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dam lapidaries. The huge diamond which fastened the coronation robe of Charlemagne DIE SCHONESTE PERLE. VROM THE FLIEDBUDE BLAFTTER. was a "natural," and I dare say, as grubby-Dicht an der Kirchthur, auf Kaltem Stein. USP. looking as a piece of bottle glass. et get Beside the church door, aweary and lone, Nor, perhaps, need I tell you that there are A blind woman sat on the cold door stone; four cardinal points on the diamond-cutter's reets The wind was bitter, the snow fell fast, card. The first is pierre fable, or "table," the And a mooking voice in the fitful blast orld. Seemed ever to echo her moaning cry,

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most ancient of all. The next is piders spalse, or "Indian cutting." "Table," as its name implies, is flat at the top, with bevelled sides. It is generally a square or an oblong. "Indian cutting" is tubular at the top, but the inferior portion is in the form of an inverted pyramid, slightly truncated. A diamond of this kind is more valuable than a table one; first, becanse of its greater density, and next because its pyramidal form below increases its reflective ower, and consequently its brilliance. The third is the "rose cutting," so called from the resemblance of the section of the diamond so out to a rosebud unblown. This is slightly on the lucus a non lucendo principle; but it suffices for jewellers. The entire surface of the rosediamond is out into triangular facets, and at the summit it comes to a point formed by six triangles in the shape of a star. A stone approximating to the circular in form is the best one for cutting in rose fashion. "Brilliant-cutting" is the fourth and last *taille*, and the brilliant is the most valuable of all diamonds. This method of cutting only dates in France from the time of the Fronde; and Cardinal Mazarin is said to have cause to be cut, brilliant-wise, for the crown of young Louis XIV, twelve beautiful diamonds, which have ever since gone by the name of the "twelve Mazarins." The entire surface of a brilliant is cut into facets, but it comes to no point at the summit, which is gently convex. It is much more valuable than the rose, because much more of the original stone must be cut away by the lapidary to make a brilliant than to make a rose. There are said to be three hundred and fifty-seven distinct ways of cutting brilliants, which may prove a very sufficient apology for my saying no more on the technicalities of the

STOLEN DIAMONDS.

With the supplementary guardianship of a sergent de ville outside, and of the criminal code and Cayenne in perspective, diamonds may be said to be much safer in Paris than they are in their native Brazil. There the unhappy slaves who are employed to wash the gravel in which the precious toys are found are forced to work naked, lest they should secrete them about their garments, and to sing lustily while they wash, to obviate the possibility of their occasionally popping a diamond in their mouths. The slave who finds a stone is bound to clap his hands three times; thereupon comes an inspector who takes the diamond and weighs it. If it be above a certain weight the burly negro gets a gratification, and in certain cases his freedom. If he endeavors to steal or to hide a diamond, he is mercilessly flogged. With all these precautions it is calculated that one-third of the diamonds found in Brazil are, as a preliminary measure, stolen and "smugged" by their servile finders. After a reasonable time has elapsed the slave-owners are glad to compound the felony, and to buy the jewels from the agents of the thieves; so that in the end, although by a very roundabout and clumsy process, something like a balance of power between capital and labor is

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NEW PIERS AT MARCUS HOOK, PENNA. UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE, NO. 308 S. SIETH STREET, PHILA. May 22, 1887.) Bealed Proposals, in duplicate, with a copy of this advertisement attached to each, will be received at this office, until 12 o'clock M., THURSDAY, June 13, 1897, for furnishing mate-rials and inhor for the construction of four new piers at Marcus Hook, Delaware River, Penna. The superstructure of each pier to be of hard and durable stone. May 22, 1887.

PROPOSALS

The superstructure of each pier to be of hard and durable stone. The facing in six courses, of headers and stretchers dovetailed; the rise of each course 2 feel; the cubic contents of blocks varying from 20 to 56 feet; the faces, axe or pean hammer work; beds and joints good joint work; lewis and dowel holes to be drilled if required; back-ing to be of rubble stone. The top to be paved with stones from one to two feet in thickness, with good natural face, and jointed to lengths of 5 leet and random widths.

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The signe to be delivered at such points, at or near Marcus Hock, and to such persons as may be designated by the proper officer or agent of the United States; and any other material to be deliverable under like conditions. The cribs upon which the piers are to rest are to be such in depths varying from 20 to 24 feet, or thereabouts, at ordinary low-water. Length of each at bottom about 77 feet by 31 in width; at top 74 by 32. To be of hemicek wharftimber, to work 10 inches least dimension. There will be required for the superstructure

There will be required for the superstructure of each pier about 7000 cubic feet of hammered facing Stone, 000.00

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2800 superficial feet of face, and 7800 superficial feet of Ded and joint work. 1850 cubic feet of paving stone, giving 1700 feet 50100 joint work.

