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A tank collector in the United Kingdom was in for a surprise when he and his mechanic opened one of his tank diesel fuel tanks. Inside were gold bars totaling about \$2.4 million. The tank became the owner of Nick Mead, a tank collector and owner of Tanks Alot, a company that offers tanks and other armored vehicles for driving classes, private events, and television and film shows. Mead found the tank, an ex-Iraqi Army Type 69, for sale on eBay and traded it for a self-propelled Abbot howitzer and a British Army truck. Mead and his mechanic Todd Chamberlain filmed the opening of the fuel tank because they had already found machine gun ammunition in an armored vehicle and wanted video evidence in case more ammunition was found. They pulled out five gold bars weighing about twelve pounds worth about \$2.4 million. The gold was handed over to the authorities, and Mead placed a receipt for bullion in the safe. The Type 69 is a Chinese replica of the Soviet T-55 medium tank, sold in large numbers to the Iraqi army in the 1980s. The Type 69 was armed with a 100-millimeter main cannon and a 12.7-millimeter machine gun. The design, first introduced in 1949, is completely obsolete, but still serves in third world armies around the world. It is believed to be of Kuwaiti origin, the Iraqi forces engaged in the large-scale looting of the country following the invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. Six months after the end of the war, Iraqi authorities have returned 3,216 gold bars to UN control. Although history has been widely reported, the value of gold bullion doesn't quite add up. Five gold bars weighing twelve pounds each should cost just \$1.2 million at current gold prices. Either way, it's still a very good deal. Source: Daily Mail, Guns.com This content is created and supported by a third party and is imported to this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and similar content on piano.io it's understandable if reading the news these days makes you nervous. And when investors are nervous, they turn to hedging strategies, including moving some of their assets into precious metals. But no matter how we slice and dice them, trends in gold, silver and platinum are still out of the way. Although gold does make up about 12% of its lows set a year ago, it is far from bullish on the market. The best we can say is that it has remained in the lateral range since its fall in 2013 (see chart 1). There is a technical argument that the entire range is a lower formation. This is not a good argument, since the bottom lasted much longer than the bear market it should reverse. The bad news is that the upward trend on the rise from last year broke down earlier this month (see chart 2). You can have both disruption, and the long-term trading range, but it delays any expectation that believers will get desire with a breakthrough soon. Last week, gold bulls got very excited when metal - and especially gold-mining stocks - jumped when the Federal Reserve made its expected move to raise interest rates for the third time in 2017. The key short-term rate rose by 25 basis points (by a quarter of a percentage point) in the range of 1.25% to 1.5%. This weakened the U.S. dollar and pushed gold prices up, and VanEck Vectors Gold Miners Stock Exchange Fund (ticker: GDX) jumped more than 3%. Even though it's a good gain, mining stocks don't break their decline in the short-term trend, which remains downwards, and the ETF is trading well below its core moving average (see chart 3). There is not so much as in other precious metals - silver and platinum. Both are in a downtrend in the short and long term. Some will argue that the dollar is keeping all metals down as dollar bears failed to capitalize on a major breakdown last August. The dollar index traded below the three-year support level, but soon rebounded above it. In technical analysis, a bad breakdown is a bullish signal, and the bull dollar is usually bearish for gold. Even if we take the dollar out of the equation, we see weakness in the yellow metal. Gold at the price in euros, for example, is also weak. The SPDR Gold Shares ETF chart (GLD), divided by the CurrencyShares Euro Trust (FXE), shows a breakdown below the four-year uptrend (see chart 4). At the same time, metals such as copper and palladium are on the rise. Copper started to rise a year ago. Palladium is currently trading at 17-year highs, just below its January 2001 record. Even aluminum and nickel show some short-term strength, so we have to think that the prices of precious metals are soft for reasons unique to them. The elephant in the room, when it comes to gold as a currency, is Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. After the financial crisis, when governments around the world were printing money out of thin air, the buzz was that gold would replace fiat currencies. Indeed, gold advertising on TV spiked just as gold itself reached its record high of \$1,923.70 per ounce in 2011. (It was trading at \$1,265.60 Monday afternoon.) Now, Bitcoin and others have the same support from investors, and theoretically we can blame some of the weakness of gold on the rise of cryptocurrencies. Despite this, according to a recent Goldman Sachs report, the market capitalization of gold is \$8.3 trillion. Bitcoin, the largest cryptocurrency, currently has a market capitalization of \$388 billion. Goldman also said there was no noticeable outflow of money from gold ETFs. When it comes to graphs, all we can say is that the main trend in precious metals is flat, with minor trends, Below. Until we see some real bottom action, we do not believe that there is any money to be made or portfolios to be saved with gold and its cousins. Getting a technical mailbox: Send your questions on technical analysis to us on We will cover as much as we can, but please remember that we cannot give investment advice. Michael Kahn, a longtime Barrons.com columnist, commented on the technical analysis in www.twitter.com/mnkahn. A former chief technical analyst at BridgeNews and a former director of the Association of Market Technicians, Kahn has written three books on technical analysis. Comments? In an email to us online.editors@barrons.com Bob and carpenter Bob Riley collected a few bookshelves in the store and then built them into a new family room. This room also gets a cozy window seat, and the contractor demonstrates how to trim the new sliding door. These days, gestures are an integral part of using our favorite devices. Whether it's a smartphone, tablet or laptop, napkins, taps and drag are part of the fabric of the various operating systems on offer. In Windows 10, there are several quick access features you can enable when you use three fingers on the trackpad. Not all trackpads may be able to do this. For clarity, we use precision trackpad on Dell XPS 13 2015. If you don't know they were there, you can easily miss them. Here's what you can do and how you can do it. Then in the right hand scroll the glass at the bottom, where you will find two boxes associated with gestures of three fingers. 3. Select preferred settings Here's a breakdown of what you can do and what each thing does: Three Fingers Click Search with Cortana - When the included three-finger tap on the trackpad will bring up Cortana. Ideal if you either can't use Hey Cortana's voice activation, or if you're in a situation where you can't use it, for example, in a meeting. Action Center - Turn this on to give quick access to notifications and quick settings switches with one three-finger tap on the trackpad. Nothing - Turn both of the above. Switching apps is just like using Alt+Tab on your keyboard and allows you to quickly switch between apps you're currently open to. What's better is a matter of preference, but some people will surely prefer access from the trackpad. Nothing - Turn off the action napkins. So a limited feature set, but still a feature of addition to Windows 10. If you spend a lot of time using a trackpad either on your laptop or on a desktop computer, these few options can integrate well into your workflow. For more Windows 10 tips be sure to stock up on our special page here we can earn a commission for purchases using our links. Learn more. Disclaimer/Warning: Much of this content is graphic in nature, showing unfiltered media from the global war on terrorism and other conflicts. 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