STONE FROM THE TEMPLE.

A GREAT CURIOSITY IN THE UNI-VERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The History of a Block of Marble That Formed a Part of the Temple Inclosure at Jerusalem at the Time of Christ's Birth-Copies for Colleges.

Among the most valuable and interesting of recent additions to the University museum is the cast of a Greek inscription, discovered at Jerusalem some years ago. The University of Pennsylvania obtained possession of this cast, in connection with its Babylonian expedition, through the efforts of the Hon. O. S. cast of this inscription, and, by interesting ex-Secretary Bayard, permission was obtained from the Imperial museum at worthless.

Since then Professor Millington, of Roberts college, at Constantinople, and ex-Minister Strauss have secured two additional casts for this country, one hav- Ledger, ing gone to the University of Rochester and the other to the University of Pennsylvania. The copy belonging to the University of Pennsylvania was badly broken in the transportation, but has been sufficiently mended to have new casts made. Harvard and Yale, as well at Mt. Airy, and the Protestant Episcopal Divinity school, have applied for facsimiles of this east for their libraries. HISTORY OF THE INSCRIPTION.

An interesting story is connected with the discovery of this inscription. On the 26th of May, 1871, the French explorer, Clermont-Ganneau, who spent many years in Jerusalem, and to whom the Louvre in Paris owes a number of its best specimens, was examining the partially ruinous walls of the old Mohammedan school in Jerusalem, near the Via Dolorosa, about 150 feet north of the Haram wall. The Frenchman, with the searching curiosity of an archæologist, was scrutinizing every stone that showed evidence of having been out or chiseled by human hands. While he was thus engazed he noticed on a large block of stone, projecting a few inches above the ground, several Greek letters. Early Greek inscriptions in Jerusalem are exceedingly rare, and, accordingly, he aswatching him, and then proceeded to lay bare part of the stone.

To excite no suspicion he did not remain very long and before leaving filled centrated on this peninsula; the hunters in the earth about the stone as it had then advanced by loat or along the land been before. The next day he returned and shot them down at leisure. At with the proper implements, uncovered the stone and found that it was a block of martile, with an area of 3 by 2 feet, surefully chiseled and showing seven lines of a well preserved Greek inscription. The interpretation presented no still tell of the big money made by difficulty, as the characters were large and legible. The inscription read as follows: "No Gentile is to enter within the inclosure of the temple. Whoseever disobeys this rule will incur the penalty of

Ganneau Immediately concluded that this stone must formerly have belonged before the birth of Christ was part of a wall that formed an inclosure about the sacred fane of the Jews. Josephus relates that on the southern and castern sides of the Temple, parallel to the porticoes erected by Solomon and by Herod, there was a wall several feet high, in which, at certain intervals, there were Greek and Latin inscriptions, forbidding Gentiles to enter the court of the Temple. The workmanship and the size of the stone discovered by Ganneau corre spond precisely with the description given by Josephus, and the peremptory style of the inscription leaves little room to doubt that the stone actually formed part of the wall surrounding the Temple.

AN INTERESTING ILLUSTRATION. The prohibition inscribed on this piece of marble thousands of years ago forms an interesting commentary to the story related in the twenty-first chapter of the the Jews of Asia stirred up all the people: against Paul because he "brought Greeks | said: also into the temple and hath polluted this holy place. (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus, an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) And all the city was moved, and the people draw him out of the temple; and forthwith the deers were shut.

The wrath of the Jews is much more clearly understood and seems quite natural when we see by this inscription how corner.—New York Sun.

money and got off the car at the next and as savory as any aldermanic gourmand could desire." It must be underjealously they guarded the entrance into our temple, and what a severe penalty they inflicted upon Gentiles for entering

even the outer court or inclosure. Reference is made to the same feature In the second chapter of the Enistle to the

