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## GALVESTON FACTS

From the foam of the Gulf of Mexico, where it laves the coast of Texas, rises Galveston Island, on the east end of which is located the City of Galveston. The city is one of the beauty spots of the South, the second port in the United States and the greatest cotton port in the world.

Its history scents of romance and adventure. As early as 1816, the vessels of Lafitte, the Baratarian chieftain, sailed into the bay. Later, the island was annexed to the Republic of Mexico. The city was founded in 1836.

In 1900 an unusual atmospheric disturbance visited Galveston and the progress of the city was halted for years. Her citizens have conquered the seeming impossible and today Galveston affords scenes of municipal developments and improvements that rank among the engineering wonders of the world.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

### THE SEAWALL

Built after the unusual atmospheric disturbance of 1900 by the heroic citizens of Galveston, as a means of protection against a repetition of this disturbance. The wall is five miles long, sixteen feet wide at base, and tapers to width of five feet at top; built of reinforced concrete, at a cost of \$62.00 per lineal foot. The wall has stood the most severe test, and is without an equal in the world; it has eliminated every vestige of fear and has proved a great factor in the upbuilding of Galveston. It is the wonder of tourists and the pride of the Southland. It stretches along the very edge of the Gulf waters and affords a delightful promenade for its entire length.

### THE CAUSEWAY

This magnificent structure extending two and one-half miles across Galveston Bay, supersedes an old wooden structure, which for years served as best it could the purposes of the railroads with but one track. There was no means of egress or ingress for automobiles, vehicles and pedestrians, save by railroad and ferries. The structure cost \$2,000,000; is built of reinforced concrete, and represents one of the most marvelous products of modern engineering geniuses; it provides means for egress and ingress for every conceivable kind of traffic.

### PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Galveston boasts of more than fifty public buildings, all of which are beautifully located and substantially constructed. Under the Commission Form of Government, which was given birth in Galveston, all surplus funds of the city are invested in permanent improvements; and, as a result, its public buildings are a feature of modern architecture and construction.

### SURF BATHING

Galveston has the finest surf bathing in the world. The waters of the Gulf Stream lave its shores and, being warm, make surf bathing enjoyable every day in the year. The perpetual Gulf breeze cools the city in the summer and warms it in winter. The healing properties of the Gulf Stream waters are becoming famous the world over, being especially effective in cases of rheumatism and catarrh.

### BOATING AND FISHING

Numerous fishing piers, situated along the seawall and in the Gulf, afford famous sport for the disciples of Izaak Walton. Excursion boat lines ply between Galveston and the fishing piers, the famous Red Fish Reef, and other fishing grounds of prominence.

### HOTEL GALVEZ

Built by popular subscription of Galvestonians, ranging from \$50,000 to \$100, at a cost of \$750,000. This hotel stands where once ocean-going vessels entered the heart of the city, carrying sand filling to be used in raising the grade of the city above boulevard level. It stands a silent monument to one of the most wonderful undertakings in the annals of municipal heroism.

