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### SOUTH AFRICA GEMS

Greatest Diamonds Are Found in the Kimberley Fields.

Sparklers Are Found in a Rock of Bluish Slate Color, Which Disintegrates on Exposure—De Beers Company in Control.

London.—As Johannesburg and the Rand mean gold, so Kimberley means diamonds, the world's greatest known deposit of this precious stone—a deposit so extensive and so rich that if it were mined to the extent of the capacity to do so and its produce were thrown immediately upon the market, the supply would so far exceed the demand that the price of diamonds would decrease rapidly and steadily, and the diamond would lose much of its prestige as a precious stone. America is familiar with gold mining on a grand scale, even on the scale of the Rand, and there is nothing either in the methods or the results of South African gold mining to attach the interest of novelty or the fascination of mystery to the digging of ore and extraction of the precious metal. But with diamonds the case is different, a correspondent writes. We have no such mines at home.

There is a peculiar fascination about the diamond, in some cases even crime inciting in its intensity. One feels a distinct thrill of excitement in following the diamond mining operations from beginning to end, from blue ground to the cupful of precious stones which represents a mine's day's work.

The diamonds at Kimberley are now found in a rock of bluish slate color, familiarly known as "blue ground," a breccia composite, which decomposes on exposure to the air, sun and rain, and in a few weeks or months crumbles into powder or into a condition in which it is easily pulverized. This diamond bearing rock is a deposit in the oval shaped funnels of volcanic vent holes, which descend almost vertically from earth's surface toward its interior. Each of these volcanic vent holes is a diamond mine, and the diamond bearing conglomerate has been followed downward at some points for 3,000 feet. Most of the world's diamonds have in the past been found on or near the earth's surface in soft soil or crumbled rock which readily yields its treasure to crude washing or sifting. The first diamond mining at Kimberley was of this sort, but now diamonds are mined here from the rock and deep underground, by processes approximating those employed in gold and silver mining. At Kimberley the diamond mines are nearly all owned by the De Beers company, the consolidation of many weak and hostile individual interests into a monopoly and a trust, frankly confessed to be such, having been effected by the organization genius of Cecil Rhodes.

Everything at Kimberley seems to be owned or controlled by or exists by grace of the De Beers company. The company has 20,000 employees, 2,500 white and 17,500 natives. It has built a model village for its employees. It has evolved special stringent peculiar laws to prevent or punish unlicensed sale or purchase of the rough diamonds. On every side its dominating influence is perceptible.

### PRIEST ACTS AS THIEF TAKER

Alarm on Charity Boxes Betrays Mean Robber—Clergyman Holds Bandit for Police.

Riverside, N. J.—Science and pluck aided Father Goff, pastor of the Catholic church, in the capture of a charity box thief, whom county authorities believe they have identified as a leader of a gang of robbers who have terrorized this section for six weeks. At the point of a revolver, the priest captured his man at the church door, after an electric alarm the clergyman had installed in every collection box in the edifice had sounded in the parsonage adjoining. Father Goff rigged the alarm after the boxes were robbed a month ago.

When the bell sounded in his study in the afternoon the priest armed himself and hurried to the church door, calling to his housekeeper to summon the police. As the thief saw the priest he dropped to his knees as if in prayer. Father Goff waited until the fellow arose and moved toward the door, then ordered him to halt.

The robber tried to attack the priest, but Father Goff drew his revolver and held him in the vestibule until Officer Barton appeared and took the man to the city jail. He said he was Harry Johnson of Cincinnati. Magistrate Zeigler held him for the grand jury. Money from the box was found in his pockets.

### Huntress Kills a Wolf.

Meeker, Colo.—A lobo wolf the first to be killed by a woman in this county, was shot by Mrs. W. H. Randolph, the wife of a Meeker contractor and builder.

The Randolphs own a dry ranch in Josephine basin, and while out hunting rabbits with a small rifle, Mrs. Randolph scared up the wolf. Taking aim at the animal while it was on the run she fired, with the intention, as she said, of "tickling it."

The little shot struck home and, maddened, the beast turned on the huntress, but Mrs. Randolph finished it before it had come a half dozen steps.

### WHITE WOMAN WEDS JAP

Oriental Restaurant Owner Marries Connecticut Girl—Courtship Is Brief.

Portland.—A marriage license was issued at the county auditor's office to a Japanese man and a white woman—Harry Hosoda, twenty-six years old, of Deer Lodge, Mont., and Georgia Franklin, twenty-three years old, of Roxbury, Conn.