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Dr. J. O. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists. Price \$1; six bottles, \$5. Ephesians, where Paul says that Christ is our peace, "who hath made both Gentiles and Jews) one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition." It was natural that the discovery of

this interesting stone could not be kept secret, and accordingly Ganneau made it known in a letter to The Athenæum, and wrote a monograph on the meaning and historical value of the inscription. But when an attempt was made to secure the stone for the Louvre, at Paris, the possor of the school house where it was found, under the impression, which is very prevalent in the east, that every archaeological object is worth an immense sum of money, demanded \$10,000. When the Turkish governor of Jerusalem heard of the discove y of the stone he had it dug up and brought to his palace, when he himself offered it for sale at

\$10,000. But there was no buyer. Suddenly the stone disappeared and no trace of it to obtain the first could be found anywhere. When, thurs taste, the weaker Strauss, formerly United States minister | teen years after this, Dr. Mordtmann, of | one s | being at Constantinople. The University of Constantinople, a well known Semitic obliged to wait Rochester made an attempt to secure a scholar, was one day examining the until the bottom treasures in the Turkish museum, Tshinili Kiosk, in Constantinople, he discovered the lost stone, and published his discovery in the journal of the German Constantinople to have a cast of the "Palestini society" (1884). The original original inscription made and forwarded. stone is still kept in this museum, which The cast, however, arrived in such a is under the direction of the Turkish arbroken condition that it was practically chaeologist, Hamdi Bey, who became known several years ago by his extensive excavations of sarcophagi at Siden.

The cast which the university has obtained is in every particular a faithful ger. All this crowding and unequal fac-simile of the original.—Philadelphia

Devil's Lake.

Devil's lake is a body of brackish the weather, but covering about 200 portion at B. When feeding is to be done square miles on an average, and having pull on the handle C when the position an outlet by a marshy stream to the indicated by the dotted lines is assumed; casts made. Harvard and Yele, as well chevenne river, only in wet seasons, as the Lutheran Theological Seminary. Though the water is too saline for a feed and distribute it evenly in the trough. stranger to drink it, yet it abounded with The handle C is released and the occufish in its natural state; and even now, pants simultaneously commence eating. in the dead of winter, one may see To see the poor old creatures outlay, kneeling on the margin of the holes they | The following summary of results as under the edge of the ice to spread the can hardly fail to be of interest: seine-thermometer from zero to 30 below-is a novel and interesting sight to the tourist; that is, if he is well wrapped in a fur coat and has thick moccasins or "German socks" over his heavy boots.

two by a sort of peninsula, with a spoon or one bushel produced 13} pounds. shaped extremity running out into the falo drive. Stampeded by mounted men, duce 124 pounds of pork. from a large section adjacent the animals fled to the lake and were gradually conlength the white man broke in; the great Turtle mountain buffalo raids began; for seventy miles in a line the pro- the next summer was a Golgotha-wallened with buffalo skeletons-and old settlers gathering their bones. In five short years every buffalo was gone, and the Indians had to starve, fight or emigrate. They fought and were whipped; part emigrated and the rest are starving .- J. H. B.

An Honest Car Conductor,

boarded a street car in Hoboken and handed Conductor Spencer a coin. Spencer felt the milled edges, and, thinking three bushels of oats as food for fattenit was a flity cent piece, he put it in his ing hogs. pocket without examining it and returned forty-five cents change, which the other man quickly put in his pocket. A few minutes later the conductor was making change inside the car and discovered that the supposed fifty cent piece was a \$10 gold piece. He put it back in his pocket and asked the Union Hill man the denomination of the coin he had given him. "It was a quarter," the Union Hill man said.

you are entitled to," Spencer remarked, He says: For market the desired points

not offer to return the change.

"I'm satisfied if you are," said Spencer. Nothing more was said until the car reached the top of the hill at Weehawken dan on Cochin or Brahma, or Cochin on Acts of the Apostles, where it is said that | and the man had shown no sign of re- | Dorking. The latter cross is after the turning the twenty cents. Then Spencer English fashion. They take a good

you gave me and call it square,"

gave you a \$10 gold piece." ran together; and they took Paul and intended to swindle me out of twenty in size is sacrificed, while another first cents. Here's your \$10, but you don't rate cross, in point of quality, is added. deserve to get it back."

