

Moon Diamond Mooifontein Moon of the Mountains Diamond

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Mooifontein. A minor alluvial dia-mond deposit in the Bloemhof area, Transvaal Province, Republic of South Africa. The production from this deposit is unimportant. **Moon Diamond.** A diamond iden-tified 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 de-scribed as a well-cut brilliant, almost circular, rather thick, but with good fire and a faint tinge of yellow. It was 1% inches in diameter and had a 41-facet crown, the bezel facets being divided into two parts. Almost cer-tainly 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 Aus-tria 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 Gaek-war sold it to Meyer Rosenbaum, De-troit 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 cen-tury, 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 be-lieve 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 dia-mond deposit in the Kimberley area, Cape Province, Republic of South Af-rica. Current production from this digging is minuscule. **Morrissey Diamond.** See dewey dia-mond. **Morrow Diamond.** Largest diamond found in Georgia; a 4.50-carat yel-lowish crystal. Discovered at Mor-row Station, Clayton Co., 1887. Pres-ent location not known. **Morse, Henry D.** A Boston diamond merchant and cutter who is said to have originated (about 1865), by trial