Garnets.

The color of the garnet is blood or cherry red; when mixed with blue it passes into crimson and violet red, and when tinged with yellow into hyacinth red; it is also met with of a reddish brown color, liver-brown and black, also greenish black. It occurs in mass, disseminated, in angular fragments, or crystallized. Its primitive figure is the rhomboidal dodecahedron, which, when somewhat lengthened, presents the appearance of a short six-sided prism, the faces of which are parallelograms terminated by trihedral summits with rhomboidal faces. Sometimes the original faces of the dodecahedron entirely disappear, and the result is a solid bounded by twenty-four equal and similar trapeziums. Sometimes all the sides of the primitive dodecahedron are replaced by lengthened hexagons, whence results a solid bounded by twelve rombs and twenty-four hexagons. Other more complicated figures, but which cannot be rendered intelligible by mere description, originate from the mixture of the two preceding modifications. The size of the crystals is subject to great variations. Some are no larger than a pin's head, while others are four inches or more in diameter. The external luster is casual, but generally glistening; the internal luster is bright-shining, vitreous. Its fracture is perfectly conchoidal, passing into imperfectly conchoidal, coarse-grained, uneven or splintery. Its fragments are indeterminately angular and sharp-edged. It sometimes occurs in granular or lamellar distinct concretions. It varies from transparent to translucent on the edges. Its hardness is superior to that of quartz. Its specific gravity is from 3.7 to 4.2.

It is often magnetic, and is fusible without much difficulty before the blowpipe into a black enamel. When strongly heated in a charcoal crucible, it affords a gray dusky glass full of grains of iron, often amounting to ten or twelve per cent.

The mineral has been repeatedly analyzed by Klaproth, Vauquelin, and other able chemists, but without much agreement in the results; and as in general the same method of analysis has been adopted, the remarkable differences which have occurred can only be attributed to a real variation in its composition; they all agree, however, that it contains a large proportion of iron, and possibly this ingredient may be the one which principally influences its crystallization.

The Bohemian garnet has been analyzed by Klaproth, with the following results: Oxide of iron, 16.5; oxide of manganese, 0-25; silex, 40; alumina, 2·85; lime, 3.5; and magnesia, 10. Vauquelin's analysis of the same stone gives the following: Oxide of iron, 41; silex, 36; alumina, 32; and lime, 3. The Sirian garnet, according to Klaproth, contains: Oxide of iron, 36; oxide of manganese, 0.25; silex, 35.75; and alumina, 27.25. The most beautiful and valuable garnets are the oriental. They come principally from Pegu; and the town of Sirian having been formerly the chief mart for them, they are hence by corruption known among lapidaries by the appellation of Syrian garnets. They appear to be the carbuncle of the ancients; their color is crimson, verging into a very red violet; they are transparent, and have a conchoidal fracture. Of their geological situation we are entirely ignorant.

Next in estimation to the oriental is the Bohemian garnet. It is met with in the Mittelgebirge of Bohemia and in Saxony; its color is blood red, verging into yellow; it never occurs crystallized, but only in rounded and angular grains; it is transparent, and its fracture is conchoidal. It occurs in floetz-trap and in alluvial land, formed by the decomposition of this class of mountains; it is also met with in serpentine.

Common garnet occurs almost always in primitive rock, especially in micaceous schistus, chloritic slate, and serpentine; it is sometimes so abundant as to constitute the principal part of the rocky mass in which it is found, which is then an excellent flux for iron ores on account of its fusibility and the large quantity of this metal which it contains.

The oriental and Bohemian garnets when cut and polished are very beautiful, and were formerly (particularly the first) in high estimation, but by the caprice of fashion their employment, and consequently their value, have since much declined.—*Glassware Reporter.*

The British Postal Savings Bank.

