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## GOLD MINING UNDER THE SOUTH AFRICAN UNION

George Walker In 1882 Accidentally Stubbed His  
Toe Against a Fortune — Today \$225,000,000  
Worth of Gold Is Dug Up Annually.

We were on our way to an Arabian Nights' Entertainment; for hardly less marvelous than Sinbad's stories are the huge underground treasure caves known as the Witwatersrand Gold Mines.

Strangely impressive, as one approaches Johannesburg, are those miles upon miles of mine dumps surrounding the Witwatersrand. Across the vast plain they stretch, like avenues of mammoth monuments, as if promising a climax of prehistoric grandeur.

We asked a local statistician to give us some approximate idea of the dumps' tonnage. He thus replied by letter: "Would you prefer it in ocean greyhounds or in Egyptian pyramids? I estimate that 20,000 Mauritanias would about equal and 12,000 Levathans would somewhat exceed the dumps' tonnage. Or, shifting the comparison, that tonnage would be approximated by aligning across the Rand 102 replicas of the Great Pyramid."

Stubbing one's toe against a ten-billion-dollar gold reef is an experience reserved to the few. It was in 1886 that George Walker, out for a stroll, accidentally kicked into a gold-bearing outcrop of what proved to be the main reef of the Witwatersrand.

And now, upon that treeless, uninhabited no man's land there appeared a tawdry mining village of tents and covered wagons. Telegraph wires hummed and the village became a raw, tin-shack town of 3,000 people. The prevailing crude process lost half the gold worked.

Thus began the babyhood of Johannesburg, which today, though a mere youth in years, is a giant in achievement. The largest African town south of Cairo, and chief commercial plexus of the Union's hinterland. "Jo'burg" of meat, beans and fish—that has a municipal area of nearly 82 square miles and some 300,000 people, or about half the population of the Reef, upon which rises this city built are correct? . . . Here's \$200,000 for the boys' clothing, slickers, and boots.

A town of such spectacular beginnings needs time to settle down to paint and tar—\$180,000. But what's life's quieter realities. Today, 45 years young and quite used to having an annual \$225,000,000 worth of gold pinch of salt, and—

"Salt! Just salt! Why, mamma, do you realize that our little household is costing us, in stores, \$74,000,000 a year?"

How explain the Reef? How was this treasure house built? In order to comprehend, we must imagine successive geologic cataclysms—molten rock being ejected from the interior of the earth; long-vanished seas rushing in to lay sediments thereon; then the sea's retirement, and in its place some great, prehistoric river sweeping through auriferous regions to deposit its granular gold among that three-mile depth of marine sediment.

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(Special to The Daily Mail)

MINTO, August 9—The Minto Miners dropped the third game of the York-Sunbury Baseball league play-offs losing to Devon 9 to 4 here last night. Devon now has two victories with only one more needed to win the title, while Minto must win the two remaining games to capture the league title.

In winning last night the Devonites turned on lanky Charlie Nichols, and while Charlie has turned in great wing this year last night was certainly not his night. He was taken from the box in the second inning and saved for the next game.

"Len" Burrage pitched the first inning for Devon, it being his first performance since throwing his arm out several weeks ago. "Johns" Keene finished the game for the winners, pitching able ball.

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