#### RECIOUS STONE INDUSTRY

THERE WEPT RECORD-BREAKING IMPORTATIONS LAST YEAR.

Search for Diamond Fields on This Continent-Popularity of the Pearl --- Where Precious Stones Are Found in This Country.

Precious stones of every variety were imported into the United States last year in larger quantities than ever before, writes the Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post. Most diamonds came it than in the three years beginning 1897 The importation of rought diamonds was seven times larger than in 1897 the diamond cutting industry in this country having greatly increased in recent years. The total value of these importations for last year amounted

to \$34,998,513. High prices paid for diamonds to day have made the search for these precious stones in this country and Canada keener than ever before. There ere four regions in this country where diamonds have been found. The Pacific Coast, chiefly along the western base of the Sierra Nevada, in the central counties of California, associated with gold in the cement gravel; along the line of the moraine of the ancient ice sheet in Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio; in Kentucky and Tennessee; and in the Atlantic States from Virginia to Alabama, chiefly along the eastern base of the Appalachians in what is known as the Pied mont region. Scientists have been unable to discover the actual place of origin of the diamonds found in these regions. Those of the Pacific Coast and Atlantic States are known to have been derived by erosion from near-by mountain ranges, and the diamonds of the northern drift are supposed have come from somewhere in the Dominion of Canada.

The diamonds discovered in Tennessee and Kentucky which have been found in loose and superficial deposits, and those in the Atlantic and Pacific regions, which for the most part have been met with in washing for gold, are from sources which scientists of the Geological Survey have been un able to trace definitely, even in the ory. A report recently appeared that two diamonds had been found near Syracuse, N. Y., and that one of them had subsequently been sold to a resident of Springfield, Mass.

Sapphires are found in considerable quantity at Yogo Gulch, Mont., and workings for these gems is gradually developing into a great and permanent mining fudustry. It is expected that the production of sapphires in this section will soon be quadrupled The Montana sapphires are not of large size. They are brilliant, free from flaws, and of good color, ranging from light shades to the rich deep blue of Oriental sapphires. They are sent to Amsterdam for cutting, and are extensively used as watch jewels.

Wholly unequal to the demand in the United States for emeralds has been the supply of this popular gem. which is imported mostly from Colombia. The emerald-bearing area northwest of Bogota is declared to be very extensive, the Government hold ings alone being estimated at nearly 100,000 acres. The emerald is today at the high tide of its popularity and price. Many of the figest of these gems recently imported into this country were undoubtedly taken from old jewels by their owners in Colombia. Everglades you will meet men who who were tempted to part with them by the increased price at which they toward you, laugh as you ask their are selling.

Pearls are as popular as ever, espe- your boatman will mention hames cially in the United States, and the that will recall to your memory storpresent demand is causing a drain i ies of tragedies. These men trap of upon the pearl banks of Ceylon which I ters, shoot alligators and plume birds, has been recently the subject of an selling skins, hide and plumes to dealinvestigation by the English Govern- ers who go to them secretly, or ment for the purpose of studying the through Indians who often help but life history of the pearl oyster, its inever betray them. When I asked parasites and enemies, and the meth- an Indian whom I knew well when he ods for increasing its production.

Discovery of old and new gems in refugees his "I'm um no see, long various sections of the country has time," together with an earnest shake stimulated the trade it. American of his head would have been convinc gents. I tablite is already coming in ling if I had not happened to know that to use as a gern and decorative stone, the had been with the man inquired of and is especially popular in semi-bar- on the provious day. Sometimes baric jewelry where a tich but not I these outlaws kill one another, usually a precious gem is distred. It is a lover a bird rooker, which two or mor green variscite, translucent and golden of them claim. I passed the camp of green in color, and was discount two of them, heside which hung a near Salt Lake City.

