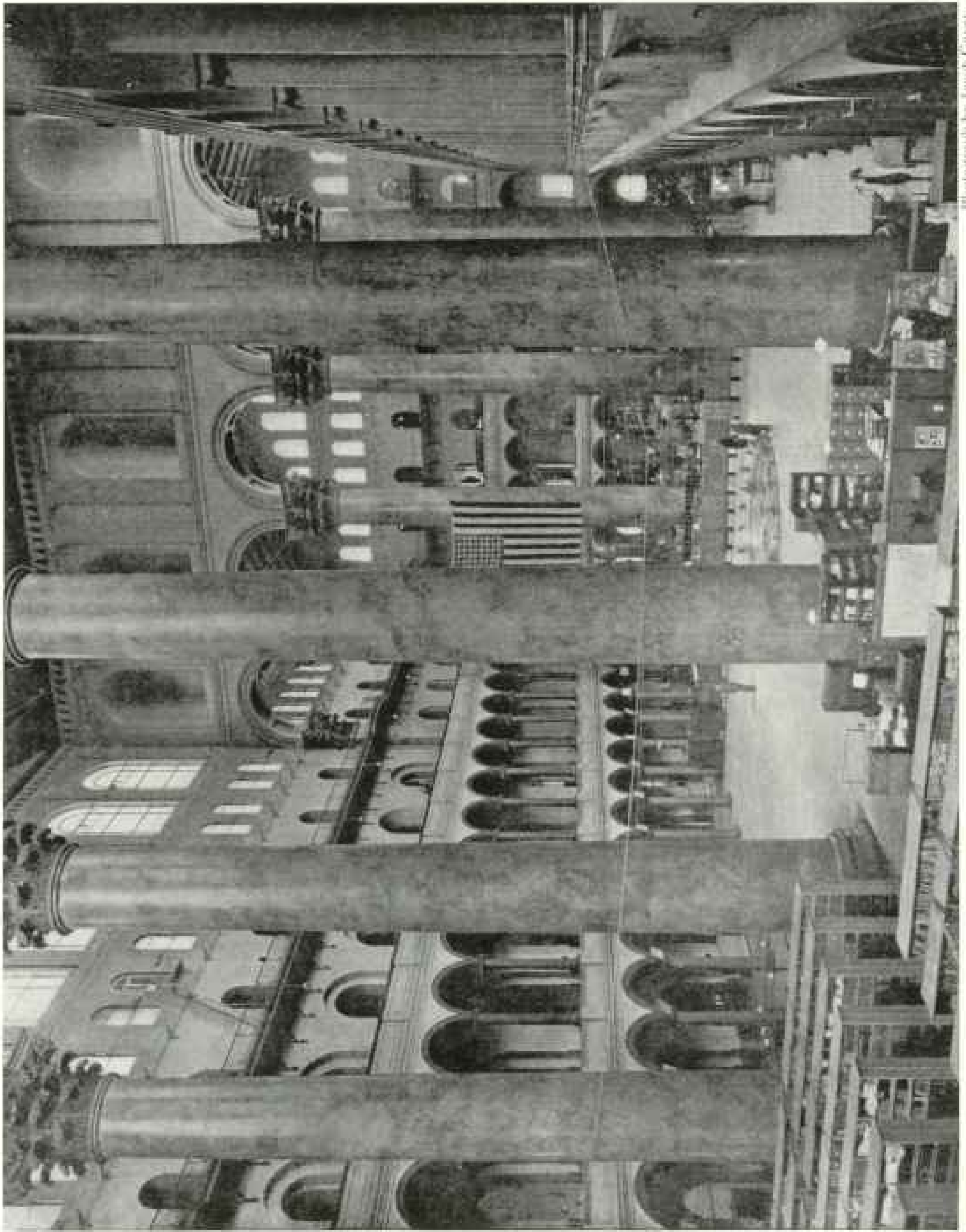
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SHERIDAN CIRCLE: ONE OF MANY SUCH BEAUTY SPOTS.

Avenues which break the monotony of a checkerboard street design radiate from the Capitol and from many "circles," or small parks, which are distinctive features of the city's plan. This equestrian statue was erected by Congress in tribute to General Philip Sheridan. Just west of the circle is the new curved bridge over Rock Creek, fashioned like a Roman aqueduct, but flanked at the ends by huge figures of bisons.



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THE LOFTY INTERIOR OF THE PENSION OFFICE, SCENE OF MANY INAUGURAL DALLIES.



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STATUE OF JOAN OF ARC IN MERIDIAN HILL PARK

This is an exact copy of the statue by Paul Dubois before the Rheims Cathedral, considered one of the finest modern equestrian pieces. It was presented to the women of America by French women of New York City.

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As sure a sign of spring in the Capital as the flowers are the coteries of high-school and normal-school pupils who come here in groups. Their visit is far more than the usual sight-seeing trip.

A railroad passenger agent, whose territory lies in a populous mid-western State, some years ago organized, among

schools, a series of summer excursions to Washington. Now he has to do little promotion work. The principals and superintendents, particularly in teacher-training schools, are doing it for him, even to printing circulars telling the advantages of a trip to Washington.

Why? Let a normal-school principal answer.

"I would rather have my teachers go on a two weeks' visit to Washington than take a year's work in almost any course. In Washington they learn citizenship.

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"They go to Washington. They stand in the Capitol, at the very heart of their Government. The most flippant flapper is impressed.

"They go to Mount Vernon. The very serenity, beauty, and dignity of Washington's home convey an untaught lesson.

"They look upon the silent city of Arlington; they recall the significance of the Unknown Soldier's grave. They realize the sacrifices made for them.

"They stand reverently before the Lincoln Memorial. They sense the opportunity this country afforded an awkward rail-splitter—an opportunity for the highest service—and how his fellow-men account that service.

"No, I think I could cut out a semester of Latin, but I would not have them miss seeing their Capital City."

