The Red Mirage

A Story of the French Legion in Algiers

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en Sylvia Omney, a beautiful Eng-tirl, returns from a search in Algiera or missing brother, her lover, Rich-Farquhar, finds she has fallen in love Captain Arnaud of the Foreign

Do you belong to that class of persons who believe that gambling debts should be paid before all others? Does your creed of honor prescribe the payment of a bar debt even if the grocer and the dry goods merchant must go unpaid and your fam-Ily go without some necessities? There are such creeds of personal honor.

CHAPTER II.

The Fourth Floor Back.

Capt. Robert Sower had never been called a drawing-room soldier, and this in spite of the fact that he had many ice." detractors. When he was in town h kept open house, and it became gradu- boy ally a custom to such of his comrades as were in the vicinity to congregate in the luxuriously appointed smoking room, smoke his cigars and drink his

On the evening when Capt. Desire extended hand.

"My good fellow, delighted to see you. I was half afraid the fog had swallowed you up. Let me get the introductions over. Preston, Hardy, St. Clair, Benson-all of my regiment-Captain Arnaud of the French army." By what appeared to be a slip he brandy from the decanter at his elbow, passed over the elderly man by the stared moodily into the firelight. Sowe fireside, and the latter made no move to repair the omission. Arnaud glanced at him curiously, and then came over to the fire.

Sower laughed and shrugged his shoulders; and then, as though dismissing the subject, "You're late. Where have you come from?"

"From the Omneys. Miss Omney is very charming-" he said. 'And wealthy. Am I to congratu

Arnaud put his hand to his little fair mustache, but he did not answer directly, though his smile might have

counted as an answer. "I have just met a comrade of yours," he remarked instead, "a somewhat unusual character for an Englishman-hot-headed, with admirable

him." The man by the fireside shifted his position and gianced up. By mere chance Sower was looking in his direction, and their eyes met for an in-

"Lieutenant in my regiment," Sower answered quietly. "Quite promising; served out in South Africa."

"Ahl" Arnaud's restless eyes had wandered from the fire to the distant | fender. card-table, where the four younger men were now playing with a listless coolly. "We have inspection tomor-



"I Say, This is a Damned Gambling Hell."

shall often meet. He and Miss Omney are great friends, is it not so?" Sower pushed the cigar box along

the mantelplece. "Help yourself. No, I should not call them great friends. Miss Omney's shall settle with you myself for your brother was a kind of David to Far-

quhar's Jonathan-" 'And it was David who mistook the

broad path for the narrow?" "Exactly. There was a scandal, of

up under the first blow." gar had been allowed to go out.

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"Ganibling always seems to me the served sententiously.

most with appreciation.

"You may be right. One has the feeling sometimes of stifling." He rose. It was noticeable for the first body."

time that he limped. "All Frenchmen gamble," he said. "either with their lives, other people's lives, their honor, or somebody else's thin face under a small hat. He took

onor. Will you not take a hand?" Arnaud besitated with something of his first frigidity of manner, but there were nervous, feverish patches of color

in his pale face. "I beg your pardon-I did not catch your name?" he said coldly. "Lowe-Stephen Lowe, at your serv

Arnaud returned the formal little

"I shall be delighted."

They turned toward the table, Sower laughed significantly. "Be careful, Arnaud; remember the

adage 'Lucky in love-' " It was at that moment that the door Arnaud entered the softly lighted opened and Farquhar entered. For no spartment four men were seated round obvious reason his appearance caused the card-table smoking and chatting. a moment's awkward silence. He had, apparently taking their game none too in fact, the look of a man who has seriously. Sower himself stood by the been drinking hard, but has somehow log fire warming his hands and ex- managed to retain a dangerous selfchanging desultory remarks with a possession. There was no trace of man whom the indefinable something hesitancy in his manner as he anstamped as a civilian. As Arnaud's swered Sower's belated welcome, but name was announced Sower turned instead a not easily defined shade of round and advanced with hospitably insolence. Sower appeared to notice nothing.

"Help yourself," he said hospitably, "and sit down. You look queer. Anything wrong?"

Farquhar made no answer. He sank down into the proffered chair, and, having poured out half a tumbler of watched him cautiously.

"You look ill, Farquhar," he repeat ed after a moment. "Can I do anything for you?"

