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## U. C. EXPERTS STUDY EGYPTIAN WRITINGS

OLD, VALUABLE  
 Physician's Handbook

### Hearst Medical Papyri Find

#### Little Known Period In History May Be Filled In

What were the medical secrets of the Egyptian scientists in the Ptolemaic period from 250 to 30 B. C.?

Answer to this question may soon be answered at the University of California Medical School here where Dr. Chauncey D. Leake, professor of pharmacology and librarian of the medical school, is studying the famous Hearst Medical Papyri.

The famous paper, part of 1,705 pieces of papyri dug up by a Phoebe Apperson Hearst Egyptian expedition in 1900, has just been delivered with the rest of the ancient writings to the university, and was promptly seized upon by Professor Leake for research.

#### VALUABLE RECORD.

Marking practically the only written record of Egyptian history in the period from 250 B. C. to 30 B. C., the papyri was dug up near the Egyptian village of Tebtunis by Dr. George Reisner.

Wrapped around the mummies of sacred crocodiles, the writings were nearly thrown away before their importance was realized and each tiny fragment carefully preserved.

At the time, the University of California had no Egyptologist on its staff and the papyri was sent to Oxford, England, for translation.

In the forty years intervening most of the papyri has been translated and most important of the larger pieces was found to be the Hearst Medical Papyri.

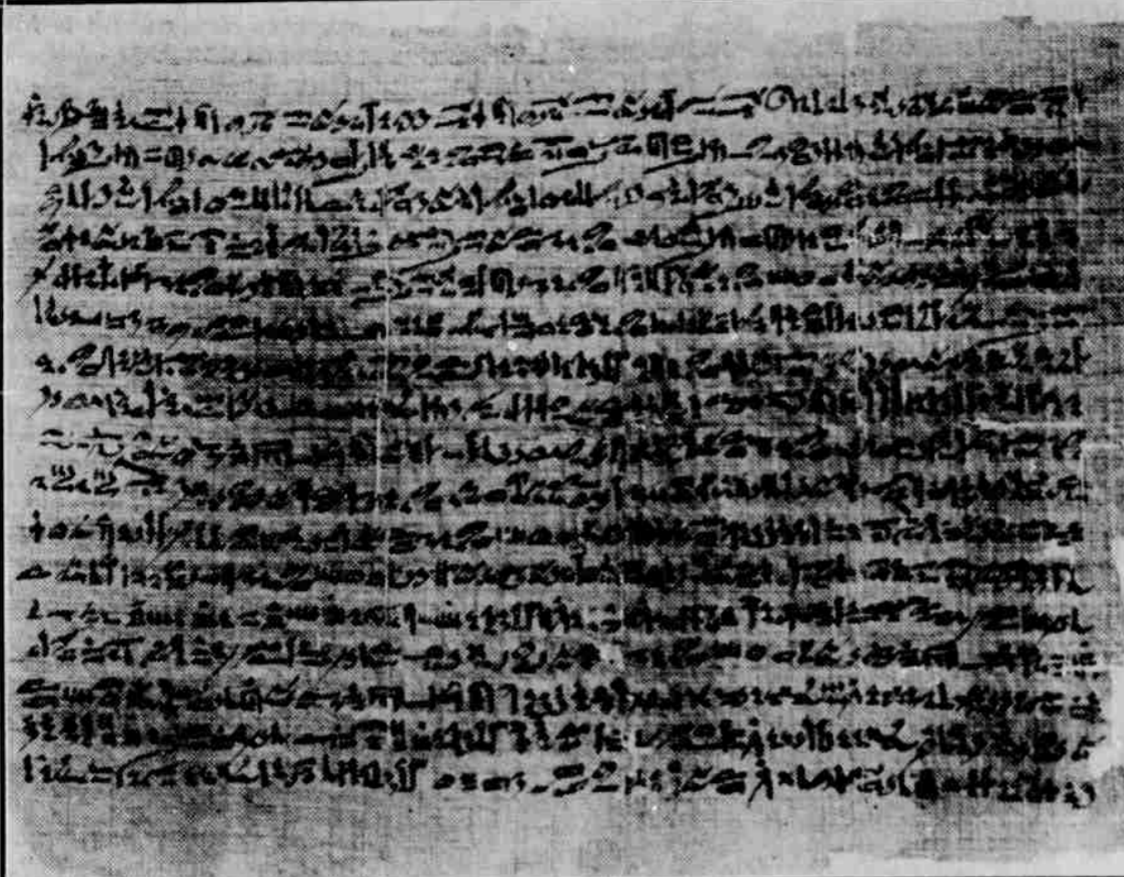
#### PIECES MOUNTED.

Since the arrival of the pieces on the campus here, they have been mounted by Dr. Edmund H. Kase, formerly of Princeton.

