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DIAMONDS BY THE DOZEN.

Where Diamonds are concerned, Amsterdam is the capital of the world. So when Amsterdam holds an International Diamond Exhibition, it is, to say the least, a brilliant occasion. Even the maps are diamond-shaped.

The Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs opens the exhibition, and he finds it difficult to tear himself away. Diamonds, because of their extreme hardness, are indispensable to industry - but most of us are more interested in their glamorous and decorative uses. More than 5,000 stones make this United Nations flag.

A statuette symbolizing Amsterdam carries in her hand the famous Aschley diamond, of 102 carats. Even more famous, or notorious, is the Hope diamond - splendid blue 44-carat stone reputed to bring bad luck to its owner. It's worth a million dollars - and with that sort of bangle around, it's not surprising you can't move for copper!