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NATIVE PLATINUM.

The "Noble" Metals Extracted From This Peculiar Substance.

On the slopes of the Ural mountains and in Brazil, California, Australia, Canada and many other countries a peculiar substance known as native platinum is found. This is an alloy of the metals platinum, palladium, iridium, osmium, rhodium and ruthenium, together with a little gold and iron. All of these except the last mentioned are the "noble" metals. They do not tarnish in the air and are not soluble in any single acid. The most plentiful metal occurring in native platinum is that from which it takes its name. This metal is of a grayish color and with one exception is the heaviest substance known. Its fusing point is extremely high, and this property, together with its freedom from tarnishing, causes it to be largely used for the manufacture of crucibles and other vessels required by scientists to stand a very high temperature. It is also sometimes used as a substitute for gold in photography, and when deposited in a thin film on the interior of the tubes of telescopes it forms a dead black surface, which prevents the light from being reflected by the polished sides.

Palladium is of a lustrous white color. It is the most easily fused of the metals found in platinum ore, and can even be volatilized. A curious quality which this metal possesses is that when heated to redness it is porous to hydrogen gas, allowing it to pass through somewhat in the same manner that blotting paper permits the passage of water. The silvery white color of palladium and its freedom from tarnishing render it useful for scientific instruments. A mixture of this metal with mercury is sometimes used for filling teeth. Osmium is a metal which possesses two remarkable properties—it is the most refractory of the metals, resisting fusion at the most intense heat, and it is also the heaviest substance known, being twenty-two and a half times heavier than water. Together with iridium, it occurs principally in a peculiar variety of native platinum called osmiridium. This mineral differs from ordinary platinum ore in that it contains a larger proportion of osmium and iridium than platinum. Osmiridium is found in small particles, varying in weight from one-sixth to one-third of a grain. These particles are extremely hard and are used for pointing non-wearing pens.

Metallic iridium possesses a white steel-like appearance. The knife edges of delicate balances and other bearings which require extreme hardness are often made of it. An alloy of 10 per cent iridium and 90 per cent platinum has been found to be very little affected in volume by changes of temperature and is the substance of which the standard meter kept in the international metric bureau at Paris is made. Rhodium and ruthenium are metals of little practical use. The former occurs in platinum ore to the extent of 5 to 6 per cent. The latter is found only in osmiridium and averages about 5 per cent of that mineral. The metal which ranks next to platinum in price is zirconium, which occurs in hyacinth and some other rare minerals. Uranium is remarkable for its high atomic weight, the heaviest known.—Chambers' Journal.

The Sedan Chair.

The sedan chair is named after Sedan, the town where it was first used. The earliest mention of it in England occurs in 1581. Early in the following century the Duke of Buckingham caused much indignation by its use in London. People were exasperated at that nobleman employing his fellow men to take the place of horses to carry him. Prince Charles brought from Spain in 1623 three curiously wrought sedans, two of which he gave to the Duke of Buckingham. A few weeks after their introduction Massinger produced his play, "The Bondman," and in it he thus adverts to the ladies:

For their pomp and care being borne In triumph on men's shoulders.

The reference is doubtless to Buckingham's sedan, which was borne like a palanquin.—"Bygone England."

Favorably Struck.

"Papa, have you seen Harold since you told him he was too poor to think of—of marrying me?"
"Yes, I ran across him at the club last evening. We got into conversation, and he struck me—er!"
"Struck you! Oh, papa!"
"Struck me as quite an agreeable young man. I understand his uncle has left him \$200,000."—Kansas City Journal.

What They Wanted.

To explain why his trip had proved so poor, a commercial traveler once wrote a long account of how the weather had affected business in the territory in which he had traveled. In due time he received this reply from his firm: "We get our weather reports from Washington. Don't send us any more. What we want is orders."

Not the Kind He Wanted.
"If you're so hard up," said the easy mark, who was temporarily unable to extend the accommodation asked, "why don't you borrow some money from Titefast?"
"Heavens, no!" exclaimed the other. "Why, he always expects to be paid back."—Chicago Post.

Improvement on Nature.
Humble Admirer—Are the characters in your book drawn from real life?
Haughty Author—Did you ever see such interesting people in real life as my characters?—Somerville Journal.

We would make fewer bulls in this life if we had not so many wrong steers.—Baltimore American.

Notice and Citation, Hearing of Final Account and Distribution.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, County of Griggs.

In County Court, before Hon. W. H. Carleton, Judge.

In the matter of the estate of John Hughes deceased.

Wm. J. E. Hughes, Petitioner, vs. Respondent.

All persons interested in the estate of John Hughes.

Notice and Citation, Hearing of Final Account and Distribution of Estate.

The State of North Dakota to the above named Respondents:

You all persons interested in the estate of John Hughes, late of the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, deceased, has been rendered to this Court, therein showing that the estate of said deceased is ready for final settlement and distribution, and petitioning that his account be allowed, the residue of said estate be distributed to the persons thereto entitled, his administration closed and he be discharged, that Monday, the 5th day of October A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day at the Court Room of this Court in the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, as then duly appointed by this Court for the hearing of said account and petition, and that any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions, in writing, to said account and petition and contest the same.

And you, the above named respondents, and each of you, are hereby cited and required to attend the hearing of said account and petition and show cause if any you have, why said account shall not be allowed, the residue of said estate distributed, the administration of said estate closed and said executor discharged.

By the Court, WILL H. CARLETON, Judge of the County Court.

Dated the 25th day of August A. D. 1908.

Notice of Mortgage Sale by Advertisement.

Notice is hereby given, That that certain mortgage, executed and delivered by Hans O. Voll and Mary Voll, his wife Mortgagee, to C. S. Edwards Mortgagee, dated the 15th day of February A. D. nineteen hundred and two (1902) and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, on the 22nd day of March A. D. 1902, and recorded in book "B" of Mortgages, at page 190 will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in said mortgage and hereinafter described, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Cooperstown, in the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, at the hour of one (1) o'clock P. M., on the 29th day of September 1908, to satisfy the amount due upon said mortgage on the day of sale.

The premises described in said mortgage and hereinafter described, to satisfy the same, are those certain premises situated in the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, and described as follows, to-wit:

The southern quarter section number twenty-six (26) in Township number one hundred and forty-seven (147) north of range number fifty (50) east containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less, according to the U. S. Government survey thereof.

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A Natural Mistake.

"I was just telling our friend here, Molly, that it was storming on the day of our marriage."
"Surely not, Hiram! The weather was perfectly lovely!"
"Well, well! I don't know how I got so mixed up about it—probably because it's been storming ever since!"—Atlanta Constitution.

She Knew Her Dad.

Smithers—Do you know any one who has a horse to sell?
She—Yes; I suspect old Brown has.
Smithers—Why?
She—Well, papa sold him one yesterday.—London Punch.

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