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Diamonds of Ten Carats or More

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AURORAS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

#### Must be Cut to Find a Buyer Here Both Due to Disturbances of the Ator in Europe-In India the Rich Namosphere's Electricity. tives Buy and Store Away Their

The aurora is an electrical phenomenon, and its seat is the atmos-Disposing of stolen jewels is a diffiphere. Possibly it may reach up to cult undertaking, particularly if the an elevation of many miles. The jewels are of great value. It is alflickering character and the difficulty most impossible to get rid of large of securing simultaneous observations stones in this country and harder of any one streamer at two or more still to dispose of them in England separate points make a computation and France if they are stolen. The of its exact height a difficult matter. only way to do it with safety is to How the electricity is excited which cut the stone up, and when a large causes an auroral display is not yet stone is cut it decreases greatly iu fully determined. A dozen different theories are entertained on the sub-Large diamonds are not so numerject, and scientific men have not yet ous that they cannot be kept track of. made a final and unanimous choice When a large diamond is found it among them. So, too, with the thunsooner or later finds its way to the derstorm. That this is electrical in greatest diamond market in the its nature was proved by Franklin world, which is London. Persons with his kite a century and a half through whose hands a large stone ago; but the method by which the passes are careful to note its good electricity is generated in the cloud is points as well as its defects, if it has not established beyond dispute.

If the wise men cannot yet decide Every diamond over ten carats is these questions of the origin of the considered a large one and worthy of atmospheric electricity which gives particular note. Every dealer who rise to the aurora and thunderstorm. handles such a stone can give a miat least they are in harmony in renute description of it. The purer the gard to the existence of some relationstone the more attention it attracts ship between the two. Referring to from the persons who handle it. That this fact, the United States Monthly is why it is hard to dispose of stolen Weather Review remarked recently diamonds of any account, for when that some auroras seem to have a limone is stolen every dealer throughout ited extent, as may be inferred from the world hears of it and has such a the fact that they are seen from but good description of the missing stone few stations, although in the neighthat he can hardly fail to identify it. borhood of many stations reporting The ordinary stolen jewels find their thunderstorms, as though the electric way to pawnshops and fences. There discharge forming the aurora is in are jewelers in this town who have some way connected with the thunthe reputation of being fences, but derstorm. On the other hand, there none of them does business direct are many extensive auroras that have no apparent connection with local thunderstorms, although they may be associated with the numerous thunderstorms that prevail in the equatorial regions. All auroras are supposed to originate in disturbances of the earth's electric condition, and such disturbances may be caused either by local atmospheric phenomena or by solar phenomena. In both cases there are earth currents, and either lightthe three countries where large dianing or aurora, or both. In both monds can be sold without cutting cases, also, there are magnetic disturbances, but there are very slight Once they are taken into one of during the ordinary thunderstorms. these countries they are hidden just It is barely possible that all these as if they were put back into the phenomena are essentially terrestrial, ground. Diamond dealers say that and due to so-called tidal strains or the greater number of important jewelastic strains in the Interior of the els that have been stolen have found globe. Such strains are known to their way to these countries. The In-

exist, and must be as periodic as the dian princes will buy and ask no tides. They must also have great irregularities, due to the sudden relief The high class native of India is a of strain that takes place during the remarkable judge of all kinds of geologic process of faulting. It is also precious stones, and many of them possible that influences emanate from count most of their wealth in this the sun that may affect the distribu-



CARING FOR THE WHEAT CROP. thook is used to run down the grooves Now that harvesting is about over, in the upper layer, insuring a clear the harvester must mature plans for passage for the liquids at all times. getting the grain out of the fields. -The Epitomist. Stacking the wheat before threshing