popularity and the increased interest probably in a quarrel, but possibly by in them has stimulated the search for some third outlaw, tempted by their tourmaline, beryl, topaz and kunzite, wealth of skins. The country in These crystals are of especial interest which they live is a labyrinth. The to mineralists, and George Frederick | hig rivers fork into smaller streams, Kunz, the gem expert who has made which divide and form into creeks a study of the region where these that, although deep will for miles give gems are found, thinks that it bids passage only to skiffs, for which a way fair to rival the Ural Mountains, must frequently be cleared with which for fifty years have led the knives through vines and overhanging world in the production of precious bushes. Often these creeks branch stones. Some prospecting has been out into hundreds of shallow channels done in Maine for gems at Mt. Mi- making a thousand tiny mangrove chael and other mining localities, but keys in each square mile. Within the tourmalines found did not exceed these mazes are occasional blazed in value a few thousand dollars. Turquoise mines in California and Nevada | ing to a tree an old shoe containing have increased in production, and have more than made up for the decreased production of the turquoise | Scribner's Magazine. mines in New Mexico and Arizona. Black quartz, cut in the form of beads has been sold throughout the world in competition with rich green aventurine, which sparkles with specks of mica. Great quantities of this stone have been taken from the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Among the stones which have been found in large quantities in Amelia County in Virginia, and for which there is a considerable demand, are the amethyst, topaz, malachite and

amazon stone. Mr. Kunz attributes the record established last year for the importation of precious stones of all kinds, ranging from the richest gems to those of the poorest qualities, and even to every form of imitation, to the general plate, or the greater part of it. The "good times" the American people are enjoying. "This record," he says, "was achieved notwithstanding the Russo-Japanese war and was due to general prosperity."

#### Schoolgirl Swimmers.

Leeds, England, has 5,000 girls in its public elementary schools under systematic instruction in the art of swimming and 550 of them hold certificates as expert swimmers.

LOVES A PRIZE FIGHT. Curious

Methods of Entertaining Oriental Monarche. Of all the devices adopted by the English government to entertain the ruler of Afghanistan during his visit to India, which is costing the national treasury the trifling sum of \$1,000,000, the one which seems to have been the most successful of all has been the boxing contests, and at his request matches of this kind are got up almost daily for his entertainment. Banquets, state functions, reviews and even sham battles have ended by boring him. But he never tires of a hotly contested encounter with the gloves, and his interest and delight in the noble art of self-defence peculiar to

the English speaking races are unbounded. The Ameer is by no means the only Oriental monarch entertained by the British sovereign who has manifested tastes of this particular character. Thus old Nazr-ed-Din, grandfather and predecessor of the present Shah of Persia, got so worked up about boxing on the occasion of his first stay in England that nothing would satisfy him but a full fledged prizefight; that is to say, a real one, with bare knuckles and blood. With many precautions an encounter of this kind was arranged for his edification by the officials took place in the stables of Buckingham palace. Unfortunately, the Shah was lamentably deficient in that vixtue of punctuality which is inappropriately described as "the politeness of kings," and he came down to the stables late, with the result that the prizefight overlapped an appointment which had been made for the late Lord Shaftesbury, the Archbishops of Canterbury and of York, and a delegation of bishops, to plead before him the cause of Christian missions in the land of Iran. They came at the ap pointed hour and were conducted by fficials, unaware of what was in progress in the royal stables, to the Shah's presence there. The prelates. horror struck by the spectacle present ed to their plous eyes, retreated pre cipitately, followed by old Lord Shaft esbury, not before he had given vento his indignation in a loud tone of voice, and protesting that he would de nounce "the horrid scandal all over the kingdom." It was only with the utmost difficulty that he was eventually ap peased. It did not, however, interfere with the enjoyment of the Shah, who could not be brought to understand

#### IN THE EVERGLADES.

sprung.- New York Tribune.