### CITY IN GENERAL

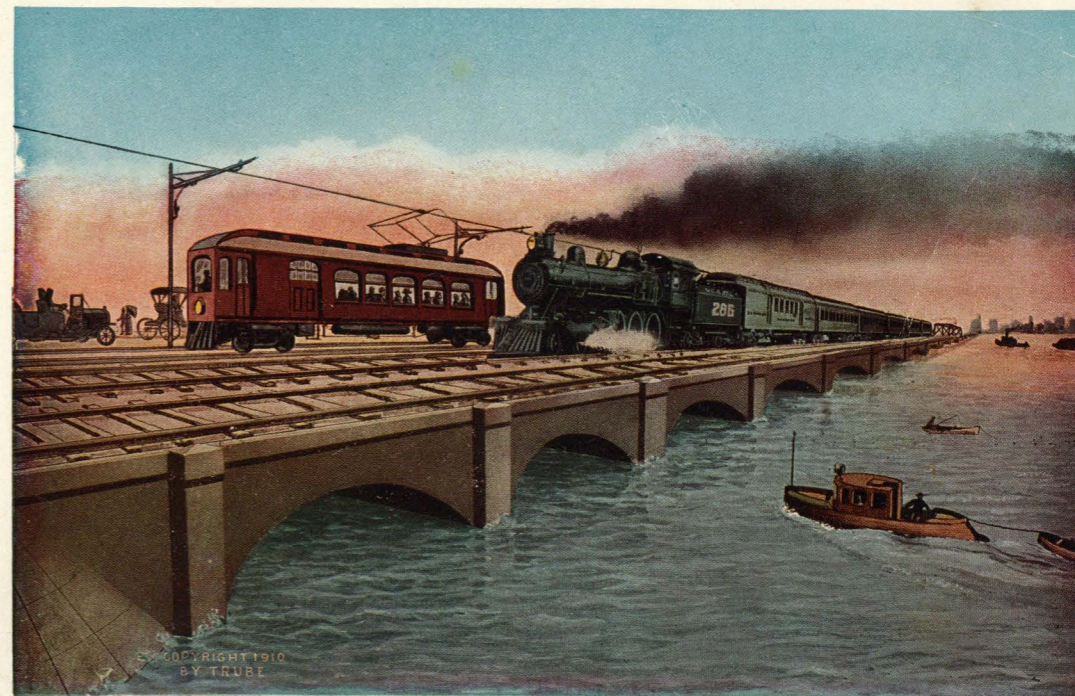
After the building of the seawall, the city lay behind the wall at a depth of seventeen feet. By bringing in 65,000,000 cubic yards of sand from the Bay and the Gulf in suction dredges and placing same in the city, the raising of the city to a level with the top of the seawall was effected. Every house was moved, every stone and brick building raised, every tree and plant replanted, every sidewalk and street relaid, and every sewer renewed.



Galveston's famous Sea Wall was built by her indomitable citizens at an enormous cost as a means of protection against a repetition of the atmospheric disturbance of 1900.



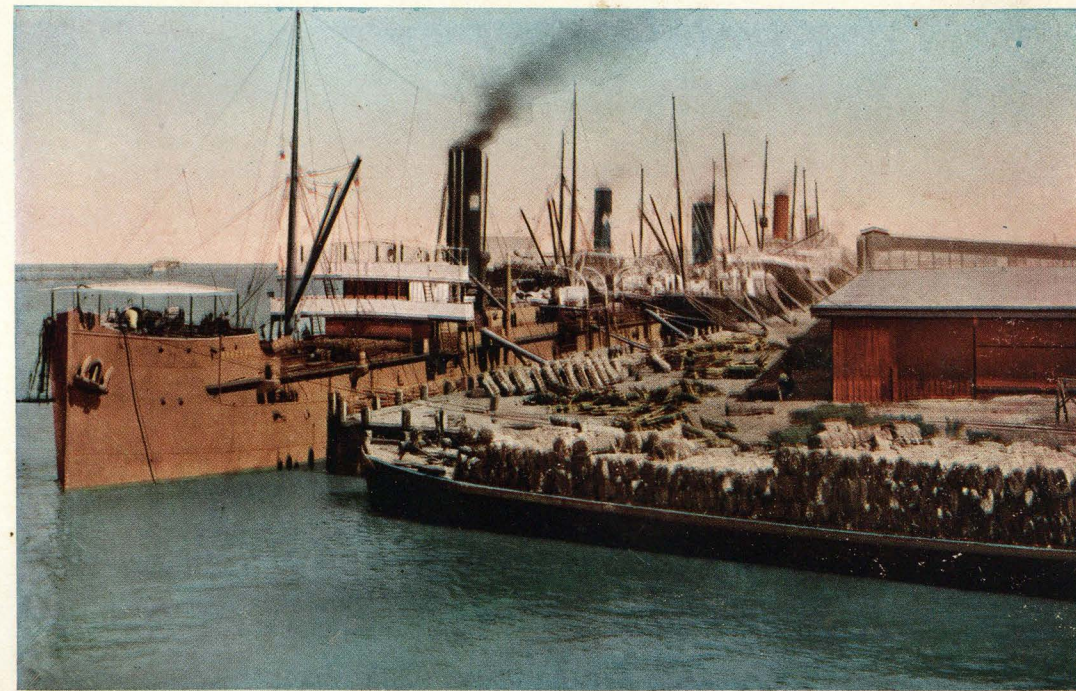
Another View of the Causeway, Showing Old Wooden Trestle Which Has Been Torn Down.