Farquhar looked up. "Ever been drunk?" he asked abruptly. "No. I've never been tempted that

way. Have you?" "Not yet. I'm thinking of trying it."

> Desert mirages and heart mirages. This is one you must not miss.

He threw back his head with a laugh. Sower tossed his cigar end into the

"I shouldn't if I were you," he said row afternoon." Farquhar returned to his fixed con-

templation of the firelight. During the hour that passed he did not move, except to replenish the glass beside him. Then Preston suddenly left the card-table, went over to the fireside and stood there with his back tice Farquhar, who looked up as though raised from his deliberate lethboy's round, unformed face was wet. "Hullo-Preston!"

He started violently.

"Oh, you, Farauhar-I didn't know you were there. For God's sake dop't knees. ook at me-I'm a fool-but I'm cleaned out. Two hundred pounds at a sitting-all my allowance-" He broke

Farquhar shifted his position so that were dangerous.

"I say, this is a damned gambling hell," he said clearly, "Did you speak, Farquhar?" Sower isked quietly.

Farquhar did not move. gambling hell. I may add that you are damned scoundrel. Ask your friend breath, there to return his I. O. U.'s on the spot, or I promise you we two shall be drunk. It's not a nice word, but I'm explaining matters at headquarters to- afraid I'm too busy to think out pretty

There was no answer for a minute. All five men looked instinctively at Sower, waiting for his next move. The cloud of the gaming passion had lifted, leaving a rank, bitter-tasting reallty. Sower recovered his calm good-

nature with unaffected case. "Farquhar, you are undoubtedly the worse for my brandy," he observed. Lowe, I should be giad if you would return Mr. Preston's note of hand. 1

to apologize-if not now, at least when he is sufficiently recovered." Richard Farquhar rose leisurely to his feet. There was no trace of un course, a dishonored check and a bolt. steadiness in his steps as he crossed Gambling, I believe. Old Charles Om- the room, but it was obvious that

ney has the reputation of a hard man. Sower had not overstated his condi-tion. "I do not suppose that even when I

The man is the armchair lifted his; Farquhar had not far to go, a bystreet bringing him to a quiet, unpretentions house which his instinct reclast resort of daring minds from the ognized. Inside all was inky obscurdeadly security of modern life," he ob- ity. He stumbled against the first step of the stnirs, touched some He spoke for the first time, and Ar- thing that was warm and living, and naud glanced at him quickly and al- in the recoil struck his head against a treacherous overhanging shelf.

"I beg somebody's pardon," a quiet voice said through the subsequent silaughed cynically, and the older man lence. "I'm afraid I've killed some-

Then the light was switched on. Farquhar saw before him a small person, dowdily dressed, with a small,



"I Am a Cur," He Said Under His

his hand from his head and consid. emerges from the haze of the horizon, ered it. "No very serious damages, I fear.

adroitness.

"You-" He stopped short, with rapidly the swift mountain rivers cocoanut groves; but coming west, the cooked. drawing his arm and leaning against must change to slow, winding streams effect of the heights in cutting off the the banisters. "I thought-really I upon the flat land of the island's mar moisture of the trades becomes more

Mrs. Ferrier.' the fourth floor back."

have taken an unwarrantable lib- to the harbor. erty-

"Don't. You are not in a condition to offer resistance. This your room, isn't it?" She pushed open a door on perplexity. "I can't allow this sort of thing. It's

not right that a young lady-" "I'm not a lady-at least, not by circumstance. Anyhow, I don't care. You are III. Sit down,"

He obeyed, tossing his coat and hat onto the nearest chair, and sat listlessly with his head in his hands From a long way off he heard her soft. turned, his head bent. He did not no rapid movements. They were curiously soothing, and presently he looked up again, urged by an idle wonder. argy by some painful sound. The But apparently she had forgotten his existence. Hatless, with sleeves rolled up to her elbows, she knelt before the struggle with a rusty and refractory kettle. Presently she got up from her

> "In two minutes you will have your tea," she announced in the ruthless tones of a professional nurse. "How is your head now?"

he faced the card-table. His eyes turned and looked him full in the face, upland streams; and everywhere meas preponderance of the characteristics of those two clear, steady eyes all that them out. youth. She was smiling, and inexpile healthful island, with a warm climate negro and Indian characters. It is cably her frank pleasure seemed to well tempered by the trade winds, and strange that so few are found with "Yes, I said this was a damned goad him out of his heavy indifference well cultivated almost everywhere unmixed African features, although in

"Oh, no, you're not a cur. You are morrow morning. You know what ways of expressing myself. There's your tea.'

