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Ancient Babylonians Founded Parcel Post.

Even the parcel post was known to the civilization of ancient Babylon. In fact, if we knew more about ancient days and countries, we might find that most of our modern conveniences were old when Nebuchadnezzar suddenly became a vegetarian.

A recent investigator among museum collection of ancient brick, or baked clay letters and books has written a book detailing particulars of the books used, postage and packages dispatched by post many centuries ago.

The Babylonians used tags of clay, pressing these on a card while they were wet or drawing a rope or cord through holes made for it in the clay; the tablet tag was then attached to any commodity that was to be sent out. It was practically indestructible. In cuneiform a scribe scratched on the label the contents of the package, its destination and price of receipt. When the package arrived, the recipient read, paid, signed and detached the tag. He then baked the label, to preserve it as a record, and filed it away. It contained an itemized memorandum which he needed to refer to afterward in balancing his account.

Reposed in the Archives.

This label reposed in the archives of the man who had received the goods. These archives were small,

modest ones in a private home and were part of the library; but in large business houses, and, particularly, in the temples, the archives were large and important. There is no doubt any more in the minds of archaeologists that the Babylonians were the most businesslike people in the world and that all their records, business and private, were preserved in a very complete filing system, and that there was a card index arrangement (of clay) attached, with alphabetical or other indicating list. Prof. Raymond Philip Dougherty refers to this in his "Records From the Time of Nabonidus," another recent publication of cuneiform redactions. He says he found numerous manifestations that "tablets in the temple archives were systematically arranged primarily according to subject matter, and that the scribes and attendants had a proficient means of looking up records."

The professor is more explicit in describing a group of finds among the clay tablets. "These labels, suspended on a card, as shown by the two holes on the left half edge, were attached to the outside of the archives case. They state the character of the records or documents filed in each particular case, and so are the equivalents of the labels on filing cases to-day. The classification, cataloguing and filing of the great number of records concerning the temple's transactions were entrusted to a staff of scribes or registrars." It sounds most ancient!

And in all these files were to be found express tags. What soaked and battered express tags from an express parcel in 1920 A.D. could be put on file in any well appointed office?

System Was Very Simple.

We of to-day in sending off an express package have to have an extra system of slips and books and a double signing besides our tags to secure the transit of any goods. But each Babylonian—the sender and the recipient—was involved in only one medium of record. The sender kept the copy of that, and to the recipient came a well-nigh indestructible brick of convenient dimensions (these clay records can be held in the palm of the hand usually), which served as a receipted bill, since it was signed by the carrier on delivery and payment, and a proof of the safe arrival of the goods. If the goods were not satisfactory, he did not accept, or he accepted readjustment being explained in cuneiform on the label.

That express delivery was carried on before cities and between countries as was, undoubtedly, the postal system that archaeology has found to have existed in 3,000 and 4,000 B.C. Barton and Reiser, both well-known decipherers of cuneiform, are authority for the claim of an "in-urban post, the cost of which was shared by the different cities" which enjoyed it. Reiser found evidences of a kind of parcel post. "The governor of Simas receives 30 qa of food by messenger." This may, however, be one with the express service, just as larger consignments of goods, by boat or caravan, would correspond to our freight service.

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A Man Without a Heart.

"You have no heart!"
Pale but fearless she stood before him, and looked him squarely in the eye.

She was poor, but proud. Adverse fortune had reduced her wardrobe to the calico level, driven her and her venerable mother to the top flat of a back street house, and hardened the lines about her still beautiful mouth. But it could not dim the lustre of her blue-black eye, or tame the unconquerable spirit that animated every fibre of the lissom from standing erect with unconscious grace, and awaiting his answer.

"You have no heart!" she repeated. "No, miss," replied the butcher, "but we've got some mighty nice liver. Will that do just as well?"

Worked Both Ways.

"Bothered with time-wasting callers, are you? Why don't you try my plan?" asked the first.

"What is your plan?" said the second.

"Why, when the bell rings I put on my hat and gloves before I open the door. If it proves to be someone I don't want to see, I say, 'So sorry, but I'm just going out.'"

"But suppose it's someone you want to see?" asked the second.

"Oh, then I say, 'So fortunate, I've just come in,' said the first.

Some Invention.

"Has this car got a speedometer?" asked an old gentleman of the auctioneer at one of the Disposal Board sales.

The auctioneer was equal to the occasion and replied: "At thirty miles an hour it exhibits a white flag, at forty miles a red flag, and at fifty miles a gramophone begins to play 'I'm going to be an angel, and with the angels dwell.'"

Towers of the Deep.

DEFENSIVE MYSTERY SHIP FOR PORTSMOUTH.

