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THE BLACK DIAMOND

It is One of the Curiosities of the Mineral Kingdom.

A PUZZLE TO SCIENTISTS.

Nature Has In Some Peculiar Way Produced This Rare Form of Carbon and Then Thrown Away the Secret of the Process—Found Only In Brazil.

The term "black diamonds" is sometimes jokingly applied to ordinary coal which we burn in our furnaces, but the real "black diamonds" of commerce are among the most unique mineral products of the world, and they serve a purpose in the industrial world that makes them of great value. The black diamonds are pure carbon and yet in no outward appearance resemble the diamonds which we are accustomed to wear as ornaments. They are slightly harder than the crystal or gem diamonds and, in fact, about the hardest substance known.

Black diamonds, or carbons, are among the greatest curiosities of the mineral kingdom. They are without crystalline form and are found in irregular pieces, ranging in size from half a carat up to three, four and five hundred carats. They are dark gray, black or brownish in color and opaque. The real diamond of the jewelry trade is also pure carbon, but translucent and crystalline in form. Two objects so alike in composition could not be found so opposite in appearance as these two forms of carbon.

Another peculiar thing about the black diamonds is that they are found only in one locality in the world. They come from a very small section of Brazil not more than 225 miles square in area. Outside of this limited territory no pure black diamonds have ever been found.

What peculiar freak of nature caused the deposition of the black diamonds in this section of the world and nowhere else is one of the mysteries which science has failed to explain. None of them has been found in the great Kimberley diamond regions, where the crystal form of diamonds have for so long been mined.

The whole origin of the black diamond is, therefore, a scientific enigma. Naturally the question is raised, "Of what use is a black diamond?" No one would care to wear one of these diamonds, which resembles a piece of coal more than a real diamond, and so far no one has popularized the black gem as the black pearl has been. Nevertheless the black diamonds serve a most important and useful function in the industrial world.

This pure black carbon is not only harder than the real diamond, but tougher and not so brittle as the gem. Consequently it is of great value for many mechanical purposes and particularly for boring with diamond drills. In diamond drilling the tips of the drills are studded with carbon, or black diamonds, and when the bores are deep the pressure is so great that the gem diamonds would be crushed in the process. But the carbon resists this continued pressure and slowly eats down into the rocks.

In diamond drill work the carbon is set in circular pieces of soft steel or iron, called bits, and these bits are attached to tubing. Armed with these black diamond teeth, the drills push their way down under severe pressure to a depth of five and six thousand feet, cutting through the hardest kind of rock. Some black diamonds are much harder than others, and there is no way to determine by the color the difference in the degree of toughness.

Black diamonds or pure carbon are not by any means cheap, and the owners of the mines in Brazil where they are gathered are making a good thing out of their monopoly. There is no known substance that can take the place of carbon in drills in boring for gold, silver, copper and other mineral deposits. Before the black diamonds of Brazil were discovered it was impossible to make borings.

When the carbon was first introduced in our industries it was used in diamond saws for cutting stones, marble and similar substances. Then the price advanced so that the carbon was found too costly for such use, and bort was substituted for stone cutting. Bort is really an imperfect crystal or gem diamond, but it is too brittle for use in drills. Consequently bort has taken the place of black diamonds for stone cutting, and the latter have been restricted almost entirely to diamond drilling purposes.

The average size of black diamonds used in the drills ranges from two to five carats, but the larger specimens give much better results. They cost more, but they last longer. Consequently there is a greater demand for the larger pieces of pure carbon, and the price is sometimes run up to premium figures for unusual specimens.

The fear that the supply of black diamonds may some day give out and paralyze the diamond drilling industry has stimulated prospectors to systematic search for new deposits, but so far they have not been successful. On the other hand, scientists have been making a close study of the chemical conditions which have produced the black diamonds, but their manufacture is apparently about as difficult as the making of the gem diamonds. It is possible under certain conditions to make either, but not in sizes sufficient to be of any commercial value. Nature in some peculiar way has made these rare products and then thrown the secret of the process away. If any man can ever unlock or find that secret he may cause a panic in the diamond trade.—Scientific American.

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MUSICAL MISERY.

When Bagpipes Squeak Out "The Star Spangled Banner."

"I wish," growled a man who made a tour of the British Isles, "that the British bandmasters would take a course of instruction in what constitutes the American national airs. Band concerts are the rage all over England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. During the summer season, probably as a compliment to the hordes of Americans who are flinging away gold for their benefit, they present daily what is generally dubbed 'American national airs.'"

