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## Marin County

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MARIN COUNTY is a peninsula, bounded on the north by the line of Sonoma County, on the east by the bays of San Francisco and San Pablo, on the West by the Pacific Ocean. The extreme southern extremity faces the Golden Gate beyond which the city of San Francisco is distant about three miles. Its geographical advantages can be appreciated at a glance. Situated on the highway, over which the commerce of the great and undeveloped North must pass and find a terminus, it must one day be the center of great business interests. Its immediate proximity to the Metropolis of the Pacific Coast, also coupled with the attractions of climate and scenery, have already both given it extensive introduction to settlers and made it a favorite place for suburban residence. Its area is a little less than six hundred square miles.

There are no rivers within the limits of Marin. The largest stream is the Lagunitas, or Paper Mill Creek, which, while not navigable, affords a fine water power, except during a few months of the dry season. Apart from this central feature of the landscape, the county abounds in wooded glens dashing mountain brooks and stretches of virgin forest that make it the delight of rural pleasure-seekers. All through the summer season the country is thronged with visitors, a large proportion of whom prefer tent life to the regular resorts. Among the many points of attraction a few may be mentioned: Bolinas Point faces one of the finest ocean beaches in the world. Point San Pedro, as a point for surf bathing, is a delightful place and some day will be a great adjunct to San Rafael and serve to increase its popularity. Along the lines of the two railroad systems and in the midst of virgin redwoods, is visited by thousands every year.

No portion of California is so fortunate as Marin County, in the matter of uniform and sufficient rainfall, and there never has been a season when it has not been blessed with a sufficient moisture for all the purposes of husbandry. It may be truthfully stated that the surface has barely been scratched in developing the resources of Marin County. The farmers have hitherto been men of one idea and that idea is dairying. The county is so admirably suited for this industry, the profits have been so large and uniform, and the process is so slightly exhaustive to the soil, that it is not surprising that the dairy interests overshadowed all others.

The valleys yield an abundance of the finest hay to feed stock during the short

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