The county auditor's force did not feel that it was the proper thing to do, in granting the license, although the two were well appearing, but there was no alternative, as the law specifies that any one having the required amount of money and no nearer of kin than second cousins may marry. Providing further there are no prohibitions from diseases and no divorce from former marriages.

The couple were married at All Saints' Episcopal parish house by Very Rev. William C. Hicks, dean of the cathedral. Dean Hicks said: "Mr. Hosoda is a baptized and confirmed member of the Episcopal church in Deer Lodge, Mont., is quite Americanized and is proprietor of a restaurant there. Miss Franklin is a Connecticut girl. She came to Deer Lodge a few weeks ago and started to work in the restaurant. She and Mr. Hosoda evidently fell in love and decided to get married in Spokane. They left for Deer Lodge."

### TURTLE 1,000 YEARS OLD

Shipped for Soup, Patriarch will be Given to Zoo—Weighs Seventy-eight Pounds.

Philadelphia.—The patriarch of snapping turtles is in Philadelphia. He weighs 78 pounds and is thought by experts to be 1,000 years old. He was discovered in the woods of Illinois and captured. Then he was shipped to Henry W. Young in the Reading Terminal market, with instructions to sell for conversion into soup. But when Young saw him he decided to present him to the Zoo.

The turtle's head is as big as a St. Bernard pup's. His shell is 39 inches long, and when he pushes his face out from one end and his tail out from the other, he measures from tip to tip 62 inches.

Turtles, like elephants and whales, have been blessed with almost immortal life. There is no telling the exact age of this old fellow, but as snappers do not grow fast and start small and light, it is estimated that he was ambling around in the woods of Illinois for nearly six centuries before Columbus arrived.

He may, in his youth, have been the personal acquaintance of La Salle and Pere Marquette.

### GRASS SEED BRINGS \$1,200

Other Dakotan Agriculturists Get High Figures—Departure from the One-Crop Idea.

St. Paul, Minn.—Such things as selling a load of grass seed for \$1,200 are helping the North Dakota farmers to get away from the one-crop idea, according to W. F. Cushing, editor of the Fargo Courier-News, who was here recently.

"Many farmers in the Red river valley who let their millet and timothy ripen instead of cutting it for grass are reaping a fortune this year," said Cushing. "I have seen a great many loads of this seed sold in Fargo and Moorhead for over \$800, and I know personally of one load that brought over \$1,200."

"North Dakota also raised some excellent corn this year and the displays at the Fargo corn show this winter will prove a revelation. The high prices for grass seed, fax and other farm products have given us a fair average year and nearly offset the loss from the short wheat crop. These two successive years of a short wheat crop have compelled the Dakota farmers to get away from the one-crop idea, and in that respect it will prove a blessing."

### FINE FOR SOCIALIST SPEAKER

Remarks About Queen Victoria Cost Man \$10—Crowd Threatened to Whip and Shoot Him.

London.—John Bonnar Thompson, a Socialist speaker, of Kemble street, Drury lane, who was said to have made disgraceful reflections on the character of Queen Victoria, was fined \$10 at the Marlborough street police court for "an act calculated to provoke a breach of the peace."

Witnesses stated that Thompson made insulting remarks about Queen Victoria, with the result that the crowd around him became disorderly. Some of the audience shouted out that he ought to be locked up, whipped and shot.

"I am a Socialist," returned Thompson, "and I claim the right to criticize every institution in the land. I have no ill feeling against royalty."

### RULERS IN TRADE

Kaiser Wilhelm Holds First Place Among Royalty.

King Gustavus of Sweden Makes Money Out of Real Estate Deals—A Pair of Royal Speculators—Some Are Inventors.

London.—Monarchs are not always making money. And perhaps the kaiser should be given first place among reigning sovereigns for shrewd commercialism. He makes a strong point of cultivating the friendship of financial magnates, not only in his own but in other countries as well.

The kaiser has some very large holdings in the Hamburg-American steamship line. He is extensively interested in the diamond mine enterprises of German West Africa. In connection with the vast forests comprised in the crown domains and on his private estates he carries on a large lumber business. His horse breeding establishment in western Prussia brings him in a handsome revenue. He is the principal stockholder in the lager beer brewery at Hanover. And he carries on an extensive manufactory of pottery on his private estates at Cadmen.

