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THE DIAMOND.

HE crystalline forms in which the Diamond occurs in nature belong to the group of geometrical solids known to crystallographers as the Cubic or Tesseral, or Isometric system. The surface of a crystal of Diamond is generally smooth; but it is sometimes indented with triangular impressions, and in certain cases is striated with lines parallel to the edges of the faces. Some Diamonds present a rough surface, resembling a poorly polished glass, and are not unfrequently dull, as though covered with a thin coating of gum. The Diamond presents a perfect cleavage parallel to the faces of the octahedron, which is its primary form. The Diamond cutter avails himself of his knowledge of this natural structure, and is thereby enabled in many cases to remove spots from a stone by cleaving, without resorting to the weary work of grinding. In addition to the property of cleavage, the Diamond possesses pre-eminently that of hardness, a quality in which it so exceeds all other bodies that it can penetrate them without being itself even scratched. The conditions which the Diamond presents in relation to light are very remarkable. It is one of those bodies which refract light most strongly, that is to say, when a ray of light enters a Diamond, it is turned from its original path to a much greater extent than if it had entered a Topaz, or a Rock Crystal, or a piece of glass, or, in fact, any other transparent medium. In addition to this property it also possesses the power in an extraordinary degree of reflecting and dispersing the rays of light, thus causing what is technically termed the "play of colors," observable on a well-cut Diamond. The optical term, dispersion, is applied to the power which a transparent substance possesses of breaking up the incident white light into prismatic tints, like those of the rainbow, a power which is enjoyed to an unusual extent by the Diamond, and gives rise to the splendid flashes of fire emitted by a stone that has been skilfully cut. The Diamond in its purest condition is colourless and transparent, yet at times it is found coloured throughout of almost every possible tint. The colours ranging from bright canary yellow to a deep brown and black, and in very rare instances green, blue, pink and red; these latter tints are highly valued as fancy stones.

The Diamond is a non-conductor of electricity, a fact

which is the more remarkable as Graphite or Charcoal, substances absolutely identical with it chemically, are very good conductors. By friction, however, both in the rough and polished state, it becomes positively electric, but loses its electricity completely in the course of half-an-hour. When exposed to the intense heat of the electric arc, the Diamond swells up, becomes black, and is converted superficially into a substance resembling Graphite. Diamonds are found in India, Sumatra, Borneo, Brazil and South Africa, parts of North America, British Guiana, the Ural Mountains, and Australia. Other countries have been pointed out, but confirmatory evidence of the truth of this assertion is required.

A remarkable discovery has recently been made which has invested the Diamond with an interest even greater than it could previously claim. Scientists in submitting certain meteorites or sky-stones to a careful examination have found in some of them carbon in a diamontoid condition. It is true that this carbon was rather of the character of carbonado, the black variety of Diamond; but still the presence of any kind of Diamond in an ærolite is a fact of surpassing scientific interest.

Composition Pure Carbon.

Specific gravity 3.52 to 3.53.

Hardness 10.

System of Crystallization ... Isometric or cubical.

Common forms of Crystal ... Octahedron, Rhombic Do-

decahedron, Hexakis, Octahedron, etc.



THE RUBY.

HE Ruby not only stands in the very foremost class of coloured gems, but it occupies among precious stones in general a position which is unquestionably supreme. By the ancients it was regarded as the very type of all that was most precious in the natural world; and its value is amply attested by the numerous allusions to it in the Old Testament.

Before mineralogy became a science, and could call to its aid the services of chemistry and physics, it was by no means surprising that various stones of red colour should be confounded together; thus the Spinel or Balas and the Garnet were often mistaken for the true Ruby. The only stone, however, to which the term Ruby can in scientific strictness be applied is a variety of the mineral-species termed Corundum. The crystals of Corundum are often ill-shaped and rough, and usually much rolled. The lustre of Corundum is vitreous, but sometimes pearly on the basal planes, and the crystals, when properly cut, occasionally exhibit a bright opalescent star of six rays in the direction of the principal axis. Such crystals form the star stone. The refractive index of Corundum is 1.77, and therefore higher than that of glass; hence the great brilliancy of the Corundum gem stones, when properly cut and polished. All varieties of Corundum can be scratched by the Diamond, but by no other mineral. Although Corundum is a mineral which, in its various forms, enjoys a fairly wide geographical distribution, it is remarkable that the fine red varieties are extremely rare and restricted in their occurrence. The localities yielding the Rubies of commerce are indeed practically limited to Burmah, Siam and Ceylon. Even of these localities it is only Burmah that has acquired celebrity for the favourite tint, the true pigeon's-blood colour; those of Siam being generally too dark, and those of Ceylon too pale, to satisfy the connoisseur, though in both places a fine gem is occasionally found. The price paid for this stone by the ancients was very high. According to Benvenuto Cellini, in his time a perfect Ruby of a carat weight cost 800 ecus d'or, whilst a Diamond of like weight cost only 100; the same applies to-day, for the Ruby ranks in price above all other stones. When a perfect Ruby of five carats is brought into the market a sum will be offered for it ten times the price given for a

Diamond of the same weight; but should it reach the weight of ten carats or more it is almost invaluable. A fine stone may have its value considerably depreciated by injudicious cutting, as is generally done in the East by native lapidaries; apart from the question of workmanship (which it is well known is inferior), the Indian and European systems are so utterly opposed that the result must be a loss either of weight or beauty. The native cuts for weight only, without the least regard for either brilliancy or shape; whereas, on the other hand, the English lapidary cuts for brilliancy and colour even at the sacrifice of weight. In a perfect shaped stone the front, i.e., that part that is above the girdle, should be one-third, and the back two-thirds of the total thickness of the stone; experience shows that these proportions give the best effect. The author has devoted many years to the perfecting of the cutting of precious stones and has established a laboratory where stones, either in the rough or cut, are worked. Owners of precious stones are cordially invited to consult him as to the advisability of having their gems re-cut or re-polished, thereby often much enhancing their brilliancy and value.