The postal savings bank is not intended to be a general bank of deposit, but rather for those who have little to deposit, and who wish safety first and profit afterward. Less than twenty-five cents is not taken, but a plan has recently been adopted by which an equivalent of penny deposits is allowed, though such deposits must amount to twenty-five cents before it is entered on the depositor's book. Each depositor must certify that he has no deposits in any similar institution. More than $150 will not be received in any one year, and no deposits can be made beyond $750 for one person. Interest to the amount of two and one-half per cent. is allowed, and when principal and interest both amount to $1,000 interest also ceases.

That is the utmost sum that can stand to any one name. Every precaution is made to keep it within the scope of its original purpose—that of a people's savings bank. The number of persons to whom accounts were standing at the close of the official year of 1881 was 2,185,000, and the total deposits were nearly $170,000,000. The money received by the department in the shape of deposits is laid out in the purchase of Government bonds, on which the interest is three per cent., thus saving one-half of one per cent. to the Government. A part also is laid out in other approved securities, on which the interest is sometimes three and one-half or four per cent., thus giving a still larger margin of profit. The net result is a profit to the department, though I have not figured the amount of this profit.—*London Cor. Chicago News.*

—The Boston *Courier* imparts the important information that a person "cannot decide a knotty question with a tie vote." But if you give a foolish talker rope enough he will soon settle the matter to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, gravely decides the New York *Commercial Advertiser.*

FARM AND FIRESIDE.

—For appetizing egg sandwiches take some eggs, beat them thoroughly and fry them in batter as a pancake, and when cold cut in small square pieces and put between slices of buttered brown bread.—*Toledo Blade.*

—Every care and attention shown to horses, no matter what their condition is, will bring its reward. The kind of influence thrown around a young horse will have its effect on its character in after years.—*Chicago Journal.*

—An exchange says parsnips should be planted in large quantities on every farm. They are quite hardy and have no enemies, and are the only root which will fatten a pig without anything else. In addition to these facts, they make the best butter and cheese, and are the best of all roots for every kind of stock.

—Lemon Custard Pie: Juice and grated rind of one lemon, one cup of sugar, two-thirds teaspoonful of cornstarch mixed smooth and boiled a few minutes in one-half pint of water, add a small piece of butter while hot, two eggs, whites and yelks beaten separately, and whites added last. Bake with one crust.—*The Household.*

—Pot-pie crust: One pint of sour milk, buttermilk is better, one cup of thick, sour cream, teaspoonful of soda, one of salt, and flour to mix very hard Set in a warm place for one hour, then pinch off pieces and drop in the kettle on your meat, boiling it thirty minutes, with the cover off during the first fifteen, and then covered closely.—*Rural New Yorker.*

—Spiced meat: Boil a shin of beef until tender, keeping barely enough water in the vessel to prevent burning. When cold, run the meat through the cutter; season high with salt, black pepper and allspice. Add enough of the liquor in which the meat was boiled to make it like head-cheese. Put into a mold, press firmly, and set in a cool place. To be eaten cold, or warmed in a little vinegar.—*N. Y. Times.*

—Fowls in spring do not suffer so much, for as the warm days come on they gradually lose relish for stimulating food, and thus wean themselves. The large broods do not stand heavy feeding as well as the smaller birds. All the Asiatics, the Dorkings and Houdans take on an immense quantity of fat, whether confined or at large, whereas the Spanish, Hamburghs, Leghorns and Games will lay off the surplus.—*Country Gentleman.*

—It is the observation of the St. Louis *Journal of Agriculture and Farmer* that "the greater part of the soil of England has been under cultivation for a thousand years, and yet the land is richer and the crops more prolific than they were a thousand years ago. Why, then, should so many thousands of acres in many section of this country have become so greatly deteriorated in productiveness in a comparatively few years? Careless and unskilled culture must necessarily be the answer."

The Sheep of Thibet.

