

AMERICAN DIAMONDS.

Valuable Pebbles in Gravel Beds of This Country.

Mexicans Where Precious Stones of Considerable Size Have Been Discovered.

The presence of fresh water pearls in American streams is a comparatively well-known fact.

South Africa is now the largest producer in the world, and Brazil ranks next in present yield.

One of the regions in the United States from which small diamonds have been obtained is the Piedmont plateau.

A somewhat difficult problem is raised by finding seven diamonds, ranging in size from 4 to 21 carats.

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WARFARE ON CONSUMPTION.

Important Points Gained in the Struggle for Mastery Over the Fell Destroyer.

In its annual report for 1902 recently issued the New York state board of health was able to point to a very noticeable decrease in the death rate from consumption.

There has been much good news of late for the leaders in the warfare against this disease.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Jerusalem artichoke is used in France for making brandy as well as alcohol.

Sweden exported 20,000 tons of butter to England last year and ate 12,000 tons of margarine at home.

Last year's output of coal in South Wales was 41,305,000 tons, an increase of 2,000,000 tons over 1901.

In round numbers, the frozen rabbits imported last year from Australia and New Zealand totaled 11,500,000.

Five centuries ago the English ate four meals a day—at seven, ten, four, eight. The dinner hour in England and France has been gradually advanced from ten a. m. to nearly ten p. m.

Several notable persons have fallen victims to the new ordinance at Washington forbidding automobiles speeding.

Lieut. Robert S. Clark, of the Ninth infantry, the stepson of Bishop Potter and the wealthiest man in the army, was the first punished.

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DICTIONARIES OF FASHION.

Fanciful Odds and Ends That Enter into the Pretty Dress Compositions of the Season.

The pouched blouse it is said is on the decline abroad and crossed fachu blouses are much more fashionable.

Lace is used as much as ever, and old lace handkerchiefs are cut in two, each point being used for the short sleeves.

Of skirts there is little to be said. They are gradually spreading at the feet and swathing us more tightly round the hips.

Delaines will be much used this season, and we shall have quite a revival of broche, grenadines and barges.

Opera mantles are very long, with the enormous Jewish sleeves.

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MASSAGED HIS HEART.

English Physician Succeeded in Restoring Heart and Sets It Going Again When Stopped.

At a recent clinic in England the operator actually started a man's heart working after its functions had ceased by massaging the vital organ with his hands.

The case was one of appendicitis. The patient was a man of 65 years of age. Ether and nitrous oxide were the anaesthetics employed to render him unconscious.

Then the surgeon, W. Arbuthnot Lane, pushed his hand up through the abdominal wound and grasped the motionless heart, through the diaphragm.

After that the surgeon wielded his knife before the interruption, and proceeded to complete his work in businesslike fashion.

There was no complication in the case, and the old man made what the doctors call "a good recovery."

"This rough-and-ready method and its success in this case are suggestive of important possibilities, and demonstrate that cutting operations in these cases are not essential and can be avoided."

The previous failure followed extensive exposures of the heart either by rib resection or incision through the diaphragm.

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RACE IS DYING OUT.

Little Known People Who Inhabit West Coast of Africa.

Like the American Indians, They Have Adopted the White Man's Vices, Especially That of Wine-Drinking.

Reuter's representative has had an interview with Lieut. Boyd Alexander, rifle brigade, who has just reached England after an interesting expedition over the little known Spanish island of Fernando Po.

Although lying within a few miles of the Niger coast and in the direct track of steamers, the island is practically unknown, except for a narrow cultivated belt round the coast.

Speaking of his travels, Lieut. Alexander said: "I reached the island from the German port of Victoria, in the Cameroons, which is only 20 miles distant, and soon found that, owing to the physical conditions, scientific research was not an easy matter."

Of the natives of the island, Lieut. Boyd Alexander said: "They are acrobatic and timid race, quite unlike anything I have seen on the west coast, and of an extremely low type."

"Except for the purpose of going out on organized drinking bouts, many of them never leave their primitive dwellings, among the rocks, and generally speaking, they had never before seen a white man. They are known as 'Bobies.' They are of poor physique, and are, in fact, dying of palm wine and rum."

"Usually they are quite naked, except for a curious straw loincloth which they wear. Some, however, add to this a scanty loin cloth. They make themselves more hideous than they would otherwise be by painting their bodies with colored mud, and a plaster of this mixture, which is bright red, on the lower part of the face renders them particularly unattractive."

"Their dirt is unpeppable. They never wash, but to their arms is attached by means of a braided band a knife which they use to scrape off the dirt with which they are encased. They manage, too, to immerse a family by winding tightly round the upper arm and below the knee strong woven bands."

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