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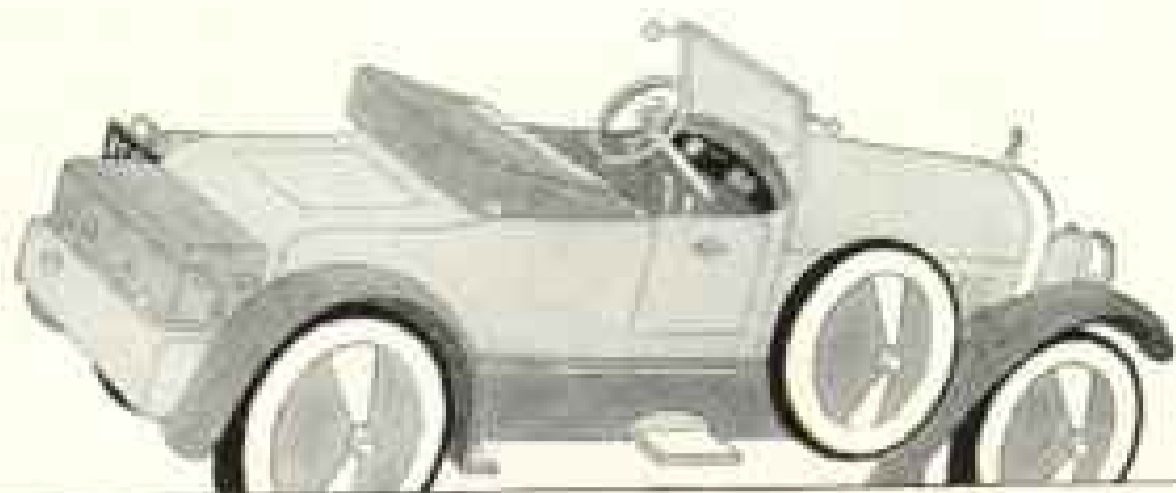
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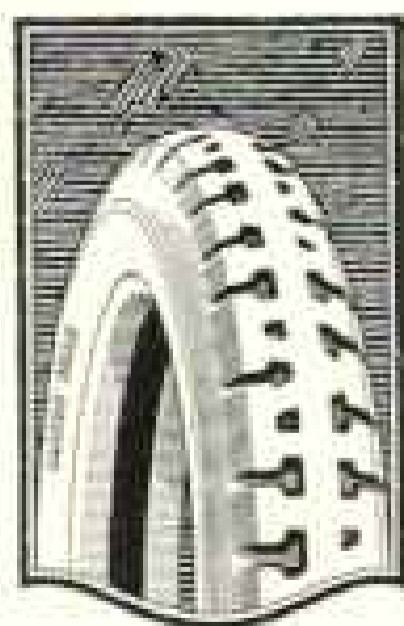
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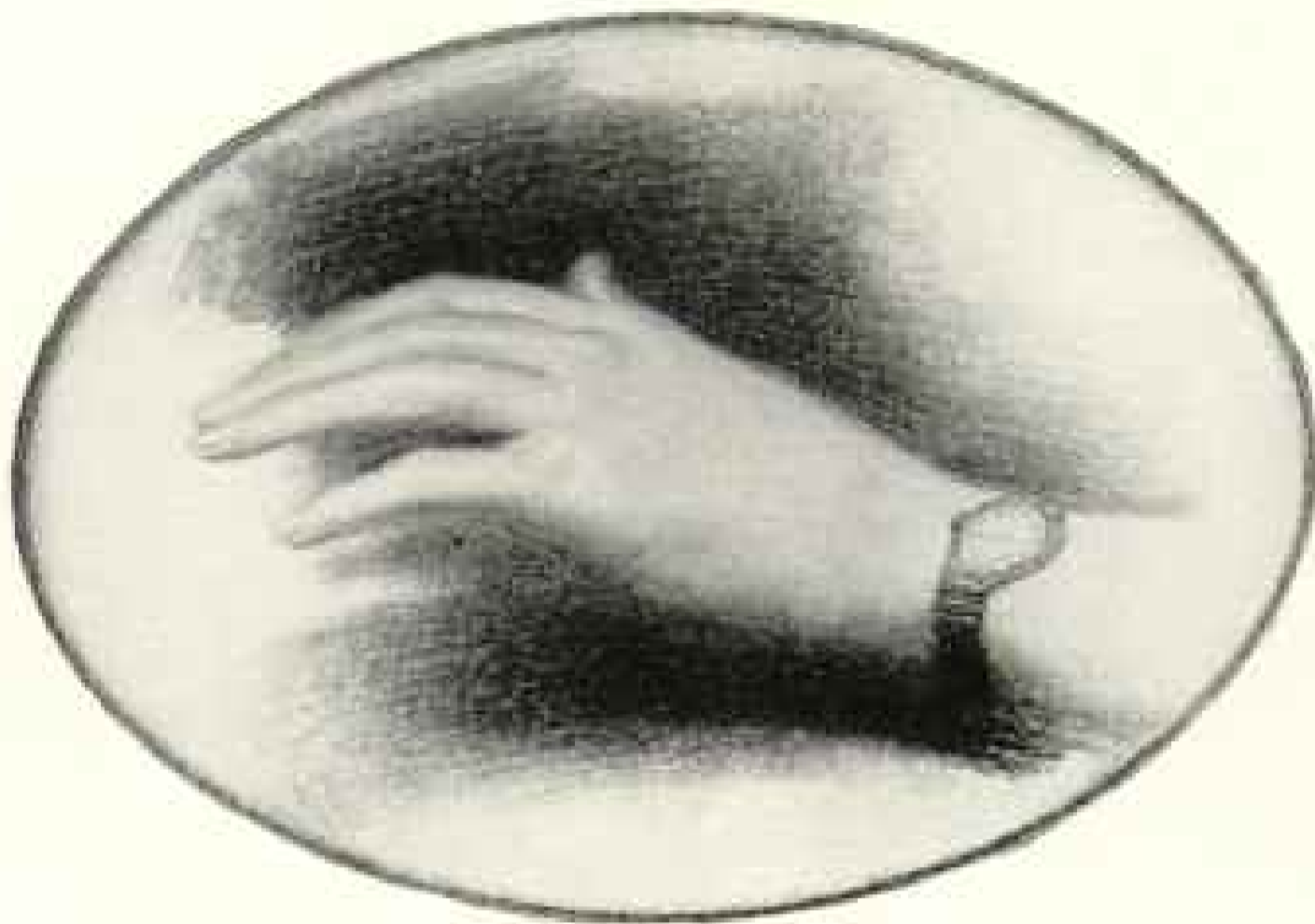
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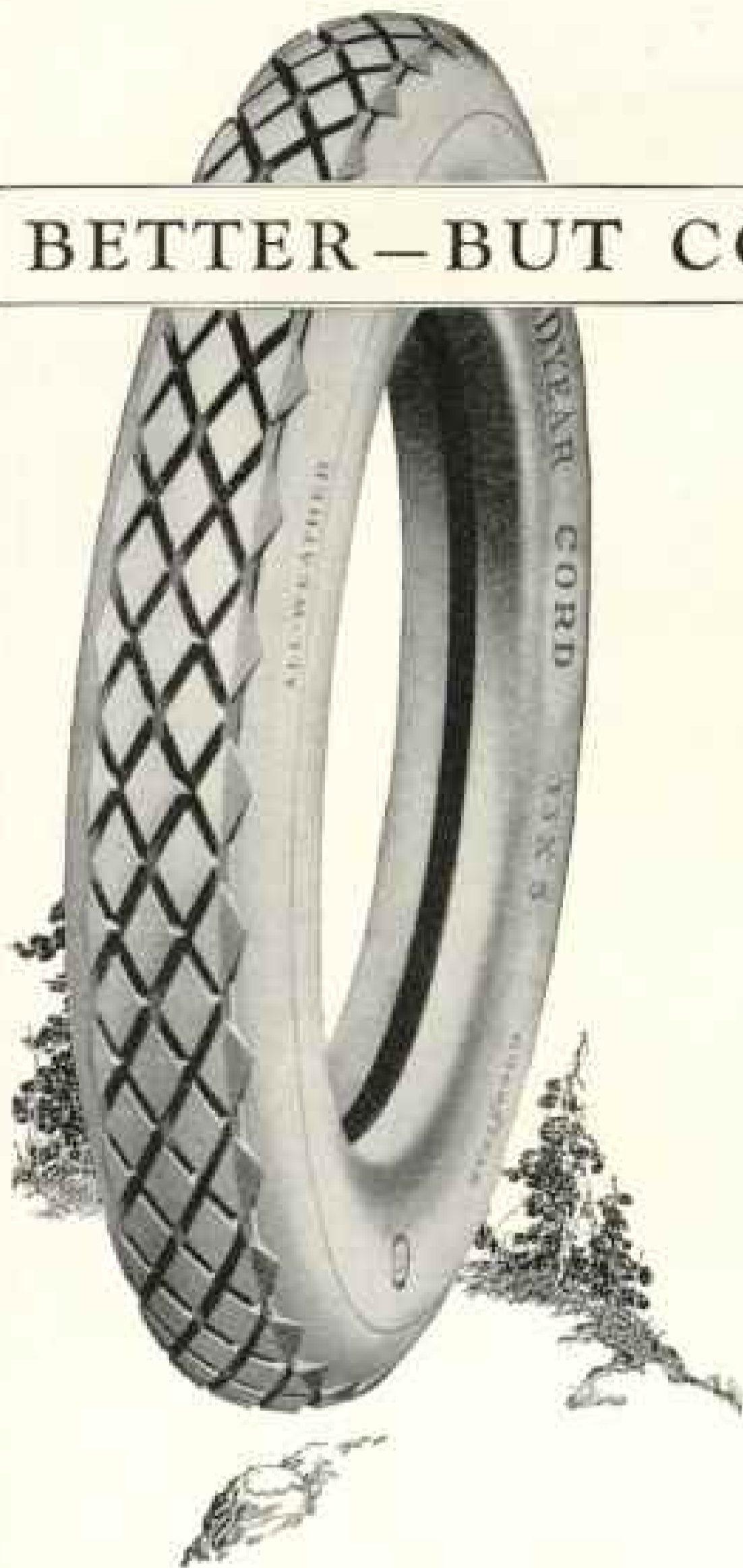
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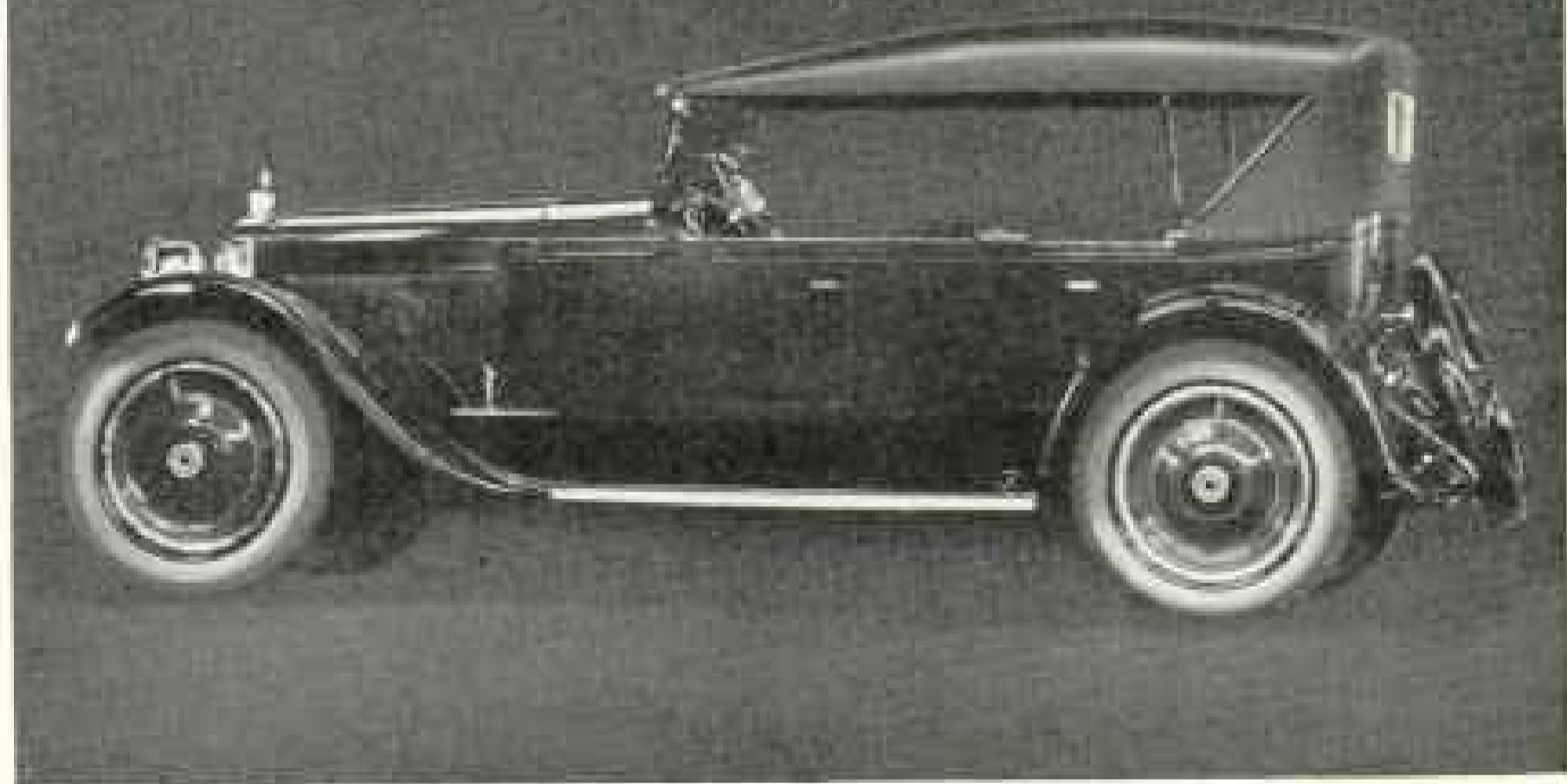
