

and regular design, with the streets intersecting each other at right angles, as we are told many other American towns are. At the point where the two principal streets cross each other, is erected a marble rotunda, to receive and distribute the waters of the Schuylkill, which is raised by machinery to a level of thirty or forty feet above the highest ground in the city, by pipes, as it is in London. The principal street is one hundred feet wide, the others vary from eighty to fifty: they are all paved with pebbles, having path-ways of red brick, with pumps on each of them, at a little distance from each other, and lamps fixed on the top of them. Most of the houses are likewise built with brick, some few of wood; and those most remarkable for their elegance are ornamented with a particular species of pale-blue marble, as are many of the public structures, which are also generally brick.

The State-house is handsome: the legislative bodies hold their meetings in it; adjoining to it, are the congress and city halls. The first was used by the congress of the United States, before they held their assemblies at Washington: the senate chamber is handsomely fitted up, but the apartment designed for the representatives of the lower house is entirely plain, and easy of access to every one who chuses to enter it, as the gallery leading to it is open to the street.

The president's house is constructed in a whimsical