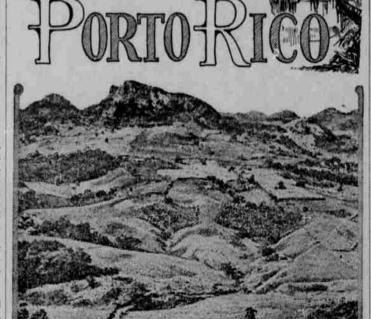
She placed the cup fearlessly at his elbow. "Please drink it at once. He obeyed.

Don't you just love a game little girl that isn't afraid of appearances and rules of conduct when she knows she's helping a fellow creature in trouble? Wouldn't it be a fine piece of business if Farguhar had the gumption to cast aside family pride and marry a really sensi-

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Discouraged. Tommy, are you going to bed without saying your prayers?"

"Yessum." "You are a wicked boy."



VIEW FROM THE MOUTH OF THE COROZAL CAVE

est, for wood becomes scarce when so

many demand it daily for fires. Only

On the flanks of the main east-and-

west backbone of the island, composed

of igneous rocks, there are broken lev

els and hills of limestone, full of

marine fossils and other indications of

their origin at the border of the ocean

Since their formation the land has

risen so as to lift them many hun-

dreds of feet above their former level

Where the rivers have worn against

especial interest to the geologist and

The Corozal Cavern.

In the limestone regions, hundreds

doubtedly surpasses all other character and resources. regions of equal size-certain-

Interior

as large as Long island; yet its inhabitants number more than 1,200,000, thus making it more thickly populated than any other equivalent area in the portions of New England.

in 1493, it has served as the battle trees. Little remains of the larger for Good housekeeping. ground of Spanish, Dutch and English, and as a haven for the buccaneers who operated throughout the Spanish main. on the higher peaks of the great cenpartment of investigation, writes tended so widely. Henry E. Crampton in the American Museum Journal, because its different portions display unusually varied goological and topographical characters.

As the approaching steamer nears the northern shore of Porto Rico, where the capital city of San Juan is situated, the huge bulk of the island and displays the jagged profile of the massive mountain range that forms them, they display stratified faces of Give me an arm up to my room, will the interior highland more than three thousand feet in altitude. From this She obeyed instantly and with some great backbone the buttressed spurs drop somewhat suddenly and irregudisappear, and one may judge how ground is still suitable for sugar and served in the dish ' which it is must be far gone—I thought you were gin. Coming nearer, San Juan and marked, and a semiarid region with Two tablespoonfuls beef drippings

Many Good-Sized Towns. At first view the city is impressive ation of cactus plants. by its extent, the close construction the first floor and turned on the light, of its ancient and modern buildings. He looked at her in weary, half-amused and by the delicate pastel shades of its tinted whitewashed walls. More of large and small caverns have been than fifty thousand people are crowd excavated by underground streams ed in dense areas on the narrow rock One of these, near Corozal, is well mass that extends eastward from El worthy of description. The valley is Morro for two and a half miles to its a beautiful wide basin, surrounded by connection with the mainland; there peculiar triangular white hills of limeare plazas and open spaces, but these stone, and the cave mouth, about forty seem only to accentuate the concentrate in height, is reached by means of tration of living quarters. As one creepers and ledges on he very face of travels about, the same feature be the cliff. Once it is gained, the down comes more prominent, for on the ward view is a striking and characteropen plain, in a valley near the coast, istic panorama of hill and field and or in remote and unlikely hollows of stream. On the sides of the entrance the hills, one encounters town after there are hundreds of spider webs, town of more than ten thousand or fif- each with the dried remains of its teen thousand inhabitants. Naturally casual collection of prey. Trending crust. fire, engaged in a quiet but determined the problems of public health are of inward and upward, the way narrows the highest importance, and of neces until after four hundred yards or more bread are excellent to wrap school sity they received the immediate atof walking and scrambling and creeptention of the Americans when they ing, one emerges into daylight through came into control of Porto Rico in a small hole on the other side of the 1898. Old methods of water distribu- hill. tion by casks have been extensively On account of the dominant Spanand he broke off blankly. Either she ures have been taken to reduce the that race. Only a small section, how-