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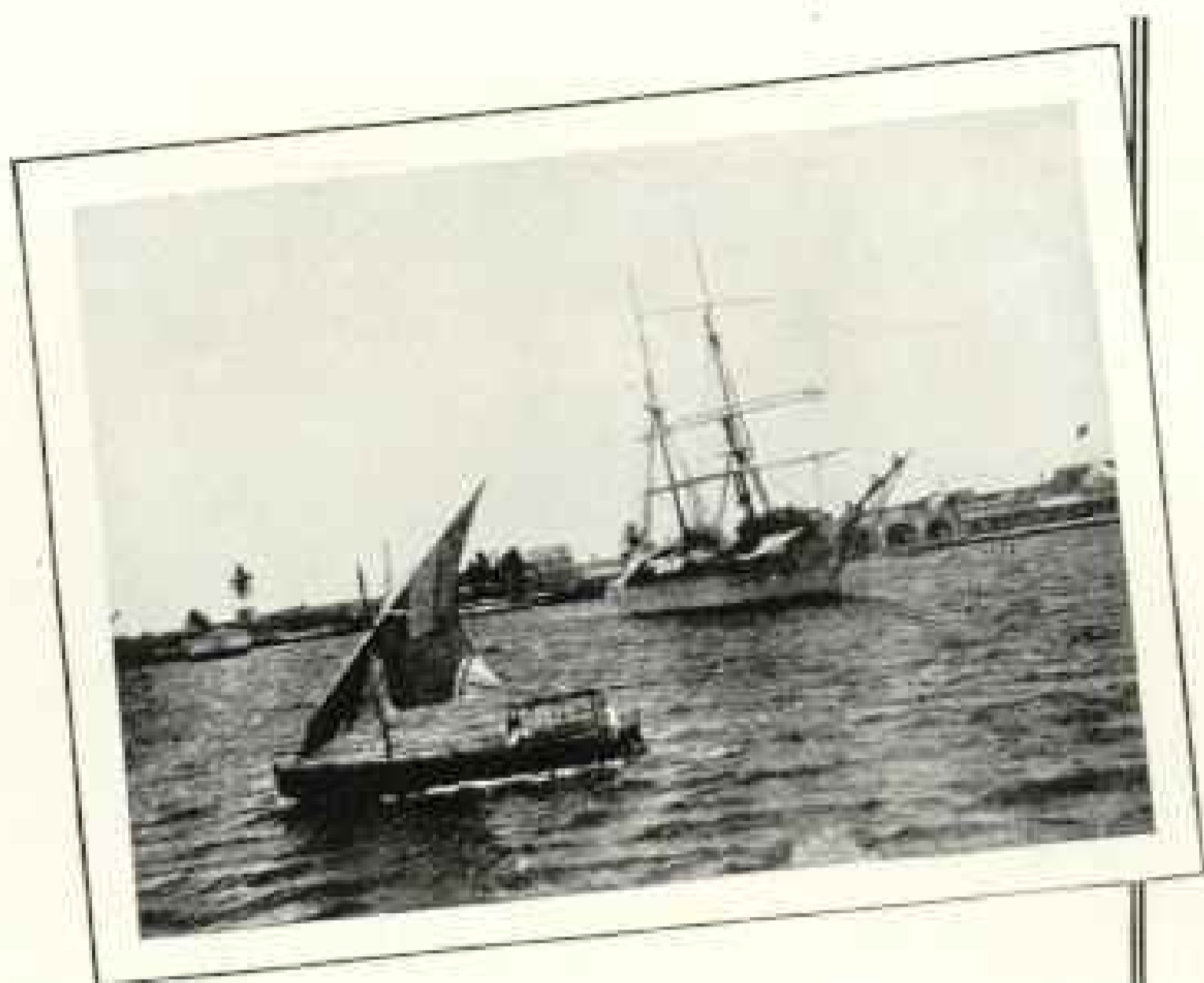
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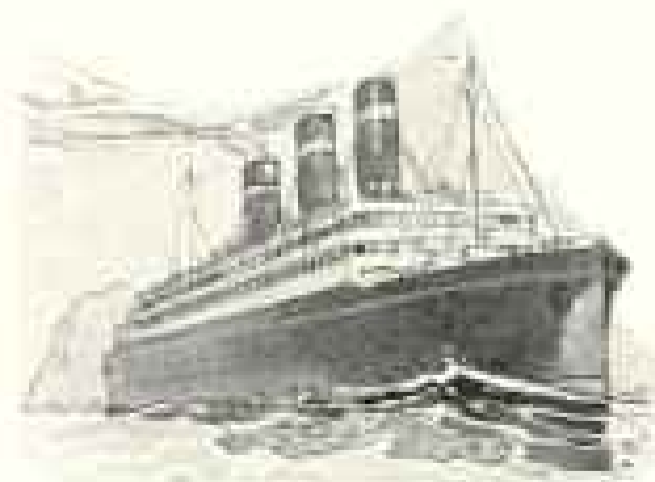
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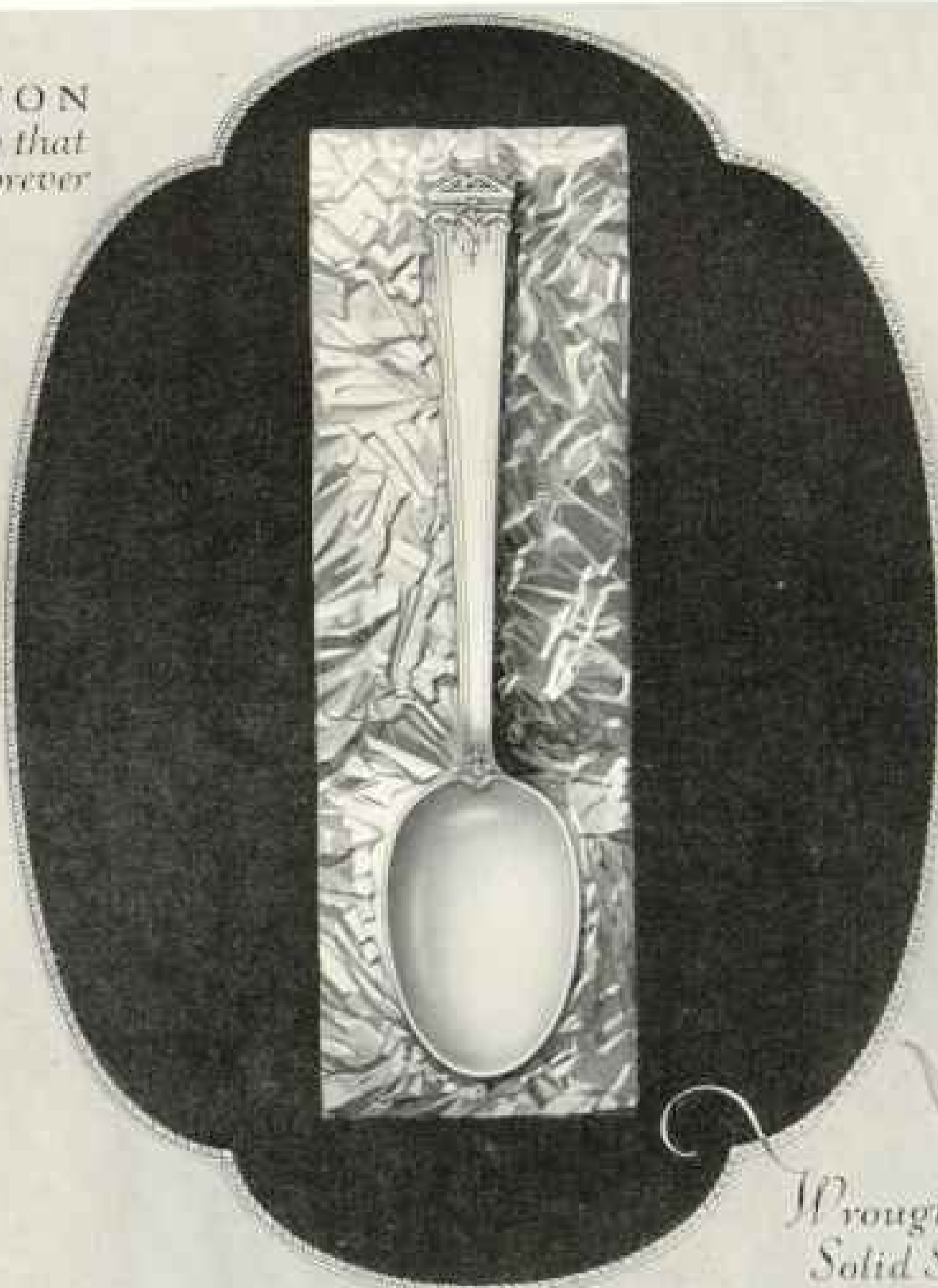
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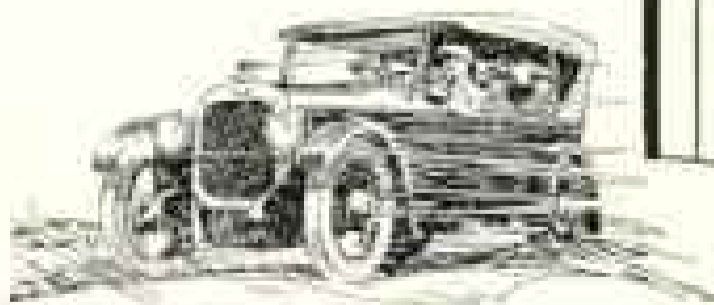
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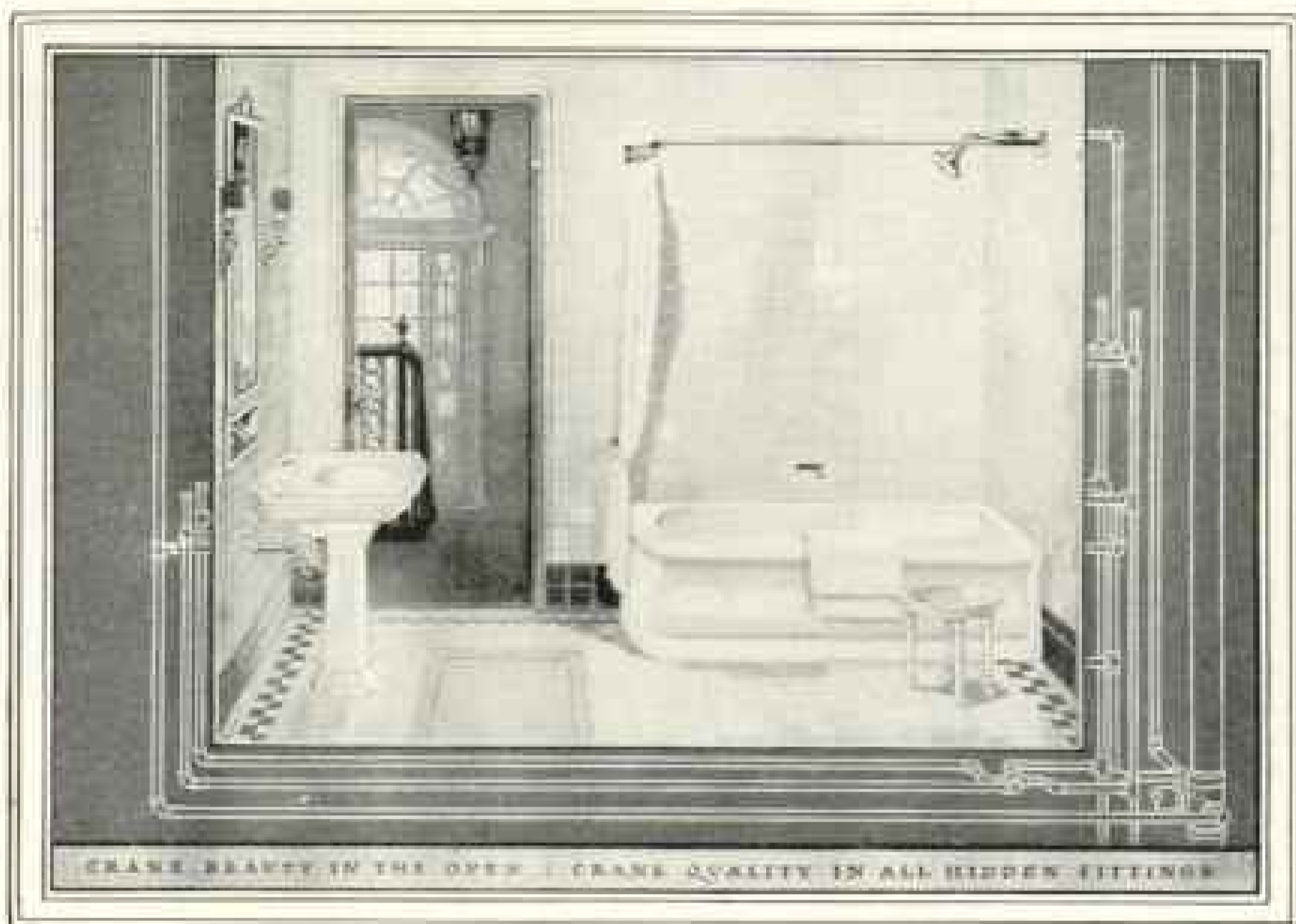
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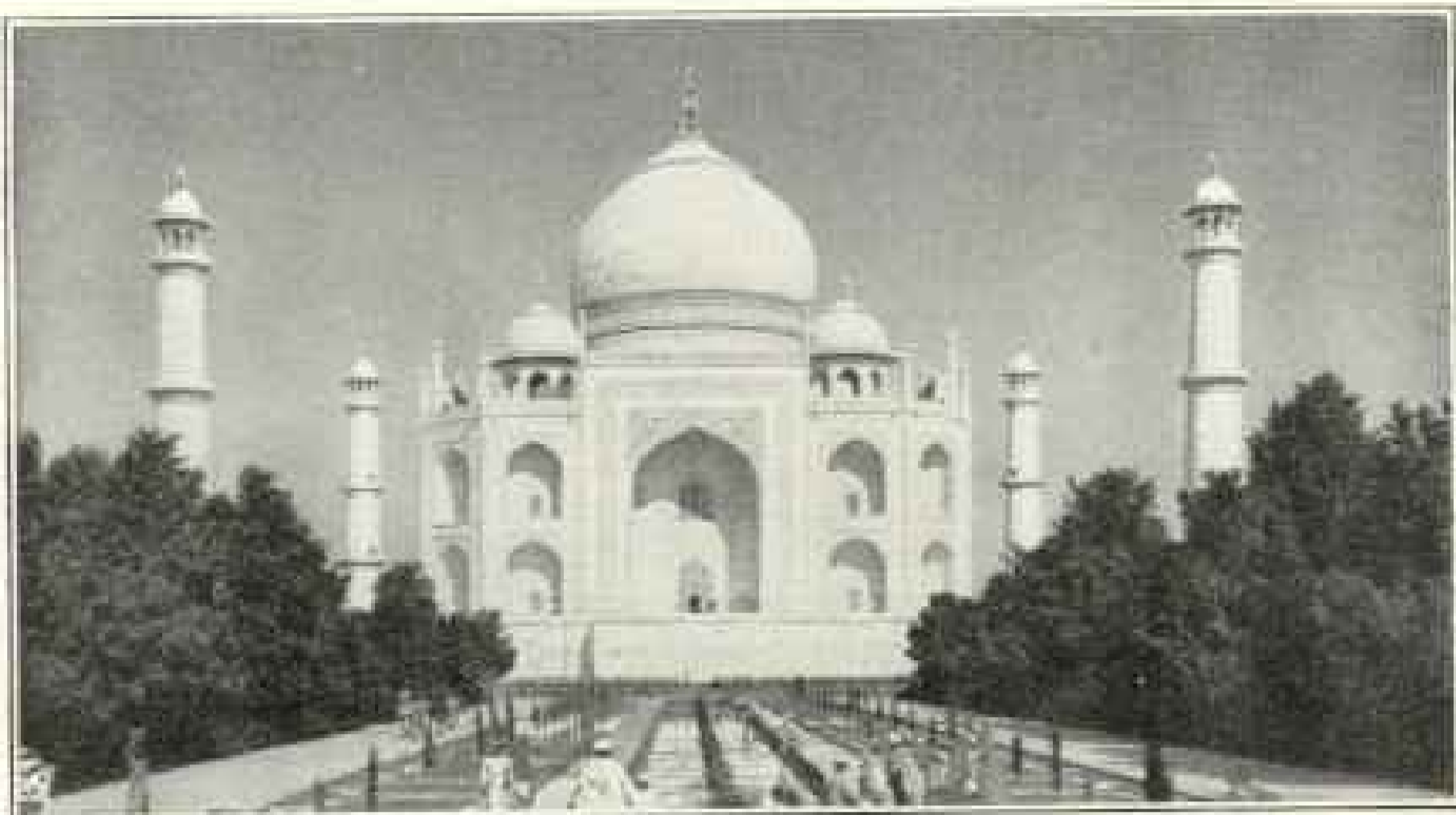