The sheep of Thibet, which are very numerous, are chiefly a small variety of the fat-rumped Persian and Abyssinian, with black heads and necks. Some are hairy, with short wool underneath, while others bear a long, soft and fine wool. It is from the latter that many of the costly Indian shawls are made. Not a little of this peculiar wool finds it way to British India, and is there manufactured. This breed is found in its purest state in the deserts of Great Tartary; no other variety being near to contaminate its blood. It reaches far into the interior and northern parts of Russia and is much disseminated in China, Persia, Hindostan, Asia Minor and eastern Africa as well as Thibet. In Palestine it is more numerous than any other breed; indeed the largest proportion of the sheep of northern Asia being of this description. Professor Pallas conjectures that this character arises in the fat-rumped sheep from their feeding upon the bitter and saline plants found upon the borders of the Caspian and Black seas. And he asserts that when they are removed from the places where these plants grow the fatty excrescence becomes less. But Canfield says, as the fat-rumped and fat-tailed sheep are varieties which are widely dispersed, it seems more probable that they may have been produced by accident, and may also have been perpetuated by accident, design or fancy. The fat-tailed sheep is very extensively diffused; it is found throughout Asia and a great part of Africa, as well as through the northern parts of Europe. They differ, like other sheep, in the nature of their covering. In Madagascar, and in some other hot climates, they are hair; at the Cape of Good Hope they are covered with coarse wool; in the Levant their wool is extremely fine. The proportion which the weight of the tail in some of these sheep bears to the whole catcase is quite remarkable.

The usual dressed weight of the sheep is from fifty to sixty pounds, of which the tail is said to make more than one-fourth part. Russel describes two breeds of fat-tailed sheep about Aleppo; in one the deposit of caudal fat is moderate, in the other sort the tail is much larger. The unctuous fat of the tails of these sheep is accounted a great delicacy alike by the Boers and the Hottentots of southern Africa. The Hottentots, in their primitive condition, possessed immense flocks and pursued the pastoral arts with great success.—*Dr. Mitchell.*

Experienced Matrimonialists.

The ancient church of Birdbrook, England, which has just been reopened after important restorations, contains a monumental slab bearing this extraordinary record: "Martha Blewitt, of Swan Inn, at Baythorne-end, in this parish, buried May 7, 1681. She was the wife of nine husbands consecutively, but the ninth outlived her." The entry in the register is quaint: "Mary Blewitt, ye wife of nine husbands successively, buried eight of ym, but last of all ye woman dy'd altsoe, and was buried May 7, 1681." In the margin is written: "This was her funerale sermon text." The same tablet records that Robert Hogan was the husband of seven wives successively."

—A word in season: Why not send Dr. Mustard, of the Delaware State Senate, to the Sandwich Islands.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

A Protest From Captain Lull's Wife.

Mrs. Louis J. Lull, the widow of Captain Lull, who was killed by the Younger brothers, has written a letter to the New York *Herald* in regard to the play wherein the James and Youngers are heroes, which she truthfully characterizes as a disgrace to the stage. She says that the young men and women who are witnessing and approving their dark and cruel scenes of blood are planting seed which will, sooner or later, ripen into bitter fruit. She asks: "And what of the real heroes? What of the men who sacrificed their lives for duty's sake? Bandied about the stage, cast into contempt, caused to be foolishly deceived, handcuffed by the 'bandit kings' and laughed at by the people in whose name and for whose cause they died. * * * Is it surprising that I grow restless at the sight of the flaming posters which show James, the hero villain, in his glorious ride from Kansas City, while they represent with contemptuous pity the detectives' ride to death? Is it not, indeed, an outrage not only on myself, but upon every good person in your city, that the walls should be placarded with such pictures, and the stage given over to teachings which make crime Godlike and heroism infamous?"

—The word "masher," an Americanism to describe a man who glories in his ability to win the admiration of women, has come into use in London, where that kind of human being is plentiful. "He is a fungus," says the London *Truth*; "not an honest mushroom, or even a respectable toadstool, but a wet, spongy, and unwholesome emanation from a rotten and poisonous soil. Ridiculously overdressed, starched up to the very eyelids, smothered like a girl in jewelry, decked out with flowers like a footman, idiotic in countenance, and sparse in conversation, with a knobbed stick to suck, he has become an observed form of social cold veal."

