

SAN FRANCISCO'S WAYS.

WHY LIFE ON THE PACIFIC COAST IS SOMETHING OF A LOTTERY.

The Prevalence of Gambling—Living Expenses—The Restaurants—Living Very Much on Extremes—It is More Partisan than American.

[Special Correspondence.] SAN FRANCISCO, June 10, 1889.—Should you happen to arrive in San Francisco from the first to about the middle of the month, you will find the people in a wild state of excitement. The cause is the immediate approach or immediate presence of the regular monthly drawing of the big lottery, which occurs on the second Tuesday of each calendar month, and brings with it a rather curious condition of affairs. Although strictly against the common law, lottery tickets are openly sold—coupons they are called—and it would seem that every man, woman and child in the town is the possessor of a twentieth, a tenth, a fifth, a half or a whole ticket. The entire city "plays the game."

If you socially visit a friend's house, the host or hostess expresses an interest in you by inquiring the number of your lottery ticket and mentioning the number of theirs. The clerks in the stores, the merchants at their desks, and the boys on the streets all have tickets or sections of tickets, and as a matter of course the day of the drawing is one of unusual excitement. Extras are issued from the newspaper offices giving the numbers of the lucky coupons; the bulletin boards are besieged by a deeply interested mob, and the next day column interviews are published with the winners of any particularly generous sum. All this, to the visitor from abroad, is more than passing strange. To the resident it is an ordinary circumstance of life. Your true San Franciscan would as soon go without his dinner as without his lottery coupon; sooner, much sooner, I am sure.

But it must be borne in mind that less than fifty years ago San Francisco was settled by the gamblers, and the spirit of chance they inculcated hasn't disappeared by any means. Gambling, or, more politely speaking, speculation, is as rampant today as it was in '49. You see it not only in real estate, mining stocks and business enterprises, but it is met in the every day walks of life. Step into a cigar shop to buy a weed, the dice are promptly brought out and the attendant is ready to throw them and see whether you shall pay for two cigars or none. Ride through the streets on a cable car with an acquaintance and he wants to flip a nickel to decide whether you or he shall pay the fare. Women ply the seductive thing called poker as deftly as the men, and skill in "a quiet little game with a small limit" appears, on the coast, to be a national characteristic. However, it is perhaps needless to dilate on this peculiar phase of the modern Californian.

Living in San Francisco is to many a vexed social problem. In certain respects it is like Paris, either very costly or very cheap. One finds it the most expensive and again the most reasonable city in America in which to reside. Rents are high, wages of servants more than double what they are in the east and house-keeping is a luxury which the man of modest means cannot comfortably enjoy. A tidy little two story house brings \$60 a month, a servant girl will not work for less than \$30, and if she is a good cook \$40 is her price. The family washing is always done outside and costs about \$2 a week. Thus \$100 a month is required for rent and wages alone. Living at the leading hotels is also costly, about \$4 a day with incidentals added.

Of course, the vast majority of ordinary people cannot afford this mode of life, and the plan generally adopted is expressed by the words "furnished rooms." San Francisco appears to the stranger like a vast lodging house. Turn where you will, "furnished rooms to rent" greets the eye. In the midst of the business thoroughfares, along the side streets, out on the fashionable promenades, all over the city and its suburbs, rooms are to let for men, women and children. They are to be had at all prices, from \$1 a week to \$100. For instance, I am now occupying a parlor and bed room, with bath room privileges, for \$8 a week. In the same building are a score of couples living in a similar way. They pay for their apartments from \$3 to \$15 a week. Of course, this mode of life is not conducive to morality.

In fact, it offers a premium on promiscuous relationship, but in San Francisco no one inquires about the private affairs of his neighbor, and the reputation of the city is far from being like unto Caesar's wife. The rain falls upon the just and the unjust, and the landlady, from the lowest to the highest grade, takes her fee from any respectable appearing couple and "no questions asked." This enormous population existing in lodgings lives at the restaurants which abound in the city. They are of all kinds and conditions—French, English, Italian, German, Spanish and simple American. Meals can be had all the way from ten cents to \$2, but the large majority of people favor what is known as the popular saloons, where the service is neat and clean and the food wholesome and well cooked. These immense dining rooms, of which there are several, are unique. We have nothing like them in the east: they appear indigenous to the soil.

