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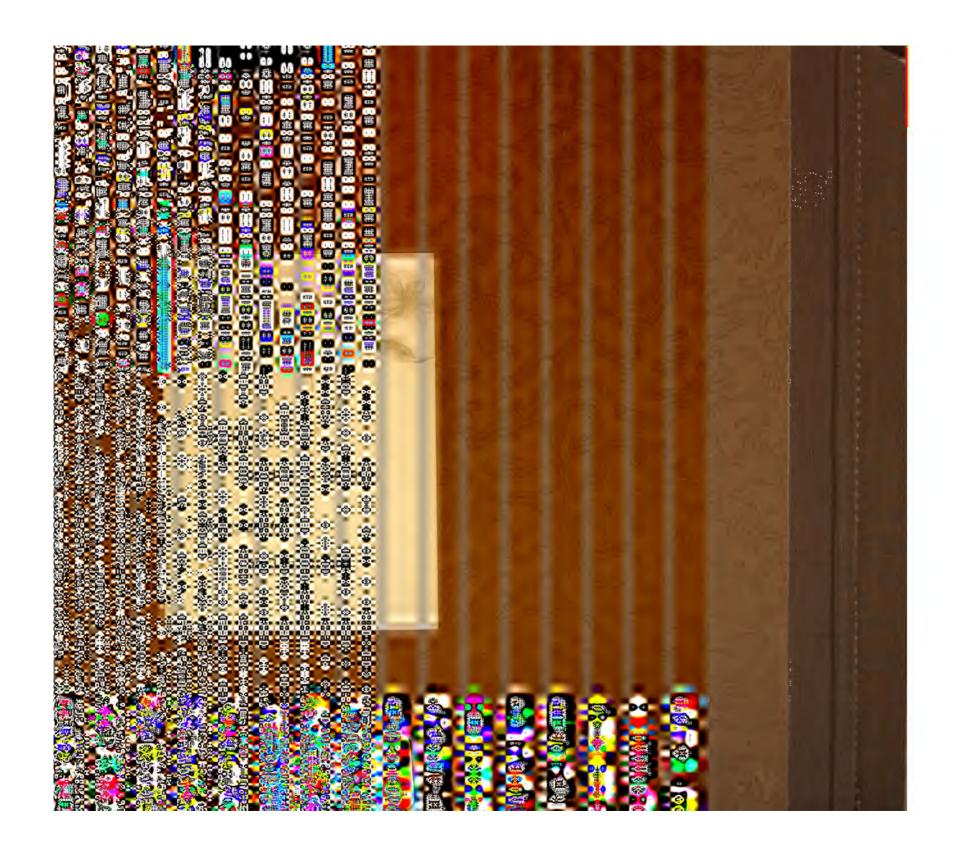
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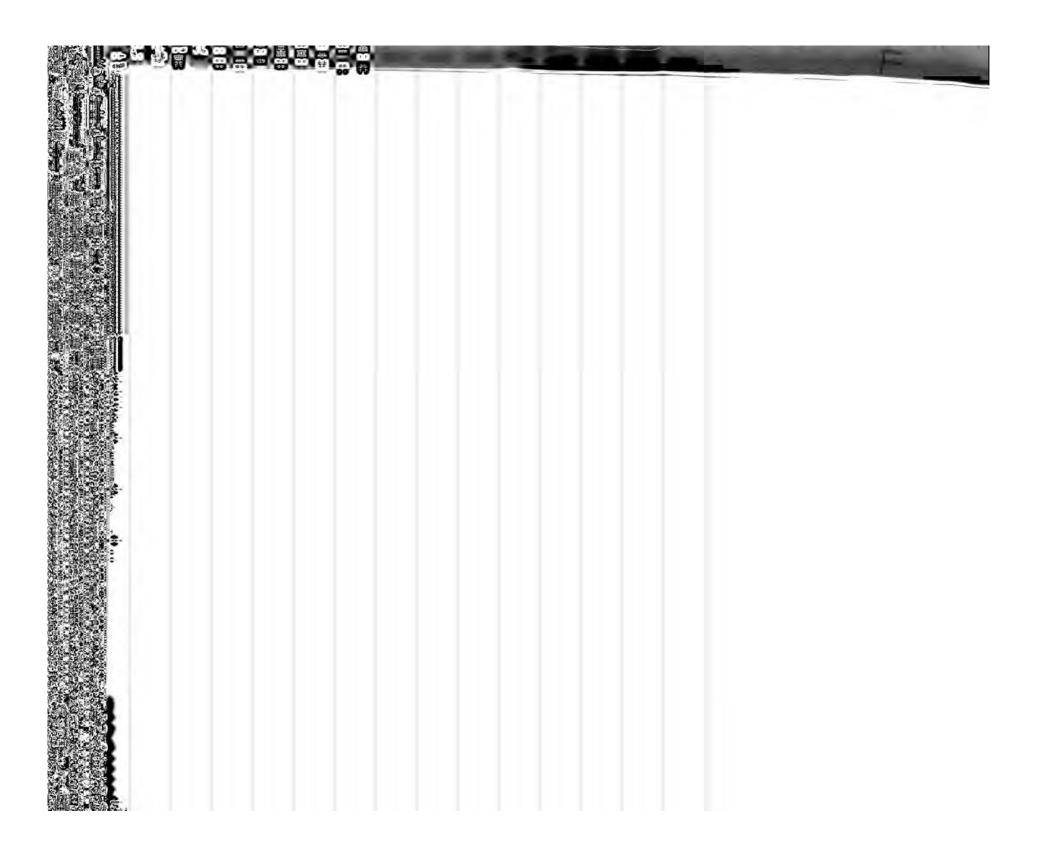
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

By Major Ben C. Truman.

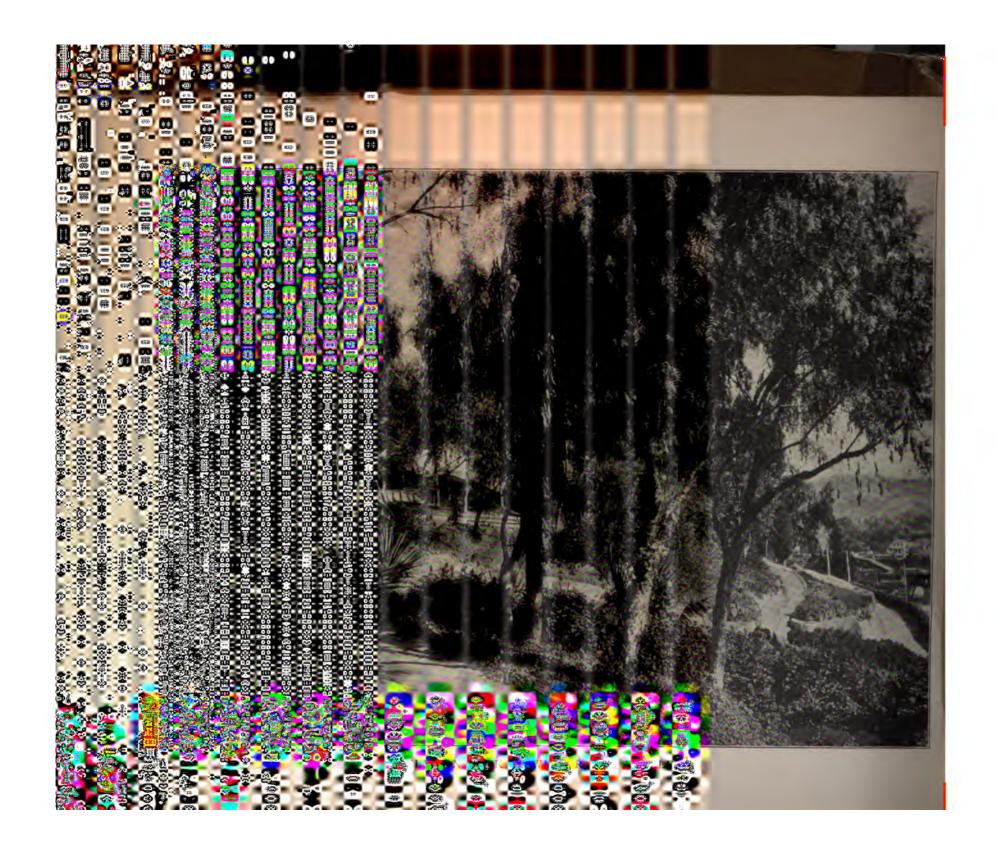
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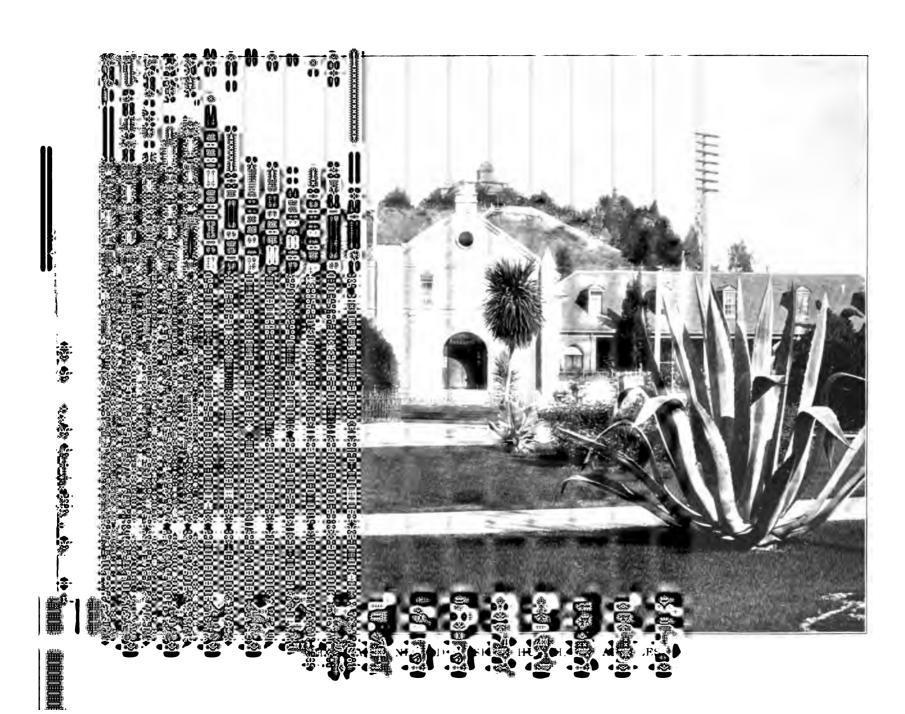
THAT part of California lying south and east of Point Conception on the ocean and west of the Coast range of mountains, embracing Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego Counties, is geographically and prominently known as Southern California—and sometimes as "Semi-Tropical California," on account of its being the natural home of the lemon, the orange, the citron the pomegranate, the guava and the fig. By a peculiar configuration of nearly two hundred miles of mountains at a distance of from thirty to ninety miles from a warm sunny sea, with detached and other spurs reaching out from the mother range in various directions and sometimes abutting the sea, there has been created a land such as exists nowhere else in the world—where there are no excessive heats and no uncomfortable colds; neither pronounced summer nor pronounced winter; where for the entire year there exists that delightful interlude known in the east, or elsewhere than in the section being described, as Indian Summer; where flowers bloom and grasses lengthen and fruits ripen every week in the year, and where the green pea and the strawberry—those two nobles of the garden—may be picked and served every month from January to December; where no snows, no freezing, no sunstrokes and no disastrous winds have ever been recorded, and where there are so many blandishments and other enticements of climate and of healthfulness and soil that it has become known throughout the remotest part of the United States as the gem spot of the world.

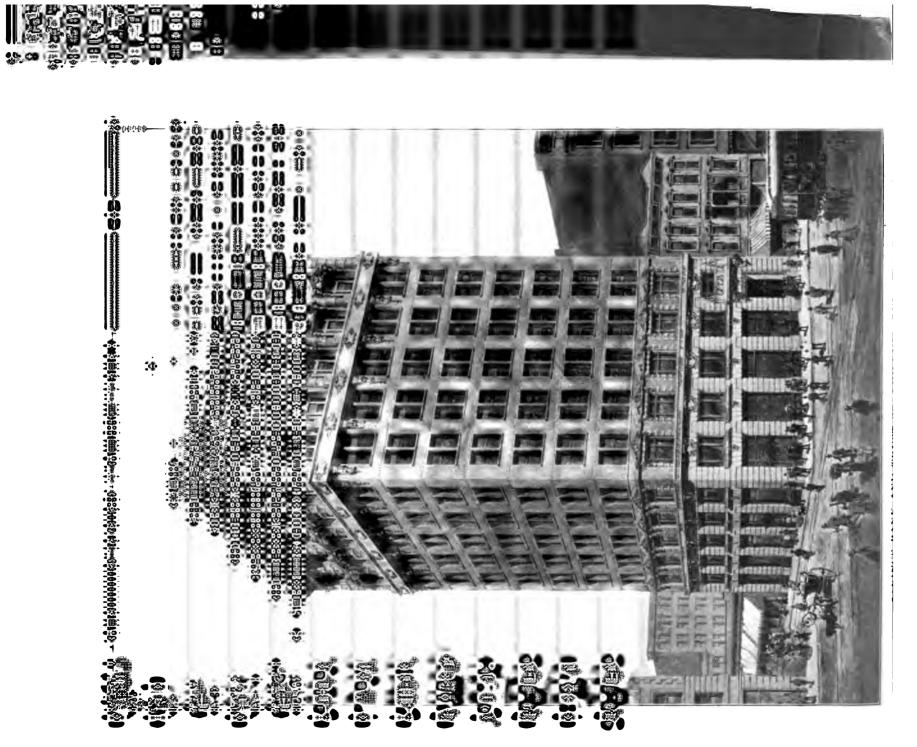
The whole of Southern California forms a panorama such as exists nowhere else on the globe, and is spread over with beautiful and thriving cities and towns, orange groves and vineyards, and thousands of magnificent homes of the cultivated and wealthy from all parts of the United States, while there are mountain resorts, and island and other seaside resorts innumerable. Go where you may throughout this favored section and you will see thousands of homes festooned in flowers the year round and surrounded by orange and lemon trees, from which fruit is picked every day in the calendar, and where the mockbird, the linnet and the thrush mingle their melodies with the fragrant spices and sweets from flower and herb.

