

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 Pennsylvania, 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. on another tablet of clay.

Here is the letter, which, said to relate, is partly selfish:

"To Kaka and Mirsila 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 Shamashpeiri 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 Kaka 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 fide cross-your-heart love letter.

The map found by Doctor Langdon was of Babylonian origin and indicates a supposedly suburban district joined together by canals.—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

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 article reproduces a painting by the Russian artist Flayitsky, showing a beautiful woman standing on her bed in a cell in this prison, seeking to escape the rising waters of a flood that threatens her life. This was the Princess Tarananova, who had incurred the enmity of Catherine the Great. The tradition is that she was drowned, by order of the empress, during the inundation of 1777. The Sphere, however, shows that she died of tuberculosis two years before the flood swept through the fortress. Thus this gloomy prison and the great empress are relieved of one of the tragedies with which they have been associated.—The Outlook.

In Praise of Music.

Music adds nothing but good; subtracts the evil; multiplies that which we already have; discounts our ailments and compounds all of our interest. If you believe this is true, "push" music. Aid the choir, choral and orchestral societies. Sympathize with and in every way support public school music.

A foreign traveler in our country said he was deeply impressed with our silences. He heard no reapers singing in the field, he heard many a bird cry, but no human songs. That reminds me of the old saying: "Blessed is the man who sings at his work." Take an interest in creating a musical atmosphere in the home, and soon America will be singing and we shall be able to take in music not only by the small channel of the ear, but through every pore of our bodies straight to the root of our souls.—The Musician.

Hint to Mothers.

Let us never be like the mother who said 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 said 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.

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