When I first saw this bill of fare I assumed it was a place similar to the "cheap and nasty" in London or the "students' cafes" in the Latin Quarter of Paris, but I took three meals at one of them yesterday, and my experience may be worth relating. Nearly all the dishes are 10 cents each; if you take three it is 25 cents; or two 15 cent dishes and one 10 cent dish is 50 cents. This mode of discounting is peculiar and quite a study, although the "Frisco clerk and modest merchant" have it down fine. Potatoes are always served free, and so at breakfast are English muffins, toast, corn bis-

cuit and bread of all kinds. A pint bottle of family good red or white wine is served for 10 cents. Let me give you a bill of fare made at random for three meals, costing in all less than \$1:

- Breakfast: Omelet and cream, Lamb chops, water crosses and potatoes, Coffee and cream, Hot English muffins, corn bread, butter, etc.

Now, the price of the breakfast, as given above, was 25 cents, the lunch 25 cents, the dinner 35 cents; in all 90 cents for the day, with one hundred dishes to choose from. Mark you, the service was very good, table cloths and napkins, large, fine and snowy white; butter, sugar and condiments of the best, and the dining room finely furnished and comfortable. The kind of people you meet are well dressed and familiar with the niceties of life—the same class to be found daily in any of the higher grade of restaurants in New York city.

It seemed to me impossible that this could be done in a city like San Francisco, and after partaking of the three meals mentioned above I asked to see the proprietor. He came, anxious to see if anything was wrong. When I stated my business he smiled and courteously said: "Many from the east are curious to know how it is done, but the answer is easy. Wine, fruit, vegetables and meats are not expensive on the Pacific coast when bought in large quantities. Then, when you feed a great many people and make a trifle on each one, the return is fair. For example, nearly two thousand people a day take their meals here. Say on each we make 8 cents, that is a net profit of \$80 a day. If we only fed half that number, expenses would be nearly as great, and we could not live. It is the small profits from a great number that explains the seeming problem."

But there is a deeper depth than all this. Throughout the city are cozy little bakeries where coffee and cakes are served for ten cents, or eggs, bread and butter, with tea or coffee, for fifteen cents. Pies and puddings, pastry and fruits of all kinds are sold for five cents each, and a bowl of bouillon can also be had for a nickel. These establishments are not cellar or sides places, but finely fitted up corners on Grant avenue, Kearney street, Market, etc. They are well filled nearly all the time, and are patronized by what are politely termed "nice people." So you see, the eastern man coming this way need not go hungry, although I find it is not the effort of the average tourist to economize.

He is ready and willing to cut a splurge. That being the case, there is no city in the land where he can "blow in" his wealth quicker than on this peninsula by the Golden Gate. Speaking of dining, I must say that the Italian restaurants of San Francisco are wretched—at least that is my experience. The table d'hotes are one dollar and one dollar and a half, and for that a much better dinner should be served than is offered. I have tried the Italian three times within the fortnight, and found the Chianti without bouquet and the spaghetti not cooked with the flavor it seems to possess in the better class of Italian establishments in the east. The French restaurants are an improvement, but unless it be at the clubs one cannot get a really choice meal hereabouts, unless hotel fare is accepted as suitable for a jaded appetite or an epicurean palate.

FREDERICK W. WHITE.

SOME GEORGIA WONDERS.

A State Where Freaks Thrive and Strange Things Flourish. [Special Correspondence.] ATLANTA, June 13.—F. L. Stanton, the Eugene Field of the south, recently suggested to me the idea of writing "The Rise and Fall of the Georgia Wonder in Six Volumes."

After nearly a week spent poring over the rusty files of newspapers and at the libraries I begin to feel as if I thoroughly appreciated the appropriateness of the remark. The series of "wonders" which are being foisted on the newspaper reader by the contemporary paragrapher are merely the reflected picayunes of an extinct race. Georgia, with her growing civilization and refinement, is not likely to recover her pristine glory in this direction. We may vainly sing: And, O for a sight of the wonder strange, Or a glimpse of the freak that is still.

The first record the world has of a genuine Georgia wonder appears in The Post and Intelligencer, published at Trenton, N. J., in 1788, a copy being now in possession of a gentleman in Macon. In it occurs a relation of the thrilling circumstances attending the birth of a "two headed infant, upon a plantation near Savannah, possessing a well moulded trunk, and being in all respects the same as other children, save in its terrible deformity. Both heads are large and exceedingly full of expression, a thing of itself most wonderful."

In 1845, at Columbus, a slave owned by Mr. Henry Bethune gave birth to a black child that was destined to become a pronounced wonder. The poor infant, in addition to being idiotic, was perfectly blind. One day, as the 10-year-old daughter was practicing at the piano, little Tom slunk in, and when his little mistress had retired sat down to the instrument, imitating with astonishing correctness the airs she had played. It was not many years after that when "Blind Tom" began making public exhibitions of his great powers of mimicry and is still before the public.

Miss Ellen F. Speed, of Taliaferro county, possessed a huge, web shaped extension in lieu of arms, and was known as the human sawdust. It is probable, could she have lived, she would have sailed the air as gracefully as her namesake, but died, unfortunately for science, at the immature age of 8.

