

OWNERS OF FAMOUS GEMS

Of her personal jewels, next to her wedding ring, says the Sun, the late Queen Victoria most valued an insignificant enamel ring, set with a single diamond, given her by Prince Albert when she was yet a child; and his betrothal ring, a snake set with the finest emeralds.

These two rings were never removed from her hand and were buried with her. Much treasured, too, was the bracelet she always wore, composed of a numerous array of small golden hearts, each with a minute miniature of one of her grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

Queen Alexandra, in addition to a safe of diamonds and pearls, owns some wonderful colored gems—rubies, sapphires and emeralds—which, however, she rarely wears. The only colored stones she really likes are amethysts, and these she has given, at Christmas and on other festive days, to her friends and relatives in such numbers, set in scarfpins, bangles, chains, hat pins and sunshade tops, that she has quite popularized the stone, hitherto little valued in England. With dresses of her favorite color, mauve, the queen always wears amethysts.

The jewels she values above all are her engagement ring, set with a beryl, emerald, ruby, topaz, faceted emerald—the first letters of which spell out the name by which she was always called her husband, "Bertie," the beautiful diamond cross given to her by the women of Denmark on her marriage, and the crown of brilliants, set in silver, bestowed by the women of England on her silver wedding day.

The most splendid jewels Queen Alexandra possesses are undoubtedly her pearls. She has ropes and ropes of them; high dog collars and pearls set in trimmings for the corsages of her ball dresses. These have been collected and given to her by the czar and her sister, the dowager empress of Russia, as well as by members of the English, Danish and German royal families, many being old heirlooms.

The queen's pearls are surpassed only by the young duchess of Marlborough's historic collection. This includes some of the most interesting pearls in existence—the pearls that belonged to the ill-fated Marie Antoinette, which were bought by Vanderbilt for his daughter as a marriage gift. Each pearl in the young duchess' necklace—it is an immensely long one—is valued at £1000, and she sometimes wears the ropes wound twice around her neck and twice around her waist.

I hope I am divulging no state secret, says a writer in the Grand Magazine, if I state that before Queen Alexandra went last season to dine with the duchess at Sutherland house, the beautiful home of the Marlboroughs in Curzon street, she asked her youthful grace to "put on all her pearls," just for once, "for then I will wear mine," laughed the queen. "After dinner we will count which has the largest number." And they did, like two school girls. The duchess was the winner by two.

The first string was the so-called "Necklace of the Virgin of Atokha," the second was once the property of the ex-queen of Naples; the third was worn by the Empress Eugenie on state occasions.

This last string contained the great pearl found in Paterson, 48 years ago. This pearl, if it had not been somewhat injured by the mollusk being boiled before the shell was opened, would be the finest and largest gem of modern times.

Mrs. Mackay is said to have the largest number of pearls of any living woman. There are almost 4000 of them. One pearl rope belonging to her measures nine feet in length, each pearl being the size of a pea and perfectly matched.

Of turquoises, Princess Henry of Prussia and the duchess of Roxburgh (formerly Miss May Goelet) have the finest collections, with the exception of one of two Russian grand duchesses. Mrs. Millard Hansaker, wife of the American millionaire, wears the largest specimen ever seen in a ring.

Some rubies perfect in color and of enormous value, formerly the property of the late dowager duchess of Coburg, are now in possession of the young grand duke; those of Lady Wimborne, including the famous Hope ruby, are only a little less splendid. Mr. Haggis, of San Francisco, possessed some years ago a wonderful ruby, which had been sold by Lola Montes for a comparatively trifling sum, but which is now worth some £3000.

Sapphires, said to feel the effects of atmospheric changes and to shrink perceptibly in cold weather, are supposed to be the coldest stones in existence and to have the power, conce-

quently, of quenching the fires of unlawful love. The czar and the kaiser both wear sapphire rings, given them by their wives as talismans.

Of sapphire sets none is so precious, either in Europe or America, as that belonging to the Grand Duchess Sergius, of Russia; no single stone is so rich in the memories that circle around it as the dark sapphire sacred to the Hohenzollerns, which has been in their family since the time of the Crusaders.

Several ladies, among others the dowager countess of Dudley, the duchess of Devonshire and Princess Druleep Singh have helped to popularize the emerald, so well does the stone become them. Lady Chesterfield wears some magnificent stones set in a girdle, while Lady Westmoreland and the beautiful Lady Helen Vincent have the best of theirs set as snuff chains. Stones unequalled for color and size, at any rate in Europe, are worn by the Infanta Eulalie of Spain.

Many footlight favorites—Sarah Bernhardt, Duse, Melba, Christine Nilson, Judie and others—are owners of fine jewels; but Patti 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 33 brilliants was the gift of the Empress Eugenie; the emperors of Germany, Austria and Russia all loaded her with diamonds; even Queen Victoria sent a ruby and diamond bangle—a very small one, 'tis true, but still Victorian, so Patti prizes it highly.

