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Now that the United States government is talking of making San Diego a naval station, and also fortifying the harbor, there is every prospect of this fine old city taking her proper place as one of the foremost cities of the coast. Its available anchorage is six square miles and length of bay 13

The surrounding country is being rapidly brought under cultivition, over 7000 acres in fruit and 8000 in raisin grapes in an indication of such

efforts being brought to a successful issue.

We visited one ranch of a thousand acres that ten years ago was a sand waste. Now you see olives, peaches, prunes, lemons, oranges, citrou of commerce, benanas and every fruit known, in blossom, or loaded with fruit; and the grape myrtles and roses are very levely. Money, brains and irrigation worked this miracle.

The population of San Diego is 17,000 and the people are progressive. Their handsome court house cost \$150,000; public build as, handsome houses, well paved streets and cable and electric cars with several motor

roads are signs of the times easily read by the visitor within their gates.

We view all the sights of San Diego and then take the steamer for Ensenada, 65 miles further down the coast. So n as we pass the boundary line marked by a marble chelisk rising 20 feet above its lofty pedeatal on Monumental Point we are under the red white and green striped flig of Mexico. The cosst trends off in a southerly direction to Decease Point, a bluft about 80 feet high, which Mexican sailors call Point of Ree'. From this point to Salsipudes Point the coast is saudy and low, with occasional rocky cliffs standing sentinel-like; the table lands that slope the sea being clothed in a rich green, and through our glass we notice that the turf is detted with wild flowers in all colors. The air is so clear that the mountain chains miles away seem only about half a mile distant.

The captain says the longest lines have failed to find bottom only 3 miles from core, so we are steaming over a bottomless pit, and the question arises if one of us should fall overboard where would we finally locate; and the handsome dark-eyed first efficer shrugs his shoulders and says "Quien Saho."

Cape San Miguel, the northern part of Todos Santos, (all saints), is a bold point 200 feet high, backed by high round topped hills.

Ensensda point is 400 feet high.

Pes flowers and vines in brilliant colors rest on the blue water. Many of the bulbous kinds are preserved by the natives, but always retain a briny flavor. Punta Banda seems to advence to meet us as we approach. This is a famous whaling station and tons of big bones lie blackening on the beach. It would add materially to our pleasure at this point of our journey if we had left our organs of smell in bond or duty paid at the custom house, for whale oil is not at all like the perfume of Araby the blest. If we had handles or straps on our noses, one might hire somebody to hold them. We don't enthuse much as we reach the long pier at

Ensenada, which means Harbor of refuge, the pleasant breeze, however, does us a favor by veering around and we all enjoy a whiff of fresh air.

The custom house efficers are very courteous, and beam brightly at the ladies of our party. The governer is introduced to us and in a very courteous way places "himself, his house and all be has at our disposal." We pass the garrison with its troop of gayly dressed Mexican soldiers, and on our way to the hotel we pass the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Catholic churches; all nice modern buildings, though I should imagine a Mexican would object to Baptists on the ground of their general aversion to water. Woollen mills, carpet factories, breweries, and cannories are flourishing, and turtle canning is extensively carried on. We saw a turtle 5 feet across; imagine him in soup. He'd be in it, would he not?

The Iturbide is the finest hotel. Situated on a picturesque hill overlooking the town, it is reached by a winding path and long flights of terraced them.

steps. Flowers and rare vines trail everywhere, and a glorious view is seen from the broad verandahs. The crescent-shaped blue bay; high mountains rising abruptly near by, and shading from richest purple to a dusky blue that melts into a sunny haze at the peaks, is the prospect before us. Mission Fathers years ago christened this spot "La Sierra Perfecta," and they had wisdom and taste combined.

At night we have no desire to sleep. A phosphorescent glow marks each curving wave, and a full moon rising from the waters throws a shimmering golden trail to the mountains very feet. Their sombre peaks, silhouetted against the clear dark blue sky, make a charming "picture to hang on memory's wall."

The drive to San Carlos is six miles. This city is laid out in wonderful

avenues and squares for future enlargement.

The trip to Todos Santos by moonlight, with glimpses of the dark peak of Punta Banda at the foot of the bay, and the silvery sand beach, is beautiful.

The government house or palace is a picturesque place with levely grounds. Curio stores are full of the Mexican dealers work, and embroidery in gorgeous silks, and the curiously woven blankets are works of art as well as patience. Here we see the Mexican onyx in all its purity and beauty, and some very fine opals. The Mexican fire opal, which is not expensive, is exceedingly pretty.

The women, when young, are pretty, but age makes wrecks that seem scarcely human. The men are dark, handsome, polite and lazy.

We ate tomatoes, tortillabs, and had lemonade with Chili popper dashed in it, and tasted Abalone (the shell fish whose shell has such exquisite pearl tints). It is prepared by pounding it to a jelly, and is then fried in butter. If you have lost all sense of taste the better probably you will relish the odd flavor. But you dont want to miss anything in this new country and you sometimes pay Eve's penalty.