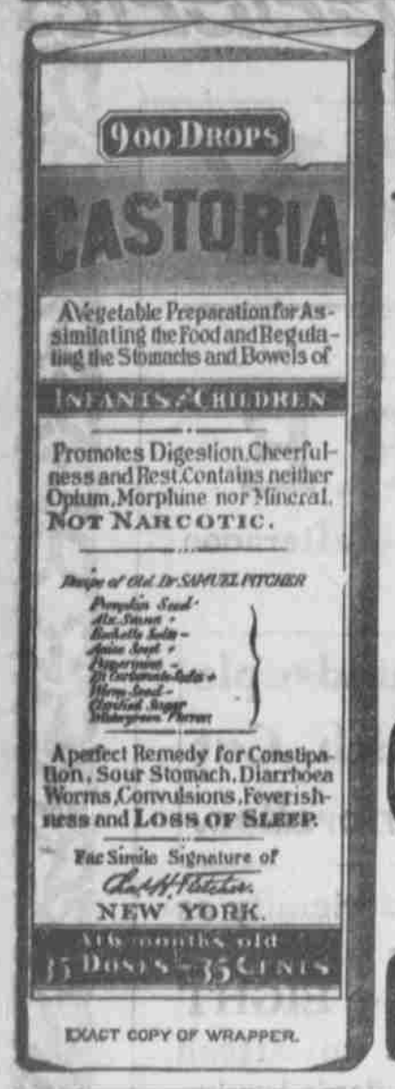

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(Editorial Correspondence.)

San Diego, March 8.

We cannot leave San Diego without another word for the very comfortable and homelike Robertson hotel. It has an elaborate roof garden and sun terrace. There are single apartments, with decorated ceilings, costing $1000, and furniture and upholstering to match. There is an aluminum room, with all the furniture and fixtures of that precious metal. The dining room opens on a central court, and the meals are cooked to order. The capacity of the house is 300, and, although open but a few months, it was well filled with guests. The rates are $3.00 per day and upwards, but the table is the same for all, and on the American plan. There are fine tallyhoes and other rigs to take you on drives to Old Mission up the San Diego valley, to Point Loma, where the Katherine Tingley theosophists hold forth, to Tia Juana, in Old Mexico, and to La Jolla (pronounced "La Hoya") on the beaches north about 14 miles—the latter trip by steam cars. Here are caves, gold fish banks, and once a month, at lowest tide, the large abalone shells can be gathered. It is the Newport of the Pacific.

The trains stop at Old Town, a quaint, abandoned Spanish town on False bay where the Franciscian fathers first landed on what is now the American territory, and historic ruins mark the site of their first house of worship, in which we are shown the chapel where Ramona was married, and the registry place of the heroine's marriage vow is shown to the tourists. These moldering walls still surmounted in places by the ancient tiles in the shape of half a stove-pipe joint, are the Mecca of the ladies, the men not so much adoring the dead novel heroine as they do the living senoritas and pretty half-caste maidens in snowy shirt waists. The early missionaries who landed here mistook False bay for the real mouth of the San Diego river, which emptied farther south into what is now San Diego harbor proper. The government engineers found that river was gradually filling that deep harbor with sand, and diverted its stream into False bay, which is slowly but surely being filled up.

You have never seen bluest waters and bluest skies until you have been at San Diego. Those who have been abroad say nothing short of Capri, Italy, can compare with it. There is a quiet and dreamy effect in the atmosphere that is missing at any of the other places we visited going down through the interior of California, though we find something like it, I imagine, going up the coast. There is an impression that you have come to the jumping off-place in Uncle Sam's territory, as it is but a few miles over into Mexico. Not being a manufacturing city, there is none of the Chicago rush and bustle, that one experiences at Los Angeles, although San Diego is past the 20,000 mark and undergoing a veritable boom. There are many beautiful residences and the style of architecture grows distinctly foreign, Spanish and Mexican predominating, and the palms being in evidence everywhere. Helen Hunt Jackson's story, "Romona" has immortalized the city.

The first Spanish architecture was of sun-baked brick, covered with the tiles in the shape of a piece of stove-pipe sawed in two lengthwise. There was great fear of earthquakes in those days. The adobe walls were then plastered on the outside with mud, and coated with a yellow lime wash. The lemon yellow walls, with red tile roofs formed a distinctive style of construction, that is being adopted for the most fashionable city dwellings in California today. It is also found that those tile roofs are the most durable and coolest in the dry, hot season, as they allow air to circulate between the roof and the apartments underneath. Large missionary churches were built by the monks two centuries ago, and their ruins are the most picturesque and interesting objects to the tourist in California. One of the largest and most perfect is at Rey Luis, Ocean Grove, a popular summer resort town on the Santa Fe. The largest in this part of the state was at El Capestrano, intended as a refuge of safety. In fact all these missions had to have the ability to resist a siege of prolonged warfare, as many of the native tribes resisted with fire and sword before accepting religion. About 130 years ago Capestrano was destroyed by an earthquoke.

We visited some of the great irrigation plants of San Diego county, and they were well worth the tourist's time to see them. The Sweetwater dam cost about a million dollars, and it is said to be one of the finest and most expensive enterprises in the world. It carries refreshment to the dry and thirsty mesa lands, 12 miles wide mostly planted in lemons, at a rate of about $5 per acre a year. No water rights are sold, as the company made its money selling the land at about $50 per acre. The San Diego Flume Company carries its water about 40 miles in pipes that cost $1,200,000 and charges $65 a year for 10 acres. It had no land to sell, but charged $600 for the water right for one inch for a 10-acre tract. It supplies land planted to lemons, oranges and olives. The John D. Spreckles plant has four reservoirs in the southeast part of the county, costing $2,000,000 when completed, that will furnish water for the city. These gigantic enterprises are beyond ordinary conceptions, and it is necessary to go over them and see the almost incalculable quantities of fruit that are grown on what was former desert, given up to cactus and rattlesnakes.

The Santa Fe runs through a beautiful and picteresque country, strung with stations in thrifty, modern fruit regions, like the Santa Anna valley, old Spanish towns, 50 miles along the ocean front, and across several ranges of coast mountains. This is a region of the old Spanish grants, with indefeasible titles, and the heirs can only divide the proceeds, but not the lands. For instance, the Santa Maria ranch of 180,000 acres is owned entirely by several hundred non-resident Mexicans. Coming into Los Angeles, we ride for miles through the Joaquin ranch of 40,000 acres entirely planted to grain. It is level as a floor, and rich land, with plenty of water on it. Last year there was one patch of 6000 acres of beans, the rest in wheat and barley. It is not often they mix farming as much as this on the big ranches, and they are a terrible drawback to the development of the country. This ranch would have 10,000 people on it if cut up into small fruit farms whereas now a few score poorly paid laborers, mostly Mexicans, living in shacks, are the whole population. Schools, good roads and modern improvements are an impossibility, so we ride into the City of Angels, and bid farewell to one of the most interesting parts of the United States.

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