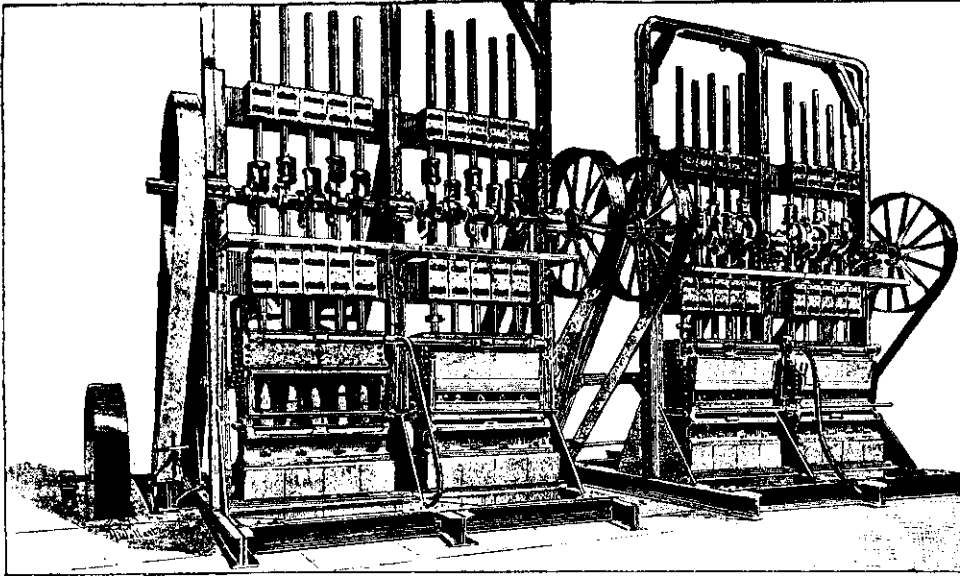


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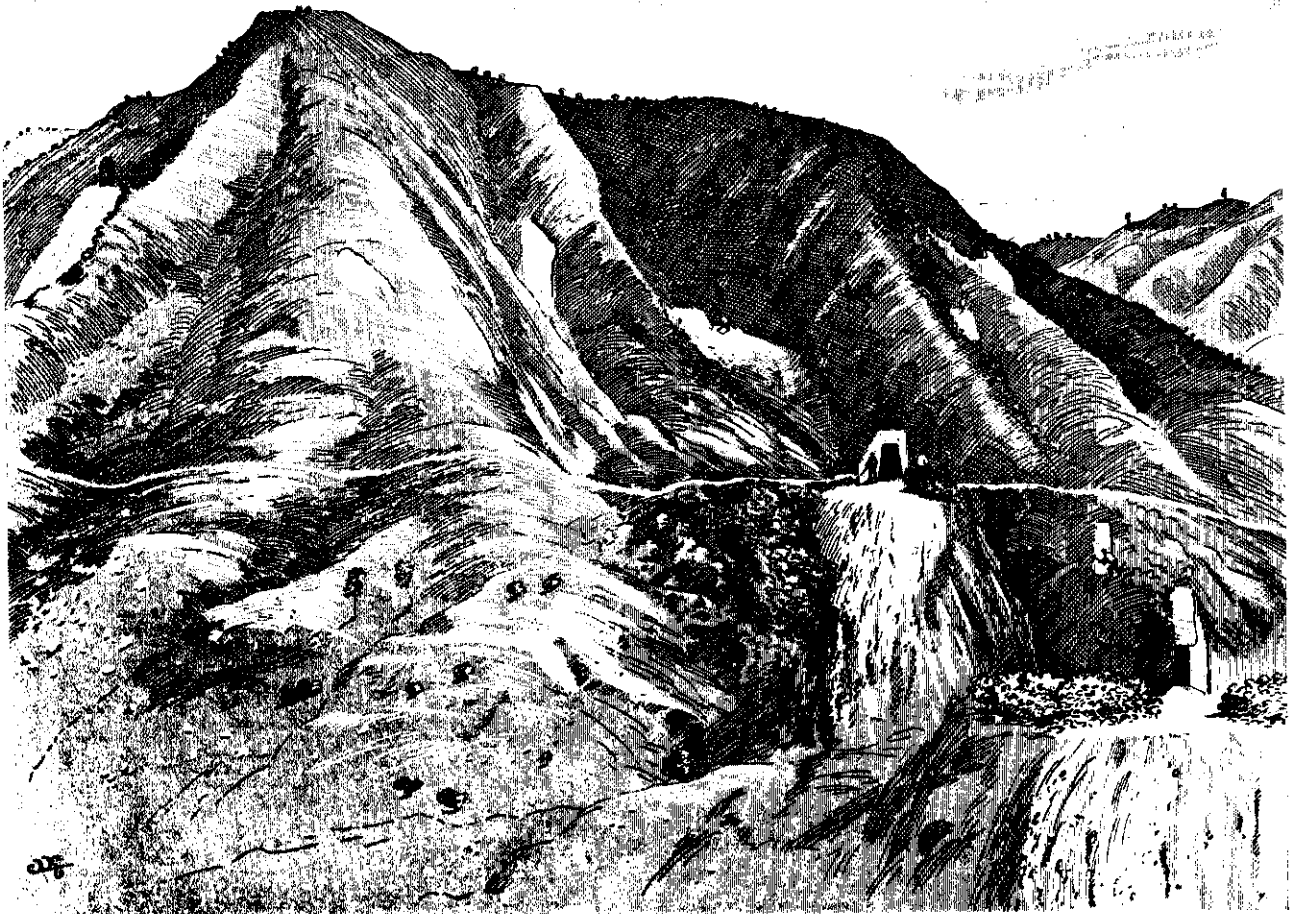
THE accompanying illustration is of a 20-stamp battery, built in England for a South African mine. To those who have not been at the goldfields it will convey some idea of the nature of the machinery used in crushing the quartz to powder.

RELICS OF GREAT MEN.

THE most extravagant instance of literary relic worship on record is said to be that of a well-known Englishman, who constantly wears in a small locket attached to a chain around the neck a portion of the charred skull of Shelley. Of late years a great many persons have visited the former residence of the late Victor Hugo to see a tooth of that celebrity which is kept in a small glass case with this inscription: 'Tooth drawn from the jaw of Victor Hugo by the dentist on Wednesday, August 11th, 1871, at Vienden, in the gardens attached to the house of Mme. Koch, at three o'clock in the afternoon.'

In the year 1816 a tooth of the famous Sir Isaac Newton was sold at auction by a relic-monger of London, and was purchased by an English nobleman for seven hundred and sixty pounds. The buyer had a costly diamond removed from a favourite ring and the tooth set in its place. The wig that Sterne wore while writing 'Tristram Shandy' was sold at public auction soon after the great writer's death for the sum of £2,000, and the favourite chair of Alexander Pope brought £1,000 at a sale in 1822.

MR GEORGE GROSSMITH, junior, has been describing the ways and manners of the English Johnnie. 'I am a 'ohnnie myself,' he has informed an American journalist, 'and can speak authoritatively about the character. When Johnnie rises in the morning he does not take breakfast. He takes a brandy and soda. Then he goes to his tailor and pays a friendly call. From the tailor Johnnie strolls on to Piccadilly and walks that thoroughfare till one. Then he lunches at his club, the Wellington or the Isthmian. After luncheon he hurries home to change his clothes. He goes out again and walks Burlington Arcade till dinner time. In the evening he goes to the Gaiety or the Empire, the only places of amusement in London that he honours with his presence.'



THE PROSPECTOR'S MINE, OHUIA, TAIRUA.

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