

## CALIFORNIA'S "GLORIOUS CLIMATE."

Very Fine, Indeed, During Certain Months of the Year.

And first of all I will try and tell something about this "glorious" climate (which could be much more appropriately called "slippery"), of which so much has been said and written. The fact is that the climate of California is a climate differing almost with every county, and to speak of the climate of California as a whole is greatly to mislead people, for you cannot say it is perfectly fine or delectably mean, although both could be said with truth by any one interested in saying the one or the other.

The climate, for example, of San Francisco during certain months of the year is beyond measure fine. Our eastern friends, leaving the frosty air and dying vegetation ushering in their long cold winters, ride right into our mild Indian summer, filled with full ripened fruits, luxuriant flowers and perfect vegetation; or, leaving the frost and snows of Christmas, find here a bright, warm Italian winter, flowers in full bloom, fruits in plenty, etc., and tourists taking their trip at that time of the year are apt to return home and convey the idea of some wonderfully glorious, warm, delightful climate. But what about the cold fogs that lie nearly half of the year like a heavy pall over the city, commencing early in the afternoon and disappearing only late in the morning? What about the clouds of dust swept down by the cold winds from the ocean? What about the long, dry, dusty summer months, when everything is withered and parched, and all are fairly caked with dust and want of rain, and sickness and death are on every hand from unflushed sewers, etc.? What about the long, wearisome rains, although the rains are really the least disagreeable feature of all the ills of the San Francisco climate?

While all this is true of San Francisco, yet, right across the bay, in what might be called the suburbs (yet really San Francisco has no suburbs) an objectionable feature for commerce, the climate is milder—less fogs, less chilling winds, less dust, etc.; and, still again, as you leave San Francisco and travel southward the climate is in climate is more noticeable.

One can write most truthfully of the climate of California and yet contradict one's self at every other line. From all this the conclusion can justly be drawn that each one can find the climate they most like in a proper selection of country.

The climate of San Diego is written of as mild and equable and delightful, and many poor consumptives are enticed here, only to meet with disappointment. Like one poor man (an example of many) who, arriving in San Diego, expecting to find in its mild and salubrious air a length of life, if not a permanent cure, was met, on descending from the cars, by such clouds of dust, such cold and piercing fog and wind, that, overcome by weakness and disappointment, he dropped on to the first seat, shivering and crying. Yet a few miles from San Diego, had he but known it, is a good, fine climate for consumptives. A friend of mine, a young man, for whose life no hope was felt and who was carried to this part of the state, is now happy in the enjoyment of almost perfect health.—California Cor. Boston Transcript.

## Silver and Gold Work.

The Russian authorities allow the merchants to cheat their customers in everything but furs, silver and gold plate, and adulterated food. The latter is prohibited from sale under penalty of imprisonment. Imitation furs must be marked so that the customer may tell what he is buying, and all silver and gold must bear the government brand to attest its fineness. There is no plated silver to be had, but the shops are full of the genuine solid articles in every possible form, and for every possible use, and it is generally all gilded. You see little silver in the natural state. Spoons, knives, watches, chains, articles of personal adornment in every possible variety, plates, platters, cups, goldsets, all sorts of tableware is made of silver and then gilded to look like gold, and gratify the Russian taste for display. The solid silver dinner service for the winter palace, which will serve 3,000 people, is gilded, and the shops along the Nevski Prospect and other fine streets are blazing with the same sort of stuff. But the merchant must inform the customer of the character of his wares. If he sells gilded silver for gold he goes to prison. The ladies of the country load themselves with ornaments of gilded silver, bracelets, chains, brooches, pins, and every other form of decoration. Even marble and wood is gilded. Everything is for display.—William Elmer Curtis in Chicago News.

## Fish That Give Shocks.

At San Pedro and the various watering places from San Diego north the ray family makes itself disagreeably conspicuous. The smaller ones have a habit of hiding in the sand and presenting their spines for bathers' feet, while others are provided with electric batteries, which not rarely give the bathers powerful shocks. I have known a man to be disabled for several days by having been struck.

The Chinese monopolize the fishing in these waters, and are often victims of the practical jokes of the Mexican and American fishermen. An old bodied to pedo will be brought ashore at San Pedro or Monterey, and the whites will snigger a green Chinaman that he cannot lift it. The fish appears to weigh about

six or eight pounds, and John, after putting up his money, with a laugh at the simplicity of the American devils, takes hold with both hands and is stifled out so quickly that often he can do nothing but hold the fish and roar with anguish until he is released. The shock given by these fishes has been compared to that of a single Leyden jar, and can be plainly felt, by fifty persons in a circle.—Stockton Mail.

