

HARDER THAN THE DIAMOND.

Metallic Tantalum Drawn Into Wire or Rolled into Sheets.

That nothing is harder in nature than a diamond and that a diamond...

Tantalum is not a common metal, yet it is also not of the rarest...

Tantalum differs from all other known substances in combining extreme hardness with extreme ductility.

It can only be produced in small quantities, tantalum should prove a most useful metal.

An Old Roman Town. A small looking house is to be seen at Ribchester, near Blackburn, Lancashire, England.

After the Romans left it Rigodunum, or Ribchester, gradually degenerated.

Send us Writing Paper. We have all seen sand used as blotting paper.

There are affected people—the kind of people who write with quill pens—who still use sand as a blotter.

Recently I visited a country school in New Hampshire. On the master's desk sat a box, three feet square, filled with sand.

This old scene carried me back to the days when paper was so scarce, when slates were so scarce, that sand was used in the schools to write on.

White pine lumber costs today almost as much in this country as it used to.

VALUABLE MEXICAN TREES.

Some Contain Medicinal and Antiseptic Qualities.

Consult Despinasse of Tuxpan says there are trees in Mexico that may be made as valuable to commerce as the rubber trees.

"One tree," he states, "yields a deep brownish red thick sap of a slightly resinous odor."

"As there is no regular demand, price cannot be determined, and samples small or large are paid for according to the market.

The pain de la he tree is quite common in damp or marshy locations. The sap is milk white and about the same consistency as rich milk.

The honote tree produces a very fine, long fibre (ten to fifteen feet), which is extracted from the inner surface of the bark.

Women Who Command Regiments. European women are popularly supposed to possess fewer rights than their American sisters.

Those who have been thus honored are as follows. The Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

"So she married that awful Jack Rouser? Why, didn't she know that he had been blackballed by every club in town?"

A chance for using an inexpensive material to excellent advantage is offered in this excellent model for a young girl.

WHAT TO WEAR AND HOW TO WEAR IT

Special Correspondent of This Paper Writes Entertainingly to Women.

LATEST FROM THE METROPOLIS

Three Modes of the Latest Designs—Blue Cloth With Striped Silk Gown Delightful for Semi-formal Wear—A Striped Zephyr and the Latest Tailored Coat.

This effective gown combining simplicity and the trim can be carried out at moderate cost and is delightful for semi-formal wear.

The sleeves are cut in one with the bodice, which business slightly and is given a broad shoulder effect by having tucks run from the shoulder seams down to the girdle.

A yoke of the same trimming of the undersleeves is set into the cut out neck, the front deepening into a Dutch yoke with outlines of oak.

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Dark blue straw of fine quality this is trimmed with bands of satin folded gracefully about the crown and plerced at the front with two immense pearl buttons.

The newest tailored coats are beginning to take on the lines predicted for fall costumes.

Light Pudding Scald four cups of milk. Add two thirds of a cup of sugar and six level table-spoonful of corn starch.

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Eating Between Meals. This, for children, is a sure way of acquiring dyspepsia.

Very narrow imitation "Cluny" insertion is principally used to decorate the design.



A STRIPED ZEPHYR SIMPLY MADE

The belt is made of silk to match the hem on the skirt being fastened at the side with a soft bow.

Little dresses like this are quite pretty without frills, but when mounted over thin china silk stripes delicate colors their beauty is greatly enhanced.

Society Women at Table.

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A Valuable Dream.

Recent cases in the courts have contained reference to dreams and premonitions not always to the advantage of those who appeared in the role of seer.

The German Station-Master.

Charles Edward Russell, in Everybody's Magazine, describes an official of one of Germany's Government-owned railways.

Pomburg, standing erect in approved military attitude at the end of the platform that bounds his dominion, is one of the grandest sights in nature.

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Queer Derivation of Words.

Concerning the term "catchword" the London Chronicle says that its old technical sense "is familiar to those who affect old books."

A derrick is an innocent mechanical apparatus for lifting heavy weights, but it gets its name from an English hangman called Derrick who flourished many years ago.

Opera, again, is a case of verbal specialization. Yet the Latin word meant originally nothing more definite than work.

In the first place when we arrive in a town our baggage is carried from the train to a carriage by four coolies.

When I settled my bill at the Elysium Hotel this morning, the clerk and the manager sat side by side.

Poor Material For British Army. If there be any doubt that physical deterioration in the submerged classes is more serious than it used to be the report of the Army Medical Department pins one down between that opinion and the conclusion that the army is recruited from a lower social stratum.

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Seats Now on Sale

HE DEFENDS TIPPING.

Man Who Was Once a Waiter Considers Other's Standpoint.

"Somehow I don't approve these wholesale kicks on the tipping system," said a business man who is fairly prosperous.

"Oh no, I want a regular professional merely one of the college brand. Many college men of course, help themselves through college by working as waiters and bellboys and boatmen and other things at summer resorts, and if they are squeamish about taking tips, why it isn't worth while taking such jobs.

"I came hard at first to take tips, gave me a sort of a feeling that I was unclassing myself. But it wore off. In fact there was a certain amount of satisfaction after a while, in getting a tip that had been earned by giving more careful service than the job really demanded. I remember now the pleasure it gave me to receive a gratuity and the 'thank you' was always meant.

"So now when life lies in less arduous places I find pleasure in giving a tip. I do not regard it as an overcharge or an extortion, merely a little reward that I can well afford to give to one who will appreciate it.

"If more persons would only look on that side of the question, the pleasure that a gratuity gives the recipient, I am sure there would be less kicking. Surely there is joy in kindness, at least I have found it so."

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"are not only the youngest but in the poorest physical condition of those in any civilized army. They cannot stand work which did not injure well fed conscripts of twenty years of age, still less can they face exercises which would do harm to robust men." They are in fact from want of food and from cigarette habit such miserable specimens of humanity that it takes two years to make men of them. The report confirms what we said the other day to the effect that a British army is painfully produced from the army of the British unemployed; as many as 95 per cent of accepted recruits are hopeless "out of work." There is a good deal amiss with the conditions that make these degenerates and he reports gives one to think seriously, but the larger question raised by it is whether any amount of training and selection can produce an efficient army out of such material.

Doomsday Book. A book of the general survey of England, commenced in the reign of William I. (the Conqueror), about 1080, some say about 1086. It was intended to be a "register to determine the right in the tenure of estates, to discover the extent of any man's land, to fix his homage, and to settle the question of the military aid he was bound to furnish.

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