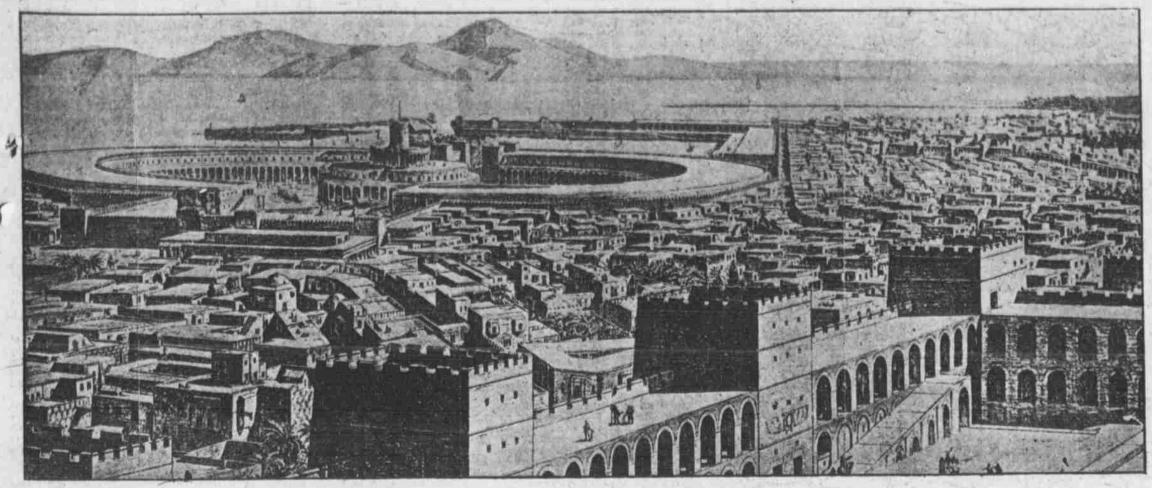
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Recent Discoveries Through Excavation in Ancient City of Carthage



"CARTHAGE THE MIGHTY"-THE ANCIENT CITY AS SKETCHED BY M. PAUL ANKLER, A FRENCH ANTIQUARIAN.

NIS, June 6.-(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)-I have spent the whole of today among the ruins of Carthage. The French before Rome had begun to be. have been excavating there, and are making many discoveries. The ruins He on the shore of the Mediterranean sea beyond the lake on which Tunis is situated, and cover some thousands of acres. twelve miles from this city, and the Phoenhad more than 1,000,000 inhabitants in the height of its glory. When it was desfirst Punic war a flest started out from mercial centers everywhere. They were 150,000 troops. Each of the ships had an about the best traders. They carried on and the sailors were the best of the then not allow foreigners to deal with their col- years. world.

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Carthage the Mighty.

That was during the closing days of Carthage the Mighty. A short time later the Romans destroyed and plowed up the ground upon which it stood. Later still they founded a city upon its site, and made it their capital of Africa, and it was for a time the third city of the world.

on in this letter I shall tell you the ruins o) Roman Carthage are

throughout the known world. They owned and destroyed it. the greater part of Sicily and many other Mediterranean islands, and had large settlements on the Spanish peninsula. More The center of old Carthage was about than 2,000 years before Bartholomew Diaz for the artistic building material of all the rich American colleges to establish schools goats feed among them, and they or Vasco da Gama started out to explore palaces along the Mediterranean sea. In of exploration here, as they have done in plowed and harrowed and pulverized by Idian capital reached even to Tunis itself. Africa. Hanno, the Carthaginian, had the great mosque of Santa Sophia, at old Greece. The city had a wall twenty-three miles salled out of the Strait of Gibraltar with Constantinople, I saw marble columns long to defend that part of it, which was sixty ships and something like 30,000 men. which came from here; many of the won- imagine what might be found. Suppose you

west coast of this continent to the Gulf of Carthage, and shiplonds of its ruins have States either Boston. Philadelphia or St. Guinea, and had brought back stories of gone to Palermo and other Italians cities. Louis. Suppose you could destroy all the Pyrences and the Alps; and during the ships to Great Britain and they had com- thing else.

