

GRADING DIAMONDS.

Qualities in Stones of the First, Second and Third Water-

"A diamond of the first water should be entirely dolorless and transparent. without any inclusion or flaw," says the Scientific American. "It is of the second water. It is colorless with small but unimportant faults or if it is without faults, but with some traces of color, and third water if it is colorless, but with larger faults or if it is distinctly colorless. The correct valuation is therefore very difficult and often subject to the jeweler's judgment. For this reason Professor Rosiwal gives to the layman the following hints:

"The requisite in stones of the first water is perfect lack of color or what is the requisite in stones of the first wa-ter is perfect lack of color or, what is more highly prized, a tinge of blue. In general, beautifully colored dismonds command fabulous prices and are to be found only in the treasure vaults of

Stones of the second water are numercus. There are supposed to be mi-croscopically pure, but almost always

croscopically pure, but almost always show some inclusion. There are oftentimes traces of yellow color in this grade, and because this can be seen best in sunlight one should never buy diamond at night, for the prevailing lights cause stones that are even noticeable yellowish to appear clear.

"Most of the stones of the ordinary market are of the third quality, and the dealers try to cover up their faults by combining them into groups for borler stones or for the popular pendants, diamond hearts, marquise rings, etc. While they may be colorless, they are often so full of flaws that they would be ranked as 'bort.' or diamond good only for mechanical purposes, if there had not been such a demand for the gems as to increase the price."

Aptly Described.

"I have been courting her for two years," said the disconsolate one, "and I am certain that she will refuse me when I propose.'

"Ah, that is interesting," said the amateur photographer-"a sort of undeveloped negative."

Montreal, May 29th, '09. Minard's Liniment Co., Limited. Yarmouth, N. S.

Gentlemen,-I beg to let you know that I have used MINARD'S LINI- walls of the eastern capital of the ern Kansas, and it subsequently be- know they're not all sufficient." MENT for some time, and I find it the Roman Empire. On the recommen- came known as the "Colorado potato i and muscles.

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NEWEST IN VEILS.

The very newest veils are charming and alluring. Both sexes admit it; for what man can resist a pleasing face behind an enhancing mesh?

Small, trim shapes for spring wear have made the veil unusually popular this season, for, while the slightlyroughened hair may look well, and even increase the illusion of youth under a broad-brimmed hat, the very narrow brim or the brimless chapeau demands a neatness that only the properly adjusted veil can give.

Smartness is often obtained by inverting a richly bordered veil so that the border ornaments the crown of the

Beaded and metal designs appear in very narrow chin borders, but will disappear soon after early spring. Very fascinating is the Cleopatra veil ornamented with moons of cut steel beads, usually on a taupe mesh.

Soutache designs are shown bith in deep and narrow borders, the deep borders being inverted and worn with the pattern over the tall military turbans and simple high-crowned sailors. while the narrow border effects are used in draped or in semi-draped arrangement.

Double borders are sometimes worn by ultra fashionables, each border being in a different color. Thus a black hexagon has a two-inch border in champagne color, and a navy blue border three inches in width. The plain mesh of such a veil is used over the hat, the blue border over the central part of the face, and the champagne border on the chin. This, of course, is an extreme style.

There are many very attractive new shadow and scroll patterns. A shadow daisy design in navy blue has a centre of gold. However, black and white is the dominant combination, and is more popular than any of the colored effects. Taupe, brown and sand are

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also good. Among the black and white patterns there is one particularly attractive one of a slender fern embroidered in silvery white silk upon a fine, indistinct black mesh.

New woven patterns in delicatelyraced designs in imitation of the fine hand-run scroll effects so firmly established among the high-priced veilings. are appearing among those most moderately priced. Sometimes these patterns are continued to borders intend ed to be drawn snugly about the lower part of milady's face, leaving the plain mesh ever the eyes. Silk in cashmere colorings is used to develop some of the most dainty of the new hand-run

CATCHING RIVETS WITH NET.

Cutting off river neads as a strenuous occupation. Bits of metal are likely to fly in unlooked-for directions, sometimes injuring bystanders very severely.

