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**An Educator's Exploring Trip.** President Harper of the University of Chicago has succeeded in securing from the sultan the right to explore the ruins of ancient Babylon. The university has now obtained permission to excavate in Tel Ibrahim. Application was made to the sultan for permission to explore the ruins of Babylon and its neighborhood in 1900, and after long delays it was granted. But further delays occurred, and the trade was not issued. Then it was discovered that the Germans had received permission to explore the same territory. It is believed that the ruins of the temple in which Nebuchadnezzar offered sacrifices in 580 B. C. and also an extensive library of clay tablets will be uncovered.

**Export and Import Figures.** It is estimated by the treasury department that the exports of the United States for the current year will reach the great total of \$1,500,000,000. The imports will be about \$1,000,000,000, half of it raw material for manufactures.

**Diverting the Niagara River.** The power plants now in operation at the falls divert one-seventeenth of the volume of Niagara river, and when the flumes now building are completed one-eighth less water will go over the falls, this aside from the water diverted by the Welland canal and the great volume of the Chicago drainage canal.

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