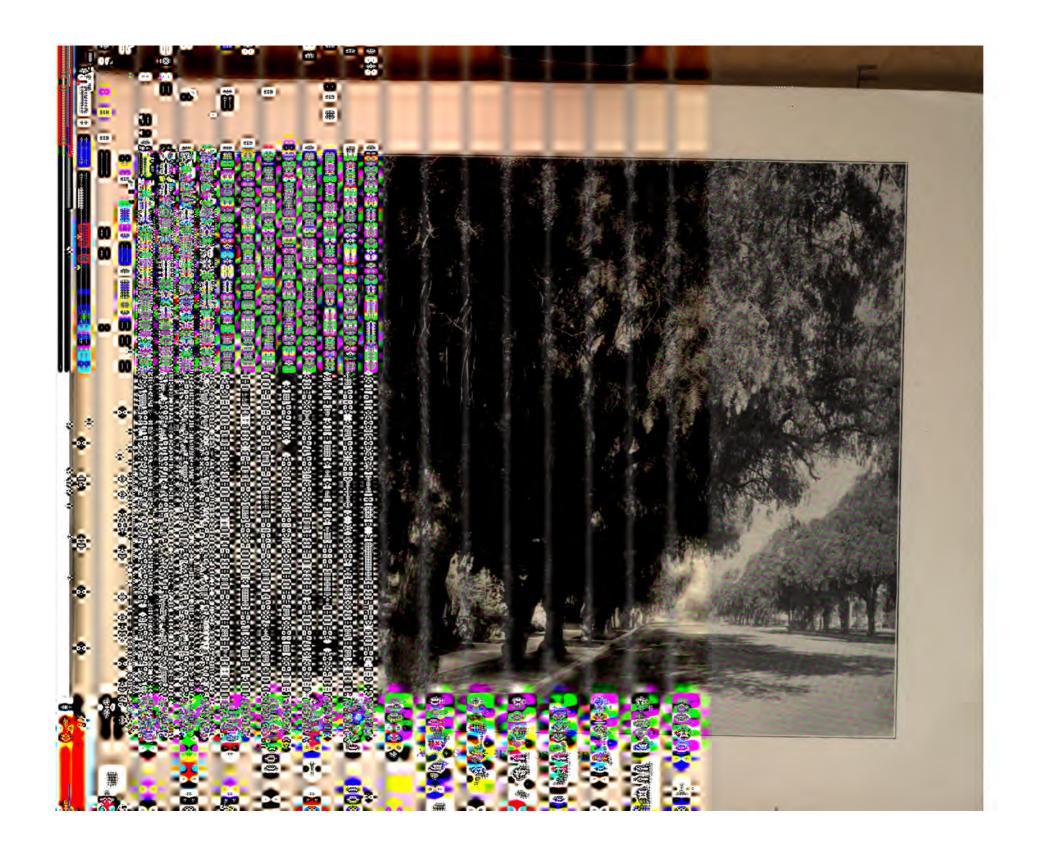
There is a flavor of romance about orange growing that captivates seekers after occidental homes. It strikes them as the most fascinating of all the occupations of husbandry, where there is enticing labor among perennial verdure and fragrant blossoms which are supposed to produce a bountiful harvest of doubly golden fruit. The habitat of the orange is suggestive of a good rich soil and of a semi-tropical climate. And while the young tree is coy and sometimes wayward and requires intelligent and affectionate caressing, it is neither difficult to manage nor abstruse in the theories which make it an appreciative and profitable pet.

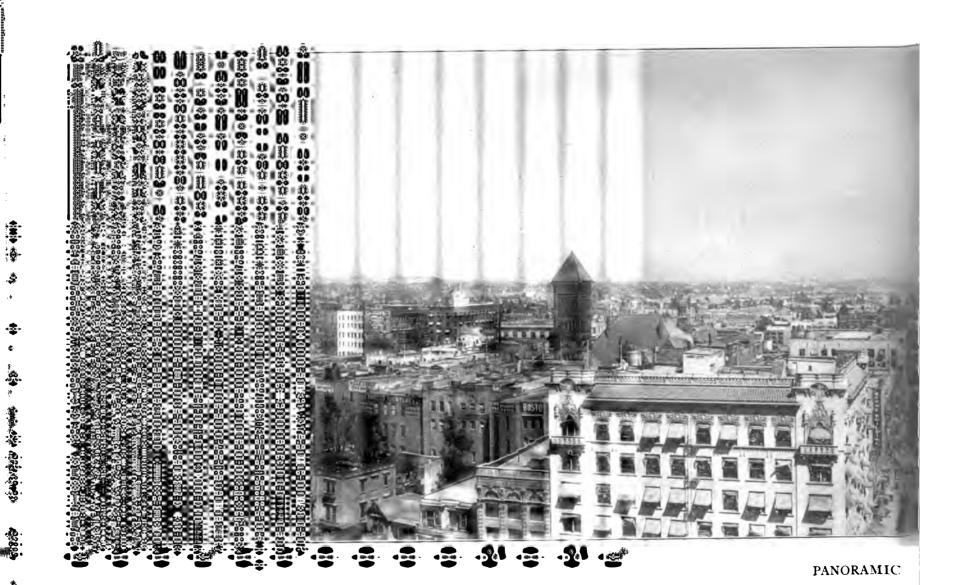
When all things are considered, therefore, Southern California is by far the most beautiful and generally attractive section of country in the world, and is so pronounced by all cultivated travelers and eastern tourists. Take Los Angeles: It lies midway between sea and mountain; and there are times during what is termed the winter months elsewhere when persons may indulge in snow-balling or sleigh-riding in the woods along the railroad up Mount Lowe and in two or three hours afterward frolic in the waves at Santa Monica, Long Beach or San Pedro. Such a thing is impossible anywhere else in the world. With the bare exception of Nice—where the climate is semitropical, of course, yet often bleak and humid—there is no city on the globe to be at all compared with Los Angeles, whose attractions cannot be adequately enumerated. Nowhere are there so many lovely homes and so many magnificent gardens. Nowhere are there grander mountains or more enticing slopes and valleys. Meat, fish, game, poultry, fruits and flowers are within the reach of everyone every day in the year. Its systems of railroads far surpass those of San Francisco or any other city of the Pacific Coast. Its electric street railways have much more mileage than any other city of its size in any country. And nearly as much may be said of all the fine cities of this remarkable Southern California country. San Diego and its interior valleys and hillsides are the most desirable places even in California for people suffering from pulmonary, neuralgic and many other complaints. Her mountains abound in pine groves and ice-cold springs of crystal water and her sea breezes are delicious beyond description. Pasadena, Redlands and Riverside are gems that carry ecstasy to all hearts. And Santa Barbara—that pearl of a place—boasts a climate so salubrious and so delightful, and a situation so enchanting, as to make all other places jealous of its irresistible charms. And then there is that entrancing island of Santa Catalina, less than thirty miles from San Pedro, whose witchery of situation and loveliness of clime constitute a veritable Vallambrosa, where the seeker after health or rest or piscatorial adventure revels in his ideal. A selected number of the salient features described are presented in the following pages, which have been prepared with great care and considerable expense, as the accuracy of reproduction, elegant paper and excellent printing amply testify.

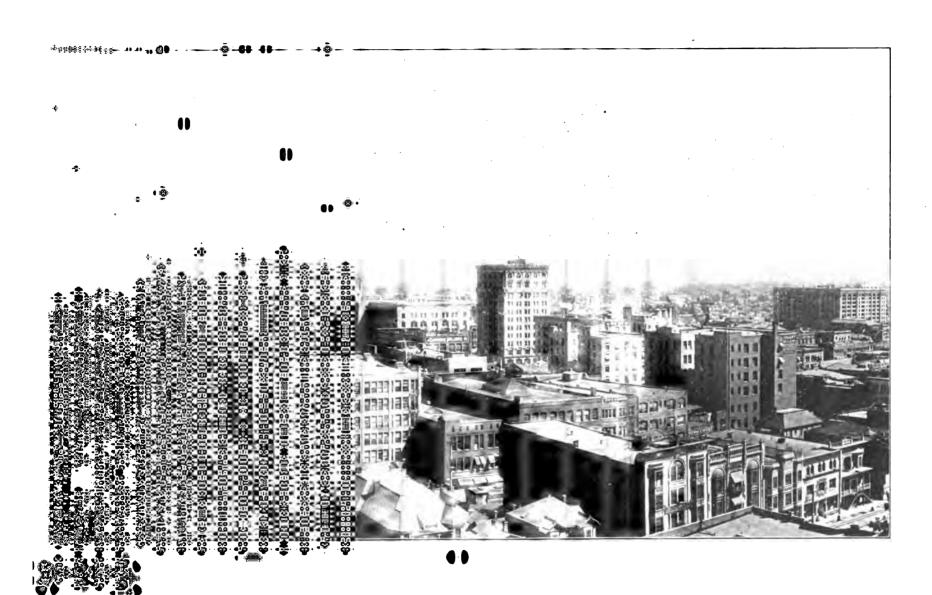


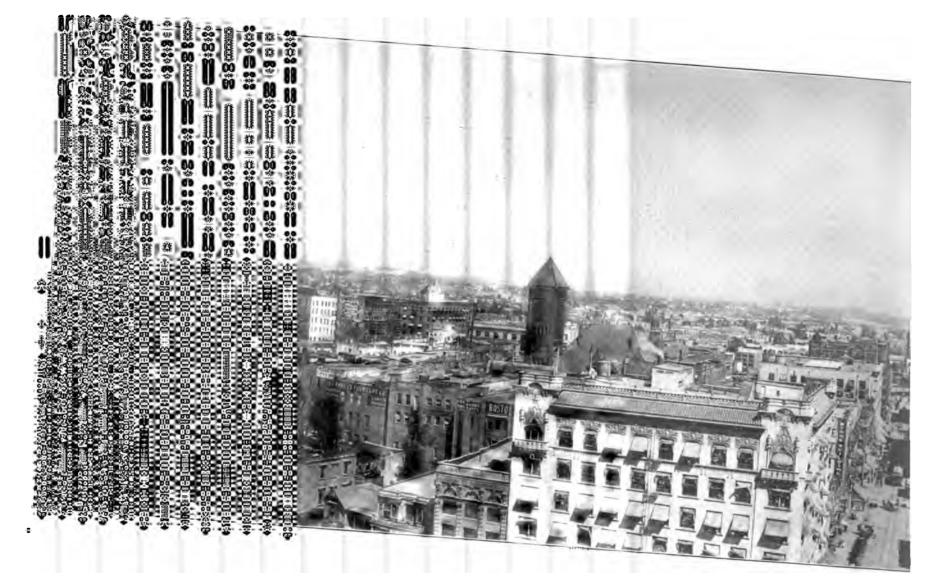












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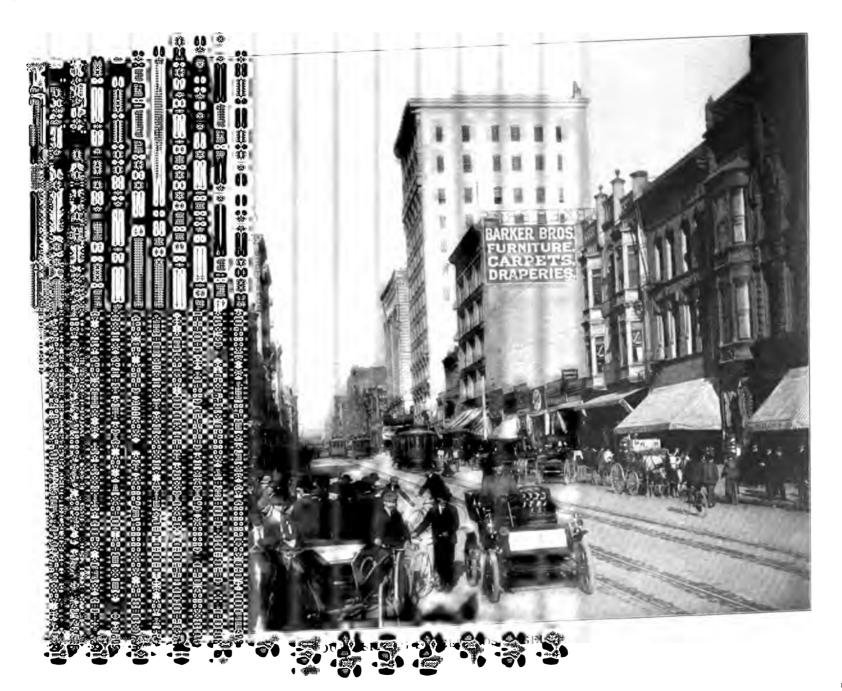




