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THE FIRST WALL OF THE CITY SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED.
Dr. Bliss, who is conducting excavations for the Palestine exploration fund in Jerusalem, sends home a report of his work, in which he states that he has found, at a depth of a few feet, the foundations of a wall which may be those of the actual first wall of the city, and are certainly on the site of that wall. In the course of the work he had uncovered three large square towers. He had also found a gateway, the door sill of which was still in situ with the holes of the door posts and the holes for the bolts. This was still four feet above the ancient paved road which passed through the wall at this point, but on digging deeper he found, four feet below, and therefore on a level with the ancient road, the sill of an older gate. Herr Schick reports that he has found a postern in the north wall on the exact spot where the Loper's Gate is placed by writers in the twelfth century. Reviewing the future of exploration at Jerusalem, Major Conder, in an interesting article in the Scottish Review, reminds us that within the temple enclosure it is hopeless to expect that leave to excavate can be obtained from the Sultan. If it were possible to remove the flagging of the platform on which the dome of the rock now stands, or to open the archway in its eastern retaining wall, over which a mound of earth was heaped in 1881, when Major Conder attempted to get leave for their exploration, it is thought very probable that we should find the foundations of the temple courts and steps beneath. The "Well of Souls," under the Sakhrah is a cave which has never been seen by anyone now living, and which is described by an old Arab writer. Within the city excavation is pronounced only possible immediately west of Antonia, where there is an unoccupied area, or in the western part of the Hospital of St. John, which still lies beneath an accumulation of rubbish twenty feet deep. In all other parts houses and monasteries cover the ground. Outside, on the north, further examination of the ground west of the Damascus Gate is considered desirable; but on the south there is greater possibility of work. The slopes of Zion are covered with the remains of the wall, which are known to overlie the remains of the ancient city. On Ophel a mighty rampart seventy feet high has completely disappeared and here is the only authority, inscriptions of the early times of Solomon and Hezekiah might very probably be recovered, with perhaps archives of the palace and the record of the burial of the kings. As to the wall of the temple enclosure, which, as this writer observes, would be more valuable than any settlement of such questions as the exact place at which the "Lower City" was destroyed, it should be written on the map--London News.

The Myth of History.
A goodly volume has been made of the myth of history, from the romantic tales of Greek and Roman heroes to those told of the exalted personages of modern times. Thus William Tell never shot at the apple, the commander of the Old Guard at Waterloo never said "The Guard dies, but never surrenders," and George Washington had no little hatchet. Nearly all the stock stories about great personages have been exploded, and now comes Mrs. Phil. Schuyler, who states that the popular idea of "Sheridan's Ride" was wholly a piece of imagination, as the late General often boasted and bragged of it. Instead of being the bloody and impetuous trooper of popular imagination, was a very quiet man, fond of nothing so much as reading and a cozy domestic life.
A Fakie's Incentive.
Enormous business has been done lately at French fairs by a man who professed to sell a rat powder that was perfectly harmless, and that struck rats dead on the spot. In order to convince the skeptical man, first of all, powdered a slice of bread with the stuff, and ate a piece of it himself. Then he put the remainder under a glass case, in which was kept in captivity. The rat went to eat the bread and instantly fell dead. At five pence a box the powder went off like hot rolls, and the lucky proprietor of the specific was in a few days to make a fortune. But the police, who in France are very active in protecting the people from fraud, looked into the matter and found that the powder was nothing but ordinary salt. They also discovered that the case was connected with a powerful electric battery, and the moment the rat touched the bread the current was brought on, and it was thus his death was brought about. The man was arrested at the fair of Abbi, and he has been sentenced to fifteen days' imprisonment.
Pills - Dr. Calomel made a bad break at the dinner table of the medical society last night. I hear. Chills--What did he do? Pills--When called on for his best proposition, the "Health of All Who Are Sick."--Brooklyn Life.
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"They say old Smith never subscribed for a newspaper?" "Never." "Where is he now?" "How'd 'out the gas in some hotel."--Atlanta Constitution.
Atlanta has a citizen with a very suggestive name. He is a peddler, and his name as put down in the city directory is as follows: "Hava Drinkovitzky."--Atlanta Journal.
"I want a husband who's easily pleased." "Well, dear, that's the kind you're sure to get."--London Judy.
Poets are born, not made. The present state of the market wouldn't warrant their manufacture.--Rogersville Review.
"De man do' lub's de sun's ob his own voice," said Uncle Eben, "he'z mos' a-loud get mighty 'poll' taste."--Richmond Star.

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