

THE MAGICAL PAPYRI.

The Mystical Literature of Egypt in the British Museum.

Tradition has always credited Egypt with being the home of magic. In the Talmud, indeed, there is a saying that when thirteen parts of magic were created twelve of them were assigned to Egypt; and that it was during his residence in Egypt that Jesus learned the art of working miracles. A particular interest therefore attaches itself to any literature relating to magic which may be recovered from the buried libraries of Egyptian temples. During recent years several important discoveries have been made, and it is fortunate that most of these papyri have found their resting place in the British Museum. The correctness of the tradition as to prevalence of magic in the Nile land is amply proved, for it is the basis of the mystic theology of the land of the dead, and it formed the groundwork of the pseudo science of medicine in the famous Ebers papyrus, as well as of the favorite literature of the common people.

The discovery of the last few years, in both Egypt and Chaldea, have placed a new aspect on the study of magic and raised it from the position of a "black art" to the rank of a subject throwing much light on the beginnings of religion and science in the most remote ages. Magic has been well described as "the physics of man in a state of nature." It represents his earliest efforts to solve the problems of nature, and to express his own position in the mutual relations which he felt existed throughout nature.

On this subject the papyrus of Nosi-Amun in the British Museum throws great light. This extraordinary religious magical work contains a curious litany of the "Book of the Overthrowing of Apep." Apep was the serpent fiend, the enemy of Ra, the sun god. To defeat him magic had to be employed. The ceremonies described are most interesting. A wax figure, for instance, of Apep, on which his name was written in green, is to be made and placed on a fire so that it shall consume the enemy of Ra. Or, again, figures of the fiend and his attendants are to be made of wax and to have their names written on them and to be placed with a stone spear and then burned. This custom of wax figures of the demon is found in almost every system of magic. More important is the care advised to recite the names of the evil ones and to write and destroy them, for the name was believed to be the most vital element in nature. Unless the object had a name it could not exist, and if the name was lost it perished. Hence the Book of the Dead the special chapters to preserve the name in the next world.

The belief in the magical power of the name lies at the basis of all Oriental magic and is even found in the early Christian writings, such as the Apocryphes of St. John, where we have the passage: "Thou hast a name that thou lovest and thou art dead" (Rev. iii, 2). The "new name" is prominent, and is evidently the same as "the good" or Ka name borne by the dead in the Egyptian "Fields of Peace." In the Pyramid text, dating from the time of the Sixth dynasty (B. C. 2200), we read: "Pepe is happy with his name" (the name of Pepe is written down at the head of the living). The papyrus shows that this belief in the power of the name lay

at the base of Egyptian magic. The object for which this ritual was written is curious. Apep was the demon of the thunderstorm, "the roarer" of the rain and storm and cloud; and thus the opponent of the sun; and this litany was to be recited as an incantation to obtain a bright clear sky wherein the sun might make his voyage unimpeded.

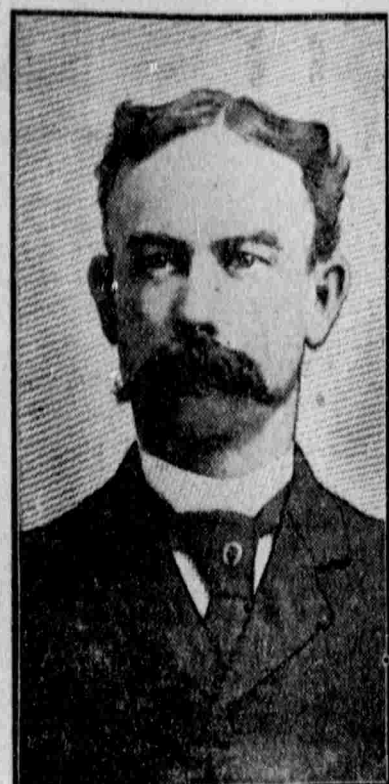
The value of the magical literature of ancient Egypt is shown by a remarkable papyrus which was obtained by the museum some few years ago, and has just been published by the Clarendon press, with notes and translation by L. Griffith, P. S. A. This papyrus was discovered in 1895 in Upper Egypt, and purchased some time later by the trustees of the museum. Its date can be fixed with fair certainty. On the obverse of the two leaves are a set of farm accounts written in Greek dated in the seventh year of the Emperor Claudius (A. D. 46-47), and on the reverse are written in Demotic, or the common script, a series of magical tales. The second use of the papyrus probably took place about thirty years later, and we may place their origin about A. D. 75. Among the magical literature of Egypt there was a famous cycle of stories grouped round Setne-Khames (the eldest son of Ramses II, the Pharaoh of Moses).

The author has collected tales of varying ages and grouped them round his hero. Some are taken apparently from Christian sources, and we have a curious parallel in the story of Christ and the doctors in the temple, also a version of the parable of the Dives and Lazarus. But the most curious are some episodes remarkably like the miracles of Moses and the plagues of Egypt.