Gustavus, the present ruler of the Swedes, is a total abstainer. On coming to the throne he disposed of his father's extensive brewery interests. But he still retains many other profitable investments. He has money in mills and mines, and he seldom neglects to extol the virtues of the Grand hotel at Stockholm, in which he is by far the largest stockholder.

He is a successful speculator builder. In this way: When property in the slum districts of the Swedish metropolis is going dirt cheap, along comes the king and buys it. And soon on the sites of the dilapidated buildings rise handsome houses and thoroughfares, which increase the value of the property many times over.

Few monarchs have shown themselves cleverer managers of a wife's property than the king of Denmark. By shrewd investments he has already multiplied its value many times. In a large number of his enterprises he is associated with his royal brother, King George of Greece, who possesses an immense fortune, which he owes in a great measure to undertaking certain operations in American grain about 35 years ago, which the closing of Odessa and other southern Russian seaports to the export of grain, owing to the war with Turkey, rendered extremely profitable.

From the sale of beer the prince regent of Bavaria draws immense sums.

Our own King George is another monarch who does not scorn to make money by side lines. From his model farms at Windsor, Balmoral, Sandringham, he derives a handsome revenue and maintains a herd of several hundred superb cattle, which take prizes at agricultural shows all over the country. His majesty is also keeping up the late King Edward's horse breeding establishment at Sandringham, where, in addition to race horses, he raised hackneys, coach horses, carriage horses and hunters.

Many of the scions of Europe's reigning houses are in receipt of big sums from inventions for which they have been responsible.

### GEESE FIGHT MAN ON FENCE

Keeper Battles Half Hour Before He Is Rescued by Comrade.

New York.—Charles Gunkel, sixty, assistant keeper of the birds on the lake in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, was attacked by a score of Canadian geese.

Gunkel left his keys at home and was climbing over the six-foot wire fence of the bird enclosure when he slipped and pitched, head downward, on the inside. His feet caught in the wire and he swung back and forth unable to right himself.

His frightened cries alarmed the geese and with loud honks they pecked at his head and face. With arms working like flails he drove them off, but as soon as he stopped working his arms to try to right himself they again attacked. It was a half hour before his cries brought Philip Monaghan, a driver, to his rescue. As Gunkel was released from the fence Keeper O'Brien appeared with a double-barreled shotgun in his hand.

"I thought thieves were breaking in to the enclosure," he said.

### TOBACCO JUICE IN HER EYE

After Forty Years of Married Life Woman Files Divorce Suit Against Husband.

Stockton, Cal.—After having been married for nearly forty years, Mrs. Sarah E. Myers of this county has filed a divorce complaint against George J. Myers, in which the principal allegation is he persisted in spewing tobacco juice in her eyes.

She asserts that on one occasion he directed a stream of the fluid against her face with such force that she was blind for several weeks.

Mrs. Myers declares that her husband's cruelty began in 1890 and extended up to a few months ago, when she was driven from their home in Lodi. According to the aged woman's story, it was not an infrequent occurrence for her husband to knock her down.

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- 15 Made-Up Carpet Rugs in extra Axminster, finest quality, 10-6x12 feet, regular \$35.00, now \$22.50
- 3 Made-Up Carpet Rugs in Wilton Velvet, 10-6x12 feet, extra heavy, regular \$30, now \$20.00
- 2 Made-Up Carpet Rugs in Bigelow Axminster, 10-6x12 feet, extra fine, regular \$40, now \$25.00
- 10 Traveler's Sample Rugs, Tapestry Brussels, 9x12 feet, good styles and colors, regular \$13.50, now \$9.00
- 8 Traveler's Sample Rugs, Tapestry Brussels, 9x12 feet, special quality, regular \$15, now \$10.00
- 12 Traveler's Sample Rugs, Tapestry Brussels, 9x12 feet, extra fine, regular \$18, now \$12.50
- 5 Traveler's Sample Rugs, Wilton Velvet, 9x12 feet, splendid quality, regular \$20, now \$13.50
- 8 Traveler's Sample Rugs, Wilton Velvet, 9x12 feet, extra fine quality, regular \$25, now \$17.50
- 10 Traveler's Sample Rugs, good grade Axminster, 9x12 feet, choice styles, regular \$25, now \$17.50
- 5 Traveler's Sample Rugs, finest grade Axminster, 9x12 feet, very fine, regular \$27.50, now \$20.00
- 3 Traveler's Sample Rugs, finest Wilton Velvet, 9x12 feet, seamless, regular \$35, now \$22.50
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