

# The California Curio Club.

The object of the "California Curio Club" is to supply its members with a collection of beautiful California Curios, sea shells mosses, etc., at the actual cost of gathering or collecting them, each member paying an equal share of the expense and receiving an equal share of all shells and curios gathered.

The first shell gathering expedition will be to San Nicholas Island about 70 miles off the coast of California where thousands of beautiful and some rare shells, mosses, Indian relics and curios will be collected. As soon as 100 members have paid \$1.00 each for membership we will charter a launch and land two experienced shell gatherers on the island with provisions to last them 15 days when the launch will return for them and all shells, curios, etc., that they have collected.

By this plan each member will secure a rare and valuable collection at the actual cost of gathering, that would probably cost all the way from \$10 to \$25 or more if bought from curio dealers.

San Nicholas is a lonely island, uninhabited for many years but at one time thickly populated by Indians who have left many relics such as Arrow Heads, Spear Heads, Scrapers, Mortars, Pestles, Beads, bone and shell fish, hooks and jewelry, a fine collection of which can be seen in the chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles. The finest Abalones in the world are found on these islands, many easterners paying the Los Angeles dealers \$1.50 to \$2.50 each for specimens that will cost our members practically nothing. Hundreds of other varieties are found, including Pink Murax, Star fish of several different varieties, Large Sea Urchins, Cowries, Tent Shells, Blue Points, Curtain Shells, from which beautiful portiers are made. Melon shells, many varieties of clam shells, Mermaids cradles, Worm shells, Paper Nautilus, Brain Coral, Trochus, Cardium Magnum, Pecten, Pearly Nautilus, Turks cap, Marlinspike, and others too numerous to mention.

## GUARANTEE.

I, Albert Carter, secretary of the "California Curio Club" personally guarantee each and every member who pays \$1 for membership to receive not less than 250 beautiful Sea Shells (assorted) an equal share of all Indian relics, sea mosses and other curios found on our expedition to San Nicholas and in addition to receive 10 "snap shot" views of our shell gathering expedition (taken on the island and en route) and mounted on cards with a beautiful spray of sea moss.

Membership limited to 100 as \$100 is the amount required to pay all expenses of the expedition. Send your application today accompanied by \$1 postoffice money order or registered letter or you may be too late. If club is full when application is received your money will be returned. Membership fee can be paid in four weekly instalments of 25c (silver) each if desired. Get two members to join with you and we will send you an "Orange Wood Basket" filled with shells and curios for your trouble.

REFERENCE: As to my honesty and integrity I refer you to any merchant or business man of Covina, Cal., (my former home). Old members please note change in address and address all communications to our permanent headquarters at address given below.

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