FOREST GLEN PARK

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THE FOREST INN,

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YING to the north of Washington, scarcely beyond the limits of the District of Columbia, and bordering on the picturesque and romantic Rock Creek where it threads its tortuous course through the fertile meadows and wooded hills of Montgomery County, Maryland, is Forest Glen Park, a tract which for more than a half a century has been renowned for its natural attractiveness. Its towering trees, rippling brooks, sunny slopes, and winding avenues, combine in forming a spot which for natural beauty is seldom rivaled.

As long ago as 1826, a company of gentlemen, recognizing its advantages, purchased and subdivided it, but the demand of Washington for suburban property was then limited, and the project after a few years was abandoned and the park disposed of. Since then all efforts looking toward its purchase have been futile, until the autumn when "The Forest Glen Improvement Company" concluded negotiations, and came into possession of the property. No sooner were the deeds passed, than a most liberal policy was adopted, with the purposes in view of affording the citizens of Washington what

there had been a demand for, namely: a healthy, well located, and easily accessible suburban village, and in addition, a commodious summer hotel, which should be especially adapted to the wants of the very large class of officials and business men who find it necessary or pleasant to remain near Washington during the summer months. This, in brief, is the history of Forest Glen Park, the name of which is hereafter to be as insolubly associated with that of the National Capitol, as Bryn Mawr is with Philadelphia, Roxbury with Boston, or Tuxedo Park with New York.

Washington, with its great and rapidly increasing population, has been practically without suburbs until recently, and up to the present time there has been no place which combined the many necessary requisites of a pleasant suburban town which should bring together under favorable circumstances the benefits of both city and country.

That Forest Glen is such a place is beyond controversy. It is located on the double tracked main western line of the great Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the only line running out of the city above the river level. It is but a half mile from the northern terminus of the proposed National Rock Creek Park. It is 340 feet above the Potomac, and from a number of places in the Park glimpses of the Washington Monument and the cupola of the Soldiers' Home may be had. Sixteen trains a day (eight each way) stop at the picturesque station which is within a few moments' walk from the remotest corner of the Park.

These advantages, taken in connection with the fact that the location is one of the healthiest and most beautiful in the country, that there is abundance of pure water, that malaria is practically unknown and that the surrounding country is prosperous and thickly populated, make Forest Glen an ideal spot for the location of permanent homes, in which, and about which there will be the greatest enjoyments and most wholesome advantages.

The Forest Glen Improvement Company, the sole owners of The Park and the Inn, is organized upon a broad and liberal basis, and for the permanent improvement of this delightful suburb, rather than for speculative purposes. Nothing will be overlooked which will add to either the attractiveness or the value of the place. No effort will be spared which will benefit those who purchase villa-sites for the purposes of residence, and the most liberal concessions will be offered to those who buy and build. A number of beautiful houses are now in process of erection, and there is every indication that a large number will be commenced during the summer and fall. The Inn will always add an enjoyable social feature to Forest Glen.

Plats of the Park, and all desired information can be had at any time at the office of the Company, 1006 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., or at Forest Glen.

OUNTRY homes adjacent to a large city like Washington, convey to the imagination at once an idea of rest, comfort, and enjoyment. An old saying has it that "Man made the cities, God the country." Art, science, and wealth may erect beautiful and imposing houses in a metropolis, but there is ever lacking that peculiar charm which only the fields and meadows, brooks and glades can lend. The general acceptance of this truth is probably one of the greatest impulses for suburban life. Another is found in the fact that city values and valuation are often so high as to prohibit home building by a very large class of people who can find in such suburban villages as Forest Glen Park, an opportunity to surround themselves with every comfort at far less cost than would be necessary to secure a city residence.

In sub-dividing the Park, the avenues which are to be macadamized are broad and of easy grades, and have been so laid out as to conform as nearly as possible to the natural topography of the land, in every case the aim being to insure handsome villa sites rather than to crowd as many town lots as possible into a limited space, regardless of their natural location or surface. By a strict adherence to this rule almost every lot has a fine frontage of from 75 to 200 feet, and a desirable spot for the erection of a house. The sites vary in size from six to twenty-four thousand square feet, and each possesses an individual and characteristic charm. The luxuriant growth of heavy forest timber, which is the crowning glory of Forest Glen Park, affords each purchaser to choose both the amount and nature of the shade which he will preserve about his home.

