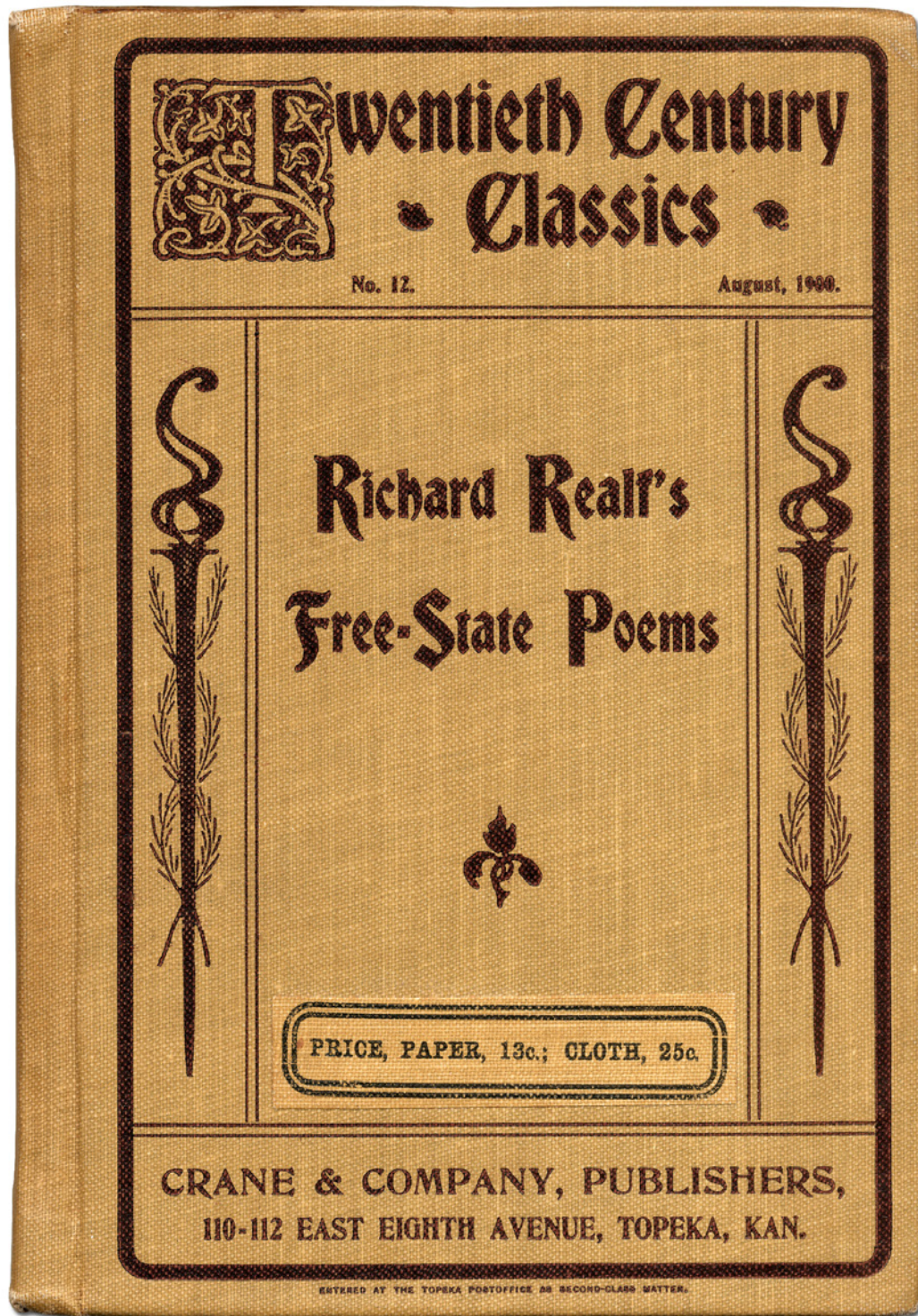


Richard Realf

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The English-born Realf was picked by John Brown to be Secretary of State for the government he failed to establish at Harper's Ferry in 1859. He served in the Civil War, then moved to California, where ill health drove him to suicide in 1878. His final poem, found by his death bedside ended: "He loved his fellows, and their love was sweet, Plant daisies at his head and at his feet." Several of the poems were published in the "Lawrence (Kansas) Republican." [BTC#410558]