

<http://silicium.blogspirit.com>

NATAL STONES

SENTIMENTS AND SUPERSTITIONS
ASSOCIATED WITH PRECIOUS STONES

By GEORGE FREDERICK KUNZ
=

TWENTY-SECOND EDITION

TIFFANY & CO.

DIAMOND, PEARL AND PRECIOUS
STONE MERCHANTS

Fifth Avenue and 37th Street, New York

NATAL STONES—AMERICAN

Month	Stones	Where Found
Jan.	{ Garnet (Precious) Rhodolite	Montana, New Mexico, Arizona North Carolina
Feb.	Amethyst	North Carolina Georgia, Virginia
Mch.	Jasper Californite	California
April	Sapphire	Montana, Idaho
May	Tourmaline (Green) Chlorastrolite	California, Maine Lake Superior
June	Agate Moss Agate	California, Montana Wyoming, Arizona
July	Turquoise	New Mexico California, Arizona
Aug.	Golden Beryl	California, Connecticut North Carolina
Sept.	Kunzite	California
Oct.	Aquamarine	North Carolina Maine, California
Nov.	Topaz	Utah, California, Maine
Dec.	Ruby Rubellite	Montana California, Maine

Copyright, 1909, by TIFFANY & Co., N. Y.

NATAL STONES

The Jewish superstitions relating to gems were probably derived from earlier races and adopted by the Arabian philosophers in their works, by which they became known throughout Europe. The influence of gems was believed in until early in the 17th century, and in regard to some gems up even to the present century.

The association of a special gem with each month was probably suggested by the original breastplate of the High Priest, which contained twelve gems, one for each of the tribes of Israel. The original breastplate was a span long and a span high: 1 span = 8 inches. The arrangement by months came in vogue during the 15th and 16th centuries, but was first suggested in the seventh century, although it is attributed to the Jews, Romans, and early Arabians.

AARON'S BREASTPLATE

3 Emerald	2 Peridot	1 Carnelian
6 Onyx	5 Lapis-lazuli	4 Ruby
9 Quartz	8 Agate	7 Sapphire
12 Jasper	11 Beryl	10 Topaz