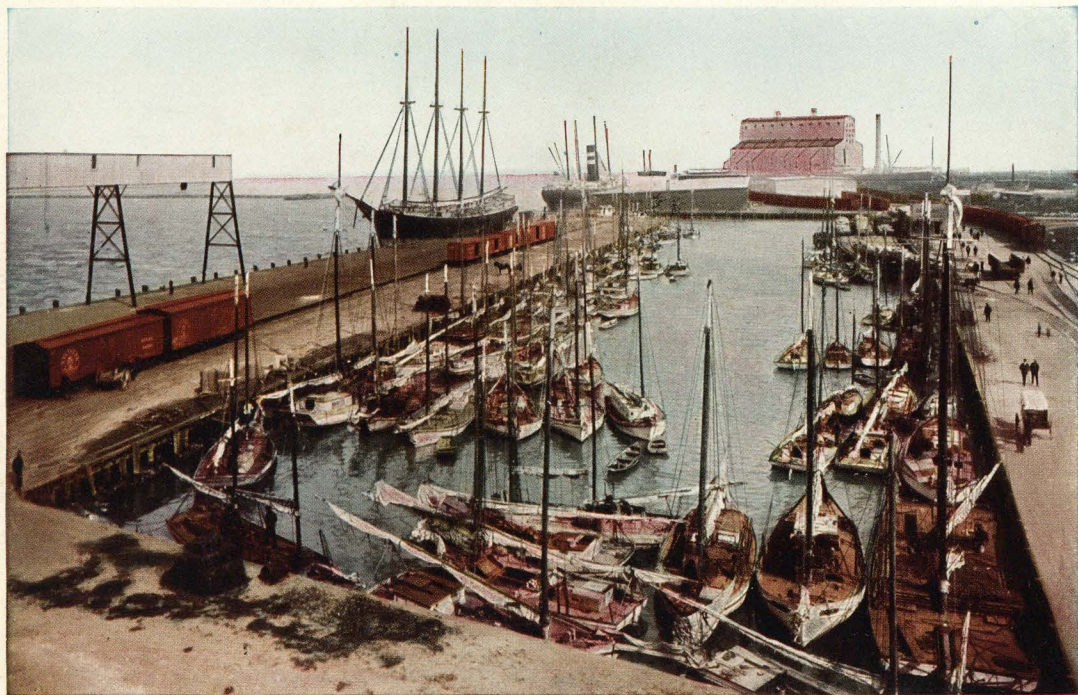
View of Galveston's Famous Causeway Before the Side Rails Were Completed. Built of Reinforced Concrete; Is Two and One-Half Miles Long; Cost, \$2,000,000.



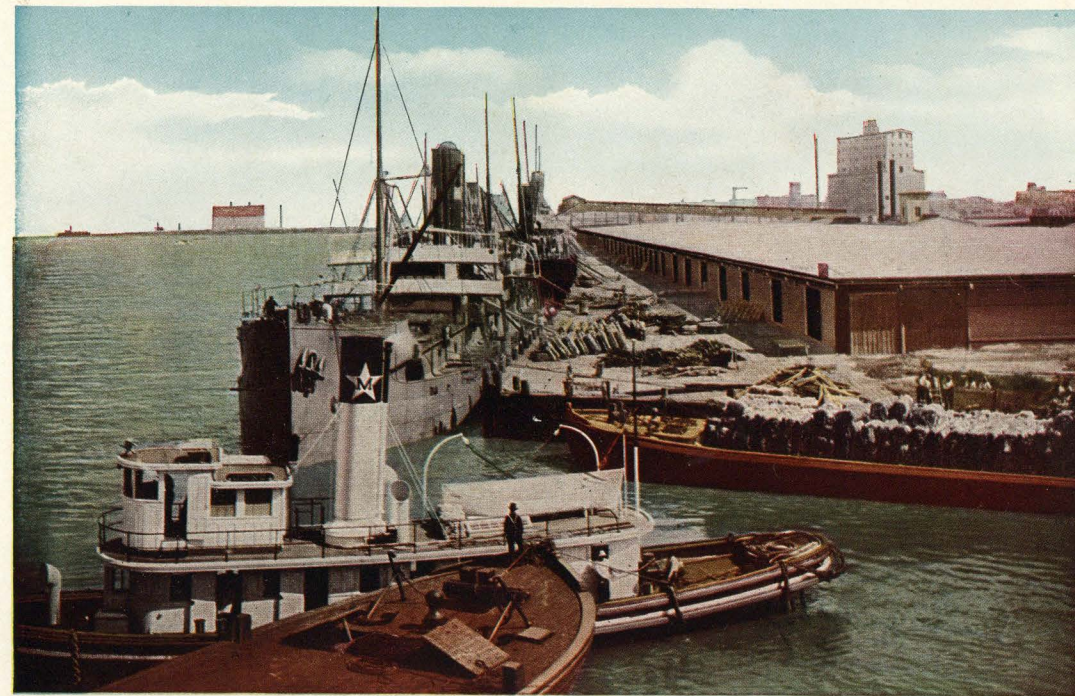
One of the Most Delightful Promenades in the City Is Along the Sea Wall. This Wall Is Five Miles Long and Built of Reinforced Concrete.