Composition Alumina.

Specific gravity 4.

Hardness 9, or slightly under.

System of Crystallization ... Hexagonal.

Form Six-sided prisms and pyramids, variously modified, but usually as rolled fragments.



THE SAPPHIRE.

HE Sapphire is a variety of Corundum, or crystallized alumina; and much therefore, that was said under the head of Ruby will apply to the Sapphire. The characteristic colour of the Sapphire is a clear blue,

very like that of the blossom of the little "Cornflower," and the more velvety its appearance, the greater its value. Some Sapphires retain their colour by gaslight, while others become dark, and some assume a reddish or purple colour, and occasionally have the hue of the Amethyst, While the typical colour of the Sapphire is blue, it should be explained that the term "Sapphire" is extended by mineralogists and jewellers to Corundums of other colours. Thus, we have green Sapphires, various shades of yellow and grey, while others again may be entirely destitute of colour; these pure white Sapphires being sometimes mistaken, when skilfully cut, for Diamonds. principal Sapphire yielding localities now worked are in Siam, Burmah, Cashmere, and Ceylon. The Sapphires of Siam are the finest at present in the market; the mines in Cashmere have yielded some very fine stones, but the great majority are only of a pale greyish blue. Large deposits of Sapphire have been found in Montana, but the stones are mostly of green and other fancy tints, and not deep blue. A remarkable characteristic of the Montana stones is their great brilliancy when cut, almost rivalling that of the Diamond.

Sapphires are also known to occur in Borneo, Madagascar, the Ural Mountains, and several other localities. In Europe they are found on the Iser, in Bohemia; in the Sieben-Gebirge, on the Rhine; in Saxony; and in France, notably at Expailly, near Le Puy-en-Valey. The European Sapphires, however, are only of scientific interest to the mineralogist, and of no commercial value.

Many large crystals of Sapphire have been found in Australia, but they are of such a dark inky blue colour, in some cases being almost opaque, that they are of little value as Precious Stones. The value of these stones is very much determined by special circumstances, and, like the Diamond, the colour, purity, and size must be taken into consideration when fixing the sum to be paid. A perfect Oriental Sapphire, weighing between two and three carats, is nearly as costly as a good Diamond of like weight

The imperfections which appear at times in the Sapphire, and which lessen its value, are clouds, milky half-opaque spots, white glassy stripes, rents, knots, a congregating of colour at one spot, and silky-looking flakes on the table of the stone. Varieties of the "Doublet" are made of the Sapphire as well as of the Ruby and other gems; these consist of thin layers of true stone facing crystal, so as to appear but one stone. They may be distinguished from the genuine stone partly by their colour, but more especially by a careful examination of the girdle, when the join may usually be readily detected. Notwithstanding the extreme hardness of the Sapphire there are some beautifully engraved specimens of this gem in existence. In the cabinet of Strozzi, in Rome, is a Sapphire, a masterpiece of art, with the profile of Hercules engraved on it by Cneïus. A very remarkable and famous Sapphire, belonging to the Marchese Rinuccini, weighing fifty-three carats, has a representation of a hunting scene engraven upon it, with the inscription "Constantius Aug." Among a number of old family jewels there was found by the author, some few years ago, a Sapphire beautifully engraved with the crest and arms of Cardinal Wolsey.

Composition Alumina.

Specific gravity 4. or slightly under.

Hardness 9.

System of Crystallization ... Hexagonal.

Form Double six-sided pyramids,

or prisms; usually as rolled crystals.



THE EMERALD.

HE Emerald, from a mineralogist's point of view, belongs to a class of stones altogether different from that which embraces the precious stones already described, inasmuch as it is essentially a mineral

silicate, consisting largely of the substance known to chemists as silica. The silica is itself an oxide of an element termed silicon, which is closely related in many ways to carbon. In the Emerald the silica is combined with the oxides of two metals-one of them being aluminium, the basis of the Ruby and Sapphire; while the other is an exceedingly rare metal, known as glucinum or beryllium. Just as it was shown that the Ruby and the Sapphire are identical, save in colour, so the chemist has found that the Emerald, the Beryl, and the Aquamarine are practically the same mineral, the distinctions between the three varieties being due to differences of colour and other characteristics of only trivial value to the chemist, though of immense importance to the jeweller as affecting their commercial value. The Emerald is found crystallized in six-sided prisms or columns, without striations, and, therefore, unlike those of Beryl, and without any inclination to the cylindrical form, The colour varies from what is called emerald-green, to grass-green, and greenish-white. variety of opinion as to the source of the beautiful colour of the Emerald is very interesting, but, according to most authorities, it owes its beauty to the chromium which it contains. It is doubtful if Emeralds have ever been found in India; though they are sent there, in the rough, from other localities, and after having been cut in India, are forwarded to this country for sale. It is said that, in Burmah, Emeralds have from time to time been picked out of the sand or beds of small rivers. In the treasure from Mandalav, now in the South Kensington Museum, are some very large Emeralds, but they are probably from South America.

The Ural and Altai Mountains have of late years furnished true Emeralds. Very fine crystals of Emerald are found in micaschist at Stretnisk, on the River Takowja, which lies to the north of Katherinenburg, on the Asiatic slope of the Urals. The mineral also occurs in the Mountains of the Sahara, in beds of mica-slate; and in the bed of the River Harrach, in Algeria, where it joins the River Oned Bouman. Emeralds have been

recorded from several localities in New South Wales, but they are rare, and usually of no commercial value.

