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During the oppressive warm weather that has prevailed this summer, so far, the longing desire of every moveable being seems to be for some resort for freedom and relief, whither they can lie and be at rest. For this reason is Honolulu becoming more and more like a deserted village during the summer vacation months, and at the same time many of us wonder why the islands with their delightful climate and reputed hospitality do not attract more visitors to their tropic shores for the summer season.

It was the writer's privilege last winter to pay a hasty visit to the gem of California watering places, Monterey, with its palatial Hotel del Monte, situate amid an extent of grounds that for natural and artificial picturesqueness it would be difficult to equal anywhere else in the world. A faint description was given in the Press a few months since, but having—through the kindness of Mr. H. R. Judah, of the Southern Pacific Company—been recently favored with two new views of the charming locality, it may not be deemed inappropriate to treat our readers to a fuller description of Del Monte and its attractions. This may explain why tourists to the islands are so few. It will also give a better idea what a strong counter attraction there is not far from the very point that we depend on for drawing tourists from the town of Monterey is situate on the southern bend of the bay of the same name nearly 125 miles from San Francisco and is reached by water and by rail; trains of the Southern Pacific Co.—broad gauge—leaving San Francisco three times or more daily, according to season, passing through San Mateo, San Jose, Gilroy, Castroville and other important towns en route, reaching Del Monte in less than four hours and Monterey five minutes later. The "Daisy Train," leaving the city at 3:30 P. M., makes the trip in three and a half hours.

The time of my visit brought me to the hotel at 3:30 P. M. for the express purpose of "spying out the land." The train slowed down at the station on the hotel grounds to allow passengers for the Del Monte to alight, where the "bus" in waiting conveyed us to the hotel, not far distant, while the train continued to its terminus at Monterey. Need I say I was surprised? I believed I had utterly failed to thoroughly picture to my mind the narrated and written descriptions of both house and grounds that I had been favored with: for great though my expectations had been, I found pleasant surprises on all sides without, and unequalled, spacious provision for comfort within. One takes in at a glance the fact that no expense has been spared in establishing and conducting the hotel and laying out its picturesque grounds.

The Hotel del Monte as shown in the cut, is a three storied modern gothic structure 385 feet in length and 115 feet in width, with wings. In the front centre part of the building is the lobby, 45 by 65 feet, the right hand side being devoted to the office needs, and opposite a spacious fire place, while directly in front, as you enter, is the grand staircase. Broad corridors run lengthwise of the building on the different floors; the front rooms on all being suites and the rear rooms single. Many of these suites can be connected to serve a large family or party, and all of them are elegantly furnished. On the main floor, to the right, are the suites reserved for the principal railroad officials; use while to the left of the lobby is the reading room 25 by 26 feet, ladies

billiard room 25 by 62 feet, and a ladies parlor 34 by 42 feet at the end. Parallel with this and reached by a hallway and covered veranda is a ball room 30 by 72 feet which is used weekly during the season. There is a spacious dining room 45 by 70 feet, a smaller one for children and others for private parties. Everything in and about the hotel is kept in the very best of order and nothing throughout the entire building gave any indication of the length of time it had been opened (now about four years) except the effects of heat around and above the great fire place in the lobby. Excepting this I saw naught to show but what the Del Monte had opened to the general public the week prior to my arrival.

The birds-eye view shows the hotel from the natural park grounds to the eastward—referred to in the former article—with sleepy Monterey on the slopes at the bend of the bay in the distance. The bathing establishment with its pier is also shown prominently on the beach. This is made a great attraction to the Hotel del Monte and certainly no expense and pains have been spared in any sense of the term to accomplish this object. It is one of the largest on the coast, having 210 dressing rooms, one half of which are set apart for ladies, each room having a double apartment arranged for dressing room and shower bath. The bathing tanks, four in number, in the centre of the large building, give enjoyment, health and strength to those requiring warm baths, while at the beach a long pier leading out into deep water gives opportunity for plunging into old ocean from the rail or steps, and a raft about 100 feet distant lends safety and comfort to the sport. All this life was quiescent at the time of the writer's visit last winter, but from the satisfied feeling of comfort that comes over one on entering the delightful precincts it requires no stretch of imagination to picture to mind the life and animation that is going on there during this spell of summer weather. And while the bathing attractions of Monterey have been made so much a feature of the Del Monte it would be a great injustice to pass lightly by the provisions made for luxurious home comforts of the hotel itself or its floral, artificial, lawn and natural attractions adjacent to the hotel comprising 112 acres, and over the foreground of the management in securing nearly the whole of the peninsula

