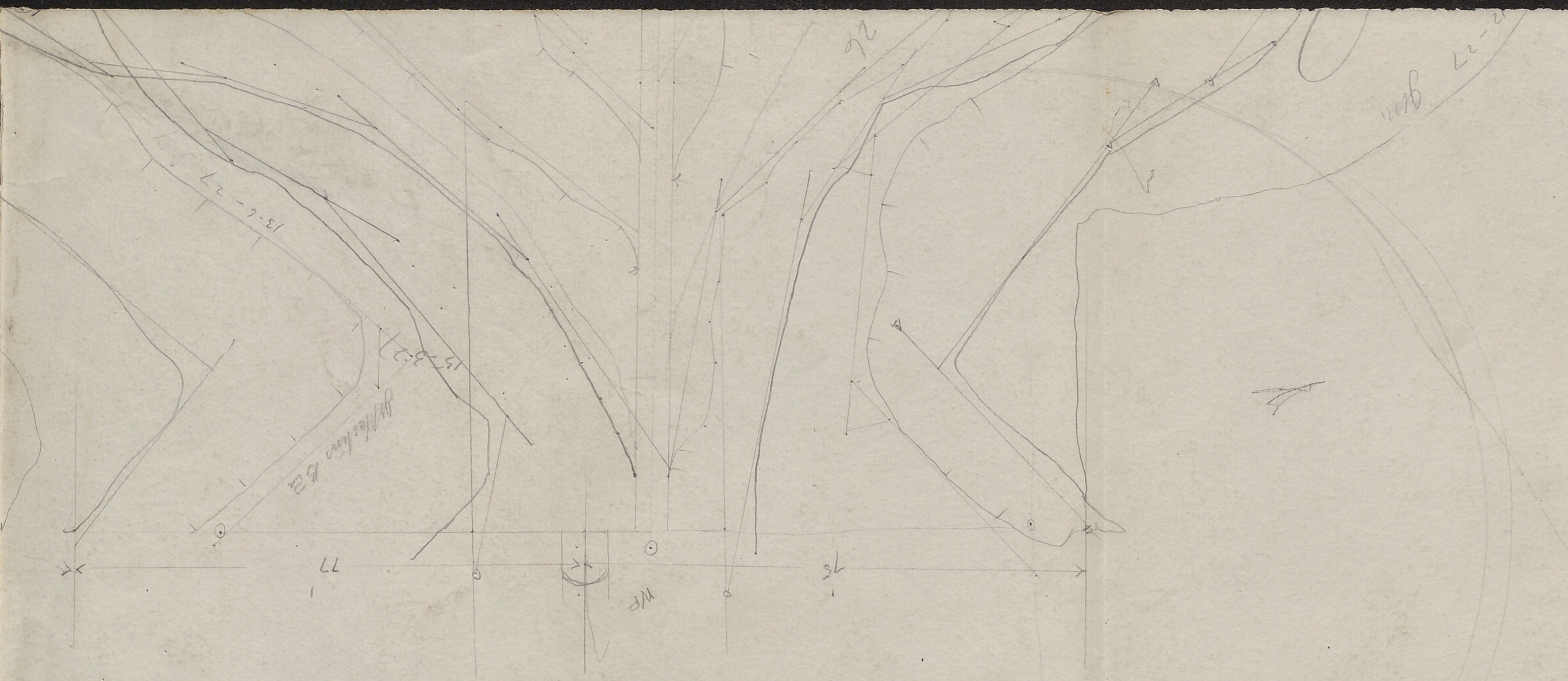


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## John Gilpin Asbestos Mine.

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A valuable discovery of chrysotile has lately been made about a mile from the Jessie Mine siding on the Gwanda railway in Southern Rhodesia. Mr. A. H. Hooper M.I.M.E., the well-known Rhodesian engineer, has reported very favourably on the property, and all the asbestos experts who have examined the fibre pronounce it of very superior quality. A company has been formed in Johannesburg under the name of the John Gilpin Asbestos Mine, Limited, and the capital is £30,000 in 5s. shares. The working capital is £10,000, the vendors take £12,500 in shares, and £7,500 is held in reserve. Messrs. A. P. Nellmapius and C. Kleudgen have joined the Board of Directors. Approximately 750 feet of driving and sinking have been done within the area of the mine at the depth of the main adit. The formation is continuous and well-defined in a longitudinal direction, and two parallel lines may be said to exist in the length of the mine, while cross-veins and shoots are fairly numerous. The fibre is of excellent quality and is up to 14 inches in length, becoming cleaner and better defined at depth. Considerable interest has been evoked by the bulk samples of the fibre exhibited here during the week, and the fibre is stated by some to be the finest of its kind seen in the country. Development is being actively carried out on the property, and two tons of ungraded fibre sent to Glasgow have realised £165 net.

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call attention to the fact that as far back as November, 1927, this journal was the first to pay tribute to the enterprise of the Beryl Company by publishing a coloured inset of the first Transvaal emeralds that called world-wide attention to the finds, and we are glad to know, helped the energetic promoters of the venture in the uphill struggle they have now victoriously emerged from.

### **Katanga Copper, Coal and Cement.**

The comparisons recently published in the daily papers between the richness of the Katanga and of the Northern Rhodesia copper mines must not be taken too literally. "The Katanga," said a well-known Consulting Engineer during the week, "has only been scratched," and there is no doubt that not even the sensational discoveries re

