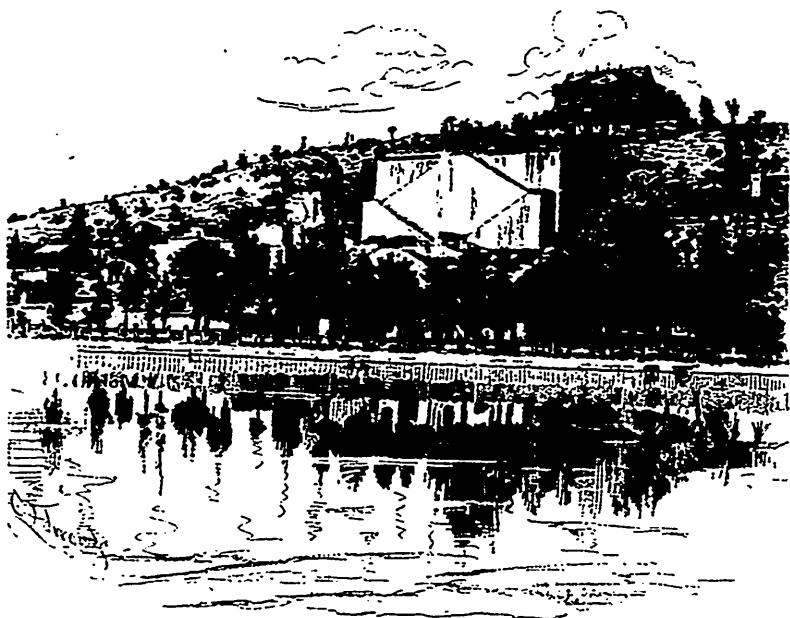


at the rate of thirty miles a day, week after week, and month after month, and they will not pass you in twenty-three years and a half. Constitute them pilgrims, and let them journey every day and night, under the sunlight and under the solemn stars, and you must hear the ceaseless tramp, tramp, tramp, of the weary, pressing, throbbing throng for twelve long years and eight months.

*China has a surprising history.*—The history of Rome is compassed by about a thousand years. That of Greece varies but little from that of Rome. The history of the Jews from Abraham



SUMMER PALACE, "HILL OF TEN THOUSAND AGES," PEKIN.

to the destruction of Jerusalem is double that of Rome. But China has had a settled form of constitutional government for forty centuries. Ancient Turanian and Aztec nations, Greece, Rome, Persia, Assyria and Babylon have risen, culminated and declined, while the Chinese government has survived through thirty changes of dynasty. Its laws, codified 2,000 years ago, are revised every five years. China was consolidated as a government B.C. 1088, and substituted her present form of government for the feudal two hundred and twenty years before Christ, thus emancipating her people from the feudal system before the Christian era. In theory her government is despotic, but practically it is democratic, the equality of all men before the law