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At the end of 1899 there were 274,-298 acres of land under coffee in India, all of which, excepting 450 acres, was in Southern India, Coffee production is matnly restricted to a limited area in the elevated region above the southwestern coast, the coffee lands of Mysore, Coorg, and the Madras districts of Malabar and the Nilgiris, comprising 90 per cent. of the whole area under the plant in India. About 47 per cent. of this area is in Mysore, where there were 128,010 acres in 1899, and the plant is grown on 118,514 acres, being 43 per cent. of the whole, in the British districts of Coorg (72,296 acres), the Nilgiris and Malabar (46,-218). In Madras, cultivation on an extended scale is practically restricted to the two districts already mentioned, and to Salem and Madura. Coffee is also grown in Burma, Assam, Bengal, and Bombay, but in all these provinces on a very restricted scale. The yield has been very poor since 1896, that of last year being the worst of the series, and representing only about 17-2-3 million pounds, this quantity being hardly more tha, half the production afteen years ago. Though threen poverty of the crop has been due in the main to adverse seasons in Madras, Mysore, Coorg, and Travancore, the fall in prices since 1897 has removed the stimulus which had been given for a few years to the further expansion of the coffee-growing area, while disease has combined with adverse climatic conditions to reduce the yield. In 1899 there were 27,631 persons permanently, and \$2,656 temporarily, employed on the coffee estates, together 110,290 persons, or one person to about 2½ acres. The following figures are the average of the ten years ending 1893-1900:—Indian coffee—imports, 1,581,171 lb.; re-exports, 735,762 lb. The principal countries to which Indian coffee was exported in 1899-1900 were:—United Kingdom, 17,640,000 lb.; France, 10,847,536 lb.; Ceylon, 1,224,272 lb., Austria-Hungary, 298,704 lb.; Germany, 292,514 lb.; Australia, 272,496 lb.; Asiatic Turkey and Persia, 137

Borax in Europe.

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The greater part of the borax which now enters into European commerce is extracted from borocalcite, a mineral which is formed principally of borate of lime. It is found in great quantities in certain parts of Asia Minor. The process of treatment depends upon the reaction of borate of calcium and caustic soda, which, when added, form borax and carbonate of lime. It has been found that the caustic soda may be replaced by bicarbonate of soda to obtain the same result, the best method being to use a mixture of the two. In the process which is now generally used, the native borocalcite is reduced to a fine powder in a mill. Of the powder, 15 parts by weight are taken, and 60 parts of water, and this is placed in a steam-heated vessel, adding eight parts of bicarbonate of soda, and two parts of caustic soda, and the whole boiled for about three hours. The mass resulting from this treatment is passed into large filter presses, and the end of a few days, the borax may be collected in crystalising basins, and at the end of a few days, the borax may be collected in crystalis; these are put to dry in a steam oven. They are often in irregular masses of large size, and these must be broken into small pieces, after they have been well cleaned. The small crystals thus obtained are assorted and put in barrels whose weight is from 100 to 800 pounds. The cake of carbonate of time which remains in the filter-press is washed with water until the borax is completely extracted, and is then sold to glass, paper or cement works It is estimated that 100 pounds of borocalcite will yield 100 to 105 pounds of crystallised borax.—Scientific American.

The "Jubilee" Diamond.

One of the classes of the Paris exposition that attracted the attention of the visitors most, was undeniably that of jewelry. In the French section was

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seen a series of ornaments of which precious stones were remarkable not only for their size and their brillancy, but also for their number. Never at any epoch has there been so great a profusion of rich jewelry, the price of which would be represented by millons of francs. In one of the show-cases was the largest diamond in the world, and which its owners, who form a society, have named the "Jubilee." This unique stone exceeds all its predecessors, since. In addition to its great weight of 2.39 carats, it is of an absolute purity of water and its cutting presents no error. It is even so perfect and so regular that if it be placed upon the truncated point of its base it will hold itself in equilibrium. Not a cloud troubles the limpidity of its fire, and not a flaw diminished its value. The faultless harmony of its proportions, and its almost supernatural brilliancy, which seems to engenseen a series of ornaments of which

der light, both surprise and charm every beholder. This phenomenal stone was found in the diamondiferous strata of Jagersfontein, near the city of Kimberley, in South Africa. This is, as is well known, in the vicinity of the celebrated exploitations of De Beers.

The finest diamonds known up to the The finest diamonds known up to the present have been the "Regent," the "Orloft," the "Great Sancy," etc. The "Regent," weighs but 136 carats and has a slight flaw upon one of its edges; the "Orloft," which belongs to the Czar, weighs 193 carats, but its colour is nearly yellow and its cutting is defective; the "Great Sancy" weighs 5519 carats. There is also the "Koh-l-Koor," which belongs to the crown of England and weighs 106 carats. Its color is slightly grayish,—La Nature.

Now Zealand has adopted penny postage, taking effect the first of the

"See that fellow over there with the pretty side whiskers?"
"Yes."
"Well, he got up and left the audience the other night when the orator said he wanted to talk to the plain people."—Cleveland Plair Dealer.

Bighter—Yes, sir. I'm dealing in god-edged investments now. Bitton—What are they? Bighter—Gold mines. There's money

in them.

Bitten—You're right. I lost a lot of my money in some of them.—Philaddiphia Fress.

"Doctor, I'm afraid something serious is the matter with my husband" "Indeed, Mrs. Billus? What are the symptoms?" "I braced myself this morning and told him I wanted \$5 to spend for Christmas presents, and a handed me \$10."