

owing to a portion being built on the hills, which attain quite a respectable altitude. From the tops of these hills a very fair view of the city can be obtained.

A large portion of the city is built on land made by filling out into the bay. Where the large warehouses now stand, ships of the heaviest tonnage could ride in safety but a few years ago. To protect this made land, and also to prevent the anchorage from being destroyed, a sea-wall has been built in front of the city.

The climate is unsurpassed by that of any large sea-port town in the United States—uniformity and dryness constituting its chief claim to superiority. There is but little rain during the year—only about half that of the Eastern States. The mean temperature is 54 deg., the variation being but 10 deg. during the year.

San Francisco, in early days, suffered fearfully from fires. The city was almost completely destroyed at six different times during the years of 1849, '50, '51, and 1852. The destruction has been estimated in round numbers to exceed \$26,000,000. The result of these fires has been that nearly all the buildings built since 1852 have been built of brick, stone, or iron—particularly in the business portion. The city has many magnificent private residences, and cosy little *home* cottages, ornamented with evergreens, creeping vines, and beautiful flowers. The yards or grounds are laid out very tastefully, with neat graveled walks, mounds, statues, ponds, and sparkling fountains, where the "crystal waters flow."

The *first house* was built in San Francisco in 1835. The place was then called "Yuba Buena"—changed to San Francisco in 1847, *before the discovery of gold*. The city is well built and regularly laid out north of Market street, which divides the city into two sections. South of this the streets have an eastern declination as compared with those running north. The city is situated in latitude 37 deg. 48 sec. north; longitude, 120 deg. 27 min. west.

The principal wharves are on the eastern side of the city, fronting this made land. North Point has some good wharves, but from the business portion the steep grade of the city is a great objection.

The city is amply supplied with schools, both public and private. There is no institution of the city wherein the people take more interest and pride; none, of the credit and honor of which they are more

jealous. Some of the finest buildings of the city were built for school purposes, the Denman and Lincoln school houses being the finest of the number,

There are churches of all kinds, creeds, and beliefs, including several Chinese "Joss Houses." The Jewish synagogue is the finest among them, situated on Sutter street.

The NEWSPAPER, and MAGAZINE, are the histories of the present, and the person who does not read them must be ignorant indeed. Californians are a reading people; and he that comes here to find fools brings his brain to a very poor market.

There are in the city 65 newspapers and periodicals, thirteen of which are daily. The dailies are the *Alta Californian*, the *Bulletin*, *Morning Call*, *Morning Chronicle*, *Post*, *Examiner*, *Abend Post* (German), *Demokrat* (German), *Courrier de San Francisco* (French), *Mail*, *Stock Exchange*, *Stock Report*, and the *California News Notes*, illustrated. The *Golden Era*, and *Spirit of the Times*, are weekly literary and sporting papers. The *News Letter*, and the *Argonaut*, are spicy weeklies. The *Mining and Scientific Press*, and the *Pacific Rural Press*, are first-class weekly journals in their specialties. Here, too, is published, the *Journal of Commerce*, *Commercial Herald*, and the *Pacific Life*, weeklies. The *Coast Review* is the great insurance authority of the Pacific coast—monthly. Here too, is Wentworth's *Resources of California*, an invaluable journal. If among all these publications you can find nothing to suit you—*nothing new*—why, then, *surprise* the Bible, by reading it, and you may profit by its teachings.

THE MARKETS of San Francisco are one of the features of the city; those who never saw the fruit and vegetables of California should visit the markets. No other country can produce fruit in such profusion and perfection. The grapes, peaches, pears, etc., on exhibition in the city markets, represent the best productions of all parts of the State.

"FRISCO" BREVITIES—The new City Hall is on Market street. California street is the Wall street of the city. The BRANCH MINT of the United States is located in the new building, northwest corner Mission and 5th streets. THE POST OFFICE AND CUSTOM HOUSE are on Washington street. MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BUILDING is on California street. The Old Stock Exchange is on Pine street; the New Stock