Shipping Scene at Galveston. Line of Ocean-Going Freighters Taking Aboard Cargo for the Important Ports of the World.



Mosquito Fleet Landing. Boats Bringing Products of Truck Farms to Market at Galveston.



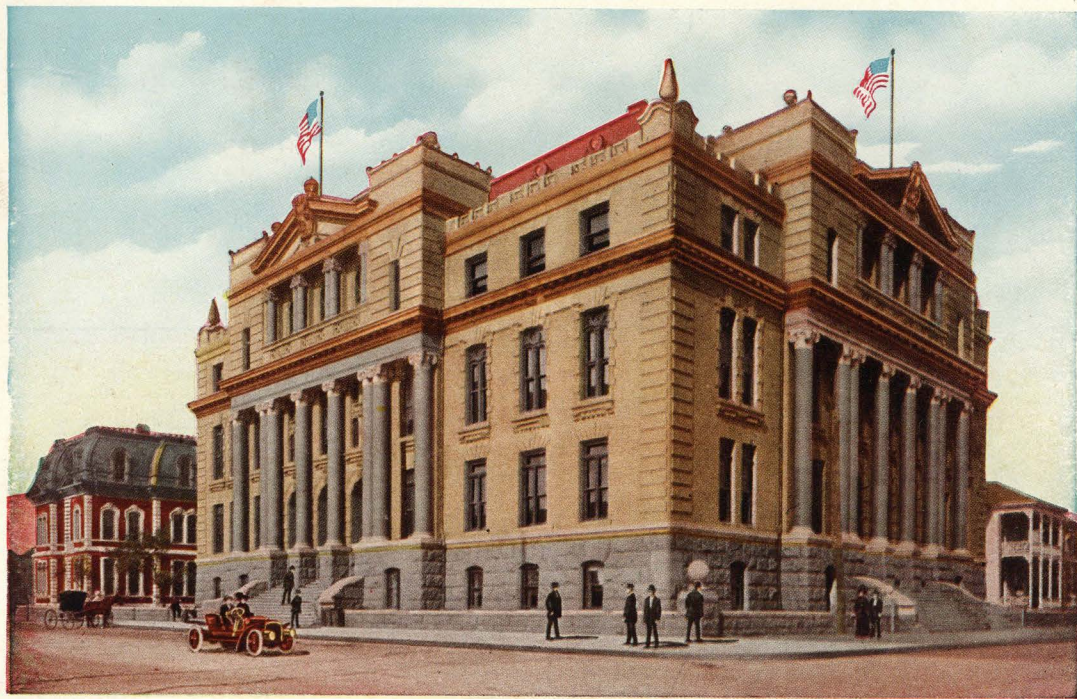
Cargoes of Cotton, Each Valued at Nearly \$2,000,000, Being Taken Aboard by Ocean Freighters at Galveston.



