



**\*SAN ANTONIO.** One of the most colorful and interesting cities in America. Settled in 1718 by the Spanish (same year as New Orleans by the French) San Antonio became a Spanish capital and a mission center. Five missions were located along the San Antonio river in 1718, 1720 and 1731, later to develop into extensive properties with fine church and other structures. Buildings and ruins remain as relics of an heroic and romantic past.

Five mission establishments were built at San Antonio and reports made in 1745 and in 1762 give data respecting them.

Mission San Antonio de Valero. (The Alamo). See page 23.

Mission San José y de San Miguel Aguayo. See page 23.

Mission Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña. In 1745 the church was half completed; in 1762, completed. A record says the corner stone was laid May 5, 1731.

Mission San Juan de Capistrano. In 1745 the buildings were of thatch; in 1762 a temporary apartment 25 varas (69.4 ft.) long was used.

Mission San Francisco de la Espada. In 1745 the stone church was in progress; in 1762 the church was still in progress.