

PART I

BABYLONIAN BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

OF THE
FIRST MILLENNIUM B. C.

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INTRODUCTION.

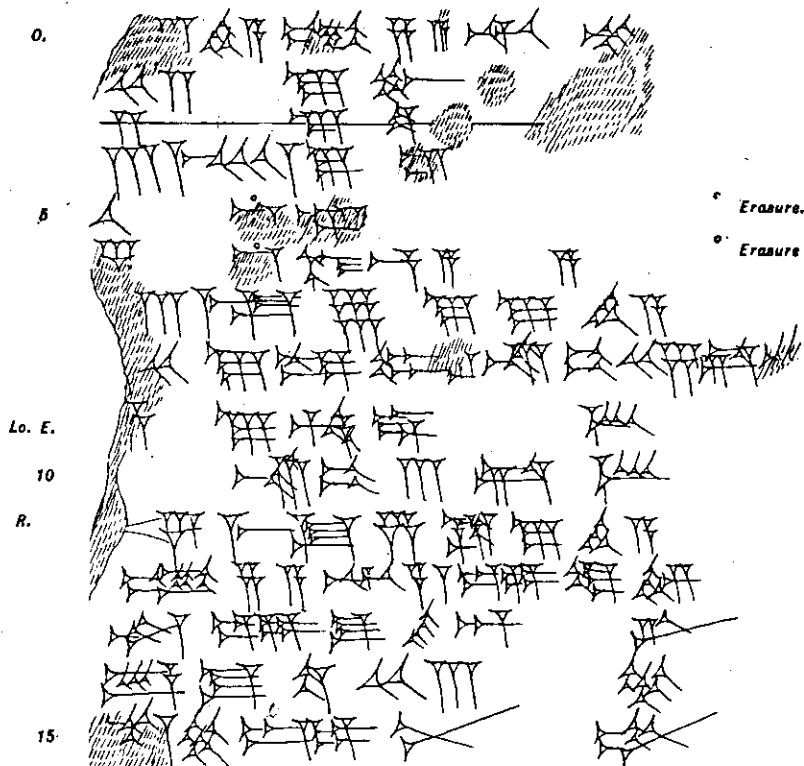
The provenance of the tablets here published, when it is given in the Catalogue (see page 43 ff), is based upon the names of places which are mentioned in the documents where they were dated. Nos. 2 to 28, which do not contain any reference to the city in which they were written, are said to have been found at Senkereh, the ancient Larsa, or biblical Ellasar, in Southern Babylonia. The texts, however, do not offer any evidence in corroboration of this statement. The fact that two of them refer (Nos. 21:2 and 23:2) to transactions in connection with "property of Nanâ," points to Warka or Bismaya as the probable place of their discovery.

The texts belong to the first millennium B. C., with the exception of Nos. 1 and 1A, which are dated in the reign of Nebuchadrezzar I. (c. 1155-1140 B. C.). That they do not belong to the reign of the biblical Nebuchadrezzar (see Nos. 43 to 53), but to the earlier king bearing the same name, is determined from palæographic considerations. They are the only transactions dated in this reign which have thus far been published. The same is true of Nos. 2 and 3, which are dated in the reign of Nabû-shum-ishkun; of Nos. 4 to 21, in that of Nabû-nâsir:

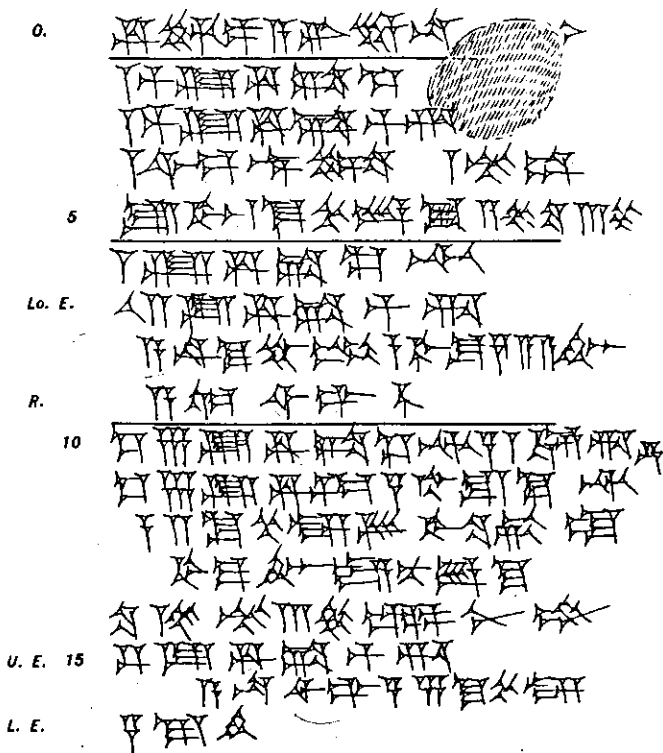
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TEXT.	PLATES.	REIGN.	YEAR.	MONTH.	DAY.	M. L. C.	PROVENANCE AND CONTENTS.
1	1	<i>Nabû-kudurri-uṣur I.</i>	8	11		383	Temple payments to attaches.
12	1	do.	11	19			Temple payments to attaches.
2	1	<i>Nabû-šum-iškun</i>	19	9	20	1812	Record of a loan in grain to two men.
3	1	do.	13	8	19	1813	Record of temple receipts
4	2	<i>Nabû-nâṣir</i>	1	4	23	1814	Disposition of sacrificial offerings.
5	2	do.	3	7	1	1815	Temple payments in wool.
6	3	do.	4	4	16	1789	Expenditures in sheep belonging to the king.
7	3	do.	7	5	20	1790	Temple payments in wool.
8	3	do.	7	6	10(?)	1791	Payments in oil.
9	4	do.	7	9	3	1792	Payments in cattle.
10	4	do.	8	1	17	1793	Payments in flour.
11	4	do.	9	1	10	1794	Payments in dates.
12	4	do.	9	7	12	1795	Temple payments.
13	4	do.	9	7	20	1796	Payments in millet.
14	5	do.	8	11	26	1797	Delivery of old dates for grinding.
15	5	do.	8	12	4	1798	Payment of part of a barley debt.
16	5	do.	9	(?)		1799	Payments in oil.
17	6	do.	9(?)	(?)	(?)	1800	
18	6	do.	10	(?)	6	1801	Money payment on the order of another.
19	7	do.	14(?)	4	21	1802	Disposition of cattle.
20	7	do.	14	10	17	1803	Payment in barley instead of silver.
21	8	do.	(?)	3	10	1804	Payment in wool.
23	9	Same period	4	9	21	1806	Record of the disposition of revenues.

