

Dairying is quite extensively conducted in the vicinity of Gilroy, some of the dairies milking as many as six hundred cows. Stock-raising is indulged in to some extent in the neighboring hills, and quite a large wool product is obtained.

The Santa Clara Valley Flour Mill, driven by steam, with four "run of stone," is located here.

The industry most meriting that name, however, and one which has assumed gigantic proportions within a year or two past, is the growing, curing and manufacturing of tobacco. For the conduct of the business a joint stock company has been formed, entitled "*The Consolidated Tobacco Company*," with a paid-up cash capital of \$750,000.

The tobacco, after the crop is gathered, is subjected to a curing process, of which Mr. J. D. Culp is the originator and patentee.

The company at the present time is employing in the vicinity of one hundred men, mostly Chinese, and is engaged in manufacturing smoking tobaccos and cigars. We sincerely hope they may be eminently prosperous in their undertaking.

Gilroy also boasts a banking house and planing mill.

About fourteen miles from the town, in a small rocky gorge on the Cayote Canyon, are the famous Gilroy hot mineral springs.

The situation is wildly romantic and beautiful. From the banks of the creek the hills rise abruptly to a height of several hundred feet, heavily timbered even to the extreme summit, with here and there an open space covered with heavy undergrowth. The Springs, with their accompaniment of buildings, are situated about half way up the mountain. From hundreds of feet below comes the dash and murmur of the creek as it winds through the intricacies of its course, now tumbling over rocks in a miniature cascade, now pushing its level way, its surface unruffled by a single ripple, and again angrily expostulating with the ragged edged rocks which interrupt, and have interrupted its course for ages. Nature is here presented in her most rugged and savage aspect. No softened outline; no well arranged foreground, relieved by distant neutral tints; and were it not that some of the details possess much of beauty, sufficient to give variety, one would no doubt soon tire of the scene. But when we enter upon the grounds surrounding the buildings, and the buildings themselves, we find sufficient that is merely beautiful to look upon, and gladly again betake ourselves to the contemplation of the grand in nature, and so do we refresh ourselves at each stream, correcting one by the other.

The hill has been cut away to furnish foundations for the buildings.

Walks have been cut into the hill, serpentine throughout the grounds, and terraced parterres of variegated and beautiful exotics, lend a sort of enchantment to the scene; a garden in this wilderness of mountain forest.

The buildings are replete with all the comforts of metropolitan houses of entertainment. Billiards can be indulged in to any extent, all the leading papers of the Coast find place in the reading room, while the wine closet is equal to any emergency. Some twenty or thirty cottages, arranged in the form of a crescent, lend a homelike look to the surroundings, the unblemished whiteness of whose exterior assures their graceful furniture and completeness within.

The cuisine is all that could be desired, even were markets more convenient. The table is well served, the waiters so thoroughly understanding their business as to attend to every want, quickly, easily and satisfactorily. As for room and sleeping accommodations, one could not be better cared for. Nothing but the exhilarating mornings in that high latitude, suffices to allure one from a couch which lends all the attractions of luxury and ease to soothe, entrance, and almost enervate.

We should have delighted to have remained in this beautiful retreat for a month at least, but that American nightmare, a business exigency, drove us incontinently from its retirement.

The Springs are situated but a few hundred feet from the hotel. Bath houses occupy the spot, where gentlemen or ladies can enjoy plunge or shower baths, from five in the morning until nine at night.

The water possesses great curative properties, being strongly impregnated with iron, magnesia, sulphur, arsenic and alum, iron predominating.