

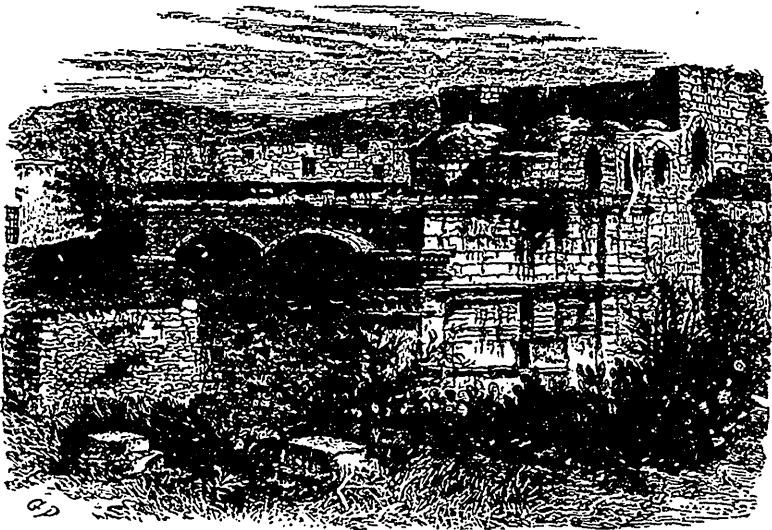
like living topaz and sapphire, and shed a solemnly dim light throughout the vast and shadowy interior.



STABLES OF SOLOMON.

Immediately under the dome, overshadowed by silk drapery like a banner over a hero's tomb, and surrounded by an elaborate iron screen, is the sacred rock; the strangest and surely the most mysterious object ever covered with such magnificent architecture. It has a rude, rough, irregular surface of limestone 65

feet long and 43 feet wide, and rises about six and a half feet above



INTERIOR OF THE GOLDEN GATE, JERUSALEM.

the surrounding marble pavement. According to tradition this was the summit of Mount Moriah, where Abraham offered up