

painted diamond Pam Diamondpampille cut pan Panna District

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painted diamond. See coated diamond. Pam Brilliant Diamond. See pam dia-mond.

Pam Diamond (or Pam Brilliant). diamond that weighed between 112 and 115 carats (authorities differ) when found, supposedly sometime before 1891, in the Jagersfontein Mine, Republic of South Africa. After the gem was cut into a 56.6-carat brilliant, it is said to have attracted the attention of Queen Victoria. She asked to have it shown to her at Osborne House. At that time, the Duke of Clarence, her grandson and heir to the throne, was engaged to marry Princess May of Teck (later Queen Mary). The untimely death of the young Duke in 1892 put an abrupt end to the negotiations. The present location of this stone is not known. An alternate name for it is the jagersfontein Brilliant Diamond.

(pam-peel"). A dropshape that is related closely to the briolette; it has the circular cross section of the briolette but is usually more elongated. It is covered with rows of facets of different sizes and shapes that become smaller as they approach the lower point of the stone. This form of cutting is rarely encountered. (See diagram.)

pan. A South African name for a natural land basin. In several areas of the South African plateau, the surface rock is more resistant to erosion than diamond-bearing kimberlite, so the point at which a pipe reaches the surface in such an area is a depression, or pan.

Pan, The. A name once used by the South African diamond diggers for the Dutoitspan Mine. pane facets. A little-used name for star facets.

Panfontein Mine (Pan'-fonn-tane"). A small diamond pipe mine in the Koffiefontein area, Orange Free State, Republic of South Africa.

Panna Diamond-Mining Syndicate. A diamond-mining company in the Panna district, Madhya Pradesh, India. See india.

Panna District. The area in India in which the principal diamond mines are located. See india.

panning. The act of separating diamonds from other materials by mixing the gravel with water in a pan

and shaking the pan with a rotary motion, thus decanting the lighter materials off the top.

Paolo de Frontin Diamond. Reported to be a slightly greenish-yellow 49.50-carat rough Brazilian diamond. It was sold in London in 1936. No other information is available. paper marks. The fine scratches or abraded facet edges on paperworn diamonds. paperworn diamond. A diamond with one or more abraded facet edges or scratches on either pavilion and/or crown facets, resulting from being carried loose in a diamond paper with other diamonds.