Doctor Kase believes a rereading of the papyri in the light of new knowledge may give a changed significance to this period.

In this connection he is preparing a report on one of them to be made at the December meeting of the American Philological Association.

Doctor Kase evaluates the Hearst Medical Papyri at \$50,000 alone and others of the collection at between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Of particular value, he said, is



PAGE—This is one of eighteen six by eight inch pages from Egyptian physician's handbook in Hearst Medical Papyri collection, which is valued at \$50,000, recently sent to the University of California for study.

### Mrs. Henry Leaves \$129,420

#### Grandchildren and Stepdaughters to Share in Estate

An inventory, filed yesterday in superior court, set a value of \$129,420 on the estate left by Mrs. Rosie Henry, who died here June 28.

Terms of the widow's will give \$5,000 each to two grandchildren, Jean and Joseph Henry of Fairfax, and \$5,000 each to two stepdaughters, Minnie Henry of 1145 Steiner Street, and Mrs. Sadie Diaz of 4839 Anza Street.

The residue will be divided by a son and daughter, Solomon Henry of Fairfax, and Miss Hanna Henry of 1600 Clement Street.

One piece which carries twenty-one lines of a series of decrees made by Euergetes. The decrees fill in a blank in this portion of Egyptian history, Doctor Kase said.

### Cable Car Lines Chief To Quit After 61 Years

#### James W. Harris, 85, Retires Today; Recalls Early S. F. Days

A character out of San Francisco's gaslight and champagne era—in stiff hard collar and cuffs, with spiked white whiskers—will spend his last day at his president's desk today.

After sixty-one years' service with the California Street Cable Car Railway, its president, 85 year old James W. Harris, is about to let go the grip and slam on the brake; he retires tomorrow.

The years haven't brought much change in the cable car business, and a before-the-fire-of-1906 atmosphere somehow hovers over Jim Harris' office.

"The cable car business is just about the same it was in those early years," he reflected yesterday. "Progress has had little effect on it. The cable cars are still the same, the bells still clatters, the bells jangle . . . hardly any change at all."

It was on these bulging-sided tan cars that Caruso, Oscar Wilde and General Grant had ridden excitedly as tourists up California Street, thrilled by the steep climb, the view, and the dip down, Jim Harris remembers.

## MERCED WAITS YOUNG WIDOW'S MURDER TRIAL

75 Prospective Jurors Held for October 14 Opening; Rancher to Be Tried 2 Weeks Later

MERCED, Sept. 29.—Seventy-seven prospective jurors were being held in readiness today for the forthcoming trial of young Mrs. Carolyn Sullivan on a charge of murdering her husband, Dr. William A. Sullivan.

They had been selected last week from a panel of 200. Mrs. Sullivan's trial starts October 14. SEPARATE TRIALS.

Two weeks later, William A. Cain, Dos Palos rancher-aviator, will appear in court to answer identical charges.

Both had been indicted by the Merced County grand jury for Doctor Sullivan's death, but had been granted separate trials.

Although the wife insists her husband's death was self-inflicted—that his own fingers pulled the trigger of the gun in their bungalow after a party—District Attorney Allen Henderson contends otherwise.

#### CAIN'S STORY.

Henderson says he has a detailed story from Cain, who was present at the shooting, which declares he was seated on a divan when Doctor Sullivan entered the house; that an argument followed between the Sullivans, and he heard a shot and saw the gun fall from Mrs. Sullivan's hand.

## Alameda Scouts To Hear Official

John G. Triplett, assistant national director of registrations for the Boy Scouts of America, will be the guest Wednesday night of Scout and Cub leaders of Alameda County.

Triplett will speak in the Oakland Technical High School Auditorium at 7:30.

## FLORISTS SUPPORTED

### Group Backs Flower Stands

Opposition to any local legislation that would have a tendency to eliminate existing street flower stands, for which San Francisco is widely noted, was voiced by the Junior Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

In a letter to the finance committee of the board of supervisors, the junior chamber pointed out that the gay display of flowers, for which this section is famous, exemplifies one of the most colorful traditions of our city. They should be retained at the corner stands now in operation, it was added.

## APPLE SHOW ENTRANT



KEEN COMPETITION—Miss Catherine Nobles, shown with box of apples to be entered into Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show opening Friday at Boonville. Fair officials report many entries in various exhibits.

## MENDOCINO FAIR TO OPEN IN BOONVILLE FRIDAY

BOONVILLE, Sept. 29.—A new wood Empire counties for entry blanks.

Emphasis will be placed on free entertainment, together with a diversified display of livestock, agricultural and industrial products and home crafts representing every section of Mendocino County.

Races on Saturday and Sunday afternoon combined with various rodeo events are also planned, as well as street parades, a carnival and dancing.

