grounds and buildings for distribution in that republic.

Official notification by cable has been received by the Board of Lady Managers that the women of Spain will be active participants in the exposition.

Rare old documents and relics of Columbus, which have been treasured for years in the vaults of the Vatican at Rome, are to be sent to Chicago by the Pope.

The first invoice of exhibits from Russia was received last week. It consisted of furs principally. The goods came by the way of Eastern Russia, Yokahoma and San Francisco.

The eastern colleges are making careful and thorough preparations for their exhibits. The University of Pennsylvania is preparing its display with the greatest energy. An exhibit out of the common, will be the entire collection secured by the University expedition to Babylon. Among the curiosities of this collection is a stone with an inscription bearing the date, "3800 B. C.," and various tablets describing the domestic and business customs of the people of that period.

art Notes.

Miss Barton hopes to have her Nebraska Athlete completed for the art exhibit next week.

The picture, "Solitude," of Sir Frederick Leighton, the friend of striving young artists, attracted much favorable notice in London last summer.

The Art Amateur devotes several columns to china painting in the February number, with full descriptions of the Lacroix and Dresdon colors.

The lovers of photographic art will note with pleasure that Dr. Adolf Miethe has invented a long distance camera. The lens used are of special form and achromatic.

The drawings of Mr. Bryson Burrows, who won the New York Chanler prize last

spring were on exhibition in that city throughout January. He is now studying in Paris.

The rapid progress of modernism is relieving Rome of many of her ancient artistic landmarks. The famous bridge, St. Angelo, has recently been removed, and an iron viaduct erected in its place.

The art department will give the annual exhibition of the work finished in the last year, next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Work in all lines under Miss Barton's care will be shown.

There is much activity in art association circles in various parts of the country, as this is the season of the annual exhibitions. The American Fine Arts Society and National Academy of Design of New York, and the New England Conservatory School of Fine Arts of Boston, are among the leaders in the east.

The Stage.

Lilian Russell is now playing the comic opera "La Cigale."

Next season, America will be flooded with foreign attractions, the Kendalls, then Patti, Coquelin, Henry Irving and others.

Ada Rehan has recently performed the part of "Julia" in "The Hunchback," and "Rosalind" in "As You Like It." Her manner is fascinating and she plays with a rare combination of delicacy and force.

The engagement of Alexander Salvini is one of the notable features of the present season of dramatic life in the east. His repertoire embraces "The Three Guardsmen," "Don Cæsar de Bazan," "Cavalleria Rustincana," and "L'Ami Fritz."

"A Parlor Match" is as absolutely new as the latest farce-comedy from the pen of the author, though it is nine years since its first production. It is unique and the personal humor of Mr. Hoey completely overshadows the funny complications evolved by the playwright.