

sunny sky—equalled perhaps in Colorado and British Columbia, but in few other places—and a wonderful evenness of temperature, combine to make California a most charmingly attractive country to those who have once had experience of its delights.

The great, strong, and wildly rushing rivers, and the grand scenery of the West, seem to have imparted something of their freedom and character to the inhabitants. There is an absence among them of that narrowness, that mental tight-lacing, which squeezes all charity out of human nature, and which is so characteristic of the Old World; and there is the presence of an open-hearted fellowship between man and man, of a rare and generous kind.

With this tribute to the Far West I close the record of my 'Western Wanderings.' To those who have perused its pages, and have thus, as it were, wandered with me, I will only say—I shall be content if they lay it down with a better knowledge than they had before of the distant Evening Land.

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