

FAR UP ON THE HILLS.

A Modest Home Which Is Conspicuous For Miles.

Nearly every resident of the Mission has at different times noted a peaked four-room house which has just been constructed on the plateau above the Mission on what was formerly known as the San Miguel ranch.

The house of this venturesome home-seeker is plainly visible to every one entering the Mission from Fourteenth street south. Unpainted as yet, its loneliness is remarked by many who wonder at the courage of its builder. The ground on which it stands is fully 600 feet above base and is walled in on either side north and south by a range of hills, of which the Twin Peaks are the most conspicuous. The winds and fog which sweep in between these ranges from the ocean are extremely penetrating, and the hardy settler--the first to locate in that part of the city--is a blacksmith, John Collins, in the employ of the Market-street Railway Company is the man who has braved the loneliness of his surroundings and erected a modest home. The view of the city and the bay for miles from the vicinity, perhaps, repays these pioneer settlers who have built their homes on Douglass street about 57 feet north of Twenty-ninth street. It will be many years before the present tenants will complain of the encroachment of neighbors. City water will for many years to come be lacking, as the highest reservoir of the Spring Valley Water Company reaches but a little over 350 feet.