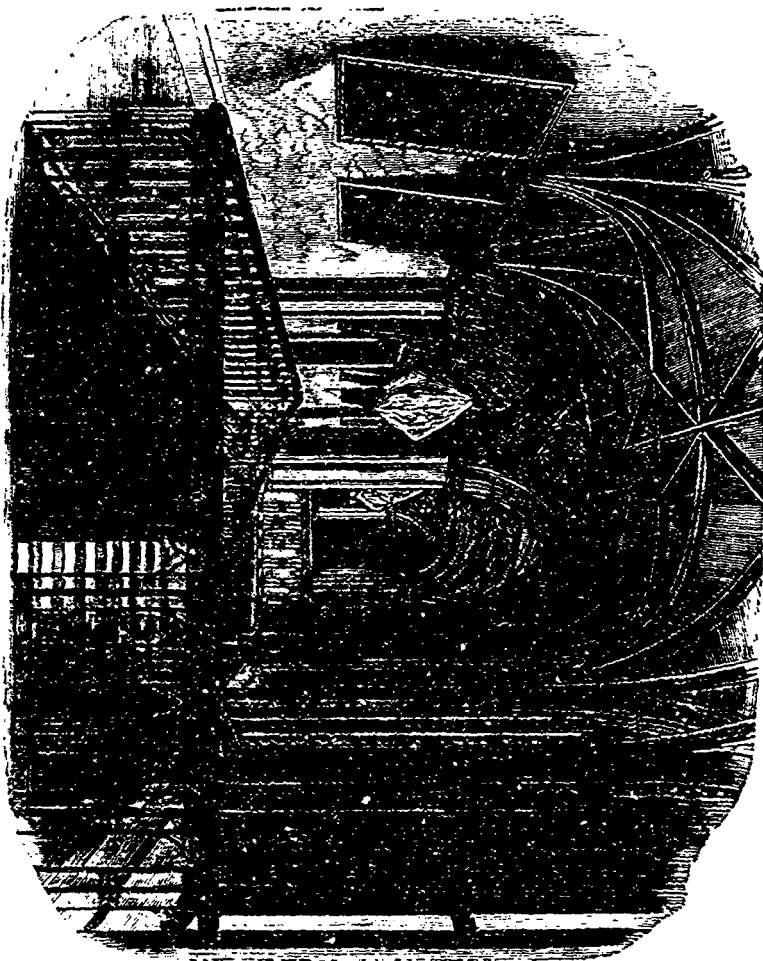


within. The vaulting of the elegant stairway shown on this page, is all in solid stone. The picture gallery, a noble apartment, contains two hundred masterpieces, by Murillo, Rubens, Rembrandt, Guido, Vandyke, Reynolds, Durer, Cuyp, and others of the world's great painters; and the portraits of a long line of

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ancestors. The great dining-room contains a side-table of unique design. It is of solid marble, carved as if covered with a white linen table napkin—the folds being so accurately represented as to require a close inspection to convince the observer of the solidity of the material. The walls of the grand saloon are hung