The surface of the Park is broken and varied. There is a general and decided incline from the Railroad westward to Rock Creek, where it suddenly ends in a precipitous and rugged decline of eighty feet, at the foot of which the broad and picturesque Rock Creek

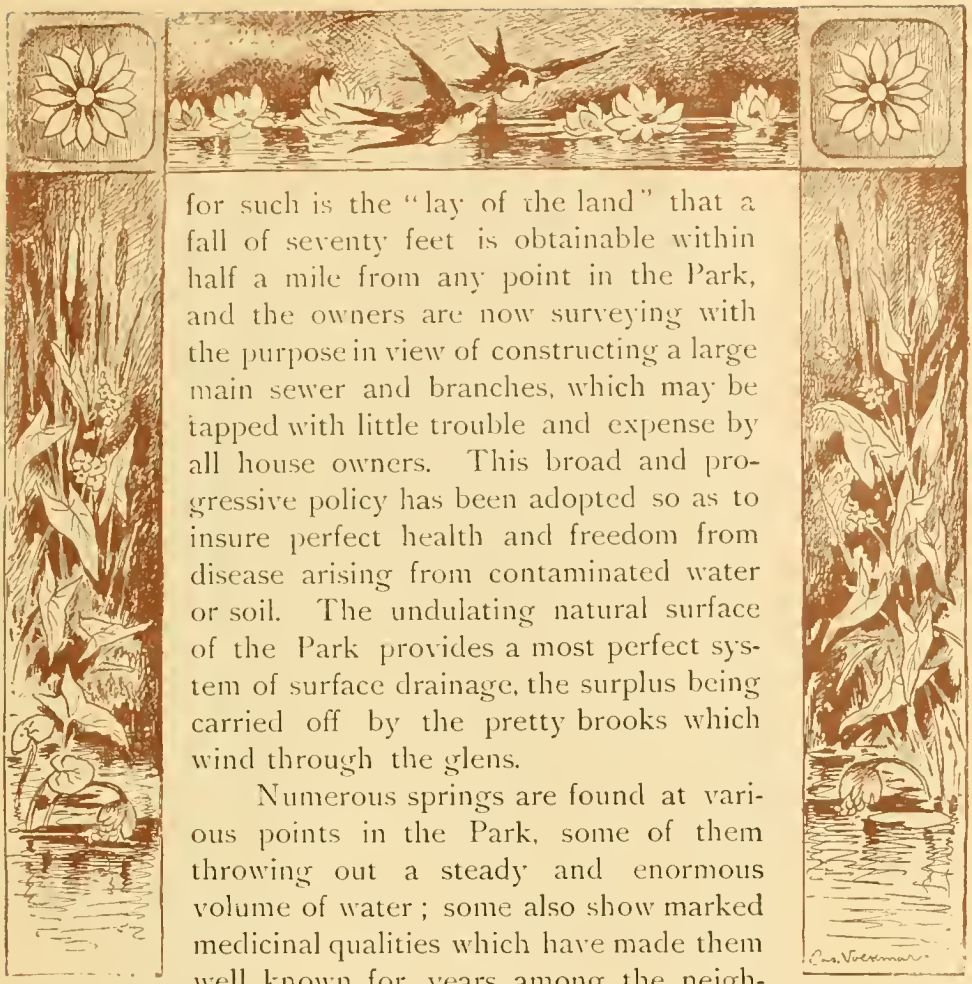
dances merrily along, dodging under the overhanging shade or glistening in the open sunlight. Winding its way along the summit of this cliff for more than half a mile is Prospect Avenue, from any point on which a view may be had of almost matchless beauty. The country lies like a panorama below one for miles to the west and northward. The variegated fields, the pretty homes and substantial barns, and the interspersing woodlands all combine to form an attractive natural picture as lasting as the hills themselves.

