on record in which living beings were passengers, were made in 1862 and 1875. Messrs Coxwell and Glaisher, two English aeronauts, ascended from Wolverhampof 37,000 feet, about seven miles. sensible at the height of five and but at six miles the silence was unbroken. The other ascension, and two companions, from Paris,

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The great Cullinan diamond, which was presented by the Transvaal Government to King Edward on the sixty-sixth anniversary of ed at Amsterdam The disk on which this diamond is being polished revolves at the rate of 2,400 revolutions per minute, and the diamond is pressed down upon it with a weight of fifteen to twentyfive pounds from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. every day. More than ten months will be required to complete the operation. The stone weighed in the rough 3,027 carats, or more than one and one-half pounds. It is being cleaved into three pieces and the part now on the mill will weigh about 600 carats. The actual value of the completed stone will be about \$2,500,

