

it and washing from it the earth or dirt by which it has been hid but not contaminated.

GOLD ATTRACTED THOUSANDS.

Gold in California attracted hundreds of thousands of people to make the tempestuous voyage around Cape Horn, or the shorter but not less perilous trip over the miasmatic Panama route, to the Golden Gate, and thence to the foothills of the Sierra, where they delved and tunneled and panned and flumed, many to find only disappointment, but a large number also to find that which they sought—a golden fortune.

Gold in Australia made thousands venture into the heart of an unknown country, much of it a desert, and at Ballarat, Sandhurst, Bendigo or over the mountains to the Echuca diggings, and now thousands are seeking it in West Australia.

Gold in South Africa has opened up a very large area of the Dark Continent to civilized settlement and is adding millions annually to the world's wealth.

Gold has been found during recent years in many parts of the United States, but mostly in quartz mines which take machinery and large capital to develop them properly. Many a man has sighed for days like those of '49, when a man could take a pick, a shovel, a pan and a stout heart and seek his fortune with a reasonable expectation of finding it. Thousands have longed to repeat the experiences of the Argonauts of that famous period, and dig for gold dust and nuggets in the earth.