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MINING ON THE GOLD COAST.

To the Editor of the "Mining World and Engineering Record."

Sir:—I have lately received a long and interesting letter from Capt. Cameron. He tells me that the rains have been "disabolical," nothing like them since '73; 40 inches in forty-five days, melting away the swish banks, and making even the largest steamers unpropitious. The country has had one good effect. A quantity of black ancerous sand has been washed down from the uplands; and native women, who are evidently better "hydraulicers" than the normal "consulting engineer," have been turning this transformation iron on the diamond quartz. I have pointed out in the "Gold Book," that there are rich "placers" immediately behind Azima. Many ounces have been won, 3s. worth of gold being taken from two boulds, and 4s. worth from four. It is to be hoped that the district, together with our African diggers, will not squander England as the yield of newly bought concessions.

The abnormal wet weather has also had its bad effect; the black hands shiver, and shirk work. Labour, indeed, seems to be getting rapidly worse. The men speak more of the "midnight morn" than of rain; and the days are weeks, and weeks are "substance" alone keeps them idle for three days. They are weak, pinched, and melancholy as monkeys; a head miner was caught throwing a saw from the merriment of running rifles. They light fires in the engine without a drop of water in the boiler. Cameron has been running off the best of his cattle on the veranda of his store, in anticipation of the next crisis of the "water." The men occasionally visit a daughter, and the standard of his pump, and he had to repair damages with his own hands. In the import, I believe, probably due in Mr. Gower's, if I am, changing his mind, becomes an ever increasing necessity.

In short, the families of the localities do not take much trouble about lives, "foreign parts," they have sent Cameron some 700 feet of water from the river, but the material is a mere pittance. They have provided him with nails, but aer a hammer, and, with equal confidence, they have forgotten wheelbarrows, perforated horses, or bicycles for uncovered boxes, blankets, and blanket tables. Cameron's life must be enjoyable. I have to see my blacksmith make many a stand, and my contractor very every which way. The London and General Water Purifying Company's (Limited) PATENT CISSER FILTERS, Charged Solely with Animal Charcoal. No families who value their Health should be without one of the London and General Water Purifying Company's (Limited)

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