There is perhaps no greater charm about Forest Glen Park than its topography to which reference has been made. It seems as if nature had always intended this particular spot for a park, so gracefully are the glades, plateaus, ravines, and glens intermingled, some suggestions of the predominant features

being had from the names of the winding and intersecting avenues, among which are Highland, Prospect, Summit, Oakland, Rockland, Glen, Linden, and Hillside.

Another feature which makes Forest Glen a desirable place for a suburban home is its proximity to Washington and the ease with which it can be reached by either drive or rail. By rail, connection with the city may be had by a pleasant twenty-five minutes' ride at almost any hour of the day, on trains arranged especially for the convenience of suburban travel. The old National pike from Washington to the west, known locally as the Seventh Street Road, by which Forest Glen Park is reached, offers a drive over its smooth surface which is never so muddy as to be impassable, and which is one of the most sightly and best maintained boulevards in the country, as far as the District of Columbia limits, being kept in perfect repair by the U. S. Government. From the District line to the Park the drive is but a short one over the same road, which is macadamized and kept in good condition. The Park may also be reached by the Tennallytown road, which is intersected by the romantic and justly famous Woodley Lane drive at Oak View, the President's country seat.

One of the most important things to be taken into serious consideration in selecting a location for a suburban home, is the opportunity for good sewerage and surface drainage. Here, again, is the great superiority of Forest Glen shown over any other place.



for such is the "lay of the land" that a fall of seventy feet is obtainable within half a mile from any point in the Park, and the owners are now surveying with the purpose in view of constructing a large main sewer and branches, which may be tapped with little trouble and expense by all house owners. This broad and progressive policy has been adopted so as to insure perfect health and freedom from disease arising from contaminated water or soil. The undulating natural surface of the Park provides a most perfect system of surface drainage, the surplus being carried off by the pretty brooks which wind through the glens.

Numerous springs are found at various points in the Park, some of them throwing out a steady and enormous volume of water; some also show marked medicinal qualities which have made them well known for years among the neighboring residents. Good water can also be had at any point in the Park by sinking wells from 20 to 40 feet.

The immense quarries of granitic stone bordering on Rock Creek would furnish rock enough to erect a city, and the owners have decided to give those who build all they need in the erection of their houses free of charge, the parties using it to pay the cost of quarrying only. This will prove a considerable saving. No better quality of stone can be had, and it was from this identical quarry that the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. procured all the rock it needed for the construction of the bridges and culverts on the Metropolitan Branch.

The beautiful Forest Inn, which is described in detail further on, will always lend a great charm to the Park as a place of residence, and it is not at all improbable that it will be kept open and full of

guests all the year around. The plats of Forest Glen Park are open for inspection at the company's office, 1006 F St., N. W., and can also be had of the leading Real Estate dealers. The Manager, Mr. A. T. Hensey, will be ready at all times to show intending purchasers over the Park, and to make prices and terms of the most favorable nature.

The Forest Inn.

