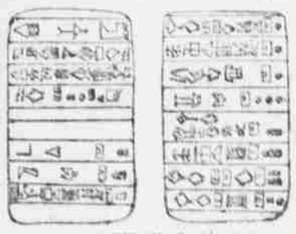
DRESSMAKER'S BILL.

Discovery of One Made Out in the Year 2800 B. C.

It Looks Like a Chinese Puzzle, But Was Dreaded by Chaldean Husbands—Costly Robes Worn by the Priests of Antiquity.

Egypt has been called "the land of surprises." Year after year the explorers in the Nile land bring to light some new and startling examples of art, revealing to us the astonishing character of the early civilization of the Egyptians. Egypt has now a rival in the sister civilization of ancient Chaldea. Although in art Chaldea is far behind the land of the Nile, especially in the art of painting, the restoration of the early civilization and the perfect picture which we can form of the life and manners and customs of the people are almost as complete as those which we can restore of Egypt



EGYPTIAN DRESSMAKER'S BILL.

in the pyramid age. The startling feature of the discoveries resulting from the decipherment of the cuneiform inscriptions has been the minutiæ details of popular life which are accessible to us. The little clay tablets not only contain the record of kings and princes, but even of the poorest of the people, slaves and beggars. In so great a literary land as Chaldea every transaction, no matter how small, was recorded in writing, and thus we have many details of transactions which would otherwise have been forever lost. Among the documents which have been discovered is a tablet which may be well called "the oldest dressmaker's bill in the world." It was the custom of the Babylonian kings to present to the temples sets of robes for the use of the priests and priestesses. This was usually done every year, and we have many of these lists in the British museum. The oldest hitherto known has been that of a king about 1950 B. C. There are several of a later period, but the document before us is far older than any yet found.

The tablet, which is of limestone, was discovered in the ruins of the temple in the city of Niper in southern Chaldea. This temple was dedicated to the great god and had a very large priesthood attached to it. From the style of writing, which is extremely archaic, and from the curious system of numerals employed the tablet cannot be of later date than 2800 B. C. It contains a list of ninety-two vestments which were presented to the temple by the king. The name of the king is unfortunately not given. The end of the tablet reads: "In all ninety-two pure vestments, the bill (list) of the temple for the priests this year." Many of the words are unknown to us, as they are, no doubt, many of them technical terms employed by the modistes of the period. Some of the lines, however, are of particular interest—those that can be satisfactorily deciphered. Among the items are "Twelve white robes of the temple, eight robes of the house of the lady, set pure gold ear-bars, two wide robes." One item of especial interest occurs near the end, "Four scented robes." This reminds us of the passage in Psalm xlv., speaking of the robes redolent of "myrrh and aloes and cassia." It was, no doubt, the custom in Babylonia to perfume the robes, as it is to this day in Persia and India. Another item is also illustrative of eastern life: "Two winders," probably scarfs used for binding round the waist. This document has likewise an additional value in showing us the great development which had taken place in the textile arts in Chaldea even at this early period. The decorations on the statues of Gudea (B. C. 2800), the embroidered fringes, show that the skill of the weaver and the embroiderer was far advanced, and it is a curious feature to notice that nearly all the attempts at decorative work in early Chaldea are in patterns which are derived from textile designs.

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Very Pretty Ones May Be Made at a Trifling Expense.

Embroidery companions, besides fulfilling the mission implied by the name, are made to grace the room in the shape of sachet bags. The triangular fancy is intended only for light needle work. It is made of chamois, nine inches square, embroidered with single blossoms and sprigs of forget-me-nots in pale blue ribbon work. Line with crinoline above a layer of scented sheet-wadding, and face with gathered blue satin. The gathered lining is extended and turned down an inch be-

NEEDLEWORK BAGS.

yond the chamois, forming a frill. The square is then folded diagonally, and the two sides are joined to make a triangular bag. In the corners are fastened tassels made of the remaining bits of leather, cut into narrow strips, and tied together with blue rope silk. A blue ribbon for hanging completes this creation in popular blue and yellow.

A design for larger pieces of fancy work is made of French satine. A practical size is one yard long, and half the width of the goods. Before sewing up, slip over a large bone ring. Fold in the middle, sew the bottom and each side, leaving an opening at either top side. The satine should have a floral figure in bold design. With fine gold thread, outline each figure, fish-scaling or darning some of the petals and leaves entirely. Fine gilt rope, doubled and twisted, is made into tassels as a finish.—Anna Hinrichs, in Rural New Yorker.

