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A PRESIDENT'S STEEL HOUSE. There are occasions when rulers of South American republics must sigh for "a lodge in some vast wilderness," but Cipriano Castro, President of Venezuela, lives the year round in the most extraordinary dwelling ever inhabited by the head of a state. It stands within a park in the heart of the capital city, Caracas, and, says Tit-Bits, is built entirely of steel.

This remarkable government house is covered on the outside with a kind of soft stone, so that the stranger would think it just an ordinary dwelling, save that it seems rather small to serve as the residence of the first man of the land. Within, the walls are covered with latite and plaster, so that here, too, the visitor sees nothing unusual. Yet the walls, floors and ceilings of the half-dozen rooms composing the house are entirely of steel, and the whole is built upon a foundation of hundreds of tons of Portland cement.

President Castro erected the house at huge expense, designing that it should be earthquake-proof. He and his wife have had good reason to be afraid of earthquakes. When the little town of Cucuta, a suburb of Caracas, was some years ago shaken from the face of the earth, as a crumb from a table-cloth, Senora Castro was the only member of her family to escape with her life. President Castro himself, who happened to be standing on a hill outside the town, saw his abode crumble like a house of cards upon the heads of those within.

Again, in October two years ago, a midnight earthquake threw President Castro from his bed. Then, in his fright, he jumped through a window to a paved court, and broke his leg. The next day he conceived the idea of the steel house, believing that a house built of that metal upon a very deep, solid foundation of cement would withstand any earthquake, no matter how violent.

Accordingly, he ordered from the United States steel beams for the frame and steel plates for the walls, ceilings and floors, and many months were spent in the construction of the only steel house, so far as known, in the world. As soon as it was finished and furnished the Castros moved in. As President Castro owns both the house and the park surrounding it, he will probably continue to live in this abode of steel after the expiration of his term of office.

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