between leading to grassy lawns beyond, where, amid majestic oaks, and towering pines, out-door games are provided for, as well as sand bins for the infantile guests of this mammoth hotel. Everything that art could suggest and wealth procure has been made subservient to the main idea of beautifying a naturally picturesque spot. And this feature is being extended all the time, the latest addition, last winter, being the artificial lake to the north of the building—shown dimly in the birds-eye view—and which for years had lain a sort of slough of despond known as Laguna del Rey, but served no better purpose, perhaps, than a duck pond for convenience of the neighborhood. It is pleasing to the eye on all sides to see the evidences of art aiding nature in the adornment and attraction as well as for the preservation of the grounds. For this purpose a large force of gardeners are kept constantly employed in various parts of the vast grounds, available places being assigned for the different out-door sports such as croquet, lawn-tennis, archery, skittles, quoits, swings, etc. This recreation ground is laid out for guests in the front of the hotel beyond a series of beautiful garden paths, and between the Labarynth and the Arizona section—the latter so named from the variety of cacti under cultivation—and which is as interesting as it is picturesque.

The central tower of the hotel affords a delightful view of the grounds and adjacent country. South-east of the hotel are the billiard, ten-pin and bar apartments, while to the southward is located the extensive tables, of whose excellent appointment the writer still holds pleasant memories—for reasons stated in his former letter. To the east, beyond the garden plats and recreation ground, and beyond the section or belt of "forest primeval," lies the race track, while to the south-east of Monterey, looms up the Catholic church which celebrated its restoration the early part of last year. The interior of the church is said to be decorated with some excellent paintings, and an altar regarded as a remarkable fine piece of art, the work of an Italian. It is nearly one hundred years old, and it is well worthy the inspection of visitors. Westward the broad expanse of the ocean lends its pacific nature to the scene, while on the distant hillsides at the northern bend of the bay lies rival Santa Cruz, with its envied reputation

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perhaps, more than the salubrity of Monterey's climate—for the Hawaiian Islands need yield the palm to no other place for superiority in that respect—that makes our people seek and prefer localities whose similarity of climate reminds them of their tropic home.

After breakfast, the next day, a fine team and experienced guide was placed at my disposal, for a tour of the peninsula. We started at a little after nine, driving by the bathing pavilion, then past the terminal station of the railroad and into sleepy Monterey. The entire round of its principal streets was made and its old buildings and historic localities or landmarks were duly noted. There was much of ancient aspect throughout the town, the buildings being low, and many of them retaining their old time tile roofing; some of them were moss-covered with age. Monterey boasts of the first of many things in the state as civilization and progress claimed California, and these are pointed out with pride to the enquiring visitor; principal among which is the first printing office, the first brick house, the old soldiers quarters, the old government building, old Pacific and Washington Hotels, the site of Fremont's fort with its adobe ruins and dismantled cannon, and as we drove out to the right of the town the landing place of the first padre, Junipero Serra, which is marked by a cross, with the date, June 3, 1770. The contrast could not be greater between ancient and modern architecture than is presented here so near together as at Monterey and Del Monte.

About two miles beyond Monterey is Pacific Grove Retreat, known also as the Christian Seaside Resort, from the fact that its founders made the provision that no intoxicating liquors should be sold or gambling practiced on the grounds. The grove—comprising over one hundred acres—during the summer is a village of tents, ranging in size from 10 x 12 to 12 x 24 which can be had, furnished, at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$9.00 per week or \$14 to \$30 per month. It is situated along the shore, mid a grove of fragrant pines that extend to the waters edge. Its beach for bathing is, however, quite limited. A chapel capable of seating 2,000 people is located centrally in the grounds, a large restaurant building, and extensive barn and stables are also on the grounds.

Just before getting through Pacific Grove we took a new short-cut road into the midst of the forest, affording a fine drive over its sanded macadamised road to Ocean Beach. The wind blowing fresh helped the cross tides at Point Joe to be quite commotional, the waves breaking heavily against the rocky coast at this point; alone gathered here bring out their temptations of choice shells, or sets, for disposal to visitors. Beyond this and abreast of the sand hills are the seal rocks, at times covered with these awkward creatures. Thence we drove on to Cypress Point and through Cypress Grove where the

Nothing played so fast and loose with the principles of military discipline before the war as the practice of giving commissions by brevet. A commission by brevet, in technical language, took effect "in a detachment from a main body consisting of several corps." A man, for instance, who was but a simple captain in a "main body" might, by virtue of his brevet command in a "detachment," be his own major. A good story illustrating this, is told of an old fellow in New Brunswick, who after many years of service in the English army, was but a captain of the line and a

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