

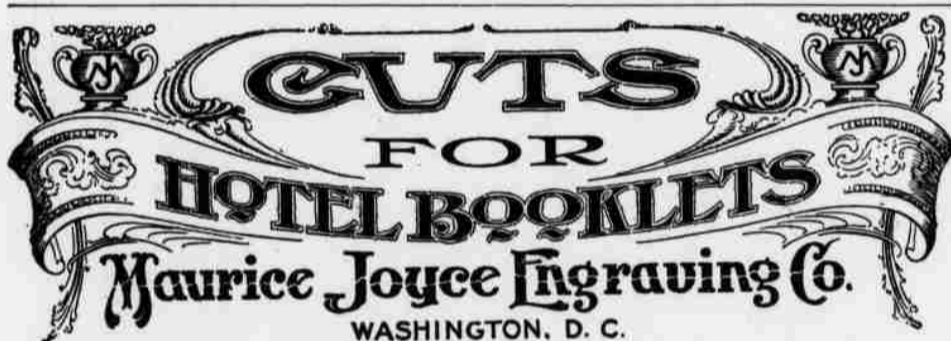


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FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

Birthstone for December is One of Most Interesting of Jewels.

If cold December gave you birth,
The month of snow and ice and mirth,
Wear o'er thine heart a turquoise blue,
Success will bless you, if you do.



HE turquoise is one of the most interesting of all stones used for jewels, and the ancient idea was that any one wearing a turquoise never lacked honest friends. For some unexplained reason stones and flowers have always been supposed to be associated with each other. The affinity of the turquoise is the tiny forget-me-not, both being supposed to hold your

ground of gold, walls studded with rubies, and cornelians, while streams of rose-water flowed over parterres of emeralds and topaz." Sinan Pasha, a Turkish general, made a famous jewel garden at Tokat in Asia Minor. It was called the Garden of Paradise, and its beds sparkled with rubies and other gems instead of flowers. This beautiful gem-garden was destroyed by barbarian Asiatic soldiers.

The turquoise is dedicated to Venus the goddess of Beauty, and should be specially worn on Friday, the Day of Venus or Freia. It is, be it noted, the birthstone of those who enter this world in December.

Turquoises, like diamonds and emeralds, are said to be luck-bringers to every one, but to those born in December, they are jewels of success, happi-



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For whom is the Japanese maiden waiting? Can you find her companion?

friend. Other stones have their own particular flowers, the ruby goes with the rose, the sapphire joins with the daisy.

Oriental tales, sparkling with jewels, note this sympathetic relationship between precious stones, fruit and flowers. In an ancient collection of Indian stories we read of trees "with golden trunks, branches of jewels, and clear, white flowers, which were clusters of pearl."

In the "History of Ferrukrus" four date trees of gold are mentioned, having leaves and fruit of jewels.

There were jewel-trees in the garden of Aladdin's wonderful lamp, bearing fruit of pearls, diamonds, rubies, emeralds, turquoise, amethysts and yellow sapphires.

In "Rose of Bakawali," another Indian tale, a jewel-garden is described, "with

ness and fortune in love and friendship.

According to ancient writers, they are said "to stifle enmity, reconcile lovers, cheer the mind and strengthen the sight," but the most strange virtue of the stone was the reputed protection of its wearer from falling.

The old traveler, Bocce de Boot, corroborates this asserted protectiveness when he declares that in two accidents his turquoise ring was fractured while he himself escaped injury.

There are two kinds of turquoise: the Oriental and the Occidental. Very fine stones come from the mines of Mishapur in Persia, and are carried by Persian and Tartar merchants to the great Russian fair of Nishni-Novgorod.

It is the stability, or instability of the color of turquoises which is the great factor in their value, and it is almost in-