

lightning-like swiftness at her approach. Wherever she wandered, the limitless extent of flowering cactus met her view, for Arizona is a pointed country, if nothing else ; but rough and rugged as this country seems, those who dwell in its salubrious climate, find health, and often wealth.

The architecture seems to conform to the surrounding scenery, and nearly all the dwellings are of mud-brick, with thick walls, which are quite comfortable ; but once in a while a frame house is seen, with green blinds and vine-wreathed piazza ; and one of these we will invite the reader to enter.

It is both large and handsome, and stands upon its rocky foundation, near the spring which furnishes the water by which is run the twenty stamp mill for the Mohave Gold and Silver Mining Company. The large bay-window, from which is seen the first glimpse of the sun as it rises from behind the mountains, opens into the cosy sitting-room, with its comfortable lounges and bright carpet, where Charlie's mother, in her soft black dress, relieved only by the collar and cuffs of white linen and the white apron trimmed with dainty lace, sits