

Views of
SAN FRANCISCO
and
CALIFORNIA

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THE great city of San Francisco, ever increasing in commercial importance, in population and extent, well deserves the attention she attracts. Yet San Francisco has done little advertising to catch the tourist's eye; she has been too busy with material improvements. These improvements are not, however, the striking feature of the City. Its natural situation is magnificent and beyond all other American cities in this respect. High on her hill, San Francisco overlooks the "Bay of San Francisco," to which no peer is found—heights and valleys spread out about her steep hills, clothed with vegetation of a semi-tropical clime, with their feet in the sea, and their summits wrapped in vapor. And to her all peoples of all climes do come.

San Francisco is the most composite metropolis in existence and one of the most picturesque. It is truly the "City of 100 Hills," and it contains the cities of the world in miniature; a typical Chinese town of 30,000 people, a Jewish Ghetto, a Latin quarter, a section where only Spanish-Mexican names appear, Italian gardens at Sunny-side, Turks and the swart and sad-eyed Syrian displaying tinted enamels and mosaics and marvelous stuffs and fabrics. One breathes the air of Tokio in those shops where carved woods and ivory, exquisite table-ware, wrought brass and silver in wondrous shapes, representations of strange birds and weird dragons, crepes and silken embroideries bewilder the sight. The French laundries and restaurants are genuinely French and the European nationalities common to all our large towns are here in great numbers.

So full of romantic history, so exhilarating in air and sunshine, so equable in climate, so picturesque in purple mistiness, rainbow effects and drowning fogs, this gray old City adorned with flowers, born of the zeal of Franciscan friars and the ambition of the Argonauts, stands unequaled in its many features which go to make up the entrancing whole.

But San Francisco is not all of California. This grand State, so pre-eminent for the marvels of nature and achievements of man within its borders, is rich in many other cities of distinction. Oakland, with its great commercial destiny; Sacramento, the beautiful capital; progressive Stockton; delightful San Jose, as well as Los Angeles and Pasadena, all contribute their full share of energy and culture toward the progress of California to a superb industrial and social importance.

No world-traveler can be content until he has visited this part of the country and experienced for himself the magnificent climate, and beheld the beautiful homes, unequaled gardens and glorious scenery of the Golden State.

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THE GOLDEN GATE

The magnificent entrance to the wonderful Bay of San Francisco. One of the most far-famed and interesting localities in the world. This spot always presents a scene thrillingly beautiful in every season or state of weather, and always surpassing description.



CITY HALL

This beautiful municipal building has been twenty years in construction, being only recently completed. It cost six million dollars and covers four acres.



UNION SQUARE PARK AND MONUMENT
In commemoration of Admiral Dewey's victory at Manila.

LOOKING NORTH FROM CALL BUILDING

A view of the wholesale district of the city is obtained, with the Bay and Coast Range Mountains in the background.



THE UNITED STATES MINT AT SAN FRANCISCO
Is the largest mint in the country, and contains many rare specimens of coins.
PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE CITY LOOKING TOWARD THE BAY



THE SPECKLES OR CALL BUILDING, MARKET STREET



MARKET STREET SHOWING CHRONICLE BUILDING



DATE PALM IN COURT
OF PALACE HOTEL

TOP CORRIDOR
OF PALACE HOTEL

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Covers two and one-half acres. A grand court with an entrance for carriages occupies the center of the building. The grill room is the most elegant dining apartment for gentlemen in the world.



CHINATOWN SCENES

San Francisco has a large Chinese population—who, whatever their faults—are certainly a quaint and picturesque people. Throughout Chinatown, which is a veritable oriental city, the strange costumes and stranger customs of the celestial are everywhere in evidence.



BOY AND GIRL OF CHINATOWN



NATIVE SONS' MONUMENT
Corner Mason, Turk and Market streets.