With Future Farmer, 4-H Club and independent projects being groomed for exhibition, officials predict, judges in all classes and divisions will find competition extremely keen, according to Catherine Nobles, an entry.

Many prize winning animals of other Redwood Empire agricultural district and county fairs will be shown.

## Statue Will Be Unveiled

A statue of St. Francis de Assisi will be unveiled on the grounds of the College of Notre Dame in Belmont on Thursday at 3:30 p. m.

The ceremonies marking the opening of Senior Glade at the school will be held on the eve of the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of the archdiocese.

The statue, designed by the Deprato Studios of Chicago, represents St. Francis preaching to the birds.

## Ex-President of Costa Rica Here

Dr. Don Leon Cortez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica from 1936 to 1940 will be the guest of honor at the Foreign Trade Association luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel today noon.

He will be accompanied by Dr. Arturo Fernandez, consul general of Costa Rica, and Dr. Antonio Casas Briceño, of Venezuela, dean of the consular corps here.

## KENNY TO SPEAK

Gerald Kenny, San Francisco public defender, will address the St. Ives Law Club of the University of San Francisco at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

## CHICKEN INCOME

KANSAS CITY—Income of Kansas farmers from chickens in 1939 was approximately \$17,000,000; income from eggs \$2,565,000.

## FLOWER STAND LAW

### Board to Consider Tax Today

The board of supervisors today will resume consideration of an ordinance which would regulate the establishment and operation of sidewalk flower stands in San Francisco. Only eleven would be permitted, and operators would be required to pay a \$200 per year license fee and close at 8 p. m.

The ordinance is desired by retail florists who claim the sidewalk vendors are unfair competitors. The operators maintain

## PROPOSAL UP TODAY, RAPPED AS UNFRIENDLY

Oakland Leader Warns City Against Creating Barrier for S. F., Neighbor Communities

A solid front of opposition by San Francisco and her neighbors was organized yesterday against the Shannon commuter tax scheme which comes before the board of supervisors today.

From a series of emergency indignation meetings evolved a representative group of commuter and trade organization executives who will lead the battle to kill the Shannon proposal for a 1 per cent income tax against persons who work but do not live in San Francisco.

Sponsored by President Warren Shannon of the board and recommended by the finance committee, the resolution up for consideration today instructs the city attorney to prepare the required legislation for the tax.

#### OPINION WITHHELD.

However, City Attorney John J. O'Toole expressed a private opinion over the week end that the tax plan was unconstitutional because it discriminated between two types of San Francisco workers—residents and non-residents. The city attorney temporarily was withholding an official opinion.

The commuter tax would affect an estimated 50,000 East Bay, peninsula and Marin County workers from the high salary brackets down to \$15 a week stenographers and clerks, commuter club officials pointed out. They unanimously declared that the tax would drive people away from the San Francisco area and create unfriendliness and unneighborliness.

"A tax of this sort, if legal, would just create another barrier between San Francisco and her neighboring communities," said Harvey Scott, an officer of Oakland plan and former executive of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. "We all certainly have enough taxes to pay as it is."

#### OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Allan Singer, manager of the San Mateo-Burlingame Merchants Association, commented:

"Despite the high caliber of peninsula firms, surveys have shown that commuters purchase up to 85 per cent of their requirements in San Francisco and don't deserve to be saddled with a San Francisco income tax."

T. W. Schwamb, first vice president of the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce deplored the fact that the tax measure might imperil co-operative relations that have been built up recently between San Francisco and nearby communities.

GOOD WILL STRESSED. "San Francisco has made great strides during the past year in gaining good will and the co-operation of outlying communities in northern California," he said.

"In doing so it seemingly recognized the fact that San Francisco's prosperity and progress are dependent on the good will of its trade area.

"If this commuter tax plan is given approval, or even serious consideration, then months of effort by the best brains of this area will have gone for nothing and thousands of dollars in good will advertising for our mutual benefit will be wasted."

## MEMORIAL PLANNED

### Fair Dioramas to Honor Leader

On Sutro Heights, overlooking the Golden Gate, there will soon rise a monument to Adolph Sutro, one of San Francisco's historic figures.

In it will be housed the ten dioramas of the birth of San Francisco which have attracted special attention in the San Francisco Building on Treasure Island during the Exposition.

Grading for the new building will start within a few weeks, according to John J. Lermen, member of the board of park commissioners. Sketches and plans by Francis Chinn have been accepted.

#### SEMICIRCULAR SHAPE.

The structure will follow the contours of the promontory rock that overhangs the heights above the Cliff House. It will be the shape of a semicircle with a glass enclosed promenade of nearly two hundred feet.

From this promenade, even in the stormiest weather visitors may have a view of the ocean in perfect comfort. The diorama room will be circular with a diameter of forty-two feet, with a dome overhead.

