

results. We have "rows" in Washington, to be sure, but the generous width of the streets, and the lines of trees along them, prevent you from feeling that you are walking in the alleys of a brick quarry, which is almost inevitable in a narrow street of featureless barracks six stories high, paved from side to side with brick and stone.

America's metropolis is, perhaps, a unique example of a great city created by the fiat of a single will. The first President said: "Let the capital city of the country be here"; and here it sprang up. Of necessity people flocked to where the seat of government had been fixed. A friend of Washington's surveyed a plan of the city; this has been strictly followed, and though only about a fourth of it has been built up, that one part shows what a magnificent city the Washington of the future is to be, and how wise the head that built it first on paper. The plan is a very easy one to comprehend. The Capitol is the centre. From it as the hub spread out the great avenues bearing the names of the original States of the Union like the spokes of a wheel. Upon this wheel is superimposed the ordinary system of streets, parallel and at right angles to one another, so that the avenues cut them obliquely. Streets running east and west are known by letters of the alphabet; those running north and south by numbers; so considerable stupidity is necessary to succeed in losing one's way.

The only quarter yet built is the north-west, or that part lying north of Pennsylvania avenue. The latter is the business street, and utterly insignificant as such. For Washington is a city of fashion and legislation, and it is not necessary that it should be also a commercial centre. At one end of this grand avenue is the Capitol, and at the other the White House. Near the latter are grouped the Treasury, the Corcoran Art Gallery, and between these two points and south of Pennsylvania avenue are the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian Institution, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and the National Museum.

The White House deserves its name, being built of marble almost glaring in its natural color. The Capitol, on the other hand, though built of marble as well, looks as if it had been painted over a sort of drab. Every other building looks dingy beside the Executive Mansion. Otherwise it is a solidly-built house, plain