A Unique Newspaper.

erville, in his cozy office in the big West- When we make the cross we have the ern Union building, a reporter espied a ideal of our experiment; beyond that The Prince Albert Critic. Its size is four recommend interbreeding. pages, four columns to the page.

The paper has a circulation of several hundred copies and is a specimen of what can be done by an enterprising A Minister's Experience with Bees at Midjournalist without a font of type. The mode of issuing it is rather peculiar. The matter, instead of being set in type, prepared paper, the rest of the issue being imprints of the original sheet. The paper is newsy for its size, contains York World.

Paint from Potatoes.

Potato paint is a novelty which is said to adhere well to wood and plaster and warming the room, on those rare occato be very cheap. To make it boil one pound of posted potatoes, mash, dilute with water and pass through a sieve then add two pounds of Spanish white in four pounds of water. Different through which the heat from the parior colors can be had by the use of the ordi- stove below passed on its way to the nary mineral powders,-New York Tel chimney. The parior stove had been lit

FARM AND GARDEN.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF FARMERS AND STOCK BREEDERS.

Acts About Feeding Swine of Interest to Those Engaged in Practical Pork Producing-Illustrated Plans of Pig Troughs That Are Worthy of Consideration.

Most farmers think that any kind of a trough is good enough for a hog to drink

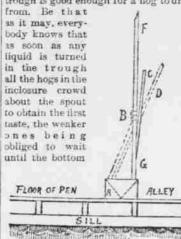


FIG. 1-FIG TROUGH

of the trough is flooded ere they can quench their thirst or appease their hunfeeding may be regulated, says a correspondent in Rural New Yorker, by the simple appliance shown in Fig. 1.

A trough, A, is located beside a fence Devil's lake is a body of brackish or division in the pen, a board, G, about water of uncertain size, according to a foot and a half wide is hinged to the

The plan shown of Fig. 2 is intended groups of wiry old squaws here and there to prevent crowding. The top of the on the ice (four feet thick at the least!) trough is divided in separate apartments "working the dip seine" and bringing by cleats, as shown. They should be made out at each hanf two or three pickerel, of hard wood with rounded edges and which are thrown on the ice to freeze firmly nailed not more than one foot solid in a few minutes, after which they apart. The plan shown at Fig. 1, while are handled like stones or billets of more expensive, is well worth the extra

have cut through the ice, and with one obtained by Professor Hunt, of the Illiarm, bare nearly to the shoulder, thrust nois College farm, in his experiments, It required 13.89 pounds of skim milk to

produce one pound of pork when fed with corn meal, ratio 1 1-7 to fattening hogs. It required on an average 44 pounds of shelled corn to produce a pound of pork The lake in one place is almost cut in during an average period of four weeks,

It required 44 pounds of corn meal to lake; and there the Indians in the "good | produce one pound of pork, or one bushel sured himself that no Monammedan was old times" used to make their great buf- of corn made into meal and fed will pro-

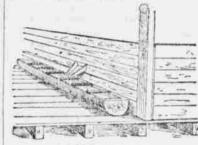


FIG. 2-FIG TROUGHS. When fed dry, shelled corn is more economical than corn meal to feed fat-

by weight of corn meal.

One bushel of corn is worth nearly Corn fed pigs gained 4+ pounds per week, and ate about 21 pounds of corn

per 100 pounds of live weight. Indian corn is the most economical pork producing material during the winter months in regions where extensively grown.

A Plea for Cross Bred Poultry.

A New Jersey poulterer makes a plea in American Agriculturist for market "I gave you twenty cents more than poultry obtained by proper crossing. are an increased production of eggs and The Union Hill man laughed, but did improvement for the table. These are the legitimate grounds which justify cross breeding. In crosses we combine quality with size, as, for example, Hou-2-year-old Cochin cock and mate with "If you keep my change I'll keep what six good Dorking hens of a year old. The pullets of the cross are next season The Union Hill man put his hand in mated with game, and their produce is his pocket and exclaimed: "By Jove! I then marketed. Thus they gain size from the Cochin, and quality from the "You did," replied Spencer, "and you Dorking. By the game cross very little An Englishman, referring to this cross, The prominent citizen pocketed the once said: "The flesh is white as snow, stood, however, that nothing is gained by mating the progeny. Cross bred Lying on the desk of Mr. W. B. Som- birds should never be mated together. very strange newspaper. At first it there is a downward tendency. We do looked like a large piece of fooiscap not believe any great success can be obclosely written, but upon closer exami- tained in mating for increased egg pronation it proved to be a real live news- duction. That is, no cross can be sepaper written by hand. This unique cured that will give a higher egg record newspaper is published at Prince Albert, than that which some of our noted a small hamlet in the center of the Cana- strains now have. It is principally for dian northwest territory, and is called an improvement of table quality that we