Safety engineers on the Southern Pacific figure that loose rivet heads flying around with the speed of bullets are not conauctive to the general good health and wellbeing of employees or of the public. Hence, they have equipped all their rivet-cutting gangs with wire baskets mounted on long wooden handles. When using one of these devices a rivet cutter ongles for the head when it comes off in much the same way as entomologists and youngsters seek to capture moths with butterfly nets—in fact, the rivet baskets and a professor's butterfly net look a good deal alike.

At any rate, the baskets have proved themselves to be a sure preventative of flying rivets; for they catch their prey before it has flown six inches—thus effectually stopping them in their dangercus flight. Safety engineers on the Southern Paci-

CROSS, SICKLY BABIES Weed That Followed the Bug

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First Use of Siege Guns.

A campaign surpassing the invention and resource of any that went before was that waged by the Turks against Constantinople in 1452-3. Its culmination not only brought the Turk into Europe, but it brought into warfare the use of artillery as means of reducing fortified cities. Oddly, then, as in the present great war, it was German skill in the handling of cannon that aided the Tirks. One Urban, a Wallachian reared in Germany, who had seen service in the armies of German, Hungarian, and Greek before he attached himself to the Sultan's forces, devised the cannon that for fifty days battered the ed strip of eastern Colorado and westbest I have ever used for the joints dation of Urban, the Sultan, before he began his campaign against Constantinople, erected a foundry and in upon solanum rostratum, a plant beceeding two and a half feet in diameter and capable of projecting to the distance of about a mile a missile of six hundred pounds in weight. Other guns of a smaller calibre were constructed under the supervision of

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FINGER RINGS.

From Iron Ring of Babylon They Have Had Their Significance.

From the earliest period of civilized relationships the finger ring has been accepted as a symbol of fidelity and truth in the fulfilment of a pledge, according to a writer in the St. Louis Post-Despatch, and for the greater part of 2,000 years it was used as the most convenient means of conveying the signet of the wearer.

According to Herodotus, the wearing of finger rings originated with the Babylonians, the ring of those times being of iron. That the custom was gradually transmitted from the Babylonians to the Hellenes is certain, the later - Greek historians describing minutely the richly chased gold rings worn as talismans by warriors on their departure for the wars, while at the end of another century every freedman in Greece possessed a signet.

Coming down to the Roman era we find the freedman, in imitation of the Babyloniauns and Spartans, bearing their iron signet as evidence of the simplicity of their lives, the custom prevailing down to the last days of the republic. Ambassadors alone were permitted to wear the gold ring, this privilege, under the influence of the splendors of the Augustan era, being extended to senators, chief magistrates and equites. Tiberius, however, limited the wearing of the gold ring to the possessors of large property qualifications. Severus conceded the distinction to all Roman soldiers and under Justinian all citizens, freedmen or slaves, enjoyed the right, silver rings being worn by freedmen and iron by slaves.

The third and fourth centuries of the Christian era saw the first use of the ring as a religious symbol, the mono gram of Christ being the most revered device, and this custom has in one form or another continued down to the present day.

In the Middle Ages the signet ring was held to be of the greatest importance in religious, legal, commercial or private affairs. Among be trothed couples of the fifteenth, sixteenth and eighteenth centuries many rings were inscribed with words supposedly of talismanic power, such as Caspar, Melchoir and Belthasar, the names of the Magi, while in the nineteenth century nearly all engagement rings bore the familiar "Mizpah" (the Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from the

other) In direct contradiction to the ring of beneficent influence is the poison

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of the weird, blue lights, the melo-Historic examples of this sinister agent are the ring containing a hollow bezel with which Hannibal, pursued by the Romans, ended his life at Libyssa; the ring of Demosthenes, the anello della morte of the Borgias, which carried a secret point made to

work with a spring, this point communicating with a receptacle for poison in a cavity behind, in such a way that the murderer could give the fatal scratch while shaking hands with an enemy.-Buffalo Commercial. Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

MIGRATING PLANTS.

That Devastated It.

It appears that there exists between certain plants and certain animals a curious association that seems almost like mutual affection. The catnip, which came from the East with cats, is said never to flourish where there are no members of the feline family to feed on it. The "buffalo grass," in our own country has, it is said, practically disappeared with the buffalo. Then, too, there is the burdock, which seems to clinb tenaciously to human kind, evincing an unwillingness to grow where there are no humans in sight.