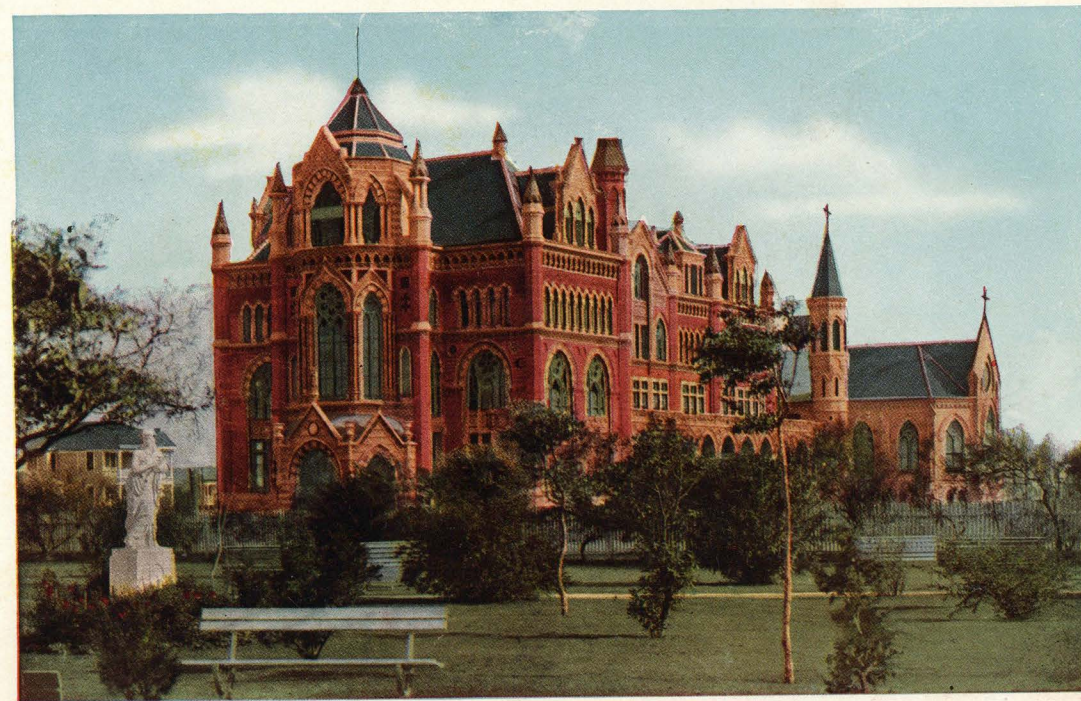
Cotton Ready for Loading in Ocean Freighters, Having been Compressed and Rebaled at Galveston.



Birdseye View of Galveston, Showing City Park, Ball High School, Federal Building, Trinity Church, Y. M. C. A. Building and Tremont Hotel.

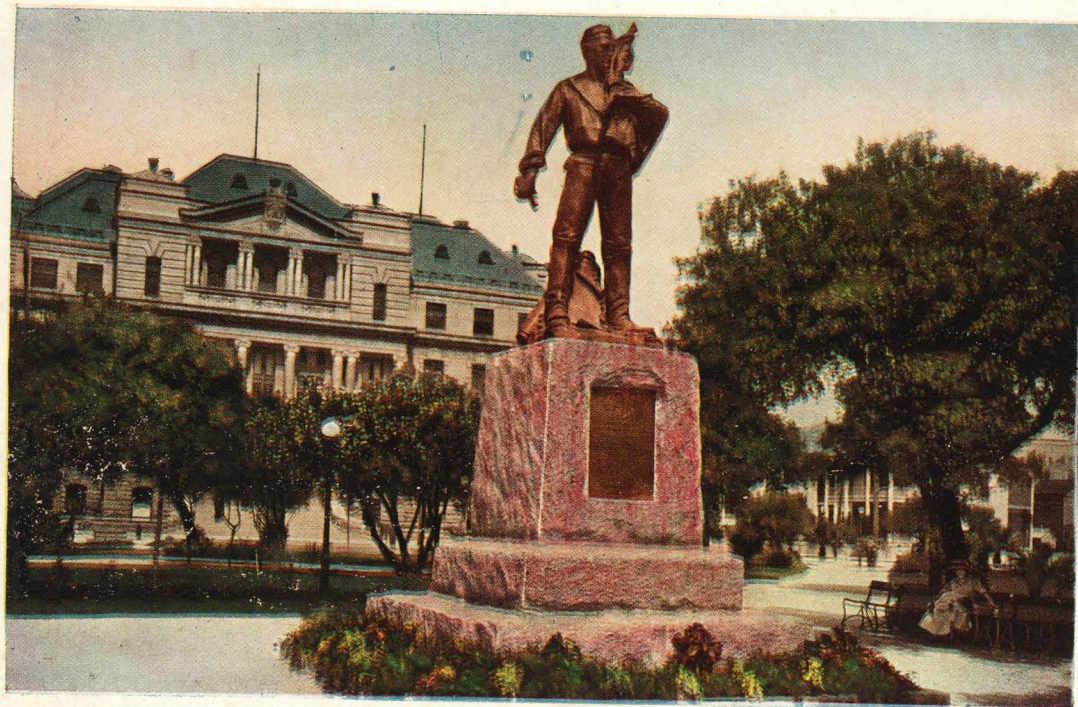


County Court House Opposite City Park, One of the Most Beautiful Court Houses in the South.

