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> The earliest materials of which rings as having a nose adorned with a pro- some huge mushroom." digious gold ring, set with jewels of A mysterious significance has been remove it when she ate.

of that unfortunate man.

vices were engraved. On one side was the ring. the name of a king, the successor of Amuneph III., who lived about 1400 Strength,' referring to the monarch; miraculous powers. now the property of the South Ken- cribed to them.

singtom Museum.

continued to wear the iron ring.

for summer and winter, immoderate pire. ing so in the troubled times of the

In many of the Roman keys that disappears, and the wards were at said to have died in a similar man- treat at Gartnavel to recuperate. right angles to the ring, or in the di-Edge Hill, Ont rection of the length of the finger. Rings were given in Anglo-Saxon times to propitiate royal favors. Thus, toward the end of the tenth century, MCFARLANE Beorhtric, a wealthy noble in Kent, left in his will a ring worth thirty

> In the earlier history of Ireland we enteenth centuries. find instances of a wonderful develop- The signet ring of Caesar Borgla was verdict of which cannot be doubted.

prevailed in France. Mercier, in his guests.

were suspended, as well as in the flow- in them filled with a most virulent poi- the worse.

RINGS. ing tresses of their hair, that their su-perior rank might be known and that ball, the wearer of this fatal ring, wish-

the gemmed bands upon her fingers with three stones in raised bezels; to inflict a slight scratch on the skin. nopsis of the newspaperlaws: to-day, delighting only in the glitter their bases are affixed by a swivel gold This was enough, for on the following their color imparts to her hands, is, dants fall about the fingers, the stones many years since which the poison had publisher may continue to the publisher may continue perhaps totally ignorant of the import- glittering in the movement. This fash- been placed there, it retained its mentis made, and collect the whole amount ion was evidently borrowed from the strength sufficiently to cause great in- whether it be taken from the office or not ornaments, and even affix them to ar- ed. ticles of utility.

In the collections of antiquaries are red and individual, but a mechanical staff bragged that in his earlier days die, worked with a lever, and second- he had been so slender in figure that he could readily have crept through ance. Not so were the seal rings of an "alderman's thumb ring.' In Labygone ages. The signet of the King, in the Middle Ages" is a representathe Pope or any great dignitary was tion of a fine thumb ring of Hindoo of jade, decorated with gold filagree, The use of signe: rings as symbols of worn on the thumb. Orientals wore names of the newly married couple, great respect and authority is men- a large ring on the thumb made of cornelian, chalcedony and agate, with legends in Arabic on the face, for the use of signets. They are used on the they were then common among per- thumb to help in drawing the bowsons of rank. In Genesis we find that string, which the Orientals pull with the bent thumb, catching it against Joseph had conferred upon him the roy- the shank of the ring, and not with al signet as an insignia of authority. the first two fingers, as is the practice

ring the mouth of the den of lions. Says the Rev. C. W. King: "The very ly worried about the failing health of Queen Jezebel, to destroy Naboth, made convince one that it could have had use of the ring of Ahab, King of the no other origin than this such a show and the doctor ordered that the child no other origin than this, such a show and the doctor ordered that the child Israelites, her husband, to seal the of barbarian splendor did it exhibit, be fed asses' milk. The lady spoke to counterfeit letters ordering the death forming in itself a complete cabinet of a native officer of the district, and reevery kind of precious stone, of color to be found in his dominions. Its form was that of a wheel, about 3 inches in with a man-servant to the station were made was of pure gold, the metal diameter, composed of several concen- where the ass was to be waiting. usually very thin. The Israelitish peo- tric circles, joined together by the To her amazement, there, tied to a ple wore not only rings on their fin-which was set a large, round sapphire. post, all ready to be milked, stood a Apropos of this custom, reaching down ery stone of value, except the diamond, native dialect, the words ass and bear to a later date, Mr. Layard, in "Nine- occurred in this glorious company. On are so nearly alike as to be scarcely veh and Its Remains." describes the the back was fixed the shank and when distinguishable in the mouth of a wife of an Arab sheikh whom he met, worn it covered the whole hand like European.

such ample dimensions that it cover- associated with rings from the earliest presented to Mr. F. G. Jackson, the ed her mouth, and she was obliged to periods among various nations. They Arctic explorer, when he found and We are not to assume, however, that cinations of every kind, against the There seemed no way to feed the poor all ancient seals, being signets, were "evil eye," the influence of demons, intended to be worn on the hand, and dangers of every possible characters the following ingenious method. "One of the largest Egyptian signets ter; though it was not in the rings I have seen," remarks Sir J. G. Wilk- themselves that the supposed virtues it with chamois leather and fastened inson, "was in the possession of a existed, but in the materials of which it to a rubber tube which had pre-French gentleman of Cairo. It con- they were composed, in some particutained £20, \$100 worth of gold. It lar precious stone set in them, a charm consisted of a massive ring, half an or talisman, or some device or inscriptive of glass tubing through which inch in its largest diameter, bearing tion on the stone, or some magical let- air might be blown to make the milk an oblong plinth, on which the de- ter engraved on the circumference of run freely.