Entrance will be gained by climbing the old Sutro Manion road. But later, according to

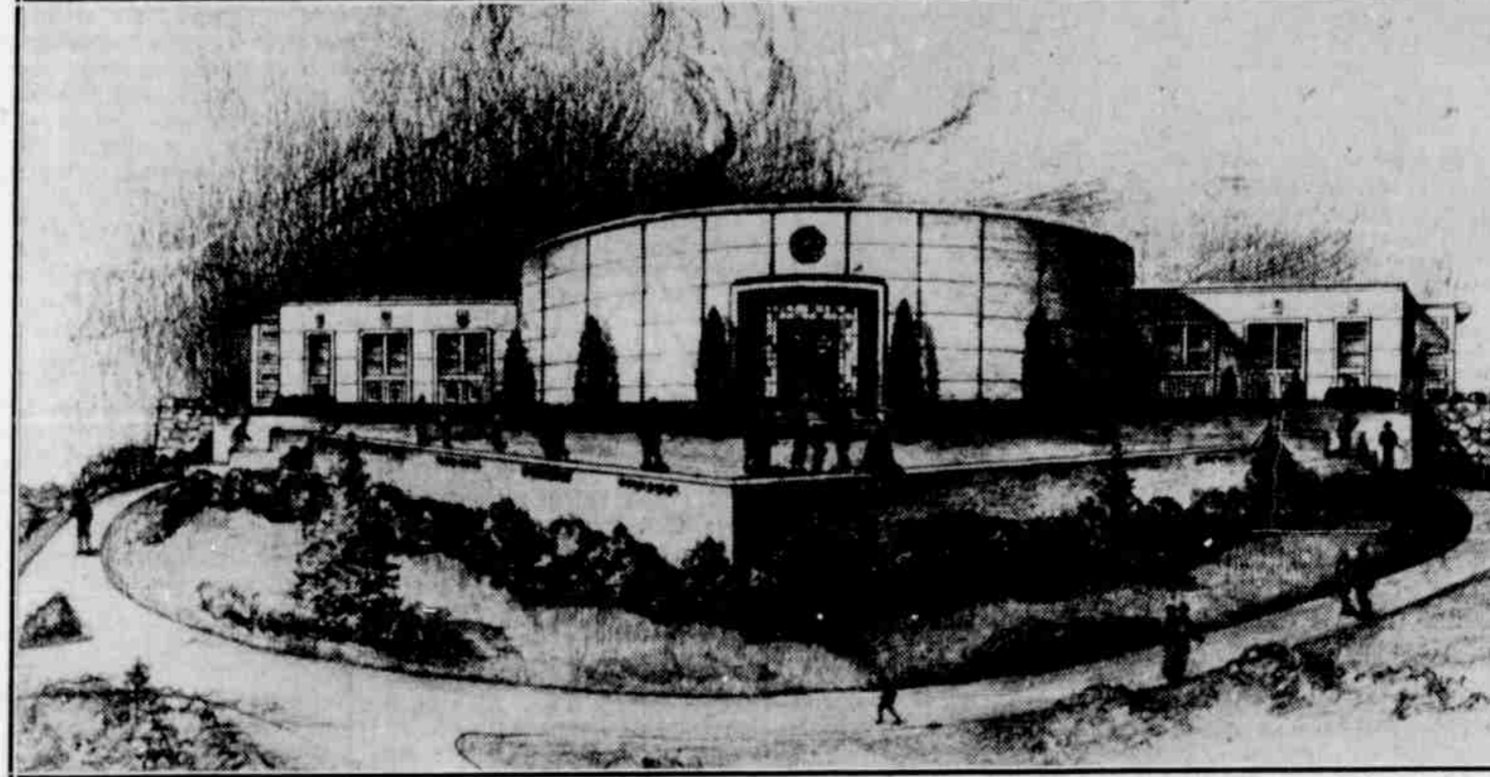
plans, a stairway opposite Sutro Baths will scale the steep cliff by easy stages.

#### FOR OCEAN LOVERS.

Money for the building has already been promised from the wrecking of the San Francisco Building. Furnishings, lounges, plumbing and fixtures will be transferred.

"This will be something that San Francisco ocean lovers have always longed for," said Commissioner Lermen.

## PROJECTED MONUMENT TO ADOLPH SUTRO



MEMORIAL—Above is a sketch of the monument to Adolph Sutro, to be built on Sutro Heights. The circular diorama room shown in the center will house the

ten dioramas of the birth of San Francisco which have been displayed at the Exposition. To the sides are the glass enclosed semicircular promenade wings.

## SKIPPY

Skippy appears every Sunday in color in the Comic Section of The San Francisco Examiner

By Percy L. Crosby

