Carpenter's Letter

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 and a common price is 360 a year, whith a in. Many of the tarmhands now go off to Belgium and France at harvest time, so that labor is scarce. There le also an exodus from the country to the ctites and th Even in the efties the wages paid scem ridiculous in comparison with thote of theUnited States. The srvernment usually pays as much as anyone. Here are some figures recenty publisted as 10 what men
recefve who work on state contracts: Common workmen sot 5 cents an ther, car. penters 7 cents. Blacksmiths receive 7 cents an hour and turners, plazers. fitters and iron workers 8 cents. The wages in work range all the way from nine to thirteen per day. On the farms both men and as much as the men. as much as me mes
and chlldren. Children are allowed in tho factories at the age of 12 . The little ones go to their hators at 6 ctock, starting work on nothing but a cup of hot coffee ot
perhaps a plece of rye bread, and coming home to breakfast at 8 . They go back an hour tater, and lay off for dinner from 12 to 1 . when they return to complote the day. The wages patd children are but a few
 rules as to apprentices, some shops refusby which they ern hold them atter they bave learned enoush to be of value.
becn eitablisbed and the chlld schools have a better chance to tearn tradee than th the

Diamond in a Meteor A diamond imbedded in the center of a forty-pound metcorite, the firat specimen of the sort ever discovered, was placed on tural Hatory, reports the New York Mall spectmen has beeu publlcly nexhlibted the specimen haf ecen patcoly extion of George Frederick Kunz, recendy loaned to the
Though small the diamond is perfeet and of the purest and hardest carbon. With several other minute particles of black arca of less pure carbon about the size of a large matble. This area is surrounded by solid meteorite iron from tour to five inches thick.
he metcorite is one of a number of specimens or sedertu accovor Prof of Crater mountain, Arizona. The idea of a prospector that he had dikcoverced a surface velin of pure iron ted to the discovery. Several specimens were sent to Dr. A. E.
Foote, in Philadelphla, where they were cut Foote, in Phradelphia, where they were cut tion. The presence of the diamond was re-
vealed when, atter two days and a halt. nearly all of the chisels in Dr. Foote's possession had boen broken and an emery wheel ruined by contact with the hard sur-
face. Pollished corundum, the hardest subrace. Poxt to diamond, was tried in polish-
stance next ing, but the meteor diamond cut through it. Texts proved the substance to be a genuine diamond and troilte and daubreelite substances which prowa an orign not terrestrial were both found in the iron which in-
cased the gem. of other planets or whether the diamond was tormed in the flight to earth is a question. In connection with the latter Idea thg theory is advanced that the enormous pressure applied to the interior of a
mase of tron by the heating of the exterior by friction would crystallize the carbon to the center and form a diamond.
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