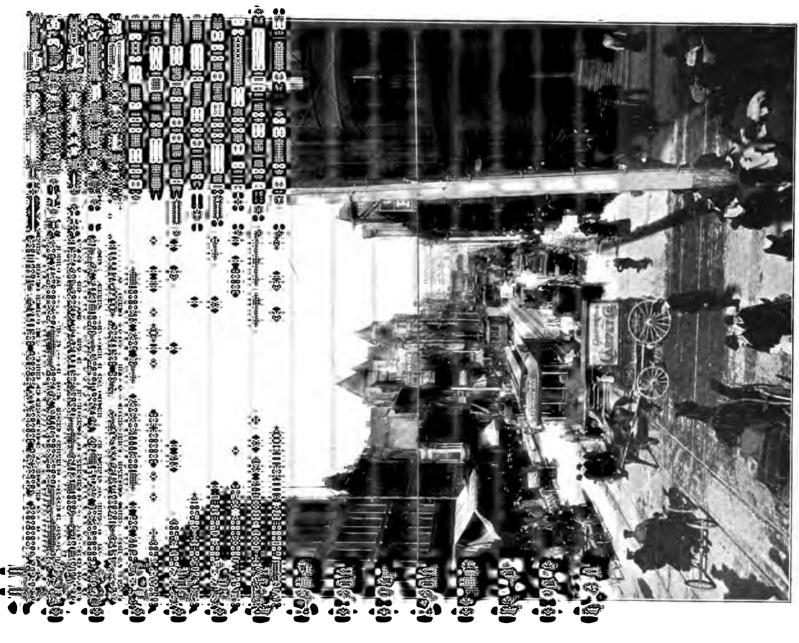






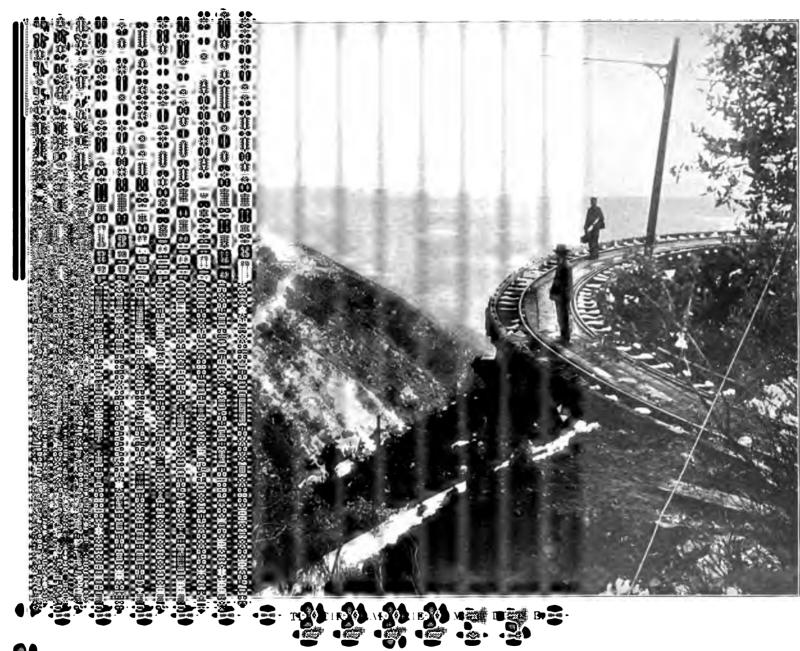






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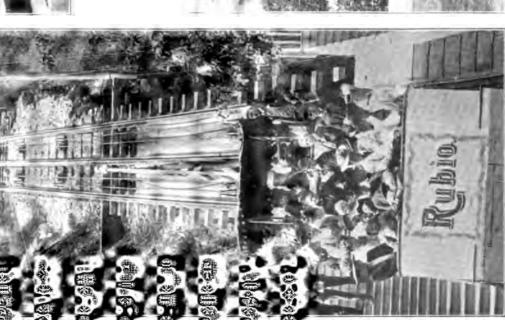
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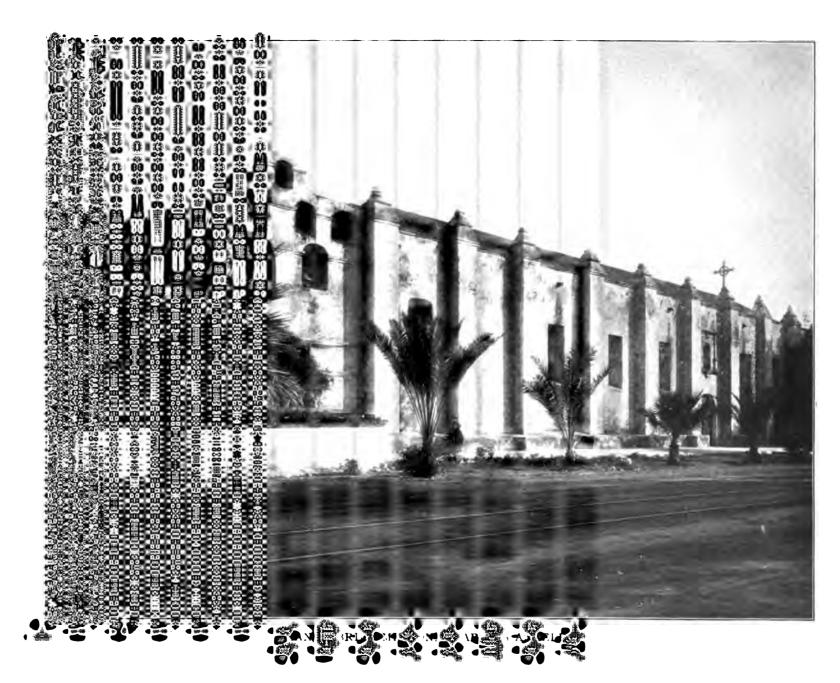
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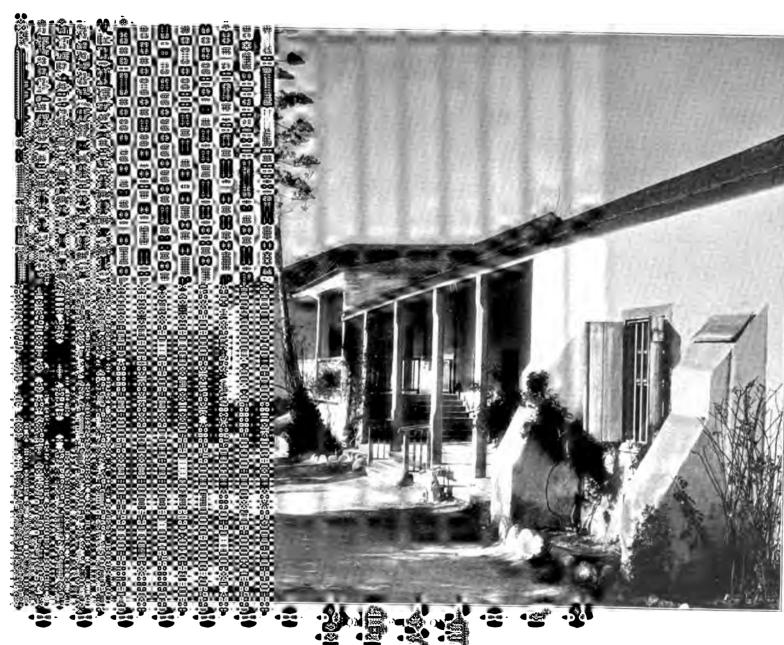
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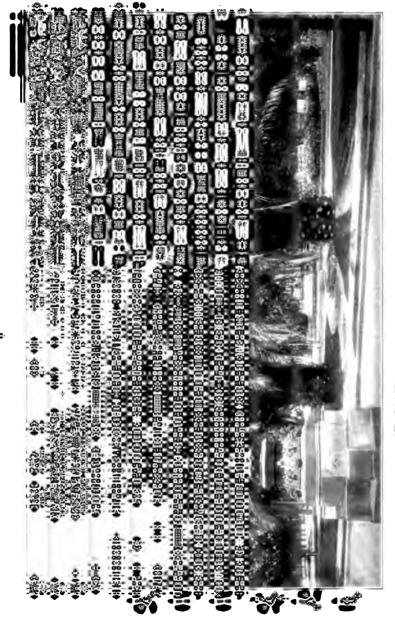


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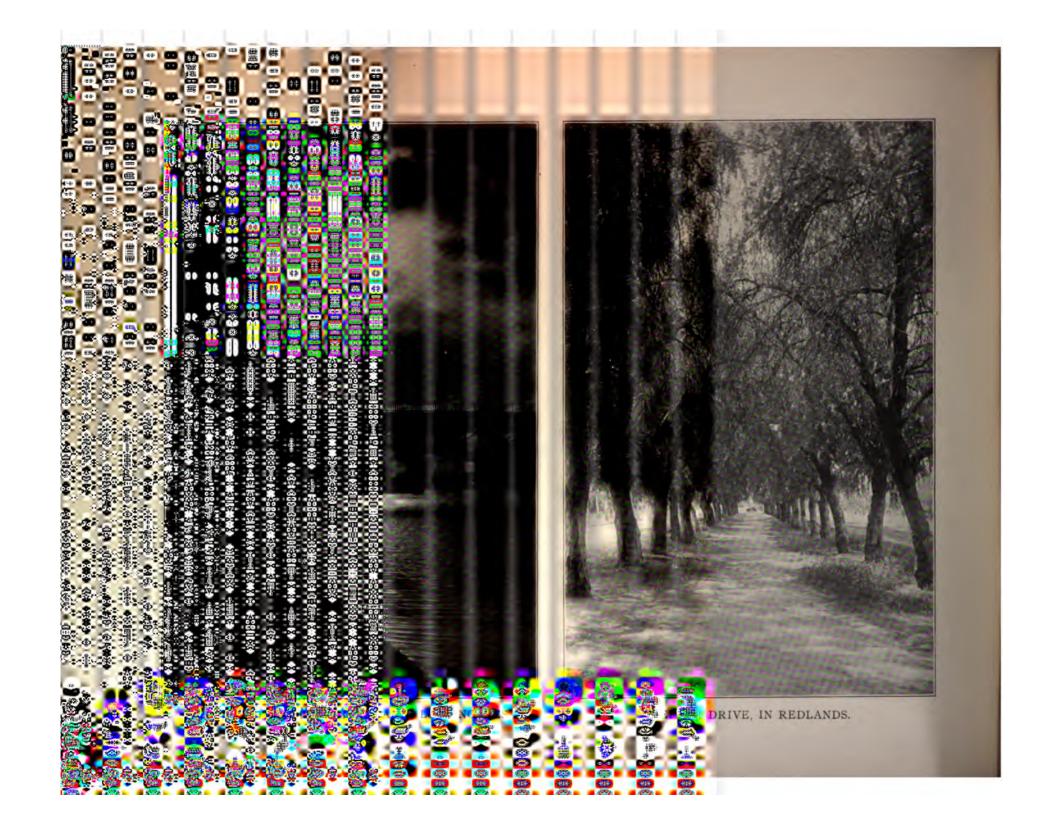


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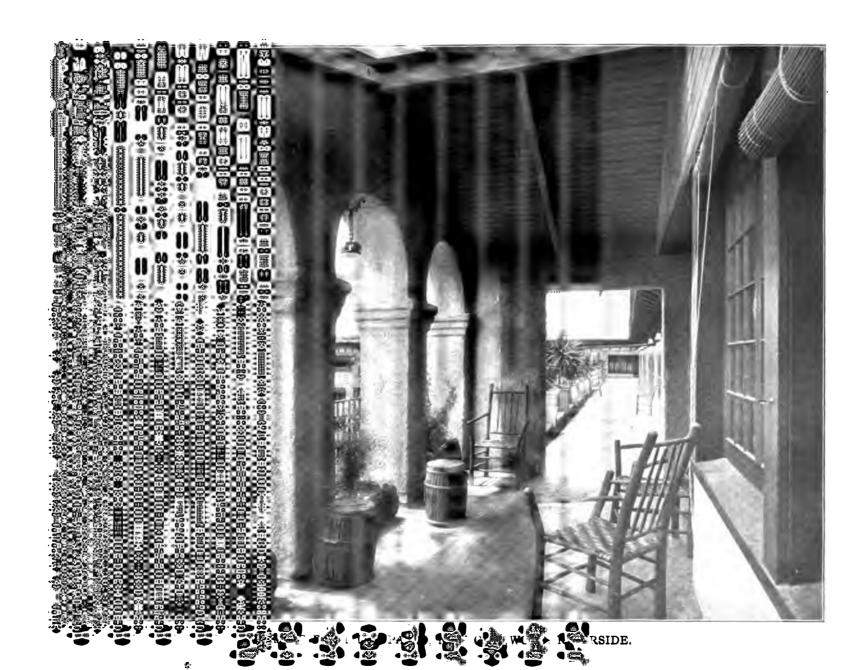


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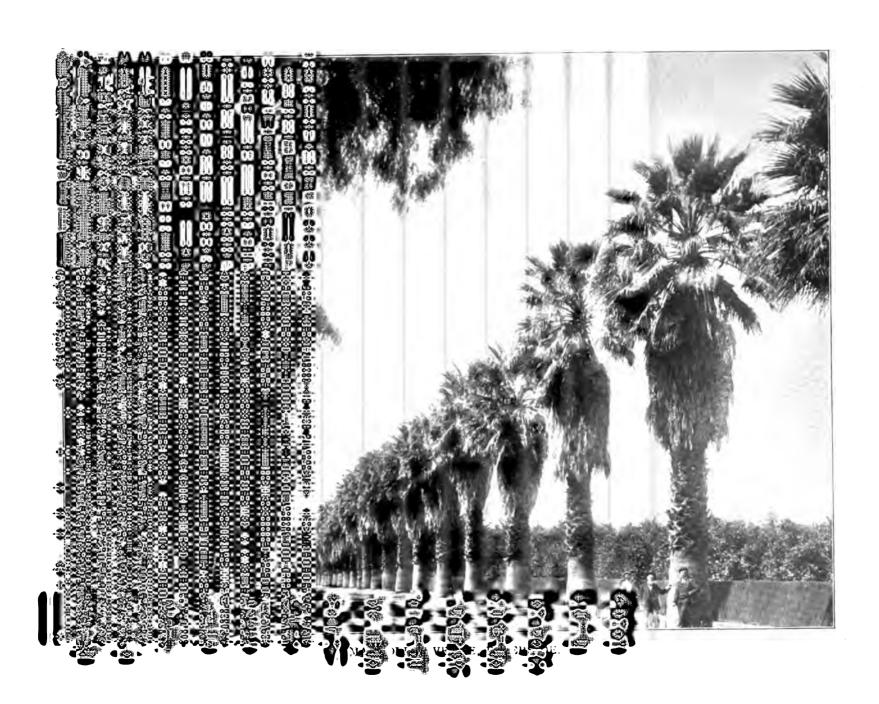