IN THE SPARE CHAMBER,

wight in a Country House.

I was put to sleep in the spare room, or guest chamber, of a country parsonis written in ink with an electric pen on age, where the local minister's thrifty spouse had stored her beehives for the winter, choosing it, doubtless, as a room where the temperature was sure to be quite a number of advertisements and is equally chilly, and where nothing would the official paper of the hamlet.  $-Ne^{i\alpha}$  disturb them. They stood behind a pretentious screen that out off one corner of the room, and they were forgotten by all the family when I was put in there to sleep. Provision had been made for sions when such a thing was done at all, by one of those things called a "dumb stove," because it has no opening in it, I suppose, known also as a "drum,

Have you used

to greet the visitor, and the result was that the bees thought spring time had come, and I was awakened from my

"Gracious," said I to myself, "have all the horse flies in the country made this room their winter home and been thawed out by the heat?" I could hear them flying around, and presently a big fellow lit on my hand. I slapped at him and got a well defined, but not serious, sting for my reply. "Boes!" I shouted as loud as I could. "Help! Help!" Then I dived down among the covers, hid myself as well as I could and awaited develop-

sleep by a buzzing sound.

The good wife had heard my call for help and roused her husband. He got up and knocked at my door, calling to me if I wanted anything. My answer from deep under the bedelothes sounded so mysterious that he promptly burst in the door, thinking that some one was strangling me. He had a candle in his frame can be light. There is an alley in hand, and the bees began to gather around the light. Not thinking of what tube, A, runs from that alley to top of hay and was instantly stung in about ten places at once. With a yell he dropped the cancle and rushed the dropped time be extended to any length and the cancle and rushed to a property to the cancle and the cancle and rushed to the cancel and t the cancle and rushed into his wife's room shouting: "The beest the bees are out and are killing Brother M---. told you not to put them there, and now

see what's happened!" He had left my door open, and the bees followed him into the hall, where his wife had already lighted a lamp. tell you there was a lively time in that house for an hour or so, while I lay hidden among the blankets and enjoyed it all immensely. The only way out of the difficulty was to open every window and door in the house, and the cold rush of for any cheap barn that I have ever seen. air in about an hour quieted the bees which were then nearly all easily gathered up by the family. When, with many apologies, they came to see how great my injuries were, I emerged unhurt from my hiding place and laughed at them all heartily.-New York Trib-

MINING FOR A PYTHON.

A Stake That Refused to Be Drawn from His Hele by a Rope and an Elephant.

It was during the cold weather, when enakes are partially or wholly toroid. that this adventure happened; had it been in the hot weather, when snakes are lively, the story might have had a differ-Gen. Macintyre and his party went one

bushel, of ground cats to produce one were disappointed, for on the following health. and of pork, when fed with equal parts day the snake was not to be seen; but, on closer examination, the tail was found sticking out as before. Various efforts were made to disloge it. A fire was lit wooden floors are in use, is not generin from and the smoke fanned inward, ally appreciated. Any kind of clean but this had no effect.