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The maxes of the Ten Thousand

the objection of his visitors to a spec-

tacle which he considered so delect

able. In fact, he could never under-

stand Western squeamishness, and

gallows worked and the trap door was

Islands have proved a sanctuary for the pursued since before the Civil War, during which they harbored de serters from the Confederate service some of whom continue their rest deuce within their boundaries in ap parent ignorance that the need there for has passed. Often in the express or mangrove swamps which border the turn their faces away, or, if they look names. After they have passed, had last seen a certain one of these dozen offer skins and a few days later California gems are growing in learned that both had been killed trails, upon one of which I found hang a bit of paper on which was pencilled "ef it want Sam grub tom has got it."-

Cutting Metal With Gas. A new process which may prove use ful to metal workers in certain cases has been invented by a Belgian, nam ed Felix Jottrand. He has shown that it is possible to cut an iron plate in two by heating it red hot, and then aiming a jet of oxygen gas at it, moving the jet along the line at which the separation is to be effected. The preliminary operation of heating he conducts with the flame of an oxyhydrogen lamp, but any other method would probably do as well. The special advantage of this plan probably is that it makes it possible to concentrate the heat along a narrow belt instead of applying it to the whole union of oxygen with metal, as with wood or coal is really a form of com bustion. This is still true when both the metal and gas are cold and wher the product is nothing but rust. They unite much more rapidly when the temperature is raised, however, and in that case there is an increase w heat from the burning of the metal The Jottrand process, it is said, melts the iron along the line to which the oxygen jet is directed, and it flows

freely from the crevice.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Of the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois.

Notice is bereby given that the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, passed a resolution at its regular meeting on April 5th, A. D. 1907, providing for the paving of Maple avenue from the westerly village limits to the easterly line of Blod gett avenue, together with all streets and alley intersections and junctions included n Maple avenue, and as a connected system to be graded, drained and paved with brick, the estimated cost of said improvement being as follows, to-wit :

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You are further notified that the 15th day of April, A. D. 1907, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p. m., at the village hall of said Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, has been fixed as the time charged with his amusement, and it and place for the further consideration of cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. said improvement, for the purpose of considering the necessity, nature, kind, character, and estimated cost of said proposed improvement, at which time and place the said Board of Local Improvements will hear all persons desiring to be heard on the subject of the necessity, the nature, and estimated cost of said proposed improvements, at which time and place you can ap-Dated, Downers Grove, April 5th, A. D.

> CHARLES MOCHEL, J. W. GRAVES. GEO. B. HEARTT, C. H. STAATS. Board of Local Improvements,

Reed Smoot having explained and de fended his religious views, it might be well for the other Senators to do likewise. It may be somewhat difficult for most of them to say what they really do believe, but the process would be all the more salutary on that account. There is no reason why the Mormon church alone should be the object of Senatorial inguisition.

#### **EXECUTOR'S NOTICE**

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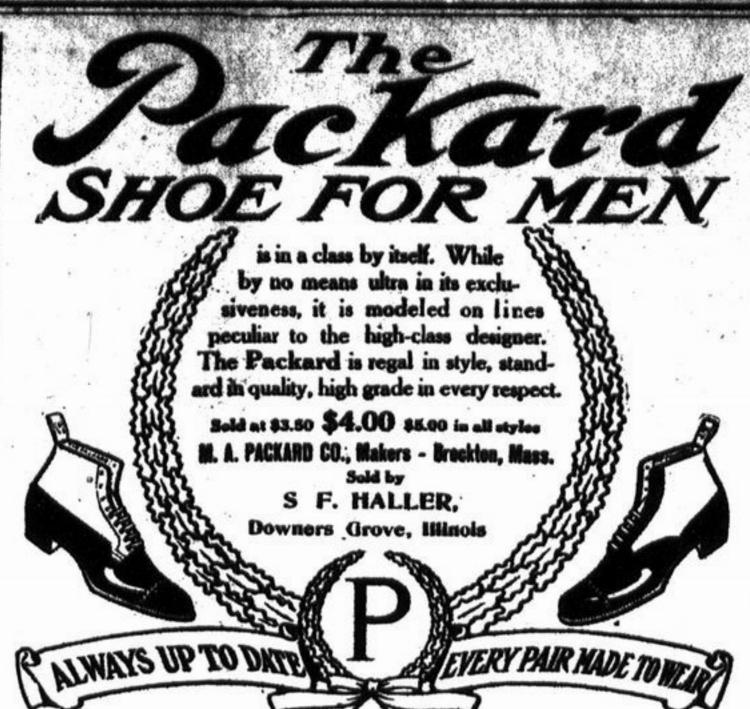
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