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Quicksilver Mines.

AN intelligent writer in the *Somerset Herald* says:—
“I have just returned from a visit to the Quicksilver mines of New Almaden, which are probably the largest in the world. The mine is situated at the summit of a very high mountain, about 1800 feet above the works, (Hacienda.) This distance is traversed by a road, most of the way cut out of the solid rock, at an expense of \$8,000, which was eighteen months building. The mine has been worked but a little over six years, and already the subterranean chambers number near 200, and the whole length of the arched passages is about three miles or more. Heretofore the metal was carried from the bowels of the mine, on the backs of Mexicans to the surface, about 400 feet perpendicular. A tunnel has just been completed, at a cost of \$20,000, which strikes a little below the present working level. A railroad threads the tunnel, 600 feet.

The Arab Horse.

LAYARD, the explorer of Ninevah, who is as familiar with Arabs as he is with antiquities, gives, in his late work on Assyria, some curious details respecting the true horse of the desert. Contrary to the popular notion, the real Arabian is celebrated less for unrivalled swiftness than for extraordinary powers of endurance. Its usual paces are but two—a quick walk, often averaging four or five miles an hour, and a half running canter; for only when pursued does a Bedouin put his mare to full speed. It is the distance they will travel in emergency, the weight they will carry, and the comparative trifle of food they require, which render the Arabian horses so valuable.

Layard says that he know of a celebrated mare which had carried two men in chain armor beyond the reach of some Aneyza pursuers. This mare had rarely had more than twelve handfuls of hay

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