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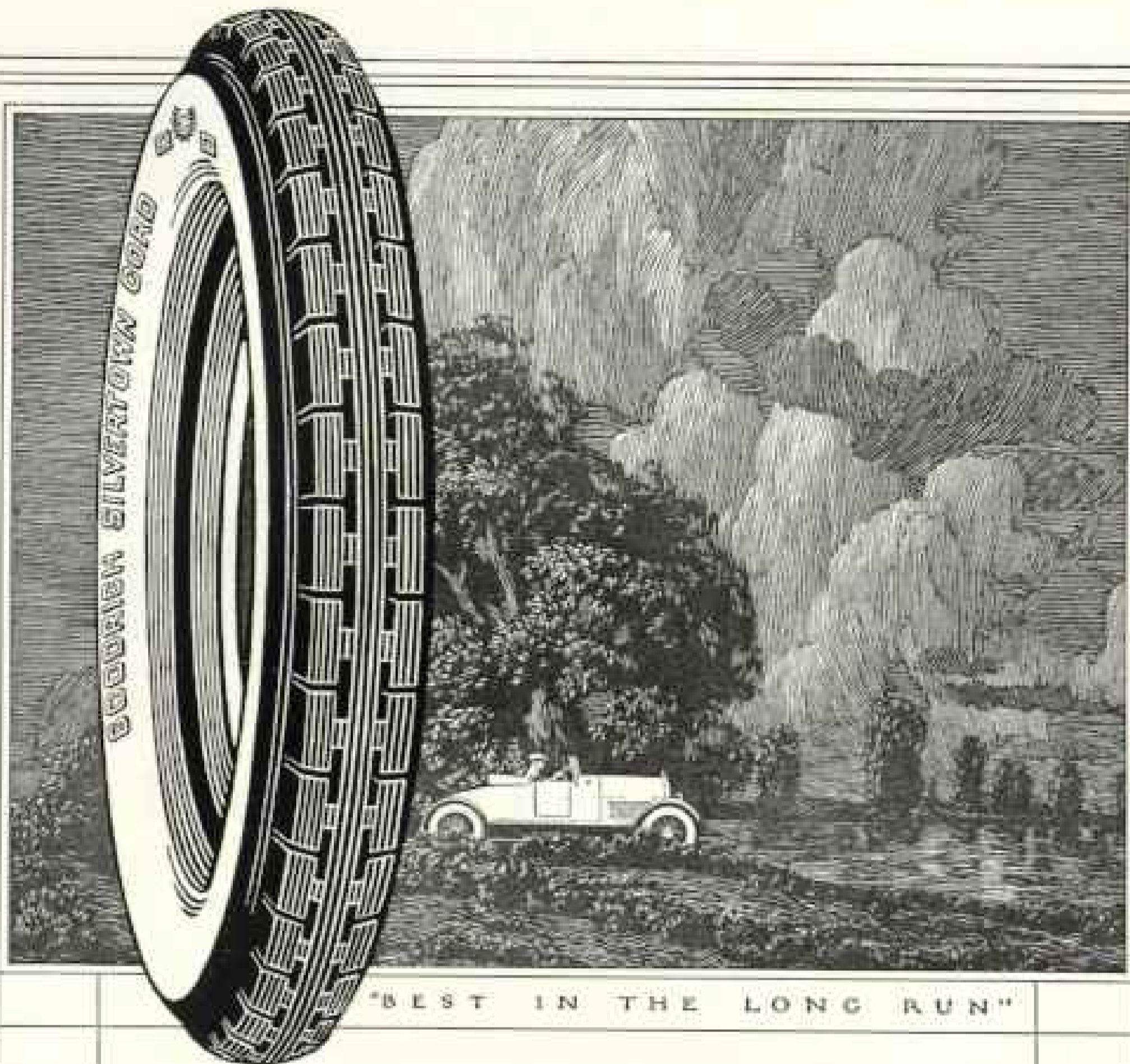
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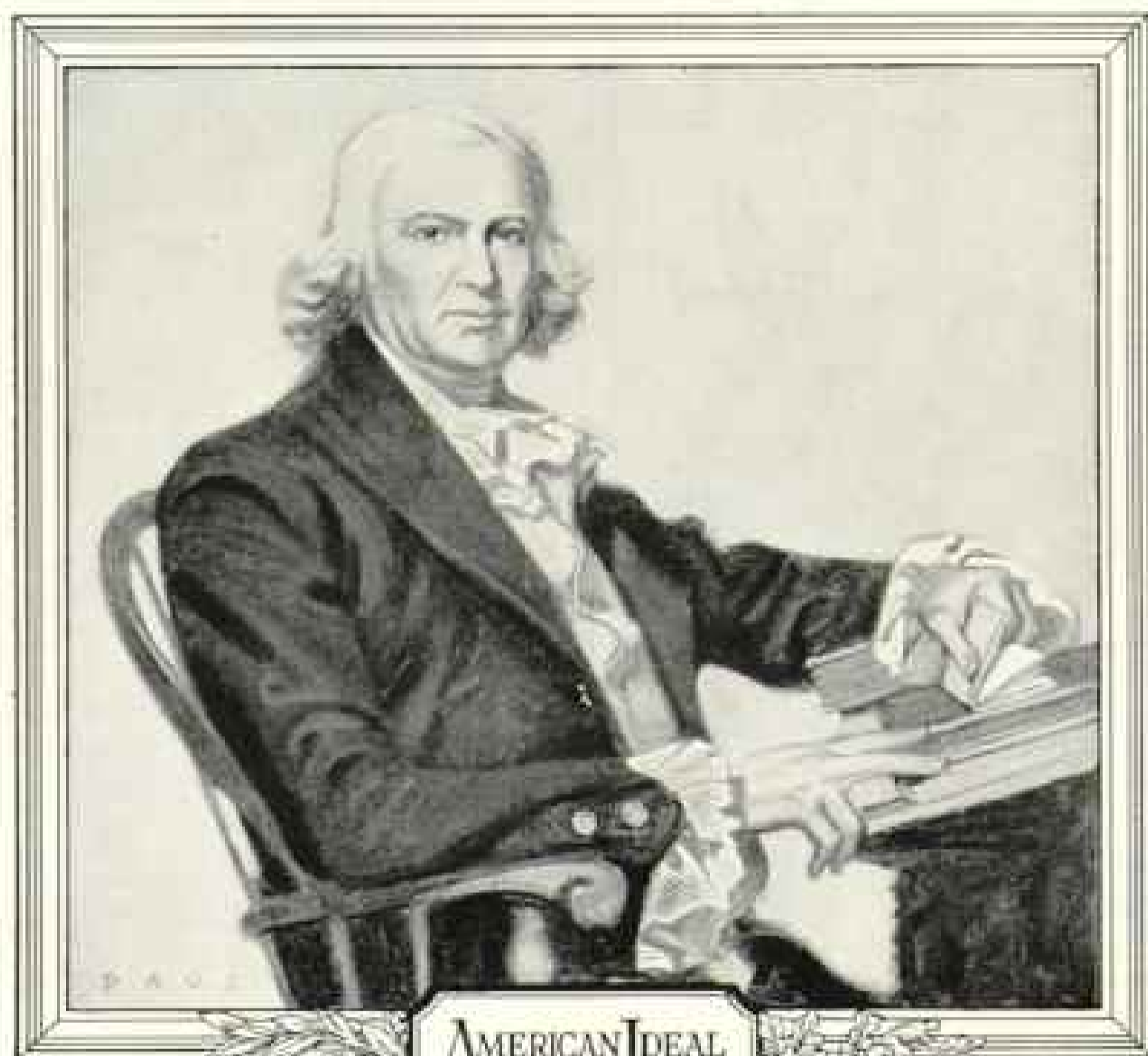
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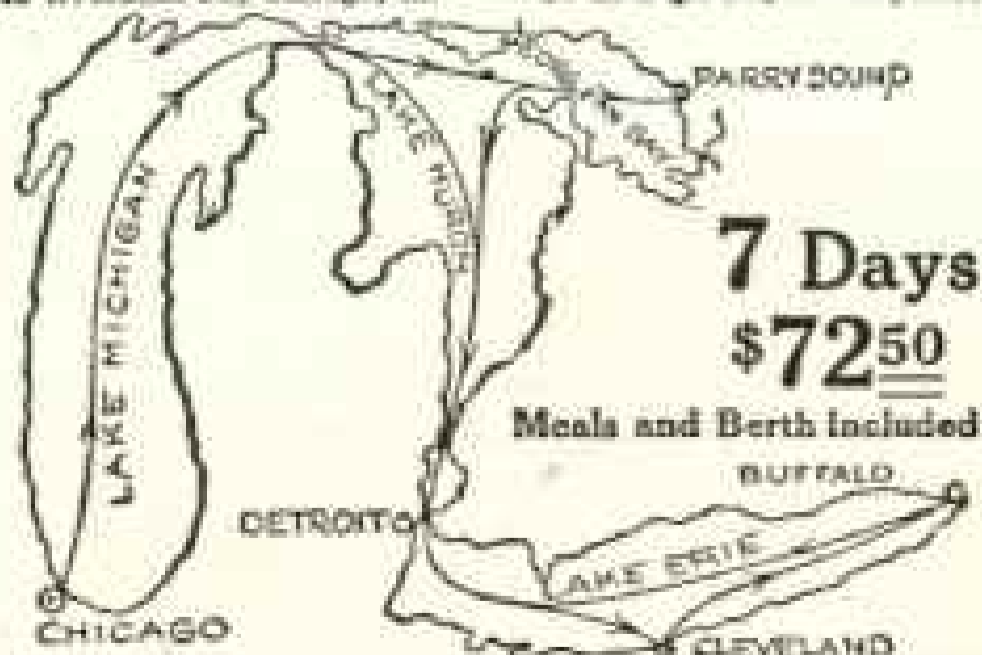
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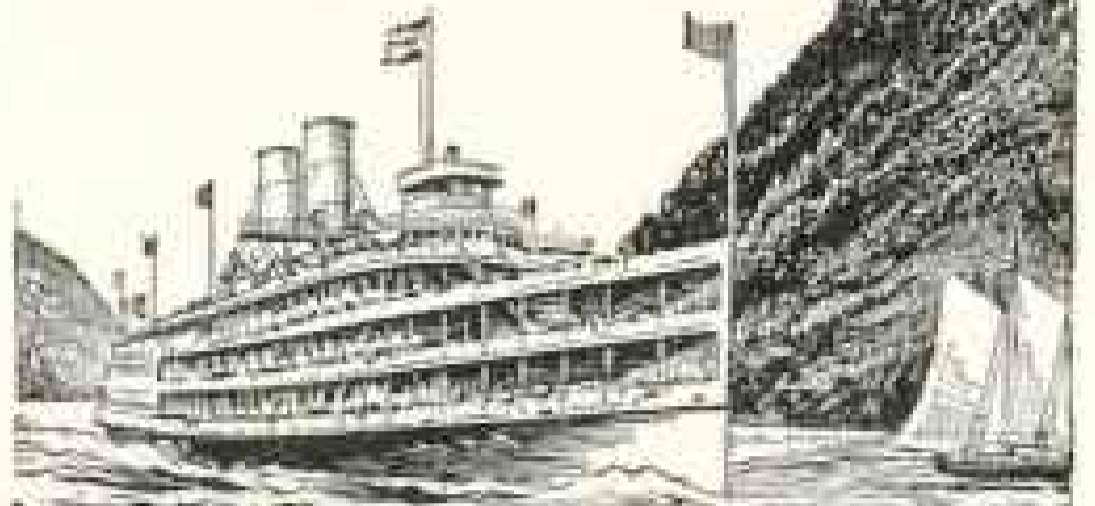
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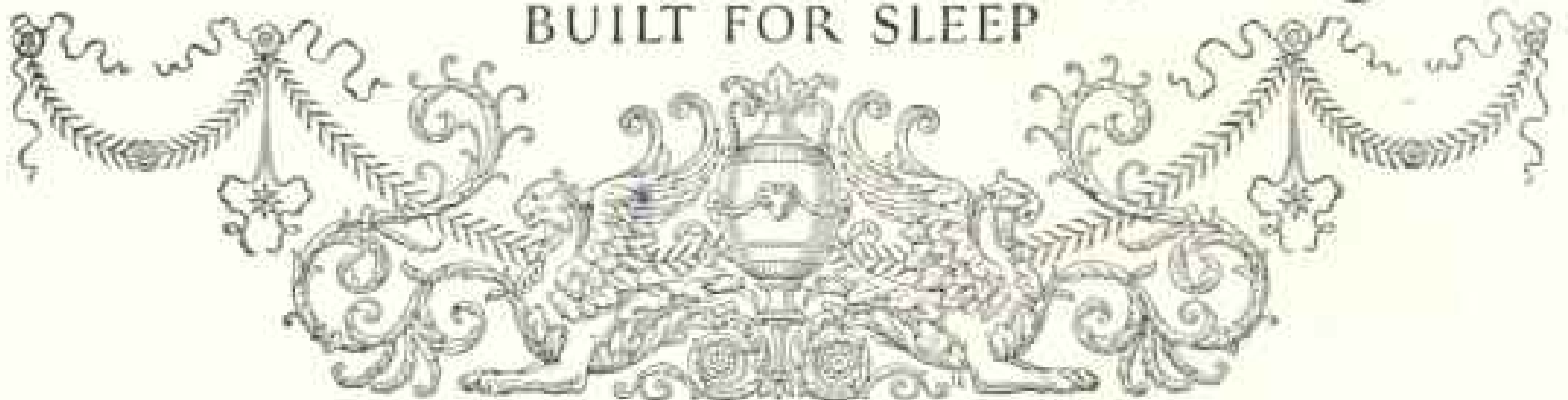