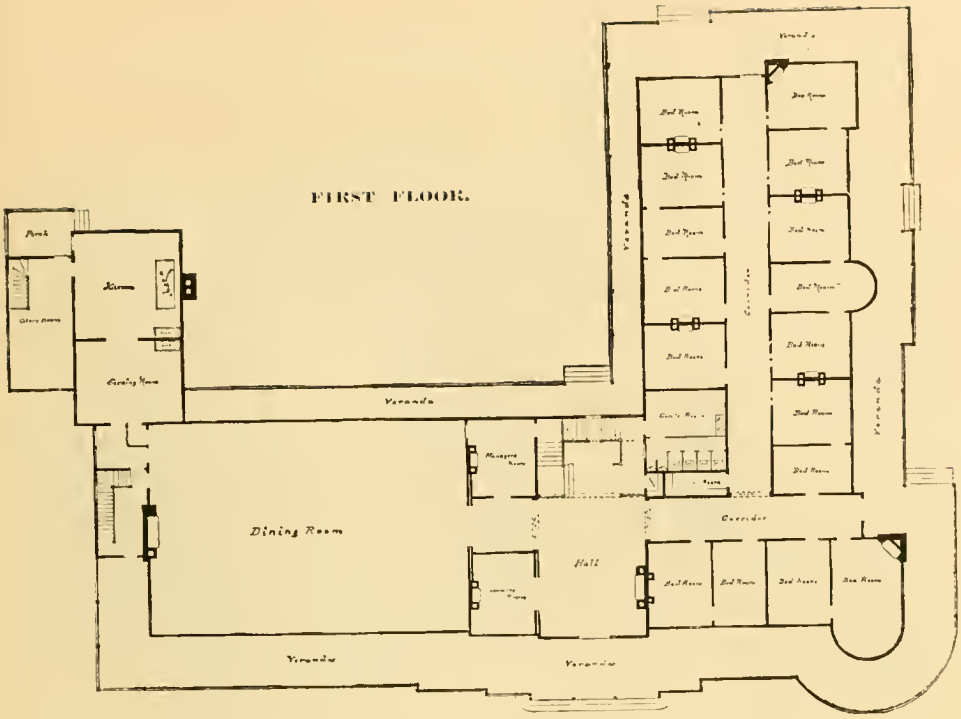
A FAIR idea of the attractions and advantages offered by the Forest Inn can hardly be conveyed in a few brief pages. The aim of the owners has been to erect a roomy, comfortable summer home, artistic in all its details and convenient in all its appointments. The architecture and furnishings of the building are Queen Anne, a style which admits of such free treatment and results in such charming effects. The architect, Mr. T. F. Schneider, and the builder, Mr. W. P. Lipscomb, were given perfect freedom, with instructions to build well and thoroughly, regardless of narrow economies. The result is an edifice which is justly a source of pride, not only to its owners but to Washington, for there is not a handsomer or more picturesque Inn south of Philadelphia, or one better adapted to the wants of those who desire a healthy and attractive home, or temporary resting place.

Location.—The picture to be found on another page conveys an excellent idea of the general appearance of the exterior. The building stands upon the broad summit of the highest elevation in the Park, surrounded by one of the most beautiful of groves, its pointed towers being visible for long distances in any direction. Scarcely two hundred yards away, and considerably below the Inn, is the picturesque railroad station, and from the broad verandas of the Inn a fine view of passing trains is obtained. The walk to and from the station

is a charming one, its romantic nature being increased by a high rustic bridge which spans the glen at one of its most picturesque points.

Interior.

