

Diamond—the April Birthstone

AS TO the origin of the diamond numerous theories have been advanced. By many scientists it has been supposed that they are the result of intense volcanic action. Others claim that they are of meteoric formation. Under just what conditions of intense heat, pressure and electrical energy the forces of nature were combined to transform elementary carbon—the carbon with which we all are familiar in its commoner forms of charcoal and ordinary graphite—into the intense hardness and brilliant beauty of the gem of all gems no one, however, has yet been able definitely to determine.

The diamond is pure carbon in its crystalline form. It is the hardest of all minerals, the most brilliant of all stones, and possesses in an extraordinary degree the power to reflect, refract and disperse rays of light, yet in the rough it is not unlike a piece of alum or gum arabic and is not equal in appearance to rock crystal or a piece of cut glass.

Diamonds are found as crystals, more or less perfect in form and of various shapes, sometimes being almost round, but more often having eight uniform sides. The diamond is singly refractive and neither acids nor alkalis have any effect upon it. It is self-luminous, that is, after exposure to sunshine it will give out in the dark what it takes in during the day; it is the only stone that is perfectly transparent to the Roentgen ray; it can be burnt with oxygen at a temperature of about 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit.

Diamonds are sold by weight. The unit of weight is the "carat," a term derived from the name of a small Indian seed which, when dry, is said to be absolutely uniform in weight. While diamonds are sold by weight, however, the size and weight of a stone are relatively unimportant; color, brilliancy and shape are the ruling factors in determining its value. It is quality that counts. Small stones of good color, flawless and perfectly formed are much more desirable than larger ones of poorer quality.

There are many grades of diamonds—far more, probably, than the average retail jeweler or salesman would suppose—the quality of the stone depending in part upon color, freedom from flaws and natural brilliancy, and in part upon the shape, the proportion and the acquired brilliancy that results from the most intelligent and perfect cutting. Experts classify them by color as follows: Blue, fine blue-white, blue-white, white, silver cape, fine cape, second cape, fine bywater, second bywater, off color, light yellow, yellow, fine light brown, brown and dark brown. Rare specimens are met with of almost all colors, from red, green, blue and pink to violet, orange and canary yellow.

Sometimes also they are classified by name or source, as, for instance, Jagers, Rivers, Wesseltons, the term in each case having a distinct significance in the trade as to the color and quality of the stones.

Few diamonds are quite free from flaws and imperfections, though many of these are almost imperceptible when examined without the aid of a glass. Flaws consist mainly of carbon spots or tiny fissures, and "hairs" or "feathers," which resemble more than anything else the varied, radiating marks or fractures that might result from hitting a clear piece of ice or glass with a hammer. A diamond that has no flaw or imperfection that can be detected by an ordinary jeweler's eye-glass may be considered perfect so far as formation goes.

By reason of their qualities of brilliancy, hardness and purity, diamonds were believed for many centuries to possess a powerful spiritual influence, and their use was therefore consecrated to all that was useful and beautiful. They were symbolic of constancy and innocence, and were often inserted in betrothal rings—a custom which, fortunately for the jewelry trade, persists unto this day. They were supposed to soften anger and strengthen love. To the ancients they represented inexorable justice and unchangeable fate; and hence the judges of Hades were described as having hearts of "adamant," a word synonymous with "diamond" and really meaning "untamable" or "unconquerable."

What can be said about diamonds as an investment? Their prices are not readily affected by supply and demand. In the past ten years, in spite of a slight depreciation in quality, the price of the highest grade of stones has been advanced 175 per cent with an advance of 100 per cent on most of the remainder of the supply. During this period prices have never fallen. Not a year has gone by without an advance of from 5 to 25 per cent; in fact, for twenty years before the outbreak of the European war, the average yearly increase for fine quality stones has been estimated at 17 1/2 per cent. And further, the world's diamond supply is controlled and diamond prices are regulated by what is probably the most powerful and farsighted group of monopolists in the world.

By the control of the diamond syndicate, which probably is a unique example of effective combination in face of almost unlimited supply, the diamond industry has been transformed from an altogether uncertain and speculative business, subject to depression and shrinkage of values with every disturbing influence that might arise, into one of world wide importance, and prices, no longer subject to sudden fluctuations, have been maintained and are steadily advancing.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Painter and baby called at Joe Haas' Sunday. Word has been received from Mrs. James Hofffield of the arrival of a baby girl.

Robert Collins spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Scott Thornton. Mr. and Mrs. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mitchell and sons Wallace and John called at Will Scott's Sunday afternoon, and report Mrs. Scott improving, but slowly.

Roland Fink and children returned from Holsten, Ia., Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Millage took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Boyles Sunday.

Miss Matilda Graham returned Thursday for a short visit with friends and relatives in Sioux City.

Miss Carrie Anderson called at Frank Painter's Sunday but found nobody at home.

Howard Stauffacher has a new driving horse. We wonder what he'll do when he gets the buggy too.

The weather is improving. We hope it will continue.

Miss Marie Tossini writes from Italy.

Miss Evelyn Berg recently received the following letter which she kindly allows us to publish:

From College, March 20, 8:50 a. m. I suppose that you will find me very slow in answering your postal card. I have so much to study this year that I can not even find time to write you lines. This is the second year that I am here in college, and I have tried to study all I can to finish my studies and my education so to come once again to see my dear Canton.

