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China has produced very few new finds. The most interesting specimens were actually from a Chinese collector releasing some of his private pieces - unusual calcite on calcite and the trimming of a large piece of the calcite on amethyst to produce three good smaller pieces.

The best find from Morocco was the world class limited find of scholomerite - a rare garnet. A few of the rare garnet crystals approach one inch and are among the best specimens found of this species.

Kaokaveld, S.Africa, produced some very good hematite specimens and a few interesting dioptase.

A collector had some very good hematite after garnet with bixbyite from Utah.

The blue quartz from Brazil; rubellite mushroom with stem, phenakite, petalite from Burma; aurichalcite with blue hemimorphite,

red calcite, red calcite on amethyst from China; cuprite, nailhead calcite, and orange quartz from Russia: and Libyan Desert Glass were the minerals mentioned in the first report.

Overall, good quality minerals have been difficult to find. Prices for better specimens were high.

I'll be adding the stock from the new finds to the website next week.

I will be adding specimens to the Large Specimen Gallery; classic specimens from England; rutile in quartz and others

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