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Probably no city in the world has had so remarkable a growth as has San Francisco within the last twenty years. It owes its origin to Catholic missionaries and Spanish soldiers, and was first occupied by white men September 17th, 1776. The settlement for some years was known as "Yerba Buena," but as it approached the dignity of a town it assumed its present name. Being situated upon one of the finest harbors in the world, land-locked, and thus protected from storms, it naturally had every advantage for becoming an extensive city, and since the discovery of gold in California its progress has been truly astonishing, although retarded at times in consequence of serious conflagrations. The streets are nearly all wide and well kept. Market street is the longest and widest in the city, and runs in a south-westerly direction, while many of the principal streets open into it and have their numbers begin at Market. On all the streets the numbers on the northerly or northeasterly sides are even numbers, while those on the southerly or southeasterly, are odd numbers. One hundred numbers are allowed to a block. The widening of Dupont street is soon to be commenced, which will add very materially to the appearance of that portion of the city through which it runs, and will also be a great advantage to the business portion of the city. The public buildings are substantial structures, designed for endurance. There are many private residences whose beauties of modern architecture, size and surroundings are a pride and ornament to the city. San Francisco can also boast of containing one of the largest and most beautiful hotels in the world. To the pleasure-seeker the facilities for gratifying his taste are unlimited, for nature and art here vie with each other to please mankind. The educational facilities cannot be excelled, and the religious community could not wish for finer or more commodious places of worship. But, of course, as in all large cities, the chief interests of all are centered in her business and commercial relations. There is seldom a complaint of dull times here, for her position as the principal seaport of the coast, and her connection with

the largest and most influential cities of the East by the great transcontinental railroad, affords her advantages which no city west of New York can claim. There is, therefore, always a brisk activity and animation throughout her thoroughfares. Her population is constantly and rapidly increasing, so much so as to become almost fabulous, and numbers now near 300,000 among her inhabitants. With the exception of an occasional epidemic, such as must necessarily visit every city of any size, San Francisco is no doubt a most healthful and desirable place of residence, for the sea breeze is both refreshing and invigorating, and the trade winds which sweep over the city in the summer season, or for about six months of the year, have a tendency to purify the atmosphere of the place, which might otherwise become heavy with disease.

**AARON DAVID**, Stamping, 850 Washington

Aaron Mrs D, dressmaker, 850 Washgn

Aaron Joseph, barber, 534 3d

Abadie & Fos, butchers, 1320 Dupont

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S Eastman agent, carriages and wagons, 413 & 415 Battery

Abbott Mrs E A, bakery, 124½ 8th

Abbott Mrs F B, dressmaker, 1306 Pine

Abbott Geo W, money broker, NE cor Sacramento and Montgomery

Abbott Ida L, varieties, 424 3d

Abel J & Co, auctioneers, 604 California

Abell Alex G, prest Masonic Hall Association, Masonic Temple

**ABELS S E**, Atty-at-law, 36 Montgy

Abraham G, tailor, 136 2d

Abraham I, clothing, 433 Pacific

Abraham Jos, clothing, 721 Sansome

Abraham L, clothing, 6 Clay

Abraham P & Son, drygoods, 44 6th

Abraham Simon, barber, 860 Howard

Abrahamson Alex, clothing, 307 and 429 Kearny

Abrahamson Peter, stoves and tinware, 939 Market

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