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A DIAMOND MINE—DAZZLING
GEMS FOUND IN SOUTH AFRICA—
A MATE FOR VICTORIA'S FA
MOUS KOHLIKOUR.

This interesting piece of news comes from Hopetown, South Africa, March 18th:

Our little village is filled with an unexpected excitement, caused by the news that a diamond of extraordinary brilliancy had been found in the colony, and was to be seen in this place by any one who chose to take the trouble. As you may imagine not a man, woman, or child that could toddle missed the sight. A description and history of the wonderful stone may not be uninteresting to your readers, and I will accordingly briefly give them.

Mr. Schalk van Niekerk, a Dutch farmer living on the banks of the Vaal, was the discoverer of the first diamond found in this region. Undeterred by the adverse criticisms of various connoisseurs, he continued in his work of discovery like a man who felt sure of success, until on the afternoon of this day, at 4 o'clock P. M. (it is now evening,) he brought to the aroused people of this place the largest diamond that has yet been found in Africa. Before such proof all envious disparaging was silenced. The excitement that ensued was indescribable. Enthusiasts held a mighty city arising in their midst that would displace all others of the world.

It weighs 824 carats, and is one of the first water. Competent judges regard it as one of the most brilliant in the world. It is a little over an inch in length, by three-fourths of an inch in breadth, and glitters like pure fire. It has a slight indentation at one end; but this is not likely to impair its value, and will not hinder its cutting. By the delighted colonists it has been called "Niekerk's Pandoleone," and will probably bear this name long after its original owner is forgotten.

Mr. Niekerk did not find it by treading the waters of the Vaal with his naked feet, as the natives do, but bought it of a Hottentot or Kaffir doctor, who used it as a charm in his profession, for a horse, ten head of cattle, and five hundred sheep. The first diamond he had the good fortune to find he sold to the Governor of the colony for £500, but this last and extraordinary stone he disposed of to Messrs. Litton & Co., for the round sum of £1,200 or nearly £60,000 of your money. Even that was below its real value, for it is now estimated at £30,000 to £30,000.

Besides this diamond, several others have been found in the same region, all of great purity and value. Last Sunday Mr. J. G. Curran passed through Saldanha's Drift, a village in our immediate neighborhood, with a diamond in his possession, of almond shape, of splendid water, and weighing some 18 carats. The Kaffir chief Sebonie was also found by traders to be in possession of six diamonds, weighing from 32 to 10 carats each, all found along the Vaal. Janje, another Kaffir chief, found three diamonds in the same place. Mr. Charles Moss is the owner of a diamond entirely free from spots, weighing 11 1/2 carats; and, finally, Mr. Julian Gere had a diamond that, though small, was regarded as the purest in the country.

From the Rural New Yorker.

FREEDING AND FEED FOR PIGS.

Mr. R. B. G. Stern, an English breeder of pigs, describes his management of them as follows: "Pigs eat the food much better when it is fresh. I give them a variety of meal, such as wheat, maize, barley and whatever is most convenient to mix together. I have it all wetted with cold water, and then scald it with boiling water and sprinkle it with salt. What is mixed one day is used the next, thus giving sufficient time to allow the food slightly to ferment, so as to be sufficient to feed with. This is my winter plan, but in summer I mix all with cold water, and feed with cold food. Between meals I give them whole maize, and mangel-wurzel or Swedes cut small; a little corn and soil occasionally, and allow them plenty of clean water."

When pigs are put up for fattening, I find nothing better to feed them with than barley and maize meal mixed together into thin soup, water always kept by them, and a little mangel-wurzel for them occasionally. It is very beneficial to wash and brush them, often as convenient. This is quickly done by experienced hands, and will amply repay the trouble. I am certain that the fatnesses would find their pigs fatter, a great deal fatter, if they would wash and brush them with warm food, instead of cold food. Between meals I give them whole maize, and mangel-wurzel or Swedes cut small; a little corn and soil occasionally, and allow them plenty of clean water.

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The COTTON WORK.—The following rem-

edy for this pest is reported to be fail-

ing. It is certainly simple, and may easily

be tested. A correspondent of the Gon-

sas (Texas) Inquirer states that he has

full faith in its efficacy. The plan is sim-

ple to plant the castor-bean all around

every ten acres of cotton; or what would

be still better, put a bushel every few rods

tongue in the field. If the beans could

not be gathered for market, there would

result no loss to the cultivator, because the

plant is one of the best fertilizers known,

and the oil would thereby be improved

for a subsequent crop. "The depres-

sions of the army worm," says the writer, "cut off

our crop last year, and thus impoverished

the country thousands of dollars. The im-

pressions this season are most favorable;

and it is right our planters should make

every effort to guard against failure. It is

well known that no insect degrades upon

the castor-bean, and it would be a protec-

tion to the plants."—House and Barn.

Our WOOD ANTS.—If the cabbage flies

attack your plants, scatter hemi dry wood-

ashes over them in the morning when the

sun is up. If you application does not ad-

dice to keep them off, give them a few drops of oil, because the ants are excellent as a

repellent, so say nothing about keeping on

insects. We scatter wood ashes over some

of our plants, and, in fact, all our gar-

den vegetables, and they do not

merely a slight sprinkling from time to time.

The old wives' belief is that a handy

place where it can be visited often while

the vegetables are young, will

keep many insects off the country, wood-

ashes can be procured for this reason

cheap, but we pay one dollar and fifty

cents, and consider them cheap at that price to use in the garden. All of our old and long-rotted soils are deficient in potash and by applying ashes we restore this most valuable ingredient, besides destroying many injurious insects.

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Wholesale and Retail Druggists,

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OF

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