One of the "mystery towers" intended as a surprise for Germany, was launched this week at Shoreham and subsequently "sunk" off Portsmouth, where it will be used for defensive purposes. The towers have been objects of much curiosity and conjecture, as to their ultimate use, and as a result they have become known as "mystery ships." Each of the towers is 180 ft. in height, the first four tiers being of hollow blocks of reinforced concrete hexagonal in shape. Nearly 100,000 of these blocks have been used in each ship, and the total weight of concrete used is about 3,000 tons. The steel work of the superstructure weighs, roughly, another 1,000 tons. In spite of all this, the draught when afloat is only 14 ft., so that almost 170 ft. rise above the surface of the water. Each of the towers cost about £1,250,000. The craft were designed by a Scottish en-

gineer, Mr. Menzies, while Mr. H. A. Clift, a Canadian engineer, volunteered to build the ships, and was sent to Shoreham in June, 1918, with orders to supply eight within six months—an order which the Armistice modified. Altogether 16 were required. The launching was of a private nature, but notwithstanding the fact, dense crowds lined the beach at Shoreham when the ceremony took place. The entrance to the harbour had been dredged, and six powerful tugs were used in the removal of the tower. With a placid sea, and running on a neap tide, a start was made to move the structure from its moorings at 11 o'clock. Two tugs undertook this task, and with a long, steady pull, the monster gradually yielded, and inch by inch moved towards the mouth of the harbour. The seaman-ship in getting her through the harbour was marvellous, as there was only a 5 ft. clearance—i.e., 2 ft. 6 in. at each side; and yet, so carefully was the whole thing carried out, that not even a pile was scratched. Loud cheers were raised, and sirens were blown as the ship passed the gates of the harbour. Once out in the roadstead, two more tugs assisted in the propulsion of the great craft, while two more took up their position astern as "controls." The Tower Ship arrived in the precincts of the Port of Portsmouth about eight next morning, and was taken to a temporary position off Culver, on the eastern side of the Isle of Wight. Operations were at once commenced to sink this floating mass of concrete and steel. The work proceeded slowly in calm weather, but so hazy that it was only possible to obtain an occasional glimpse of the tower. It was the intention of the authorities that the concrete base should be ready finally to rest at the bottom of the sea at low water, and gradual sinking was accomplished by pouring liquid concrete into the hollow blocks in the base of the tower. Just after 7 p.m., it was reported that the difficult task had been successfully completed, and that the Mystery Tower had been converted from a floating object into a solid block of concrete, capable of withstanding the force of storm and tide, and becoming, at the same time, part of the defences of the Solent, as well as a guide to mariners.—News of the World.

Hawaiian Motors Run on Whiskey.

Hawaii's great industries are sugar-making and canning pineapples for export. Since alcohol is derived from sweetening, the islands have right at hand the material for distilling the spirit which dilutes into whiskey.

When the price of gasoline soared into higher regions, it occurred to the Hawaiians that what gives fits to humans, might also energize their automobiles.

The idea worked out splendidly, and not at all to the demoralization of thirsty chauffeurs. The U. S. Government looks after that end of it, and "denatures" every drop of it, making it unfit for human consumption.

The price is now said to be about eight cents a gallon, and it produces one-fifth more power than gasoline, leaving much cleaner cylinders.

But the fact does not work as well in cold climates, or even when the engines are cool. Possibly we may not be able to use the new auto-food in Canada yet awhile.

May Overcome Difficulty. The difficulties have been overcome, however, in Hawaii with the aid of ether, which will mix with alcohol in all proportions.

It is very volatile, has a high vapor pressure and an extremely wide range of explosive mixture with air, has a high thermal value, burns with no solid products of combustion, and is easily and cheaply produced wherever alcohol is available. It is therefore possible to produce a mixture of alcohol and ether in such proportions as to form an ideal fuel for gasoline engines in that climate, giving great power, speed, and flexibility combined with smoothness of operation and ease of starting.

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The Prussians After Waterloo.

Now that the situation is reversed, it is interesting to read what Captain Gronow has to say in his book of reminiscences, about the behaviour of

the Prussians in Paris after Waterloo:

"It is only just to say that the moderation shown by the British Army, from the Duke of Wellington down to the private soldier, during our occupation of Paris, contrasted most favourably with that of the Russian and Prussian military. Whilst we simply did our duty, and were civil to all those with whom we came in contact, the Russians and Prussians were frequently most inconsiderate, and never lost an opportunity of insulting a people whose armies had almost always defeated them on the day of battle. I remember one particular occasion, when the Emperor of Russia reviewed his Garde Imperiale, that the Cossacks actually charged the crowd, and inflicted wounds on the unarmed and inoffensive spectators. I recollect, too, a Prussian regiment displaying

its bravery in the Rue St. Honore on a number of hackney coachmen; indeed, scarcely a day passed without outrages being committed by the Russian and Prussian soldiers on the helpless population of the lower orders."

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