

THE OLDEST CALLING IN THE HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION.

Facts Which Prove the Antiquity of This Handicraft—Slave Bricklayers of Ancient Babylon.

While brick-laying is not the oldest trade in the world, it is certainly the next to the oldest.

The tower of Babel was built with brick like that used in America today.

The third verse of the eleventh chapter of Genesis says:

"And each one said to his neighbor, 'Come let us make brick and bake them with fire, and they had brick instead of stones and slime instead of mortar.'"

Even the record of Genesis, however, hardly gives an idea of the great antiquity of this vocation.

The builders of Babylon used brick altogether rather than stones.

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The Egyptian brick was not baked with fire. It was left in the sunlight until it was thoroughly hardened, and was then set up in the wall with mud, and not with mortar.

As a consequence the brick-buildings of Egypt have perished and only the stone monuments of the people have survived.

The Egyptians taught brick laying, along with the other arts of civilization, to the Greeks, and Athens, Sparta, and the towns of the peninsula carried the work to a high degree of excellence.

The Greeks used three kinds of brick, or rather three sizes of brick, the tetradon, and pentadon, which were commonly used in the same building.

From Greece brick-laying traveled to Rome, and there are brick houses now standing in the Eternal City which are more than 1700 years old.

In the time of the empire brick-layers were paid wages which, taking into consideration the difference in value between American money and Roman, amounted to about one day's work.

The hours of work were from day to day, and the men were allowed about an hour and a half of during the day and a reasonable amount of wine.

Of course these wages were not often paid to the men themselves, but to their owners, for the workmen in Rome were still practically enslaved at that period.

Conducted by the Tionesta Union.

The W. C. T. U. meets the 2d and 4th Tuesday of each month, at 3 p. m.

President—Mrs. Eli Holman. Vice Presidents—Mrs. J. G. Dale, Mrs. W. J. Roberts.

Recording Sec.—Mrs. L. A. Howe. Cor. Sec. and Treas.—Mrs. S. D. Irwin.

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth his bottle to him, and causeth him to drunkenness.—Hab. II, 15.

The wicked reviveth a deceitful work; but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a true reward.—Rev. II, 18.

Steeples and Quick sands. In the county of Kent, England, says the Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, in the Vindicator, is the little town of Tenterden, containing about five thousand inhabitants.

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Why have the floods of interpenetration in the last thirty years captured so much of our national estate, and made it a quicksand of bloomed pits of death?

Consumption of Malt Liquors. The consumption of malt liquors is increasing with great rapidity.

Why He Broke His Pledge. An interesting story was brought to light recently at the Salem Mass. hospital when a doctor was brought there to have an ulcer removed from his face.

Temperance News and Notes. A branch of the World's W. C. T. U. with twenty-two members has been organized in Paris.

Workingmen and the Saloon. It is an encouraging sign of the times that workmen in Cincinnati have organized a Temperance Club.

Systematic Punctation. In a Boston newspaper office not long ago the chief proof-reader had been greatly annoyed by an extraordinary use of commas that cropped out in occasional "takes" on his proofs.

The dry weather should be utilized for doing any needed ditching and draining of low land, digging peat, drawing sand and securing bog hay or sedge grass for a winter protection for beds of strawberries, spinach and other half-hardy plants.

A woman suffrage club, a woman's press club and a woman's paper, have just made their appearance at Cincinnati.

Top-Prized Butter.

The manufacture of extra choice butter is cleverly and briefly summed up in the following from the Agricultural Gazette.

Rotations in Crops. Rotations are valuable because plants vary in the area of the soil in which their roots grow and from which they derive the sustenance of the plant.

Remedy for Wire Worms. There are two kinds of wire worms, so called. One is a small round, hard worm with only six legs; this is the larva of a long narrow beetle, which has a habit of jerking its body and making a snapping noise, hence it is called the snapping beetle or elater, because of its jerky motions.

Signals for the Farm. A code of signals for use on the farm may be made very useful for communication between persons out of speaking distance.

Symptoms of Catarrh. Dull, heavy headache, obstruction of the nasal passages, discharge falling from the head down the throat, profuse, watery, and acid, or often thick, tenacious mucus, purulent, bloody and putrid; the eyes weak, watery, and inflamed; there is ringing in the ears, deafness, hoarseness or coughing to clear the throat, expectation of offensive matter, together with some nervous debility.

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Lameness. THIS, Felton Co., Illinois. Seven or four years ago was taken with lameness in my right leg, and was cured by three or four applications of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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In the first stages of founder in horses moderate doses of aconite should be given, and the animals covered with warm blankets, to cause or encourage perspiration.

Feeding Places for Chickens. It amuses my wrath to see the way "some folks" feed their chickens after the hen has weaned them.

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Every autumn, if they are allowed to do so, the Concova have a "burning" or burnt offering to their dead, says a writer in the San Francisco Alta.

The making of grass ensilage is all the rage in England.

A Family Gathering. Have you a father? Have you a mother? Have you a son or daughter, sister or a brother who has not yet taken Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, the guaranteed remedy for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Croup and all Throat and Lung troubles?

American silk manufacturing is crowding out foreign silk.

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