years before Christ; on the other a powers to certain rings, and the sig- look upon her face, as if the last of her lion, with the legend, "Lord of net ring of Solomon is credited with troubles were ended.

on one side a scorpion, and on the oth- From Asia legends connected with er a crocodile. This ring passed into rings were introduced into Greece, the Waterton Dactyliotheca, and is and numberless magic powers were as-

Rings of inferior metal, engraved we are told by old French writers, was his native Trossachs. He began to with the King's name, may probably in his youth desperately in love with lose his fine mane of deep brown nair, have been worn by officials of the a young and beautiful woman, and his self-contented rotundity, and ingave himself up to pleasure in her soci-In Rome every freedman had the ety, neglecting the affairs of state. somnia became the demon of his darkright to use the iron ring, but the use she died and Charles was inconsolable at er hours. Remorse was written in of a gold ring was restricted, for many her loss. The Archbishop of Cologne blood red letters over the tace of earth years to persons of dignity, or those endeavored to withdraw him from her whose wealth exceeded certain sums. dead tody, and at length, approaching and heaven, and even in the glances of In the course of time it became cus- the corpse, took from its mouth a ring his trusting fellow creatures whose tomary for all the Senators, chief ma- in which was set a precious stone of money was going over to the bank ungistrates, and the equites to wear a remarkable beauty. It was the talis- der the croupier's diabolical little gold seal ring. This practice, which man which had charmed the monarch, was subsequently termed the jus an- whose passionate grief became now rake—the bank that pays no interest nuli urei, or the jus annulorom, re- immediately subdued. The body was on deposits nor honors drafts at sight mained for several centuries at Rome, buried and the Archbishop, fearing lest -even in their honest faces he saw their exculsive privilege, while others Charles might experience a similar ma- the look of suspicion, and it maddengical effect, threw it into the lake ed him. Still he plunged. The keeping of the imperial ring, near Aix-la-Chapelle. The virtue of this | The insane optimism of the gambler cura annuli, was confided to a state- marvelous ring was not, however, lost was upon him. From a sober, conservkeeper, as the great seal of England by this incident, for the legend re- ative, pious, reticent Scotchman, whose is placed in custody of the Lord Chan- lates that the monarch became so en- integrity was iron, and whose heart amored of the lake that his chief de- was gold, Dr. Colquboun changed to a With the increasing love of luxury light was in walking by its margin, genius of the gambling hell, a losing and show, the Greeks, as well as the and he became so much attached to gamester, who sacrifices honor, home In the Town of Durham, County of Romans, covered their fingers with the spot that he had a palace erected family, and the main stays of those rings, and some wore different sizes there and made it the seat of his em- near and dear, as well as confiding in-

wore many rings, and he was stigma- inal purposes was common in past For a time the Doctor paid interest tized as unbecomingly vain for do- ages and even in late times. Hannibal, on bonds and securities that had no we are told, from a fear of being de- existence-paid it to investors out of livered up to the Romans, swallowed their own principal; but that makepoison, which, to be prepared for the shift did not last long. His mind Mortgage taken for part purchase that have been discovered the ring was worst, he carried with him in the hol- weakened under the terrible strain actually worn on the finger. The shank low of a ring. Demosthenes is also Then the financier was taken to a re-

> Then hollow rings were put together with a degree of skill far, beyond that of modern jewelers. Sometimes the poison was concealed beneath the stone, and on the very day of his release the left in his will a ring worth thirty which opened with a spring. It requirmancuses of gold that the Queen might ed but a small space for the virulent be his advocate that the will should poisons which were concocted by Ital- Facts poured in. The prisoner held his ian chemists in the sixteenth and sev-

> ment of artistic skill in goldsmith exhibited a few years ago. It is of Glasgow is still dazed over the event gold, slightly enameled, with the date Queen Elizabeth had an immoderate 1503, and has a motto around the inlove for jewelry, and the description side. A box dropped into the front, given of her dresses covered with gems having on it "Borgia," in letters reof the greatest rarity and beauty reads versed. At the back is a slide, within years was ever a day, and a day as like a romance. For finger rings she which, it is related, he carried the poi- a thousand years? had a remarkable fondness. The same son he was in the habit of dropping I believe the latter half all right custom of wearing many rings long into the wine of his unsuspecting enough-I've just spent the day at the