These stories record a great contest in magic between the magicians of Egypt and Ethiopia, the wisdom of Egypt being represented by Se-Osiris, the son of Khames. This contest seems to accord with the tradition mentioned in the Bible of "Jannes and Jambres, who withstood Moses" (ii Timothy ii, 8). The two Ethiopian magicians boast of the deeds of magic they can perform. One says: "I will cast my magic upon the land of Egypt, and I will cause the people of Egypt to pass three days and three nights without seeing the light." Here we seem to have a strange and almost verbal version of the ninth plague—"and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days" (Exodus ix, 23). Another parallel is found in the words of the second Ethiopian. The magician gives as a sign to his mother that if he recoules aid against the magicians of Egypt the sign shall be that "if thou art eating or drinking the waters shall be the color of blood before thee, and the heavens shall be the color of blood." The resemblance in the Hebrew version is not quite so close as in the first reference, but still it is curious to find the turning of the waters into blood (Exodus ix, 17). Lastly, there is a remarkable passage,



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unfortunately somewhat mutilated, which seems to contain a trace of the story of Moses in the bulrushes. The son of Khames, the champion of Egypt, as Moses was of the Hebrews, was, according to the legend here given, a reincarnation of the older wise man named Hor, "the son of the negress," and when he defeats his opponents, one of them upbraids him with the words: "Art thou not he whom I saved from the reeds of Ra (Nile)? thy companion being drowned?"—London Post.

IN A JOCKEY SCHOOL.

Tod Sloan Says That Out of Fifty Boys That Try, Only Two Succeed.

"When a boy enters a jockey school he shuts the world behind him, like a nun that walls herself within a convent. All energy of body and soul is consecrated to his craft. To him life means the clank of the bridle, the hoof-thud, the smell of straw, and the boot-maker's cry. He never learns anything unrelated to this life. Of a dozen stable boys I found only two that could name the governors of their respective states. Most of them believed Roosevelt to be simply a Rough Rider, and knew him as "Teddy." Only one could tell me his present office.

"What they do develop is a savage grit that less than nudge death familiarly with a smiling face, a forearm and leg of flexible steel, and wits unnaturally keen on a single line. And also, that pitiful legacy of the veteran trainer—crabbed age of mind behind a baby face. You have the living picture of it all in 14-year-old Johnny Reiff, who earns in a year more than a dozen college professors.

"The early training of a jockey is thorough, severe and relentless. The boys sleep in the stable loft over the horses. Summer and winter they are awakened at daybreak by a groom pounding on the boards. They jump

into their clothes, shivering in the early morning's chill, and hurry to a pump, where a douse of cold water sweeps away the cobwebs of sleep. Then to the horses, and for two hours each boy "exercises his string." A "string" consists of two horses, and "exercising" means walking them about the track until they are agreeably warm. After breakfast—and the food at the jockey school is of the most nourishing sort—the youngsters exercise another "string," and employ an hour or more in doing chores. The afternoon they spend at the track, and by 8 o'clock in the evening they must be abed. Plenty of time is allowed to recreation. The trainers encourage the boys in such sports as swimming, running and ball playing. By constant practice of open-air diversions, Tod Sloan has maintained his excellent condition. To this day he will leap a five-foot fence rather than go through the gate. Marbles is the favorite game of the stable boys. After winning a \$25,000 race at Manchester last year Johnny Reiff was found deeply interested playing marbles while Lord Rossberry was waiting outside the paddock to congratulate him.

"The life of the embryo jockey is full of contrast. Until a boy shows signs of a great talent he is liable to rough treatment for any mistake or disobedience. He learns to dread the trainer's bastinado. It is on record that Ludden, an English boy, was killed through the cruelty of his master. On the other hand as soon as the apprentice displays promise, he is nurtured and tended just as scrupulously as the colt of high degree.

"Trainers are particularly anxious that the boys go to church every Sunday. One of them told me, with a flicker of profanity that he had been hunting for two days for a Quaker meeting house as he had just indentured a Quaker boy from a Pennsylvania poor house.

"Tod Sloan has said that out of fifty boys that lead the elephant to water, two get into the circus, and he makes

the same average of boys who reach the distinction of 'exercising a horse under the saddle.' This is the second step in the school, and the majority of apprentices, after three years, attain to it only to learn that they have taken on too much weight ever to be jockeys. Little wonder, then, that such unfortunate youth, sickened at soul, dribble out a cheap existence as 'touts,' hostlers and vagabonds. You can pick them out in sporting parlours—wan-faced, stunted misfits of men. If a boy has not attained to the second step before his sixteenth year, and while he is under 75 pounds in weight, his future is behind him—Allen Sangree in Alinslee's.

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