

GOLD IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The truth is, that gold, which is, perhaps, the most widely distributed, though also one of the rarest of metals, is far more generally scattered over these islands than is usually believed.

It has been mined in nearly every county in Great Britain, and, though it would be untrue to predict any great future for this branch of industry, there is always a possibility of a "gold excitement" breaking out in some of the mountainous parts of the kingdom.

Gold is, in its occurrence, no one can say when or where it is to be found, and there is no doubt that many of the Welsh, Irish, and even Scottish "diggings" were quite as rich as some which subsequently proved mines of wealth in California and Australia.

In Richard II.'s time hosts of mines were "worked" by "hermanns" who actually brought from Bohemia to work them, and the records of the years succeeding are studied with royal grants to work the mines.

The records of the Scottish Parliament, in the year 1597, mention that some of the mines of the period were made out of the native gold, though the chances are that they avoid the royal dues, a large portion was concealed or made into ornaments.

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