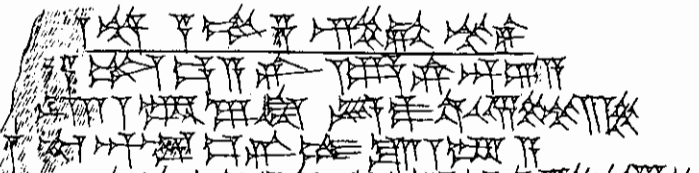
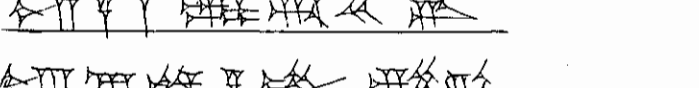
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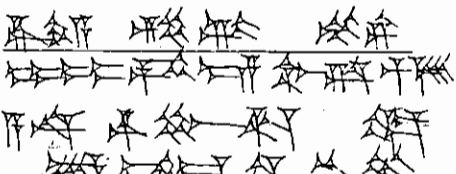
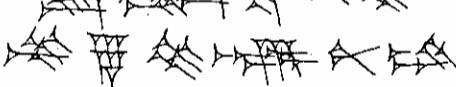
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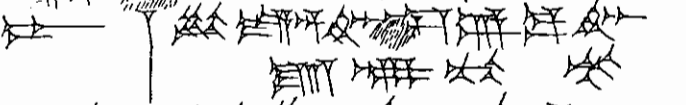
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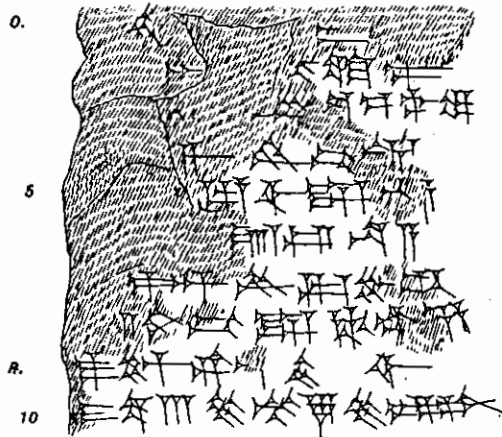
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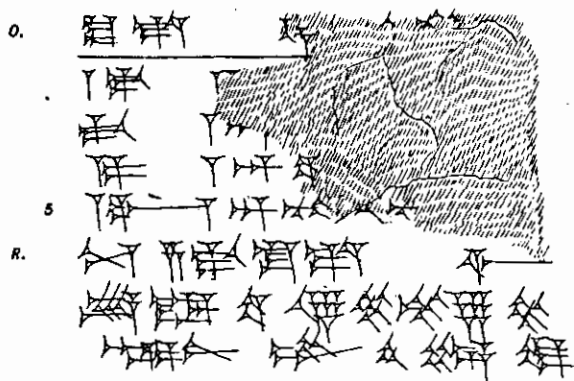
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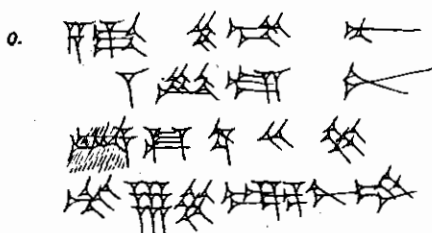
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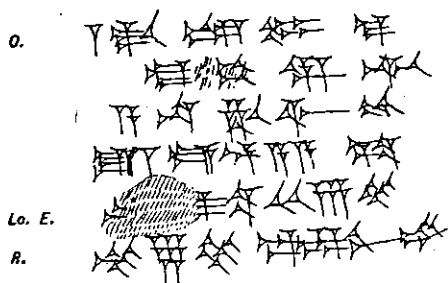
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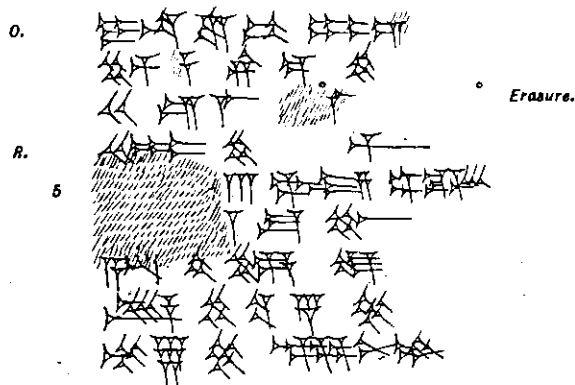
