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Selected Poetry.

WOMANLY PLEASANTRIES.

"I heard it!"
"Who told you?"
"Her friend!" (?)
"You don't say so?"
"'Tis dreadful!"
"Yes, awful!"
"Don't tell it, I pray!"

"Good gracious!"
"Who'd think it?"
"Well! well! well!"
"Dear me!"
"I've had my
Suspicions!"
"And I, too, you see!"

"Lord help us!"
"Poor creatures!"
"So artful!"
"So sly!"
"No beauty!"
"Quite thirty!"
"Between you and I!"

"I'm going!"
"Do stay!"
"I can't!"
"I'm forlorn!"
"Farewell, dear!"
"Good-bye, sweet!"
"I'm glad she's gone!"

THE ASSYRIAN TABLET.

THE NEWLY DISCOVERED RECORD OF NOAH'S FLOOD—LEGENDS THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD—NEW DETAILS REGARDING THE ARK AND THE DELUGE—SIR HENRY RAWLINSON VOUCHES FOR THEIR AUTHENTICITY.

[CONTINUED.]

THE COUNTRY PURIFIED.

178. When his judgment was accomplished, Bel went up to the middle of the ship,
179. he took my hand and brought me out, me
180. he brought out, he caused to bring my wife to my side,
181. he purified the country, he established in a covenant, and took the people
182. in the presence of Sisit and the people;
183. when Sisit and his wife and the people to be like the gods were carried away,
184. then dwelt Sisit in a remote place at the mouth of the rivers,
185. they took me and in a remote place at the mouth of the rivers they seated me,
186. when to thee whom the gods have chosen,
187. thee and the life which thou hast sought, after thou shalt gain
188. this do for six days and seven nights
189. like I say also, in bonds bind him
190. the way like a storm shall be laid upon him.
191. Sisit, after this manner, said to his wife,
192. I announce that the chief who grasps at life
193. the way like a storm shall be laid upon him;
194. his wife after this manner, said to Sisit afar off,
195. purify him and let the man be sent away
196. the road that he came, may he return in peace,
197. the great gate open, and may he return to his country.
198. Sisit, after this manner, said to his wife,
199. the cry of a man alarms thee,
200. this do, his scarlet cloth place on his head,
201. and the day when he ascended the side of the ship
202. she did, his scarlet cloth she placed on his head,
203. and the day when he ascended on the side of the ship.

The next four lines describe seven things done to Izdubar before he was purified.

The passage is obscure and does not concern the flood, so I have not translated it.

208. Izdubar after this manner, said to Sisit afar off,
209. this way, she has done, I come up
210. joyfully, my strength thou givest me.
211. Sisit after this manner said to Izdubar
212. .....thy scarlet cloth
213. .....I have lodged thee
214. .....

The five following lines, which are mutilated, refer again to the seven matters for purifying Izdubar; this passage, like the former one, I do not translate.

219. Izdubar after this manner said to Sisit afar off,
220. .....Sisit to thee may we not come.

From here the text is much mutilated, and it will be better to give a general account of its contents than to attempt a strict translation, especially as this part is not so interesting as the former part of the tablet.

Lines 221 to 233 mention some one who was taken and dwelt with death. Lines 224 to 235 give a speech of Sisit to the seaman Urhamsi, directing him how to cure Izdubar, who, from the broken passages, appears to have been suffering from some form of skin disease. Izdubar was to be dipped in the sea, when beauty was to spread over his skin once more. In lines 236 to 241 the carrying out of these directions and the cure of Izdubar are recorded.

The tablet then reads as follows:

242. Izdubar and Urhamsi rode in the boat
243. where they placed them they rode.
244. His wife after this manner said to Sisit afar off
245. Izdubar goes away, he is satisfied, he performs
246. that which thou hast given him and returns to his country,
247. and he heard, and went after Izdubar,
248. he went to the shore.
249. Sisit after this manner said to Izdubar,
250. Izdubar thou goest away, thou art satisfied, thou performest
251. that which I have given thee and thou returnest to thy country.
252. I have revealed to thee Izdubar the concealed story.

Lines 253 to 262, which are very mutilated, give the conclusion of the speech of Sisit, and then state that, after hearing it, Izdubar took great stones and piled them up as a memorial of these events.

Lines 263 to 289 give in a very mutilated condition subsequent speeches and doings of Izdubar and Urhamsi. In this part journeys are mentioned of 10 and 20 kaspu, or 70 and 140 miles; a lion is also spoken of, but there is no further allusion to the flood. These lines close the inscription and are followed by a colophon which gives the heading of the next tablet, and the statement that this (the flood tablet) is the 11th tablet in the series giving the history of Izdubar, and that it is a copy of the ancient inscription.

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