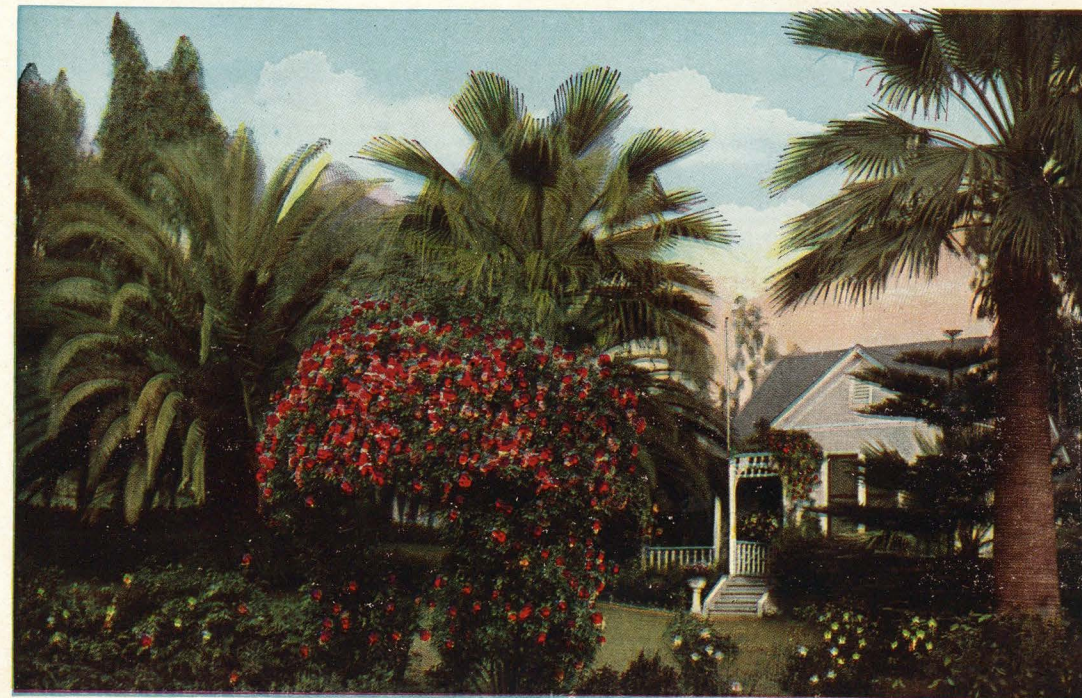


Ursuline Convent, One of the Many Beautiful Educational Buildings in Galveston.





Monument Erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy to the Heroes of a Lost Cause,  
City Park.



Verdure Blossoms Perpetually in Galveston. Palms, Roses and Wistaria as they Appear  
in January.



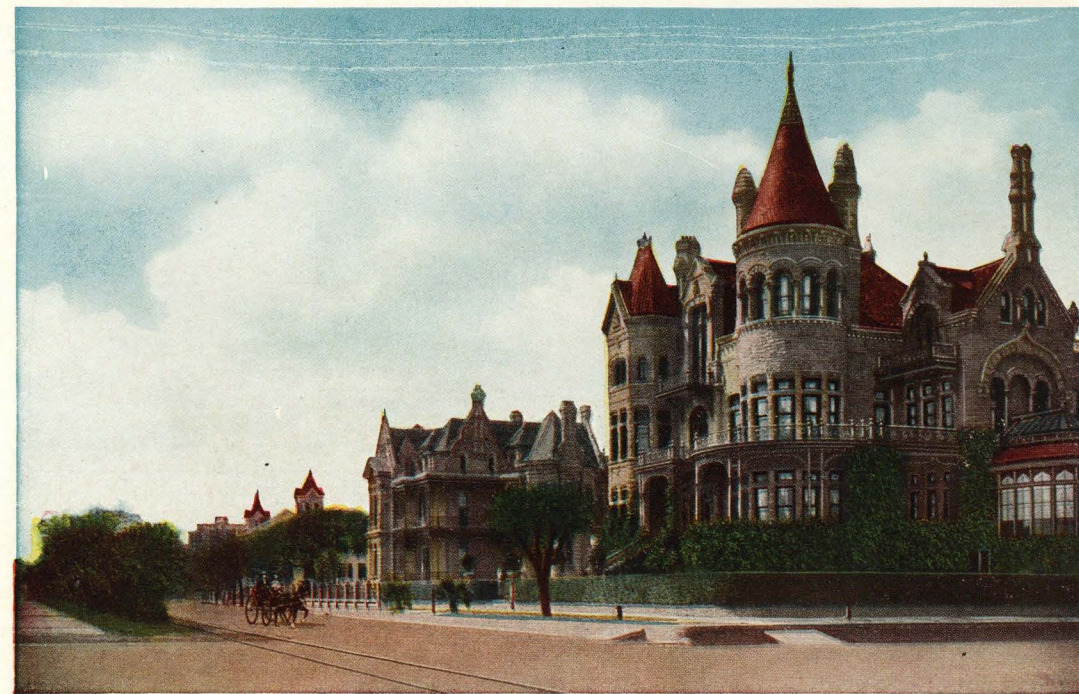
The Fame of Galveston—Her Native Oleander. The Streets Are Lined with Blossoming Oleanders.



