

## CONCLUSION.

Bayard Taylor, who knew the world as perhaps no other traveler and author has known it, predicted the time when the distance from New York to San Francisco would be covered in five days, and speaking of the Santa Clara valley, added :

"Then let me purchase a few acres on the lowest slope of these mountains, overlooking the valley and with a distant gleam of the bay. Let me build a cottage, embowered in acacia and eucalyptus, and the tall spires of the Italian cypress. Let me leave home when the Christmas holidays are over, and enjoy the balmy Januarys and Februarys, the heavenly Marches and Aprils of my remaining years here, returning only when May shall have brought beauty to the Atlantic shores. There shall my roses outbloom those of Pæstum; my nightingales sing, my orange blooms sweeten the air, my children play and my best poem be written."

[Portions of the above sketch are from the *Mercury Souvenir of Santa Clara County*, a beautifully illustrated and illumined book of 322 pages, published by the San Jose Mercury Publishing and Printing Co. Other matter is from *Illustrated Santa Clara County*, a valuable little hand-book published by McNeil Bros.]<sup>1</sup>