> onies, and such as dared do so were captured and drowned. As time went on, they valley of the Nile.

Carthage in B. C. 500.

Word About Roman Carthage.

Lying before me as I write is a picture of old Carthage as it was recently reproduced by a French Intiquarian. The city

was of vast extent, and its character was somewhat like that of the great oriental itals of today. The build

its capiains of industry and trust magnates Bt. Augustine studied and preached, and 'which once supplied the city with water, ably worn in the rings of those Punio just as Chicago has now. Founded by near here SL Cyprian, the martyr, was This is not so. The French have been maidens when all the world was young. Dido 2,787 years before Christ, it was prom- killed. When the Vandals invaded Africa making excavations ever since they have I can't begin to describe the extent of the inent when Athens was young and long they made Carthage their capital, and it had Tunisia under their control. This is ruins. By this I do not mean the remains remained great until the seventh century, so not only here, but in all parts of the of great temples and palaces, of theaters The Carthaginians had their colonies when the Mohammadan Arabs came in country, and they have uncarthed ruins and tombs. These are comparatively few;

Quarry for the World.

back from the sea; and it is said to have He had made his way down around the ders of architectural Rome originated in could blot from the face of the United

during that war it furnished armies of his tales were thought to be lies, but they Tunis are flanked with marble columns, great cities on top. Then destroy those snormous size. When Hannibal went from have since been proved to be true. The which the Arabs have painted over in red, cities, and let the storms and dust of a Epain to invade Italy he took \$0,000 men Carthaginians established colonies on the yellow and green stripes, so that they thousand years settle upon them, and you their farms. Here and there was a little one end to the other, and according to my and forty elephants with him over the west coast of Africa. They sent their now look more like barber poles than any- may have some idea of the condition of camp of Bedouins watching their flocks; estimate it is about 300 feet long and 200 the ruins of Carthage today. You must Many of the houses of Tinus contain ma- add, however, the tombs in which the the plowed fields we passed through a broken and battered. Some of the seats Many tombs have been excavated, and the

here have been furnishing building stone and other relics, and imagine that the driven by natives. on beak to ram the boats of the enemy, business as a close corporation. They did of one kind or another for more than 1,000 destruction was such that much of the belongings of the people were left in the During recent centuries the various mu- debris.

seums of the world have been robbing this It is now more than twenty-seven hun sent caravans across the Sahara to the ancient city, and travelers also have been dred years since the first buildings of Car- and pottery that we felt like getting out tiful of its kind ever known. Soudan and over the Libyan desert to the allowed to pick up and carry away what thage were erected, and many of the ob- and looking for relics, and, indeed, during saw the sheep and the goats feeding on the they pleased. This is so today, although jects I saw today were more than two the whole day my eyes have been moving edge of what must have been at one time the French have established two mucums, thousand years old. As I went over the about among the stones with the hope to the second gallery, and a donkey brayed one on the site of old Carthage and the ruins I observed the Arab farmers plowing find treasure. I have picked up many while I paced the arena, other at the Bardo, in the palace of the up bits of pottery and pieces of marbie, beautiful pieces of marble, I have clawed bey, and are trying to preserve what is left. which were parts of houses more than out bits of mosale from the stone floors, twenty centuries ago, and I have been and have had opportunity to purchase all

Exploring the Ruins.

The books about Africa tell you that medans begging me to buy Carthaginian time of the Romans and some dating back there is nothing of Carthage now to be coins in use long before Christ and cameos to the days of the Phoenecians.

which will compare with those of Athens but there are vast tracts covered with bits and Rome. They are anxious to increase of pottery, pieces of broken marble, half their work along these lines, and the re- ground up bricks and bits of mosaic. Such

Since then Carthage has been a quarry mains are such that it might well pay our remains cover the ground. The sheep and are cultivation to fertilize the crops of the

Take this city of Carthage alone and present.

plumage as they probably did in the past. arena was elliptical in shape and its area of the Romans. All along the roads we saw Arabs plowing is more than an acre. I paced it from and when we left the road and drove across feet wide. It contains marble columns Carthage with 350 ships of a capacity of among the richest people of the world and terials from the same source, and the ruins ancients were accustomed to put jewelry flock of fat-tailed sheep and black goats and a few of the arches are still to be

