

yielded up to the crushing blows of the mill. The clatter and jingle of the stamps pounding out the quartz can be heard from the house, and it is not unpleasant to its inmates. Life seems full of animation as the machinery turns the pulverized bullion through its many revolutions, until the bars of silver and gold become tangible objects to greet the eye, and promise plenty for the future of old age.

Here in the sweet rest of a quiet home Charlie's mother will tell you that her son has redeemed his promise, for her last days bid fair to be her happiest.

If my foster-brother had been permitted to grow up in his early home, he might have had a happier life; but he would not have been so well fitted for a life of usefulness.

Human nature is elastic, and usually moulds itself to the circumstances by which it is surrounded. From the lonely hours of waiting, in which his boyhood was passed, came his patient spirit, prepared to struggle with adversity—from the hardships of his early life, the strong arm and vigorous frame.