and letting the stacks stand from four CUTTING ALFALFA EARLY. to six weeks is the old way of get-Those who are having their first ting the field clear for pasture. The experience with alfalfa are likely to cradle and harvesting machine left make the mistake of waiting until considerable grain loose in the field, the crop is too far advanced before and the swine herd was made the cutting it; a serious mistake, because gleaners. The earlier the stubble it gets woody if allowed to ripen. could be pastured, the more grain The usual plan is to cut it- when would be saved. There is no better it is from one-fifth to one-tenth in way to grow young stock hogs than bloom, doing the work in the morning to give them the range of a stubble | and letting it dry just enough so field rich with grain and tender young that the leaves do not fall. It is then clover. Stacking early not only gives raked into small windrows and alan opportunity to turn on early but lowed to dry some before hauling it the trouble of keeping the shocks up to the barn. How much it should is saved, and when there is consider- dry will depend somewhat on the able wind and rain, setting the wheat weather, but with a whole day of up is no small item of expense. Again, bright sunshine this is sufficient, the where stacking the grain is practiced idea being not to let it dry enough there is much labor saved at thresh. so that the leaves fall in handling. ing time. Stack threshing throws the The windrows should be turned at work at a very busy time. At a time least once so that the alfalfa can dry when the farmer can not afford to come on the underside. Should it stay away from his corn, his clover rain while the crop is drying let it or his threshing for any reasonable remain out of doors another day, never put it in the barn wet. Each hire. Stacks will leak unless the work is crop may be cured in the manner

well done; the middle must be kept specified, and when housed will keep full. Should the bundles incline to in good condition, provided it is not ward the center they are sure to car- wet when put in the barn .-- Indianapry a part of the water into the cen- olis News. ter of the stack.

If the middle of the stack is not as full as it should be, oftentimes rak-Articles written by the English veterinarian, Pately Bridge, are aling the slopes down well, freeing them of all loose straws and bending ways practical and instructive. In the butts so as to make the surface the London Farm and Home he disslope downward, will throw the rain cusses the watering of a horse, about out. Beating the surface with a board, which there is so much conflict of breaking the butts downward will opinion, as follows: often save a very faulty stack of Writing recently concerning a rewheat. In parts of Ohio and in many current case of colic in a gelding, other sections of the country large "Potter" said, "I think the driver barns' are built for sheltering the gives him water after his feed." This wheat before it is threshed. The ad- suggest the common theory that

vantages of stacking are obtained by when water is given to a horse after this method and the danger of loss feeding, especially after the consumpthrough continous rains is entirely ell- tion of grain, the food becomes washminated. Then the straw is placed ed out of the stomach before it has near the barn every year, where it been properly digested. can be used for the bedding of live Watering horses is a subject of constock in winter. Stacking the grain siderable importance in connection

out of doors or threshing from the with the every day management of shock oftentimes places the straw the animal, and has a distinct bearing pile far out into the field, occupying on the digestion of its food and the a great deal of space, and is of no occurance of diseases associated with value for bedding, because it is too failure to do so. There are horse far away.

owners and responsible servants who The company plan of threshing have got their own ideas as to the wheat is quite satisfactory. The best and proper time to water, and wheat is taken from the stack, the while a majority believe that horses thresherman furnishing all teams, all should be watered before feeding, and

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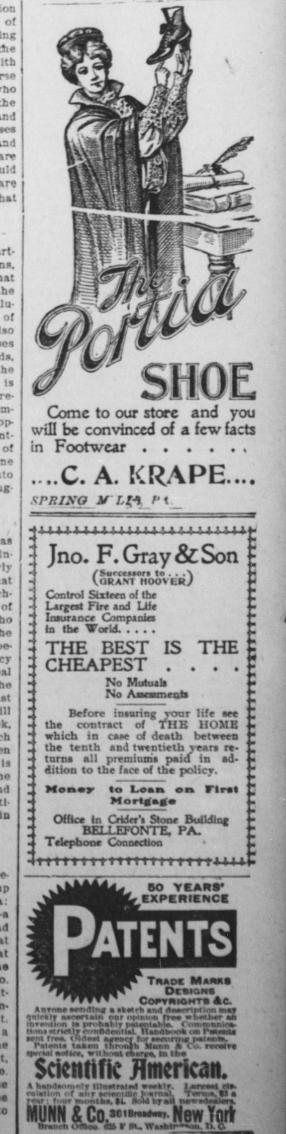
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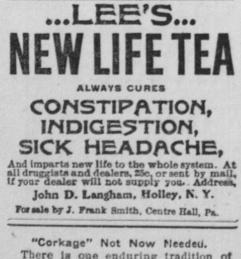


When a large stone is stolen here or in England or France the first place the searchers look for it to turn up is in Amsterdam, which is the center of the diamond cutting industry. If it doesn't appear there within a reasonable time its owners can bid goodby to it, for it will probably be disposed of without trouble in the Orient. India, Persia and Turkey are

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There is one enduring tradition of the hotel business in the United States, and its outward symbol is the printed line on the country hotel bill "Corkage." At an earlier period, when wine drinking at meals was less common, it was the custom of hotel patrons to bring their own wines.