The Inn is a frame structure, three stories in height, with its steep roof relieved by pretty gables and graceful towers. It has a frontage of 275 feet and is entirely surrounded by porches varying in width from eight to fourteen feet. The main hall, which is used as an office, is illustrated on another page. Its homelike and comfortable appearance gives the visitor at once a suggestion of the atmosphere which pervades every portion of the building. There is an entire absence of anything suggestive of formality in its furnishing. Easy chairs, rich portieres, beautiful decorations and paneled ceilings lend to it an indescribable charm. At the right is a large brick fire-place of old Dutch pattern, with high mantel and swinging crane, being flanked at either side with cozy ingle-nooks offering tempting hospitality on chilly days. To the left and just beyond the archway leading into the dining-room corridor is the heavy cherry staircase, leading up to a platform from which a turn is made so as to throw the main portion of the stairway across the end of the hall and in full view, having as a background the beautiful stained glass windows made for the Inn from special designs. Above the hall is a large and tastefully furnished room specially dedicated to the ladies. This room opens through spacious windows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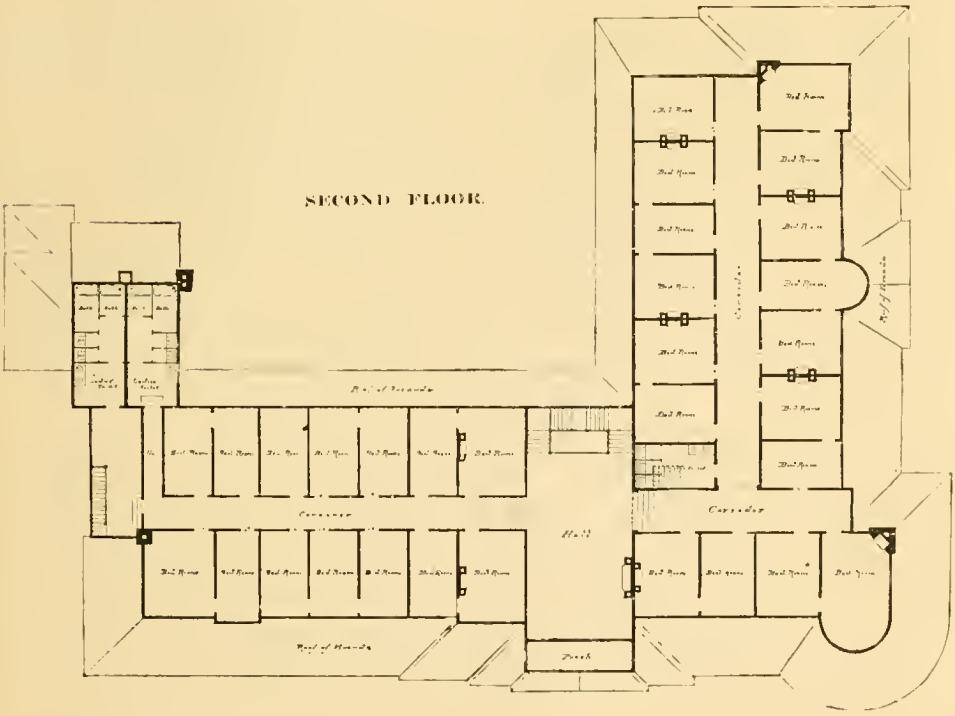
Porch
Room
Grating Room
Veranda
Dining Room
Hall
Bed Room
Corridor
Veranda


SECOND FLOOR.
Roof of Veranda
Bed Room
Corridor
Hall
Porch

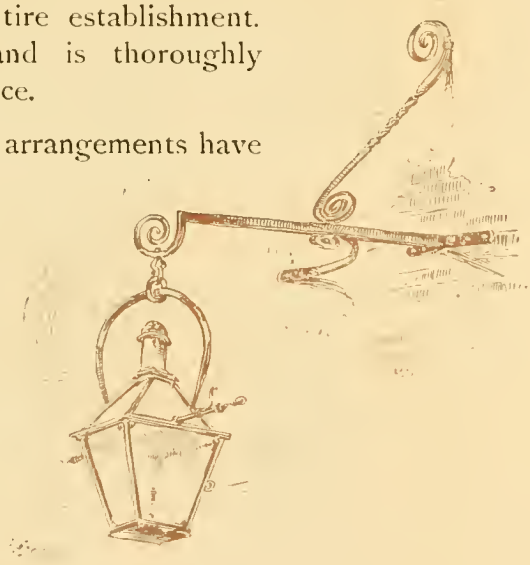
out upon a commodious and inviting balcony almost equal in size of the room itself. Starting from the ladies' sitting-room are two broad corridors running to either end of the building.

The Dining-Room. The dining-room is situated on the main floor, and is sixty feet long, forty wide, and sixteen high. Broad windows reaching to the floor open out upon porches on either side, thus insuring a comfortable temperature at all times. At the end of the room opposite the main entrance is a deep and high brick fire-place, surmounted by a huge pair of antlers. The ceiling of the room, like that of the main hall, is paneled in handsome woods.

