

# Royal Jewels Of The World

Bernhardt, Duse, Melba, Christine Nilsson, Judic, and others—are owners of fine jewels; but Patti, the spoiled child of two hemispheres, queen of song even today, notwithstanding her 63 years, possesses the finest diamonds, turquoises, and rubies of them all. The gems she carried away as a girl from Russia constituted one small fortune those the Rothschilds have given her another. Queen Isabella of Spain, a good singer herself, bestowed sapphires and an amethyst brooch surrounded with pearls; a comb set with thirty-three brilliants was the gift of the Empress Eugenie; the emperors of Germany, Austria, and Russia loaded her with diamonds; even Queen Victoria sent a ruby and diamond bangle—a small one, 'tis true—but still Victorian, so Patti prizes it. The treasures in her safe are innumerable—fans heavy with jewels; a golden canary set with yellow diamonds; and a little bracelet, the gift of the subscribers at the St. Petersburg opera house—a stave of music in gold, and on it, indicated in large rubies and diamonds, the notes la, do, re, "l'Adoree," which, indeed, she was, of those passionate lovers of music.

### Most Valuable opal in the world is in Vienna.

The most valuable opal in the world is to be seen in the Imperial cabinet at Vienna. Another, worn by the Empress Josephine, known as the "Burning of Troy", which is only a little less magnificent, is in the possession of the marchioness of Bute. How the idea arose in the first instance that "the broken rainbow of the unlucky opal" brought ill-luck it is not easy to tell. Some allege that the word is derived from the Greek for an eye, that the gem shares the evil influence of a peacock's feather and acts as a spy in the house; others that the opal only got its reputation after Sir Walter Scott had connected it with bad luck in "Anne of Geierstein." Certain it is, however, that strange coincidences have been observed in con-

nection with this stone. Alfonso XII, of Spain, presented an opal ring to his young wife Mercedes on their wedding day, and her sudden death occurred shortly afterwards. Before her funeral had taken place the king bestowed this ring on his sister, Maria del Pilar, and she only survived three days. Alfonso then offered the ring to his sister-in-law, Princess Christina, who died in three months. He then resolved to wear the opal himself, and his life came shortly to an end. His widow, fearing its fatal influence, kissed the ring, attached it to a chain, and hung it around the neck of the statue of the Virgin of Almudena, in a church in Madrid.

### Pearls as Well as Opals Said to Be Unlucky.

But pearls also have been accused more than once of exercising a malign influence. When the Empress Eugenie was finishing her bridal toilet, before starting for the great marriage ceremony at Notre Dame, an old Spanish servant entreated her not to wear her pearl necklace. "Remember our Spanish proverb, the more pearls a woman wears on her marriage day the more tears she will shed after." The empress did wear the necklace, and her sad fate is known to all.

With the exception of gamblers, there are no such superstitious persons in the world today as royalties. Both King Edward and the kaiser, however little they resemble one another in many respects, share one weakness in common. Uncle and nephew each wears a bangle, and pins his faith to it for luck. A little breast-pin, in the form of a clover leaf, made of diamonds and emeralds closely set, was won long years ago at a raffle by the Empress Eugenie. Regarding it as a mascot, she wore it continuously until misfortune overwhelmed her, and the emperor died. When her only son, the prince imperial, went to fight in the Zulu war, she once more pinned it on, but took it off forever when the news came that the poor fellow had met a soldier's death.

### As Tough as Foot Leather.

One of the most interesting sides of my kind of work," said a young physiological chemist, "is to come upon the many instances which occur where scientific investigation proves up to the hilt some popular view that is expressed in a proverb or century-old story.

"Take, for instance, that saying which one often hears—especially if one has lived much in boarding houses and restaurants—I mean the saying that such and such a piece of meat 'is as tough as boot leather,' or, 'as tough as an old boot.'

"Now, although the comparison does not pretend to be scientific, it is far from being incorrect, as an elaborate investigation made by Metchnikoff, the head of the Pasteur Institute, in Paris, has recently shown, and which my own experience verifies.

"As a matter of fact, much meat flesh that is used has a very real affinity to shoe leather, not only being hard and tough, but actually in its very substance!

"Boot leather is made from the hide of animals, as we all know—that is to say, it is made of very resistant material, which scientists term 'connective tissue.' This consists of a very dense mass of fibre, mingled with living elements, called 'connective tissue cells.' This tissue is very durable, and hence it is employed for boots and shoes.

"In the case of old animals, their organs, and, to a lesser degree, their flesh becomes mingled with a connective tissue, which renders the flesh tough and unpalatable when it gets into the hands of cooks or housewives. Practically, it is as 'tough as old shoe leather!'"

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