## OLDEST LOVE LETTER FOUND

Modern Scientist Declares It to Have Been Written About the Time of Abraham.

The oldest love letter in the world has been found-and read by eyes for which it never was intended. Dr: Stephen Herbert Langdon, Museum of Art and Sciences, University of Penn sylvania, was the man to find this billet doux, written on a tablet of clay about the time of Abraham. He also has brought to life what is said to be the oldest map in existence, drawn about 1500 B . C. or another tablet of clay.
Here is the letter, which, sad to relate, is partly selfish
"To Kaka and Mirslia say
Thus saith Sin-magir.
May the Sun-dog give you good health.

How is this business?
"For a whole month you have not sent anybody to ask about my welfare. Now I direct Shamashepiri unto you.
"Send me 30 pints of barley meal and ten pints of bean flour
"I am in trouble
"Give quickly.
"What you send deduct from your tithes.
"As to the rest, send it according to future instructions."
Evidently the writer was fond of both Kuka and Mirsila, two sisters. Although the letter could scarcely be called affectionate, as the present generation understands the word, its translator assures us that it is a bona tde cross-your-heart love letter.
The map found by Doctor Langdon was of Babylonian origin and indicates
a supposedly suburban district joined Heral

NO TRUTH IN TRADITION
Old Legend of the Drowning of Princess in Petrograd Fortress Proved to Be Without Foundation.
The fortress of SS. Peter and Paul, in Petrograd, has an evil reputation as the former place of imprisonment of many of Russia's idealists, includIng Prince Kropotkin and Madame Breshkovsky; but one blot on its scutcheon is removed by an illustrated article in the London Sphere. The ruticle reproduces a painting by the Russlan artist Flavitsky, showing a tautfell woman stardmb on her, bed In a cell in this prison, seeking to eserenter He This was the Prin cess the entulty of Catherine the Great The radlion is that she was drowned by order of the empress during the inundation of 1777 The Sphere however, shows that she ded of tuberculeis two years before the flood swept through the fortress Thus this sloomy prison and the great empress are relleved of one of the tragedies with which they have been assoclatedThe Outlook.

## In Praise of Music.

Music ades nothing but good; subtracts the evil: multiplies that which we alrendy have; discounts our allments and compounds all of our interest. If you belleve this is true, "push chestral socleties. Sympathize with
and in every way support public school music.
A forelgn traveler in our country said he was deeply impressed with our ing in the field, he heard many a bird ing in the field, he heard many a bird minds me of the old saying: "Blessed minds me of the old saying: "Blessed Take an interest in creating a musical atmosphere in the home, and soon Amertca will be singing and we shall be able to take in musle not only by the small channel of the ear, but through every pore of our bodies straight to the root of our sonls.-The Musician.

## Guard Your Breath.

"A man's breath," says Popular Sclence Moathly, is often a betrayer of secrets. He may have been out late, sitting up with a sick friend, but when he reaches home his loving wife at once opens up her battery of reproaches.
"Now comes the news that two inventors in Osceola, Ark., have Joint $y$ invented a breath-guard of a new pattern. It is said to be efficlent, but not in the manner you were thinking f. It is intended to protect dentists, barbers and physicians from inhalIng the germ-laden breath of their patients or patrons. It consists of a small curved shield of glass placed so as to cover the nostrils and held in position by a spring cllp gripping the partition wall of the nose on the inside. alany diseases are directly comminted ir and a tevice of this of should be a boon to professinal peo le whe are compelled by the nature of their dutles, to be in elose proxim tty to those whom they serve."

## Hint to Mothers.

Let us never be like the mother who sald her boy was not interested in anything. For the boy's teacher when she called noticed that he had a box which he seemed to take care of, and it was not long before she learned that it was a collection of caterpillars. Yet the mother sald that her boy was interested in nothing. The teacher at once showed her pupil that she, too, was interested in his collection. She learned from the boy a great many things about caterpillars that she did not know, and in turn taught him things he did not know.' Teacher and boy became great friends; through this common interest others sprang up and the boy changed from a sullen inattentive boy to a broad-minded, wide-awake man. If the mother could only have shared her boy's interest. how much more helpful they would have been to each other.-Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Etiquette in Mexico.
Travelers through Mexico report many pecultar customs which reflect the temperament of the people. Some or these are founded upon superstitions hundreds or years old while othis a prevalla more recent days. There is a prevailing bellef in the country that there is bad luck in a sequence er possible the is shownwery is shown very often to persons strange to the land in the lighting of a cigIn
In the Unlted States one oftep sees three men light their plll from one In Mexico to offer be a gross insult a match that had a man a light from cigarettes going. Inste started two blow out the moteh and one must blow hut the match and give him