600 perches, of 25 cubic feet each, of rubble 258-25 backing.

For each crib about 18,000 feet face of crib 950 00

8000 lbs. of iron bolts, etc. 750 perches of rubble filling to be delivered in

900 000 Proposals for putting the stone of superstruc-28170 ture of each pier in place must state the rate of labor per cuble yard of facing and paving stone, and per perch of 25 cubic feet for backing with rubble. 000.00 007-20

All stones to be laid dry, in the best manner, and in accordance with instructions to be given. The rates to cover every expenditure necessary in receiving, caring for, and putting the stones in position. Proposals for labor for cribs to state the rate per foot of face, measured in the work, and to

for materials, framing, putting together, and sinking the cribs in proper positions, etc., in accordance with instructions that may be given

All materials and labor to be of the best quality, subject to inspection, and rejection if A deduction of 20 per centum to be made on

any payment made in part for material or labor

Separate proposals to be made for stone, for

Separate proposals to be made for stone, for lumber, and for iron; also for labor, for masonry, and labor for crib work. Each bid must be guaranteed by two respon-sible persons, whose signatures should be ap-pended to the guarantee, and who should be certified to as being good and sufficient security, by the United States District Judge, Attorney, Collector, or other public officer. Envelopes to be endorsed, "Proposals for New Piers at Marcus Hook,"

Bids to be opened at 12 o'clock M., on Thurs-day, June 13, 1867.

iay, June 13, 1867. Bidders are invited to be present. For further particulars inquire at this office. C, SEAFORTH STEWART, 5 23 15t Lt.-Col. of Engineers.

D E PARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8, 1867, Proposals will be received at this Department until 12 o'clock, June 6, 1867, for furnishing all the materials and performing the work re-quired in the construction of a Brick Building for the use of the Department of Agriculture, to be erected on reservation No. 2, in this city, according to plans and specifications that can be seen at the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, where full information with regard to the proposed building can be obtained; said proposals to be either for the whole build-ing, or separately for the different kinds of work.

No proposal will be entertained from any person who is not known to be a practical builder.

Bidders are requested to state the shortest time possible in which the building is to be completed, the work to be commenced in three days after the signing of the contract.

PROPOSALS.

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE, NO. 200 B. SIXTH Street. PHILADELPHIA, May 29, 1807. REPAIRS OF PIERS AT CHESTER, PA. Studed Proposite, in dupitate, with a copy of this edvertisement attached to each, will be received at this office until 13 o'clock M., TUES-DAY, June 25, 1887, for materials and labor for recalls of Government Piers at Chester, Pennsylvania.

sylvania. Separate proposals must be made for timber, for iron, and for labor. Cap logs, bridge timbers, mooring posts, and upper houses of piers of white pine: the timber of hemlock, fenders, etc., of white oak. Proposals will state the rate per running foot of timber, per fool of face, and per foot board measure, as the case may require; the rate per pound of bolts, etc. All the materials to be of the best quality, de-liverable at such points, at or near Chester, and to such persons as may be designated, and to be subject to inspection and approval before arceptance. coentance

te subject to inspection and approvai before acceptance. The proposals for labor to state the rate per foot of face and per foot board incasure, sto., as measured in place; and these rates to cover all labor necessary for putting the works in good repair, such as removing old work, receiving, caring for, framing, putting together, and re-placing materials to be used or moved. All work to be subject to inspection and ap-proval before payment is made, and a deduc-tion of twenty per centum to be imade on any payment for labor or material, in case of part payment before the completion of all the work. Each bid must be guaranteed by two respon-sible persons, whose signatures should be certified to as being good and sufficient security by the United States District Judge, Attorney, Collector, or other public officer. Envelopes to be endorsed, "Proposals for Re-pairs of Government Plers at Chester." Hids will be opened on TUESDAY. June 25, 1867, at 12 o'clock M. Bidders are invited to be present. For further particulars inquire at this office.

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DROPOSALS FOR FUEL-

OUARTER VASTER'S OFFICE.

 QUARTER MARINE OFFICE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, MAY 28, 1847.

 Scaled Proposals will be received at this office muint TUESDAY, the 9th day of July, 1867, at 2 o'clock P. M., for supplying WOOD and COAL places during the fiscal year ending 38th of June, 1898; the Wood to be good merchantable of the United States Marines at the following places during the fiscal year ending 38th of June, 1898; the Wood to be good merchantable of spected at such points within the walls of the Marine Barracks as may be designated by the ommanding marine officer, free of expense to the United States. The Coal to be best white as an anthraeite egg coal, free from dust, and to weigh 249 pounds to the ton, to be weighed, intermediate of the United States, and both wood and Coal to be furnished upon the onothly or graterly regulation of the com-monthly or graterly regulations. The coal, 800 wood and Coal to be furnished upon the monthly or graterly regulations. The coal, 800 monthly of the walls of the ton the grater. Market Wood.

