

**BERNAL**—a small station 4.6 miles from our starting point. Some gardens and vegetable fields now appear, and a short distance from the station is the Industrial School, on an elevation to the right.

**SAN MIGUEL**—is two miles further, among the sand-hills, where are some well-cultivated gardens. To the right is Lake Mercede and the city water works.

Continuing along through the hills, which in places are close on each side—with the San Bruno Mountains in the distance on the right—down a little valley, then through deep cuts, past COLMA, a side-track, and Baden Bay, all in quick succession, we come to the signal station of BADEN, or as often called "Twelve Mile Farm." At this place Mr. Chas. Lux, of Lux and Miller, the largest cattle dealers on the Pacific Coast, resides; and on Mr. Lux's "Twelve Mile Farm" can be found at all times, some of the best cattle in the State.

Two miles further, and we are over the hills and down on the edge of San Francisco Bay, which is on the left, and at

**SAN BRUNO**—This station consists of a good hotel, and *four* targets, as it is a great resort for shooting at target. The targets are on the edge of the bay to the left; distances, 200, 500, 800, and 1,000 yards each. Here the "sports" gather to try their hand. The San Bruno Hotel is on the right of the road, where all the targets are at *shorter range*, and the shots always certain to hit the red.

**MILBRA**—is the next station, 17 miles from San Francisco. To the right of the road, half-a-mile distant, is the residence of D. O. Mills, President of the Bank of California. It will be recognized by the two tall towers. A little beyond the station is the Milbra Dairy, with large yards and buildings. On the left, in the bay, are great beds of planted oysters. Soon after leaving Milbra, we come to Burlingame, designed and laid out by the late Mr. Ralston in long streets and avenues, extending for two miles along the road, and from the base of the mountains, on the right, to the bay on the left, about another two miles. Beside these streets and avenues, are double rows of planted trees, most of which are eucalyptus and Monterey cypress. There are some beautiful residences here and there along the base of the mountains on the right.

Two miles from Milbra, we pass OAK

GROVE, a small station named for the grove of oaks near by.

One peculiarity of this country is: no matter how much ground is shaded with oaks, it makes no difference with the crops, all kinds of which seem to grow equally well in the shade and in the sun.

**SAN MATEO**—(pronounced Ma-t-o). Here are some of the finest private residences and grounds in the State. This town contains a population of about 1,500. Oaks and orchards are EVERYWHERE. Stages leave San Mateo daily on the arrival of the train from San Francisco for Half-Moon Bay, 14 miles west; Purissima, 23 miles; Pescadero, 30 miles. At the latter place connections are made tri-weekly for Pigeon Point, seven miles; Davenport's Landing, 38 miles, and Santa Cruz, 40 miles; average fare ten cents per mile.

Leaving the station, we pass—on the right—a beautiful park, and the Young Ladies' Seminary; also a race track. To the left the bay lies close, and the land is of little value, until reclaimed, but on the right is beauty, spread out with a lavish hand. Live oaks are scattered around in all directions, with buckeye in the ravines coming down from the mountains on the right. Windmills are numerous the whole length of the valley.

**BELMONT**—which is 25 miles from San Francisco, comes next. At this station the guests of the late Mr. Ralston were wont to alight to visit his residence. This place is located a half-mile to the west, up a little valley, just out of sight from the railroad. It originally contained about 100 acres, which, upon the death of Mr. Ralston, came into possession of Senator Sharon, who presented 40 acres of the land, including an elegant cottage, to the widow, Mrs. Ralston. Leaving Belmont, the Phelps estate is on the right, and double rows of eucalyptus on the left, for two miles. The country between the hills and the bay is flat, and under a high state of cultivation.

**REDWOOD CITY**—comes next, 3.5 miles from Belmont. It is the county seat of San Mateo county, and a thriving place. It was named from the great redwood forest on the west, a large quantity of which finds its way to market in the shape of lumber, wood and bark, from this station. The city is supplied with water from an artesian well. The county buildings, schools, churches and hotels, are all said to be *first-class*, as well as the weekly pa-