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Air and life on high mountains! It seems incredible that men do hard work at altitudes of 19,000 feet, where the oxygen supply is less than one-half that at sea level, when mountain climbers are often troubled with shortness of breath at 9,000 feet, where the oxygen supply is four-fifths of the sea level amount. There is a mining camp at 'Quilcha, Bolivia, 17,500 feet. It is probably the highest permanent community in the world. Miners live there and climb daily 1,500 feet higher to the mines. It is a matter of acclimatization. Many of the best miners were born and bred at sea level, but seek work at the mines, lured by the high wage. There, sleep is not sound, the appetite is capricious, and smoking is impossible at hard work or play____