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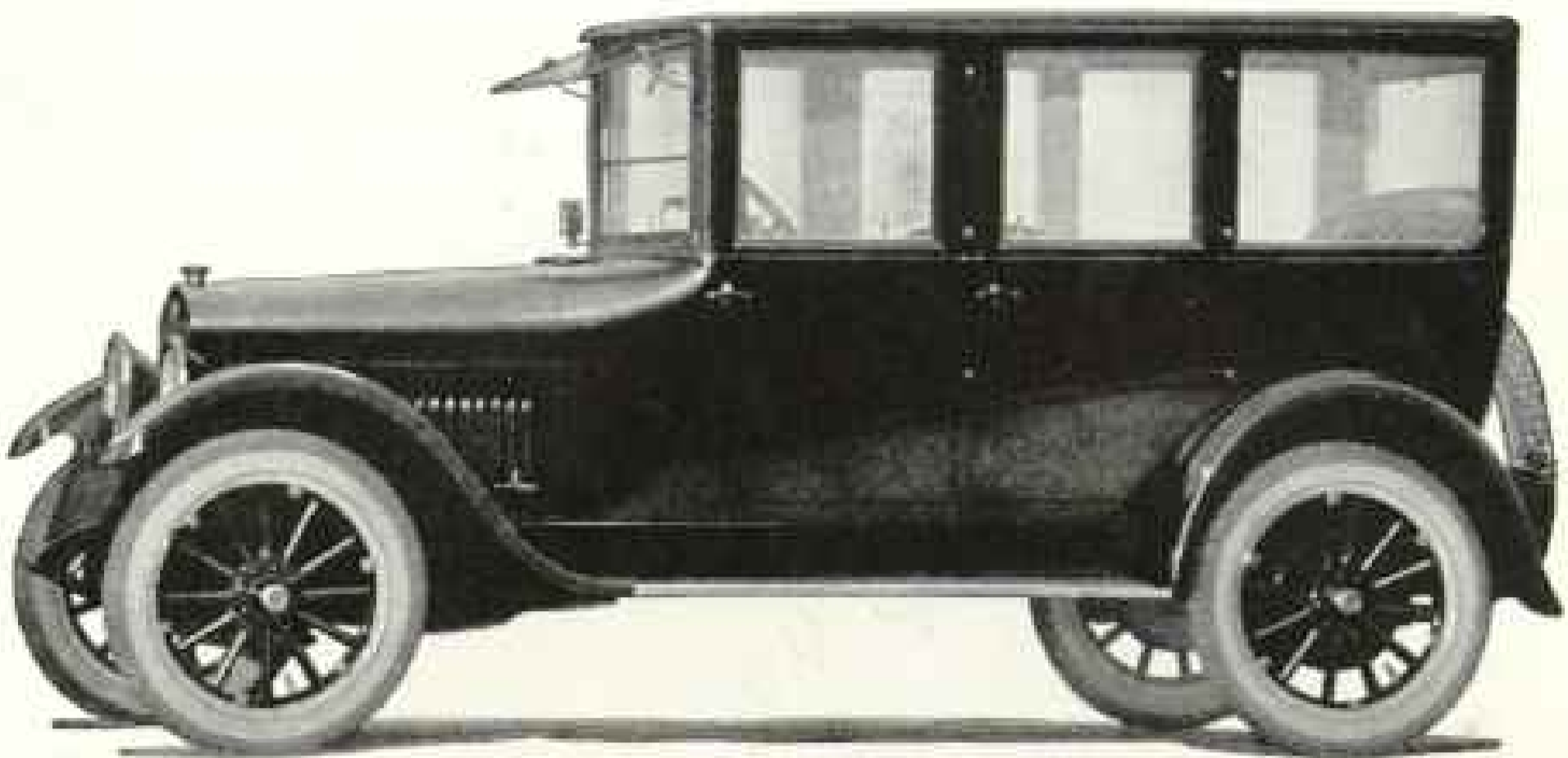
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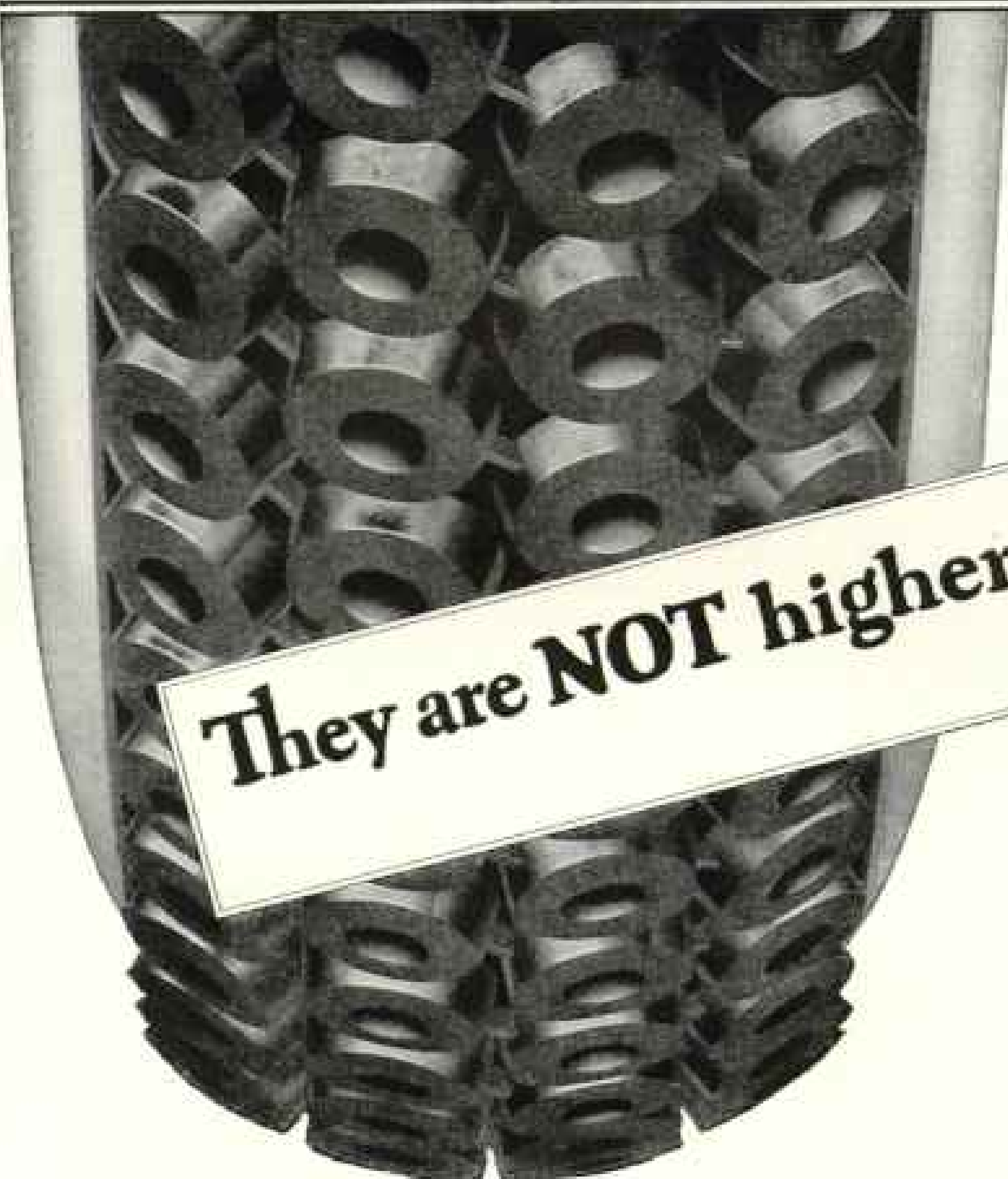
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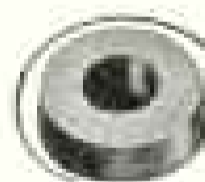
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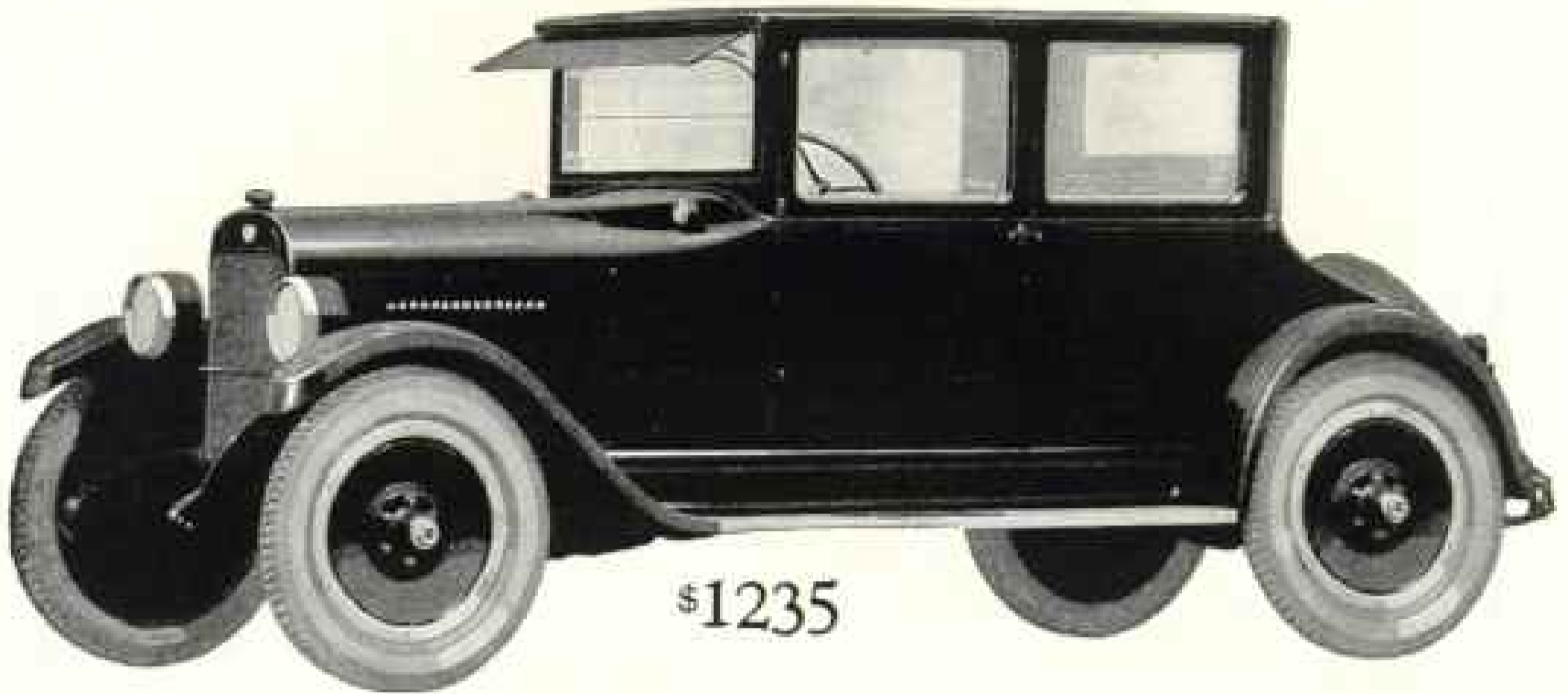
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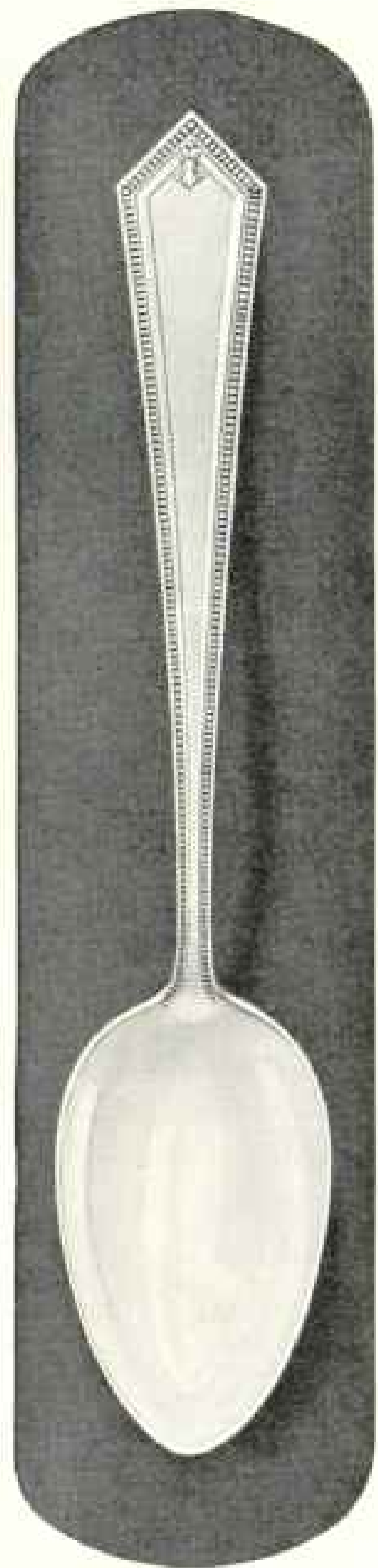