The newspapers of June, 1851, teem with tales of the great meteor which fell in South Georgia. EDWIN G. RIVERS.

A FIRST PRIZE DESIGN.

It is by William Kerr, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The first prize in Carpentry and Building's eighteenth contest was awarded to William Kerr, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and here are the estimates:

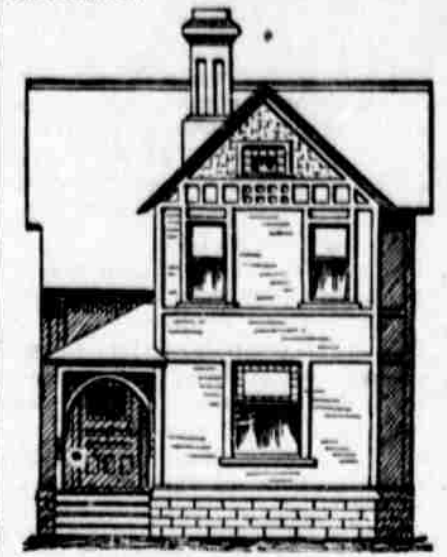
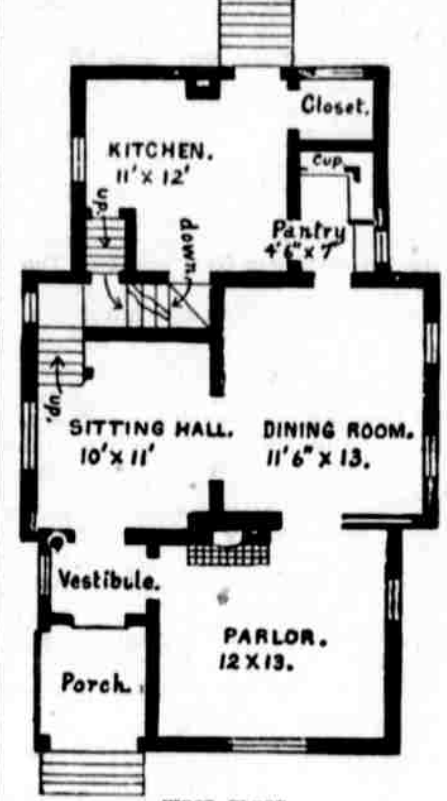


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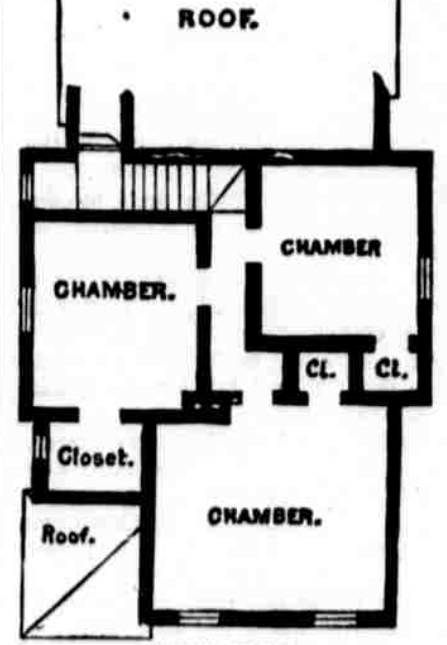


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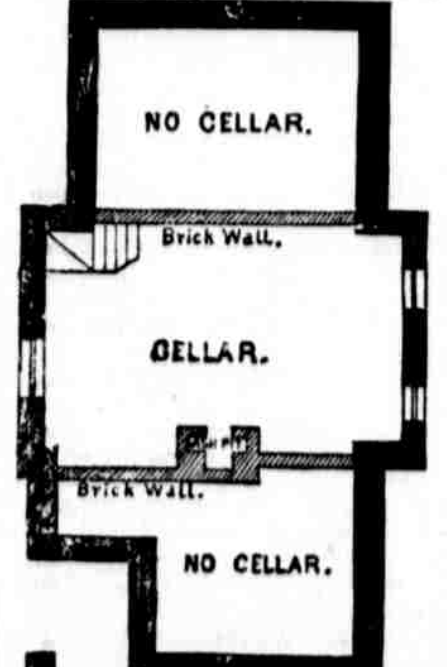


Brickwork and chimneys..... 65 00 Carpenter work..... 80 00 Total..... \$145 00

The specifications provide for the laying down of footings under all brick walls of flat stones, not less than 12 inches thick and projecting 6 inches on each side of wall above;



cellar walls are to be 1 foot 6 inches thick, chimneys contain flues 8x8 inches, with 6 inch walls and 2 inch partitions, the cellar bottom to be covered with cement concrete 2 inches thick; timbers exposed when finished of



second quality pine; timbers not exposed of hemlock or pine, the frame to be of the balloon variety; the lumber to be of white pine.

