

water, Mrs. Jacob Underhill, Mrs. Squire P. Dewey, Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Henry Haight, Mrs. Robert Wakeman, Mrs. Frank Page, Mrs. A. A. Ritchie, Mrs. Henry Payson, and Mrs. Dr. Hitchcock, the mother of Mrs. Howard Coit. The Tehama House, at the corner of California and Sansome streets, where the Bank of California stands, was a rival of the Oriental Hotel, though having a different patronage. Its corridors were brightened by the uniforms of dashing army officers, and loud with the disputes of politicians. Captain U. S. Grant came from his post at Trinidad, in Humboldt county, and, unaware of his future greatness, in Mexican sombrero and serape smoked the pipe of peace in contented taciturnity on its front steps; and "John Phœnix," the first humorist of the Pacific Coast, was for a long time its respected guest. There were other army officers who were its frequent patrons; among them General Sherman, General Wool, General Clark, Colonel Anderson, Colonel Graham, Colonel Benjamin Beal—a great wit, Captain Whiting, Captain Folsom, Captain Gibson, Captain Burns, and H. A. Leonard, Army Paymaster for many years. The famous Mrs. Greenough and her daughter, and the handsome Mrs. Samuel Ward were guests of the Oriental during the winter of 1854. The Brannan House, at the corner of Bush and Sansome; the Rasette House, which stood on the site of the Cosmopolitan; and the International, at the corner of Kearny and Jackson streets, were more or less noted as abodes of wealth and elegance during the same period. None of these hotels ever achieved the position so long and so honorably maintained by the Oriental. The gay society of those early days danced to the music of the military and naval bands, had its assemblies, and listened, at Mr. Thomas Maguire's theatres, to the singing of Kate Hayes, Biscaccianti, and Madame Anna Thillon, and to the