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A short time ago a Denver mining engineer got possession of it and shipped it home. It weighs 272 pounds, is about twenty inches long and twelve inches in its largest diameter. Nothing definite has yet been determined regarding this meteorite except that it belongs to the nickeliferous iron class, named siderolites, no analysis having been made. It contains the usual cavities, or so-called cupules, while the blunt end is smoothed from the friction of the air. There is also a streak of glace or coating on one side suggesting a zone of fusion. Its value as a rare specimen or one of unusual scientific interest will be ascertained as soon as possible. Should it belong to the group of meteorites of a certain great fall near the City of Mexico, known as the Tuluca shower, it would be of minor value, but if related to the Tucson meteorite it will

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sold in great numbers. The consul says that the success of the venture was explained to him by a well-known Berlin physician who was a customer. He finds that American shoes "fit," while German-made do not. For many years German manufacturers have used American machinery, American patterns and have followed American styles, but for some reason they have not achieved either the finish or perfection of fit which characterizes the American-made ar ticle. This customer said he could not use German ready-made shoes and had shoes made by hand with unsatisfactory results. It was the American shoe that exactly met his requirements. and its popularity has become so great that an attempt is being made to raise

the tariff to prohibitive prices. There is on the whole of the continent very naturally a decided objection to the way in which American goods are getting to the front and no doubt restrictive legislation of a severe character may be expected, but as long as this country can make the best commodities in the world they cannot be kept out of the great marts of trade .-

Philadelphia Inquirer. Kept His Eye-Glass. Monocles were plentiful in Cape Town, but in Johannesburg and Pretoria they were conspicuous by their absence, for the reason that Lord Kitchener objected to them. Of all the "swell" officers, says Pearson's Magazine, a captain of a famous cavalry regiment alone refused to give his monocle up. It was a current report

in the regiment that he wore it in bed and even when he took his bath. One day Lord Kitchener met the "sin gle-pane" officer outside of the Trans-

vaal Hotel in Pretoria. "One minute, captain," said the commander. "May I ask if it is absolutely necessary for you to wear that glass in your right eye?"

"Ye-es, certainly, Lord Kitchener; er-er-I could not see without it." "I am sorry to hear that, captain, as I intended to give you a staff appointment; but I must have men around me who can see well. Kindly report for

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