

# La Belle Helene Diamond Lake George diamond Landak River lapper

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**La Belle Helene Diamond.** An exceptionally fine 160-carat alluvial diamond. Found on the Orange River, Republic of South Africa in 1951. Bought by Romi Goldmuntz of Antwerp for £80,000 and named for his wife. Cut in the U.S. into three stones: matching pear shapes of 30.28 and 29.71 carats and a 10.50-carat marquise. All were sold privately.

**Lace (or Crown) Mine.** A diamond mine of minor importance located about 100 miles south of Johannesburg in the Kroonstad district, Orange Free State, Republic of South Africa.

**La Favorite Diamond.** A top-quality 50.28-carat stone. Exhibited at Chicago World's Fair in 1934, when it was owned by a Persian and valued at \$1,000,000. Present location unknown.

**Lake George diamond.** Same as Herkimer diamond.

**lambreu.** A Brazilian term for irregular diamond fragments.

**Landak River.** A source of early diamond deposits on the Island of alimantan, formerly called Borneo.

See **KALIMANTAN**. **lap.** A flat, horizontal, diamond-dust-impregnated cast-iron wheel, 12 to 18 inches in diameter, that revolves about a vertical shaft. It is used for grinding/polishing facets on diamonds. Another name is scaife (also spelled skeif or skaif). Diamond-charged laps, often made of other materials, are also used for industrial purposes and for fashioning colored stones. (See photo.) and

**lapidary (or lapidist).** A cutter, grinder and polisher of colored stones. In the trade a lapidary is not necessarily an engraver of gems, this being considered a specialized art. A cutter and polisher of diamonds is classed as a diamond cutter, as distinguished from a gem cutter, or lapidary.

**lapper.** See blocker.

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**La Reine des Beiges Diamond.** A

50-carat diamond. Thought to have been owned by the Queen of Bel-