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The Antiquity of Linen.

The fragments of linen found in the tomb of Tut-ankh-Amen provide unquestionable evidence of the almost everlasting character of flaxen fabrics. Some of the material is in a wonderful state of preservation, especially the sails of canoes of the small boats, while most of the linen discovered in the royal chests is merely a chocolate-colored mass of disintegrated fibre. The sails, though yellowed, are of a lighter hue, and seem to be fairly sound.

It appears to be quite certain that linen which has been preserved from contact with the air will retain its strength for many centuries. Mr. A. Lucas, director of the Chemical Department of the Egyptian Government, states that the direct cause of the "browning" has not been determined. It is probably the result of oxidation, caused by the dryness and warmth of the atmosphere of the tomb.

It may be wondered why for the purposes of ceremonies linen is preferred to woolen textiles, seeing that the latter are probably older than the former. The explanation is threefold. Flaxen cloth is less liable to undergo parasitic life than animal fibre, and consequently will last longer than a woolen fabric. Linen too has always been a symbol of purity. In addition it has invariably been regarded as the aristocrat of textiles—probably because of its cost in preparation.

As the outcome of discoveries made during 1918-1920 it has been established that in 3000 B.C. the Egyptians had mills in which were carried on all the numerous processes of linen manufacturing. Amongst the models—pictures of everyday life in the ancient Nile Valley now in the Cairo Museum—is one representing a linen mill. It dates back much farther than the time of Tut-ankh-Amen, for it was found in the tomb of Wah, a Chancellor in the royal household during the reign of King Menhotep II.

In this model, which combines both spinning and weaving, the women spin and weave in one shop or factory. In all ten operatives are represented. Three women are seated preparing the flax with combs and putting it into buckets. The buckets are conveyed to the other side, where the spinners are shown standing with distaffs in their left hands and turning their spindles with their right hands. When the spindles are full they cross to the opposite side of the room to stretch their newly spun yarn on three pegs on the wall. The spinning wheel did not come into existence until some centuries afterwards.

It is astonishing that with such primitive mechanical appliances, yarns of extraordinary fineness could be produced. The yarn was wound upon a kind of bobbin and so conveyed to the weavers. In this model there are two looms stretched on the floor, and while a woman is engaged at one of the looms, the weaver at the other is attended by several helpers, thrust for what purpose is not clear.

With regard to the looms, Sir Gardiner Wilkinson in his "Manners and Customs of the Ancient Egyptians" describes what may be termed three distinct stages in weaving. In the first, in which two transverse bars are pegged to the ground, the warp is extended between the bars, and the weft is inserted by passing over and under alternate sections. Owing to the warp threads resting on the ground, the weaver was compelled to sit upon the cloth as it was being woven. No selvage existed in fabrics of this construction. In the second stage a frame is raised from the horizontal to the vertical position, and warp threads are suspended from a fixed beam.

The transverse rod, in being operated by the weaver on the left hand, corresponds to a modern heddle shaft in that it separates the threads necessary to form the shed to receive the weft of filling from the weaver on the right. It is supposed that the stick was used both for conveying the weft and for beating it into position. There is only one selvage on fabrics made in this way.

How the second shed was obtained is not certain. Nevertheless, careful inspection of Egyptian fabrics shows that many of them possess selvages that are as perfect as those produced to-day. This leads to the conclusion



that the weft was used in lens lengths, and was conveyed through the shed by a shuttle or its equivalent. When the lid of Wah's coffin was raised it was found to be filled with linen bed-sheets. Thirty-eight were counted. One of them when unfolded was nearly twelve yards long and one-half yard wide. It had been beautifully ironed and starched. Several others bore Wah's name and a date—marked with ink in the corner as household linen is to-day!

Analyses of Egyptian mummy linens show that they contain yarns of such a character as to suggest the highest degree of skill in both spinning and weaving. The "set" is much closer in the warp than in the weft. This may be due to the method then practised of inserting the shuttle into the warp shed with one hand, and receiving it at the opposite side with the other hand.

Then, too, since there was evidently no "lay" for beating up the weft, the operation had to be performed with the aid of a stick. This necessarily meant very tedious work, however skilful the weaver might be. Nevertheless some of the textiles woven compare favorably with modern productions. Probably the following extract will best describe the high standard then attained:—

The most remarkable piece of fine linen is one found near Memphis, which well justifies all the praise bestowed upon the manufacture in former days, and excites the admiration of all who see it. It is of unrivalled fineness and is really linen. The number of threads in the inch are 540, or 270 double threads in the warp, and only 110 in the weft. The perfection of its threads is equally surprising as the knots and breaks seen in the finest cambric are not found in holding it up to the light. This was a mode of proving fine linen cloth known to, and practised by, the ancients.

Singularly enough, the preparation of the fibre as then practised in Egypt corresponds in many respects with the method still applied in Northern Ireland. As a matter of fact some authorities consider that this warrants the theory that the origin of the linen industry in Ireland was due to the migration thither of Egyptians skilled in the art.

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Junior League Football.

TWO GAMES SCHEDULED FOR WHOLE HOLIDAY.
Monday, July 2nd will be a gala day for the Junior League as two games will be played, one in the morning at 11 o'clock and the other at 7:30 in the evening. The morning game will be between the Cadets and Wesley Y.M.L.C. The line-up will be—
Cadets—Goal, J. Phelan; backs, J. Jackman, W. Thomson; halves, L. Gardner, R. Richardson, C. Power; forwards, R. O'Toole, T. Furlong, P. Kavanagh, J. Dooley, G. Kearney.
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