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One might enumerate and keep on for days expatiating and enlarging on the beauties and advantages of a residence here, but by reference to the next page one may see a general summing up of the many points of advantage of a residence on the "Encinal de Alameda."

FOOD AND MILK INSPECTION.

In November, 1893, the Board of Health of the City of Alameda took up the matter of food and milk inspection by preparing and ordinance which the Board of Trustees passed November 13th, 1893, entitled, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Inspection of Food and Milk and Prohibiting Any Person From Selling, Offering for Sale or Distributing Any Impure, Unwholesome or Adulterated Milk, Cream or Food, or Resisting the Inspection, Seizure and Destruction of the Same," which ordinance laid the foundation for a thorough inspection of all food stuffs, milk and its products, and all dairies supplying milk in the city. Since the passage of this ordinance the city has employed a competent, duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon to conduct a systematic inspection of all grocer, butcher, baker and produce shops, also all dairies supplying milk and the cows thereat, and a monthly report is issued as to the sanitary condition, food stuffs fed the cows, per centage of butter fat and cream of each individual dairy. This report is posted on a blackboard in the rooms of the Board of Health where it remains from one month to another.

Adjoining the Board of Health rooms is a well equipped laboratory for the purpose of testing milk or other food stuff. There is also connected with the Health Department an official Bacteriologist who makes microscopic examinations of contagious diseases, milk and food.

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