Development of Arabic Numerals

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inventing the zero. Now the new system could show neatly the difference between XXX II (32) and CCC II (302).

If the origin of this new method was Indian, it is not at all certain that the original shapes of the Arabic numerals also were Indian. In fact, it seems quite possible that the Arab scholars used their own numerals but manipulated them in the Indian way. The Indian way had the advantage of using much smaller clusters of symbols and greatly simplifying written computations. The modern forms of the individual numerals in both eastern Arabic and western Arabic (European) appear to have evolved from letters of the Arabic alphabet.

The Semites and Greeks traditionally assigned numerical values to their letters and used them as numerals. This alphabetical system is still used be the Arabs much as we use Roman numerals in numbering paragraphs in contracts and legal documents.

The new mathematical principles on which the Indo-Arabic numerals were based greatly simplified arithmetic. Their adoption in Europe began in the tenth century after an Arabic mathematical treatise was translated by a Spanish scholar. Before long the system was being used in all European universities. Modern science owes a great debt to those imaginative Arab scholars.

Pamir and the upper Amu-Darya, Iran, Africa (consisting of Indian emigrants) and Syria (where the sectarians rallied to their leadership at the end of the 19th century).

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ISMAIL PASHA (1830–1895), hereditary viceroy of Egypt under Turkish suzerainty, was the second son of the vali Ibrahim Pasha (q.v.). Born in Cairo on Dec. 31, 1830, he was educated in Paris and on reaching manhood undertook various diplomatic missions in Europe for the viceroy Mohammed Said Pasha, whom he succeeded in 1863. Ambitious to increase his prestige he obtained from the Uttoman sultan in 1867 the hereditary title of khedive, an honorific borne by his successors until 1914.

Beyond his frontiers Ismail pursued an expansionist policy. In 1865 he negotiated with the sultan the cession to Egypt of the ports of Sawakin (Sudan) and Massawa (Eritrea). He modernized the Egyptian army with Remington rifles and Krupp artillery and enlisted a corps of American officers who established a general staff, explored the Sudan and in 1877 prepared a notable map of Africa. In 1870–75 he extended Egyptian authority down the Red sea coast, planting garrisons at Harar and Berbera, but his attempt to occupy Kismayu in 1875 was prevented by Britain. In 1869 he commissioned Sir Samuel Baker to annex parts of Uganda; in 1874 Darfur was added to the Egyptian dominions. Ismail's territorial ambitions were thwarted in Equatoria where Baker's successor, Col. (later Gen.) C. G. Gordon, withdrew the Egyptian outposts from most of Uganda in 1876 and in Ethiopia where two Egyptian armies were disastrously defeated in 1875–76.

Ismail's westernizing domestic policy greatly benefited Egypt. Primary education was expanded in the provinces. The legal disabilities suffered by Egyptians under the capitulations were lessened by the institution in 1876 of mixed courts. An astute landlord of his vast estates and an enthusiastic town planner, he created the modern Cairo and in 1869 granted Alexandria a municipality. The summoning of a legislative assembly in 1867 marked the first approach toward constitutional government. His most spectacular achievements lay in the development of communications. He extended the railways, nationalized the postal service in 1865 and in the Sudan introduced telegraphs in 1866 and a short railway in 1875. In 1869 he presided over the opening of the Suez canal with lavish ceremonies.

His projects were often brilliantly conceived but they were compromised by his financial prodigality. By 1876 the Egyptian public debt exceeded £100,000,000. Pressed by Ismail's creditors the powers intervened and set up a dual control with a commission of the public debt. Ismail's resistance to the resulting encroachments upon his independence, culminating in his dismissal of the European commissioners, led to his deposition by the sultan at the instance of the powers on June 26, 1879. Ismail died in exile at Istanbul on March 21, 1895. See also Egypt: History.

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(R. L. Hl.)

ISMAY, HASTINGS LIONEL ISMAY, 1ST BARON (1887–1963), British soldier who served in World War II as chief of staff to the minister of defense, was born at Naini Tal, India, on June 21, 1887, the younger son of Sir Stanley Ismay. Educated at Charterhouse and at Sandhurst, he was commissioned in 1903 and joined the 21st cavalry (Frontier force), Indian army, in 1907. Service on the North-West Frontier of India (1908) and

ISMET INONÜ; see Inönü, Ismet. ISNEG (APAYAO), a Malayan-type people tains of northwest Luzon, Philippines. Isneg pological name, while Apayao is the district of the subprovince of Mountain province wi of them live. The Isneg numbered approximately 1960s. They are short in stature and rathe probably through minor mixture with Negrit them. They have a distinctive language, areas. The main body of Isneg lives on th river system which drains most of their te called the southern Isneg lives on the Matala south of the subprovince. The Isneg econom rainfall ("dry") cultivation of rice, corn and t ing gardens, supplemented by hunting, fishing and trading tobacco and other products to t ments are of hamlet size, scattered along the the dense rain forests of the region. Each hamlets is crisscrossed by marriage and kins was noted for its head-hunting, with warritrophies the principal means by which male gained status, so that apart from a hamlet's friendly kinsmen all others tended to be enen substantial wood houses with high pitched ro in their rotating fields; they had distinctive generally. Spanish missionaries worked up t and 18th centuries, but their converts were to the lowlands; pacification was achieved by stabulary forces in 1908-13.

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ISOCRATES (436-338 B.C.), a famou tionalist at Athens, who by the artistic for model which influenced many later writers. It was an Athenian citizen of the deme (to owned a flute factory and was rich enough t services to the state and to give his son Isocrates' teachers are said to have included but the details are uncertain. He must hav Socrates, although he does not appear to have the Socratic circle. Both sophistic and So be seen in his works. The family property Peloponnesian War and, after the restoration B.C., Isocrates found it necessary to follow a infirmities prevented him from speaking in active part in political life. For about ten speeches for clients. It was an activity he which he makes no allusion in his later wo he founded his famous school. It was high over 50 years attracted pupils from all parts He died soon after the defeat of Athens by Pl at the battle of Chaeronea in 338 B.C.

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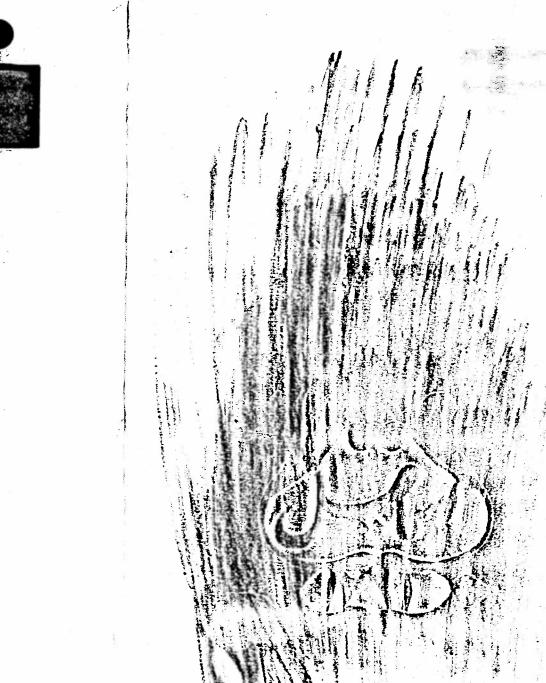
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