"I am a cur," he said under his With its spiendid roads and natural certain settlements, they too, have tractive to the casual traveler, as well as the physique of their ancestors,

Are you tune deaf? Many people are mind. and it is not easy, perhaps, for the average person to understand tunedeafness. But just as some people are color-blind, so there are others who are melody-deaf. Empress Catherine of Russia used to say that she would have given the world to be able to appreciate and love music, declaring that for her "music was noise and nothing but noise." President Grant is said to have been able to distinguish only two tunes-"Yankee Doodle," and "Hail to the Chief," which were recognizable, probably, from Austrian mines. because he heard them so often.

Doctors seem to have some difficulty in explaining the cause from which tune-deafness arises, although it is much to do with it. Musical appre a century ago, show that the magiscintion depends to a great extent up trate's fee was then 12% cents in all on the exercise of mental and physicases, and that civil actions often Arnaud was silent a moment, his ferently," he said, turning his white, some unpleasant reflection. He was still watching the players, and his circularly smilling face for a moment to the motionless group. "Come along."

Arnaud was silent a moment, his ferently," he said, turning his white, prayin ever since I can remember, and the delight in music calls for an alert sympathy between the nerves and the cerebral faculties, also has a wall clock known to have tablespoonfuls flour, one cupful milk, one-fourth teaspoonful flour, one cupful milk, one-fourth teaspoonful sait, few grains geological survey's preliminary figured to the united states and the delight in music commerce. The nign prices were naturally reflected in far the largest production ever made in the United States, according to definite musical lack, although the no repairs but a pair of new weight nerves perform their ordinary func- ropes.

To Work Austrian Tin Mines.

Austria is to resume exploitation of tin mines on her territory, working of which was discontinued before lows before an open fire make a shield the war owing to small profits. It is for the hand of a piece of pasteboard estimated that the three principal about six inches in diameter with a mines in Bohemia alone, if actively silt in the middle for the fork. It is worked, can furnish three-fourths of much more effective than a cloth tied the country's requirements. Little around the hand.—Good Housekeep tin has been mined in Austria hereto ing. fore, only about 1 per cent of the country's needs having been obtained

When Justice Cost Less. Records of a justice of the peace in

GOOD OLD-FASHIONED DISH

Colorado Authority Tells of Preparation Long in Use Among the "Pennsylvania Dutch."

Since the season for farm butchering is at hand I am reminded of an old-fashioned recipe for "Pon Hause" which has long been used among the Pennsylvania Dutch." It is as fol-

"All meat not used for sausage, hams, shoulders and side meat should be reserved to be used for "pudding This includes the bead, with tongue, heart, liver, and all clean sk'ns after the lard has been stripped from them. To ad this add water and cook slowly until very well done, so bones will easily separate from the meat. Chop the largest pieces of meat add water and thicken with cornmeal and buckwheat flour, about half as much buckwheat as cornmeal. Cook slowly, being careful that the mixture does not .. ick. When about dene add sait, pepper and sage to tarte, pour into dripping pans; when cold slice it as cold meat or fry it like mush.-Miriam M. Haynes, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Col-