CHARMING BEDROOM.

A Pink and Blue Apartment of Remarkable Attractiveness.

I had set my heart upon having such an apartment, and fortunately the paper of my room was a neutral tint. Not being satisfied with the border I bought two pieces of a decided blue paper at a cost of forty cents. This I cut in half, the paper being too wide to suit my idea. I then pasted it over the old border, being careful that the edge of my blue paper should touch the edge of the ceiling, and this I finished with a narrow gilt border which I pasted on the ceiling. A carpet covered the floor, as the boards were unequal in width.

I procured from the manufacturers a plain bedstead, bureau, wardrobe with nickel-plated knobs and locks, and two of the plainest kitchen chairs, without painting or finishing of any kind. I gave each piece in the set two coats of blue paint and a coat of varnish, and had the glass in the bureau changed to French plate. An old wicker rocking chair was painted white and ornamented with pink and blue ribbons. The bedspread and bolster case were made from ordinary twelve-cent scrim, having baby ribbon run through the lace stripes. The stationary washstand was hidden by a common three-dollar screen. The covering for this, as was also the window drapery and chair cushions, was of fine China silk of pink and blue. The shade for the standing lamp, made from crinkled paper, the bureau scarf and glove case were all of the shades of pink and blue. The beauty of this room, completed at a cost of seventy-five dollars, can hardly be imagined.—Laurie Duckett, in Ladies' Home Journal.

COLORS OF FLOWERS.

An Easy Method of Preserving Them for an Indefinite Period.

It is over a quarter of a century since the following appeared in the Gardeners' Monthly. Coming back again to America after its long travel, it is still worth republishing.

"The following ancient method, which comes from America as new, may be worth repeating and trying. Take very fine sand, wash it perfectly clean, and when dry sift it through a fine sieve into a pan. When the sand is deep enough to hold the flowers in an upright position, take some more sifted sand and carefully cover them. A spoon is a good thing to take for this, as it fills in every chink and cranny without breaking or bending the leaves. When the pan is filled solidly, leave the flowers to dry for several days. It is a good plan to warm the sand in the oven before using it, as the flowers will then dry more thoroughly. In taking the sand off, great care must be taken not to break the leaves, as they are now dry and brittle. Pansies preserved in this way will keep their shape and brilliancy of color all winter, and many other flowers can be equally successfully treated—anything, in fact, where the full pressure of the sand comes on both sides of the leaf, otherwise they will shrivel. To fill in flowers with cup-like shapes it is better to lay them on the sand, and with small spoon fill in and around each flower. Ferns when preserved in this way have a more natural look than when pressed, and the maiden-hair fern looks almost as well as when it is freshly gathered."

THE EARTH'S MOTION.

It Is Made Visible by Means of a Simple Arrangement.

In Popular Astronomy, Eliza A. Bowen shows how the earth's revolution may be made manifest to the eye. Dr. L. Swift, in Popular Astronomy, says: Place on the floor of a room free from tremors and air currents a good sized bowl nearly filled with water and sprinkle over the surface of the water an even coat of lycopodium powder, and across this make a narrow black line of pulverized charcoal. Place the bowl so that the black line shall coincide with a crack in the floor, or, if the room be carpeted, lay a stick upon the floor, exactly parallel with the mark. After a few hours it will be found that the line is no longer parallel with the stationary object, but has moved from east to west, proving that, during this interval, the earth has moved from west to east.

The reason appears to me to be that the solid floor has with the earth and bowl moved from west to east, and so has the water also, but at a slower rate, as there is a slight inertia, of which the yielding liquid does not instantly partake, to be overcome. It will be seen that the line of charcoal mark always moved from east to west.

Paper for a Bedroom.

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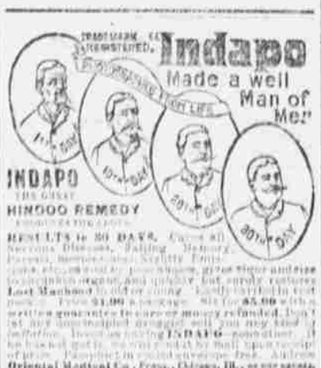

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