Miscellaneous.

Wastes on the Farm.

The greatest waste on the farm is in the not using of our brain; the greatest because at the bottom of all other wastes. A little thinking often saves much labor. After accomplishing any piece of work, the most of us can look back and see how we could have improved on it if we had but thought. As we review our crops of this year, we see how they could have been easily increased had we only thought. The ditch dug through our meadows was not done in the most economical way. We dug too deeply at first, and did not allow for the settling of the land; hence a waste of labor. We omitted buying an implement that would have saved nearly its cost in one year's use, until we have spent much time in trying to accomplish our work without it. Here we have another waste. We carry a water pipe too near the surface to save the expense of digging a trench of safe depth, and the winters' frost necessitates a replacement of the pipe and an additional digging. Certainly a waste here. We allow the weeds to grow on one piece of the land not thinking to what proportions they would grow by the time the crops were too far advanced to admit the hoe. A waste here which might have been obviated. And soon, wastes little and big everywhere, all rising from our not thinking sufficiently—waste, because not necessary and easily obviated. We omit the ordinary wastes from neglect, from laziness, from want of appreciation for cleanliness and thoroughness; the wastes from our stock, from our manure heap, from our household. Verily, a little thought will save to the farmer much; and the saving through this means, even on a small farm will represent the interest on a considerable capital. The wastes arising from ignorance can very readily be diminished, and are in a large part inexcusable; those arising from carelessness are not deserving of sympathy. The farmer, as well as the business man, must use business principals to secure the largest success, and the one should be as careful of the outgoes as the other.—*Scientific Farmer.*

Discovery of Antiquities.

Mr. Layard, the British Ambassador at Constantinople, whose name is so closely connected with Assyrian explorations, has found time to rescue from the oblivion of battlefields in Turkish Armenia a series of most interesting antiquities. These have just arrived at the British Museum. The objects are: bronze architectural ornaments forming portions of the decoration of some royal palace of the Armenian monarch, and as they are the sole relics of the art of that ancient kingdom at present discovered, they will be much increased in value, and worthy the consideration of all students of Assyrian and Asiatic art.

The first object, and the most interesting from an artistic point of view, is the bronze model of a winged bull. This figure is about eight inches in height and six inches in length, and is modelled in an extremely fine bronze, containing a large proportion of copper, and is in very good preservation. The whole of the hind quarters and the forelegs and breast are those of a bull, while the head is that of a human being, with the torso and arms complete. The head of the figure has the hair plaited and dressed in the conventional style of Assyria, but the face is missing. This at first appears strange, but an examination of the vacant space shows that the face of the figure was that of a human being, and was probably made of gold cemented to the bronze by a layer of bitumen. The figure, unlike the majority of the winged and human-headed bulls from Kovunjik and Nimroud, has arms, which are folded across the breasts, with his hands clasped. The whole of this figure has been most richly decorated with gold, and the feather of the wings and the horns of the head inlaid with ivory. On the head of this figure as a species of adjunct to the horned cap which adorns it, is an ornamental pedastal of a small column which rested on the figure, and which supported some light superstructure. Round the arms of the figure are a pair of bracelets ornamented with a square pattern resembling the Greek ornaments.

The next object of importance in the collection is a bronze figure of a bull *couchant*, which, unlike the figure just described, is entirely animal in its character, and is minutely accurate in the production of the animal form. It stands about 4 inches high, and is about 4½ inches in length. The head has the single pair of horns of the bull; but the face in this example is also missing. The minute accuracy in the modelling of the feet and hoofs of this animal, as well as the ears and horns, shows that the artist was a more attentive student of nature than were his Assyrian neighbors.

The next object of interest in the collection is a bronze foot of an altar which is of most massive and well-designed workmanship, and which represents the conventional form of the paw of a lion. The upper portion is decorated with a panel on which is the winged circle, a decoration common to both Assyria and Egypt. The upper portion of this fragment has been richly decorated with inlaid ivory and embossed ornaments on the bronze. It is about seven inches in height and about 4 inches in breadth, and the material is of a most solid nature.

The question arises as to the date, which we are fortunately enabled to solve by means of an inscription on one of the fragments. This inscription bears the name of a monarch named Argistis, and a dedication to the god Haldis, the chief diety of the Armenian Pantheon. In the reign of the Assyrian King, Shalmanesar III. (B. C. 850), the kingdom of Mannaior Van, to the northeast of Assyria began to be a powerful opponent of the Assyrian rule, and wars were waged between the Minneans and the Assyrians. It was at this period that the Minneans adopted the cuneiform mode of writing, and as Nimroud was then the Assyrian capital, they copied the heavy style of art of that period. But the kingdom of Van came into most direct contact with Assyria during the reigns of Sargno (B. C. 721) and his successors; and Sargon gives among his opponents the king whose name is found on one of Mr. Layard's bronze's, and we may therefore place him about B. C. 715.

The city of Van, from which Mr. Layard obtained these antiquities, is one of very ancient date, having certainly been in existence as early as the tenth century before the Christian era. The close connection between its foundation and Assyria is borne out by the local legend, which attributes its foundation to the Queen Semiramis, from whom it derived an ancient title of Schamiramfard. Here the Assyrian Queen was said to have founded a place with luxurious gardens and streams. Here she spent the summer months among the cool and pleasant hills on the banks of Lake Van, returning to Nineveh in the winter.

Miscellaneous.

Some Munchausen Stories.

Scribner for June contains a paper entitled 'Lying as a Fine Art: and the claims of the Rev. Samuel Peters as an Artist,' by W. L. Kingsley, editor of *The New Englander*. According to Mr. Kingsley, Peter's 'History of Connecticut,' published in 1771, is in a great measure the source of the famous libels on Connecticut in the matter of the Blue Laws. How worthy this author is of belief may be inferred from the following stories told in the History as sober truth:

'One night in July, 1758, the frogs of an artificial pond three miles square and about five from Windham, finding the water dried up, left the place in a body, and marched—or rather hopped—toward Winnomantic River. They were under the necessity of taking the road and going through the town, which they entered about midnight. The bull-frogs were the leaders, and the pipers followed without number. They filled the road forty yards wide for four miles in length, and were for several hours in passing through the town unusualy clamorous. The inhabitants were equally perplexed and frightened; some expected to find an army of French and Indians, and others feared an earthquake and dissolution of nature. The consternation was universal. Old and young male and female, fled naked from their beds with worse shriekings than those of the frogs. The event was fatal to several women. The men, after a flight of half a mile, in which they met with broken shins, finding no enemies in pursuit of them, made a halt and summoned resolution enough to venture back to their wives and children, when they distinctly heard from the enemy's camp these words: 'Wight, Hilderkin, Lyer, Tete.' This last they thought meant *treaty*; and, plucking up courage, they sent a triumvirate to capitulate with the supposed French and Indians. These three men approached in their shirts, and begged to speak with the general; but it being dark and no answer given, they were sorely agitated for some time betwixt hope and fear; however, they discovered that the dreaded inimical army was an army of thirsty frogs, going to the river for a little water.'

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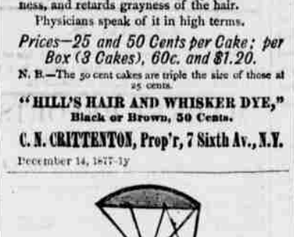

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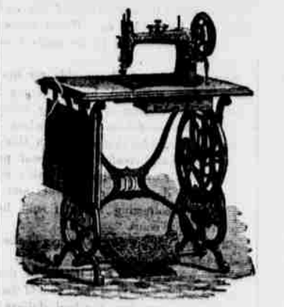

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