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THE DIAMOND FIELDS OF AFRICA.

At a meeting of the American geographical society in New York March 13th an interesting statement was made by George Harton, A. B., of Boston, who has resided for two years in the diamond fields of South Africa. Leaving England in one of the regular mail steamers and stopping on the way at Madeira, Ascension and St. Helena, he was in due course landed in Table Bay and from Capetown, a fine city of 50,000 inhabitants, started out across the intervening desert to reach the diamond fields, 750 miles off, in an eight horse wagon, which carried fourteen passengers and all traveling chattel. This road has now been abandoned, the routes to the mines being by Port Elizabeth or Port Natal, on the east coast. The journey from any of these places is made by horse and mule conveyance, and in its general part resembles the same thing through the territories in hygone or even at the present day. A traveler named O'Reilly stayed one night at a Boer's house. He found the children playing with a marble that looked like a diamond. He bought it for a trifle, the Boer saying that it was a diamond they could get plenty more, and took it away. He sold it at the Cape for \$3,000. He bought another from a negro which sold for a good deal more than the first. He then began to search for these stones where they had previously seen them, the white men heard of their success, and then the rush began. One mine after another, all in the same neighborhood, was found, and the last, and that which is the centre of the diamond trade, is Kimberley. This city has 10,000 population, five churches, two theatres, banks, hotels and other buildings. In general character it resembles Cape Town, except that its streets are filled with carts carrying earth away from diggings and with numbers of Callers who come in to work in the mines, all the labor being done by negroes. The negroes are a very superior class of the southern states of America, and the Callers are the finest of them. These men will only work for periods to enable them to buy ammunition and arms. They are good tempered and kind, and will only such clothing as they can pick up, for instance, as a discarded paper collar, a hat an odd boot, or a soldier's coat, when they can get one.

The speaker gave a graphic and minute account of the manner in which the mines were worked. The diamonds are found in a conglomerate which is dug up from that which is digging has become a muddy bedded conglomeration. The claims are at the bottom of these, and the surface is covered with the surface and carry up the baskets of conglomerate to be washed out. This can be 200 feet deep and 1,000 feet across. Descending into this, speech becomes difficult from the whirl of wheels hauling the buckets up along the wire ropes. Up to the end of 1870 \$5,000,000 of diamonds had been taken out, besides those taken home by miners and others, and so on counting up the diamonds, it is all done by negroes, overlooked by a white man, the negroes getting \$5 a week and beef and tobacco. The negroes when they can, steal the diamonds, secreting them in their caps, mouths and in their work, and they are most secreted between their toes. People at Kimberley believe that the trade will not cease, but should the hardpan be reached the mines would be quickly flooded and the whole thing then could be worked as a mine which is possible. Revolvers are not carried, law is supreme and any violence speedily punished. Mining is now most successfully carried on by those who have a little capital. Very large fortunes are not made, but a comfortable one are. All the timber and iron used there, as well as all furniture and the greater part of the provisions are brought up by team from the seaports. The Cape diamond is not always a yellowish white, but is sometimes pink and brown diamonds found there, but not the pure carbon or black diamond of Brazil and India. The speaker described the bursting of a diamond, a thing often spoken of. When first a diamond is struck, it is laid aside, and in the morning it is in fragments. The miners keep it in water or oil generally until they can find a gemstone to sell it to, the bursting being caused by the disappearance of some moisture contained in the stone.

RUNNING IN DEBT.

Horace Greeley once wrote: Half the young men in this country, with money enough to know better, would go into business—that is, into debt. It is well in every case to keep one's appetite sharp, for food, for knowledge, for whatever good thing life may have for us. Can any but the hungry soul be filled? A MODEL ORBITARY.—A disconsolate editor thus bemoans his departed spouse: "Thus my wife died. No more will those loving hands pull off my boots and part my back hair as only a true wife can. Nor will those willing feet replenish cool foot or water when I am weary. No more will the tempestuous storms of winter, and his away to the fire without disturbing the slumbers of the man who doth on her so artlessly. Her memory is embalmed in my heart of hearts. I want to embalm my body, but I found that I could embalm her memory cheaper. "I procured of Eli Madget, a neighbor of mine, a very pretty gravestone. His wife was consumptive, and he kept it on hand several years in anticipation of her death. But she rallied last spring and his hopes were blasted. Never shall I forget the poor man's grief when I asked him to part with it. "Take it, Skinner, and may you never know the pain of a death, your soul disappointed as mine has been, and he burst into a flood of tears. His spirit was, indeed, utterly broken. "I had the following epitaph engraved upon the tombstone: "To the memory of Tabitha, wife of Moses Skinner, Esq., gentlemanly editor of the 'Tribune.' Terms three dollars a year invariably in advance. A kind mother and an exemplary wife. Office over Coleman's grocery, up two flights of stairs. Knock him up, and he will tell you, mother, we shall miss thee. Job printing solicited. "Thus did my lacinated spirit cry out in agony, even as Rachel weeping for her children, 'But one ray of light penetrates the despair of my life.' The undertaker took his pay in job printing, and the sexton owed me a little account. I should not have gotten in any other way. Why should we pine at the mysterious ways of Providence and vicinity?"

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