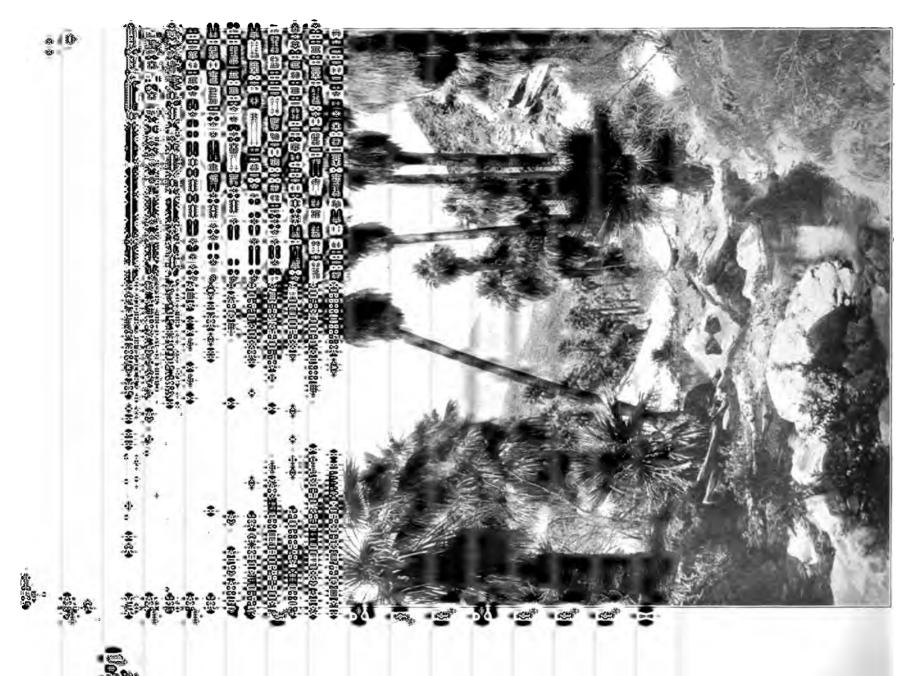
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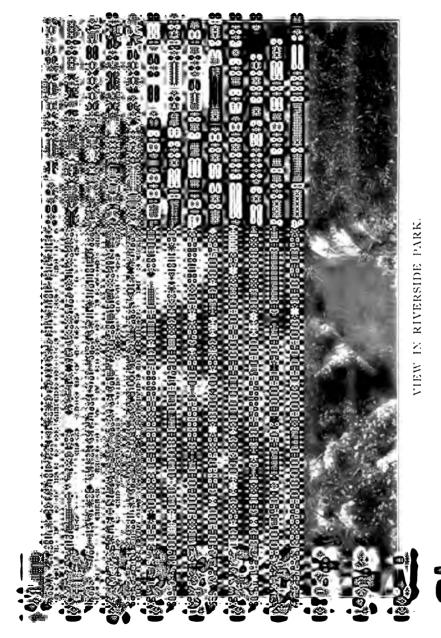


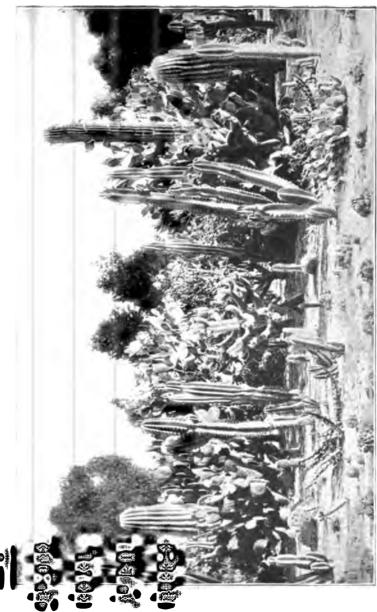






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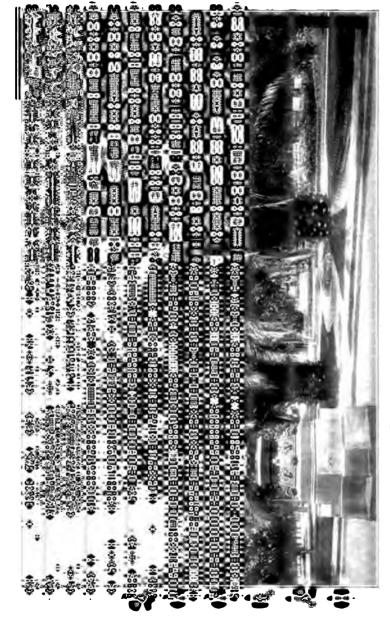




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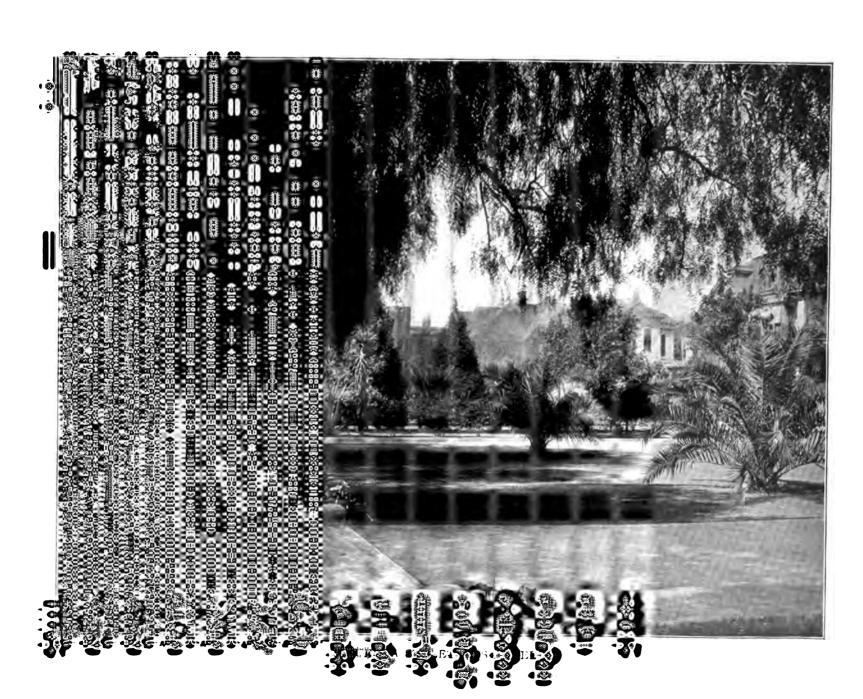




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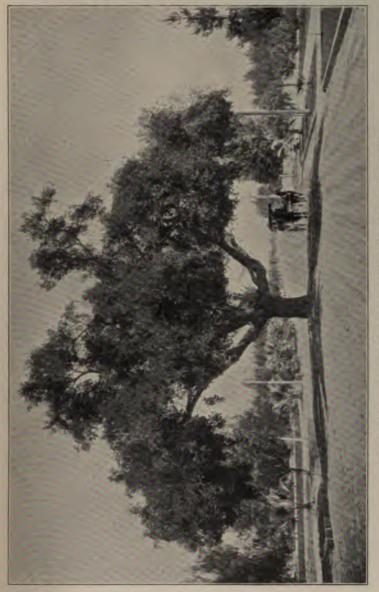




ORANGES AND ROSES.



PEPPERS AND BLOSSOMS.

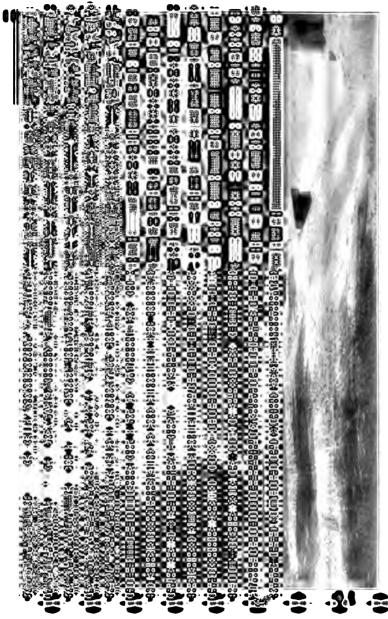


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CAWSTON OSTRICH FARM, SOUTH PASADENA.

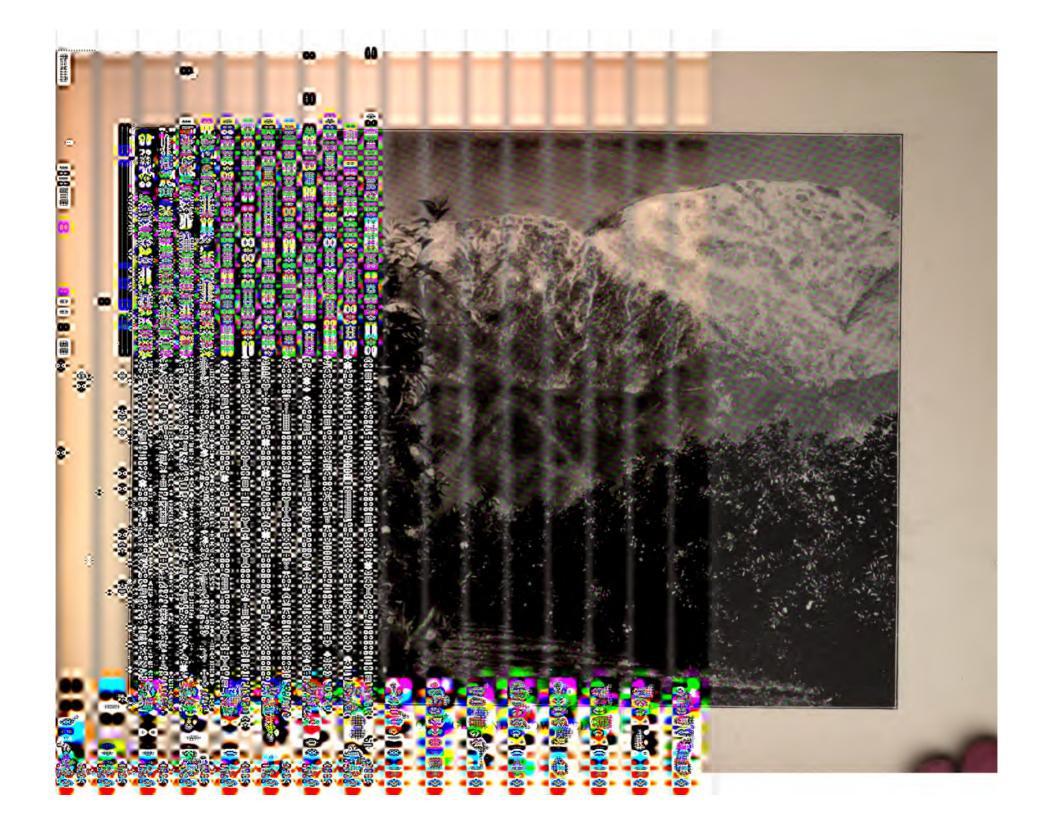




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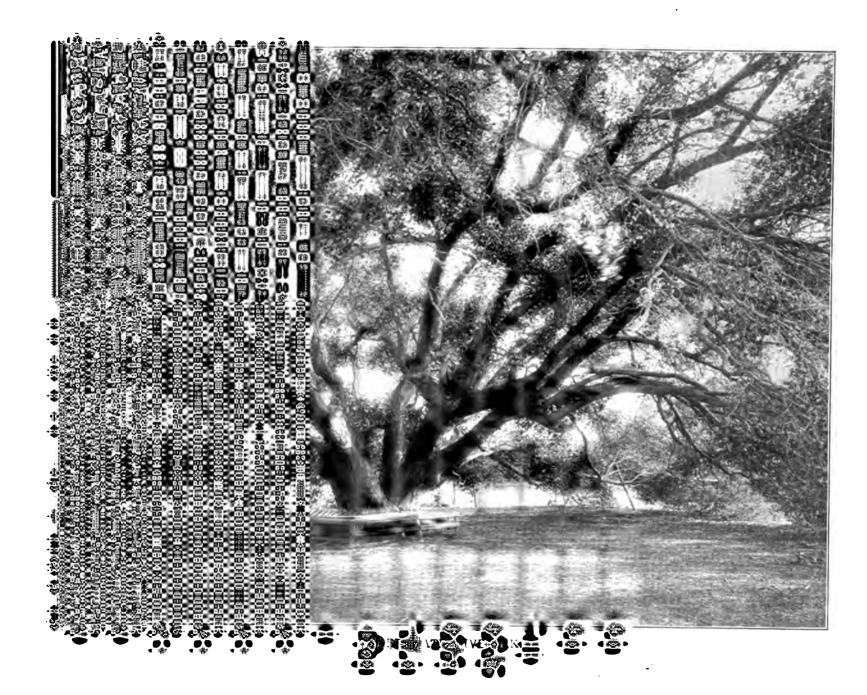




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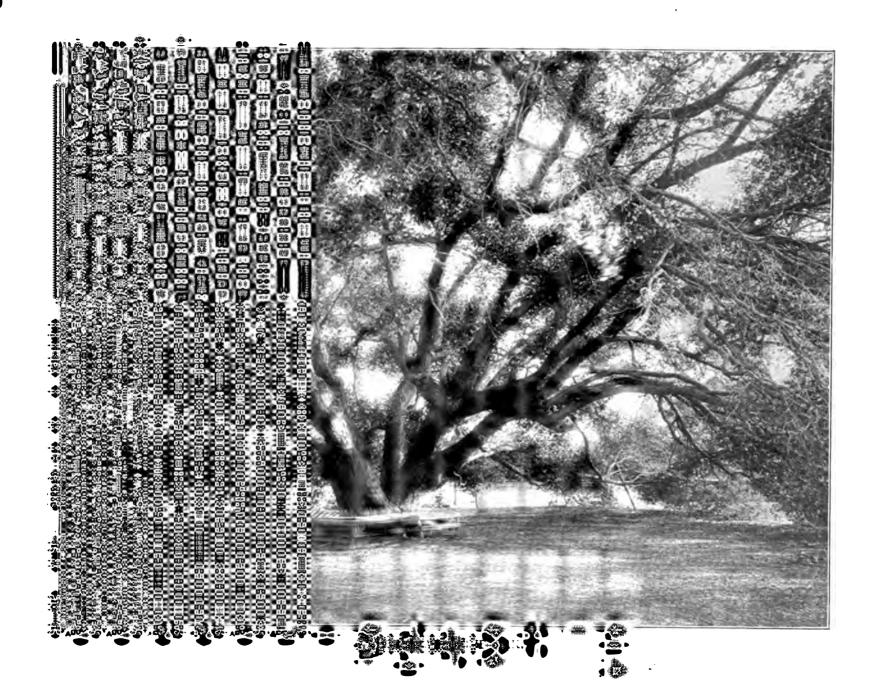


