

# The Reflector.

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## OVER THE BORDER.

**Observations of Mexican Life, as  
Noted by Trumbull White, in  
the Chicago Record.**

The state of Durango, and its capital of the same name, 155 miles southwest of Torreon, the junction point of the Mexican Central and the Mexican International railways, in some respects furnish specially interesting views of the condition of the people in this republic.

At every station the railroad company has built houses for its employes. The section hands are allowed their quarter free of rent, in addition to the cash wages that are paid to them. The houses for these are but one room in depth, but extend in a long, low adobe structure, facing the railroad tracks, with as many rooms partitioned off under the one roof as there are hands to shelter. The houses are new, built since the road was completed, and in the exterior are neat and comfortable appearing.

At the stations where there are water tanks, and an engineer is requir-