

# ALAMEDA.

THE town of Alameda is most eligibly located on the easterly shore of San Francisco Bay, occupying a peninsula about four miles in length, and from three-quarters to a mile and a half in width. By the construction of the canal now under way for the purpose of improving the Oakland harbor, which will connect San Antonio Creek with San Leandro Bay, it will assume its original form, that of an island. This peninsula is covered with a heavy growth of live oaks, from which the town derives its name, Alameda signifying in Spanish a shaded avenue. Alameda has an area of about 2,200 acres, and includes within its boundaries, connected by a substantial drawbridge, the Bay Farin Island, which, as its name would indicate, is chiefly devoted to agriculture, and possesses, as does the mainland, a soil of peculiar fertility. Here are raised many of the finest vegetables to be found in the San Francisco markets, and several of its residents are extensively engaged in hop-culture, their products always finding ready sale at highest market rates. A large portion of the island was originally salt marsh, which has been reclaimed by a system of dykes, and made productive and consequently valuable. Around the northern shore of the island there exists a curious deposit of broken shells, presumably of the native oyster, several feet in depth, which makes a fine covering for garden walks and driveways. The greater portion of the tide-water lying between the island and the mainland is utilized for oyster-beds, in which industry a large amount of capital is invested.

Every foot of the high land of Alameda is arable, the soil being a deep, rich, sandy loam, and before it became too thickly settled and too valuable for such purposes, much of it was cultivated by vegetable and fruit growers, who found their occupation highly remunerative. This industry is by no means neglected at the present day, and Alameda can boast of some of the finest small fruit and garden truck farms in the State. The cultivation of flowers and shrubbery is so general, that a



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