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Canyon, near Cedar Hill, that a silver light flashed across the visions of the miners of Gold Canyon. That Fall the mines began to be livelier than ever, and the mines of Gold Hill attracted attention in California. In March, 1860, there were two or three hundred miners, prospectors and others, in and about Gold Hill, and with the opening of Spring the great rush from all sections of the country set in toward the new land of silver known as Washoe.

The town of Gold Hill is situated in the upper portion of the large ravine known as Gold Canyon, and is irregularly built on each side of the street (Main street), which passes along down the bed of the ravine. One-half of the celebrated silver-producing Comstock ledge is within its municipal limits, and the canyon contains the works of some of the most noted silver mines in the world. The Bullion, the Alpha, the Imperial, the Imperial-Empire (consolidated), the Empire, the Exchequer, the Challenge, the Confidence, the two works of the Yellow Jacket, the Crown Point, the Kentuck, the Belcher, the Segregated Belcher, the Overman, the Caledonia, the American, and the works of several smaller mining operations. The mills in Gold Hill are the Eclipse, the Union (or Sunderland), the Gold Hill Quartz, the Sapphire, the Rhode Island (belonging to the Crown Point Mining Company), the Petaluma, the Empire, the Imperial, the Marysville, the Piute, the Papoose, the Pacific, the Atlas, the Ione, the Succor, etc., all of which are worked by steam power, and are nearly all in operation—being engaged much of the time on ore hauled from several of the mines in the Virginia district. Nearly all of the iron work of these mills is now done at Gold Hill, there being several iron foundries and two boiler works here, which employ a large number of

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