As every hotel keeper had, or was supposed to have, wine for sale at a profit, it was to the hotel keeper's interest to discourage the bringing of wine to table by guests, and therefore the practice originated of a charge for corkage, usually one dollar, which was in excess of the wine at the hotel.

The effect was to compel wine drinkers to buy from the hotel. In these days there is little reason why hotel patrons should "bring their own wines," and the fact is that few do so. Though the reason for the line "corkage" on hotel bills of fare is passed, the line itself has not.

### Longest Bridge Span.

The longest span of any bridge yet erected will be placed in the cantilever bridge now under construction across the St. Lawrence river at Quebec. This bridge is being constructed with two approach spans of 210 feet each, two shore arms 500 feet in length, and a great central span of 1,800 feet, which is the longest yet built by 90 feet.

form. Diamond dealers and police all over the civilized world have long realized that as soon as a precious stone finds its way to the Orient it is lost until its buyer dies and his is properly divided among his wives or his rela-

tives.

The large precious stones generally find their way into the crowns of royalty. The Orloff, which weighs 194% carats, is in the Russian crown jewels. That stone formed one of the eyes of an idol in the Brahman temple on the island of Srirangam in the Kaveri River, near Trichinopoli. The story has it that it was stolen from there early in the eighteenth century by a French soldier. From him it English ship captain and so got into Europe.

It turned up in Amsterdam in 1791 and for a time it was called the Amsterdam diamonds. It got its name influence. of Orloff when Prince Orloff bought it for 1,400,000 Dutch florins and presented it to the Empress Catherine II. of Russia. This jewel forms the head of the imperial scepter.

Three other famous jewels in the

few large engraved diamonds in exan annuity of 4,000 rubles and letters of royalty.

largest known stones in existence, but | at a typewriter. they are among the most valuable. because of their purity. Some of the largest diamonds on record are Brazilian stones, but doubt always has been cast on their genuineness. The Braganza is a Brazilian stone as big as a hen's egg and weighing 1,680 carats. It is preserved in the Portuguese crown jewels, but there has always been doubt as to its genuineness. If it is genuine, diamond ex-

perts say, it is worth \$224,000,000. Another large stone on which there

has been a good deal of speculation as to its genuineness is owned by the Rajah of Mattang, Borneo. It weighs 367 carats.

Of the large diamonds that have been found in recent years, the Excelsior is the largest. It was unearthed in the Jagersfontein mine, in the Orange River Colony, South Aflength, 2 inches in breath and 1 inch | caught and killed the bear. in thickness.

The Excelsior was found in June. er section of it found its way to Tif- 198,000,000.

tion of electricity in the earth's atmosphere. Both solar and terrestrial causes may therefore produce both the local and the general auroras, and it is not at present possible to state which of these is most important, either in any special case or in general.

The fact that there is a maximum frequency of auroras in the early evening of local time, between 8 and 1 p. m., over the whole globe shows that the local or terrestrial influences are quite appreciable. The other fact, that a sudden increase in auroras, earth currents and thunderstorms occurs on the same day over a large region, such as Europe, the Atlantic, and North America, must be due to found its way into the hands of an either one of two causes; either this represents an influence emanating from the sun and affecting a large part of the earth, or It represents a very important widespread terrestrial

#### High Class.

A well known New York composer, who had long felt the need of a reputable firm of agents to undertake the disposal of his compositions, read possession of the Russian crown are recently the advertisement of a buthe Shar, the Moon of Mountains, reau which offered to place musical and the Polar Star-the first of 88 and other manuscripts with publishcarats, the second of 120 and the ers. Their charges were fairly high, third of 40 carats. The Shah is an and the advertisement stated expressengraved diamond, one of the very ly that only work "of the highest grade" was handled by the bureau. istence. All are perfect blue white The composer, thinking that this was stones. Catherine II. bought the probably the opportunity he had been Moon of Mountains for 450,000 rubles. looking for, sought the address given in the advertisement. Entering the to his hogs. offices of the concern, he found the These are not by any means the manager, in his shirt sleeves, sitting

> "I understand you place musical compositions for a commission?" inquired the composer.

"That's right," was the answer; "but we only handle first grade stuff." "Do you suppose," continued the composer, "you could place this 'Sanctus' of mine?"

"Sure!" replied the manager confidently. "Why, last season we placed Bink's 'Mother's With the Angels,' and he made over \$2,000 on it."-Harper's Weekly.

