

the greater portion of the city was burned, involving a loss to her citizens of \$22,500,000! Her commerce was depressed and her growth retarded for a period of years, from 1854 to 1858. Market street, the longest and widest in the city, begins at the water front about half a mile east of the City Hall, and runs in a southwesterly direction. Beyond the city limits north of Market, the streets run at right angles to each other. The most level running in straight lines a little west of north and east of south, have their numbers begin at Market. The principal of these in regular order receding from the city front, are Front, Battery, Sansome, Montgomery, Kearny, and many others parallel to them. At right angles to these, and on the hillside, are Geary, Post, Sutter, Bush, Pine, California, Sacramento, and others, whose numbers begin at the street forming the city front. South of Market, the streets running parallel to and south of it, are called in receding order, Mission, Howard, Folsom, Harrison, etc. The streets running at right angles to these are numbered from First street upwards, to the westward. East of First street, in order, are Fremont, Beal, Main, etc. On the Potrero, at South San Francisco, the streets running east and west are named after the towns in the State, and those at right angles to them after the States in the Union. On all streets the numbers on the northerly or northeasterly sides are *even* numbers, and on the southerly or southeasterly sides *odd* numbers. One hundred numbers are allotted to each block bounded by principal streets, so that the initial figure of the number placed on a building at any street-crossing shall indicate the number of main streets such street-crossing is from the starting point. The name of the streets are also painted on the lamps at street-crossings. The buildings are many and very fine: the prin-

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