



SAN FRANCISCO, A STEAMBOAT GOTHIC PLANTATION HOUSE

San Francisco was built by a planter with a love for steamboats, so he had his carpenters copy the fancy trimming that was found on the steamboats that traveled the river over 100 years ago. The rainwater that fell on the huge roof of the house was caught by the gutters that ran around the edge. From there it went down a pipe and into a "cistern" on either side of the house, and then it could be drawn into the house. The cistern was a large wooden tank with a floating cover.