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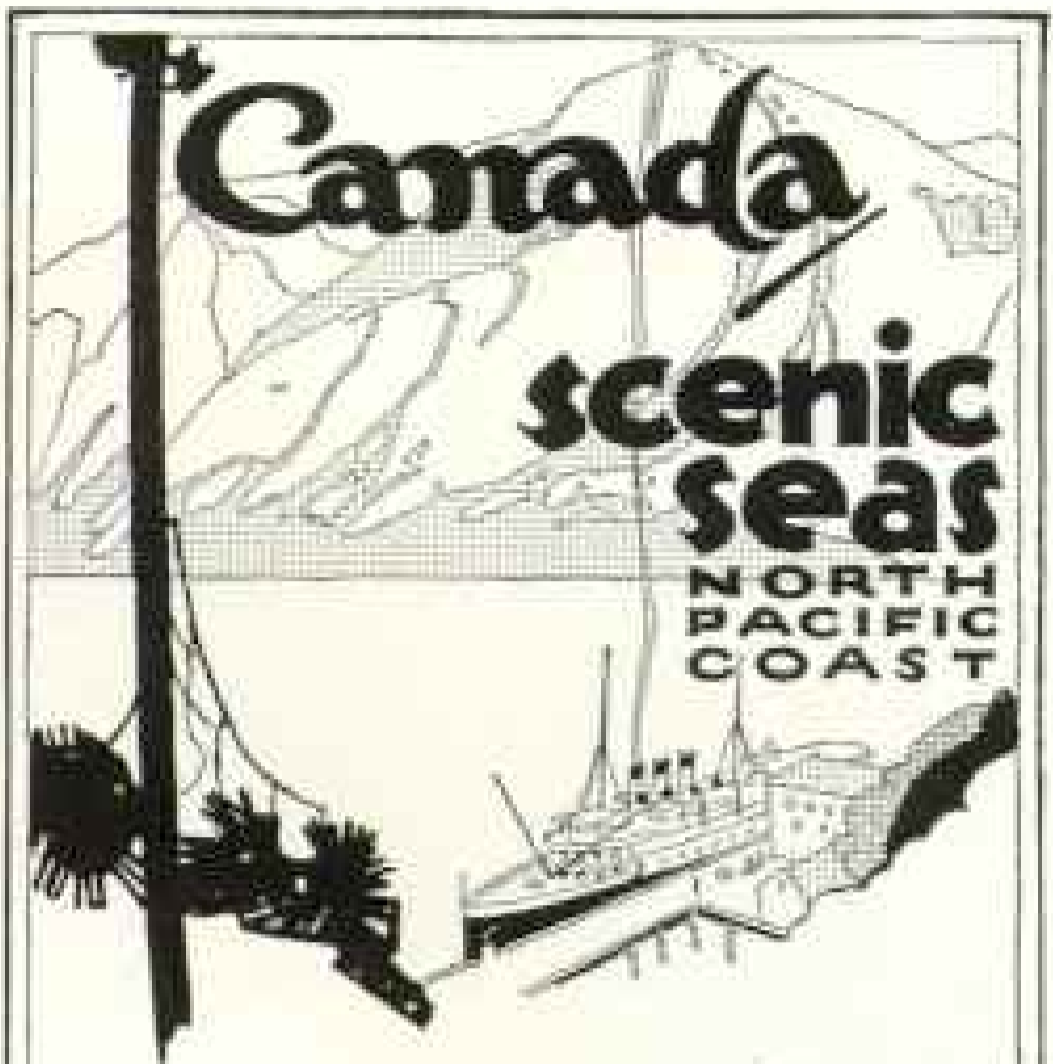
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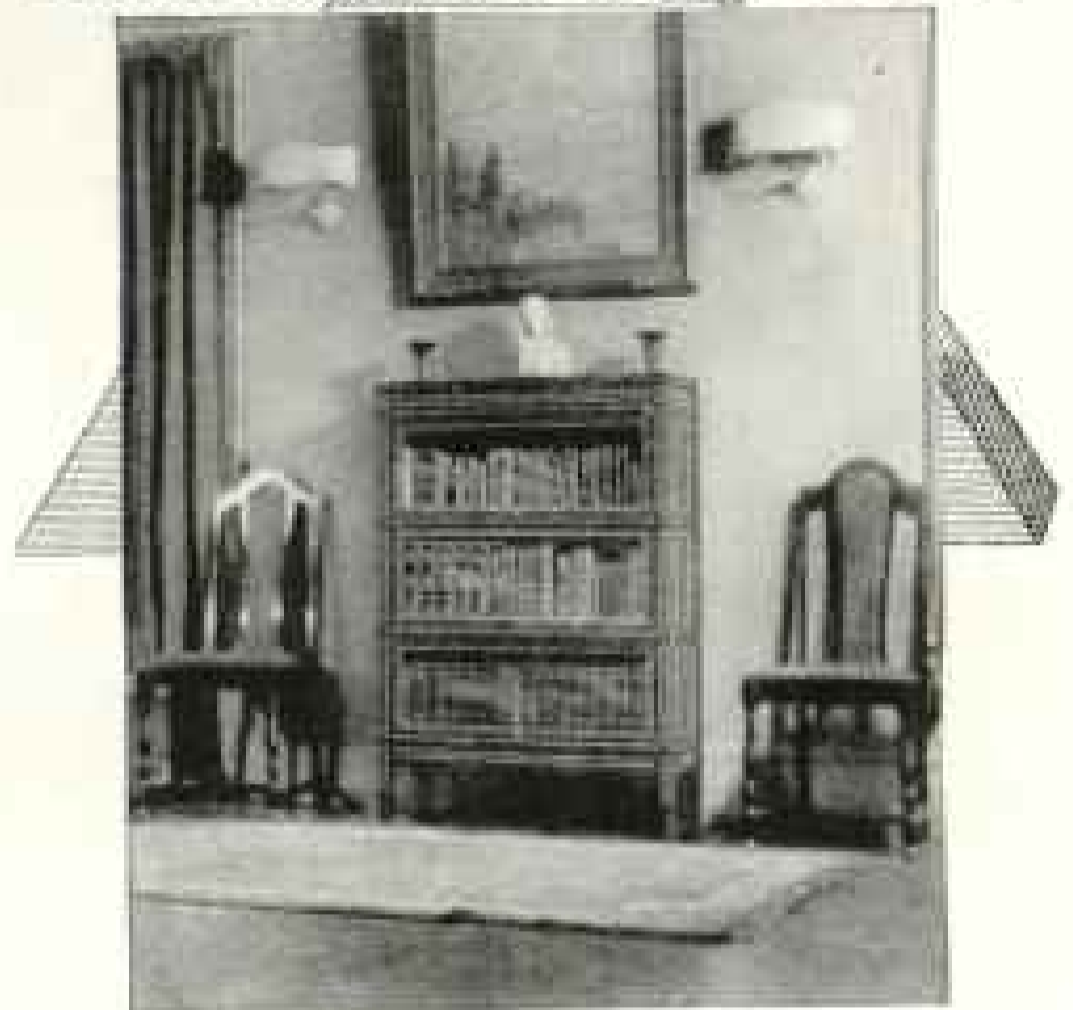
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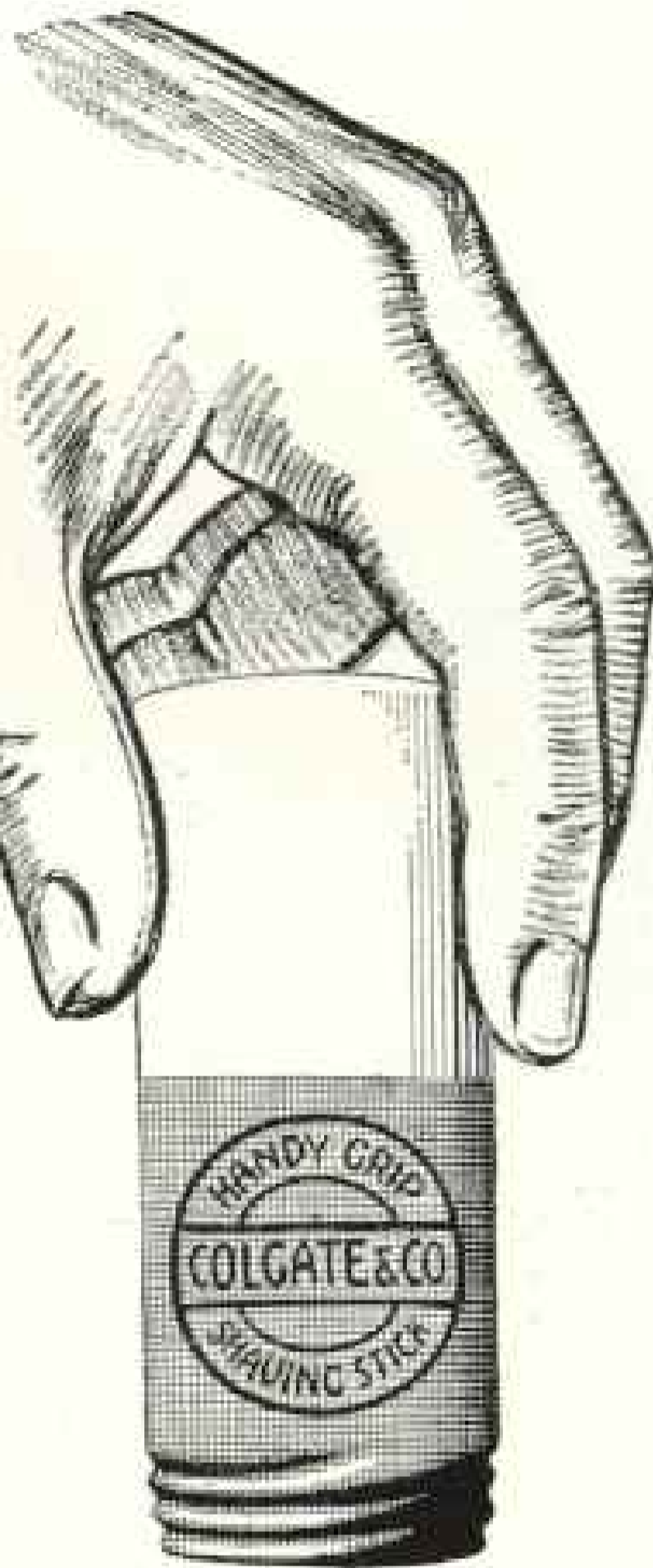
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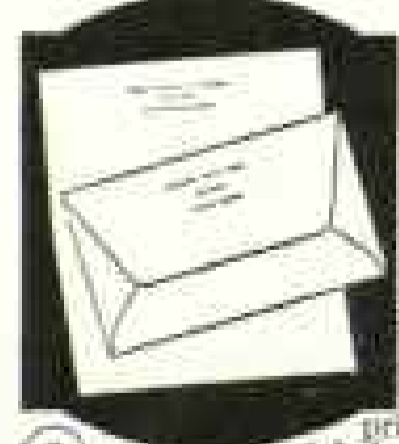


