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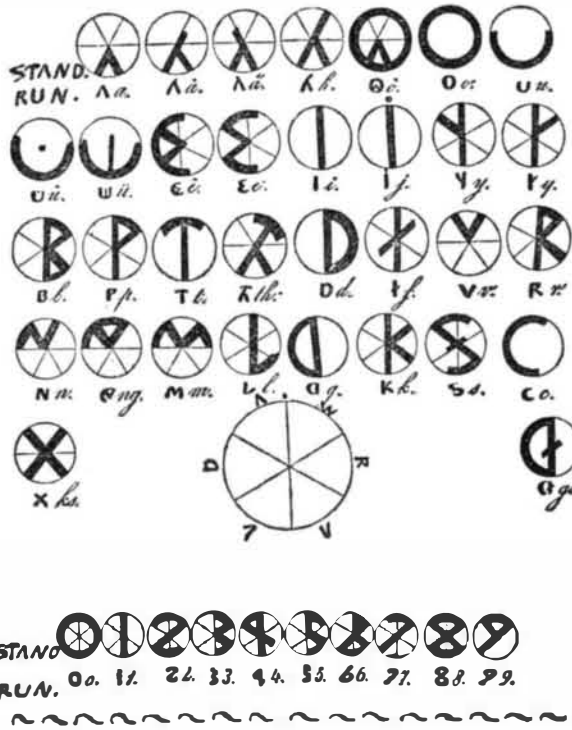
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THE OERA LINDA LETTERS AND FIGURES.

The scheme of letters and figures given herewith is a reduced facsimile of a page of that remarkable Frisian manuscript, lately come to light and called the Oera Linda Book, after the family in which it has been an heirloom from time immemorial.

A Frisian scholar, Dr. Verweij, heard of the work not long ago, obtained permission to examine it, and at once discovered it to be written in a more ancient form of Fries than that which appears in the book of ancient Fries laws, hitherto the oldest known literary monument of that people.



The book consists of several parts, differing widely from each other, and of dates very far apart. The writer of the first part calls herself Adela, wife of Apol, chief man of the Linda country.

own invention. They attributed the introduction of it to Kadmus, a Phœnician. The names of their oldest letters, from alpha to tau, agree so exactly with the names of the Hebrew letters, with which the Phœnician was closely connected, that there can be little doubt of their source.

The book of Adela's followers shows that, at the time Kadmus is said to have lived, a brisk trade was carried on between the Frisians and the Phœnicians, whom they called Khadmar, or coast people, a name too closely resembling Kadmus to escape a suspicion of identity.

The same book also describes, at length, the founding of Athens by a Frisian colony, whose priestess was Min-erva, and the subsequent deification of Min-erva by Grecian priests, who sadly corrupted the pure religion she had introduced.

It is even more surprising to find our current figures existing, in so perfect a form, from such remote antiquity. The scheme is suspiciously perfect: still, the internal evidence of the genuineness of this remarkable record of a civilization in Western Europe, antedating Athens and the Trojan war, is too cogent to be lightly set aside.

The single circumstance that the writers of the record were perfectly familiar with the pile dwellers of Switzerland, whom they call Marsaten and describe at considerable length, is proof enough that the book is either as ancient as it purports to be, or else is a very recent forgery. Previous to 1853, when the first remains of that people were accidentally discovered, there was no other record of their existence.

WORK AND WAGES IN NEW YORK CITY.

The New York Times has recently published some elaborate and suggestive statistical information relative to the present condition of labor and wages in this city. The principal result and indeed the most striking one adduced is the marked falling-off in the numbers of the trades' union members.

Few can adequately realize how sudden and vast a change in the condition of labor took place when the financial panic swept over the country. Perhaps this can best be gleaned by a short retrospect of the condition of affairs in 1872, when the great strike occurred, and a comparison of matters then with matters now.

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