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At Charlestown, Mass., 170 tons of Coal, 150 cords of Wood. At Brooklyn, N. Y., 350 tons of Coal, 60 cords of Wood.

At Philadelphia, Pa., 125 tons of Coal, 80 cords of Wood.

At Gosport, Va., 100 tons of Coal, 90 cords of

Wood. At Pensacola, Fia., 125 cords of Wood. At Mound City, Ill., 100 tons of Coal, 20 cords of Wood. Payments will be made upon the receipt of accounts duly authenticated by the command-ing officers of the posts at which the Wood or Coal has been delivered. The right is reserved to reject all bids con-sidered unreasonable.

sidered unreasonable. A guarantee to be signed by two responsible persons, whose responsibility must be certified to by the United States District Judge, United States District Attorney, or United States Col-lector, must accompany each proposal, other-wise it will not be considered. To be endorsed "Proposals for Fuel," and addressed to the undersigned. WILLIAM B. SLACK

WILLIAM B. SLACK, Major and Quartermaster. 5 30 th4t

I M P R O V E M E N T OF THE ROCK ISLAND RAPIDS OF THE MISSISSINFI BIVER.

In the second U. S. A., Licettenant-Colonel, and Annak, J. Status port, Iowa. Partics desiring further information can obtain the same by calling at the United States Engineer's Office, corner of Second and Main streets, Davesport, Iowa, where maps, plans, specifications, and quantifies of work will be shown to all who wish to examine them for the purpose of making proposals. By order of the Chief Engineer, U. S. Army. I. H. WILSON, Lieut.-Colonel, 35th Infanitry. 5 16 17t Brøvet Major-General U. S. A.

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The diamond is the queen of gems, and in diamonds the French exhibitors in the Champ de Mars make a display remarkable at once by its opulence and its exquisite taste. It is hardly to be disputed that, so far as regards the arrangement and setting of gems, and their artful combination so as to derive the greatest advantage from juxtaposition, the French joailliers bear away the bell from every other nation in the world. They make far more of the resources at their command, and the result of their work is a dazzling magnificence far greater than has been attained elsewhere. You may have seen in Turkey a chibouk stem or a saddle-cloth, or a scimitar hilt or a pair of holsters, literally encrusted with diamonds; but for the matter of the effect they produced they might as well have been so many glass beads. So is it with the Imperial crown of Russia, which is one mass of diamonds without golden circlets and arches, and yet fails to dazzle; and there is even one of the Czar's state carriages, the very panels of which are adorned with brilliants, of small size certainly, but still brilliants, but which, through their clumsy arrangement, are of no more account than chandelier drops. It is but just to say that both the crown and the carriages are nearly a century old, and that the modern Russian jewellers have been very successful in mounting such trifles as rings, pins, and brooches. Some of the presents dispensed from the treasury of the Hermitage to celebrated singers and dancers who have performed before the Imperial Court have been worthy to vie with the best works of the Palais Royal and the

They hurried past through the wintry storm.

Some were hoping their souls to save, And some were thinking of death and the grave. And alas ! they had no time to heed The poor soul asking for charity's meed. And some were blooming with beauty's grace, But closely muffled in veils of lace: They saw not the sorrow, nor heard the moan Of her who sat on the cold door stone.

As she begged for alms of the passers by: "Have pity on me, have pity, I pray; My back is bent and my head is grey."

The bells were ringing the hour of prayer, And many good people were gathering there; But, covered with furs and mantles warm,

At last came one of a noble name By the city counted the wealthiest dame, And the pearls that o'er her neck were strung She proudly there to the beggar flung.

Then followed a maiden young and fair, Adorned with clusters of golden hair; But her dress was thin, and scanty, and worn, Not even the beggar's seemed more forlorn. With a tearful look, and pitying sigh, She whispered soft, "No jewels have But I give you my prayers, good friend," said

"And surely I know God listens to me."

On her poor weak hand, so shrunken and small, The blind woman felt a tear-drop fall, Then kissed it, and said to the weeping girl, "It is you that have given the purest pearl.'

DIAMONDS.

DIAMOND JEWELRY IN EUROPE-THE FRENCH DIA-MOND CUTTERS.

A correspondent of the London Telegraph, writing of the diamonds in the Paris Exhibition, gossips pleasantly about diamond jewelry in

BUSSIAN JEWELS.

Europe:-

GERMAN AND SPANISH DIAMONDS.

Rue de la Paix.