The most famous Emerald mines of the world are those of Muzo, about 75 miles N.N.W. of Santa Fé de Bogata, in the Republic of Columbia. They were discovered by Lanchero in 1555, but the Spaniards did not commence working until 1568. In Eastern Egypt too, at Sikait and Jebel Zabbara, Emeralds have been mined for from time immemorial, these being probably the earliest known Emerald mines in the world. The Emeralds of Egypt have often been mentioned with high praise. Cleopatra gave, as presents to ambassadors, portraits of herself engraved on Emeralds, and the stones during her reign appear to have been considered as strictly royal property. The value of an Emerald depends greatly upon its colour and freedom from flaws; a very fine dark velvety coloured stone, free from flaw, is seldom procurable. Perhaps there is no stone which suffers more than the Emerald from inequality of structure, colour and transparency, and from clouds and spots.

Composit	ion		141		Silica 68
					Alumina 18
					Glucina, &c. 14
					100
Specific g	ravity				2.7.
Hardness					7.5.
System					Hexagonal.
Form .					Hexagonal and di-hexa-
		g	onal pris	1115, 7	variously modified.



THE ORIENTAL CAT'S-EYE.

UCH confusion exists concerning this very curious and valuable gem, a confusion arising partly from the ignorance of many in the trade as to its true nature, but principally from the mistakes of those who have written about it. In mineralogical treatises it is often confounded with, and described as, a peculiar variety of quartz, which somewhat resembles it, but which is of little or no mercantile value, although it has occasionally been sent to Europe by unscrupulous merchants as the true Cat's-Eye. This chatoyant quartz is found largely in Ceylon and on the West Coast of India. A greenish variety is found near Hof, in Bavaria, and is largely cut as an ornamental stone. The quartz Cat's-Eye is semitransparent, and when cut in a convex form (en cabochon) shows a more or less defined band of light, with a silky lustre, resulting from a reflection of the fibrous grain of the stone itself, or more probably from an intimate admixture of asbestos, which penetrates the quartz in delicate parallel fibres. The true or Oriental Cat's-Eye is a rare variety of the Chrysoberyl, or Cymophane, a stone of extreme hardness, in this respect being only inferior to the Diamond and the Sapphire. It is characterized by possessing a remarkable play of light in a certain direction, resulting it is supposed from a peculiarity in its internal structure, which appears to be minutely striated. This ray of light or "line" as it is termed by jewellers, shines in fine and well-polished specimens with a phosphorescent lustre. The true Cat's-Eye (Chrysoberyl) comes principally from Ceylon, where it is found in company with Sapphires, Zircons, and other gem-stones. It is of various colours, ranging from pale-straw colour through all shades of brown, and from very pale apple-green to the deepest olive. Some specimens are almost black. The line, no matter what ground-colour the stone may possess, is nearly always white, and more or less iridescent; occasionally, but very rarely, however, the line is of a golden-hue. This lustre is most beautiful when seen in full sunlight or by gas-light, when the lines become more defined and vivid. This gem is valued principally according to the perfection and brilliancy of the luminous line, which should be sharp and well-defined, not very broad, and should run evenly from end to end across the middle of the stone. The colour does not much

influence the value, some jewellers preferring one tint and some another. On the whole, perhaps, the most popular colours are the clear apple-green and dark olive; both of these form a splendid background and contrast well with the line. A great deal of so-called Cat's-Eye was, some few years back, brought from South Africa, and, mounted as jewellery in various forms, was sold as African Cat's-Eye; it is however merely a fibrous form of quartz, known generally as "Crocidolite." This African Cat's-Eye, or Crocidolite, has been brought from Griqualand in masses of sufficient size to be made into snuff-boxes and other ornamental objects; while slabs of the stone have been used as veneer to cover the tops of small tables.

It will have been gathered from the foregoing remarks, that no fewer than four different stones are known under the name of Cat's-Eye, namely:—

- (1) The fibrous variety of Chrysoberyl.
- (2) The chatoyant quartz from India.
- (3) The green asbestiferous variety from Bavaria.
- (4) The brown "Crocidolite" from South Africa.

But it must be borne in mind that the only one as a gem of real value is that which has been described above as the true or Oriental Cat's-Eye—a fibrous variety of Chrysoberyl—far surpassing in hardness and beauty any of its namesakes.

Composi	tion	***			Alumina		80.	
					Glucina		20.	
							100	
Specific	ovanita	,	1.0	12.2	3.8		100	
					3			
Hardne:	55	4.8	***	- 6.5				
System		444		7.44	Trimetric			
Form		4.00			Usually a	s vo	lled cry.	stals.

THE OPAL.

ICOLS in his curious old book entitled "A Lapidary," written two centuries and a half ago, gives a quaint description of this lovely stone. He says :- "The Opal is a Precious Stone which hath in it the bright, fiery flame of the Carbuncle, the fine, refulgent purple of an Amethyst, and a whole sea of the Emerald's green glory; and every one of them shining with an incredible mixture and very much pleasure." In all notices of the Opal, prominence is naturally given to the brilliant play of rainbow tints which renders this stone unique. Although possessing no colour which can properly be called its own, it exhibits flashes of the most vivid hues. This is probably the result of the number of fissures which traverse it, the light being decomposed by the delicate striations on the walls of these microscopic crevices, thus giving rise to the optical phenomena known as "diffraction." In some varieties the colours are more or less evenly distributed, and one set of shades will predominate in one part of the stone, and other colours in another part; or the distinct tints will run in parallel bands. In other specimens the colours are made up of small regular angular patches of every hue, and these polychromatic stones are known as Harlequin Opals.

The Opal is a non-crystalline mineral. When first taken out of the earth it is not very hard, but subsequently by exposure to the air its hardness is increased; nevertheless, it always remains a soft stone compared with other gems.

