

in the "Elvira Herbeck," and was never heard of afterwards. His daughter, a great beauty, married Alfred Wheeler. They lived on Lombard street; and next them resided the Darlings, at whose house Miss Lizzie C. Fry was married to William C. Ralston. Other well-remembered people were denizens of the neighborhood; among them John Middleton and the Gwins, who were elegantly domiciled at Wozencraft's, a fashionable boarding-house at the corner of Stockton and Washington streets. Mrs. Hitchcock resided at the same house before moving to better quarters at the Oriental. The Virginia Block, a large building at the corner of Stockton and Pacific, was associated with early wealth and elegance. The skirts of fashion swept out over the adjoining regions, reaching even to North Beach. Signs of gentility were very early seen at the Kremlin Hotel, on Stockton near Broadway, which afterwards became St. Mary's Hospital. Prospect Place was inhabited by ladies and gentlemen of fashion, and Powell street for several blocks north of Clay had an air of gentility. There was a knot of stylish people gathered on California street, west of Stockton, in 1853 and 1854. At the corner of Prospect Place and California, resided Mrs. Henry L. Dodge and Mrs. T. C. Banks, and where David Porter's house stands was the cottage of Mrs. B. L. Brooks. All of these ladies were the wives of well-to-do business men, and their houses were agreeable places of social resort. The wealth and refinement of the period was not entirely confined to these neighborhoods. There were pretty cottages nestling among the chaparral and behind the sand hills in divers localities. Judge Barrett built the picturesque house of many gables at the corner of Sutter and Stockton streets, which had for successive owners, Lucian Herman, Dr. Bowie and Mr. Clark of Clark's Point, its present proprietor. It is now known as the Tivoli Gar-