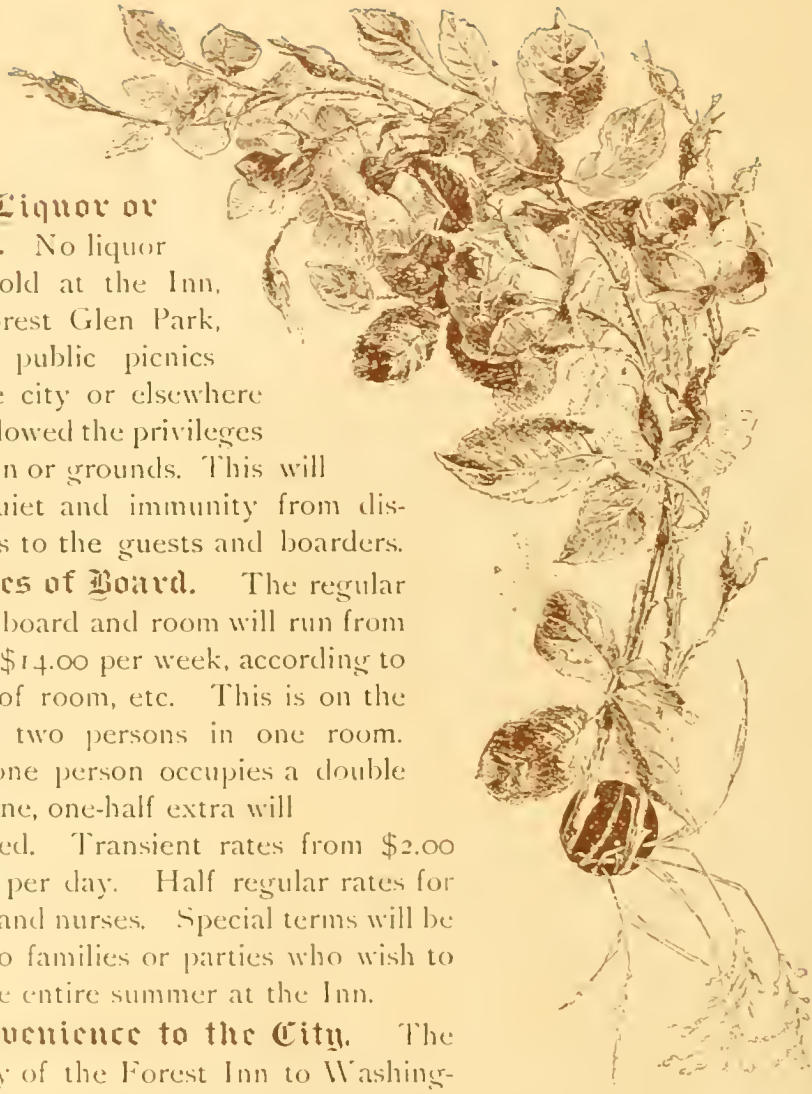
The Sleeping Rooms. Every sleeping room is large and comfortable, being finished in natural woods, and furnished with oak or ash chamber suits of artistic designs. The beds are furnished with woven wire springs and the best of mattresses and linen. The location of the house is such that each room gets the sun at certain hours. This and the high location of the building itself provide against any possibility of dampness. On each floor are located commodious toilet and bath rooms, supplied with hot and cold water, and

at the end of each of the halls will be found a linen hose and automatic reel ready for instant use in case of fire. A watchman will also be on duty in the halls at night. The entire house will be lighted with an excellent quality of gas manufactured in a building at some distance from the Inn, and electric bells connect each room with the office.

The Cuisine. The cuisine will be in charge of one of the best known stewards in the country, Mr. John Crogan, who was formerly with the St. Nicholas club of New York City, and is well known to Washingtonians as having laid the finest dinners and banquets given in the National Capital during the past season. It is not the intention of the company to furnish an elaborate table, but no effort will be spared to provide wholesome, palatable and well-cooked food, including an abundance of fresh vegetables and fine milk, cream and butter from the Inn farm and dairy, and the best of meats. The decorated china ware has been made to order at one of the largest American potteries, and is in keeping with the general artistic effect which pervades the entire establishment. The kitchen is a model, and is thoroughly equipped with every convenience.



