

## Orapa Pipe & Diamond Mine Orchid Diamond wholesaler O'Reilly Diamond

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Orapa Pipe & Diamond Mine. Orapa pipe formerly designated 2125, second largest diamond pipe.

Orchid Diamond. Described as having a "pink-lavender color," this 30.45-carat crystal was imported in 1935 by Lazare Kaplan & Sons, Inc., New York City diamond cutters, who fashioned it into a 9.93-carat emerald cut. This rare-colored gem was exhibited in museums in Boston and Cleveland and was sold in 1940 to a private buyer through a

wholesaler. One overly poetic gentleman once described it as "containing all the color of a mile of tropical sunset." In 1965 it was reported to have changed hands, but the present owner is unknown. green distorted octahedron. Found in 1893 near Oregon, Dane Co., Wisconsin. Purchased by Tiffany & Co. for \$50 and presented to American Museum of Natural His-

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tory, New York City. It was stolen from the Museum and never recovered.

O'Reilly Diamond. See eureka diamond.

O'Reilly, John. Came hunter and trader in the old British Cape Colony which is now known as the Republic of South Africa. Van Niekerk entrusted a stone found by Erasmus Jacobs to O'Reilly in 1867 to have it examined at Colesberg. The stone proved to be a 21.25-carat diamond which made African diamonds known to the world and initiated further development of the great diamond fields of South Africa. This was the first authenticated diamond find in South Africa. It was later cut to a 10.73-carat brilliant and named the Eureka Diamond. See eureka diamond.

Oriental diamond. An obsolete term that was once used to distinguish Indian from Brazilian diamonds after the discovery of Brazilian deposits and while Indian stones were still a factor in the market.

original lot. An unsorted lot of rough diamonds sold by the Diamond Trading Co. See lot.