Information for Tourists.

Round trip tickets at reduced rates to the following points are now on sale at the Elkhorn, C. & N. W. line ticket office at 115 South Tenth street, and depot, corner 8 and Eighth streets:

- Spirit Lake and Clear Lake, Ia., Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth and Superior, Minn.; Ashland, Bayfield, Madison, Waukegan and Manitowick, Wis.; Petoskey, Galesburg, Mackinac Island and Traverse City, Mich.; Old Point Comfort, Va., and other summer resorts.

Geo. N. Foreman, Agt.

Help Wanted.

For the benefit of the ladies who may have to pass through the common struggle of securing help, the COURIER will receive want advertisements for publication in the Daily Call want columns. Parties desiring help in situations, boarders, or to rent rooms or rent houses can leave their advertisement at this office and they will be promptly delivered to the Call for publication. One cent a word per day is the expense.

Turn horses out in a good pasture for a few weeks, when they get in bad condition. If that can not be done use Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, they will put a horse in perfect health. A well horse don't need medicine. Hay, grain and good care is better. Dr. Cady's Condition Powders are a true horse medicine, (not a dope), they aid digestion, cure constipation, kidney disorders and distroy worms. Sold by A. L. Shader, Druggist.

Welcome in his Old Age to Lorenz Siefert. Lorenz Siefert at 313 Summit street, is one of two persons who drew one-twentieth of the ticket No. 10,430 in the March drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery. A reporter for the Blade called on him and asked him to tell about it. "We are all poor men, and I tell you there were three happy old men when we learned that we had \$5,000 to divide up. We got the money in a few days, through the express company, and I have put mine out at interest, to have something in my old age." Mr. Siefert is about 60 years old, his partner a middle aged man, and Mr. Haas is 84.—Toledo, Ohio, Blade.

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Everybody can afford to eat at the leading resort in the city now. The price of 21 tickets now at Odell's is only \$4—reduced from \$4.50.

Call and look through the shoe department, at H. R. Nisley & Co.

Sheriff Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the clerk of the District Court of the Second Judicial District of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Carlos C. Burr is plaintiff, and Elbert Schneider, Rebecca Schneider, et al, defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1889, at the front entrance to the District Court rooms in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate to-wit: The Northeast Quarter, (N E 1-4), Section No. Thirty (30), and the Northwest Quarter, Section Twenty-nine (29), all in Township Number Seven (7), North, in Range Number Six (6), East of the Sixth (6th) P. M. in Lancaster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 23d day of May, A. D. 1889. S. M. MILLER, Sheriff.

Sale Under Chattel Mortgage.

To whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that on Saturday, June 15th, 1889, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the store room known as 121 South 12th Street, in Lincoln, Nebraska, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property: All of the stock of goods, merchan'ise, furniture and fixtures now contained in the store room known as 121 South 12th Street, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, said stock of goods consisting principally of cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, pipes, cigar and cigarette holders. The said fixtures and furniture consisting mainly of one Chicago Safe and Lock Co. safe, one standing desk, show cases, tables, etc. The said property is situated and mortgage intended to cover all chattels in said store room, 121 South 12th Street, subject to a mortgage for \$2000 to J. A. Hudeison.

Such sale will be made under and according to the terms of a chattel mortgage given by William J. Price to S. Seigolson on the 11th day of May, 1889, bearing date of that day and filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Lancaster county, Nebraska, on the 11th day of May, 1889, that said mortgage conveyed the property above described. The said mortgage was given to secure the sum of \$2000 and interest at the rate of 10 per cent, per annum from date until paid; that default has been made in the payment of said sum as in said mortgage provided and there is due to me and unpaid thereon this 24th day of May, 1889, the sum of \$2268.66, consisting of foreclosure and attorney's fees as in said mortgage provided. By TALBOT & BRYAN, Mortgagee.

Chattel Mortgage Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a chattel mortgage given by William McAulester to The Mueller Music Company of date June 1, '88 for the sum of \$300.00 which Chattel mortgage was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lancaster Court Nebraska on the 9 day of June 1888 at 10:15 A. M. upon which there is now due the sum of \$327.25 will on the 8th day of July 1889, at the East side of the Post Office Square in Lincoln, Lancaster County Nebraska, offer for sale at public Auction the Mortgaged property therein described, as follows to-wit: One Mueller Music Company piano No. 42388 in use about 1 year. The Mueller Music Company Dated Lincoln Nebraska June 15th 1889 By Hoverson & Baird Their Attorneys.

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