Panorama of the Nile.

Tourists were carried up the Nile last year as far as Gondokoro, within 350 miles of the head of the Nile on the north shore of Victoria Nyanza. The government of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan has this opened the Nile route clear to Uganda on the coast of the lake, and is now taking steps greatly to improve and quicken this service. According to Mr. Freshfield, the well known mountaineer, one of the largest tourist companies expects soon to sell tickets to Victoria Nyanza by way of the Red sea, returning by the Nile.

The heart of the Rwenzori mountain range is about 150 miles west of this second largest of fresh water lakes and the chief source of the Nile. Mr. Freshfield, who returned a while ago from Ruwenzori, says he believes these mountains will frequently be visited by tourists in the coming years, and that from some points of vantage on the range practically the whole region of the Nile's sources will be within view. At the foot of the mountains to the south is Lake Albert Edward, and 90 miles to the north is Albert Nyanza. These three lakes are the sources of the waters that go to form the upper White Nile.

It would, indeed, be a remarkable panorama. The mountain mass rises from 11,000 to 14,000 feet above the surrounding plateau. Those who have been there say that on a clear morning the two greater of these lakes would be plainly in view.

If vision can penetrate from any of Ruwenzori's outlooks to the central regions of Victoria Nyanza, visitors may see a water expanse that no one on the lake itself has ever seen. No native paddler or little European steamer has ever crossed the lake. All of them hug the coasts, and the central regions are still a mystery.

It will be an experience worth having to see these sources of the Nile, which the world vainly sought for centuries, spread out before one's eyes and kindling with the glorious illumination of the rising sun. Almost invariably the clouds of Ruwenzori veil the vast scene except for an hour or two after dawn, and it will doubtless cost more in physical effort to command this view than most folks are able to pay.

Even if everything is provided, as on many Alpine ascents, to make the journey up the slope as safe and comfortable as possible, it will be a difficult climb, and unless a shelter is built among the upper snow camp must be left long before daylight with lanterns lighting the way, as used to be done on Mount Blanc. The great panorama bids fair to be reserved for mountaineering athletes until a cog-wheel railroad is built.

New York Sun.

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Trade With Latin America.

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For instance, this 27 per cent, not large in itself, is made up principally by the group of countries bordering on the Caribbean, and among them chiefly by Mexico and Cuba. In contrast we note that Brazil, the empire republic, with an area equal to that of the United States and a population greater than that of Mexico, bought from the United States only 11 per cent of its imports; that Argentina, whose foreign trade is now larger than that of either Japan or China, purchased only 14 per cent of her imports from the United States; that Chile, which had quadrupled her commerce in a decade, wanted from us only 9 per cent, and that Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia made demands of only 6 per cent. Peru, which is much nearer the United States—only ten days from New Orleans—took no more than 18 per cent, and Ecuador—two days from Panama and eight from New York, but three weeks from Europe by the shortest route—required only 25 per cent. Leaving out Colombia and Venezuela, with Central America and Mexico, we find ourselves face to face with the disappointing truth that the major portion of South America bought only 14 per cent of its imports from us. We could easily supply part of the remaining 86 per cent if favorable conditions were provided.—John Barrett in North American Review.

The Royal Month and the Royal Disease.

Sudden changes of weather are especially trying and probably to none more so than to the scrofulous and consumptive. The progress of scrofula during a normal October is commonly great. We never think of scrofula—its bunches; cutaneous eruptions, and wasting of the bodily substance—without thinking of the great good many sufferers from it have derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla, whose radical and permanent cures of this one disease are enough to make it the most famous medicine in the world. There is probably not a city or town where Hood's Sarsaparilla has not proved its merit in more homes than one, in arresting and completely eradicating scrofula, which is almost as serious and as much to be feared as its near relative, consumption.

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"Radically and antipodally opposite to tying up with a chorus girl, my son."—Scissors.

Municipal Ownership.

Here is an interesting contribution to the municipal ownership discussion, from the Dixon, (Ill.) Telegraph. It is not so erudite as some of the papers on the subject read at the Atlantic City meeting of the National Municipal league, but it has a touch of human interest that makes it interesting.

"We have chronicled from time to time the social excitement in Center, Neb., due to the installing of a tub intended solely for the washing of the human body, never for clothes. It was a private enterprise, and a social split has been engendered by the question whether Mrs. Barrett, the wife of the banker, should take precedence in tubbing over Mrs. Barnes, the wife of the blacksmith, despite the alphabetical advantage of the latter. In the coming election of Center, the husbands of these two women are the rival candidates, and the tub is the issue.

"Barnes, the blacksmith, in signing the platform on which he stands, says:

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