POTATOES IN NEW FASHION

Special Way of Serving Them Has Caught the Fancy of the Peo-

ple of San Francisco. At one of the most popular restau rants in San Francisco, delicious potatoes are cooked in the manner described below. Though prepared HE island of Porto Rico un as to the investigator of its scientific there in a chaff; g dish, they may be cooked equally well at home in an In the interior valleys, piantations ordinary skillet. Bake as many poly of the new world-in the of tobacco are laid out. The plants tatoes as are required for a meal, and variety and number of its features are protected by sheets of cheese as soon as they are mealy scoop out that arouse vivid interest. The extent cloth which, with their sharply-defined the inside. Do not mash but put in of the island is not great, for its ir borders, seem like incongruous fields a pan in which is melted butter, at regular oblong mass is only 100 miles of snow upon the deep green of the least a tablespoonful for each potato, in length and about thirty-five miles in hills. Even the steep slopes of the and as much more as your conscience breadth, or approximately three times hills bear here and there their little will allow. Stir the potatoes until patches of tobacco or of other crops, thoroughly mixed with the butter, and centering about a native but perched add enough paprika to make the mixprecariously near the top, and set off ture pink, or the color of a tabagas. by the graceful royal palms. Higher up, and also add a tablespoonful of very western hemisphere excepting certain the character of the ground or of the fine chopped chives and one of region is unsuitable for tobacco, yet minced parsley. If chives are not to Its place in history is a large one, even here coffee and cocoa are grown be had, use onions. These are espefor since its discovery by Columbus under the shade of specially planted cially good with beeksteak or chops.—

Chicken and Rice. Onion with chicken and rice is an Even in purely scientific respects it tral mountains are there any relics of unusual combination, and unusually commands the interest of many a de the primeval growth that once ex- good as well. This is a recipe from an Italian friend, but it should be immediately Americanized by adoption: To serve six people have two moderate-sized onions to a person. Use one cupful of rice washed thoroughly, one cupful of chicken meat, diced fine, three cupfuls of chicken stock and two cupfuls of water. Use for this an earthen baking dish, somewhat flat. Put the onions in first, then the rice and chopped chicken, pouring the stock water over last. Salt and pey per and dot liberally with butter. Pla in a moderate oven and cover. Com for at least an hour, then unce Passing the great divide from north baking dish, and add a cup" of rich "It's that ridiculous hatrack," she larly for the most part, to the coastal to south, the mountains drop more cream. Increase the heat I the oven said. "It blocks up the whole hall. I plain of greater or less inland extent: have often spoken to Mrs. Ferrier the deep clefts of the upland valleys coastal plains. In the southeast the This combination should also be

its buildings become visible and soon its characteristic cactus is encoun- or chicken fat, one-haff cupful sugar. direct primary, but the statutes make "Oh, no; I rather wish I was. I'm a point of its eastern end detaches it tered. Here the cane can be grown one egg, one cupful sour milk, two taself from the rest to stand out as the only by extensive irrigation, which the blespoonfuls molasses, one level tea "Well, I don't know who the fourth cape surmounted by El Morro ("The insular government has undertaken spoonful soda, salt, two cupfuls bread floor back is exactly, but I know I Castle"), which guards the entrance with great success and profit. Toward flour, one-half teaspoonful each nutthe southwest, the land becomes a meg, allspice, cinnamon, clove, one-half typical desert, and about Lake Guani- cupful raisips, cut in two. Make in a ca it supports little besides the associ- loaf or small cakes. Frost with white

Chicken Rolls.

Melt three tablespoonfuls of butter, blend in three tablespoonfuls of flour, add gradually one and one-half cupfuls of chicken stock; season to taste with pepper, salt and celery salt; stir until smooth and thick, and add one and one-half cupfuls of chopped chicken. Remove the soft crumbs from crisp rolls, fill with the prepared chicken. place in the oven until hot and serve.

In the Kitchen.

Even such juicy pies as rhubarb will not run over if the lower crust is picked lightly with a fork in several places before putting in filling and top

The wrapping papers from baker's lunches, also cake and other food you wish to keep from drying out

Wash the tins well in hot, soapy replaced by a system which brings ish influence for so many centuries, water and also add some soda and "Better-" For the first time she water through lines of pipes from the the population naturally exhibits a dry well while quite hot. Clean the inside of the tin pan or saucepan with lemon juice, if necessary. Clean the was young, or she had conserved in severity of epidemics or to stamp ever, has retained its purity, of which outside whith whiting mixed to a paste it is justly proud; for the most part with a little water. Let the paste dry is youthful and all that is spiendid in On the whole, Porto Rico today is a the people are mixtures of Spanish, thoroughly, then polish first with a soft duster and then with a leather.

