

TOWER OF BABEL.

Its Remnants Are Believed to Stand Near Babylon's Ruins.

It is doubtful if there is any place in the world so rich in ancient remains as the valley of the Euphrates, in Mesopotamia. The result is that to archaeologists and scholars the place is a veritable "Tom Tiddler's ground," and new "finds" are constantly being reported.

When it is remembered that tradition places the site of the Garden of Eden here, while among its many ruins are those of ancient Babylon, the promising nature of the valley to the scientific excavator becomes apparent.

It is near the ruins of Babylon that we find what many scholars believe to be the remains of the tower of Babel—an immense cube of brickwork, cast by the natives Birs Nimrud.

Recent exhaustive examination of the strange pile and its site has revealed the fact that the tower that once stood here consisted of seven stages of brickwork on an earthen platform, each being of a different color.

The tower boasted of a base measurement of nearly 600 square feet and rose to an unknown height. Even today the ruins rise some 100 feet above the level of the surrounding plain—Wide World Magazine.

WHEN YOUTH DIES.

Shock of the First Realization That One Is Getting Old.

The moment when one first feels acutely that he is no longer young is found to make one pause in something akin to consternation. For vividness it is like a flash of lightning across a blue sky. Life no longer is all before one; even, more dreadful thought, it may be mostly behind.

After the first keen realization there follows a bewildered state of mind due to unwillingness—yes, to an actual paralyzed inability to accept the truth. With all the agony of the startled call of a child at night the heart cries out, "It cannot be, it is not so."

Youth dies hard and fights and struggles in its dying like an imprisoned bird. Others, even those near and dear, are older, are even old; we can see that. But how can the stubborn facts be true as to ourselves? Very gradually, little by little, fighting its way inch by inch, the truth prevails and gnaws at the heart—though only intermittently, of course—until time numbs this emotion as it does every other one.—Robert L. Raymond in Atlantic Monthly.

Poetry and Noses.

I have read that no poem was ever written to a nose. Can you, offhand, recall a single rapturous or even admiring description of one? I search my memory in vain, but produce instead one instance that has always interested me by neglect. You recall that little poem of Browning's, "A Face," the brief and charming description of a girl's profile against a background of gold. The "matchless mood" of softly parted lips, the neck "three fingers might surround" and the "fruit slumped perfect chin" all receive their due of praise; the nose, a seeming necessity in any profile, is not even mentioned. It may be as well, each reader supplies in the lovely face the line that suits him best. The poet may have feared that by its mere mention he would produce the effect too often given by the nose in real life—a heaviness that mars an otherwise charming face.—Atlantic.

Decomposing Water.

Water is decomposed or separated into its constituent gases by passing a continuous current of electricity through it. An ordinary zinc and copper voltaic battery gives sufficient amperage and also voltage to separate the oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen goes to the pole connected with the copper plate and hydrogen to the zinc pole or plate. The volume of hydrogen is double that of the oxygen, and both are chemically pure. Steam, if passed over red hot iron, surrenders its oxygen to the atoms of the metal, while hydrogen is given off pure and free.—New York American.

Bad Memory.

Flatbush—You've got a piece of thread about your thumb. Hensonhurst—Yes, wife put it there to remind me to mail her letter. "Did you mail it?" "Sure thing." "Why don't you remove the thread then?" "Oh, I'm keeping that on to remind me to tell her that I forgot to put a stamp on it."—Yonkers Statesman.

A Hasty Makeup.

An actor once was cast as a brigand in "Ingomar," and the director told him to get a rug, throw it about his shoulders and sit by a camp fire. He did so, his face being toward the audience. In a tense situation he stood up, turned around and almost broke up the show. Worked in the rug was one word, "Welcome!"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Guessed It.

Inspector, examining a class in grammar, wrote a sentence on the blackboard and asked if any one noticed anything peculiar in it. After a short silence a small boy exclaimed, "Yes, sir; the bad writing."—Exchange.