—A Boston lady took off her jeweled ornaments and laid them upon her bureau. A few minutes afterward, no one having meanwhile entered the apartment, she missed a valuable diamond ring. Search for it was fruitless and its disappearance mysterious until weeks afterward, when around the body of a trap-caught mouse the missing ring was found. It is thought the mouse had put his nose into the ring, and, being frightened, hastened to escape notice, and that in so doing the ring was forced back over the forelegs, and there it remained.—*Boston Post.*

—The young snobs of this city are such calves that if they were suddenly transported to a celestial world without skylarking through the Milky Way, they would starve for the want of suitable nourishment.—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.*

[New Haven (Conn.) Union.]

How a Lawyer Treated the Case.

I, David Strouse, of New Haven, Connecticut, was attacked with a severe rheumatism in my right arm, hand and foot, so that I walked with difficulty and could hardly use my hand to eat with. I used one bottle of St. Jacobs Oil, rubbing well three times a day, and obtained instant relief and a perfect cure.

DAVID STROUSE, *Attorney-at-Law.*

It is related of an up-town resident that, after the butcher bill had grown to such figures that the butcher could no longer carry the debt, he gave his note for ninety days in settlement. Three or four days after the butcher had received the note he called upon the creditor and said: "I have your note for $215, due in three months." "You have." "What would be the discount on such a note?" "Well, you ought to be able to realize at least $205." "Would you hand me $200 and take the note?" "I should only be too glad to," promptly replied the creditor, "but for my pride. To ask a man to discount his own paper is to humiliate him." "But I have tried all the banks, sir, and none of them will take it." "Ah! I see! It's too small a matter for them to handle. I owe the grocer $196.50. Suppose you pay it and let me tear up this note, and give you one for both amounts combined?" The butcher is still holding the original note.—*Wall Street News.*

A PHYSICIAN writes: "I have recommended Dr. Guysott's Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla in my practice as a general tonic. I consider it superior to every other preparation in cases of female complaints and general prostration. As a blood purifier it always acts like a charm, and as a true strengthener it has no equal."

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ANOTHER hotel horror, as the man said when the hash was set before him.

BROWN doesn't like his new colored domestic so well as he had anticipated. She is never at home evenings; always going somewhere. She is, in fact, a regular Dinah out.

THEY were talking over music and the drama, at the table of their host, who, as they were already aware, owed his fortune to his own unaided exertions. "You are fond of Rossini?" asked one of his guests. "Passionately," replied the host. "How do you like his Barber?" "Don't know, sir—never patronized the man; have shaved myself for the last forty years."—*San Francisco News-Letter.*

THE calico manufacturer is well red, and a print among men.—*N. Y. News.*

WHY are so many classic concert pieces called "polonaises" on the programme?—*Edith.* Because they are quite long and generally drag.—*Philadelphia News.*

THE man who is always behind will have no followers.—*Boston Transcript.*

THE new five-cent piece contains a figure of the American eagle, which is all right; but it would be more appropriate to put a dog on a scent.—*Norristown Herald.*

THE real glove fight occurs when a woman tries to put a No. 6 glove on a No. 7 hand.—*Boston Commercial Bulletin.*

A MAN lately applied at a butcher's shop for a "liver pad."—*Chicago News.*

AS A harmless initiation into the use of fire-arms, pretty girls might practice shooting glances through double-barrelled glasses.—*Judge.*

MONEY is called the great circulating medium because men have to circulate lively to get a medium amount of it.—*Philadelphia Chronicle.*

ITALIAN music is fine because it is cround so much on the streets.—*N. O. Picayune.*

CURIOUS circumstance—A person went to Paterson, N. J., recently, and there stopped the day and night.—*N. Y. News.*

STARTLING STATISTICS.

