

theater, circus, hippodrome, menagerie, skating rink, picnic ground, restaurant, and everything in the world of out-door or in-door amusement, or the best possible combination of both, that can contribute to attract and delight the public, this all comprehensive and most popular resort is sure to provide. If any visitor can discover a deficiency he has only to make it known to the enterprising proprietor who is sure to supply it at the earliest possible moment. It is the universal verdict of all late visitors, that no city in America can show any place of public resort which provides anything approaching the abundance and variety of means for public recreation which are here to be found. The immense pavilion is the largest and strongest permanent wooden building upon the coast. It has the form of a huge parallelogram, with the corners cut off, thus giving its ground outline the shape of a regular octagon. One hundred and fifty feet long by one hundred and thirty wide, and fifty feet high, with broad rows of strong seats running entirely around it, and massive galleries also encompassing its whole circumference, and accommodates within its acre and a half of extent seven thousand spectators at once. In the center a solidly-laid, perfectly-fitted, and smoothly-planed floor, one hundred and ten feet long by ninety in width, furnishes as extensive a scope for skating as the most ambitious could desire. The new aquarium is most surprisingly delightful and wholly successful attempt at establishing permanent homes for the most rare and curious, as well as the most common and useful of the finny tribes. Here also one may study at leisure the mysteries of trout hatching and raising from the egg to the fully-grown specimens of the largest and finest varieties, until the whole operation become as clear as the glass through which it appears.

THE CITY GARDENS.—On the south side of Twelfth Street, stretching from Folsom to Harrison streets, and running half a block south. The grounds are finely laid out and ornamented with shade trees, shrubbery, arbors, etc. It has also a pavilion in which theatrical representations, balls, and various other popular entertainments follow each other as the successive tastes of its patrons demand.

PUBLIC SQUARES AND PARKS.—Portsmouth Square, commonly known as the Plaza, on the west side of Kearny Street, extending from Clay to Washington streets and directly fronting the old City Hall, is the oldest, most celebrated, and best finished public square.

Union Square, bounded by Post, Stockton, Geary, and Powell streets, and for several years occupied by the successive buildings for various Mechanics' Fairs, is now one of the most beautifully-improved and neatly-kept squares of the metropolis.

Nearer the northerly or north central portion of the city, Washington Square, bounded by Filbert, Stockton, Union, and Powell streets, supplies a sort of municipal lung for the denizens in that vicinity.

Besides these, Columbia, Lobos, Alcatraz, Lafayette, Jefferson, Alta, Hamilton, and Alamo squares relieve their respective portions of the city from undue crowding and suggest to the neighboring residents the beautiful meadows of their earlier homes, or the arid deserts of Arabia, according as their grassy or sandy surfaces attest the attention or neglect of the City Fathers.

PROMENADES.—Montgomery Street is our occidental Broadway. On either side rise some of the largest and finest retail business houses. Three of the leading hotels are here, and four others within less than half a block. During the forenoon business occupies its area almost exclusively. Near its intersection with California Street, "the bulls and bears of Mammon's fierce zoölogy" frequently congregate in crowds so dense as to monopolize the side walks. Afternoons, fashion claims its place, and well-nigh crowds business, not exactly to the wall, but out upon the curbstone and occasionally into the gutter.

From three to five P.M. the tide of Mammon ebbs and that of fashion swells in at full flood. Noble and queenly women alternate with their fair and frail sisters, forms of beauty and faces which range downward from positive plainness to undisguisable ugliness, calicoes, silks, satins, velvets, broadcloths, beavers, and cassimeres, make up the motley throng, swaying, trailing, and jostling up and down the crowded thoroughfare. Many of the female faces are exceedingly fair, "as far as we can see," and the forms equally graceful, with the same qualification. Masculine faces, broad-browed, clear-eyed, firm-mouthed, or fully-bearded, irresistibly impress one with the dash, the drive, and the nerve which have tunneled the everlasting hills, spanned the continent with rails, and bridged the Pacific with steamships ere yet the full flush of manhood has fairly settled upon them. Too many show the full, uncertain lip, flushed cheek, and dewy eye that tell of excessive stimulants too frequently applied. Nowhere on earth is the temptation to drink as strong as here. Business is brisk, competition sharp, and the climate the most constantly stimulating anywhere to be found. Rivalry spurs them on every hand, and scores stand waiting to take their places the moment they step aside. So they drive till nature falters or weakens and calls for rest. But nature's rest they cannot or will not afford; an artificial stimulant is quicker; it is everywhere close at hand; it seems to save time; companions press; everybody does it, and they follow the fashion. Business men die suddenly; on the street to-day, to-morrow at Lone Mountain. Heart disease, apoplexy, congestion of the lungs, disease of the kidneys, or liver complaint, are the causes most generally assigned to that portion of the public which cannot afford even to stop long enough to inquire. The one great cause of all these causes few stop to ask, or dare to tell.

Kearny Street, parallel with Montgomery and but a single block above, or to the west of it, competes with its companion and rival, Montgomery Street, as a great avenue of business and pleasure. Though some single buildings along Montgomery Street may be finer, the average of

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