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This, the thirty-fourth issue of LANGLEY'S SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY, is presented with the hope that it will meet with the same liberal measure of approval which has been accorded to its predecessors. There is a difficulty in the way of making an accurate directory of this city, which is mentioned here in the hope that when the situation is understood by the powers that be they will apply the remedy. The street numbers are badly mixed up. There are 372 numbers duplicated, 572 which are assigned to the wrong blocks, in some cases a mile from where they should be, and 278 which are assigned to the wrong side of the street, odd numbers on the even side, and *vice versa*. Post street has No. 225 repeated three times, 223 and 235 twice. There are two 50 blocks on Oregon street. On Stevenson street, in the 1100 block, occur Nos. 2, 50 and 177. On Point Lobos Avenue, in the 1000 block, occur Nos. 9, 30 and 4000. On West Mission street, which is only one block long, the numbers jump from 84 to 1652.

Most of these figures have been obtained from officials of the San Francisco Post Office, to whom acknowledgment is made for many favors and much valuable assistance.

It is gratifying to know that many residents of the Mission have taken the matter up and petitioned the Board of Supervisors to correct the street numbers in their part of the city. The evil, however, is not confined to the Mission. It exists all over the city, and is the cause of a great deal of confusion to the public, and is especially troublesome to the Post Office and to this Directory. It would seem that the proper municipal authorities should direct an official numberer to affix the correct number to every building which is now without it.

The system of numbering the streets is good, but residents do not adhere to it, and are not compelled to do so by the officials.

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