Nearly all our way was over the ruins. This theater was described by an Arab of Carthage, and we were now in what historian who was here about 800 years of the tombs were far below ground, and was almost the heart of the ancient city. ago, He says that there were five galleries The ground was so covered with marble and that the building was the most beau-Great Cisterns of Carthage.

bothered all day by dark-faced Moham- sorts of coins and clay lamps, some of the



BEDOUIN WOMAN GRINDING MEAL IN CISTERN OF ANCIENT CARTHAGE.

the gladiatorial shows were hold. It lies Carthage. The remains of this aqueduct near an Arab village and, as I stood on it, can be seen in many places, and parts of I heard the shricking of a spanked baby it have been so restored that it now supfilling the air which once resounded with plles Tuniss with water. I The work cost the cries of Christian martyrs. The millions, and it was done by a French en-My way to Carthage was over an excel- amphitheater has been only partially ex- gineer. Iron pipes have been used instead lent road which runs around the bay, cavated. The cages for the wild beasts of the arches, but the old masonry still uptroyed, after its long war with Rome, it ebony negroes, mighty elephants and gor- The palaces of the bey of Tunis are buildings and cover them with earth. Then The scenery is beautiful and the flamingoes can be plainly seen and the great vaults holds much of the works. The water supmtained more than 700,000 people, and illas. For centuries thereafter many of built of Punic marble, and the basars of let them lie for decades and build other fly over the water, showing their pink below in which the martyrs waited. The ply is much greater than it was in the days

Amongst the Tombs.

I have spent considerable time wandering through the old Carthaginian cemeteries. dead of a dozen generations have been taken from their graves to be shown to us. the heathen tourists of the present. Some others almost on the surface. From one cemetery they have taken 259 epitaphs, and from another 800, including the names of librarianz, schoolmasters, doctors, soldiers, nurses, dancers and slaves. Some of the oldest tombs are triangular in shape; others contained marble sarcophagi, and in some were men and women loaded with jewels. During my visit to the museum I paw many little stone boxes which were found

The oldest and best known of the full of charred ashes and bones. They date Carthaginian ruins are the great cisterns back to the days of Carthage the Mighty. which were built to supply the city with and are supposed to have contained the There were two sets of them,

In the Theaters.

Mighty, that famous city which was and flat roofed. It had a wall about it, red by Juno, Jupiter's henpecking wife, and this wall was higher than the great nd founded by Dido, the Jewish princess wall of China. It was over fifty-five feet of Tyre. Dido's husband had been assassi- 'high, and the towers, which were found at nated by her own brother, Pygmalion, and regular intervals upon the wall, were many Dido had fied and come to this part of feet higher. The walls were used for a de-North Africa. Like that other Jewess of fense and for a barracks to contain the fiction, Jessica, old Shylock's daughter, she army as well. In them were stalls for 300 did not go away empty handed, but loaded war elephants, 4,009 war horses, and storher ship with the treasures of the royal age sufficient to supply all with food. palaces of herself and brother and took There were quarters in the walls for a larger army than the United States had at enough people along with her to start a new empire. the breaking out of the Spanish war, and

Queen Dido's Big Bargain.

this wall, as I have said, was over twenty miles long.

When she first set foot on African soll Old Carthage had a forum, a market Queen Dido bought some land of the na- place and magnificent public buildings. It tives and by a real estate trick obtained had an artificial harbor, which the French this big tract upon which Carthage stood have restored, in miniature, and this was for a song. When our forefathers pur- so arranged that the entrance could be chased the site of New York of the Indians shut up by chains at night. The door leadthe price was a pack of glass beads and ing into it was only sixty feet wide, but brass buttons; it is said that all Chicago this admitted the ships to two ports, so was once offered for a pair of old boots, connected that the vessels could sail from and that the ground upon which Mel- one to the other. bourne, one of the richest cities of Aus-