Several kinds of Opal are known to the mineralogist. Most of it is destitute of brilliancy, and hence useless to the jeweller. This is known as common Opal. Other specimens present translucency, but no colour; these are distinguished as Semi-Opal. Certain Opals from Zimapan, in Mexico, possess a bright orangered tint, and are used to a limited extent as an ornamental stone under the name of Fire-Opal. The Precious Opal, used in bijouterie, was formerly obtained almost exclusively from Hungary, the mountain range where it was found consisting mainly of a kind of trachytic rock, or porphyritic andesite. The two highest mountains of this range are Simonka and Libanka, and it is from these that the Precious Opal came, especially from Dubrick. There seems no doubt that the Opal mass, originally in a liquid or

gelatinous condition, filled up the cavities in the trachyte veins and was gradually solidified. The Mexican Opal occurs at several localities, and is also found in Honduras, in the Department of Gracias, and in Guatemala. Most of this Central American Opal is more transparent and less fiery than that from Hungary, and with the exception of a few isolated specimens is considered of but little value. Of late years large quantities of Precious Opal has been found in Queensland, and also in New South Wales. occurring principally in thin veins in brown ironstone. Owing to the exhaustion of the Hungarian mines Australia has now become the principal source from which jewellers obtain this beautiful stone; it is somewhat of a more transparent character than the Hungarian Opal, but many of the finer pieces equal in beauty and brilliancy of colouring the choicest specimens from Hungary. It is well known that there are innumerable superstitions attached to the Opal. By the ancients it was thought to bestow every possible good. In the Middle Ages the same belief was held; but by a strange freak of fashion the Opal lost its pristine glory, and for a long time has been falsely accused of bringing ill-luck-a bad reputation which the author is glad to say is now almost entirely removed. Sir Walter Scott is said to be in a great measure answerable for this, as readers of Anne of Geierstein know. Opal is a favourite stone with the Queen, the German Royal Family, and with many of our aristocracy. The Americans have also of late years shown a marked partiality for the stone, thousands of carats of the finest stones having been purchased for their market.

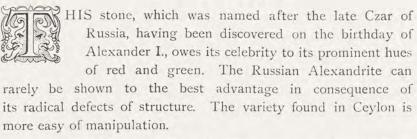
Composition Silica, with 10 to 12 per cent. Water.

 Specific gravity ...
 ...
 2 to 2.2

 Hardness
 ...
 5.5 to 6.

 Form
 ...
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THE ALEXANDRITE.



Alexandrite is especially remarkable for its strongly-marked difference of colour, according as it is viewed by natural or by artificial light. The finest stones present a bright green, or deep olive-green colour, by daylight; whereas at night artificial light, such as that of gas or a candle, brings out a soft columbine red or raspberry tint. The Alexandrite is strongly dichroic, while some varieties are even trichroic.

Chemical analysis shows that the Alexandrite is a variety of Chrysoberyl. The author has seen in the course of his experience two or three stones with a perfect Cat's-Eye line, yet subject to the characteristic change of colour by artificial light; such stones are called Alexandrite Cat's-Eyes. In order to display the line of light, it is necessary to cut the stone *en cabochon* instead of facetting it. The original Alexandrite came from the Ural Mountains only in small quantities; but the principal supply now is obtained from Ceylon, where, however, it is far from plentiful. The market value of this stone is extremely variable.

Composition :-	_					
A.	lumina	24.5	444		79	
G	lucina		***		18	
Ir	on and	Chromic	oxide,	&c.	3	
					100	
Specific gravit	y	4) 6	* 1	144	3.7.	
Hardness		100	4 4 4		8.5.	
System of Cry	stalliza	ation	+++	1.54	Trimetric.	
Form of Cryst	al	2.00	***		Usually twins.	six-sided





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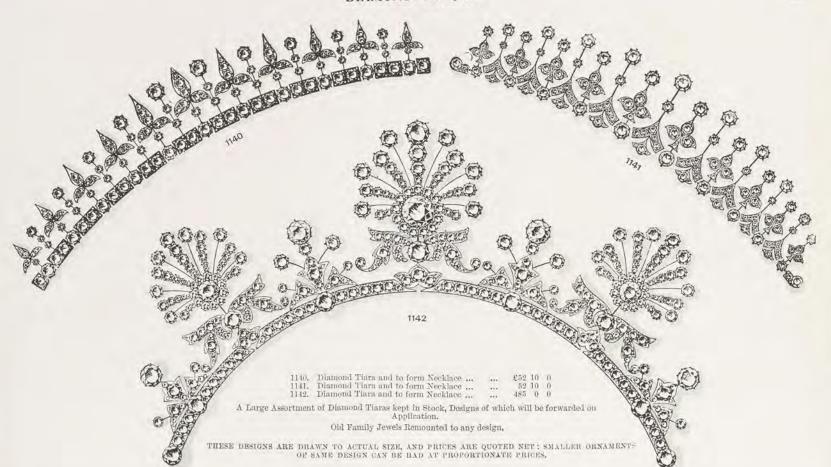


