

wanted to know in what part of the Country it was picked up but Mr. Elliott being bound on honour by the donors not to divulge the place from whence it was procured was silent on the question put to him by Brettana - he however asked Mr. Elliott to keep possession of the metal until the following morning as he knew of a fiery chemical process by which he would test its value and let him know the result

The morning came, Mr. Elliott paid his promised visit - Brettana introduced to his notice on a paper-machine tray, some burnt remains resembling very much the ashes of burnt brown paper he told Mr. Elliott that what he saw was all that remained of the yellow metal, but that there was good gold in close proximity to where it was found - he wanted to know very much the whereabouts of the Country from whence it came but Mr. E. withheld the information for the reason before stated - as also believing at the time that the metal alluded to was valueless

Years had rolled by since the above episode occurred and Forest Creek in Victoria had broken out as a rich Gold Field Mr. Elliott & his party was there In the shallow hole they sank they came on Gold of a nuggetty character and one piece of the precious metal of about two or three ounces in weight so resembled in appearance, size, weight & colour the piece of metal he gave Brettana permission to experimentalize on that convinced him it was nothing else but a nugget of pure gold which Brettana kept for his personal benefit

Some years afterwards when Brettana had experimentalized on the nugget - he was known to leave his Melbourne home and went prospecting for gold, his locale being The Pyrenees Range