

# TONS AND TONS OF COSTLY GEMS.

The Most Complete and Graphic Description Ever Written of the Diamond Mines of Kimberley.

By Charles Edwin Schull.

The news has just been cabled around the world that the mines of Kimberley are soon to be again in active operation, since the war in the Transvaal has practically come to a close.

These mines are the most marvelous in the world. It is estimated without exaggeration that they have produced ten tons of diamonds at a value of almost a thousand million dollars, an amount so vast that it is practically impossible for the average mind to form any idea of what it really means. Kimberley has monopolized a great deal of attention during the present South African war, and with its fortunes one name is inseparably connected, that of Cecil Rhodes. It was Rhodes, aided by one of the most astute financiers of the century, Alfred Beit, who welded together the whole diamond industry of the Kimberley district in the De Beers Mining Company, and formed a corporation whose grip of Kimberley and its gems is more absolute than any other commercial trust in the whole world.

**INCALCULABLE WEALTH.**  
What the actual wealth of Kimberley may be no one can accurately guess. Millions upon millions may be stored away in the offices of the De Beers Company. Nobody knows. No secret has ever been better kept. What is known is that the business of the De Beers Company is to keep the price of diamonds up. Once let the supply increase to any extent, and prices would drop. Therefore, only a limited number of diamonds find their way into the market each year—the remainder never leave Kimberley.

Like many another great source of wealth, the discovery of the diamond mines of Kimberley was due to an accident. In the late 'sixties' a Boer, with the distinctly Hibernian name of O'Reilly, happened to take shelter one night in a Kaffir kraal. Some of the native children were playing with a particularly bright stone, and this attracting O'Reilly's notice, he offered to exchange a few beads and other trifles for it.

He knew little of the real value of diamonds, but when he reached home he was able to dispose of the gem for a substantial sum of money. He told his friends, too, that the Kaffirs had told him there were plenty more similar stones in the district, and soon there was quite an influx of prospectors to the neighborhood of the Vaal river.

The surrounding country was scoured by fortune-seekers, and at Hopetown, Bultfontein, small discoveries of diamonds were made. But it was on the spot where the town of Kimberley now stands in all its prosperity that the greatest finds were made, and the very first mine to be opened there was on a farm owned by a Boer, one De Beers. It is this mine which still holds sway as the monarch of all diamond producers, and which gives its name to the vast corporation of which Alfred Beit and Cecil Rhodes are the leading spirits, whose wealth is so fabulous and whose power is so far-reaching.

Another vast mine is the Kimberley. This and the De Beers have the honor of being the largest holes ever dug by man in the surface of the earth. When one imagines that the mouth of the Kimberley mine is nineteen acres in area, and that the latter has an opening covering thirty-five acres, while the depth of each is something like five hundred feet, one can gain some conception of the magnitude of these great pits. Latterly, however, it has become necessary to adopt other methods of securing the diamonds than that of digging great open pits such as these.

When the necessity arose for ascending to very great depths, and to use violent explosives, such as dynamite, of blasting the narrow blue ground in which the costly gems are embedded, it was found that the destruction of life and property through the constant collapsing of the walls of earth was too serious and alarming to be allowed to continue; and other methods had to be devised. At some distance from the great open pits shafts were sunk, and from these ran horizontal galleries, penetrating the blue clay.

The lowest of these galleries is 1,200 feet in the De Beers mine, and 1,500 feet in the Kimberley. In inaugurating this new system of diamond-mining, an enormous outlay was necessary in excavating appliances, and it is estimated that these cost millions of dollars. The wheel used for mining purposes is the largest in the world, and was cast by the De Beers Company at Kimberley.

**AN ARMY OF LABORERS.**  
In the various mines a vast army of laborers is kept in constant employment when everything is in running order. Over twelve thousand colored men are at work, with a staff of nearly three thousand white men engaged as overseers, engineers and tradesmen. Day and night, week-days and Sunday, the work proceeds. There is never a stop. Eight hours at a stretch each gang works. While one gang is below the remainder live on the surface, and while they wait their turn they are kept in a huge square or compound, surrounded on the inside by sheds, where the colored toilers live and sleep. They are entirely cut off from the outer world for three months at a time, and then if anyone wishes to leave his work he is kept in a room by himself for seven days. All his clothing is taken from him, and he is not suffered to depart until every risk of having secreted a diamond on his person is eliminated.

That such stringent measures are needed to check robbery is shown by the fact that not long ago one fellow had a sore leg, and had it well-banded just as he was leaving. The band was examined by the suspicious officials, and in a self-inflicted wound were discovered ten small diamonds, whose united value was not less than a thousand dollars.