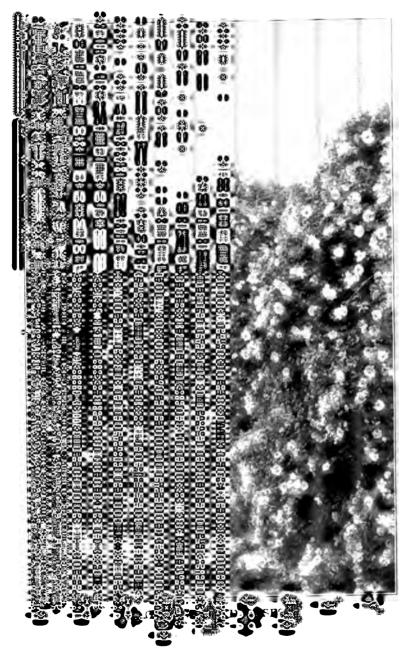


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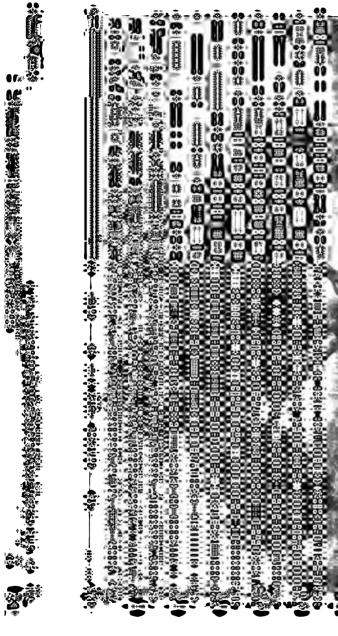




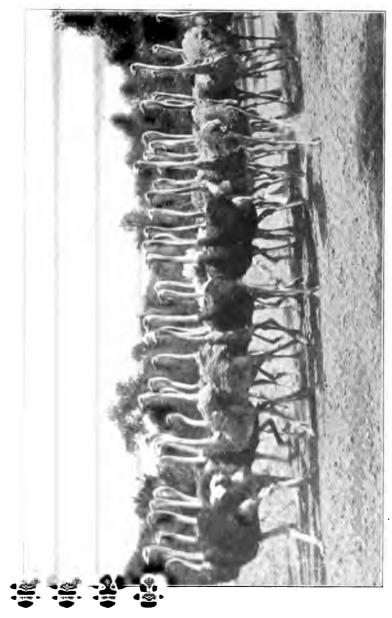




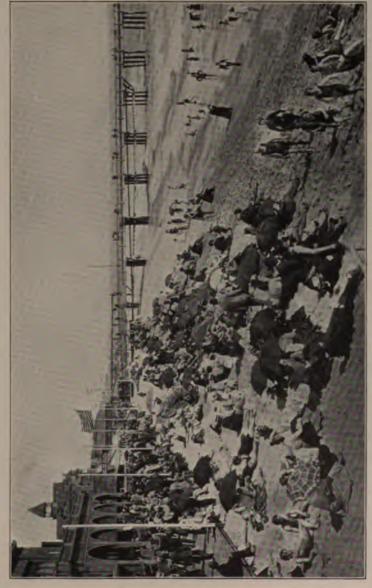




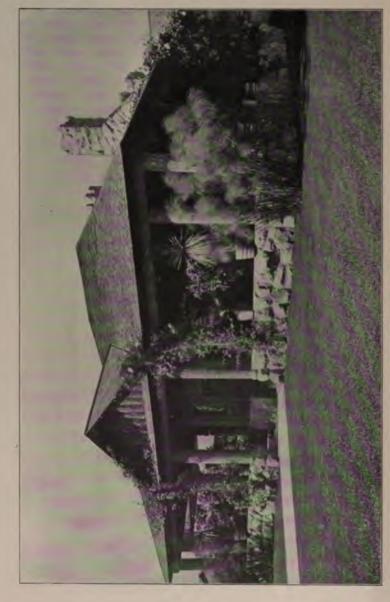
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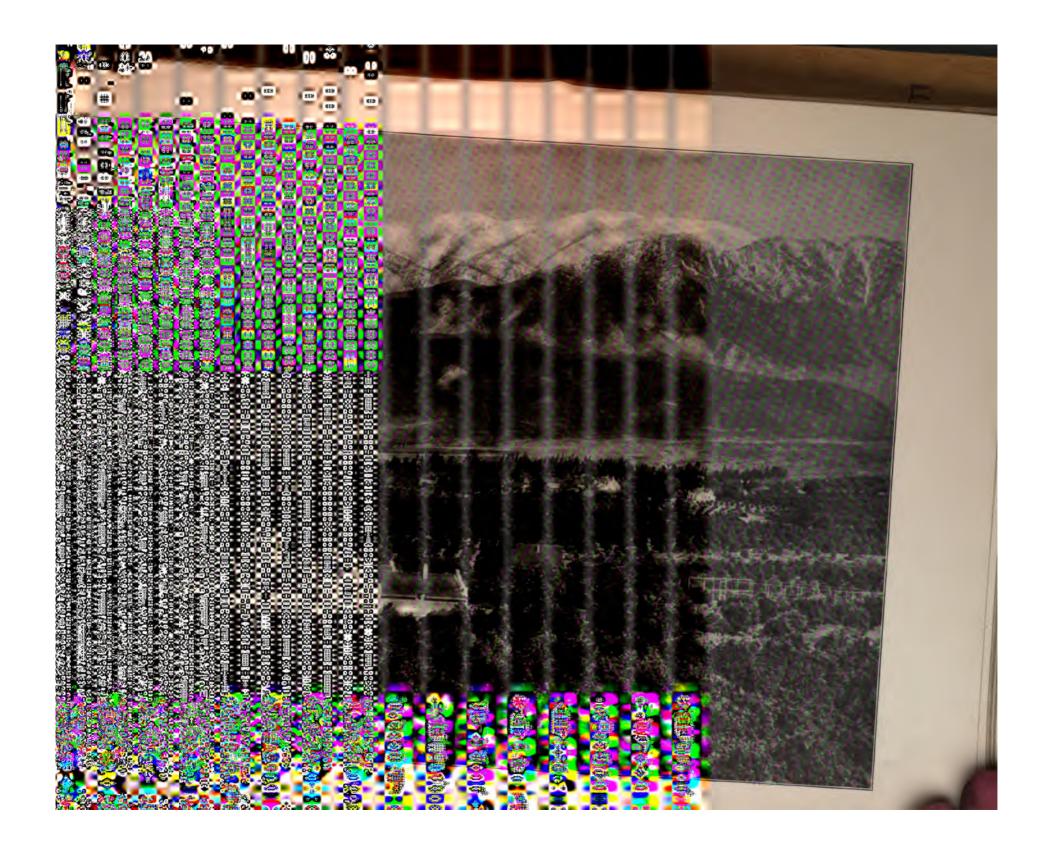
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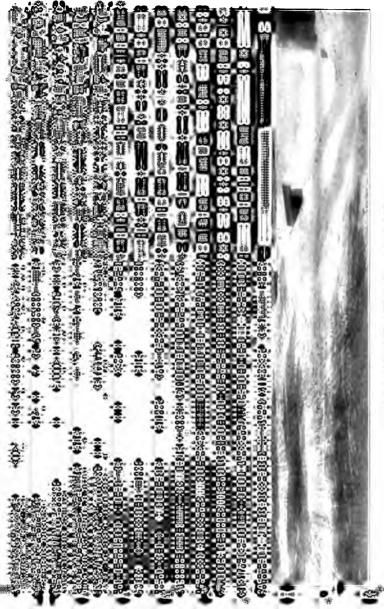


ON THE BEACH, SANTA MONICA.

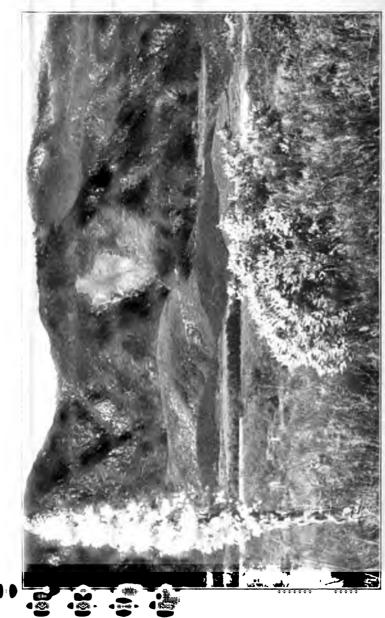


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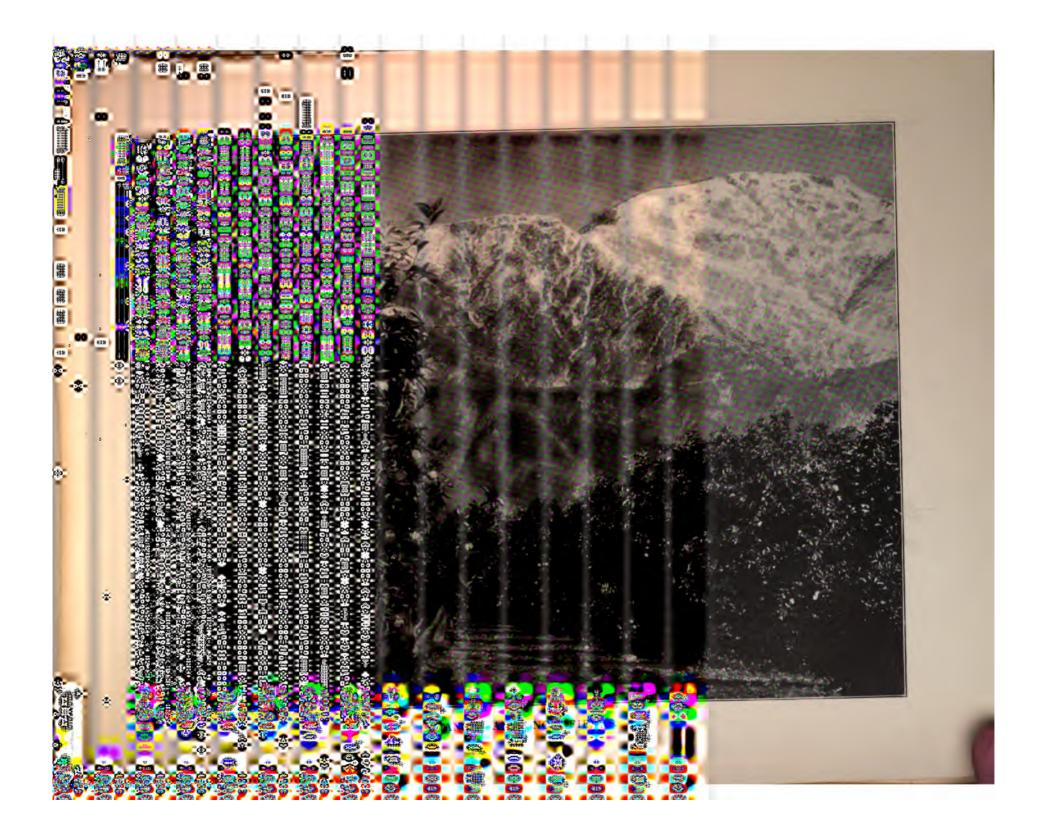


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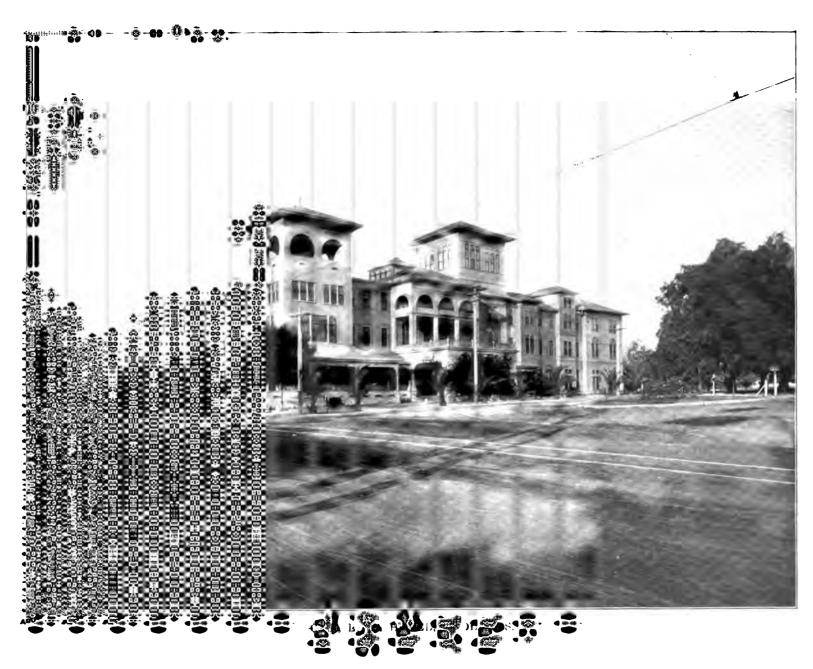




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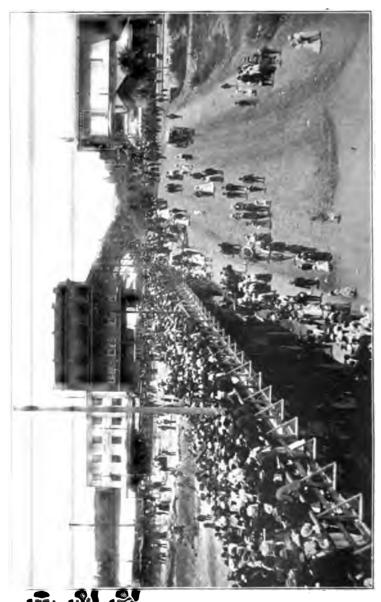