Overcoming Difficulties.

I find nothing so singular in life as this, that everything opposing appears to lose its substance the moment one actually grapples with it.—Hawthorne.

Note but the ill bred ridicule the peculiarities of others.

CHEESE.

(From Journal.)

Did you know that America consumes almost as much cheese as Germany, and that Oregon cheese is gaining a world wide reputation? Did you know that Tillamook, Oregon, produces cheese that is famous?

And the war in Europe has created a demand for Oregon cheese that has the Tillamookers working over time. In fact, Tillamook cannot supply the American demand, to say nothing of that from Europe and the Orient.

The war has put a "crimp" in cheese manufacturing industries of all nations directly involved. For the next few years lovers of limburger must eat the American product or do without. Those partial to imported Roquefort will be able to buy just as good cheese, but must forego the "Imp" that is now printed on the original packages from Europe.

The net profits to Oregon cheese makers as a direct outcome of the war is yet to be estimated.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Danish government prohibits the Ford peace party from holding meetings at Copenhagen.

The Greek elections sustained the government policy, the war party abstaining from voting.

Lloyd Melville, chairman of the Ford peace party, died at Christiana, December 22, of pleuro-pneumonia.

Since the civil war in Mexico began 151 Americans have been killed, twenty-six of them on this side the border by firing across the line.

More than 200,000 of the population of Poland are destitute and entirely dependent upon soup kitchens, where there is issued to each applicant a small loaf of bread and a pint of soup daily.

At least 20,000 Albanians have started to death in the last year and the same rate awaits an equal number during the coming year, according to W. W. Howard, an American shipowner, who has been giving aid.

The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, which cost \$5,000,000 was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on Wednesday of last week. Her crew and passengers, numbering 200 were rescued by a French warship and landed at Port Said. There was one American on board the ship and more than fifty women and a dozen children.

A serious revolutionary movement against the monarchy is reported in Yunnan, the southwestern province of China, and government troops have been ordered from the western province of Szechuen to quell the revolt. Meanwhile it is reported that five provinces, including Yunnan, have declared their independence of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai, the other four being Kwangchow, Kwangsi, Kwangtung and Szechuen.

Henry Ford has been compelled by a threatened nervous breakdown, to abandon the peace party and start for home. For the first time in his life he has been ill and his condition is reported as serious but not dangerous, requiring medical treatment and rest. He promises to join the expedition later if well enough. Meanwhile dissentions in the peace party have resulted in Gov. Hanna, of North Dakota, abandoning it, and Mrs. Inez Mithoffold Boissierat, one of the women leaders.

A WORD FOR FATHERS.

It is the right of a child to see and know his father.

It is wrong for a father to engage himself that his child is excluded from his presence.

No amount of business success can compensate for the loss of a child's love and confidence.

A child needs attention and generally attaches himself most to the parent that devotes most time and care to his welfare.

If a father on week days allows business to stand between himself and his family, and on Sundays buries himself in the Sunday newspaper, or hies away alone in his car, what can he expect of his child?

A man must support his family, and if he is a wage-earner, he has to be absent from home, but when his work is done, his children are entitled to all the affection and counsel he can bestow upon them.

If a man has a profession or a business, he ought not to forget his children, no matter what the clamor of his clients or patrons.

Surely mere money making cannot justify child neglect. An exchange tells of a prosperous family in which the children were turned over to the care of servants. Soon misfortune overtook the father, and the servants were discharged. After that day the parents lived with their little ones. One evening, when the father had returned home after a day of anxiety and business worry, his little girl clambered upon his knee, and, twisting her arms around his neck said: "Papa, don't get rich again. You did not come into the nursery when you were rich, but now we can come around you, and get on your knee and kiss you. Don't get rich again papa." American fathers who are bent on making fortunes need to lay this incident to heart.

A thousand times better not to get rich than to leave sweet and innocent hearts to break for the want of a fathers love.—Ex.

NATIONAL NEWS NOTES.

