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Princess Mary's Ring.

ARE EMERALDS UNLUCKY?
(By AN ANTIQUARIAN in Glasgow Weekly Herald.)

Viscount Lascelles has given the Princess Mary an engagement ring in which is a single emerald. Emeralds are considered "unlucky" for lovers, and in this article an antiquarian reveals some of the curious derivations of the superstitions connected with coloured gems.

The fact that Viscount Lascelles has given his betrothed a ring in which is an emerald will set some of the superstitious gossiping. For "when you see the emerald green, there you'll find the ill-luck gleam," said a tepid poet of long ago.

The origin of the superstition is curious.

Nero's Giant Emerald.

Nero affected a large emerald which he used as a locket, and through it he spied at the beautiful Poppa. The sickly greenish line of her face viewed through this medium startlingly reminded him of the face of his murdered mother, and he took a violent dislike to his former favourite wife. Hence the emerald fell into dis-favour with the Roman matrons and maids.

It was through this giant emerald, too, that Nero critically looked upon the sufferings of the Christians in the Coliseum, and in that dreadful garden of death when he turned them into living torches to glint his vengeful spirit.

The supposed unlucky influence of the gleaming opal dates back to the days of Cleopatra.

Anthony brought her a gift of magnificent opals on his first visit, and she always wore them. After the disasters that befell him, an Egyptian priest told Cleopatra that, so long as she wore this gift, the gods would afflict her. She laughed at the warning. It is said that, when she lay beautiful in death, the opals still gleamed at her throat. From that day opals were spoken of as "un-lucky" and the fashionable refused to wear them.

"Drop of Blood."

There are several superstitions connected with rubies. It is natural to connect them with drops of blood, but it may not be generally known that for many years rubies were shunned by young wives.

Tradition associates them with the unfortunate "loves" of "Bluebeard," the sinister Norman baron whose matrimonial adventures usually ended badly—for the lady!

It is said that he gave a magnificent necklace of diamonds to one especially favoured wife, and that, after she was murdered and put away into the den where he stored these dead "loves," the diamonds changed into blood-red stones.

Another story curiously like this is found in Persia, where rubies are taboo for brides. It is said that a Shah of Persia, who cut off the head of a favoured wife in a fit of temper, saw, to his horrified amazement, the gems round the severed neck change into blood-red rubies.

Moonstones are supposed to be affected by the changes of the moon, and to be able at certain times to communicate wasting diseases. Aristotle was but repeating an opinion old in his day when he asserted that the moonstone caused "wasting, sweating, and untimely death" when the orb of night was full.

Pliny uses this idea in accounting for the death of a Roman favourite. The evil influence of the pearl is well known. Some people are intensely superstitious with regard to the wearing of pearls on certain days.

Slaves-folk will never, if they can help it, wear pearls while on the stage.

In China the sapphire is banned by most ladies; in Japan, the amethyst is also looked on with disfavour. Probably most of these stories of evil and violence which surrounded the early history of most great gems.

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"What about?"

"Well, we got mad with each other over something."
"How many times," exclaimed his mother, "have I told you, when you are losing your temper, to stop and count a hundred?" "That's what I did," answered the

boy, suddenly, "and that's why I lost."

Billy's mother only told him to count fifty.
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The Explosive Force of Dynamite.

There is a general belief that dynamite exerts its force downward, and in proof of this the average man will point to the fact that dynamite exploded on the ground will tear a hole in it. This is true enough, but if a slab of stone, say three feet square, was raised just over the charge it would be shattered to bits, just as it would if the charge were on top of it. The real explanation lies in the fact that on a stone slab there rests a weight of nearly nine tons of air. Air, if moved slowly, does not offer much resistance, but when an attempt is made to move it swiftly, such as by exploding dynamite, its resistance becomes enormous, and it is as if the dynamite was trying to plow through sand. Therefore, the resistance of the ground beneath the explosion is about the same as that of the air, with the difference that the hole made in the air is instantly filled up again and the hole in the earth remains to puzzle us. When dynamite explodes it merely means that gases liberated expand so swiftly that whatever is in the way is pushed out.

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Bride Elopes.

Having been married only a few days, Mrs. Gladys Shirley has died in California, but friends say, of a broken heart. She flitted her sweetheart on her way to marry him for a smooth-tongued and fascinating stranger she met on the train, who turned out to be the leader of a gang of bank robbers. Twelve months ago, when 20 years of age, she became engaged at Leupp, Arizona, where her parents live, to a handsome range rider named Roy Moser. He later went to San Francisco to take up a position as a cattle expert, and recently sent for Gladys to join him. They were to be married on her arrival at his mother's home. It is a two-day journey from Leupp to the Californian city. The new settler, who gave his name as Shirley and his profession as a banker, who attracted to her at the station at Leupp, and got into conversation after the rain had started. Fashionably attired, dashing of manner, good-looking, and a fast-fire lover-maker, he soon turned the girl's head. They left the train a hundred miles south of San Francisco and were married by a local Justice of the Peace. A few days later, while they were spending their honeymoon at a beautiful resort on Monterey Bay, a couple of detectives seized "Shirley," overpowered him after a desperate struggle, and took him back to the prison from which he had escaped while serving a 20 years' term for his crimes, having been convicted under the name of Books. The shock prostrated the little bride. She communicated with her parents, telling them what had happened, and that she was very ill. They went to her at once, but arrived just in time to clasp her in their arms as she died.

Why Indeed?

Things had gone wrong in the office all day, and the chief was in a red-hot temper, which rose to white heat when he broke his glasses and could only read with difficulty the figures his clerk set before him. "Just look at this, sir!" he roared. "It's exactly like a 7."

"The figure is a 7, sir," replied the clerk. "Then," roared the old man, "why does it look like a 9?"

Very wide bands of fur appear on the skirts of street frocks. The fur-trimmed velvet tailleur is smart for afternoon wear.

Rich lace is shown in waistcoats and on the edges of wide sleeved coats. It is best to bake cake with an oven, steady temperature from 325 to 350.

Roast duck should be served with sour-apple marmalade and an olive sauce.

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