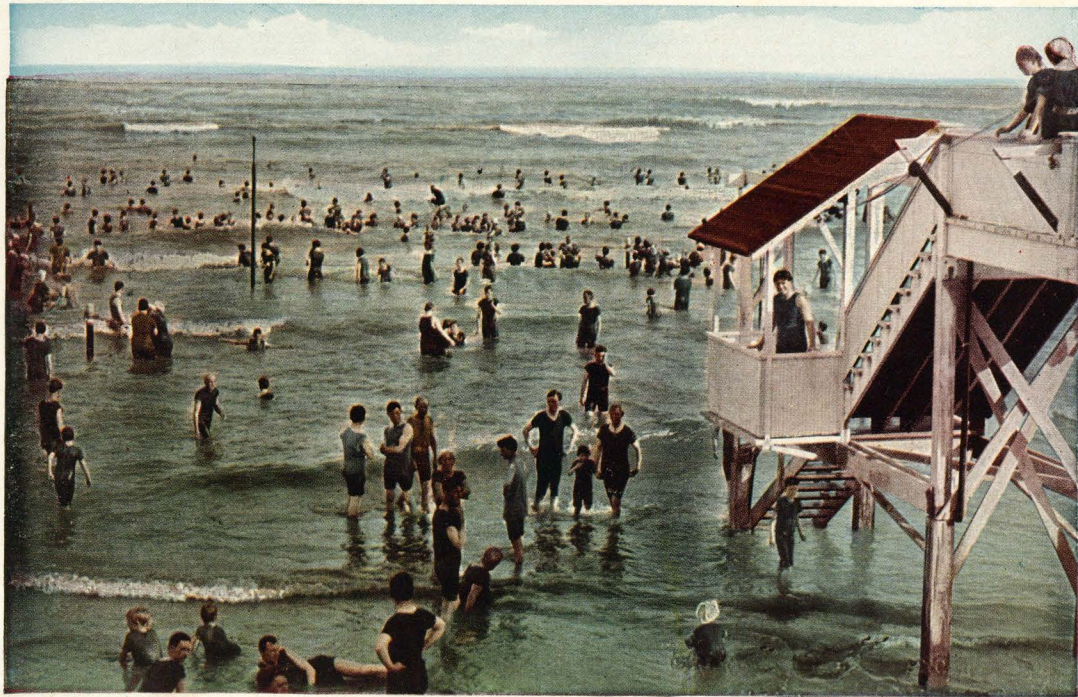
Central Park Looking Towards Court House.



Hotel Galvez—Stands Where Once Ocean-Going Vessels Entered the Heart of the City.



Galveston's Beautiful Residence Section, Where Cedar Hedges Supersede Fences.



Entering the Surf on a Quiet Day at Galveston.



Enjoying the Finest Surf Bathing in the World at Galveston. Hotel Galvez in Distance.



Daily Crowd Promenading on the Sea Wall at Galveston, Texas.



Enjoying the Curative Properties of the Waters of the Gulf Stream, Galveston, Texas.



Looking West From the Hotel Galvez Along Sea Wall Boulevard and Beach.



Galveston Famous Bath Houses, Adjacent to Sea Wall and Boulevard.



Looking East From the Hotel Galvez Along Sea Wall and Beach, Just After Completion of the Grade Raising.



Frolicking in the Surf, Galveston, Texas.



Galveston's First Skyscraper, Said by Experts to Be An Impossibility, Owing to Sandy Nature of Soil. Its Erection Has Proven the Error of This Opinion.



