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OF THE EARTH BUILDING—ITS STRANGE
PEOPLES—ITS CENTURIED ROMANCE

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laid thickly, and above all is puddled adobe. This mud roof is perfectly water-tight if properly cared for; but a burrowing mouse can cause havoc.

When we find a spot of beauty or of wonder, our first thought is to make it "accessible" so that every one can get to it without any trouble greater than that of paying his fare and his accommodation. The commercial spirit is first and foremost. With the aborigine, on the other hand, his precise desire was to have such a spot so that everybody could *not* get to it; so that it would be safe for those to whom it belonged, and who were willing to take the trouble to get there. All the ancient cliff-dwellings of the Southwest were difficult of access, purposely; for all were surrounded by crafty and savage enemies. Doubtless no other town in the world to-day is still reached by such dizzy trails as Acoma; and omitting the "Horse Trail," which has been built only since peace became permanent, the four ancient trails to the mesa's top are wild and dangerous climbs up narrow clefts, often with no better foothold than little hollows gouged out of the rock and barely big enough to admit fingers and toes. The Camino del Padre[1] just north of the Horse Trail, is by far the most frequently

accessibility

[1] See illustration, page 209.