The majority of these bandmasters think "Dixie" is the national air, because they sagely observe it is the only one which Americans applaud. "The Star Spangled Banner" is dismal and lugubrious enough under the best of circumstances, but to hear the Scotch bagpipes have a fling at it is indescribable misery. The man who wrote the "Columbia" hymn would not know his own work as performed in Great Britain, and even the "Kentucky Home" and other negro ballads get a touch between an Irish jig and a Scotch waltz which robs the American visitor of any pleasure which he might experience in hearing songs from home. It may be that British, Scotch and Irish guests on this side of the water get as much discomfort in hearing "Annie Laurie." I hope they do, for it would establish a sort of international musical balance.—New York Press.

SLEEP SUPERSTITIONS.

How to Awaken at Any Hour You May Designate.

Sleep is the best cure for waking trouble. Hours for sleep:
Nature gives five,
Custom seven,
Weariness takes nine,
Laziness eleven.

If you wish to arise at a certain hour, before going to bed make with your right foot as many marks on the floor as the hour on which you wish to wake, then go to bed backward.

To insure happy dreams burn some hazelnuts and do the ashes up in a package, which you must place beneath your pillow. You will then dream sweetly.

If you wish ever to marry, never look under the bed.

If a person talks in his sleep, put his hand in a bowl of water and he will tell you all his secrets.

The Hindoos say it is bad luck to sleep with your head to the north, but sleeping with your head to the south promotes longevity.

It is considered by some nations dangerous to sleep while thirsty, for the soul leaves the body in search of water, and if the body awakened too quickly the soul might not have time to return to it, so the body would die.

In Germany the nightmarer is believed to be a spectral being which places itself upon the breast of the sleeper, depriving him of the power of utterance or motion.—Philadelphia Press.

Points For the New Curate.

Dean Pigon gives a few reminiscences of Doncaster where at one time he was vicar. Among the stories he tells is this concerning one of his curates. He went to see an old woman with whom visiting had perhaps been overdone. She at once accosted him.

"So you are the new curate, aren't you?"

"Yes," he replied.

"Well, just you sit down on that 'ere chair." It was a three-legged stool of most uncertain standing.

"Now, I'll tell you what you do when you come to see me. You sit on that stool. You then read me, mind, a short psalm. Then you give me a shilling, and you can go."—London Vanity Fair.

Won His Bet.

"Daddy," said a boy to his father, "I've got a pencil which will write green, purple, crimson or any color you like."

"No, it won't—not the same pencil, my son."

"You daren't bet me a dime it won't, daddy."

"I'll give you a dime if it will," said the old man.

The youngster dived into his pocket, produced the stump of a common lead pencil and wrote on a piece of paper the words, "magenta, green, crimson, purple," etc.

"There, daddy. Say it won't write any color you like now. Fork over that dime."

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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NEWS

Garden Seeds at the Cen Store.

A new lot of Webb's at the Central Drug Store.

Mrs. Kress has rented dence to Mr. Hillmer, Jew.

We have pasture for a of cows. Apply to W. A. M.

Servant girl wanted, once to Mrs. A. S. Hunt Town, Durham.

We regret to learn of Constable Carson is not as rapidly as we would v

Nebraska barbers are by law to eat onions be hours of 7 o'clock a. n o'clock p. m. Phew!

It has been decided the wid have a model se this fall on conditions those of the past two years.

For sale cheap.—A go hand buggy, gent's driv and rubber mounted har a baby carriage. Apply Dunn Durham.

There is a minister of Holstein from Toronto to of Mustard. No doubt able to give the Holste hot stuff on Sundays.

A business meeting of en's Institute will be h home of Mrs. Thos. Mc Elgin street, on Thurs 5th. Everybody cordial

The regular quarter will be held in the church next Sunday m the evening, instead of ary service, there will vice of song, led by the

Samuel Langhorne Cl ter known by his pseud Mark Twain, died on April at the age of 75 was the greatest Americ ist, and his death will throughout the whol world.

Mr. Raymond Jackson his family and househol Palmerston this Wedne soon, Mr. and Mrs. Ja parture from Durham regretted as they pro selves the best of cit made many friends wh

Mr. T. N. Walpol successful prize winner Imported French col Garnament, having ta Flesherston, Holstein Forest, and 2nd in Du Standard Bred, Prince first and second prize and Mt. Forest spring pectively.

Elva, the little five daughter of Mr. and McDonald, of Elgin St present suffering from limb, which was su Thursday last. Mrs. who was about to go hen-house to feed th yielded to the entreat other two children to t out to see them, and w back to the house, th fell injuring the baby stated, Baby bones. h not so obstinate as eld the child at last rep exceedingly well.

A Hamilton despa Globe last Friday. Hamilton Cassels Oak was married yesterda to Annie Potter, at the bride's parents, Mr. J. W. Graham, Evans son. The officiating the Rev. J. A. Wilson, Presbyterian church, in Guelph." Mrs. Oaks known here, is a gra of Mr. and Mrs. Donal and, with her husban couple of days of thei trip with them.