Old Carthage was a city of fine houses trails, now stands was sold for two old and civilized people. It was a city which wooden blankets. The thrifty Dido bought owned quantities of gold and precious the location of this greatest city of anstone, and one whose jewelry, as may be tiquity at a somewhat similar price. Ac. cording to tradition, she told the natives site, was equal to any sold in our best that she only wented a patch of land big stores today. seen in the museum which stands on its enough to be inclosed in a bull's hide and

they made a contract of sale on those terms. But Queen Dido cut the bull's hide

The Carthage I have described was utinto leather shoestrings and, tying them together, took in what seemes to the naterly destroyed 146 B. C. and it was almost tives all out of doors. The tract ran around a half century before another city began to rise on its ruins. This was the Carthage a beautiful harbor, inclosing the whole peninsula between the lake and the sea. fostered by Julius Caesar and Augustus, It was gently sloping, with a little hill here which in time became the Roman capital and there and with great rocky mountains of north Africa, and which once almost in night in the rear. The land itself was rivaled Rome itself. That Carthage was a exceedingly rich and the country about it city of theaters, the remains of which still produced so abundantly that it was for stand on the ruins of the old Phoenician centuries one of the granaries of the world, city. It was a city of giadiatorial shows

A Great Business City.

to death by wild bulls and slaughtered by As I drove out to Carthage today I saw gladiators. On the hill of the museum I several American windmills on great towers saw the tombs of Saints Perpetua and Feliof steel; agitating the air inhabited by the citas, two young women who were killed in shosts of the old Carthaginians. The wind- the arena, which I describe farther on mills came from Chicago and the city on Later still, when Rome was converted. whose site they now stand once ranked far Carthag s became the chief Christian city greater than Chicago does. It was the chief of Africa, while still holding its place as pusiness center of the old world and it had one of the great ports of the world. Here

Society Burglar Caught in the Act

LNG society notes as his guide in It was impossible for him to reach the teleriffing the homes of the rich, Ed. phone and notify the police without atward James, who has proved tracting the attention of the intruder. himself even superior to the fic- Wakefield decided upon another plan. He titious Raffles, was arrested while slid down a post from the second story helping himself to everything in back window to the ground. He went to sight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James the next house to telephone. Officers G. Trainer in Chicago. His implicit faith Hayes, Breen and others of the Hyde Park of Poulard. m society notes caused his downfall, said station soon surrounded the house. "You will pardon me for being inquisitive,

the police. Found upon his person were a score or I am sure; but would you mind telling me not to confound the house of "Poulard the more of social items which, it is said, "the by whose permission you enter my society burglar" intended to make use of home," on the dates given.

These were the words of the "Raffles" Dreased in frock coat, pearl gray trouswhen an officer faced him: ers, patent leather shoes, and wearing ac-"Don't hand us that: just come along cessories which defied even the connoislike a nice society chap that you are," seur to pick a flaw, De Groat sauntered replied the officer. "Bir, this is an outrage. I demand an down Fifty-Third street shortly after 9 o'clock last night. Peeling off a perfectly explanation." fitting glove and holding his cane under "Raffles" was being led toward the door. Outside awaited the patrol wagon. his arm, the man stood for a moment on the steps leading to No. 315. Then, with "I have no objection in the world to goperfect confidence, he produced a skeleton ing to the station." continued the society key and unlocked the door. burglar, "other than the gross indignity

Several days before the local papers told of the thing, don't you know. Now let's of a dinner Mr. and Mrs. Trainor were to seitle this thing right now. Say, call up give at a country club. some of my friends."