The Stock Exchange Bear.

A bear in a stock exchange is, as everyone knows, one who looks forthe hope of being able to buy at a lower price before the times comes for delivery. The name is supposed to be derived from the story of the man

1893. There was a flaw in it, how- tralla the amount which has been pro- as a consequence the stall is always said, and slung her body into the ever, and it had to be cut. The larg- duced is said to exceed in value \$2,-

hands, does the cooking, the farmer practice it, there are some who are merely takes care of the threshed equally certain that feeding should grain. This plan could be profitably precede watering. Others there are followed in other extensive wheat who think it does that matter so that growing sections .-- W. B. Anderson, the watering is regular. in Indianapolis News.

WHEN HOGS CAN'T WALK.

Men that were raised on New Engslaughter were unable to stand on same place, turning one way to eat and the other to sleep. Their owners thought it nothing unusuat, they only said: "The hog has become so fat that he can't stand up." Yet with that it was not a case of fatness only. but a case of constant feeding of corn and slop, out of which the animal could not manufacture any bone

or muscle that would suustain his weight. In those days the food of such hogs was corn as largely as it is now. Had those animals received a ration composed of ground oats skim milk and such nitrogen-supplying foods they would have had bone and muscle that would have carried about any weight. The same results come from the same causes now, but is not so apparent, as the hogs are marketed at half the weight they were in the days mentioned. No man should feed a corn diet exclusively

### BUILDING STABLE FLOORS.

Horses, when confined, need good floors on which to stand and in order all liquids to drain rearward, a good and two inches thick at the other London Outlook. end. These should be laid two layers

thick. With the thick end under the manger, the first or lower layer should be put down as closely as the planks can be driven so as to make them water-tight if possible. Assuming the foundation is level, this will give

New Source of Starch. In a bulletin of the Jamaica Depart-

HOW TO WATER A HORSE.

ment of Agriculfure H. H. Cousins, land farms have memories of great the government chemist, states that fat hogs that for months before the high percentage of starch in the cassava makes the latter more valutheir hind legs. The writer has seen able than the potato as a source of hogs that weighed almost 600 pounds this substance. The cassava is also that before slaughter had to move not subject to the fungoid diseases around on their haunches as on a prevalent in the German potato fields. pivot. They ate and slept in the from which a large proportion of the starch now sold in Great Britain is derived. The cassava season is unrestricted, and this gives a further important advantage over the one-cropa-year potato. Mr. Cousins apparentmore light on the situation we know by believes that the manufacture of starch from the cassava can be done so cheaply that the German potato starch will be driven from the English market.

### French or Greek?

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If French is taught as carefully as Greek It seems to serve the disciplinary purposes which Greek formerly served. The only difficulty is that there are as yet relatively few teachers who make French a means of mental discipline, and that those who think they teach it best are often the ones who really teach it worst, because they let apparent proficiency in speech conceal the lack of real training in thought. Wherever the old fashioned arguments against Greek are regarded as true it will probably be desirable to study Greek, because very few people will teach

anything else properly. But when once the error of those arguments is to secure a pitch in them sufficient for recognized the special need for the study of Greek will have gone, and way is to have the planks six inches other things are likely to be substiwide, five inches thick at one end tuted .-- President Hadley of Yale in

### Slaughter of the Innocent.

This tale comes from New Caledonia, where a ship was loading up with natives to work in Australia: "There was a man and a girl---a young couple, they seemed. She had a fall of about five inches to carry a youngster, who began yelling at water away. The top layer should sight of the boat. 'Can't take that then be put on with the thick end youngster!' the boss should. The ward to a fall in stocks, and sells in of the planks at the outer end of the woman said she wanted to come, too. stall, thus bringing the floor up to 'No, we can't ship that squalling lita perfect level, the only natural posi- tle beast. Leave him with his auntion for a horse to stand. The top tie.' There was no auntie in sight. planks for three feet in the center So the Kanaka man, after taking a rica. It measured 21/2 inches in who sold a bear's skin before he had of the stall should be three-quarters look around caught the kiddle by the of an inch apart. Owing to the slant heels, swung her round like a rabbit, of the layer underneath, the urine and dashed her head agin a tree. Since gold was first found in Aus. then has a chance to run away and 'She was only a girl anyway," he dry. Especially is this so if, in clean- scrub. Then they both hopped into ing out the stable a small square the oat and were shipped aboard."