Amusements. Ample arrangements have been made by the company in the line of amusements. A pretty building, located a short distance from the Inn, contains the billiard room and bowling alleys, which will be open at all times to the ladies. Near by are two large and finely prepared lawn tennis courts, and near them the croquet and archery grounds. An excellent quarter-mile bicycle track in a neighboring meadow is to be laid out. On Saturday evenings, and at such other times as it may be desirable, the dining room will be cleared for dancing, and good music will be provided. It is the aim of the company to make these informal Saturday night hops the social feature of the Washington summer season. Impromptu entertainments will also be given at frequent intervals, and the guests will be cordially invited to cooperate with the Manager in making them successful and enjoyable.



No Liquor or Picnics. No liquor will be sold at the Inn, or at Forest Glen Park, and no public picnics from the city or elsewhere will be allowed the privileges of the Inn or grounds. This will insure quiet and immunity from disturbances to the guests and boarders.

Rates of Board. The regular rates for board and room will run from $8.00 to $14.00 per week, according to location of room, etc. This is on the basis of two persons in one room. Where one person occupies a double room alone, one-half extra will be charged. Transient rates from $2.00 to $2.50 per day. Half regular rates for children and nurses. Special terms will be offered to families or parties who wish to spend the entire summer at the Inn.

Convenience to the City. The proximity of the Forest Inn to Washington makes it a peculiarly delightful and convenient place for officials and business men to spend the summer in the country with their families. The B. & O. telegraph office in the station affords instant communication with the business centers, and the proposed telephone line to the city brings Washington within easy speaking distance.

Further Information and plats of the Park can be obtained at any time at the offices of the Company.

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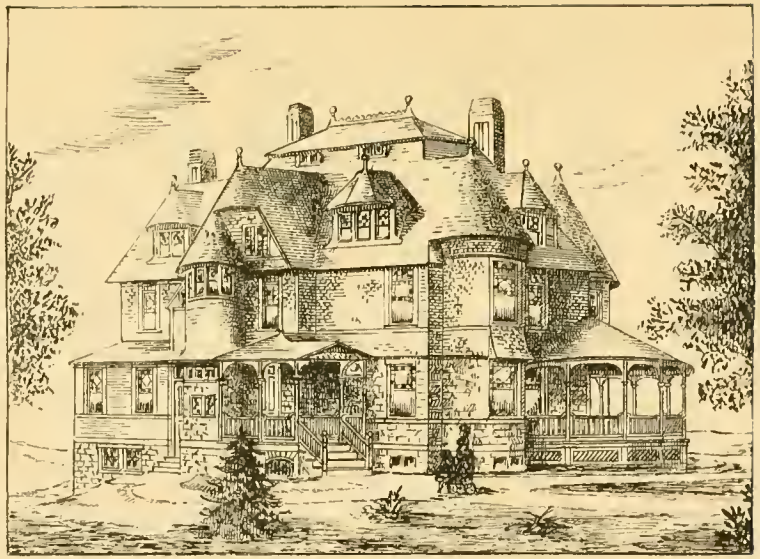

