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### SAN FRANCISCO.

LETTER NO. 4.

Now that we have visited some of the places of interest around the outskirts of the city, a visit to those in the city will be also pleasurable. In the first place, then, we shall go through Chinatown. This lies in the best and oldest portion of the city, with a population of between forty and fifty thousand. There is no distinction between the city proper and Chinatown, and one would scarcely know they had entered it were it not for the strange appearance of the buildings, and the curios in the store windows. To a stranger everything is interesting in this quarter. However, as it is not safe for any one to go alone through this place, the service of a guide, in the form of an officer of the law, can be secured to take you through for the small sum of one dollar, then, if you follow wherever he leads, you will have to have a stout heart and stouter stomach. Of course this is to go through the underground portion of it, where the opium dens, gambling dens and the real life of the Chinamen may be seen. These are terrible dens of vice, wretchedness, and many times of terrible disease. Here are often found victims of that loathsome disease, leprosy. When discovered they are immediately taken to the pest house, in the outskirts of the city, and from there are sent, or rather banished, to one of the Sandwich islands, a small island lying near Honolulu. Eight of these poor wretches were sent there but a few days ago.

However if you do not wish to see any of the underground places you will find plenty to interest you in visiting the joss house, theatre, wholesale and retail stores, etc. No description can convey any clear idea of the place and people, as their dress, houses, manners, stores and wares are all curiosities. The women are scarcely distinguishable from the men as their dress is very similar, with the exception that the women never wear anything on their heads. Chinamen comprise the principal laborers, domestics, laundrymen, etc., here. They are found to be a very indifferent race of people. The mission schools are worthy of a visit, and it will surprise you somewhat to find what apt pupils these women and children are. Many of the pupils of these schools are married women, though nothing more than children in reality.

We must not stay too long, however, in Chinatown, although there is much more to be seen, as the market is a wonder in itself. However, we shall now turn our steps towards the "Diamond Palace," which will be a flight, not from the sublime to the ridiculous, but vice versa. This is on the oldest street in the city. The entire front is plate glass, the floors polished marble, and the walls are French plate mirrors, framed in pillars of ebony and gold. About a third of the ceiling is also a mirror, the rest, which is arched, contains panels, decorated with life sized oil portraits of Scripture characters, prominent among them being Deborah, Esther, Delilah, Jephthah's daughter, Rebecca at the well, etc. Instead of the artist trying to represent jewels worn, real diamonds may be seen glittering in the buckles, on the shoes, in bracelets, girdles, necklets, ear-drops, rings, etc. It is said that \$28,000 worth of diamonds are used in these decorations. From the ceiling hang costly chandeliers with hundreds of glistening pendants. The long reach of show cases are filled with gold and diamonds. The show window is filled with diamonds, watches, and mantle clocks of most elaborate device. The mirrored walls reflect all these, and when the place is lighted by gas it has a beautiful and bewildering effect. All visitors are welcome, and all questions are readily answered. Colonel Andrews, the owner, served his country in the Mexican war, and has held several places of honor and trust in San Francisco.

From here we will proceed to visit the U. S. mint, the largest in the

world. It is built of granite and sandstone, its architecture being doric, with massive fluted columns at the main entrance. Upon entering you are conducted to the waiting room where you will have to register your name. You are then admitted through a wicket into another department where may be seen the different coins of every nation in the world for centuries back. The shekel, used in the time of our Saviour, and gold teaspoons, taken from Solomon's temple at the time it was plundered by Shishak. Presently the conductor gives the signal to follow him below, and we find ourselves in the boiler room. After a brief glance at the huge boilers and the fires, the visitors pass on to the melting room. Here is where the uncoined gold is brought in and melted. It requires an intense heat for melting, and when perfectly fluid, is run into steel moulds and comes forth in bars or ingots. From here they are taken to the rolling room, where they are rolled out into longer bars of the right thickness of the coin they intend to make. These are then cut into bars of five and a half feet in length and are then taken into another room where they are cut into smaller strips and washed with beeswax and tallow. Passing on we come into the engine room with its polished marble floor and 150 horse power engine, polished and brightened to the last degree. Passing on from here we again behold the bars of gold undergoing the process of punching, from which blank coins are being made. From here they go into the stamping room and are stamped, over-looked, counted and sent to the weighing room. In this department no visitors are allowed. This work is done by females. Every coin has to be an exact weight, those that are too heavy are filed off to the right weight, those too light are sent back to be re-melted. The room in which this is done is never swept, and the women have to wear white caps, sleeve-lets, and aprons that entirely cover their dress. When they are unfit for use they are laid aside, and at the end of every two or three years the carpet along with these clothes, is burned, and a quantity of gold comes forth.

When the machines are in active operations \$450,000 is coined per hour. Last year \$262,075 was paid out for wages. Of course this is only a brief sketch of what is to be seen but it would take too long to give minute details.

The palace hotel is the next place of interest. This building covers 2 1/2 acres and is nine stories high. Its walls are double, of iron and brick. The inner one being proof against earthquake, and the outer against fire. It has accommodation for 2,400 guests and costs \$5,000,000. In the center is a large court with a carriage and promenade entrance, expanding into a circular driveway 52 feet in diameter, and has an immense glass roof. Extending around it on every story are broad balconies ornamented with tropical plants and statuary. It is lighted by electric light, (the court.) It has 400 employees in its service. Self-acting electric fire alarms report at the office the exact locality of any fire, or even any extraordinary heat in any parlor, bedroom, closet, etc. in the building. It is said to surpass in size and grandeur any other hotel in Europe or America.

There are several other buildings worthy of notice but I am afraid we shall only be able to take a passing glance at them. The City Hall has been eleven years under construction and will take about ten more to complete it. It is also double-walled, brick and iron the inner and stone the outer. It is very massive and imposing in appearance. The new Chronicle building (the Chronicle is one of the leading newspapers) is also built on the plan of double walls; this is ten stories high with a tower 125 feet with a flag pole 35 feet. It is to cost between three and four millions. The carving on the woodwork in the private office cost \$1,000 alone. From this one would think that the printers' business was a paying one

(here at least). The Mission Dolores is also worthy of notice. This is a church built on the first site of San Francisco, and by the first white settlers. It is 113 years old. It is built of adobe and its walls are as strong to-day as when first erected. There are several houses also still occupied although the interior has the modern improvements yet the walls remain the same as well as the old tiled roof. The walls are from two and a half to three feet thick. Throughout the state wherever there has been a settlement of Spaniards these buildings remain almost in a perfect state of preservation.

Now I think you have been around the city we will take one of the ferry boats and cross the bay to the city of Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley. Our trip there and return will only cost us two bits, that is twenty-five cents. Nearly every thing you buy costs you either two, four or six bits. It is rarely you will hear a Californian say 25 cents, 10 cents or 5 cents; it is always nickel, dime and two bits. Well now, the three cities previously mentioned lie immediately opposite Frisco on the eastern shore of the bay. Oakland is a most beautiful city. It has 60,000 inhabitants. Its streets are fine, wide and level. The lawns and gardens pictures of beauty, the residences many of them handsome palaces. This has been termed the "bedroom" of San Francisco as many of the merchants and business men of the city make their home here. Near the city are the Piedmont mineral springs, a beautiful and picturesque spot.

To be Continued.

Two thousand of the poor children of Toronto were given a Christmas greeting in Shaftesbury Hall.

Five convicts at the Portsmouth, Ont., prison on Tuesday clubbed and bound three of the guards, scaled the walls and escaped.

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