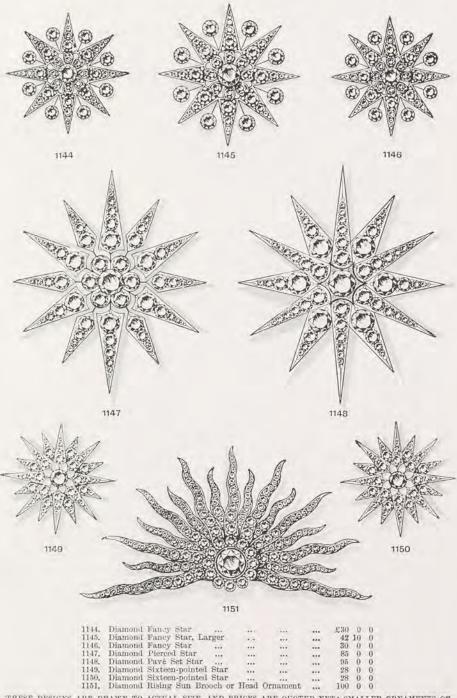


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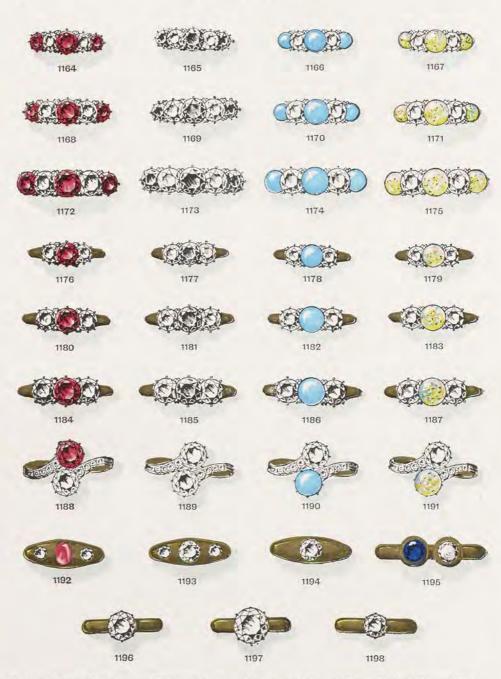
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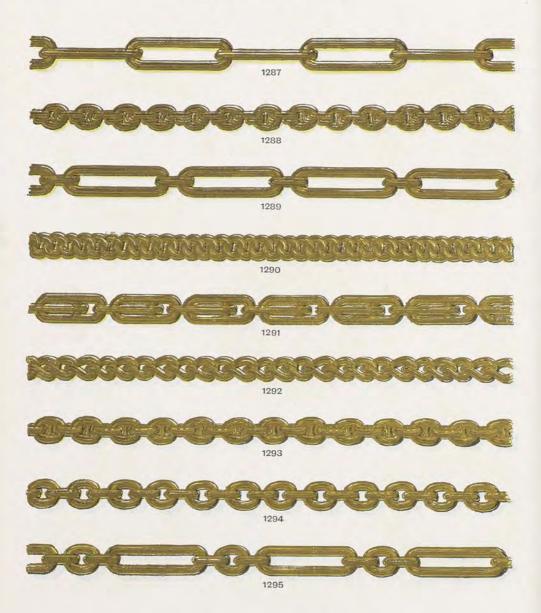
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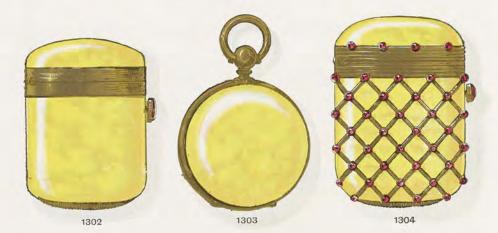
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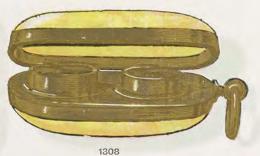
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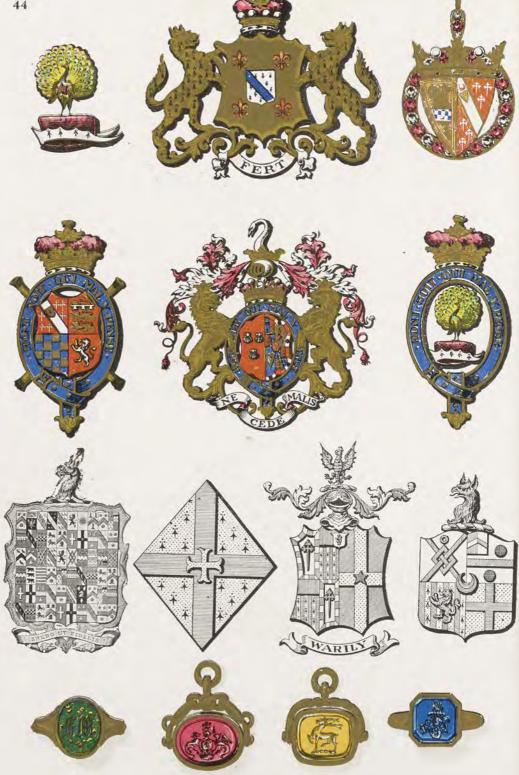


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 - 9, Sapphire;
 - 8, Topaz;
 - 7, Quartz;
 - 6, Felspar;
 - 5. Apatite;
 - 4, Fluorspar;
 - 3, Calcite;
 - 2, Gypsum;
 - I, Talc.

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THE TURQUOISE.



HE Turquoise is a hard gem, of no transparency, yet full of beauty; its colour is sky-blue, out of a green, in which may be imagined a little milkish infusion. A clear sky, free from all clouds, will most excel-

lently discover the beauty of a true Turquoise. This gem is throughout of the same beauty, as well internally as externally, its exquisite colour is no doubt owing to the presence of a certain quantity of phosphate of copper. The Turquoise does not occur crystallized, but is found only in a compact form, having no cleavage, but possessing a conchoidal fracture. Chemically, it is a phosphate of alumina, in a hydrated condition. The Shah of Persia has long been credited with the possession of the finest Turquoises in existence, for Nishapur, in Khorassan, the locality from whence the most precious of these stones is obtained, is within his dominions; and it is said the best Turquoise was invariably picked out and retained by him. The Orientals cut texts from the Koran on Turquoise and fill in the characters with gold. Discoveries in the land of Midian have shown that three Turquoise mines exist there, but all the stones soon lose their colour. It is known that Turquoise was extensively worked by the ancient Mexicans previously to the discovery of America, the stone being highly esteemed for personal ornaments and for the temple of the gods. Turquoise of a green colour is also found in Cochise County, Arizona, at a locality known as Turquoise Mountain, and at a few localities in Nevada and California. has also recently been found in great quantities in Victoria.

Chemical	composition:-
	Phosphorous

 Alumina
 ...
 ...
 40.2

 Water
 ...
 ...
 19.2

 Copper oxide
 ...
 5.3

 Iron and Manganese oxides
 2.5

pentoxide

... 32.8

Hardness 6.

Specific gravity 2.75.

Form Amorphous.

THE AGATE.