The Shadow Hanging Over New York City and the Entire Country—A Tribune Opinion.

The nation has been horrified at the burning of a Milwaukee hotel, whereby over seventy lives were lost. This event carried terror because it was sudden and appalling; but had the same disastrous results to life and limb come silently they would have been unnoticed, not only by the people of the land but also by the very community in which they occurred. Fatal events of a far worse nature have taken place in this very city, but they have attracted no attention, nor would they now did not the Bureau of Vital Statistics bring them to our notice. "Figures do not lie," whatever else may be uncertain, and the report on the *deaths* of this city is a startling comment on its *life*. During the past year the enormous increase of certain maladies is simply appalling. While the total number of deaths has diminished and the death rate on most diseases has decreased still it is far greater in one or two serious disorders than was ever known before. More people died in the city of New York in 1883 from Bright's disease of the kidneys, than from diphtheria, small-pox and typhoid fever all combined! This scarcely seems possible but it is true and when it is remembered that less than one-third the actual deaths from Bright's disease are really reported as such, the ravages of the malady can be partially understood.

The immediate query which every reader will make upon such a revelation of facts, is: What causes this increase? This is a difficult question to answer. The nature of the climate, the habits of life, the adulteration of foods and liquors, all undoubtedly contribute; but no immediate cause can be certainly assigned. Often before the victim knows it the disease has begun. Its approaches are so stealthy and its symptoms so obscure that they cannot be definitely foreseen and are only known by their effects. Any kidney disorder, however slight, is the first stage of Bright's disease, but it is seldom that kidney disorders can be detected. They do not have any certain symptoms. Mysterious weariness; an unusual appetite; periodical headaches; occasional nausea; uncertain pains; loss of vigor; lack of nerve power; irregularity of the heart; disordered daily habits; imperfect digestion—all these and many other symptoms are the indications of kidney disorder even though there may be no pain in the region of the kidneys or in that portion of the body. The serious nature of these troubles may be understood from the fact that Bright's disease is as certain to follow diseased kidneys as decomposition follows death.

It is high time the doctors in this land who have been unable to control kidney troubles, should be aroused and compelled to find some remedy, or acknowledge one already found. The suffering public needs help and can not await the tardy action of any hair-splitting code or incorrectly formulated theories. If the medical world has no certain remedy for this terrible disease let them acknowledge it and seek for one outside the pale of their profession. For the discovery of this remedy and for its application to this disease, the people of this city, the people of the whole land, not only those who are suffering, but those who have friends in danger, are earnestly and longingly looking.

The above quotation from the New York *Tribune* is causing considerable commotion, as it seems to lift the cover from a subject that has become of National importance. The alarming increase of kidney diseases; their insidious beginnings and frightful endings and the acknowledged inability of physicians to successfully cope with them may well awaken the greatest dread of every one who has the slightest symptoms. It is fortunate, however, that the surest relief is often found where, possibly, least expected, and that there is a specific for the evils above described we have come to fully believe. Within the past two years we have frequently seen statements of parties claiming to have been cured of serious kidney troubles even after hope had been abandoned; but in common with most people we have discredited them. Quite recently, however, a number of prominent and well-known men have come out voluntarily and stated over their signatures that they were completely cured by the use of Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure. Most people have been aware that this medicine has an unusual standing and one entitling it to be classed above proprietary articles generally; but that it had accomplished so much in checking the ravages of kidney disease is not so generally known. Its great worth has been shown not only by the cures it has effected, but also because a number of base imitations have appeared in the market, fraudulently claiming the valuable qualities of the original Safe Cure. If it were not valuable, it would not be imitated.

The above may seem like an ultra endorsement of a popular remedy but it is not one whit stronger than the facts admit. Whatever assists the world toward health and consequent happiness, should receive the hearty endorsement of the press and all friends of humanity. It is on precisely this principle that the foregoing statement is made and it merits the careful consideration of every thinking reader.

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