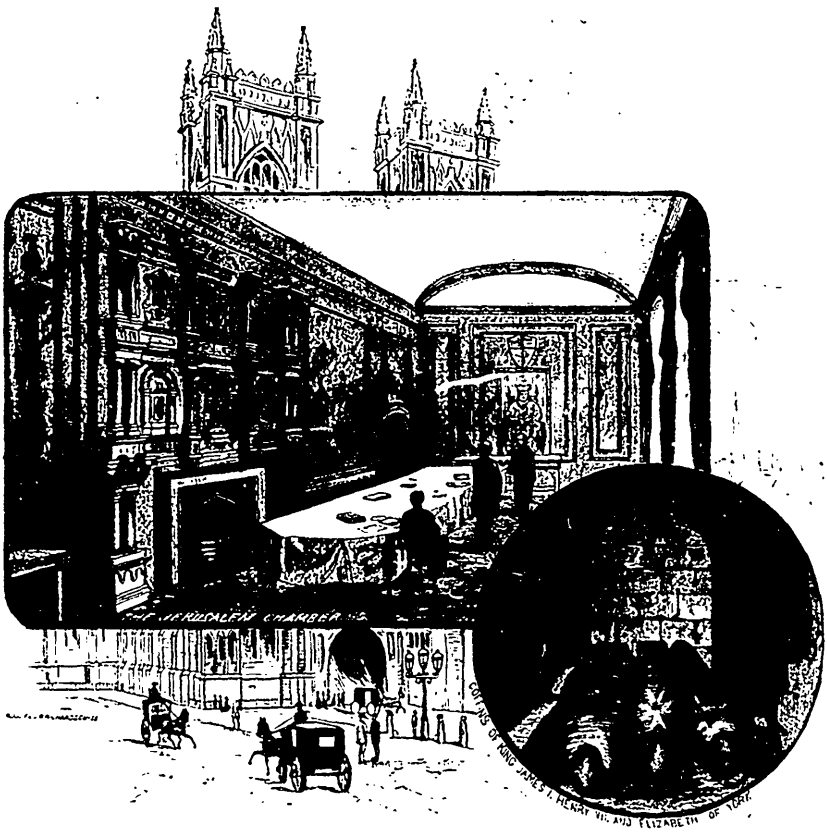
tinental capital, demands much time, patience, and strength; but to acquaint oneself with that colossal emporium of men, wealth, arts, and intellectual power,—the world's capital,—which covers an area of so many square miles, on the banks of the Thames, one needs the feet of a centipede, the eyes of Argus, a brain with four lobes, the will of a Cromwell, and "the final perseverance of the



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saints." London is infinitely vaster and more complex in its development than any other city on the globe. It is the visible embodiment in brick and stone of the country as a whole, and is not so much a city as a congeries of cities, an aggression of towns, of ever-changing hue. In this harlequin town you will find streets extending for miles in length, and streets hardly a hundred feet long; streets with houses built after the same pattern,