The German jewellers, especially those of Hamburg, Frankfort, Vienna, and Augsburg, were preëminent in the last century as jewellers; but the tumbling to pieces of the Holy Roman Empire, and the "mediatistaion" of the petty princes of the Rhine by Napoleon I, inflicted a sad blow on the high Dutch jewelry trade, which seems destined to receive its coup de grace from the hands of the ruthless Bismark; for how is the Herr Hof-Juweiler to live if there is no longer any Landgrave of Hesse-Bootstein to give him an order for so many collars, badges, and crosses of the Pig and Whistle, or Holy Beer Barrel in diamonds ? Italy still holds her own in jewelry, not alone in Rome, where she can challenge the whole world to outdo her, but in Milan, in Venice, in Genoa, in Florence, and in Naples.

The standing French reproach against the English style of setting and mounting gems is that of "heaviness;" and it is to be feared that, as a rule, the reproach is not unfounded. But "heavy" as may be our style, that of the Spaniards and the Portuguese is ten times heavier. The influence of Orientalism is still apparent in the Peninsula; and in decorating the beauty for the market the only thought with an Oriental jeweller is how much beauty can bear. Aurelian was merciful enough to allow the captive Zenobia, a slave, to hold up her golden fetters; but no such mercy is shown to the modern Eastern belle. Her tyrant continues to load her with bangles, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, and armlets, till, as with the camel and the straw, the last brooch sometimes breaks the odalisque's back. A tribute of admiration, however, is due to the ingenious despot who discovered an additional point of vantage in his odalisques for the display of jewels, and so supplied them with

nosc-rings. THE FRENCH.

It was not until late in the reign of Louis XIV that the French became proficient in an rt which the Italians had learned centuries efore from the Byzantines and the Asiatics. The first operation in "joaillerie" is the sketching in or tentative arrangement of the stones to be mounted in the form they are subse-quently to assume-be it that of a diadem, a rivière, a bouquet or a bracelet. This operation is performed by means of a box or frame in which is laid a ground of soft wax of a dark color. The stones are passed into the wax according to the pattern desired; and, from the nature of the ground, this pattern can of course be varied as the taste of the artist shall direct. This is called the mise en cire; and I have mentioned a matter so purely technical for the reason that on the deliberate settlement of this tentative sketch depends the ultimate beauty of the ornament.

THE INVENTION OF DIAMOND CUTTING.

The discovery of the art of diamond cutting has, like almost every other discovery or in-vention, been attributed to a lucky accident. One Louis de Bergen, of Burges, amused himtelf in an idle moment by rubbing two dia-monds together. He found that as the friction increased each stone became more brilliant, and gradually give signs of alteration of sur "Diamond cut diamond !" cried Louis de Bergen, of Bruges; so he straightway made him a wheel, and became a lapidary. The first diamonds he cut were for Charles Duke of Burgundy, in 1470. Prior to this period dis-monds had been "natural," like the Koh-inoor before it was given over to the Amster-

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UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE, No. 200 S. SIXTH Street.

U No. 200 S. SIXTH Street. PHILADELPHIA, May 15, 1867. REPAIRS AT MARCUS HOOK, PA. Sealed Proposals, in duplicate, with a copy of this advertisement attached to each, will be re-ceived at this office until tweive o'clock M. SATURDAY, June 1, 1867, for Materials and Labor for repairs of Government Wharves and Landings at Marcus Hook, Pa. Separate proposals must be made for each

Labor for repairs of Government wharves and Landings at Marcus Hook, Pa. Separate proposals must be made for each class of material, and for labor. Cap logs, bridge timbers, mooring posts, etc., to be of white pine; also, upper courses of wharves, the and wharf timber, and piling of hemlock, fenders, etc., of white oak. Proposals will state the rate per running foot of timber, per foot of face, and per foot of board measure, as the case may be; the rate per pound of bolts and other iron works, etc. All materials to be of the best quality, de-liverable at such points at or near Marcus Hook as may be required, and to be subject to in-spection and approval before being used. The proposals for labor to state the rate per foot or face, per lineal foot, and per foot board measure, etc., as measured in place, and these rates to cover all labor necessary for putting

measure, etc., as measured in place, and these rates to cover all labor necessary for putting the works in good repair, such as removing old work and obstructions, receiving, earing for, framing, putting together, and replacing the materials to be used or moved. All work done to be subject to inspection and approval before payment is made, and twenty per centum to be deducted from any payment that may be made before the completion of all the labor.

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the labor. Each bid must be guaranteed by two respon-sible persons, whose signatures should be ap-pended to the guarantee, and who should be certified to as being good and sufficient security, by the United States District Judge, Attorney, Collector, or other public officer. Envelopes to be endorsed "Proposals for Re-pairs of Government Wharves, etc." Bids will be opened on Saturday, June 1, 1867, at 12 o'clock M. Bidders are invited to be pre-sent.

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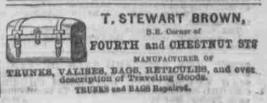
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