## The Size of Rain Drops.

Variations in the size of rain drops are dependent upon the differences in the height from which they have fallen and to the amount of atmospheric disturbance present at the time. If fallen from a great height, the drops suffer gradual division into smaller and smaller parts, until they are converted into a mist. In calm weather, with the clouds near the earth's surface, the drops are large and heavy.—Globe-Democrat.

## Valuable Stockings.

The "long stocking" of the French peasant is proverbial. Sometimes there are several long stockings, as well as wooden shoes, in which bank notes and bullion are piled promiscuously. This was the case the other day at a town called Gissy-sous-Flavigny, in Burgundy, where an old countrywoman, who had long been known for her penurious habits, died. She had inhabited a veritable pig-stye, and her emaciated body was found on a heap of rags and rubbish. In her cotton stockings and socks were found notes and gold amounting to nearly £2,000, numerous trinkets of considerable value, and securities worth more than £5,000. The local notary, who was called in by the relatives, could hardly believe his eyes when he made the inventory of the estate. Rather unaccountably rejoicing were indulged in by the next-of-kin, who had organized a kind of Hibernian wase in the old woman's hotel; and when the undertaker's people came to take the body away for burial, they found the whole place littered with wine bottles. The very best Burgundy, only, had been consumed on the premises by the heirs. Paris Letter.

—The best thing about a girl is cheerfulness. We don't care how rosy her cheeks may be, or how velvety her lips—if she wears a scowl, even her friends will consider her ill-looking; while the young lady who illuminates her countenance with smiles will be regarded as handsome, though her complexion be coarse. As perfume is to the rose, so is good nature to the lovely.

## A Rich Man's Flower Window.

The house in Philadelphia where the widow of Matthew Baldwin now lives is in the center of the business part of Chestnut street, and is remarked upon by many of the powers by reason of the peculiar arrangement of a conservatory built on the level with the street. It is like a good sized shop window, but as there is no door visible it cannot be mistaken for one. Beautiful flowers bloom there all the year round.

It seems that when Mr. Baldwin was a lad, before he ever dreamed of fame as a manufacturer of locomotives, he was daily in the habit of passing on his way to work a window filled with flowers. As he had a passionate love for them, he invariably stooped and gazed upon them with delight for a moment or two. After he became a rich man and looked back to his boyhood days, when he was struggling for a livelihood and found so much cheer and comfort from this glimpse of nature's loveliness, he resolved that he would be the means of giving some other boy a chance to look and admire in the same way. He built his house with a special regard to this window of flowers, and it is unique both in conception and construction.—New York Press "Every Day Talk."

"The mania for book collecting is certainly a very serious one, and buyers are constantly contending among themselves for the possession of rarities. To see men buying a book you would never think they wanted it, for they express no enthusiasm and invariably try to beat a snail down on his price. The very thought of another possessing it, however, will soon bring them to terms.

"To give you some idea of prices, just look at this copy of the 'Pickwick Papers.' It is in the original monthly parts, with gilded covers as issued, which are mighty dirty, without doubt. The plates, however, by H. K. Browne, are fine impressions, and as it is a first edition, I consider it worth \$100. All of Dickens', Thackeray's or Lever's books, with illustrations by George Cruikshank and Leech, are greatly in demand. In America Hawthorne, Longfellow and Poe bring the highest prices. A first edition of Poe's 'Tamerlane' is worth, if you can get it, \$400."—New York Evening Sun.

## Poisoned by the Needle.

Erlenmeyer, in his work on the opium habit, records a case in which fatal tubercular poisoning was believed to have been produced by the hypodermic needle. A physician, aged 38, who had been accustomed to use the same needle for himself and a tubercular patient, died suddenly, and at the autopsy a tuberculous, strictly localized to the peritoneum, was found.—Chicago Times.

## Advertising Oregon.

The Portland committee having the matter of advertising the state in charge addresses the following letter to our people. It explains itself:

PORTLAND, OR., April 20th 1888.

DEAR SIR:

The Oregon Immigration Board, of Portland, Oregon, of which the undersigned are the duly appointed commissioners, are now beginning active and systematic work, looking to the thorough advertising of the state of Oregon and the city of Portland—their resources, opportunities for investment, and general advantages as fields for immigration.

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In addition to the printed matter already provided for, the board have in view the publication of a complete pamphlet setting forth in detail the state at large, which pamphlets will be placed before the public through the medium of the systematic plan of distribution at our command. The amount thus far subscribed will not enable us to compile, print and circulate a full descriptive pamphlet of the state at large as might be desired; but by every county in the state contributing, say in the aggregate the sum of \$20,000 we would be enabled to fully advertise every section of our commonwealth fully and fairly.

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## Fit up Your Lots

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