When the laborers in the underground galleries dig out the diamond-yielding earth it is loaded on small trolleys.

## TOLD ON JACKSON.

Variation of an Ancient Story Applied to "Old Hickory."

When I first knew the General, writes Frederick Rosslyn in Lippincott's, he was a very old, old man; so old a man, indeed, that he had watched the British troops under Sir Edward Pakenham deploy before the American lines at New Orleans. He was a young subaltern then with blank shoulder straps; he had been retired as a Major General before the breakout of the civil war, and when I first listened to his stories of the old army he had been out of active service for nearly a quarter of a century. His heart was with the tacticians of the old school; the Mexican war was to him the last effort to maintain the ancient scientific methods in the field. In his old eyes the figure of Scott loomed even larger than it had done during the life of that military colossus; but Jackson, the General under whom he had served as a young man, was of course his idol.

He told me many stories of General Jackson, both in field and camp, but the story which lingers in my memory with the most persistent clearness is purely humorous. And this is the story of the veteran soldier told it:

"It was just after the close of the Florida war, and Gen. Jackson was in Washington on official business of some kind. It was a beautiful morning in early May, and I was standing with the General and an officer who had acted as his chief-of-staff before Tenneson's Tavern, a famous old Washington hostelry. We were deeply engaged in the discussion of a bill then before Congress, which was directly concerned with the growth and formation of the United States army, when there came trotting toward us a stout, smooth-face little man, whom I at once recognized as the leading tailor of the capital. When opposite to Jackson the little man stopped and held out his hand, which was at once grasped in the General's strong, sun-browned fingers, though his eyes wandered over the portly person of the Washington Pool with a puzzled expression. The little tailor (whose role in life was to be on terms of intimacy with all the political, military and naval celebrities of the day) saw that he was not recognized by the great man, and, standing on tiptoe to reach the tall soldier's ear, he whispered:

"I made your breeches."  
"Imperfectly catching the sound of the words, and supposing the fat little man to be some outlandish officer of the militia, who had, perhaps, served under him against the Seminoles, Gen. Jackson turned to his friends and said:

"Gentlemen, permit me to introduce my friend, Major Breecher."  
"It is scarcely necessary to add that to the end of his days the Poole of Washington was known to all army men as 'Major Breeches.'"

## Resolutions of Respect.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Oct. 23, 1900. To the Worshipful Master Wardens and Brethren of St. Mark's Lodge No. 93, A. F. & A. M.

WHEREAS, Death has again entered the portals of St. Mark's Lodge No. 93 and take it from it one of its most distinguished and honored members, Bro. Wm. B. Wilson who died at his home in Cape Girardeau on the morning of the 18th of October in the 70th year of his age. He was for more than 47 years a member and for 23 years its worshipful master and leading spirit. Few even equalled him in his zeal for masonry or his knowledge of ritual in all degrees, he was an important factor in the growth of Masonry in Southeast Missouri.

RESOLVED, That this lodge has lost one who was for many years its oracle in all matters pertaining to its lodge work, directing always with mildness and gentleness its deliberations, so that he endeared himself to all its members whom he served faithfully and wisely in whatsoever capacity he was called to act.

RESOLVED, That the Masonic fraternity has lost one of its most zealous and competent workers who was spreading Masonic light and information, among the craft, exemplifying its teachings by his upright course in life.

RESOLVED, That his name and memory be revered with honor and pride by the members of this lodge and that a page of its records be dedicated to his memory and the lodge be draped in mourning for 30 days.

RESOLVED, That the bereaved family be furnished a copy of these resolutions with our sympathy and condolence for the great loss they have sustained in the death of their kind and loving husband and father, and that a copy be furnished the city newspapers.

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**JIMMY MICHAELS AT CLOSE RANGE.**

This is the biggest picture Jimmy Michaels ever had taken. The camera was set low so as to show him as a big fellow. Jimmy has returned to the track, after a long absence, and his trainers say he has already regained his old speed.



**A KICK 3,200 FEET HIGH.**

This daring feat was performed recently by a Western girl while standing on Glacier Rock, one of the most precipitous heights in the Yosemite. The young woman did a skirt dance and her high kick reached an altitude of 3,200 feet above the valley. In the picture the girl's figure is shown in twice its actual proportion to the rock in order to make it visible at all.