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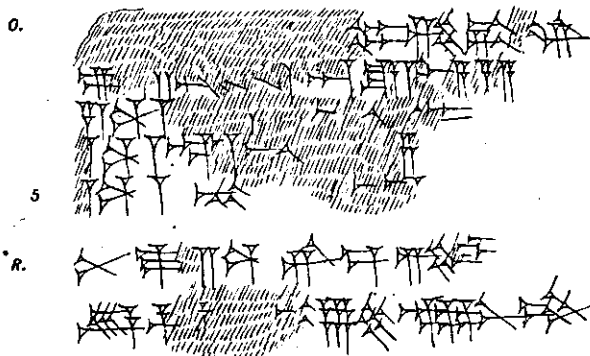
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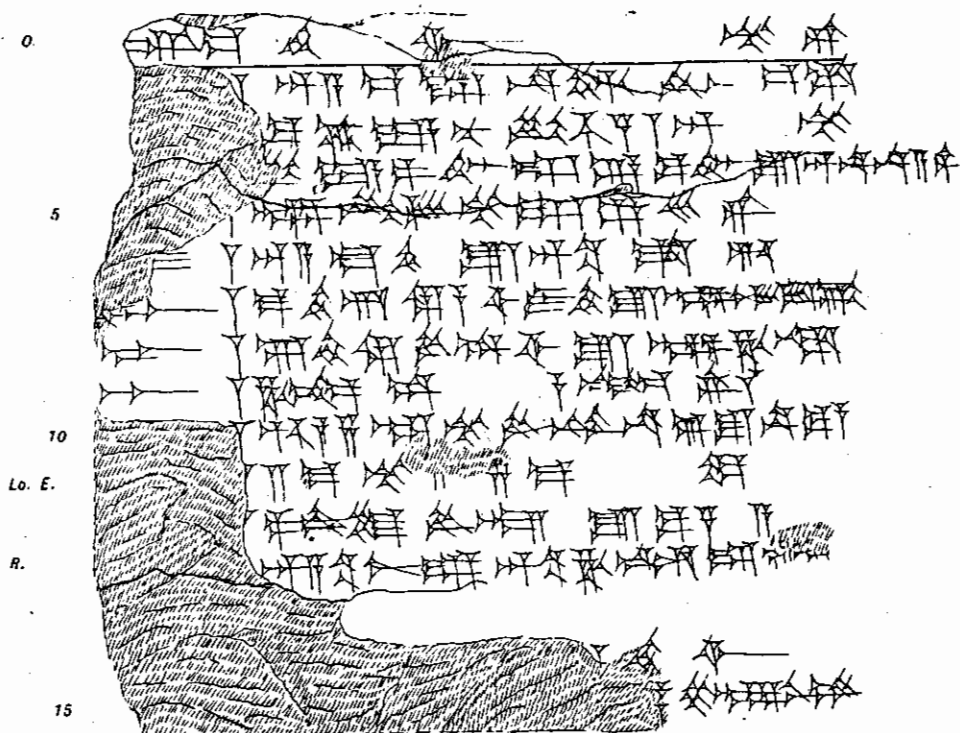
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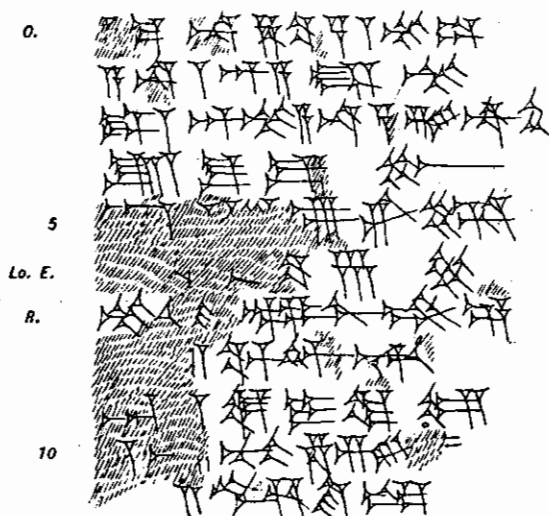
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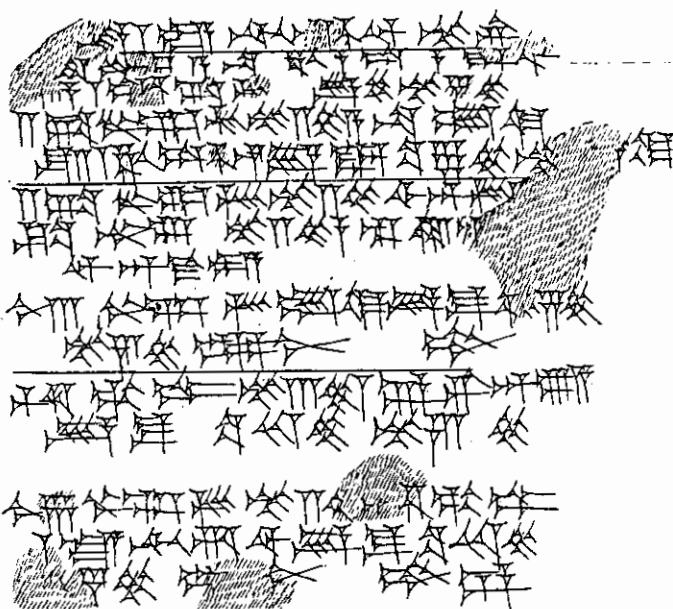
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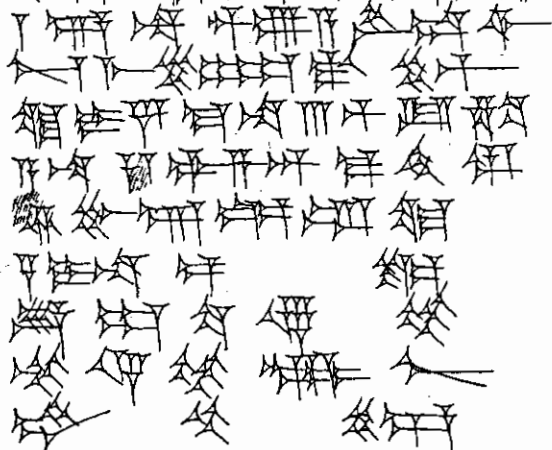
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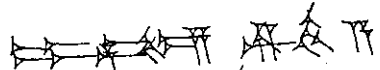
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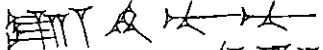
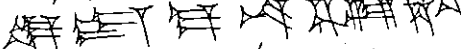
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