

# Moon Diamond Mooifontein Moon of the Mountains Diamond

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**Mooifontein.** A minor alluvial diamond deposit in the Bloemhof area, Transvaal Province, Republic of South Africa. The production from this deposit is unimportant. **Moon Diamond.** A diamond identified by this name, weighing 183 carats, was sold at auction in 1942 to an H. W. Thome for the low figure of £5200, then passed into the hands of a foreign potentate, whose name was not divulged. The Moon was described as a well-cut brilliant, almost circular, rather thick, but with good fire and a faint tinge of yellow. It was 1 1/8 inches in diameter and had a 41-facet crown, the bezel facets being divided into two parts. Almost certainly not Indian in origin, it is more probably South African, which would account for its lack of history. Further details are unavailable. **Moon of Baroda Diamond.** The Moon of Baroda is said to have been in the family of the Gaekwar of Baroda for about 500 years. It is a 24.95-carat, pear-shaped, canary-yellow Indian diamond. It was sent to the Empress Maria Theresa of Austria in 1787 by the then Gaekwar, but was later returned to him. The stone was exhibited in Los Angeles in 1926, and in 1944 the then Gaekwar sold it to Meyer Rosenbaum, Detroit jeweler, for a sum reported to be about \$100,000. If it crosses water, it is said to be unlucky for its owner. **Moon of the Mountains Diamond.** Although the Moon of the Mountains was known to be among the Russian Crown Jewels in the nineteenth century, today it is considered to be another celebrated "lost" diamond of history. The description of this 126-carat Indian diamond by early chroniclers may have been faulty. Some present-day investigators believe that it may have been confused with the Great Mogul, Orloff and Darya-i-Nur, all of which may refer to the same stone that was taken from Delhi by the Persian conqueror Nadir Shah and eventually given to Catherine the Great by Prince Orloff. **Mora diamond.** A misnomer for rock crystal. **Morgenzon.** A minor alluvial diamond deposit in the Kimberley area, Cape Province, Republic of South Africa. Current production from this digging is minuscule. **Morrissey Diamond.** See dewey diamond. **Morrow Diamond.** Largest diamond found in Georgia; a 4.50-carat yellowish crystal. Discovered at Morrow Station, Clayton Co., 1887. Present location not known. **Morse, Henry D.** A Boston diamond merchant and cutter who is said to have originated (about 1865), by trial