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the term Agate, the mineralogist understands a composite substance, an association of certain siliceous or quartz-like minerals, which in texture, in colour, and in transparency are diverse one from

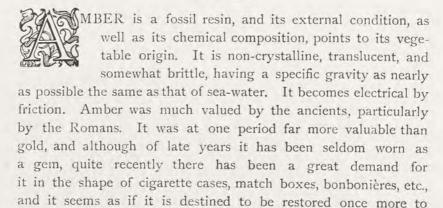
another. The Agate-forming minerals are chiefly Chalcedony, Carnelian, Jasper, Quartz, and Amethyst. Two or more of these, forming a variegated stone, and usually presenting a diversity of spots and stripes, may be denominated an Agate. The Agate is occasionally found in veins, as in certain localities in Saxony and Bohemia; although very fine Agates are found in India, our chief supply is derived from South America.

Chemical Composition ... Silica.

Hardness ... 7.
Specific gravity 2.6.

Form Amorphous, and nodular.

AMBER



Composition ... Carbon, Hydrogen, and Oxygen

Specific gravity ... 1.08. Hardness... 2.5.

favour.

Form ... Amorphous, occurring as nodules.

THE AMETHYST.



HIS term is now applied to all the violet and purple crystals of quartz, which, when fractured, present the peculiar rippled or undulated structure described by Sir David Brewster. The stone called Oriental Ame-

thyst is strictly a variety of Sapphire, of violet colour, but the term is applied commercially to any Amethyst of exceptional beauty. Amethyst is a variety of quartz containing traces of oxide of manganese, to which the violet colour of the stone is attributed. Brazil, Uruguay, and Siberia furnish us with the best specimens, but the stone is found in nearly all parts of the world.

Composition	111	***	Silica, coloured by oxide of man- ganese.
Specific gravity			9
Hardness			7.
System of cryst	alliza	tion	Hexagonal.
Forms of crysta	ils		Generally six-sided pyramids and prisms.

THE AQUAMARINE, OR BERYL.



QUAMARINE is a name given to those varieties of Beryl which possess a pale-green colour, suggestive of sea-water. In fact the Beryl, Aquamarine, and Emerald are all united by mineralogists under the

head of a single specie, inasmuch as they are found to agree in crystallographic and chemical characters, while they differ mainly in colour. Most of the Aquamarine comes to us from Brazil, but the stones are also found elsewhere, viz.:—In the granite regions of the Ural Mountains, and in Siberia, France, Bavaria, Saxony, Bohemia, in some parts of the United States and in New South Wales.

Composition :-				
Sil				66.8
Alı	umina	111		19.1
Gh	ucina			14.1
				1000
Specific gravity				2.7.
Hardness			***	7.5.
System of cryst	allizati	011		Hexagonal.
Forms of cryst	als			Six-sided prisms.

THE BLOODSTONE.

LOODSTONE is a variety of Jasper, of a deep green colour, interspersed with red spots, which resemble small drops of blood, whence its name. Bloodstone, although a beautiful material, is not much used for ornamental purposes, except for signet rings. Being a rather hard stone, and yet not difficult of manipulation, it is a favourite with engravers, and hence crests and monograms are frequently engraved upon it. Cups and other ornamental objects of small size are also fashioned from it.

Composition ... Silica, with a small percentage of peroxide of iron.

Specific gravity ... 2.6. Hardness ... 7.

Form ... Amorphous.

THE CARNELIAN.

ARNELIAN is nothing more than a pale red variety of Chalcedony, itself a form of quartz, characterized by its translucency, or semi-opacity, and by an entire absence of crystalline texture. It is chiefly found in nodular masses and in the interior of Agates. Its colour varies from blood-red to wax-yellow, and reddish-brown. It is cloudy, seldom striated, semi-transparent, and of waxy lustre. Carnelian is used for rings, seals, beads, etc., and also cameo work and engraving.

Composition ... Silica, with oxide of iron.

Specific gravity ... 2.6.
Hardness ... 7.

Form Amorphous.

THE CHRYSOBERYL.

HERE is probably no stone the composition of which has been given with so much variation as this. The true Chrysoberyl, as known to us to day, is essentially a compound of alumina and glucina, with varying proportions of oxide of iron. There are three varieties of this stone, the Chrysoberyl, the Cymophane or true Oriental Cat's-Eye, and the Alexandrite. Its colours range from light asparagus green, golden yellow, brownish yellow, and golden brown, to columbine red. It is found principally in Ceylon, Brazil, Borneo, and Burmah. Of late years it has also been found in some parts of the United States.

Composition :-	Alumin	a			111	78
	Glucina					18
4	Ferrous	Oxide				4
						100.
Specific gravity				3.	5 to 3	.8
Hardness		24		8.	5	
Crystalline syste	2111			Trim	etric o	or ortho-rhombic.
Form	***				prisn	is, generally as
		rolle	a pe	bbles.		

THE CHRYSOPRASE.

HE true Chrysoprase is a green variety of Chalcedony, of extreme local occurence. It is found in Silesia, not far from Frankenstein. It occurs in veins of serpentine, in company with other siliceous minerals, such as Quartz, Chalcedony, and Opal. Among the semi-precious stones, the Chrysoprase deserves to be one of the greatest favourites. It possesses a beautiful apple-green colour of many shades, and a transparency and capability of high polish. A few seasons ago it sprang suddenly into great favour and the demand was so great that an immense quantity of stained Agate was put upon the market and sold as true Chrysoprase.

Composition:—Silica Oxide o	of nickel,	 & c	***	97.5 2.5
Specific gre	wity		 2	100.0
Hardness	***	444		7
Form	224	4.00	 A	morphous.

THE GARNET, CARBUNCLE, AND CINNAMON STONE.

