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The respect Mr. Franklin had for Mr. Jefferson, as a gentleman, a man of worth, and a scholar, induced him to accept his invitation to spend a week or two at his house, and see some of the natural curiosities of the mountains which surround it. Mr. Jefferson is thought an able statesman; he took an active part in the revolution, and was the man said to have penned the declaration of the American independence. He was the first ambassador sent by the United States to the court of France, and has avowed himself a staunch republican. But politics are a subject that Mr. Franklin never discusses in this country, as his sentiments differ from the Americans; and he is neither willing to give offence, nor relinquish his own principles. He esteems Mr. Jefferson as a philosopher, and admires his "Notes upon Virginia," which have established his character as a man of sense and a good writer. He farms his own estate, which lies amongst the south-west mountains, a few miles from Charlottesville, near the head waters of Rivanna river. The house is built on a small plain, upon the top of a mountain that is not very high, and is thought one of the most elegant private habitations in the United States. A fine library and museum extend the entire breadth of the building, and open into a large green-house and aviary. In the centre is a spacious octagon apartment, the depth of the house, with folding glass doors at each end, that lead to a portico. On one side of the mountain

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