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"Castro House or Castro Stone Caval

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It is hard for the stranger to realize as he looks on the old till - covered adobe of Monterey, small, many of them scarcely more than huts, that these houses once sheltered the proud owners of nearly all the valuable land from Sacramento to Santa Barbara. Yet such was the case. Families who held large ranchos as far off as Santa Clara or San Luis Obispo had also their city houses in the old capital. Many of the old families still live there under the same till roofs, descendants of the Castros, the Vallejos, Abrigos, Soveranes, Sotos, Pestradas, and others, who measured their lands by the league and owned all the cattle on a thousand hills.

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The children of a fairer skin that each year visit now this region in hundreds, going out to Six-cove Point Lobos, Cypress Point, Midway Point, Pebbly Beach, Moss Beach, and the rest. . . .

There were clam-bakes and mussel bakes on the beach just as now. . . .

But to return to Monterey and the good times there. They would have never seen better riders than the old montereyans. Most of the sport among men was on horseback.

There was the coisar or trailing the bull. I have talked with those who saw that done on Alvarado street, what that street was scarcely more than a bridle path, for the Spanish of early California were not road builders.

X At the end of the street by the plaza, Governor Castro had a stone corral. at the entrance to this, on each side of the gate, a mounted vaquero had taken his stand. The bull was driven out of the enclosure.

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p. 63. Manuel B. Castro was born in Monterey in 1820, and after attending a private school in his native town, was sent to a military school in Mexico. He was the grandson of Macario Castro, the founder of the Castro family in California, who, as the grandfather of Gen. José Castro and Manuel B. Castro, may be regarded as the most prominent of the older members of that family.

His father, Don Simeon Castro, was alcalde of Monterey, 1836-38, and was the youngest son of Macario Castro. Manuel B. was perfect of Monterey 1842-46. In 1845 he was made captain of the Monterey Company, continuing his services as perfect, and taking a prominent part

in the troubles with John C. Fremont. After
Commodore Sloat raised the Stars and
Stripes in Monterey, in 1846, and Gen.
Jose Castro departed to Mexico, Manuel
was placed in command of the northern
division of Natividad, in the Salinas
Valley, where he encountered Fremont's
men under the command of Capt.
Charles B. Burroughs, U.S.A. After the
close of the Mexican war, Don Manuel
departed for Mexico, continuing his
military services for many years,
and in 1849 was put in command
of the frontier camp of Lower
California. He ranked as Colonel
in the Mexican Army, and brevet-
general in the last years. He died
in Castroville in 1890.

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General José Castro.

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José Castro, the second in command in the army, was an educated military man. Living ^{at} the Headquarters of the government he frequently consulted Alvarado on important military matters and relied largely upon his opinions and advice. General Castro was a man of fair military ability, of excellent character, very popular and much liked by his countrymen.