

WHERE THE BRITISH MET RESISTANCE IN 1812—From one of these windows of the old Sewall-Belmont House, sketched by Helen Gatch Durston, was fired the only shot which greeted the British soldiers as they advanced toward the White House from the Battle of Bladensburg in 1812. Built by Lord Baltimore for one of his daughters in 1772, it was acquired by Robert Sewall in 1899. He managed to salvage much of the handmade Flemish brick when he rebuilt the house from the ruins left by the

British. Among its recent owners were Senator Porter H. Dale of Vermont, who restored the dwelling and gardens for the second time, and Mrs. Alva Belmont, wife of O. H. P. Belmont, one-time Minister to Spain. In 1929 she gave the house to the National Woman's Party, founded 29 years ago to work for equal rights for women. National headquarters for the party are in the Belmont House, 144 B street N.E., and international headquarters are in Geneva, Switzerland.