**A JAPANESE PICTURE OF LI HUNG CHANG.**

This is the way Li Hung Chang looks to his Japanese friends. A cartoonist recently drew him thus for a Yokohama paper. You will notice that instead of a queue the Chinese statesman has a peacock feather floating from his back hair.

## Guarding the Telegraph.

When the electric telegraph was first introduced into Chile a stratagem was resorted to in order to guard the posts and wires against damage on the part of the natives, and to maintain the connection between the strongholds on the frontier. There were at the time between forty and fifty captive Indians in the Chilean camp. Gen. Pinto—in command of the operations—called them together, and pointing to the telegraph wires said:

"Do you see those wires?"  
"Yes, General."

"I want you to remember not to go near or touch them, for if you do your hands will be held, and you will be unable to get away."

The Indians smiled incredulously. Then the General made them each in succession take hold of the wire at both ends of an electric battery in full operation, after which he exclaimed:

"I command you to let go the wire!"  
"I can't; my hands are benumbed!" cried each Indian.

The battery was then stopped. Not long the General restored them to liberty, giving them strict instruction to keep the secret. This had the desired effect, as might be expected, the experience was related in the strictest confidence to every man in the tribe and the telegraph has ever since remained unmolested.—London Tit-Bits.

## A New Poultry Farm.

J. G. Haydock, formerly a resident of this city, has entered the poultry business on a large scale at Bloomfield. Mr. Haydock has been making this business a study for a number of years. He has manufactured a number of incubators which have given entire satisfaction, and it is his intention to supply that part of the country. He is nicely equipped, and at present has about two hundred eggs setting. He will be able to supply that part with spring chickens the year round. We wish Mr. Haydock every success in his new venture.

## Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters at the postoffice, Cape Girardeau, Mo., for the week ending October 24, 1900:

Atterberry, Simon	Ashman, Henry A
Boren, Taylor	Cooper, G. P.
Danle, Frank	Grist, E. J.
Gault, Miss Mina	Harley, James A
Hamilton, Miss Mary	Hill, Harry
Hitchcock, Frank	Johnson, R. T.
Lennon, James	Muller, W. A.
Margyar, Lance	Meyers, William
N. August	Stewart, J. M.
Seibert, William	Sulder, F. W.
Snider, H.	Waldo, John
Thomas, Miss Mary	White, J. J.
West, Jack	White, J. J.

When calling for same, please state that they were advertised. A. V. BREWSTER, Postmaster.

## Rummage Sale.

Shall "old acquaintance be forgot  
And never brought to mind."  
Not if in our garrets we will search  
To see what we can find.  
There under dust and cobwebs  
Are things of every kind,  
We'll bring them to you, every one,  
And nothing leave behind;  
We'll sell them for a quarter,  
A nickel, or a dime,  
O, come and buy our rubbage,  
Tuesday is the time;  
Don't wait for further urging  
But heed this simple rhyme.  
Come early in the morning  
When you hear the town clock chime.  
Rummage sale begins November 20th and continues during the week.  
Given by the members of Christ Church Guild.

## Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, John F. Reynolds and Mary E. Reynolds, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 5th day of April, 1892, and recorded in book "B" pages 259 to 263 of the trust records of Cape Girardeau county, Missouri, conveyed to Sebastian Albert as trustee, to secure the payment of a certain note therein described, the following described real estate, situated in the county of Cape Girardeau and State of Missouri, to-wit: All fractional part of Lot number thirty-six (36) in Range "H" in the city of Cape Girardeau, described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Lot number thirty-six (36) in Range "H" and run East along Morgan Oak street fifty [50] feet more or less, thence North parallel with an alley one hundred and twelve [112] feet, thence West parallel with Morgan Oak street fifty [50] feet, more or less, to said alley; and thence South along said alley one hundred and twelve [112] feet to place of beginning, it being the same property acquired by said John F. Reynolds by warranty deed from Mathias Thomas and wife, dated April 2nd, 1892.

And whereas, said deed of trust provides that in case of the death of said trustee, Sebastian Albert, the then acting Sheriff of Cape Girardeau county, Missouri, may execute the powers vested in said trustee; and whereas, said Sebastian Albert is now dead.

And whereas, default has been made in the payment of the note in said deed of trust described:  
Now, therefore, I Bernhard Gockel, Sheriff of said county, at the request of legal holder of the note by said deed of trust secured, will on Friday, the 26th day of October, 1900, Between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the court house door in Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau county, Missouri, sell said property at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said note and the cost of executing said deed of trust.

October 25, 1900. BERNHARD GOCKEL, Sheriff of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, Acting Trustee.

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