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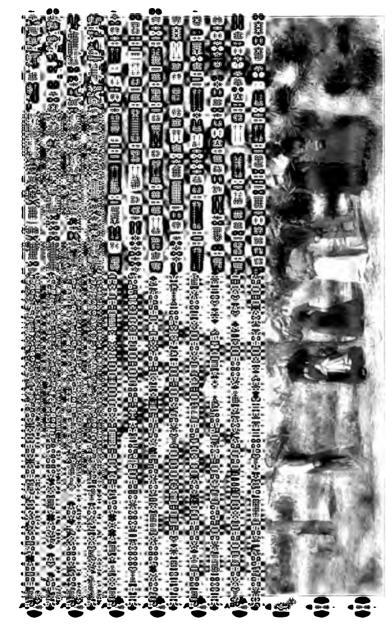


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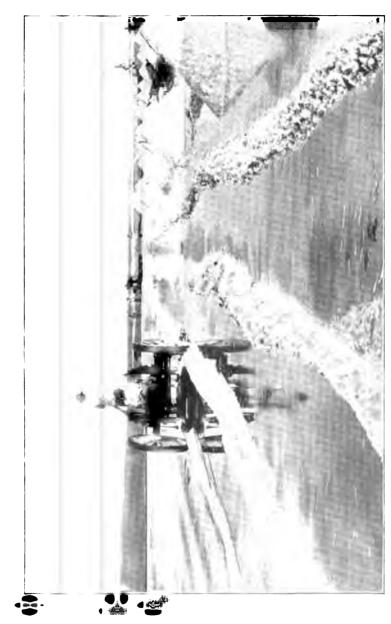


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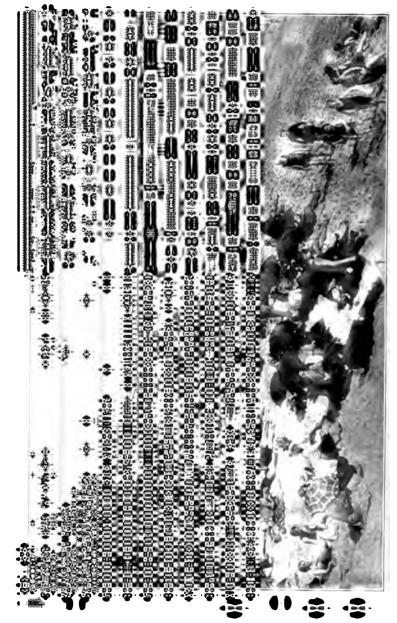


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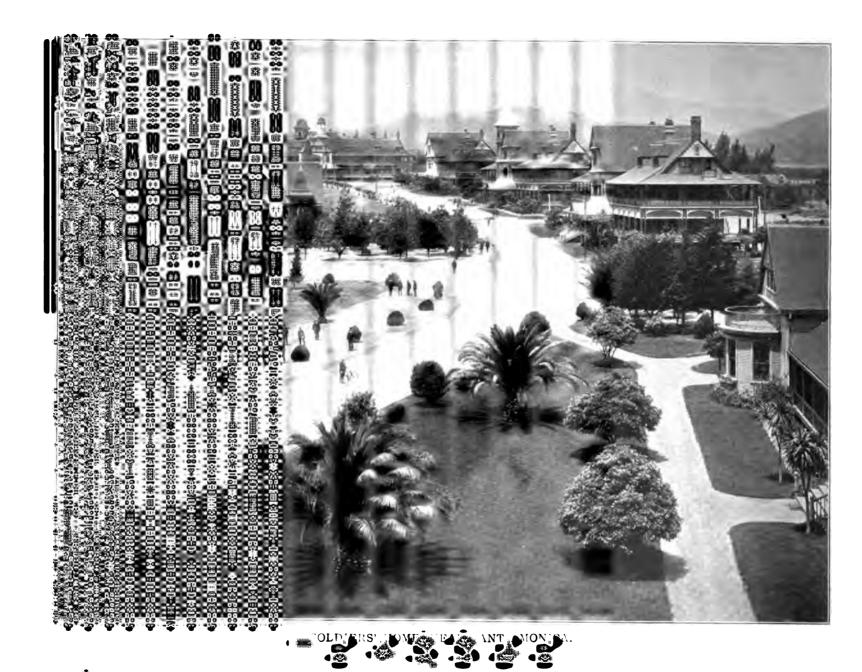
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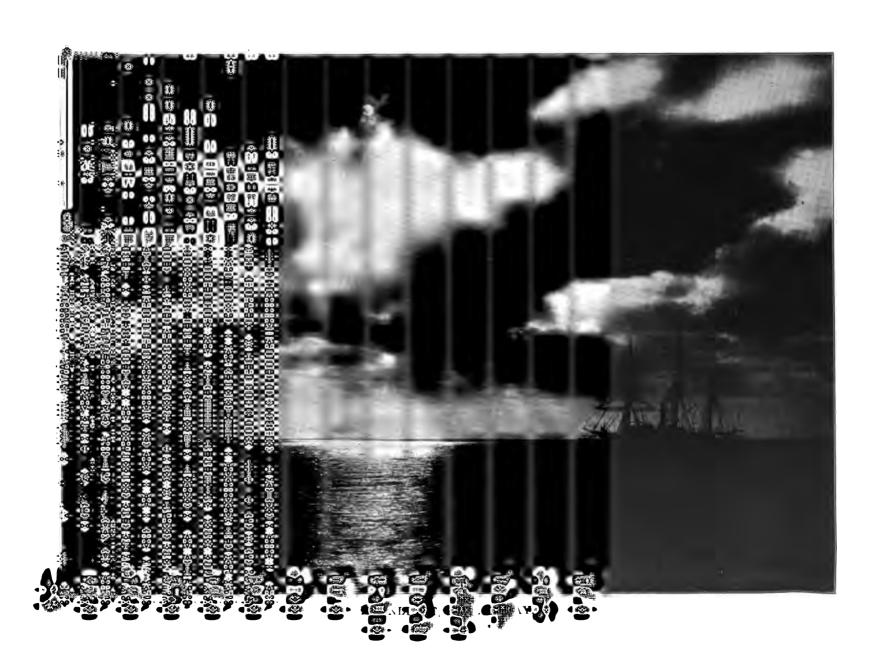
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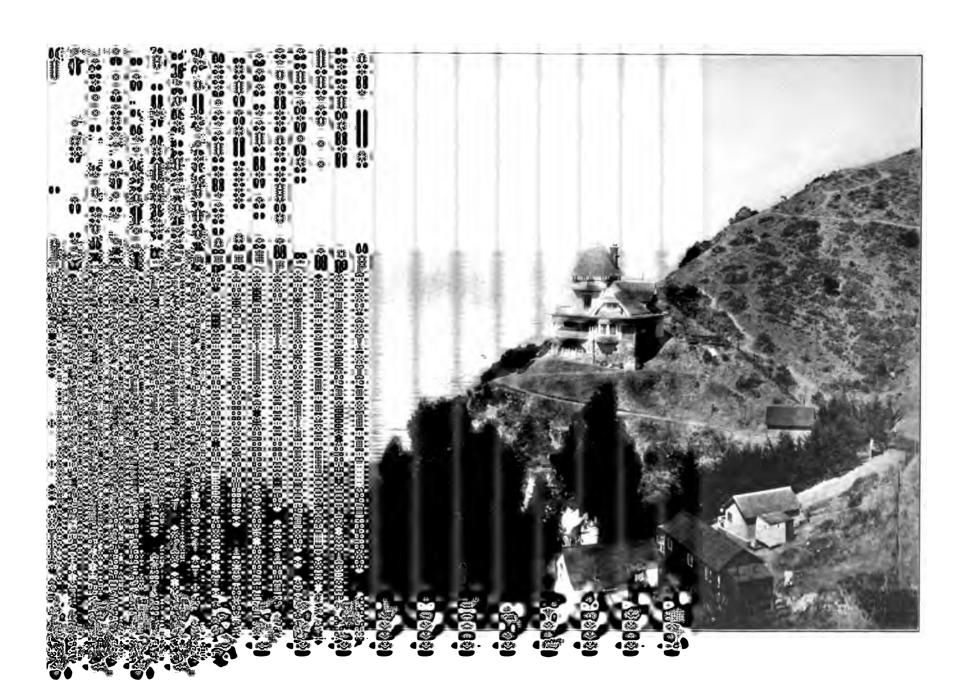
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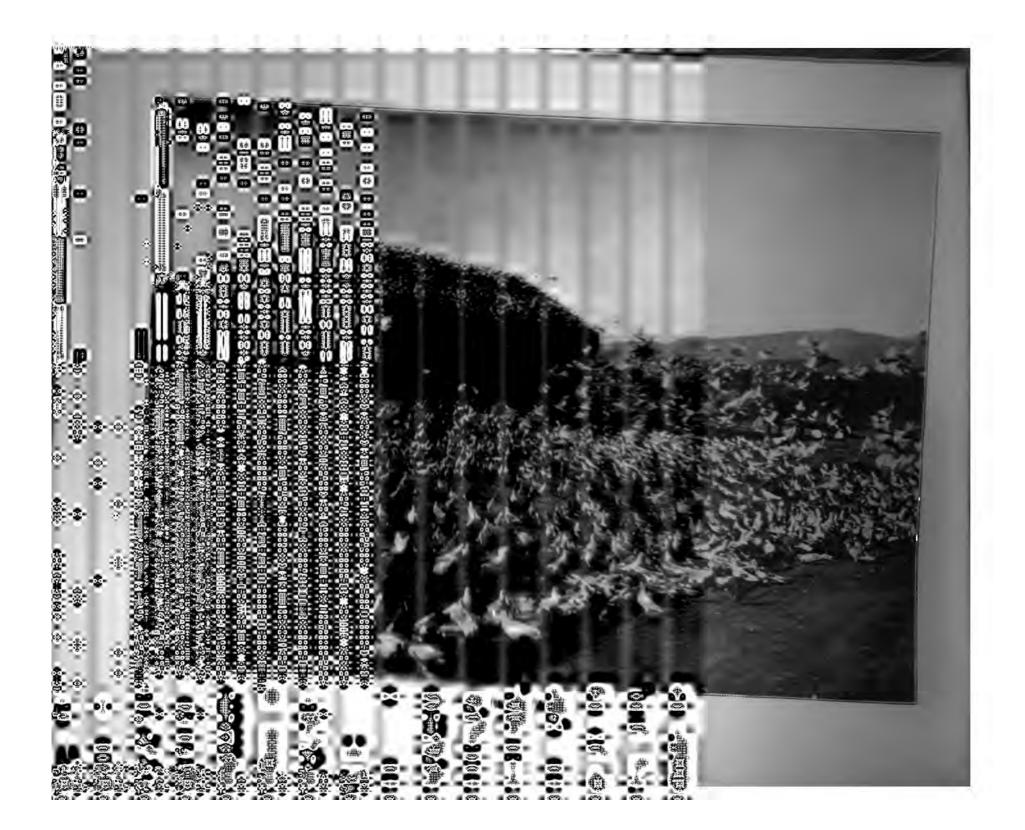


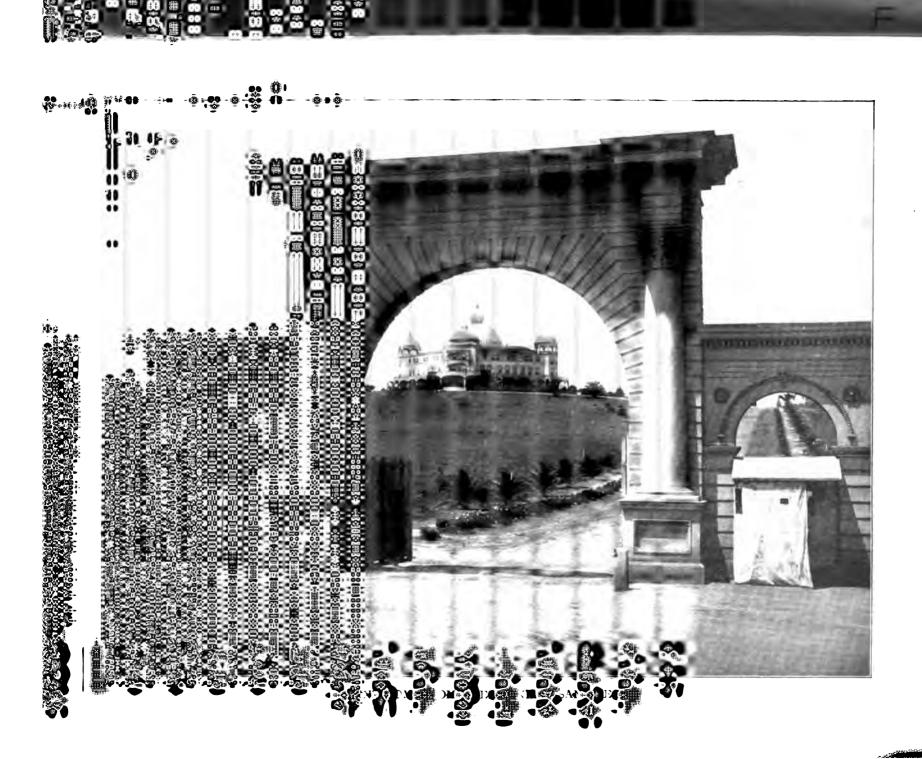
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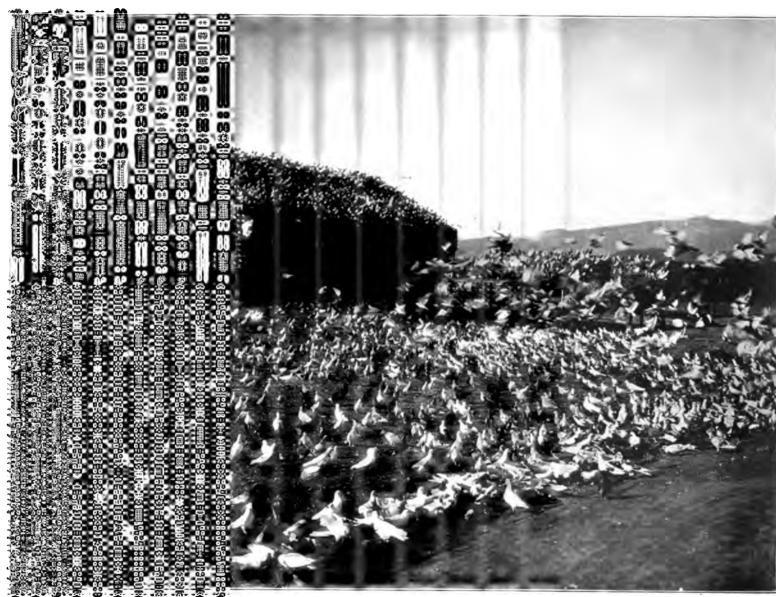


SOLDIERS' HOME, NEAR SANTA MONICA.