In Cleveland 100,000 cases of grip or influenza are reported.

Admiral Dewey celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday last Sunday. The annual murder rate in the United States has increased to 6.8 per 100,000 of such persons as about 3,600 per year.

Prohibition goes into effect in several states. Captains Boy-Ed and von Papen,

the recalled German attaches at Washington, have sailed for home, Britain and France granting safe conduct.

Financial experts estimate that since the war began the United States has absorbed \$2,000,000,000 of American securities formerly owned in Europe.

American merchant shipping increased last year by nearly 300,000 tons, or from 7,928,688 gross tons to 8,380,688 tons. The increase was the largest of any one year in our history.

Eight men, including Congressman Frank Buchanan, of Illinois, have been indicted by a federal grand jury at New York for conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust act by promoting strikes in American munition factories.

THE WAR.

No operations of importance have occurred in any of the battle areas during the past week. Hostilities are expected, however, in Greek Macedonia, where the Italians are preparing to attack the British-French forces near Salonika.

The Indian troops have been withdrawn from France for operations elsewhere, presumably in Egypt or to protect India.

Great Britain has created a new division with the United States by asking for consular American mail from Berlin on a Dutch vessel which entered the harbor of Tolucah. She also threatens to seize parcel post mail addressed from the United States to Germany.

The British casualties at the Dar-danelles to December 31 totaled 122,225 as officially reported.

The British parliament approves the call of another million men to the colors making 4,300,000 men in all including the colonies, and this total will soon be 4,500,000.

The total British losses in the war are now officially stated at \$28,227, the killed numbering 19,934, wounded 9,133,248, missing 70,936.

The Russians have opened a new offensive on the southern African front, but Berlin reports the attacks were repulsed with heavy loss.

Serious outbreaks by strong Arab forces operating in Tripoli and Egypt have forced the British to evacuate the frontier part of Sefun, on the Egypt-Tripoli border.

Mc Lloyd-George has been appealing urgently to union labor leaders to permit the employment of nonunion labor in making munitions of war. He describes the situation as seriously threatening to Great Britain unless more labor can be secured for such purposes.

The French steamer Ville de La Coteau was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on Monday, and eighty lives were lost.

An East Indian Crime.

The occidental reader who shrugs his shoulders deprecatingly over the evils of Indian caste has little conception of what suffering the custom involves. Its tragedies extend even to the humble commonplace matters of everyday life. A little incident witnessed by Prince Bojdar Karagorevitch and chronicled in his "Enchanted India" needs no comment.

Stones and flying sticks were thrown at a little parish girl whose shadow as she passed defiled the food of a Brahmin.

He merely throw away the rice, which the dogs soon finished. But the bystanders who witnessed the girl's insolence in going so near a holy man—she, so base and unworthy—flew at the unhappy creature, who ran away screaming and dropping the load of wood she was carrying on her back.

Holland's Colonies.

Holland, with a population numbering only a little more than 6,000,000 and with an area only about one-fourth the size of the state of New York, ranks third among the countries of the earth in the number of its colonies and fifth among them in the area of its colonies. Only Great Britain and France have greater colonial populations, and only Great Britain, France, Germany and Portugal have greater colonial areas. The Dutch rule six times as many people—200,000,000—outside of Holland as there are within its boundaries.—Argonaut.

DIDN'T GET A JOB.

But She Should Have Landed It If Nerve Was a Recommendation.

"I've seen a lot of cool ones in my time, but believe me I caught one the other day that had 'em all skinned for nerve."

The speaker, a detective in one of the large downtown department stores, was leaning against the rail in a police court waiting for her case to be called. "I spotted a woman whose action didn't just suit me. I trailed her for about ten minutes and then, presto, she gobbled on to a bar of five cent soap. That wasn't hardly enough in itself to hang a case on, so I kept my mouth shut and my eyes open as she made her way toward the elevator. When she got into the cage I was right behind her, and I almost stepped on her skirt as she 'traipsed' along the aisle toward the office.