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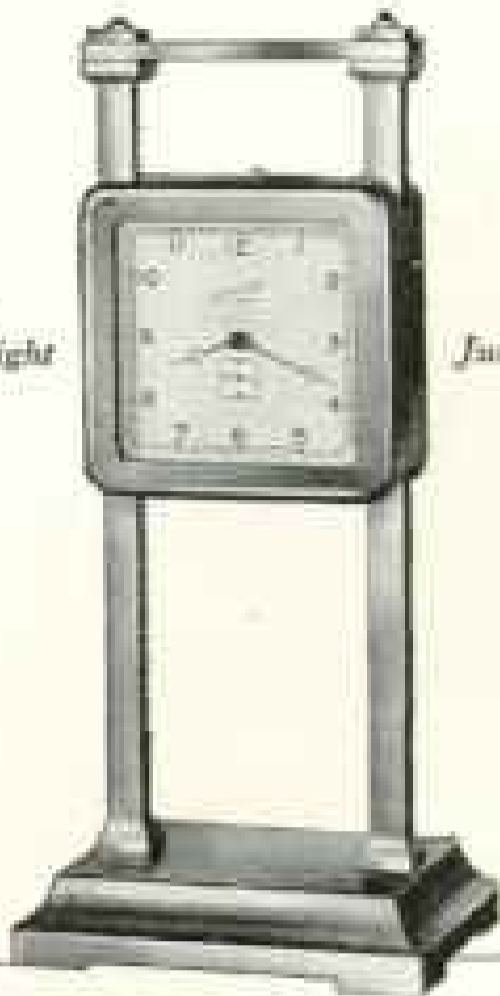
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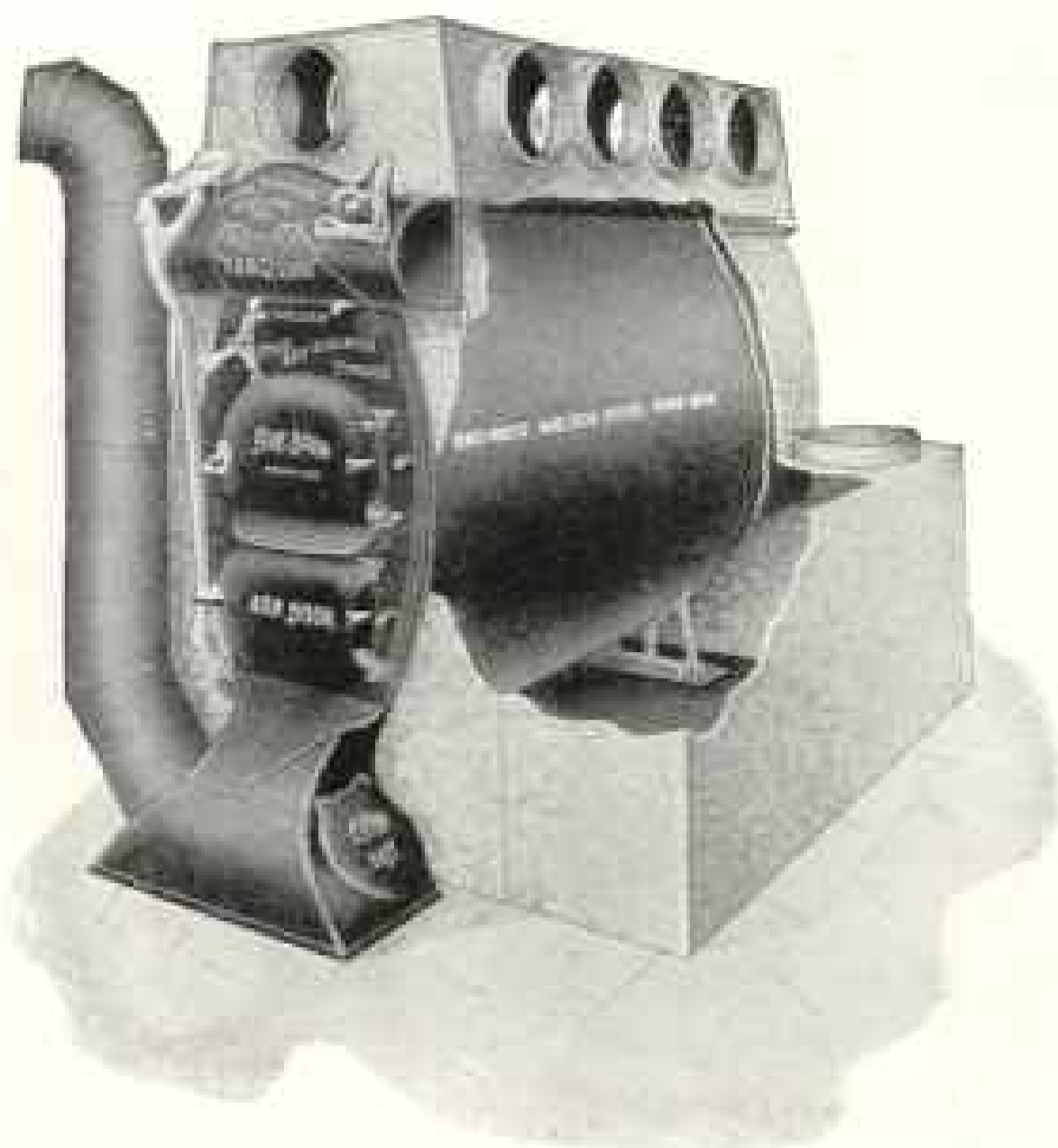
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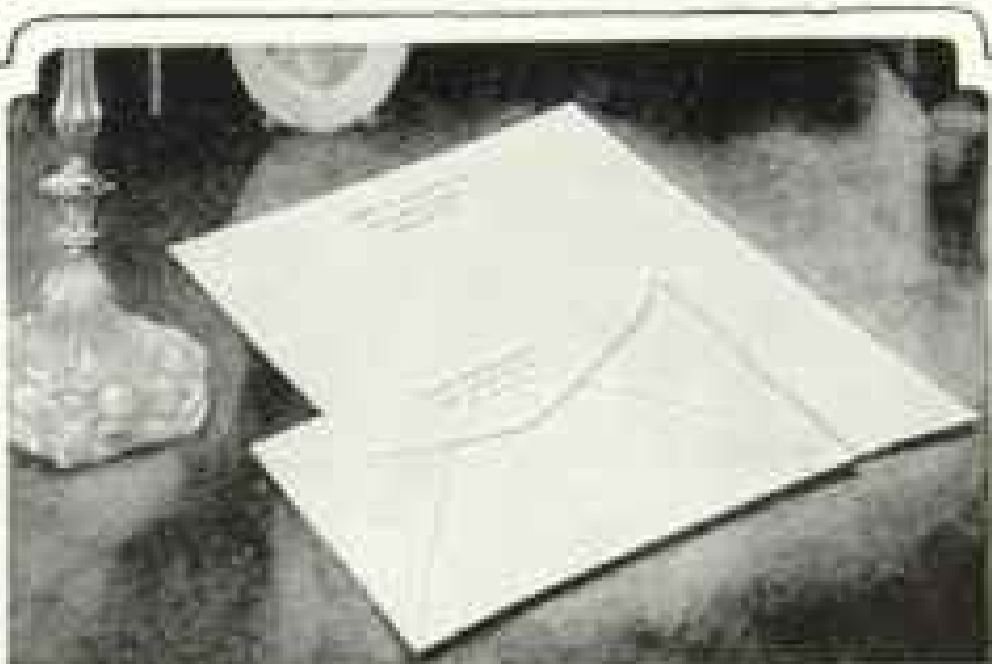
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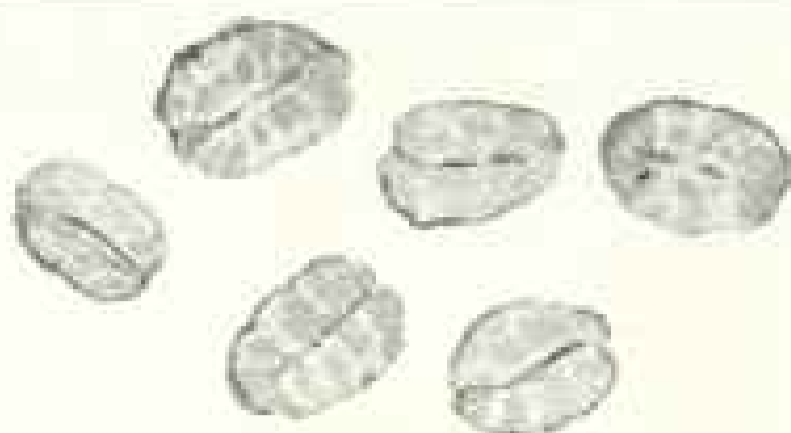
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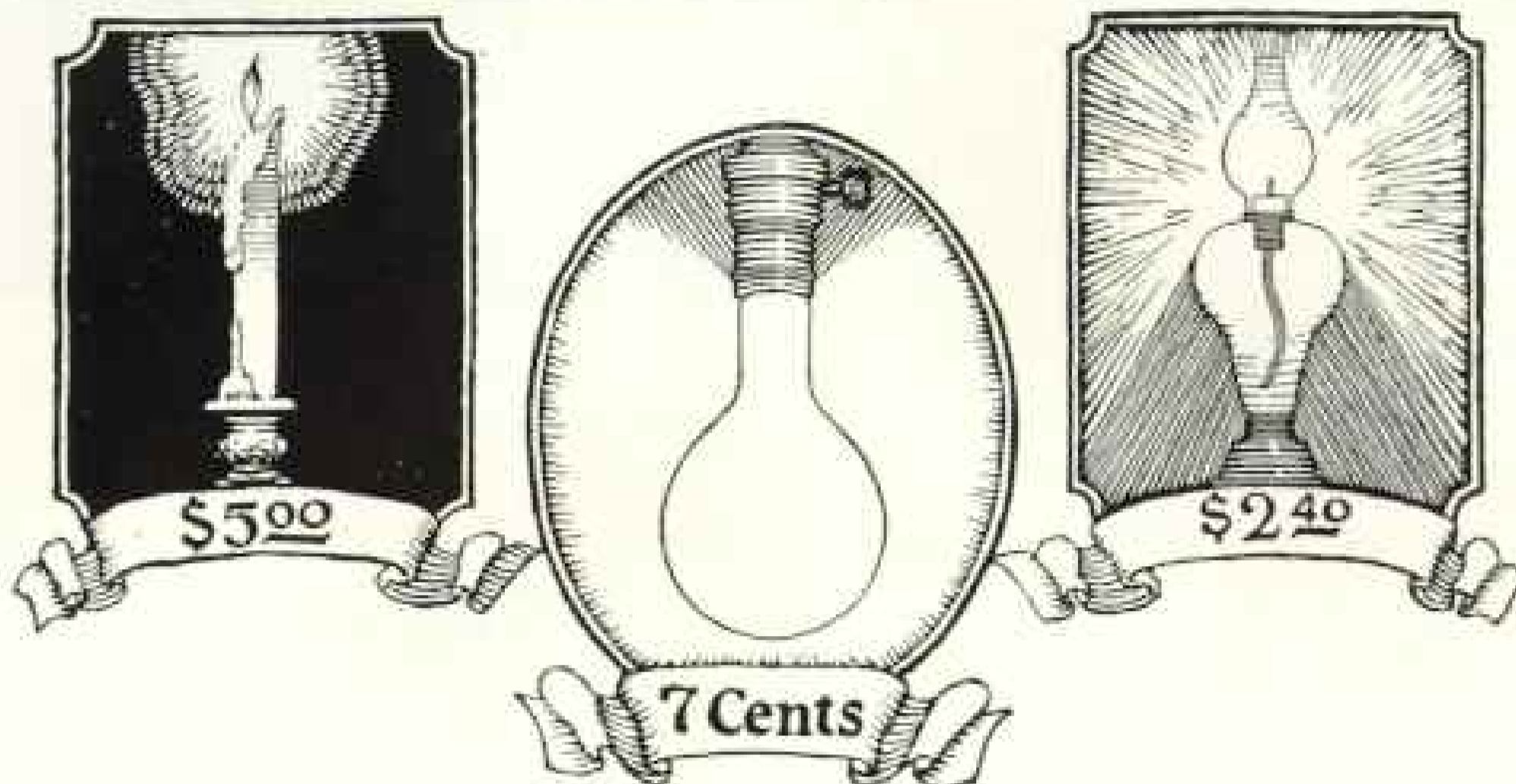
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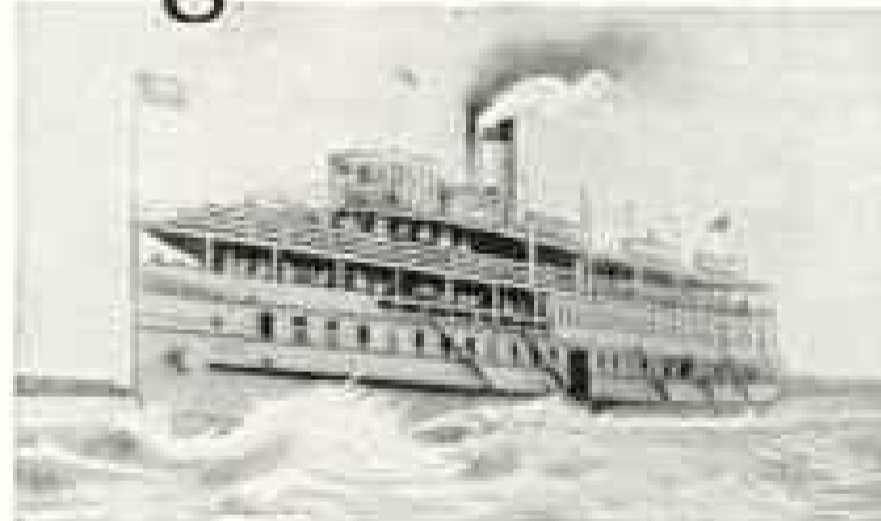
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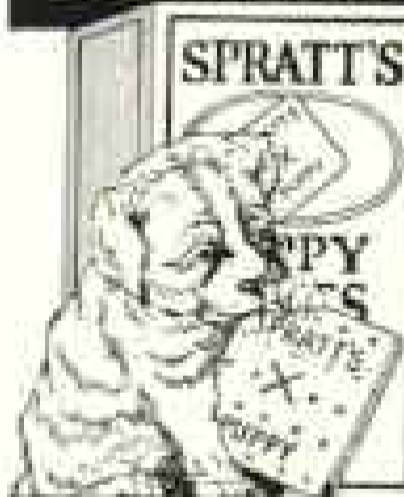
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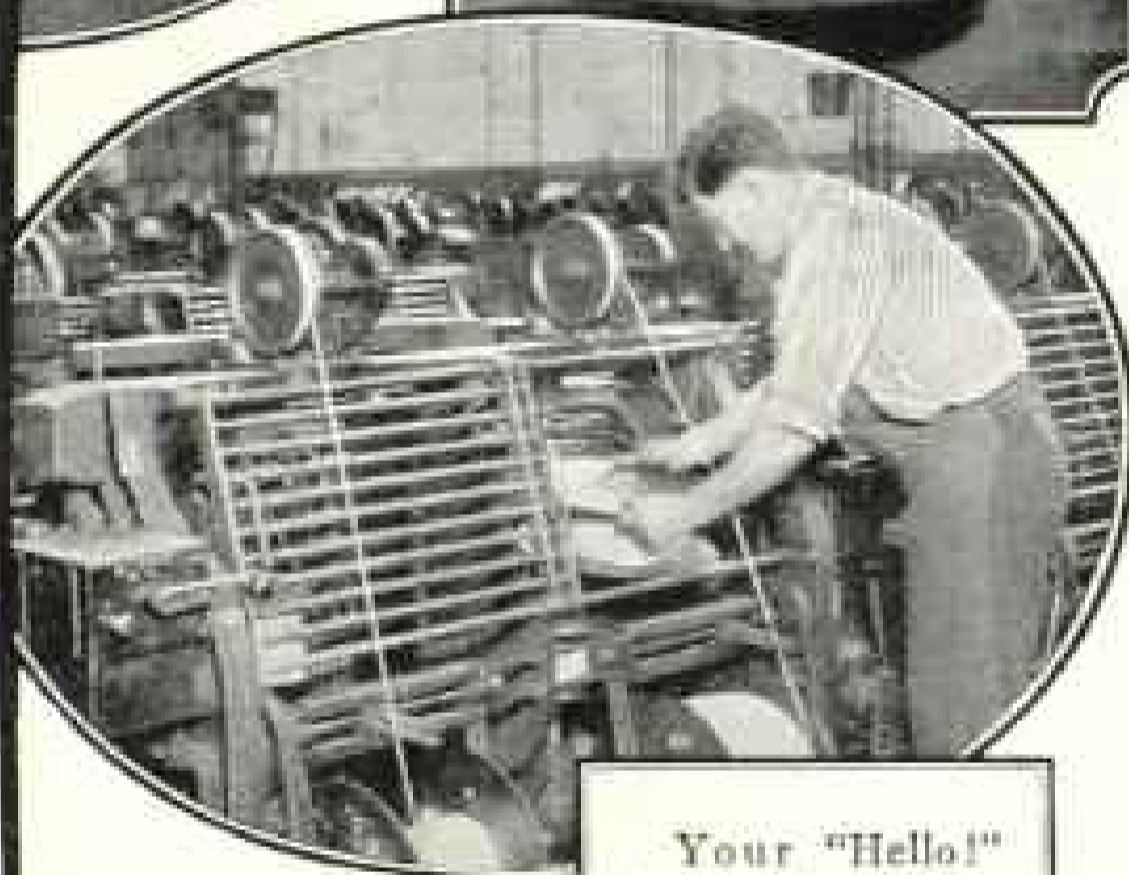
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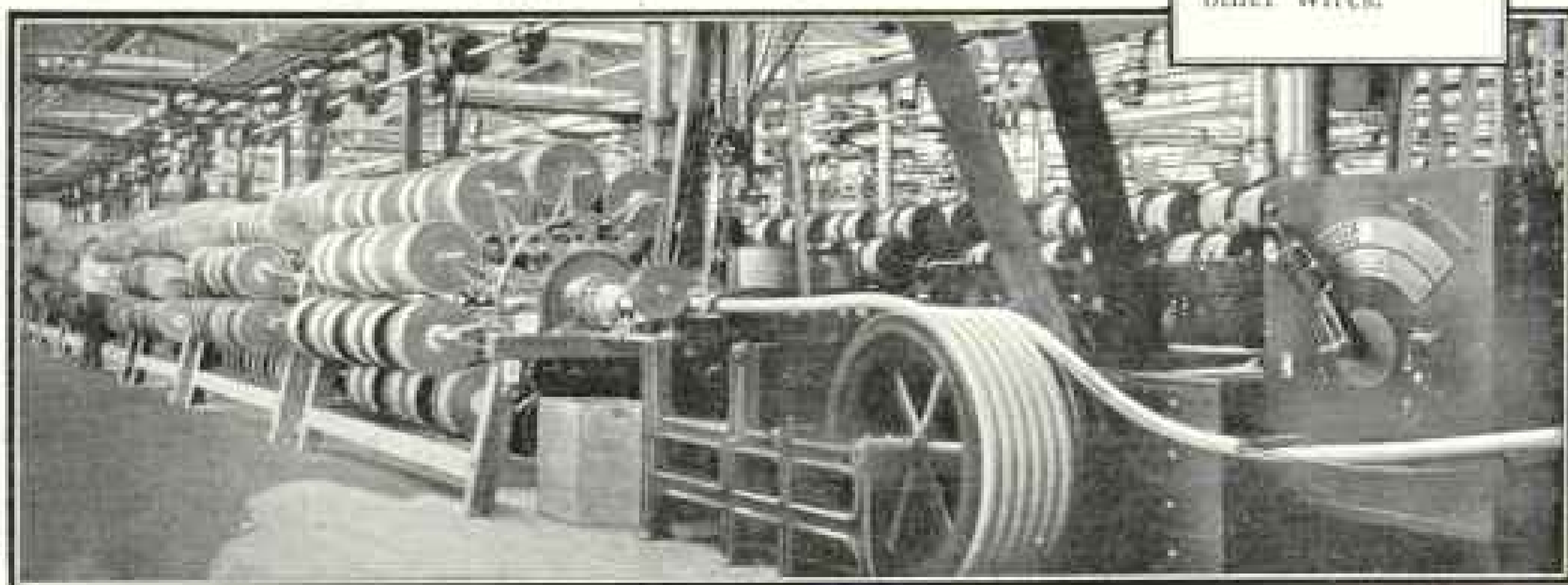
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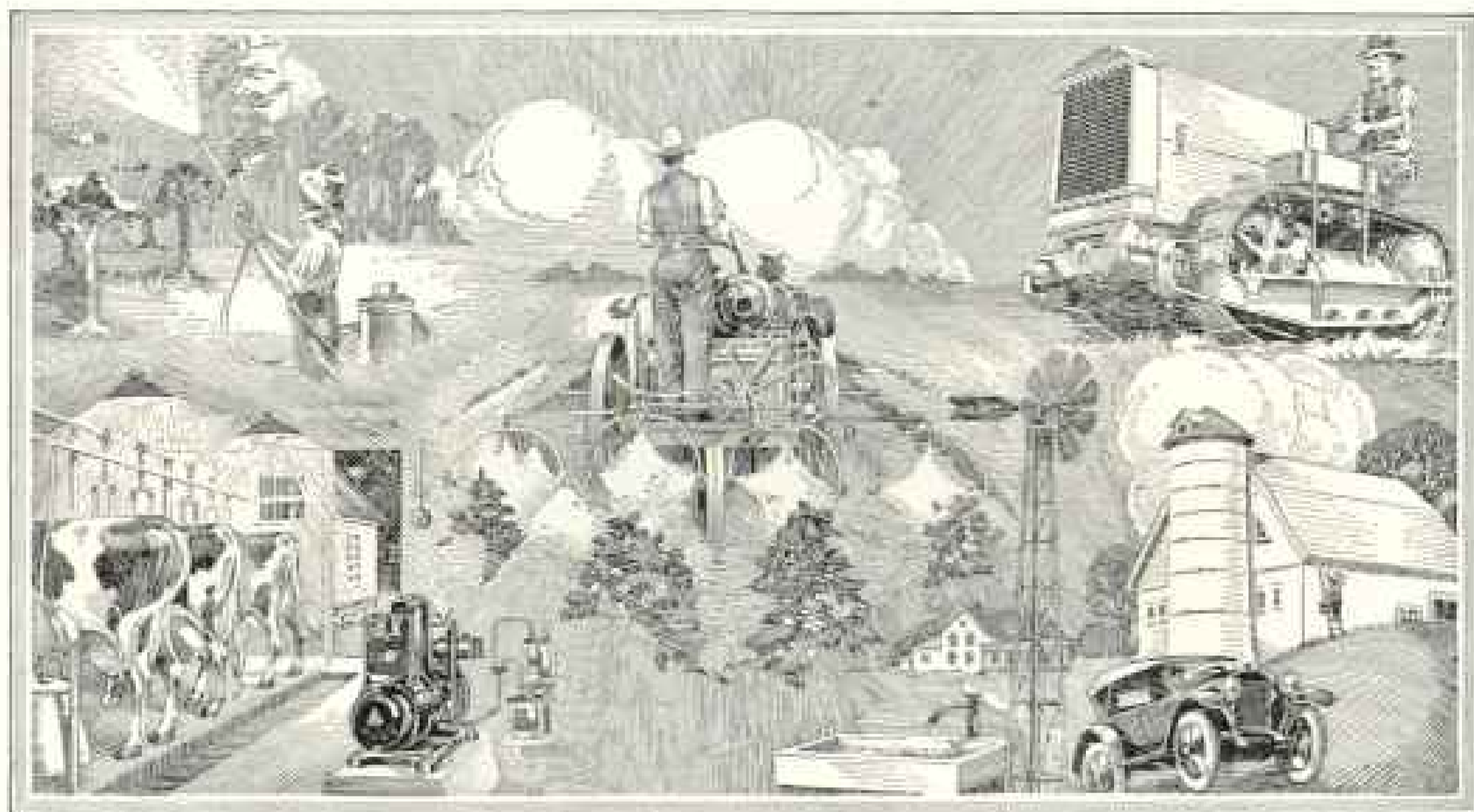
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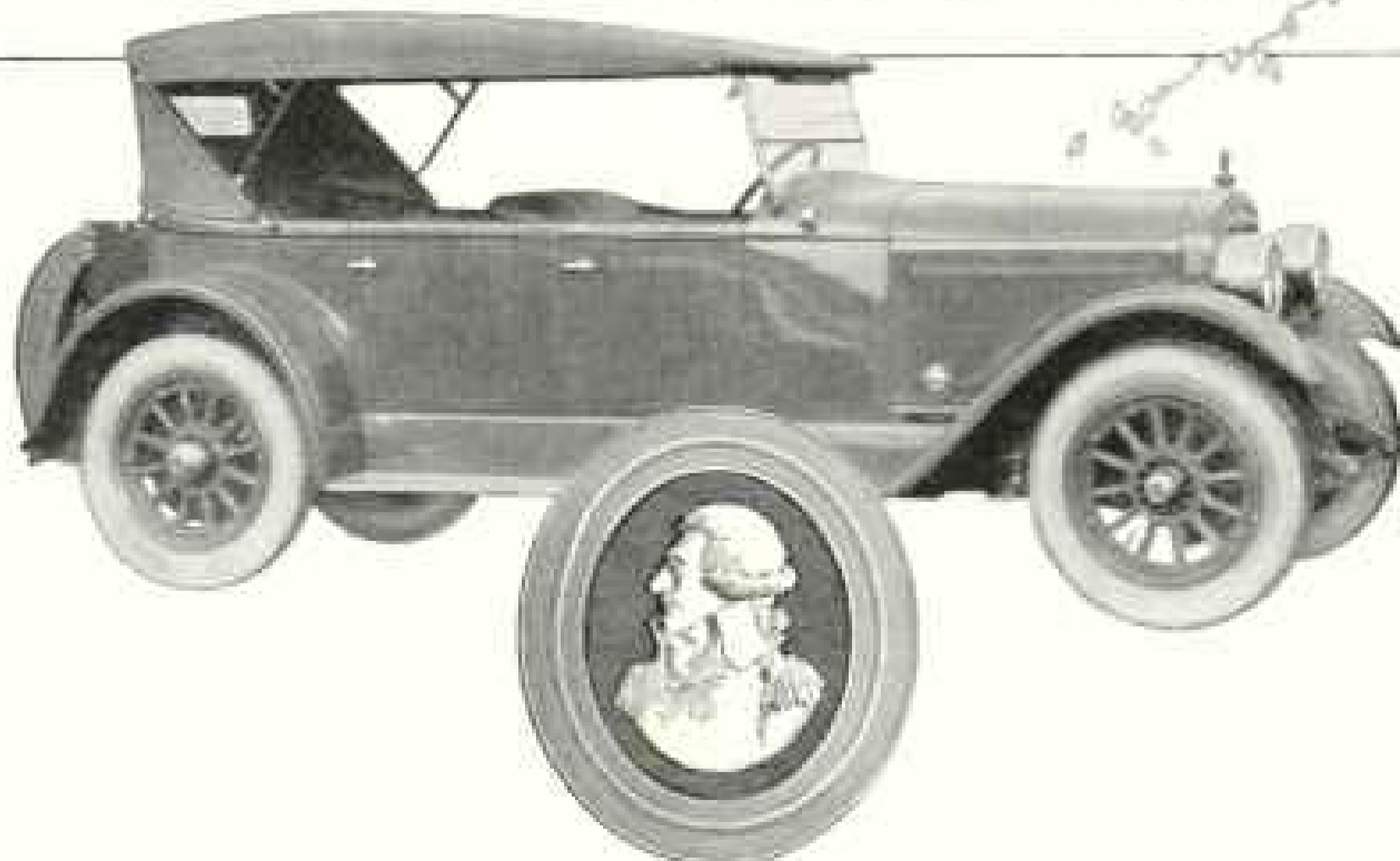