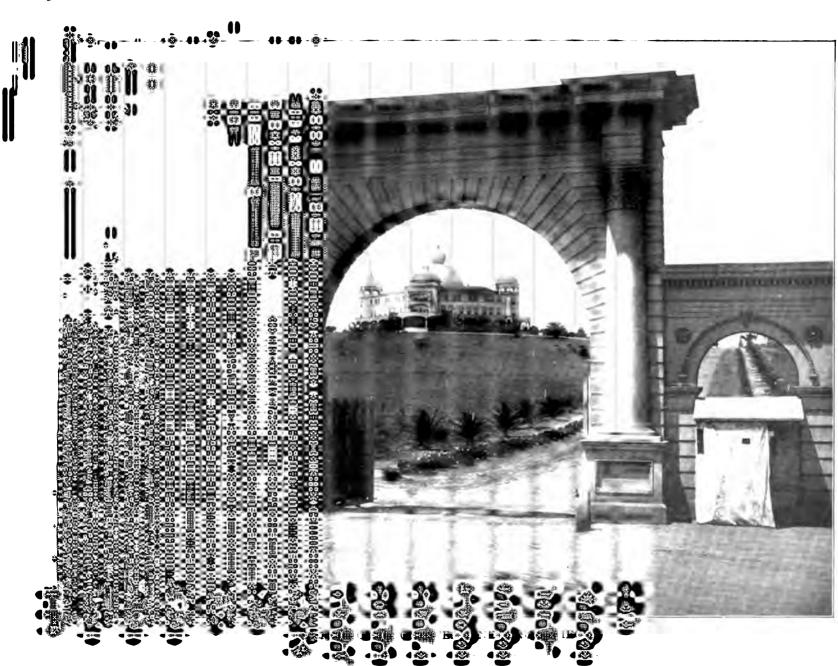


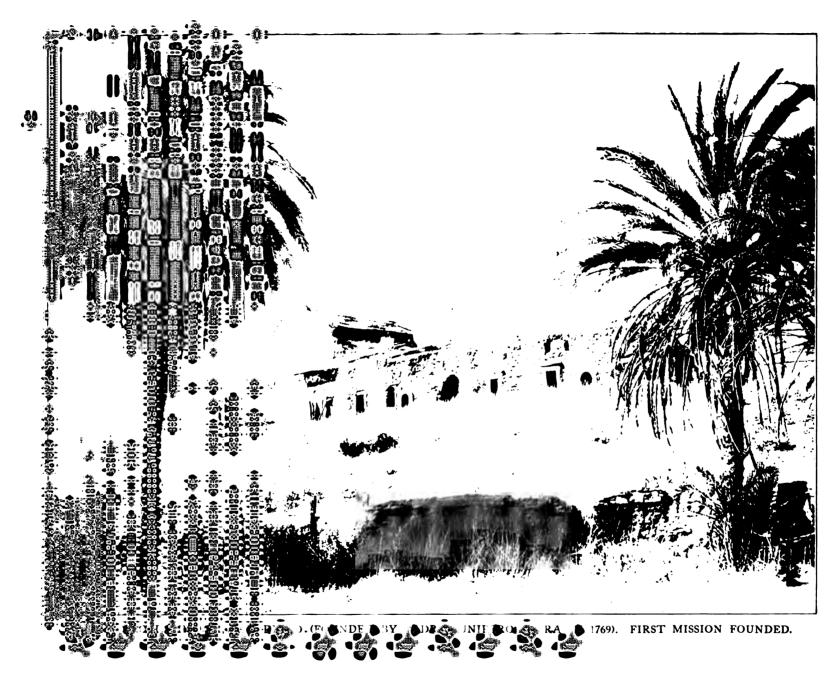




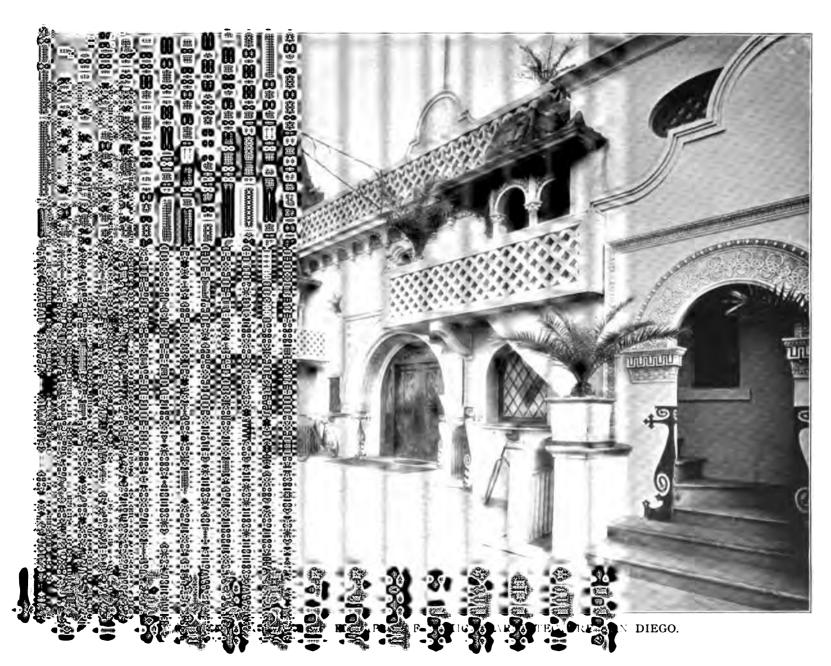
















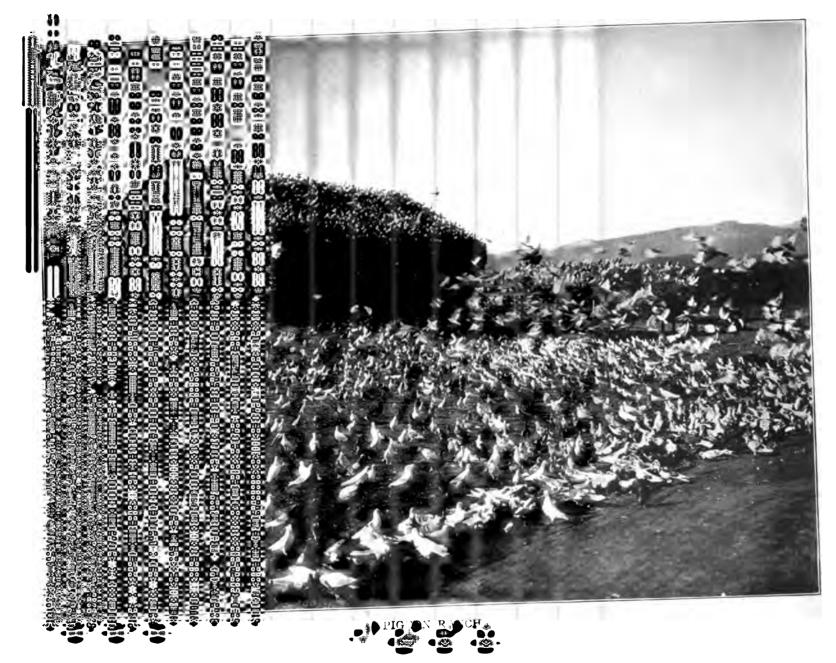
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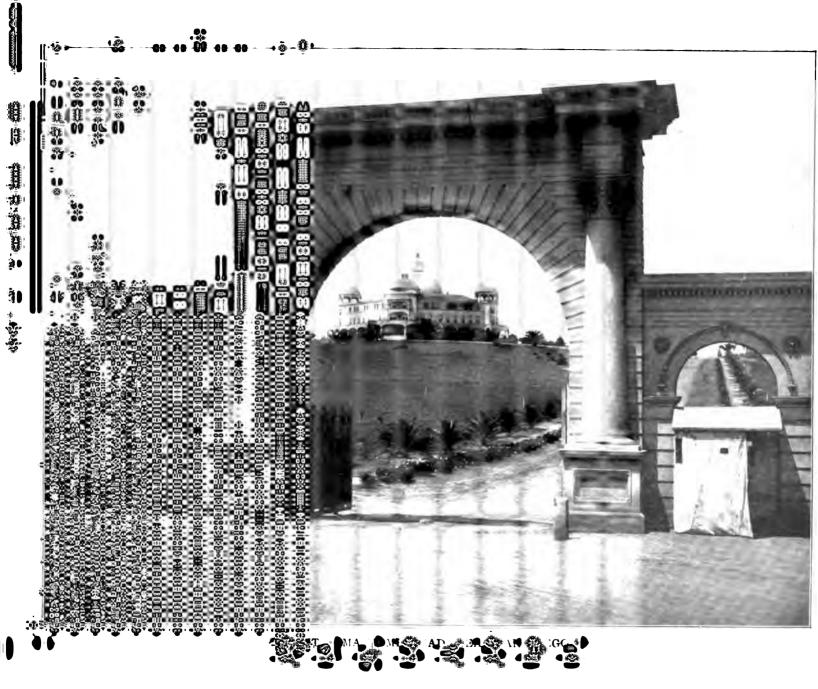
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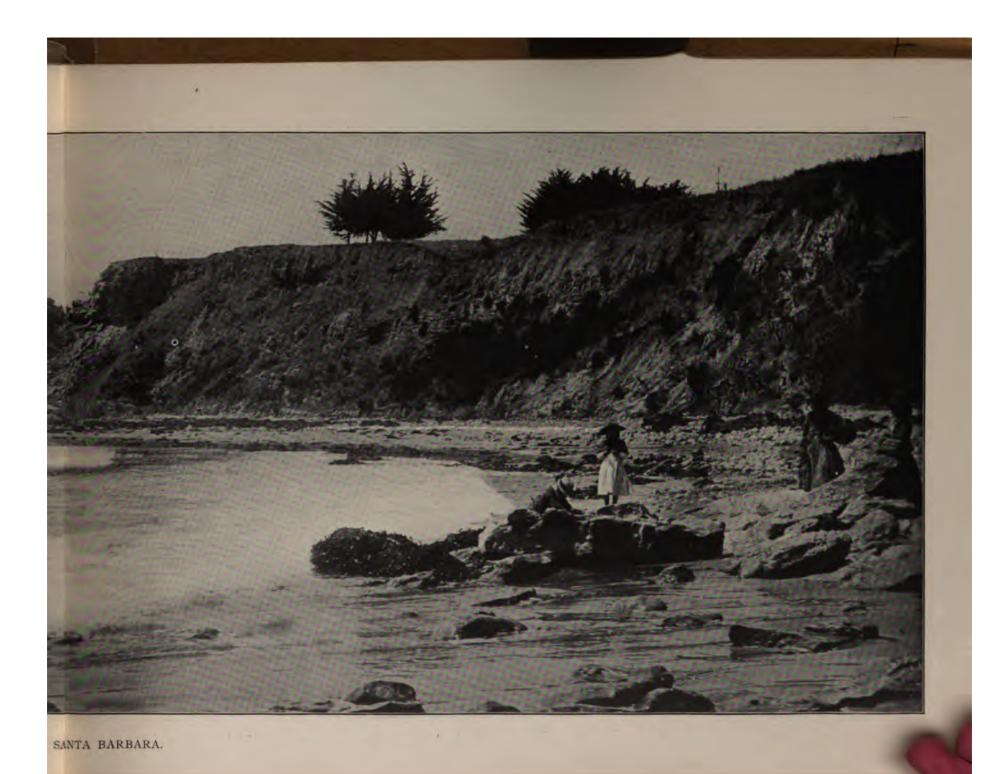


















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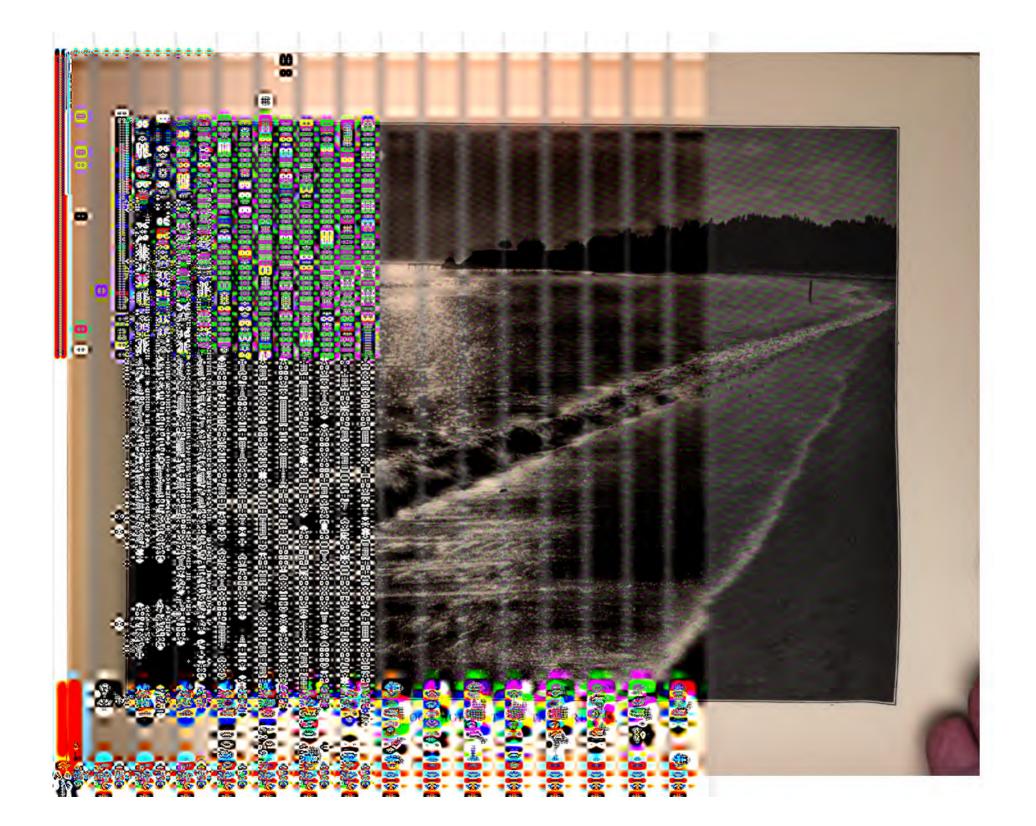


