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Charles M. Field was the inventor of the modern diamond cutting machine used worldwide. He was the first man to actually cut the American-cut diamond which was later called the modern ideal cut. Several original pictures of the Henry D. Morse factory where Field was foreman are included in this lot. The factory, located in Boston, Massachusetts and founded in 1860 is where the first native born Americans were taught diamond cutting skills. Includes: the original cutting plans by C.M. Field of the Tiffany diamond, named after Tiffany & Co. Henry Morse & Co. did a great deal of cutting for the firm. The original first picture of the modern diamond cutting machine of which a copy is stated to be in the United States Patent Office. Further on in the book is another picture of the stage in the Huntington lecture Hall of the Lowell Institute, Boston, where George F. Kunz first announced and demonstrated this unique machine. An article from Scientific American, July 18, 1891 that tells of and pictures Mr. Field and his new American originated cutting machine. The scrapbook also contains numerous original photographs, business cards, booklets and newspaper articles related to the accomplishments of Mr. Field and Mr. H. Morse and covers the period between 1860 and the 1930's. A very large size original picture of Mr. Henry D. Morse (1826-1888) the father of the American Diamond cutting Industry. A separate file containing several rare and unusual documents related to the scrapbook

This scrapbook is unique and truly one of the most important documents relating to the jewelry industry worldwide.

Reference: "Modern Jeweler" January 1985, "American Diamond Cutting—the Untold Story" by David Federman, with the assistance of Joseph Gill and this scrapbook, p 33-42.

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See illustration of original cutting plans for the Tiffany diamond

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