"Apparently, as if in search of work, I played with a slip as she told the boss her story, and would you believe me, she was trying to get a job. She wanted to get a place in the soap department, saying that she had been a demonstrator for a large soap concern that she was tired of the outdoor work and offered the bar of soap she had just stolen as evidence of the fact that she was a demonstrator. "I stood it as long as I could and then said, 'The superintendent 'tells' slip to 'can' her. Can you beat that for nerve?' Detroit Saturday Night.

CHINESE COURTESY.

A Native View of the Oriental Brand of Politeness.

A Chinese, unlike an American, who would oppose other men's viewpoint till it ends in an altercation, is always courteous and answers a question with "Yes, yes, yes, yes." In case he disagrees with his opponent he will say, "Your honor will take more time to reach a better conclusion. Your honor is quite right, but perhaps you may have a wiser opinion later on. I, worthless little brother, think somewhat differently from you. However, my important conclusion may be wrong and yours right. I beg your excellency to take cover the matter."

But a real politeness has its bad aspect. If takes too much time. If a guest is leaving his host's door he has to turn his head and ask a dozen times that the host should not accompany him any further. The same is true of the drinking and there is a great deal of ceremony between host and guest, as it is with diners and every social gathering. Even in fighting a duel one person—provided both are gentlemen—will say to the other, "Pray hit me first." The other refuses and says, "Oh, no, please you hit me first."

Politeness is especially manifested in the form of an invitation. Few Chinese go to an invited dinner on time; instead they delay for an hour or so, polite in the extreme, although consenting to accept the invitation, they would not go to dinner until pulled and dragged in a crafty rough manner by their host. Knowing the habit of his guests, the host always turns out all the members of his family to drag one after another of his invited friends to the dinner. A youngster is often sent out by his mother to hunt their guests like a hound, and, finding them, drag them like mules to his mother's house. Observing such customs, foreigners usually laugh, but they laugh mistakenly.—H. K. Tong in New York Independent.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Tillamook.

Tom Iamay, Plaintiff, vs. George R. Ridgeway, Emma F. Ridgeway, Globe Oil Company, a corporation, Thomas Wayne, Receiver of said Globe Oil Company, and William Zollstar, Defendants.

To George R. Ridgeway, Emma F. Ridgeway, Globe Oil Company, a corporation, Thomas J. Wayne, Receiver of said Globe Oil Company, and William Zollstar:

You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 12th day of January, 1916, that being a day on and after the expiration of six weeks after the first publication of this summons, that being the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint; to-wit, for judgment and decree against the said George R. Ridgeway and Emma F. Ridgeway for the sum of \$800.00, and the sum of \$94.00, interest thereon due Oct. 29, 1915, and for the further sum of \$33.50, and \$25.50, and \$12.77, taxes paid on the property hereinafter described on October 20, 1915; making a total of \$956.29; and for interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from October 20, 1915, until paid; and for the further sum of \$125.00 as attorneys fees herein; and for his costs and disbursements in this suit; and decreeing the mortgage set out in plaintiff's complaint and recorded in book "Y" at pages 12 and 13, of the Mortgage Records of Tillamook County, Oregon, to be a first lien on all of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, of Section Thirteen; and all of the Quarter of Section Twelve; all in Township Three South, Range Ten West, of the Willamette Meridian, in Tillamook County, Oregon, for all of said sums of money; and that said mortgage be foreclosed; and said real property be sold in satisfaction of said judgment, and that the defendants, and each of them, be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all right, title and interest in said real property, saving only the statutory right of redemption; and for personal judgment against the defendants George R. Ridgeway and Emma F. Ridgeway for any deficiency; and for such other relief as equity may grant as prayed in said complaint.

This summons is published in pursuance of an order of the Honorable Geo. R. Bagley, Judge of said Court, duly made and entered on November 27th, 1915, and the date of first publication Nov. 30, 1915, and of the last publication is January 11, 1916.

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