THE CENTENNIAL BUILDINGS.-It was about this art gallery that most so-licitude was felt; for it was not until the last Fourth of July that ground was broken for it; and as it is to be a fireproof structure of granite, glass and iron, built in the most substantial style and with elaborate ornamentation, few people were found sanguine enough to be-lieve that it could be completed by 1876. The contractor, however, displayed an energy that has put the croakers to conenergy that has put the croakers to confusion. He ran railroad tracks right into the building inclosure, so that materials are delivered upon the very spot where they are to be used. He encircled the walls with a broad-gauge rail-way mon which run steam gauge railway, upon which run steam cranes for raising ponderous blocks of granite to their places. He set to work a mod-erate army of men, and the result is that to-day the massive interior walls have reached an average height of fortyhave reached an average height of forty-five feet, while the outside granite walls have reached the water-table, and will be ready in the early spring to receive the finer granite of superstructure which is now being dressed at the quar-ries. It is Dobbins' purpose to complete the inner walls before cold weather sets in to townorsylly inclose them, and in, to temporarily inclose them, and continue indoor work in brick, wood and stone through the winter. There is little doubt that next summer will witness the completion of the exterior witness the completion of the exterior of this great building, the largest devoted to art in the world. As to the main exhibition building, there is now to be seen little more than indications of its future whereabouts. There are the long rows of stone piers, upon which the supporting columns are to stand the supporting columns are to stand, and running between them, three long lines of rail, upon which will be brought in, next spring, the iron columns, trusses and roofing material, which are now being constructed in different shops. This building is of iron and glass, and will be dolivered upon the ground, so to say, all ready to put together, so that when once commenced, it will spring into form with almost magical celerity.

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