NDER the general name of Garnet, the mineralogist includes a number of stones which present a great variety of colour. On glancing at the various analyses of different Garnets, one might fail to recognise their

relationship; but the chemist is aware that these changes of composition take place according to certain definite laws, without violating the general type on which they are constructed. The principal varieties recognised by mineralogists are the Almandine or Precious Garnet; the Essonite, or "Jacinth" and "Hyacinth" the Pyrope, or Bohemian blood-red Garnet, and the Uwarowite, or green Garnet. These all differ slightly in composition, specific gravity, hardness, etc.

Chemical Composition:		
Silica		36.5
Alumina		21.0
Iron oxides	***	34.5
Magnesia		4.0
Lime		3.0
Manganese oxide	***	1.0
		100.0
Specific gravity		3.5 to 4.3
Hardness		About 7
Crystalline system		Cubic
Forms		Rhombic, dodecahedron and 24-faced trapezohedron.

THE HIDDENITE.

HE Hiddenite is a comparatively little known gemstone, having been discovered only a few years ago in North Carolina, by Mr. W. E. Hidden, after whom it was named. In appearance it is something like the Emerald, both in its rough and cut states. It is of a brilliant green hue, verging towards yellow, and possesses a beauty of its own. It is a variety of the mineral called Spodumene.

Composition ... A silicate of Aluminium and Lithium.
Specific gravity ... 3.
Hardness ... 7.
Crystalline System Monoclinic.

THE IOLITE.

NDER the name of Iolite or Dichroite the mineralogist is familiar with a certain stone which is remarkable for its pleochroism, or difference of tint when viewed in different directions. Occasionally it is cut and polished as a gem-stone, and is known to the jeweller as "water Sapphire." The best specimens come from Ceylon, those from Bavaria being almost opaque. The usual colours are various shades of blue and violet.

Chemical composition :-		
Silica .		49
Alumina .		34
Magnesia .		9
Ferrous oxid	de	8
	-	
		100
System of Crystallization	n	Trimetric.
1 3 3		2.6
		7.
Form		Prismatic crystals, or as pebbles

JADE.

RUE Jade is known to mineralogists as Nephrite. It is a compact variety of hornblende, consisting of a silicate of magnesium and calcium. The Chinese have for ages worked this stone into most elaborate and delicate forms. It was also used by the Maories, or natives of New Zealand. It is also found in New Caledonia, Turkestan, Burmah, and a few other localities, in limited quantity.

Chemical	Silica					52	7.75	
	Magn	esia				10	9.86	
	Lime					12	4.89	
	Oxide	of In	ron, A	lumina	ı, &c.	- 1	7:50	
						100	0.00	
Specific							2.91 to	3.18
Hardnes	S					6.5		
Form	446	***		•••			rphous; a rock.	occuring

JASPER.



modern mineralogists the term Jasper is restricted to the opaque varieties of Quartz which present a compact texture, and are destitute of any crystalline structure. Jasper is commonly found in compact

masses of kidney shape or as pebbles. Its colours are green, yellow-brown, and red of various shades, rarely blue. Jasper is found in Breslau, and in numerous other localities. Common Jasper in the old rocks of North Wales and Scotland. Striped Jasper in Siberia, Sicily, Corsica, the Hartz, and Tyrol.

Chemical c					00 4
		lica cide of 1	ron		99.5 ·5
				1	.00.0
Specific gr	avity	2.27	4.1.1	2.6	
Hardness			+ 5 +	7.	
Form	4.4.4			A11	norphous

LABRADOR.



HIS stone found principally in the Peninsula of Labrador, from whence it takes its name, belongs to the great family of felspars. Generally speaking the body colour is a dull grey, brown, or greenish brown; but typical specimens of the mineral possess a remarkable

iridescent chatoyancy, or internal reflection of prismatic hues, especially bright blue and green, with more or less golden yellow, peach colour, and red. From its remarkable play of colour it has become a great favourite with many connoisseurs, and is much used for cameos.

Composition	***	Silicate of aluminium, calcium, and sodium.
Silica		52.9
Alumina		29.3
Lime		123
Soda, etc.		5.5
		100.0
Specific gravity		2.7.
Hardness		6.
Crystalline System		Triclinic.
Form		Usually in cleavable masses.

LAPIS-LAZULI.

HIS stone is remarkable for its beautiful blue colour, which varies from pale to deep blue, with a tint of green; but is seldom quite pure, being often mottled with white and yellow spots. It is brittle, has but little lustre, and is translucent only at the

corners or thin edges. Lapis-Lazuli is found in the Cordilleras, near the sources of the Cazadero and Vias; also in Siberia, in many provinces of China, in Bucharia, and on the banks of the Indus. The stone is used to a limited extent for rings, pins, crosses, etc., as well as for caskets, vases, statuettes, and handles for sticks and umbrellas.

Composition :- Silica	45.5
Alumina	
Soda	9.1
Lime	3.5
Iron	0.8
Sulphuric acid	5.9
Sulphur	0.9
Chlorine	0.4
Water and loss	2.1

100.0

Specific gravit	y	 2.3 to 2.5.
Hardness		
Crystalline Sy	stem	 Isometric.

Form Dodecahedron, but very rare;
generally massive.

THE MOONSTONE.

HE Moonstone is an opalescent variety of orthoclasefelspar termed Adularia—a name which it derives from Mount Adula, one of the highest peaks of St. Gothard, where it occurs. The best specimens, however, come from Ceylon. The pleasing lustre of

this stone, somewhat like that of mother-of-pearl, has led to its use by the jeweller. Some few seasons ago it found popular favour, too, from being reputed to bring good luck to its possessor.

Silica	***		64.7
Alum	ina		18.4
Potasi	2	4	16.9
			100.0
Crystalline System	2	444	Monoclinic.
Specific gravity		44.0	2.5 to 2.6.
Hardness	***	4.0-	6

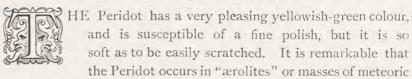
ORIENTAL ONYX.

