

lay the foundation, felt the influence of his example and leadership ; and many refinements of social life found their way to this interior locality years in advance of the older towns near the river.

As the resources of the country became more widely known and understood, this neighborhood was found to contain vast fields of coal and forests of timber, waiting to be called into use by the needs of the future. And there were mountains of salt, clear as crystal, from which cubes of this saline substance were often obtained that were as transparent as glass ; while in many places rock salt of excellent quality was abundant.

Charlie now found time to examine the country more leisurely ; and a little, lively, black-eyed lady was often the companion of his journeys ; for he had won, for his wife, the postmaster's daughter, of the little adobe town among the mountains. They took canoe-rides through the magnificent canons of the upper Colorado, where the stream seemed to have cut its bed deeper in the rocky formation, until walls three thousand feet in height now stood on both sides of the river. Among the