The society item, however, falled to say At this the man made a break. He loosed that Ebenezer Wakelleid, who is stopping himself from the officers, and, throwing chamber in the world, because to do so with the Trainers, would be unable to at- cane and silk hal to the wind, ran down tend the function. the street.

house. For a time he listened to the pursuing him were able to bring him to stranger walking through the corridors, a halt wChicago Inter Gauge

en except a few broken-down cisterns the size of my finger, hall, which were prob-We first visited the amphitheater where

Passing of the Famous Poulard Omelet



ARIS, June 7 .- Mont Saint Michel, P said Victor Hugo, is to France what the Pyramids are to Egypt. To this comparison may be added another, that the omelet of oulard is to Mont Saint Michel what Mont Saint Michel is to France. But now, alas! and news comes from the

tourist-haunted island. No longer will the hundred thousand visitors who arrive each year by the little railway which runs from the mainland along the mile and a quarter of rulaed roadway, no longer will the thousands who pedal thither on bicycles, the hundreds who come in motor cars be met by the representatives of the rival houses

No longer will those signs be needed which hitherto have warned the newcomer elder" with others of a similar name, nor those that told him that "the Widow Poulard" was the one and only original, while yet a third notice advanced similar claims

on behalf of "Poulard the younger." For now twentieth century methods have thrust themselves upon the rocky island where St. Aubert built a chapel about the end of the seventh century, and a limited liability company has bought out the Pou-

lard family, elder, younger, widow and all, and henceforth the tourist will be at the mercy of a soulless trust, There have been those who have visited Mont Saint Michel without seeing, except from the level of the ses, the glories of the the island and has promised to come from the risk of driving into the quicksands with

Mervaille, or entering the Sallo des Cheva-Hers, which has been called the finest gothic made in the traditional manner. they must climb innumerable steps and be

taken round by a guide. But there are the original Poulard, who was the sole inn- on his island that "several persons having Wakefield heard De Groat enter the Three shots were fired before the man few, if any, who have not watched the keeper of the bland. He keep no books, diped and not having wherewith to pay cooking of the omelet which has made made out no bills.

Mme, Poulard famous throughout the At the and of his visit the guest recounted miracle."

MONT SALATANUCHEL

Thus the silver age fleparts and the iron of the place, for we read in the chro

time to time to see that the omelet is still which the bay is filled.

ashes of children who were sacrificed to at each side of the town. They were of Mloch. This brazen god was made red vast dimensions, enormous, barrel-shaped hot at the times of sarcrifice, and the chilcaverns, 443 feet long and more than 80 dren were placed in his arms. It was the feet in diameter. They were surmounted custom to give him not only little children, by cupoias and were connected with pipes but also young men and maidens. The vicfor distributing the water. The largest of tims were thrown into his red-hot arms, these cisterns are near an Arab village, and from there they rolled down into the and they are now used as stables and blazing furnace below. dwellings by the Arabs. They number - A.

Today I

twenty-four and cover many acres. I went Gay Girls in Old Carthage. down into some of them. In one I found The museum at Carthage is filled with a tiny gray donkey with a little Arab girl treasures which have been found in the standing beside it, and in another an old ruins. There are dice, razors, spectacles, hen with a flock of little chickens feeding surgical instruments and thousands of about her. A part of one cistern has been clay lamps and casks of all kinds. As far walled off as a hay mow; another is now as the Phoenicians are concerned, it is, I an Arab house, and in a third I saw a doubt not, the greatest museum in the Bedouin woman grinding meal upon two world; and in its relics of the Roman period it compares favorably with many strones which rested upon the floor. The dust of ages has half filled these others more famous. I was especially intergreat caverns and they make an excellent ested in the exhibits of jewelry and other protection from the weather. As I made things which once belonged to the gay my notes within them I head the cry of girls of the Carthage of 2,500 years ago. prayer from a Mohammedan tomb nearby. There are a lock of hair which decorated

The cry was, "There is no God but God the head of a fair Punic maiden, a box of and Mohammed is his prophet!" As I list- rouge with some of the paint still in the ened I could not but think of the people bottom, alabaster cases holding perfume who drank from these cisterns 500 years and also pins, mirrors, trinkets and other before the Christian era, and more than gewgaws. 1,000 years before Mohammed first saw There are golden necklaces of beautiful

the light of day in the desorts of workmanship, and hundreds of gold rings Arabia.