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How are all the Canton girls? I heard that Catherine Lybarger is in college in Cedar Rapids. If you happen to see Molly Johnson and all the other girls I know please give them my best regards. When you

write me please give me all the Canton news. Please give me the addresses of Molly Johnson and let me know if Ruby Ingebreton, the Glassers, Pulvers are still in Canton.

Here at college I can not read very often American papers and the few news I know I get them from my parents. I suppose that you go out skating on the ice and sleigh-riding. I instead haven't seen any snow yet this year and this makes me feel always more lonesome. To-day is a warm day and the ocean is quiet. Oh how I would like to go out bathing or else out boat riding, but they, my teachers, won't let me go.

Oh how I wish I could be once more in my dear old U. S. A. Yesterday, Sunday, an American girl came to see me with another American lady and it seemed to me to be once more back to my dear America but I hope to be promoted and to come once more to see my dear old home.

Evelyn, if you see Mr. Bell please tell him that I always remember him and his wife and I would write to him but I am not sure of his address. Also to Mr. Averill and his wife my best regards and that I will write to him soon. Say hello to everybody that I know in Canton and tell them I haven't forgotten them.

Well now I will leave you for I have to study seven or eight long lessons. Dear Evelyn so long to another letter. Write me a long, long letter. Give me best regards to the Nold family. Receive all the kisses and big and tight hugs that my strength will give you.

Best regards from Louise and parents.

Yours truly lonesome Marie Tossini.

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Mr. and Mrs. Scott Thornton and children and Miss Zona Collins called at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins, Sunday eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mitchell and children called at Frank Painter's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schneider are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby boy born Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kennison took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Husman, Sunday.

Mrs. James Mitchell is up at Roy Schneider's making the acquaintance of her new grandson.

Miss Louisa Husman returned to her home Thursday as Mrs. Art Husman no longer needed her assistance with the household duties.

Miss Eloise Ingebreton of Canton spent the week end with Irene Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Husman and son Roy spent the day shopping in Sioux Falls, Friday.

Mrs. Elmer Schneider called on Mrs. Roy Schneider and baby Sunday.

Will Painter purchased an automobile which he likes fine when it is going down hill but not at all when he has to push it up again.

Will Mitchell and wife called on their new nephew at Roy Schneider's Friday.

Will Mitchell's car became balky when he went to start it at Roy Schneider's Monday and as Roy was towing it home a wheel broke off at the axle and Will had to go back Tuesday and haul it to town with a team. Anybody wishing a car towed apply to Will who is an expert at making a car go even if he has to take a team to do it.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Millage and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fee, Sunday.

Earl Dodd and Howard Millage called on Clara and Robble Lind, Sunday afternoon.

Farmer's Produce Co., pay cash for Eggs. 42¢

Pleasant Township

Miss Anna Voegell left on Thursday for Hudson. She will be gone several months.

Willis Graham and Miss Bomerelm were amongst those who attended the play at Beresford last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Chas. Bomerelm has been indisposed for the last week. Miss Bertha Vrdahl and Alma Bomerelm have been the assistants in her work at her home.

Mrs. Della Wangsworth nee Miss Della Johnson and children have been visiting at the Hendrickson home this week. Mrs. Wangsworth went to Sioux City on Thursday where she consulted Dr. Moe in regards to her little boy's health.

The demise of Mr. Ytterness, Sr., occurred on Friday morning. Several of his daughters have already arrived from N. Dak. The funeral will not take place before Tuesday of this week.

Cash paid for Eggs. Farmer's Produce Co.

East Riverside

Mrs. John Varo called Mrs. Mathison, Monday.

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Norway.

Mrs. K. Dahls returned on last Tuesday from Chicago where she has been visiting her daughter Miss Ruth Dahls.

The funeral of Christopher Jensvold took place at Lands church on Friday. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. Wendt of Canton and party of ladies spent several hours at the Tellison home Friday. They were motoring in the 1916 Rec.

Miss Gunda Paulson began a term

of Pechoial school in Dist. 25 on Monday.

John Elwik is a possessor of a new Ford touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tellison took dinner at L. L. Eidness home Sunday.

Mrs. Ole Knutson has been subjected to a very bad cold. Dr. Hyden has been in attendance.

Ole Eidness family were Canton shoppers last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Husby spent Sunday afternoon with the latter's parents.

The Thomas Ulrickson family spent part of last Friday at the L. L. Eidness home.

Mrs. Husby entertained the Romsdal ladies aid on last Wednesday.

Miss Agnes Romerim spent Sunday in Beresford.

We pay cash for Wool. Farmer's Produce Co.

Dayton.

(To late for last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schneider and baby Lloyd, spent the afternoon at Will Mitchell's, Sunday.

Ole Eberhart came home from the east Monday noon, where he attended the burial of his mother.

The latest report from California is the arrival of a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Abbott, last Friday. Congratulations.

Walter Tressler spent Sunday with his old school mate, Roy Collins, returning to Harrisburg, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. bott attended the funeral of Mr. Brenner, Tuesday.



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Baptist Church Notes.
 Next Sunday evening the Sunday school will hold appropriate Easter exercises at the regular hour of the evening service. Let all members of the school endeavor to be present and bring their parents and friends with them. A cordial invitation is extended to the public. The Easter sermon will be preached by the pastor at the morning hour of worship. Sermon theme "Christ's Power." All not obligated elsewhere are invited to worship with us.

Lost—Lavallier with chip diamond set Tuesday evening between M. E. Church and the F. C. Wiggins home. Finder please return to the LEADER office.

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A Cordial Invitation

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