"Tableau de France," mentions that A singular story of a poisoned ring at the close of the eighteenth century appeared in the French newspapers a enormous rings were worn. He adds few years ago, to the effect that a that "the nuptial ring is now unno- gentleman who had purchased some oband profane rings altogether conceal Honore, was examining an ancient ring, down the great river in honor of the In the old stand. All hand. this warrant of their faith." So im- when he gave himself a slight scratch dead. Or there will be the baking of portant a business was the making of in the hand with a sharp part of it. He rice cakes, with many curious cererings that it was separated from the continued talking to the dealer a short ordinary work of the goldsmith and time, when he suddenly felt an indescribable sensation over his whole body, his part, and his elders are very kind In the South Kensington Museum is which appeared to paralyze his facul- to him, and never bother him with a massive and heavy brass ring, with ties, and he became so seriously ill cleaning up or putting on clothes to octagonal bezel armed with five pro- that a doctor was quickly summoned. go out. He strips to the waist or bejecting points, used as a weapon by He applied strong antidotes, and in a yound it in summer; then, as the winpeasants in Upper Bavaria. from the short time the gentleman, was, in a ter comes on, puts on another and anyear 1700 to the present time. In In- measure, recovered. The ring in ques- other garment, till he becomes as broad dia the preferred ring has a large tion, having been examined by the as he is long. At night time, perhaps, floriated face, spreading over three fin- medical man, who had long resided in he takes off some clothes, but they are gers like a shield. When made for the Venice, was found to be what was for- all the same shape, all quite loose and wealthy, in massive gold, the flower merly called a "death ring," in use easy. Then he never need be afraid leaves are of cut jewels, but the hum- by Italians, when acts of poisoning of breaking anything, for most things bler classes, who equally love display, were frequent about the middle of the are put away, and Chinese things are are content with theirs in cast silver. seventeenth century. Attached to it in- not like ours; the shining black pol-Arabian princesses were golden rings side were two claws of a lion made of ished table, for instance, can have a

they might receive, in passing, the ing to exercise revenge, on any person, A ring of old Venice work is set ing the sharp claw, would be sure to masters and subscribers to the following sy garnet. As the hand moves these pen- be found dead. Notwithstanding the tinued, he must pay all arreages, or the

In Spain the gift of a ring is looked considered sufficient proof to enable a the post office, whether directed to his upon as a promise of marriage, and is with a peculiar and personal ring- signet rings of this kind were worn maiden to claim her huband. The wedby rich citizens; or persons of sub- ding rings of the Romans were gen- scribed or not is responsible for the pay. something not transferrable, held sac- stance not entitled to bear arms. Fal- erally of iron, called "pronubum," symengagement, and probably springing stopped at a certain time, and the published

conclusion of a bargain. ong Christians as early as 860. Prombal or pledge rings passed between the contracting parties among the Romans. When the marriage settlement had

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THE DARING DOCTOR

of the Blythswood. Money began to pour out over the green cloth like The great potentate, Charlemagne, the rushing torrents over the crags of

vestors by the hundred, and great was

Soon the trusting ones began to put their heads together, and trouble was rife. Mighty men of figures went over great ledgers, while the Doctor was behind the stones walls of the asylum; culprit was arrested on a charge of misappropriating his clients' funds. head high until the last, but he could not escape. He now awaits a trial the

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To the uninitiated

of Mercury.

looks like a very o masonry, but it isn't. lid to a teapot, a cell thing over fifty lee crest of the hill above Le an oblong mass of r with a thick plank d door you see a tunne in diameter that pen If you dropped down would land at the bo of the little house, 10 sounds like a descrip ladder" in Anthony Prisoner of Zenda. thought that by pl at the bottom of the are seen at noon-day of a deep well or d wanted in particular planets that he sup ing a total eclipse o WATSON'S TRA

This observatory scientific world as Coservatory, and the watched with the gr astronomers all over Watson's tragic des Edward S. Holden, the idea, but he met success. It now appe nous bodies that Wa planets, but two fixe pled the same relati tain periods that W planets did. Prof. Watson was of Washburn Obser very large man, with and beard. Prior to consin he had held t as ronomer at the N

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cial field. He died in

The other day P stock, the present burn Observatory, s report to the Presi of the board of visi States Naval Obsery ton, long enough to the unique building foot of the hill just window. "It's a que "About forty years by the name of La V he had discovered about the sun insid cury. This, of cour attention, and sear during the total se Prof. J. C. Watson of this observator connected with t Michigan, went o search for La Ver he would be aided phere. He returne lief that he had dis where only one h Coming to Wiscons he endeavored to construction of an paratus which wou and observe these of the day instead

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"Finding it diffic

he constructed at Solar Observatory, hill, facing the so feature of this st deep cellar conn ground passage w piers at the top of Watson's intention on the pier and re into the cellar ra from any desired and by means of cellar to examine the stars just as from the bottom did not live to se his plan, but he d certain success After his death, it Edward S. Hold carry out Watst with no very great "The long tube scope was pointed tage in the dayti never discerned st Watson supposed It now appears son was mistake planets. They hi since 1878, and fixed stars which where he suppo Now, the que get out of bed at

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