2,500 Years Old and Still in Use.

the villages and towns about. The water who wore them 2.500 years ago, mentioning comes from Tunis, and it is pumped in by the mortality of all things earthly. In reply visit.

lans, were first filled with rain water. lived many centuries since. I measured Later on they were supplied by an enor- his skeleton and it was six feet two inches and over valleys on magnificent arches to

of all sizes, from one large enough for a 2-year-old baby to some which may have been wedding rings for 12-year-old brides. Many of these rings are set with Later in the day I visited the cisterns camcos and stones. There are gold earon the other side of the town. They are rings by the hundreds, and beautiful they 2,500 years old, but the French have re- are. As I looked at them I asked the paired them and they now supply water to white father beside me about the maidens

steam engines. The cistorns are thirty he pointed to the shelves under the cases. feet deep, and something like 600 feet long. I looked and saw skulls and bones in great The engineer told me that he had about quantities; men, women and children were 6,000,000 gallons in them at the time of my all mixed together. He then took me to a marble sarcophagus nearby, and showed These cisterns, as used by the Carthagin- me the hones of a young Punic beau who

mous aqueduct erected by the Roman em- in length. On the finger of one hand there peror Hadrian. This brought the water was beautiful ring, evidencing the vanity from Deugga, about eighty miles away. It of its owner. He may have been a friend of carried 6,000,000 gallons a day, and the Hanno or Hannibal, or perhaps only some water passed through underground canals newly rich man of the time! Who knows? FRANK G. CARPENTER.

Cat Makes Trip of Thirty Miles

R Frank. Franz is boss cook of a Nassau of the killing. street (New York) restaurant and he is from a point fifteen miles beyond Maspeth, rant before.

Pluto not only seems to have nine lives, usual. but a scent of unparalleled keenness. At

the meals he had eaten, the drinks he had Thanks to the position of her hoted in drunk. M. Poulard did a little mental the Barbican, and even more to the fame arithmetic and named the sum to be paid. of the omelet, Mme. Poulard has carried Perhaps he had less cause for anxiety in off the bulk of the trade and confesses she those days when there was no raised roadhas made her fortune, but withholds the way and visitors had to arrive and depart exact figure. She will, however, not leave by carriages between the tides and run chin, and his clipped tall.

At least he was true to the traditions spled a bird perched on a bush near by. No sooner had Pluto got inside the house Then Pluto ould sneak up; but he was so than he darted for the bird cage. age arrives. The golden age ended with of the miracles performed by St. Michael fat he couldn't leap far, and he never was

their scot, the landlord was paid by a Pluto often would sit in the bird room and the bird cage .- New York Press.

She feared her husband would shoot known as much for his truth as for his Pluto and so she sent her two sons to skill with pots and pans. So when he carry the cat fifteen miles away and leava says that Pluto journeyed to Nassau street him in the woods. They say they did so. When Frank reached home that night he Franz's friends believe him. And, mind was grieved sorely. The longing was you. Pluto never had been to the restau- greater next day, when Pluto did not follow his master to the su face car, as

Cats have returned long distances to first Frank could not believe that the cat their homes, but the records do not tell of his home was the one he found mewing of a cat who when lost has gone to a at the door of the restaurant after an strange place far away in search of his absence of three days. But he identified master. That is what Pluto did. When Fluto by three things-his size, his utter Frank reached the restaurant he saw blackness save for a white spot under the Pluto standing penitently at the door walting for him. The cat waved his Pluto was reared on Frank's little farm. stubby tail and set up a howl that made He was well fed and grew lazy, never Frank shout with delight. The cook wandering from the house except when he placed Pluto in a bag and took him home.

"That's him," said Frank, whereupon he able to get a sparrow for supper. His gave a severe beating to Pluto it the hope master, however, had thirty canaries and of making him forget the way to open

EMORSE for the murder he had eye the yellow fellows with gluttonous committed led him to journey glittering eyes. One day he got up to the thirty miles over a road he never cage and with unexplained cleverness had traversed before to whim- opened the cage. He caught a bird and per out his sorrow against the soon Pluto was purring contentedly and knees of the man he loved, and that eyeing a few feathers that were too tickly remarkable feat of trailing by Pluto, big- to pass his palate. Mrs. Frank discovered gest, blackest and sometimes baddest of the loss of the bird and there was enough cais, led to his forgiveness by Franz circumstantial evidence to convict Piuro