One of the most extraordinary inplant as if to "keep company" with an insect was "he removal of the homely solanum rostratum from the vicinity of the Rockies eastward. Something like fifty years ago the farmers of the Mississippi valley became aware of the presence of a new pest in their fields. Its ravages soon assumed alarming proportions. stocky, gandily striped beetle, which multiplied at an amazing rate, had begun to devour the potato vines. The potatoes, deprived of their vines, rotted in the ground, and an important

crop was lost. This beetle naturally received from the farmers the name of "potato bug." It was found to have begun an eastward march from the then uncultivatsome settlers planted a field of pota- that. toes and the beetle at once fell in love ! with them.

multiplied with astonishing rapidity. | opinion. in a few years it had covered the whole country and had devastated powere carried in vessels across the ocean, and the insect began a new car-

ring, dear to the hearts of all lovers ; it spread over the British Ieles and the continent of Europe. But what about solanum rostratum.

abandoned by its old friend? would supose that, left free from the devouring attentions of the beetle, it would have been content to remain where it was. But this was not the case, since the weed seems to have set out immediately on a journey in search of the beetle.

The prevailing direction of plant migration in this country appears to be westward. With the settlement of the country, the plants of Europe and of eastern America tended to crowd out the native vegetation. But the solanum proved an exception to this rule. Apparently it realized that its destiny was to be eaten. Nothing but the rotato beetle would eat it, so it came East to find that insect.—Exchange.

Rubbing It In.

The playwright's own latest play was being produced. Sitting in the last row in the orchestra stalls, he listened to its leading phrases. The piece was a complete failure. As the playwright sat, pale and sad, chilled to the heart by the fatal silence. a woman sitting behind him leaned forward and said:

"Excuse me, sir. I have something belonging to you. Knowing you to be the author of the play. I took the liberty at the beginning of the performance of snipping off a lock of your hair. Allow me to return it."-New York Times.

stances of the apparent migration of a Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

What She Likes About Her Mother-in-Law. (Home Chat.)

She says, "How do you wash your curtains? They always look so nice. When we go home she doesn't treat him as if he's a martyr just returned for a taste of the old comfort. I like her because she credits me

with a bit of sense, instead of imagining that I've everything to learn. You see, you've earned money curself, therefore you know the value of it. I was not so fortunate

when I started." Eather nice of her, wasn't it? "Don't drop your girl friends," she said. A husband's very nice, but I

I thought it jolly sporty of her when region of its origin this beetle had fed wish to see her boys happily married. it was cast a gun with a mouth ex- longing to the same genus as the pota- ing round, a thing I appreciate. beto. Doubtless the insect had been quite cause I don't like her to catch me in that have figured in history that Gencontent with this article of food. But | the middle of my work, she knows

> She doesn't keep saying, as she goes over the house, "Now I should do Migrating eastward in eager search this." or "I should have that there." of its new food., the Colorado beetle Consequently I frequently ask her

> When he has a cold she doesn't say, "Dear me!" in the tone that insinutato fields to the Atlantic coast. Then ates he wouldn't have had it under some of the beetles, or their eggs, her care. She says, "Well, he always was subject to them.' She always asks so nicely after my

> eer of conquest in the Old World, for mother and my people. I think a lot

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ing up to it.

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of her for that; she realizes that they

Maybe I'm silly, but I always feel

could hug her when she says that

she's never seen Jack looking better.

method of bringing up baby, but admits that many of the modern teach-

ings are improvements on the old

There are times when Tom isn't in

the sweetest of moods, but she doesn't

make him worse by siding with him.

but whispers to me: "Same sort of

What I like about her is that she

doesn't view our marriage from her son's point of view alone, but takes

I've always got the feeling when I'm

with her that she likes me for myself,

not just because I'm her son's wife

smoothly when she visited us, and I

worked like a nigger (we've no maid.)

emper as his father, my dear.

me into equal consideration also.

and she's got to put up with me.