the coils of the monster as thick as a scattered under the roosts. A compost man's thigh; but except that their heap may shortly be begun. Mix the operations were occasionally interrupt- droppings from the roosts where the ed by the startling presence of the fouls pass the night with some of this. creature's head, which it occasion- Rake it away one or twice in a fortnight, darting out its little forked tongue, it mass of manure for your vegetable garit showed its objection by a decided inclimation to wag its caudal extremity, which Yard, from which the foregoing is taken. had such an electrical effect on our nerves that we dropped it like a hot potate, and-what shall I call it?-retired. A shot would in all probability have induced the snake to quit its refuge, but then the shot must have tern and disfigured its beautiful skin, which the general wished to secure uninjured as a spectools for digging had been sent for, and

imen. In the meantime more efficien these now arrived borne upon an elephant. A bright idea now struck the partythey might draw the snake out with the elephant! Sufficient rope for the purpose was loosened from the elephant's pad, and this rope, about the thickness of a man's thumb, was hitched around the python's tail, its remaining length brought up again to the pad and fastened there, thus doubling its strength. Now came the tug of war! A sudden jerk might have torn the skin; the mahout was therefore warned to put on the strain gradually. Little did we know what a tough and obstinate customer we had to deal with. Tighter and tighter grew the ropes, when "crack" went one of them, Still the strain was increased, when "crack"-the other had snapped also, leaving the snake in statu quo

The snake was finally dislodged by counter mining and killed with a charge of buckshot. When measured it was found to be twenty-one feet in length and about two feet in girth. - Chambers

How to Make Good Paste.

A transparent mucilage of great tenselty may be made by mixing rice flour with cold water and letting it simmer gently over the fire. Another way is to dissolve a teaspoonful of asum in a quart of water. When cold stir in as much flour as will give it the consistency of thick creem, carefully beating up all the lumps. Stir in half a teuspoonful of powdered rosin. Pour on the mixture a escup of boiling water, stirring it well. When it becomes thick pour in an earthen vessel. Cover and keep in a cool place. When needed for use take a portion and soften it with warm water. It will last at least a year. If you wish to have a pleasant odor stir in a few drops of oil of wintergreen or cloves. - New York JourA CATTLE BARN.

& Pinn Which Is Recommended for Its Convenience and Its Cheapne The barn here illustrated was originally described in Country Gentleman by a Pennsylvania farmer as follows:



FIG. 1-THE BARN COMPLETE. I built a barn 30x60 for horses and cattle and have since extended it fifty feet for sheep. By building narrow the front of horses and cattle for feeding. A be convenient

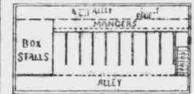


FIG. 2-INSIDE ARRANGEMENT. For convenience, cheapness, ventHation, light, etc., I would not change this

Artificial Heat in the Poultry House

We glean the following from Poultry Yard: Artificial heat within the poultry house is of no account, ordinarily. The fuel consumed in a stove, for instance (a plan that is occasionally tried in the fowl house) costs more than all that can be gained by such an attempt to make your fowls comfortable. And, as a rule, if it be followed up day and night for any length of time, more lice will be bred upon the premises than you can well take care of. It is necessary, only, that your fowl house be tight in the roof and walls, and that the birds be kept out of the reach of rough winds and excessive frosts. They will bear a great deal of dry cold weather, but should be so sheltered that snow, sleet and rain shall day to examine a hole or crevice under a not trouble them. Give them fresh air rock where it was supected a python lay daily. Close up the building at night hidden, and sure enough it was there, carefully. Allow them a range outside, for they could see a bit of the tail end when the weather will permit, and feed protruding from the hole. They let it them more generously during the chilly alone at first, thinking that, when the season than you need to do in summer sun shone, it might come forth to bask time, and they will get through the It required 74 pounds, or one-fourth in its warmth. In this, however, they winter coinfortably and remain in good

Poultry Yard Notes

The hen house, more especially where loam or clay soil will answer. Occa-The earth was even scraped away and sionally a portion of this fresh earth the hole widened, when they could see may be thrown around the floors or ally poked toward the entrance, and next spring you will have a rich gave small signs of animation. They den, or top dressing for the grass or had even determined to try to draw it. lawn around the house that cannot be We all three, therefore, proceeded— excelled for its quality. It will cost you somewhat nervously, I must own-to nothing but a little easy labor once a STANDARD, lay hold of its tail. To this familiarity week. The earth will help to keep your house atmosphere pure, sava Poultry

Not Ensily Satisfied.

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