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A. Corliss Steam Engine

<https://www.hathitrust.org> – From Jerry Middleton: “I want to share this resource with our group. Link below is to Hathi Trust Digital Library. It is a vast, vast, VAST digital archive, growing by the day. You’ll find any number of resources on any imaginable topic. For instance, for our Corliss presentation, I entered CORLISS in the search engine and got many dozens of references. All the texts are fully readable, so if your search unearths a 600 page book and CORLISS is mentioned once by name on page 473, it will give you a link to go directly to page 473. Truly amazing stuff!!!”

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(Margaret Lawrence shared this article from the Boston Globe on the founder of the Alex and Ani which presents a view of the jewelry industry in RI today.)

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Scotland's New Floating Wind Projects – What We Know So Far -

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