I wanted everything to run

She doesn't incessantly criticise my

are still my people

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It does somenow get us down to the quintessential difference between the British idea of Empire and all others eral Smuts should be with us heart and soul in our present struggle and be hailed everywhere as one of the most powerful leaders and spokesmen enemy his appearance and that of his General Botha," both as leaders of incomparable skill in the field and as statesmen, powerfully belying to unite the nations under the British flag, is the most perplexing manifestation of these times. They have not the clue to it nor the mental habit which can interpret it. They shrugged their shoulders and thought it another whim of the mad English, which byand-by would inure to the advantage of Germany, when, at the end of the South African war, we withdrew our army and trusted the men who had been in arms against us to join with their former enemies in working out the free constitution which was to make a nation of South Africa. We have our reward, and when General of the City of London he is able to claim that now, as always, he is a consistent fighter in the cause of freedom, "When I look at the effort of this nation," says General Smuts, "I declare without flattery that liberty, like wisdom is once more justified of her children.

The same reflection may occur to us as we read the speech on the same occasion of the Maharajah of Bikanir. We have read a German book on the Indian Empire which, after reckoning up the number of troops that we kept in India, declared it to be an absurdity that we should claim to have any Empire at all when we were unable to maintain more than one British soldier to every 4,000 of the population of India. The writer was thinking of those Colonial possessions of his own country in which the military establishments were a large majority of the European population and maintained on a footing of war against the native populations; and he could think of no other test by which an Empire could be judged. We with a contemptible number of troops light heartedly relying on a civil administration to win respect and support from the overwhelming majority of Indians who surrounded us were "an :mage with feet of clay" offering an oven invitation to a really virile nation like the German to come and demolish us or stir up our Indian fellow-subjects to drive us into the sea. We may find the answer to this in the message from the Indian Princes which the Maharajah of Bikanir is charged to "lay at the feet of his Majesty the King Emperor," and which he recited at the Guildhall yesterday. The Maharajah has reminded us more than once that our rule in India does not rest on the aword, and let us never forget it. The consent of the 350 millions of India to our government was never assured by the 70,000 troops that we kept there. It rested on the belief that we governed justly and wisely, and could be relied upon to advance with the times and bring the

people of India into association with

the Government of their own country.

The loyalty of the Princes and people

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of India in the present war is encouraging proof that what we have done so far we have done well but both look to us to continue the work and to develop the Government of India on the lines of the free Empire, and we have to see to it that they are not

General Smuts puts into the fore-

But she said, "Now, I know what front of his speech the ideal aspects there is to be done. I didn't always of the war. He, if any man, knows have servants, so we'll either let the the value of guns and munitions and work go or do it together." I know multitudes of fighting men, but he is real relatives who don't look at it that still of Napoleon's opinion that the moral forces are the dominant forces. My mother in law pleases me be-"Silent invisible forces have," as he cause she doesn't say everything she says, "been set in motion in this great thinks, and, as my ways are not all tragedy, and when the end comes, it ways her ways, I'm grateful to her for | will be recognized that it was not so much the valor or strength of our arm-She always treats me as if I were ies that carried us to victory as the such a success, as if she always knew inspiration of a great cause." His ap-I would be, that I just can't help liv- peal to us to have faith in this cause, to be patient and constant, petther too When she's not feeling well she much elated by success nor too much sends for me to go and see her some depressed by ill-fortune, comes to us just like a real daughter, at a timely moment, and may be com-There's something about that I always | mended, especially to the civil population. There may be times ahead of us She often praises my cooking. Isn't in which we shall be called upon to submit to real privation and to make cacrifices beyond any that we have contemplated, but let it be intimated to the Government that we do not need a panic-stricken agitation to make us submit to these necessities. but will accept them cheerfully for the cause, if and when they are decreed. Let the appeal to the public be for the cause, let them be brought to understand what the success of Germany by her present methods would mean not only to us but to the whole world, and, as General Smuts says, forces will be set in mtion which will be even more powerful than armics. Let the appeal be merely to fear and self-interest, and the greater part of this force will go to waste.