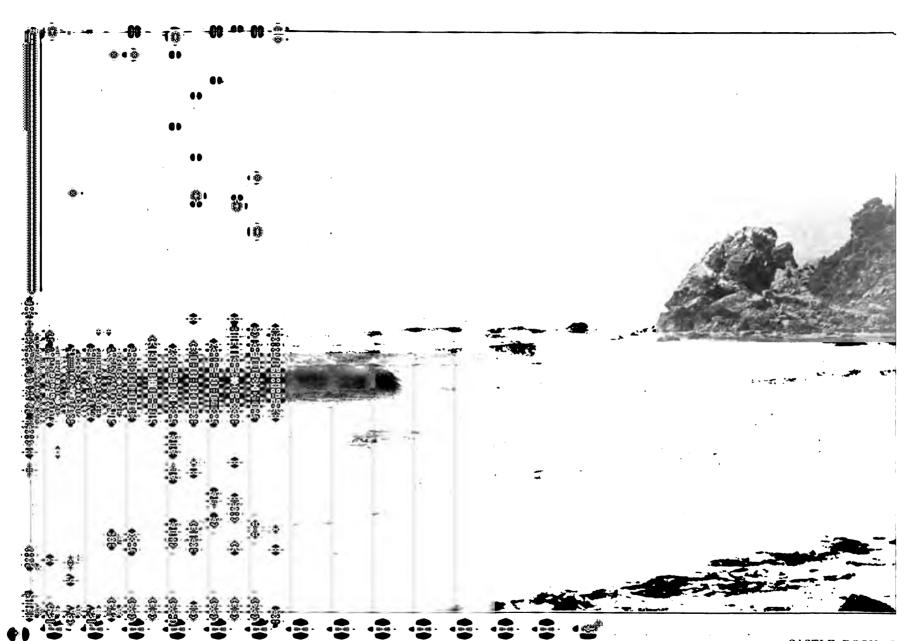




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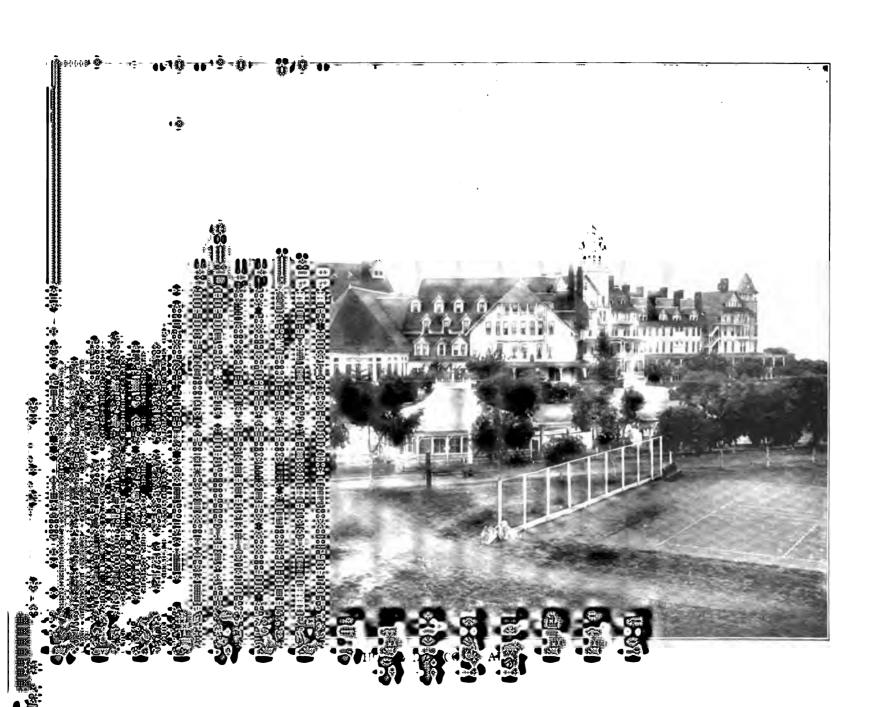






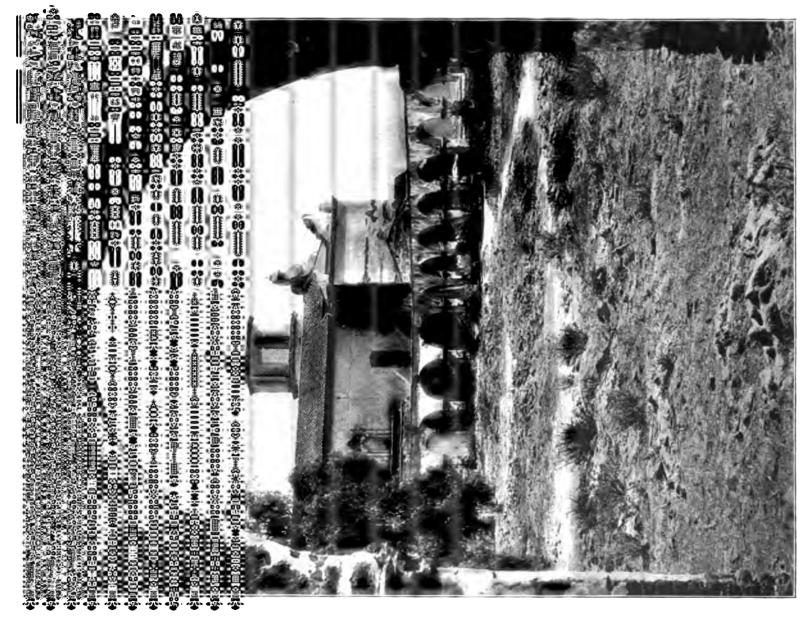


LARGEST GRAPE-VINE IN THE WORLD, AT MONTECITO, NEAR SANTA BARBARA.

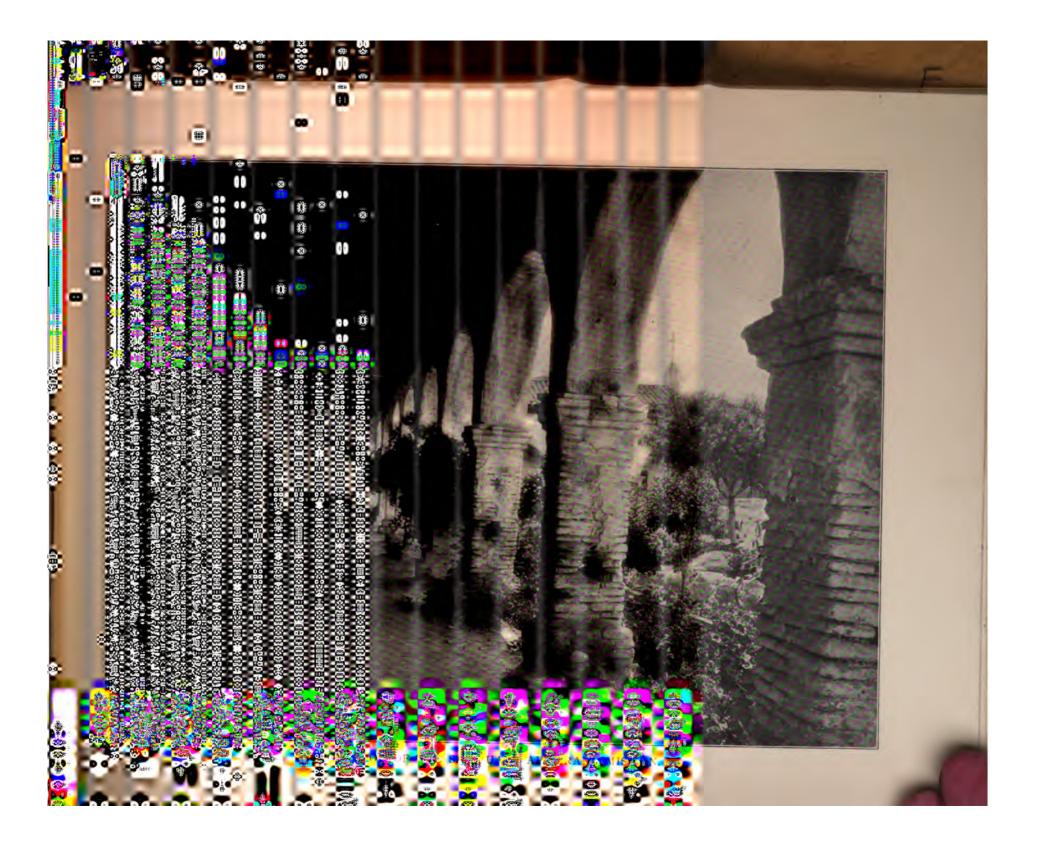


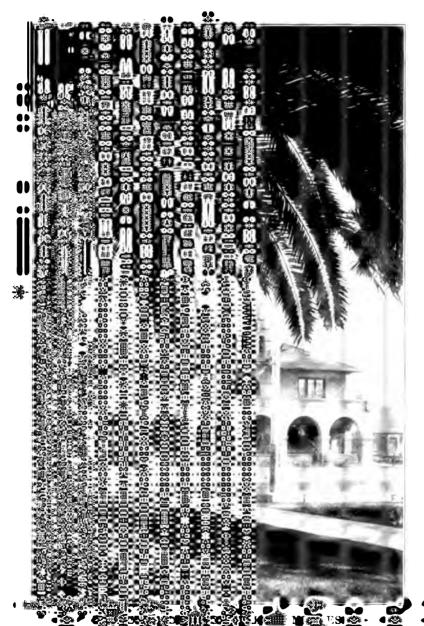


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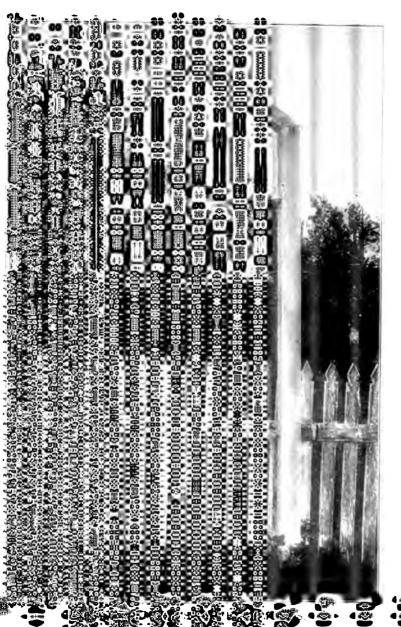
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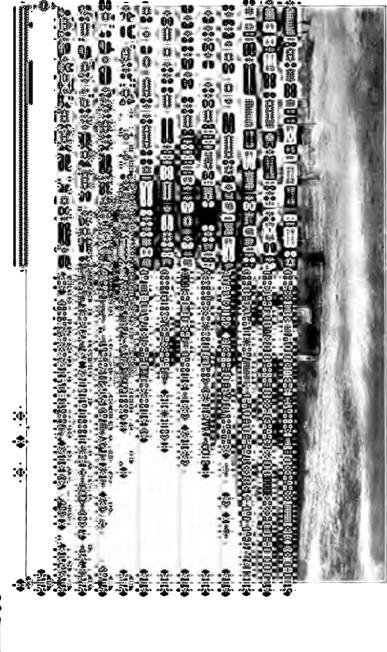


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A PEACEFUL REVERIE.





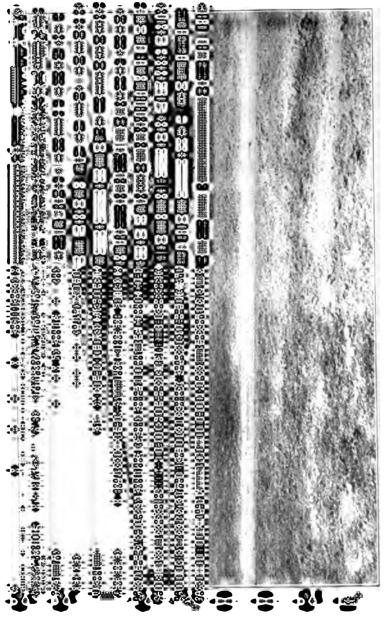
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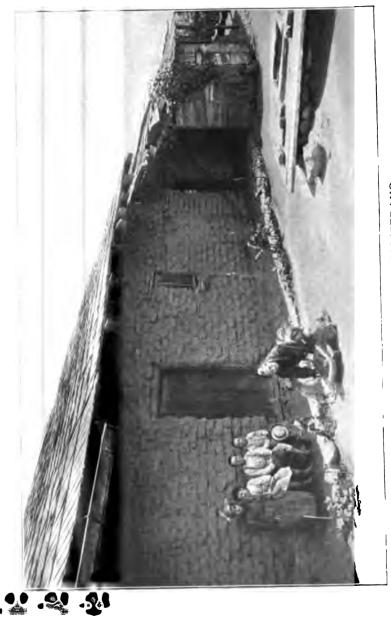
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