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it has almost ruined you, hug it a little longer. How do they do at the West? Instruments of torture: their secreted in them which was Persian physician, and which and restored the health of extends to the intellectual ad made an experiment in counties thirty years ago, rained them to the labours he frame. These labours, for harmless, cheap, and your fields have looked? ucts under such improved ight have introduced? I ds which would have been miling with verdure, books ries built on the streams, thither, happiness secured perity. Your eyes are . There is nothing more han the sight of our land sounds of peace and joy man ever knew them? of in Virginia that useful the statesmen who would cinnatus for their model. t step has been taken by the state, the results of labour has been connected ollege; and although the r general and powerful, a of the wise and good has who looks at the state of f the most wise and prom- taken to repair the wastes e habits and condition of

CHAPTER II.

Washington—Advantages of Small Capitals—Salutary Hints to Ambition—Foreigner disappointed—More Reflections—Vines—Rail-road.

I NEVER visit Washington without being reminded of the miscalculations which were made by some of our wisest men, in relation to the growth of the city in population and importance. The magnificence of the plan is evident to every eye, and so is the total want of power to complete it. Broad avenues, named after the states, stretch indeed from the centre towards various points; but some of them are impassable, and others lead to nothing worth seeing. Unlike the great roads which met in the Roman forum in the days of Roman greatness, they are more like some of them at the present day, which conduct only to a deserted and sterile region in the vicinity. Still there is one gratification to be derived from the public disappointment in relation to the growth of the federal city: the intrigues of a court are more exposed to view than they could be in a large metropolis; and the shades of a great population are not extended over them for their concealment. In European capitals, public men are much less exposed to public scrutiny; and great facilities are enjoyed for all sorts of intrigues. Besides, every thing connected with the grandeur and brilliancy of power loses much of its importance in Washington, because so much of the interior of things is exposed to view. In this city visitors and inhabitants are alike impressed with what they see. Every year presents many new faces in the Houses of Congress, where new interests are maintained with the same ardour as before. When you call on a friend, you are perhaps introduced into the same chamber you were in the last winter, with the same two beds in the corners, the same display of gilt-