So when General Smuts, apecaling eloquently to his own experience, hopes that "freedom will be the ruling light which will guide us to vietory," he is doing more than make a phrase in a peroration. If all the Allies and the neutra's can be prought to believe in very truth that their freedom depends on defeating the German attack by sea, we may be certain it will not prevail; and we may rely on every effort and sacrifice to prevent its prevailing. And if all the world can be persuaded 'that, when they come to the terms of peace, the Allies will really make freedom 'their ruling light," the invisible forces of which General Smuts speaks will everywhere rally to their side. Westminster Gazette.

inard's Liniment Cures Diste

A BROAD POLICY

In order to encourage the settlement and cultivation of vacant lands in the Western Provinces, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, of the British Commenwealth. To the through its Colonization and Development Department, of which Mr. J. S. "old friend and congrade in arms, Dennis is the head, has undertaken an active campaign to try and induce absentee owners to cultivate their holdings.

A circular has been issued to some 8.000 absentee owners, pointing out the profits which can be made by cultivating their lands, and showing how many farmers sold their last year's crep for more than the original cost of their farms.

The company offers the advice and assistance of its Colonization and Development Department, free of charge, in supplying reliable information as to how to go about getting the land under cultivation and will cend, on request, the fullest details as to routes of travel, customs regula-Smuts appears to receive the freedom | tions, passenger and freight rates and eimilar data

In undertaking this campaign the company is following its usual broad policy of Dominion wide development, realizing that every new settler means greater production to meet the food shortage which at present threatens the world, and which Canada, with its extensive and fertile unplowed areas, can provide.

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Officials Made Secret to Maxim Gorke

Who Prints Proofs Statements.

Petrograd Cable-Maxim the noted Russian author, pu censational account of an at D. Rizow, the Bulgarian Min Berij to inveigle him into tine negotiations for a separa In the Novaia Zhizu, of whi is the editor, he prints Rizo despatch, occupying three with concrete peace proposals though he himself is an alm tical advocate of peace, o Rizow. The peace proposal was

to Maxim Gorky at Petrogra plicate by two German agen individually. Rizow began claiming that already in Ja had approached the Russian at Stockholm and Christiani proposal to conclude "an peace' between Russia and He received a rebuil. Im after the revolution, Rizow his attempt with the Russian at Christiania, who was an quaintance, and got through ster, a reply from Protes Miliukoff, then the Foreign in the temporary Government Notwithstanding his two

Rizow, announcing himself as real friend, now approaches quaintance, maxim Corky. temples to refute successively ments customarily used by cians and the allies against a peace. He offers to guarant Germany and Austria will : undertake an offensive aga Russia, and adds that both ; willing to evacuate the occritory without the expenditu other drop of Russian blooclares that Germany and Aud wise menade Russia's clew He accuses England of being militarist State, not German clares that Russia has no n gation to keep her treaty w lies, because treaty treaking common in the present war.

The Provisional Covernm Rizow, must be forced to a question: "Who, after thire massacre, gave you the right tinue shedding Russian bloo-Rizow thereupon makes t ing concrete proposal: "! conclude an immediate armi

her foes, both beligerents their present fronts, and to immediately a Russian accombly, with the aim o on beace or war. This, says Rizow, is the o to save the Russian revolu disaster. He invites Gorky him at Stockholm or so Swedish town, or, if that ible, to send a representati must be a Russian of aut invites Gorky to acknowl despatch and appoint a med by telegraph, to a certain G

his identity by signing the with his Christian name. by the name Max. In his newspaper, Max characterises Rizow's des "base and stupid," and dec his only reply will be its p

siding in the Strandvag

holm, and suggests that

WHY RUSSIAN WERE INA

Lack of Sense of D Part of the Tro

Visit of New War I Has Been a Ren

has been marked by enthu. monstrations. The Minist declared that he will him at the hend of the adva talions. Kercusky fully a the necessity that the arm offensive, not only in the t his country, but in the in his party. He has alread great deal towards allayin the evils which threatned the Russian revolution into of classes. The worst of t

.was the deterioration of Rus

tary efficiency.

To the congress of deles the front Col. Jakuboviich Assistant Minister of War. an address on the situation i He said everything was reoffensive except the necessa duty, which had impeded the foodstuffs and todder. Trai plies had improved conside ing the first days of the then gradually things got w . week ago there was com organization, soldiers delibe coupled trucks of fodder and partie front, and railway were powerless to handle t Many were leaving the from sisted on turning back all to ward bound. Then there w were demanding 32 rubles a hours. He further declared whole army and country we with German spies, and the

the evil. The Cossacks in the held a convention recei a resolution to give

ment found it difficult to