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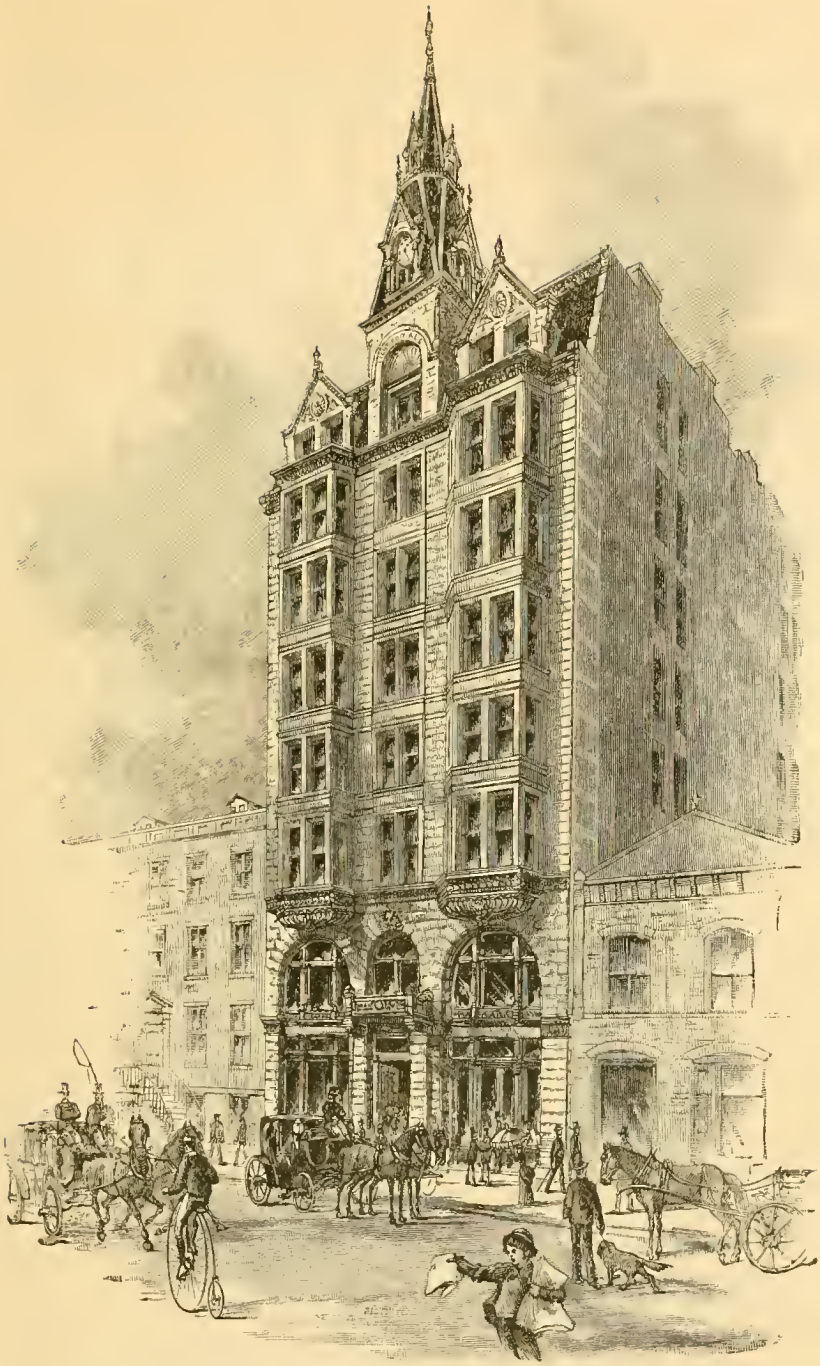

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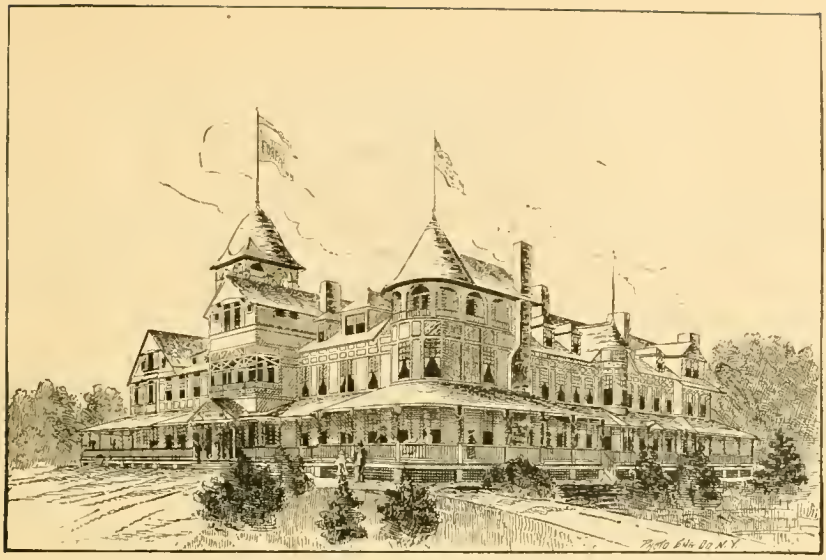

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