

## SAN FRANCISCO.

**S**AN FRANCISCO is situated in latitude  $37^{\circ} 48'$  North and in longitude  $121^{\circ} 24'$  West. It ranks third as a port of entry in the United States. It has a population of about 400,000. The mean annual temperature is 55 deg., the mean annual rainfall is 23.53 inches. The harbor, including tributaries, covers about 400 square miles. The lowest mean depth of water on the bar is five fathoms. Vessels can lie afloat at all stages of the tide at discharging or loading wharves. Vessels lying up awaiting orders can find safe anchorages at Sausalito, Oakland Creek or Mission Bay, out of the course of inward or outward bound vessels and harbor traffic. Having dry-docks and ship-yards capable of handling the largest iron vessels, repairs of any nature can be promptly effected. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company, North American Navigation Company and the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company afford frequent means of communication with Mexican, Central American, China and Japan ports. The Oceanic Steamship Company has a monthly service with Australian and New Zealand ports, and fortnightly with Hawaiian ports, while numerous other steamship companies are actively engaged in the domestic trade.

Some idea of the commerce of the port is obtained from the returns for the past calendar year, 1893. There were 684 sailing vessels of 776,827 tons, and 312 steamers of 488,511 tons entered the port, and 615 sailing vessels of 692,330 tons, and 312 steamers of 498,415 tons, cleared during the year. All engaged in foreign trade. During the same time merchandise to the value of \$40,246,608 was exported, and \$19,850,382 in treasure, or a total of over \$60,000,000, while the imports by sea from foreign countries were valued at \$45,607,950.