

A MANUSCRIPT BY MOSES?

Supposed Biblical Treasure Unearthed in the Ancient City of Lechisch.

MOST IMPORTANT DISCOVERY IN YEARS

Authenticity of the Document Attributed by a German Explorer—May Explain the Origin of the Alphabet.

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—For several years a German preacher from the town of Walbrod has been at work, personally and through native agents, in collecting ancient manuscripts and coins from the excavations in Palestine.

The most important of the discoveries related by Brueselbach is that of a manuscript supposedly written by Moses himself.

The margin bears the name of Moses, and the writing relates to the subjects treated in the early books of the bible which have come down to us as the books of Moses.

being built upon the ruins of its predecessor. It was in a portion of the mound untouched by Dr. Bliss that Brueselbach and his co-workers made their discovery.

In his explanation of the Mosaic manuscript, the explorer calls special attention to the forms of the letters used in the inscription upon the papyrus.

Dr. Brueselbach says: "The result of our investigation is that the manuscript, judging from all external and internal evidence, is genuinely Mosaic."

The Palestine Fund reports other interesting discoveries, among them a coin of earlier date than any heretofore known.

The oldest Hebrew coin discovered before this time bore the date of 143 B. C., and

following the close of the biblical period, the accounts of which are very scanty. A seal ring, bearing the name of Simeon, the Macabee, who ruled 143-145 B. C., was among the other discoveries.

While Dr. Brueselbach has made no attempt to exploit his discovery, he claims that there is no doubt of their authenticity.

The fact that he has found a manuscript purporting to come from the hands of Moses, bearing his name and that of Joshua (his successor), is a notable addition to the objects with which his favorite hobby is concerned.

The discoveries of Dr. Brueselbach will certainly arouse widespread interest and awaken renewed enthusiasm for the work of exploration in the holy land.

DURANT IN COURT.

A Name Familiar in the West Figures in Divorce Proceedings.

The wife of William West Durant, son of Thomas C. Durant of Union Pacific fame, has secured an absolute divorce by a New York court last week.

William West Durant prior to his marriage was well known in New York and Saratoga society circles, relates the New York Herald.

It was shortly after this that Mr. Durant brought an action for an absolute divorce, charging his wife with infidelity with Dr. Frank Richardson, a well known physician.

Lewis Cass Ledyard was appointed referee in that case and he reported to the court Mr. Durant's accusations had not been substantiated and that those of Mrs. Durant were not of a sufficient character to entitle her to any relief.

Mr. Durant has been involved in litigation with his sister, Mrs. Heloise Frethy Rose, for several years past.

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REVENUE STAMPS FOR ALL

Various Kinds of Stickers Issued by the Government at Different Times.

THESE OF THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD

Similarity of the New and the Old in Color and Design—Most Valuable Stamp Ever Made—Prices Paid by Collectors.

Much commotion as the revenue stamps which came into use the first of July have caused in the business world, not even the banker, the druggist nor the expressman has been as much interested in them as another individual—the stamp collector.

Postage stamps are generally the main object of the collectors' pursuits. Foreign revenue stamps are rarely gathered by American collectors, but most of them gather the stamps of this character that Uncle Sam has put on his stamps.

After awhile the government issued a third set of these revenue, or rather it changed the colors of most of the denominations of the second issue, the designs remaining as before.

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With the stamps that came into use the first of this month, however, the case is far different. Their collection is not forbidden by any law, and since nearly every stamp collector has in his possession some hundreds of varieties of similar stamps.

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performed only one way, either vertically or horizontally, and finally fully perforated. Many of them are also found in more than one shade of color and others are doubly perforated, so that, take it all in all, the possible varieties for a collector found in this set range near the thousand mark, making it by all odds the most interesting and extensive set of stamps ever issued.

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in general design. The rarest of this issue, the highest denomination, of \$5 face value is quoted at no less than \$125 by stamp dealers.

An Extensive Catalogue. This, however, by no means exhausts the catalogue of revenue stamps in use during this time.

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collectors. This is because the number of stamp collectors is now immensely greater than it was then.

A Youngster of Fourteen Who Carried Water to the Wounded.

Among the soldiers from Santiago who landed Monday morning, says the New York Press, from the transport Louisiana was a boy, apparently only 19 years of age.

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A FRAGMENT OF THE MANUSCRIPT.

studied with interest as one of the oldest and probably the most valuable specimen of early writing in existence.

The fragment is remarkably well preserved and appears to be made from the skin of some aquatic animal, probably the hippopotamus or Nile-horse.

While the pictures are interesting, the most important part of the papyrus is the inscription across the top.

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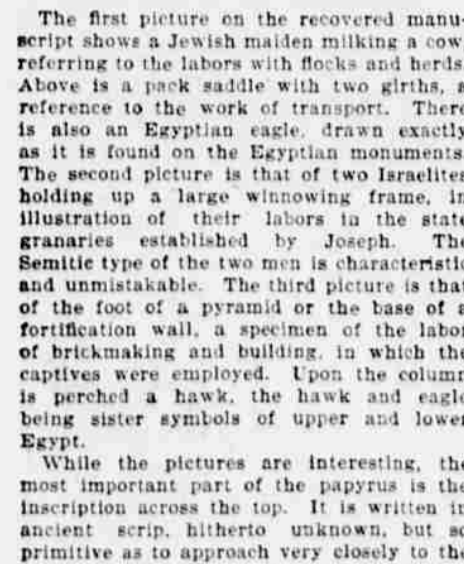
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ANCIENT COINS UNEARTHED AT LECHISCH.

wonders performed by the might of Solomon's Seal, made through the wisdom of this wisest of monarchs.

Another coin brought to light is evidently to be located about 175 B. C. in the time of the king-priest, Jason. The inscription is in a peculiar dialect of Syro-Aramaic belonging to that period and is written from left to right, contrary to the Hebrew custom of writing.

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