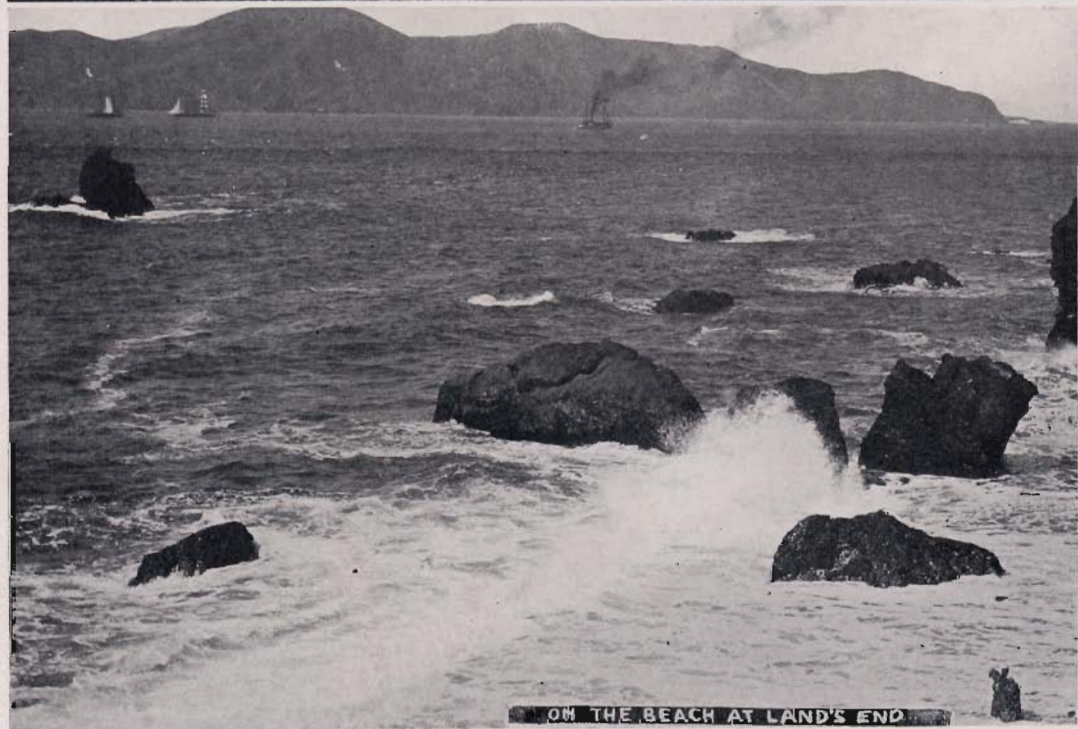
FERRY BUILDING



INTERIOR OF FERRY BUILDING.

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Foot of Market Street, was erected by the State of California, which owns the water frontage, at a cost of \$850,000. It contains a fine collection of minerals, etc., the product of the State, as well as many curios from Alaska.



ON THE BEACH AT LAND'S END

THE BEACH AND CLIFF HOUSE

This popular resort on the extreme western edge of San Francisco was built first in 1863. Only 300 feet from the hotel are the famous Seal Rocks where sea lions live in great numbers.

THE SHORE AT LAND'S END

Just outside the Golden Gate where the Pacific Ocean beats against the rocky cliffs. It is readily reached from San Francisco.



THE MUSEUM, GOLDEN GATE PARK
Was presented to the Park Commissioners in 1895 by the Board of Directors of the Midwinter Fair. The collections within
are of great value and interest.

THE "MUSIC STAND"
In Golden Gate Park. Was presented to the city by Hon. Claus Spreckles.



MEXICAN GARDEN Golden Gate Park



BOATING ON STOWE LAKE

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Surrounds the base of Strawberry Hill. It is two miles in circumference and contains numerous small and picturesque islands. It is the resort of many ducks and a number of black and white swans.



THE TEA GARDEN

In Golden Gate Park, was laid out by Japanese gardeners at the time of the mid-winter fair and presented to the Park Commissioners by Mr. G. T. Marsh.

STRAWBERRY HILL

This hill, 426 feet high, down which plunges Huntington Cascade, forms as a whole one of the chief scenic beauties of the Park.