

Mission, Valencia, Thirteenth, and Fifteenth streets. Four of the principal lines of city street cars pass close to them, one of them belonging to the proprietor and known as the City Railroad. The number of visitors to Woodward's Gardens during the year 1873 is given at 580,000. The price of admission to this delightful resort, including participation in all its pleasures, only costs the visitor twenty-five cents.

**THE CITY GARDENS.**—This resort is a vigorous rival to Woodward's Gardens for the patronage of the recreation-loving public. The class of attractions presented in it are somewhat akin to those offered at Woodward's, so far as theatrical representations, balloon ascensions, balls, natural wonders, etc., are concerned. The grounds are beautifully laid out and highly ornamented with shade trees, shrubbery, fancy arbors, etc. They are bounded by Folsom, Harrison, Eleventh, and Twelfth streets. These gardens are extensively patronized by pleasure parties generally. The charge for admission at all times is twenty-five cents.

**THE PARKS AND PLEASURE RESORTS OF SAN FRANCISCO.**—If this city cannot boast of such parks as the New York Central, the London Regent's, or the Paris Bois de Boulogne, it can point with pride to the fact that a view of the Pacific Ocean, from shore to horizon, may be had from its Golden Gate and other parks. This fact alone, from a hygienic and aesthetic standpoint, is worth countless acres of inland pleasure grounds, however mature the vegetation and elaborate the artificial ornamentation bestowed upon them. In the Golden Gate Park there are one thousand and eighteen acres of land, and in the avenue leading to it there are twenty-four acres more, making a total area of one thousand and forty-two acres. Of these, two hundred and ninety acres are now susceptible of cultivation, and the remainder, extending west to the ocean beach, can and will all be reclaimed to vegetation within a few years, by expedients adopted by the Park Commissioners, and at present being successfully demonstrated. The plans now being carried out for the improvement of Golden Gate Park will, in a few years, give to San Franciscans a finished pleasure ground commensurate with the population of the city. That portion of the park at present adorned with trees, shrubs, romantic mounds, and first-class macadamized roads, is nearly two miles in extent. The present Park Commissioners have made a most economical and praiseworthy use of the money placed at their disposal by the Legislature, in the reclamation and ornamentation of the park itself, and the various approaches to it. The equestrian and pedestrian visitor can now enjoy over four miles of wide macadamized roads for driving and walking. About twenty thousand forest and other trees have already been planted, and one hundred and eighty men are at present employed in a vigorous prosecution of the objects contemplated to render the park worthy of the name. The total disbursements for this purpose by the Commissioners, from August 1, 1870, to December 1, 1873, was \$250,000. The last Legislature authorized an additional issue of \$250,000 in bonds, for carrying on the work, of which \$125,000 are now on the market. The Commissioners, feeling the necessity of concentrating their resources on the principal park, have as yet paid but little attention to Buena Vista Park, which, however, will not be much longer neglected. The fine prospects of bay and city scenery which it presents will, together with its other natural advantages, make it a most popular resort. The small park around Mountain Lake, as an indispensable feature to the general plan, will also be improved before long, and Congress will also, almost certainly, grant the use of the most of the Presidio Military Reservation to the city for the purposes of a park. It will, therefore, be seen that San Francisco is in process of being liberally and well supplied with desirable places of out-door recreation.

**DRIVES IN THE VICINITY.**—There are probably few cities that have more grand and beautiful views, fine scenery, and more attractive drives than are to be found in the immediate vicinity of San Francisco. Take, for instance, the Point Lobos Road to the Cliff House, where you see the broad Pacific spread before you "in the morning like a vast sheet of silver, and in the evening like one vast mass of molten gold;" from thence to the Ocean View and Driving Park over the toll road which sweeps around the curve of the ocean beach, and for your homeward trip take the Central Road over the Mission hills to the city, and you will have viewed a *few* of the attractive spots in this vicinity.