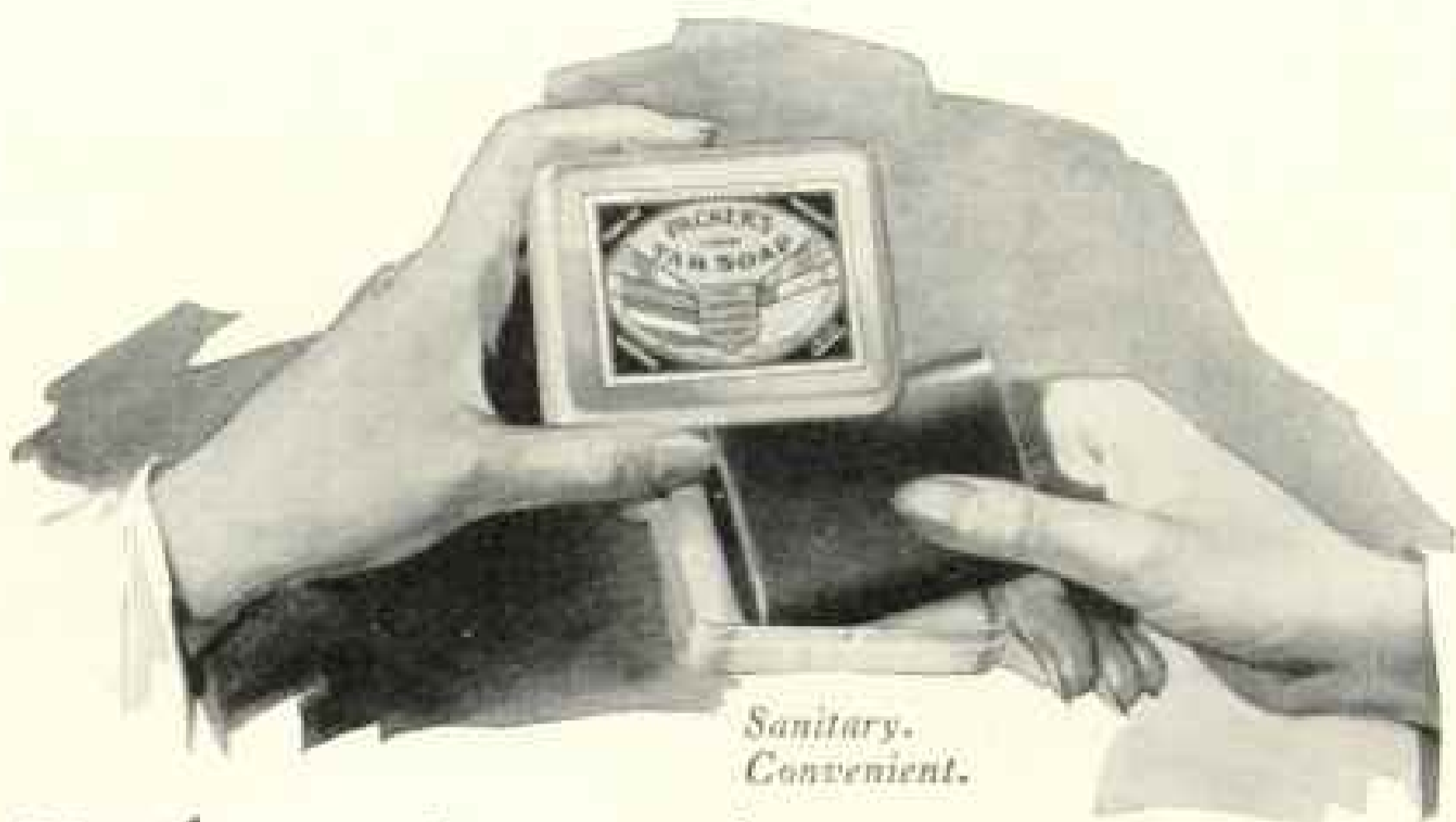
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