

Greatest of All Diamonds.

When a diamond is found weighing more than a hundred carats, the news is usually heralded with much ado. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, if the finding of the "Excelsior" created considerable excitement. It weighed in the rough 971 carats, and was found near Jagersfontein, in the Orange Free State, Africa. When examined it was found to be a white stone of the first water, but had a small flaw in the centre. The inspector of the mine, a Swede named Jorgensen, was the lucky finder. The proprietors of the mine, Breitmann and Bernheimer, had the stone tested and valued by experts, who agreed that the value was \$5,000,000. It is a fact that two offers of \$9,000,000 and \$4,250,000, respectively, have been refused by the proprietors. Upon its transfer to the coast great precautions were taken for its protection. A squadron of cavalry escorted it to the railway station. In Capetown it was placed aboard the British gunboat, H. M. S. Antelope, which brought the precious gem to London, where it now rests in the fire and burglar-proof vaults of the Bank of England.

The next largest diamond in the world is the one owned by the Rajah of Malan, on the Island of Borneo; this one weighs 387 carats. The largest of most of the large diamonds known in, however, the one in the French collection of crown jewels, known as the "Regent," which weighs 136 1/2 carats. Louis XV. paid 600,000 francs for it, but now it is valued at \$2,000,000.

How much the "Excelsior" will lose in cutting can only be decided by most eminent experts. As a rule, the larger diamonds lose fully one-half of their weight in this operation. Naturally the cutting, which is done with a view to having as few large pieces as possible outside of the main gem, must be carried on with the greatest care. This business is carried on mainly in Amsterdam and Antwerp. In Amsterdam there are at present five large concerns of diamond cutters, with 872 diamond mills or cutting wheels, and 3000 hands, besides a large number of less important concerns. —Philadelphia Record.

White Elephants.

Kinghood is not an honor that you can obtain in Siam as easily as you can in many other countries. You have to qualify for it by capturing a white elephant which is, by all accounts, a good deal more difficult than to write indifferent poetry. The white elephant is the National emblem of Siam, and all the specimens that can be caught are kept in the royal stables and live on the fat of the land. There are five of them at present in honorable captivity. All the work they ever have to do is to take part twice a year in a State procession, and to support the King by their majestic presence whenever he has to receive a foreign Ambassador. Besides being knighted, their captors receive large money rewards. The more white elephants there are in the King's mews, the luckier does he reckon himself likely to be. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

A Napoleonic Relic at the Paris Fair. A French engineer, M. Edouard Girard, has thought of a way of reproducing the historic house of Longwood in which Napoleon lived at St. Helena as an attraction during the exhibition of 1900. The house, which, according to his scheme, will be an exact copy of the original, will be surrounded by panoramic canvases representing the natural surroundings. —New York Post.

Dr. Klinger's SWAMP-ROOT cures all Kidney and Bladder troubles. Pamphlet and Consultation Free. Laboratory Birmingham, N. Y. Signs of a recent earthquake have been found on a desolate island in Lake Superior.

Does He Chew or Smoke? If so, it is only a question of time when bright eyes grow dim, mainly steps lose firmness, and the vigor and vitality so enjoyable now will be destined to be no more. Get a little "Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away," and learn how No-To-Bac without physical or financial risk, cures the tobacco habit, brings back the vigorous vitality that will make you both happy.

One of the most valuable crops for feeding cows is that of pumpkins. But the best product of this, as of all others, is when it is made the single effort, and not as a side show in a corn field. When grown alone and well cultivated, it is easy to get as much as thirty or forty tons an acre of good land. The growing them is not any matter of dispute, but the feeling of them is. It is a common belief that they cause the milk of cows to be thick; at least, it is said of the seeds. But experience gives no cause for this belief. On the contrary, the milk is not only increased in quantity, but the quality of it is improved. The color of the butter made is also considerably higher than from the dry food used at this season, when a stock of pumpkins is found most useful. One good-sized pumpkin chopped into slices, given to each cow twice a day, will be found a valuable addition to the best feeding. And as a trouble need not be borrowed in regard to any ill results from the cows eating the seeds, and the seeds and stringy matter attached to them are the most nutritious part of the gourd. —American Farmer.

DRAGON-HORSE FAMINE IN PROSPECT. In view of the dearth of yearling and smolting colts throughout the country this spring it is pertinent to inquire where the geldings to horse the trucks and wagons of American towns and cities a few years hence are to be derived. The means now in harness will not last forever; that much is certain. On our city pavements even the best wearing sorts must sooner or later succumb and in time give way to fresh stock from the farms. When that inevitable day arrives will the farmers be prepared to supply the desired grade of stock or not? At present there can be but one forecast of the situation: The end of the century will find our markets practically bare of big horses of the right stamp. Even the wayfarer man can figure this out. From every farm district in the land we get the same report: No breeding of any consequence in prospect; few colts last year and practically none this spring! And not only this, but a buyer connected with the export trade is our authority for the statement that sixty per cent.



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