

BOOKKEEPING B. C.

Discovery of Clay Records of Business Transactions, Temp. Darius II.

An American archaeological expedition excavating at Nippur discovered recently in a room 20 feet below the surface some 730 clay tablets, the business records of a rich firm of merchants, Ultrashu Sons.

They are covered with cuneiform characters clear and distinct as when the bookkeeper of Ultrashu inscribed them 2,500 years ago, says the New York Commercial Advertiser.

Among them is this guaranty for 20 years that an emerald is so well set that it will not fall out:

BENEVOLENCE IN ANIMALS.

Instances Which Illustrate This Quality as Existing in Domesticated Quadrupeds.

We have seen a small pig, stuck in a piling through which it had tried to squeeze, assisted by an elder one inside.

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REIGNS WITHOUT WOMAN.

A Barren Land Where the Masculine Will Rule Supreme Over Everything.

There is at least one tiny section of the globe where women are conspicuously absent from society and where man reigns supreme, undisturbed by the vagaries and caprices of even a single woman's will.

There is only one territory of any size—and never has been one—occupied by any considerable population from which woman is absolutely excluded.

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In Denmark the quantity is 45 pounds a head, in Holland 34 pounds, in France 20 pounds, in Norway and Sweden 25 pounds, in Russia 10 pounds, in Italy 7 pounds, in Turkey 7 pounds, in Greece 6 pounds and in Servia 4 pounds.

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IRON GRAVEYARDS.

Proposals Asked in This Country to Build One in Venezuela That Will Hold 25,000 Bodies.

The iron manufacturers of Pennsylvania have been asked, through the medium of the National Association of Manufacturers to submit proposals to the government of Venezuela for an iron graveyard in which to reinter 25,000 bodies.

The graveyards, particularly in Caracas, heretofore have been built of stone, but these have proved unsatisfactory. They were not waterproof.

The Venezuelans have become tired of building stone graveyards. They have been erected at great expense of marble and granite, and it is believed that iron will answer every purpose.

There are also leases of various kinds and contracts for the sale of sun-dried bricks and other merchandise, and for the loan of seed corn and oxen for plowing.

NERVE MAKES A WOMAN.

Thoroughbred Specimen Says It Makes the Perfect Female Mistress of Self.

"I believe that a thoroughbred woman has good nerve, though she may be nervous and high strung," said the woman who looked the thoroughbred in every inch of her slender person.

"Yes," continued the woman, "I am sure it is so. You will find it more often the ignorant people, the people of coarser natures, who lose self-control.

"If I had children, the one thing I would attempt to develop in them would be fine nerve. It means a great deal; it is that which makes the perfect woman a mistress of herself, 'though china fall.'"

SUGAR AND SEA POWER.

From This Showing Each of the Great Maritime Nations Has a Sweet Tooth.

The great maritime powers are all great sugar-eating nations. Wherever the spirit of navigation, commerce, travel and colonization is strong there is a large consumption of sugar per head, says Pearson's Weekly.

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Couldn't Believe Her Own Boy. An old West of England country woman, speaking to a district visitor of her son who was a sailor, said: "Ah, ma'am, my son that has been to the north pole, he tells me some things that I really can't believe, though he is my son. He tells me, ma'am, that he has seen with his own eyes 'ole bugs' as big as a church."

A Japanese named Takuma has been turning the skill in imitation, with which his countrymen are gifted, to nefarious ends, and has been convicted at Sydney of forging seven copies of a rare early New South Wales stamp rated at \$400.

LAMPS HELD MAGNETS.

An Old Conjurer's Trick That is Now Put to Good Use in the Machine Shop.

To hold down to a lecture platform a light iron object by means of an electro-magnet underneath, out of sight, and thus appear to multiply its weight many times over at will—to make it impossible even to lift the object in question, providing the magnet be powerful enough—is an old conjurer's trick which has served on many occasions to mystify the public, says Cassier's Magazine.

Its principle, however, has been applied to several more useful purposes, and one of these, of recent date, is embodied in a magnetic chuck for miscellaneous work, for surface grinding, principally, but adapted also for the planer or the lathe.

The magnetic effect in this chuck is produced by an electro current circulating in a coil in the interior of the device, and, as this coil is wound, preferably, for 110 volts, the needed current can be taken from any regular electric lighting main in or about a shop. The convenience of the device, especially for small work, is obvious.

A magnetic holder for an electric incandescent lamp is another electric shop convenience. The holder is simply a lamp socket containing a small electric magnet, which will make the whole contrivance stick to any piece of iron or steel with which it may be brought in contact.

THE PLATFORM WOMAN.

This Noted Author Says She Has Ever Been a Blot Upon American Womanhood.

The platform woman never has been a credit to, but ever a blot upon, American womanhood. I make this emphatic statement from a personal knowledge of the homes which these women leave behind when they go to their meetings, writes Edward Bok, in Ladies Home Journal.

Swiss maidens are sorely hampered in their choice by tradition. If the American girl was as restricted in her choice of a husband as the girl of mountainous Switzerland she would quickly emigrate from the land of liberty to set up a republic of her own governing in some convenient section of the globe.

Swiss maidens have wide and deep courtship license, but in many of the cantons they are allowed but a narrow choice of bridegrooms, it being a rigorously enforced, if unwritten, law that they must marry a youth of their own neighborhood. In many villages every marriageable youth belongs to a society whose sole object is to prevent any and every youth from outside from coming to court the maidens of the society's village.

The society has a password, frequently changed—almost never divulged. A lover of the village, if challenged, gives the password and it is an "open sesame" through the on-guard ranks of the protective society.

He may climb and wo uninterupted, undisturbed. But the lover from afar must fight his way past the challenging sentinels or use the slowest and most successful stealth.

TOOK HIS WIFE'S ADVICE.

But the Impetuous Woman Did Not Know Where a Man Should Carry His Money.

When the man whose halcyon showed that his wife had peculiar notions as to the way a man should dress his hair quit giving advice, one of the listeners said, reports the New York Sun:

"No man has more respect for a woman than I have, but I shall never take the advice of my wife again upon money matters. She insisted upon my hiding my salary, so if I should be held up the highwaymen wouldn't get it. I draw my stipend at six p. m., and it is quite dark before I get home. She is a good hider in the house, but her talent in that line stops there. Now, she had the brilliant idea that I should put the envelope containing my money under the sweat band of my hat. Highwaymen would never look there, and would never rob a man of his hat. After she had made this suggestion about 40 times I accepted it. I went home as usual on the elevated. I had a slight attack of vertigo in the ear, and the man who always knows what to do said I needed fresh air, and threw up the window. In doing so he knocked off my hat. I went home bareheaded and broke."

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