Some years ago a prospector known as "John, the Finn," around Georgetown and Montezuma, found some quartz assaying fourteen hundred ounces in gold per ton, in West Argentan mining district which is located between Silver Plume and Montezuma. Hundreds of prospectors have been trying to find where the quartz came from, but the mountains are covered with a deep slide at the point, so nobody found the lode or ledge. As years passed by the incident was forgotten. Last summer I decided to give the place a good looking over so I got a tent and camped close to the place.

One day I stumbled across a lode carrying ore right up to daylight. In following the lode, I found that it crossed the mountain just opposite the place where the quartz was found, and the ore had become covered with loose ground or slide for about one hundred feet down from the top of the mountain. The west side, where the rich quartz was found, is gently sloping and consequently covered up; while the east side is steep, so wildly steep in fact that very few prospectors would care to climb down it. The exposed ore body extends for about three hundred feet long and varies from a small streak to two feet wide. The lode has two granite walls, with a body of lime making up the lode matter. One side of the lime carries the ore streak. The lime itself is sprinkled all through with iron, copper, and lead, and appears to be gradually forming into a solid orebody as one digs down into it. In fact, the whole lime body is a low grade ore streak, and varies from a couple of feet to fifteen feet wide.

I staked two claims, and dug one of the discovery holes eleven feet deep, but ran out of money and could not finish the second hole. In digging down, the ore which is sulpharct on the surface, turned into a sulphide and galena streak. I assayed a piece of that ore and it showed 0.88 ounces gold, 187 ounces silver, and twelve per
cent lead. I did not have it tested for copper but the assayer put in a remark, "showing strong in copper." Parallel with this lode runs a lode or dike 30 to 50 feet wide and about 600 feet apart. The whole body being a mass of iron, copper sulphide and sprinkled with lead in places. Both lodes run into a big dike of creamy white propkay on the top of the mountain, and can be traced across the propkay dike where the mountain becomes so steep that the slide has rolled off. The lodes appear again, and can be traced along the original course for a couple of miles.

The location is in Clear Creek County, Colorado, in the West Argentan mining district, and in the center of the richest mineral zone in the state. It is 12,000 feet above sea level, four miles from auto road, but easy raising canons lead to within a few hundred feet of where the ore is showing. Five hundred dollars will put the mine or prospect in a paying condition. I will take a partner or have the property organized in a mining company.

As soon as snow conditions permit I intend to take some more ground. There is lots of open government ground around there. Snow is usually gone around the first of June at which time my address will be

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