> Dried Lima Bean Soup. Into a quart of stock put a cupful of beauties, it is and will always be at preserved many of the customs as well lima beans which have been cooked un til soft in water with a bit of ham. Simmer for ten minutes, Press through tion of communicating sounds to the a fruit press, return to the fire and let it boil up once. Remove from the fire and beat into it the yolk of one

> > Protection for the Toaster. When toasting bread or marshmal-

Mutton Sandwiches With Peas. Butter slices of white bread and put over one-half a lettuce leaf, then thin slices of cold boiled mutton. Mix together one-half pint of peas that have been seasoned with salt, pepper and a generally agreed that nerves have Lutler county, Ohio, from more than little butter; then a spoonful of salad dressing, another leaf of lettuce, then another slice of buttered bread.

NOVEL SOUNDING BOX

Human Skull May Be Made to Do Service.

Most Interesting Experiment, Which May Easily Be Tried by Anyone-Of Considerable Value to the Deaf.

An interesting experiment that proves what a good sounding box the human skull is can be performed by anyone who has a disk phonograph. It is described by H. Gernsback in the

Electrical Experimenter as follows: "Stop up both of your ears with cotton as tightly as possible, so that no sound will be heard from the outside. Now place an ordinary darning needle between your teeth by biting on it hard, taking care that the lips or tongue do not touch the needle. latter is important, because if either lip or tongue touch the needle the sound will be decreased considerably.

"For the best results the needle itself should project not more than one or 11/2 inches from the mouth. For



Holding a Needle in the Teeth, a Phonograph Record Can Be Heard. N. B.—The Lips and Tongue Must

Not Touch the Needle. that reason the darning needle should be broken off about 11/2 inches from its sharp point. It goes without saying that the sharp point should project out of the mouth, while the broken-off end

should be inside the mouth. "Now start an ordinary disk phonograph and carefully press down upon the record with the needle's point held at the same angle as the reproducer's needle is held ordinarily. With a little practice one will become proficient in moving the head at the same ratio of speed as the ordinary reproducer arm is moved from the outside of the record toward the inside. As soon as the needle touches the record with sufficient pressure the inside of the head will be filled immediately with music

exceedingly loud and clear. "A curious result of the experiment is that a person standing near by can hear the music, the head acting as a

reproducer in this case." Mr. Gernsback asks deaf or partfally deaf persons to try this and to write to him about the result.

Few States Without Primaries.

All of the states in the Union have some form of primary except Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, New Mexico and Utah. North Carolina has no direct primary, but has a presidential preference primary. In South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas and Texas the Democrats nominate by no provision for other parties. A full primary law, passed in Vermont recently, was approved by a majority of 3,700, and will be in effect for the selection of delegates to the national convention. In addition to Vermont and North Carolina, the following states have a presidential preference primary: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakotz, South Dakota, Nebraska, Maryland, Montana, Oregon and California.

American Dairy Products Active. Cheese, butter and other butterfats are again becoming important factors in our export trade after a long period of comparative inactivity. England has become our largest foreign market for butter, cheese and condensed milk, having last year token 3,333,000 pounds of butter, out of a total export of 10,000,000 pounds; 48,500,000 pounds of cheese, out of a total export of 5 ,000,000 pounds; and 4,000,-000 pounds of condensed milk, out of a total of 37,000,000 pounds. Canada, Cuba, Panama, Australia and Venezuela also take considerable quantities of American butter; Panama and the West Indies are important markets for our cheese; while Cuba, the Netherlands, China, Japan, Hongkong, Chosen, Panama and Brazil take large amounts of American condensed milk.

Modern Knight of the Road.

It is reported that a "hobo" is traveling along the Northern Electric railway line in northern California, carrving with him a folding frame of iron is terlaced with copper, which he connects with the third rall so as to cook his meals by electricity. Furthermore, it is reported teat he also carries a long wire which can be hooked over a trolley line to supply current to the same appliance. The story is interesting and humorous; technically, it is somewhat dublous.-Scientific Ameri-

Whittier's Inspiration Dead. Miss Priscilla H. Marsh, who as an East Haverbill schoolteacher furnished the inspiration for Whittier's poem, "In School Days," is dead. Miss Marsh was born in Peacham, Vt., seventy-six years ago and started as a schoolteacher in rural schools.

It was while she was teaching in East Haverhill that she came to know Whittier intimately, and it was her work among the pupils of that school that led him to write the poem .- Boston Dispatch to New York World.

Antimony Brings High Price. The prices of antimony in 1915 were probably the highest known since the metal became a regular article of commerce. The high prices were nat-