

INCREDULOUS. — Regarding the alleged discovery of the remains of Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat, a few months ago, the London Daily News of 2nd August says :—“ We have received a number of letters anxiously inquiring about gopher wood and the fabled discovery of the Ark in a glacier on Mount Ararat. No further details have arrived as to this interesting 'find,' and we fear that the survival of the Ark must be reckoned with the late descent of a monstrous meteorite, which crushed a whole house somewhere 'out Texas way.' The imagination of the far East and of the West is lively, the Oriental like the Occidental journalist is impulsive. We are inclined to believe that the report about the Ark is due to the invention of some Levantine pressman envious of the achievements of his brethren on the boundless Western prairie. Symptoms of this scepticism might, perhaps, have been detected by the very acute in our remark that the Ark was no longer quite seaworthy, and in our expectation that Hittite inscriptions would be deciphered on its venerable beams. But perhaps since Chinese turned out to be connected with Babylonian, there is nothing to surprise any longer in any philological or archæological discovery. However this may be, the tidings about the Ark have decidedly not been confirmed.”