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The more one becomes familiar with the buildings which have been erected in California of late years, the more one comes to appreciate the architectural value for its own purpose of the California bungalow. It is not too much to say that these bungalows are on the whole the best type of cheap frame house which has been erected in large numbers in this country since the old New England farmhouse went out of fashion. It is, as a rule, a long, low, one or two-story building, with a conspicuous roof, over-hanging eaves and an enclosed porch. It fits snugly on the ground, it is generally well scaled with the surrounding shrubbery and trees, and its lines and the distribution of its openings are for the most part agreeable to the eye. The outer shell is usually covered either with shingles of the same size as those used in the East or with the larger shingles which Californians call "shakes"; but the redwood shingles and shakes used on the coast have a pleasanter and warmer coloring than cedar shingles, whether stained or not. Sometimes clap-boarding is used, and often with considerable success; the wide spacing of the clap-boards which one sees and likes on the old California ranch houses has been frequently transferred to the modern bungalows. There is nothing either affected or insincere about these little houses. They are neither consciously artistic nor consciously