

Thimbleberry *Rubus parviflorus*

bower green tangled fragrant flower-bespangled
8 feet tall tart edible fruit
a little stream tinkling by
climbing above mist-filled Napa valley

derelict mining houses at Silverado
aggregation identification aedification to exist
Californian scrub-oak chaparral thought tolerant
proposition delectation affection dedication history

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*'A rude trail rapidly mounting; a little stream tinkling by
on the one hand, big enough perhaps after the rains, but
already yielding up its life; overhead and on all sides, a
bower of green and tangled thicket, still fragrant, and still
flower-bespangled by the early season, where thimbleberry
played the part of our English hawthorn, and the buck-eyes
were putting forth their twisted horns of blossom: through
all this we struggled...'*

Robert Louis Stevenson *The Silverado Squatters* 1884



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