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GIVING A DREAM REALITY  
PUTTING A DREAM IN PRINT

I have lived my life among the scenes of the Spanish pioneers. I have spent many a night reading the old chronicles where the thrilling story of their efforts is found in its primitive beauty. My printing house has published a number of books of history of the works of the padres and of the conquistadores and I have taken pride in every one of them. I have felt a pride in my membership on a committee of the Knights of Columbus directed to conduct research work in the libraries and archives of the United States, Mexico, South America and Spain and to gather <sup>translate</sup> and prepare in readable form the old Spanish history of those centuries of remarkable achievement. It is a part of my dream to see that old story given to the world. I am one of the founders of the Old Spanish Trail movement and have watched that work revive Spanish interest. And now in helping to give this little book to the public, briefly and carefully constructed as it is for easy reading, I feel that I am putting a dream into type and giving it a reality. The works of the Spanish Fathers are not to be measured by the limitations of a religion or of a race. That was an heroic age. Imperfections we expect in mankind. Whether good, or whether bad, <sup>the men that developed the most Spanish empire in the New World</sup> ~~the men that developed the most Spanish empire in the New World~~ rose to great achievement and their life-story is rich in courage, fortitude, romance, dashing leadership and sublime faith.

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