NYX is a very celebrated variety of tinted Agate having its colours arranged in parallel strata. The Oriental Onyx is obtained from India, Egypt, Arabia, and Armenia. The inferior variety mostly comes

from Uruguay, Bavaria, and Bohemia. The Onyx has been chiefly used for cameos, the figure being carved out of the light colour and standing in relief on the dark ground. By modern mineralogists the term Onyx is restricted to an Agate-like substance, formed of alternating white and brown or black layers of Chalcedony If the strata be alternately white and red, or reddish-brown, the resulting mixture is known as Sardonyx.

Composition		 Silica, with traces of coloring matter.
Specific gro	wity	 2.6
Hardness		
Form		 Amorphous.

THE PERIDOT, OR CHRYSOLITE.



stone. Mineralogists include the Chrysolite and the Peridot under the one species Olivine. The colours of Olivine vary from light straw yellow to yellowish green, when the stone receives the name of Chrysolite; and thence to a peculiar soft hue, of a delicate deep yellowish green, when it is called Peridot. It is found in the Levant, in Brazil, Mexico, Arizona, South Africa, and other countries, generally as small pebbles,

Silica 39.73 Magnesia 50.13 Ferrous oxide 9.19 Nickel oxide, &c 95	
Ferrous oxide 9.19	
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Nickel oxide, &c	
100.00	
Specific gravity 3.35	
Hardness 6.5	
Crystalline system Trimetric.	
Form Generally in water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-water-wate	orn

ROCK CRYSTAL.

OCK CRYSTAL is a pure and limpid form of quartz
—a natural variety of silica. It is found in a variety
of forms, sometimes of extraordinary size and beauty.
Its colour varies from pure white to greyish-white,
yellow-white, yellowish-brown, clove-brown, and

black. According to its colour it receives a variety of names; thus the yellow is known as false topaz, the brown as cairngorm, and the black as morion. Rock Crystal is now principally used for cameos, intaglios, lenses, spectacles, etc.

Composition—Oxygen	***	***	53-3
Silicon		***	46.7
			0,00
Specific gravity			2.65.
Hardness	1.44		7.
Crystalline System			Rhombohedral.
Forms			Various six-sided prisms,
teri	ninatir		pyramids.

THE TOPAZ.

NDER the general name of Topaz modern mineralogists include three distinct stones:—

(1) The true Topaz;

(2) The yellow Sapphire, or Oriental Topaz; and

(3) The Occidental, or false Topaz.

The second is a yellow variety of corundum, and the third is nothing but a variety of Scotch quartz. The true Topaz presents a variety of colours, from clear to white, ranging through all shades of light blue and light green to rose pink, orange, and straw yellow. A pink colour is frequently obtained by subjecting the sherry-coloured Topazes to a moderate temperature. It is not uncommonly found in connection with ores of tin in all parts of the world.

Chemical	composition—Alumina	 30.2
	Silicon	 15.5
	Oxygen	 36.8
	Fluorine	 17.5
		100.0

Specific gravity ... 3.5.
Hardness ... 8.

Crystalline System ... Rhombic. Form ... Prisms, terminating with pyra-

mids; the two ends usually dissimilar; with strongly marked basal cleavage.

THE TOURMALINE.

EW minerals present greater complexity of chemical constitution than the Tourmaline. Its colours consist of various shades of grey, yellow, blue, pink, and brown; all having a tendency towards the darker hues, even to black. It often happens that the colour

is not constant throughout the stone, so that one part may be green while another portion of the same crystal may be decidedly pink. Tourmaline is found in Siberia, Ceylon, the Urals, Saxony, and the Isle of Elba. In the United States it has been discovered in great perfection and abundance.

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Compositio	772		Very complicated and varied.	
	Silica		38.55	
	Alumina		38.40	
	Boron trio	xide	7.21	
	Ferric oxid	e	5.13	
	Ferrous ox	ide	2.00	
	Soda		2.37	
	Fluorine		2.09	
	Lithia		1,20	
	Lime		1.14	
	Manganic	oxide	0.81	
	Magnesia		0.73	
	Potash		0.37	
			100.00	
Specific gr	avity		3.0 to 3.15	
Hardness			7.5	
Crystalline	system	1.00	Rhombohedral.	
Form .	444		Usually in Prisms striated ver-	
	tically, and	differ	rently terminated at opposite ends.	

THE ZIRCON, JARGOON, OR HYACINTH.

HE Zircon, Jargoon, and Hyacinth are all varieties of of the same stone. The term Hyacinth or Jacinth is applied to transparent and bright-coloured varieties; and Jargoon to crystals of dull colour and of a smoky tinge. The Zircon is a lovely stone, the red and brown varieties being especially noteworthy. Some of the finest Jargoons present yellow, green and blue tints, not unlike those of the Tourmaline, but with much more fire and lustre.

Chemical com	position			***	34	
		Z	irconia		66	
					100	
Specific grav	ity	111	4 to 2	1.86.		
Hardness		***	7.5.			
Crystalline sy	stem	111	Tetra			
Form	***	***				with pyramidal
t	erminat	ions;	often	as	rolled	pebbles.

PEARLS.

EARLS are calcareous concretions formed by certain molluscs, both marine and fresh-water. Most Pearls are obtained from Pearl-Oysters (Meleagrina Margaritifera). The chief localities are Ceylon, the Socratary Australia. Torres Strait Culf of Pearls

loo Archipelago, West Australia, Torres Strait, Gulf of Panama, etc. Fresh-water Pearls are obtained from the Pearl-Mussel (*Unio Margaritifera*), found in the rivers of Scotland, North Wales, Bavaria, Canada, etc,

Composition: From the oyster found in Australian and Ceylonese fisheries. Identical in a sample from each fishery:—

 Carbonate of lime
 ...
 91.72 per cent.

 Organic matter
 ...
 59. 4 ,

 Water
 ...
 2.25 ,

 Loss
 ...
 ...



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