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Part XVII. of "Cuneiform Texts from Babylonian Tablets, etc.," contains texts from ninety-nine clay tablets, and fragments of the Kouyunjik and other collections. The texts are magical, some being written in the Babylonian character and others in Assyrian. They may be divided into the following groups :—

(1.) Texts belonging to the Series AŠAKKI MARṢÛTI, *i.e.*, "The Fever Sickness, and ṬI'I, *i.e.*, "Headaches. Portions of texts belonging to both Series were published by the late General Sir H. C. Rawlinson, Bart., G.C.B., in the Fourth Volume of the "Cuneiform Inscriptions of Western Asia," but with the exception of two tablets these compositions were not clearly identified at the time of their publication in 1875. Subsequently, however, owing to the rejoining of many hitherto unidentified fragments in the Kouyunjik Collection, and the discovery of many duplicates in that and in the Babylonian Collections, much new material has been collected, which is published in the following plates for the first time. The Series AŠAKKI MARṢÛTI contained at least twelve "Tablets," and at present portions of the First, Third, Ninth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Tablets have been identified and their proper place assigned to them. The Series ṬI'I originally consisted of nine Tablets, of which portions of the Third, Sixth, Eighth, and Ninth have now been identified and their proper place assigned to them. (Plates 1–28.)

(2.) Miscellaneous Incantation texts, of a similar character, some of which supply the spells that were to be recited over small figures of clay and dough, with the object of driving out certain diseases caused by evil spirits. Others provide exorcisms for averting the Evil Eye, the laying of spirits under a ban, and for doing away the evil effects of ceremonial uncleanness. Among this group of texts is one (KK. 4859, 5139, and 5317) which has been held to prove that the Babylonians were in the habit of offering up their children as sacrifices, but the main portion of the tablet, which has been recently identified and rejoined to one of the fragments mentioned above, shows that the text belongs to a class of incantations which treat of sympathetic magic, and there is no foundation for the theory. The composition relates to a certain sickness, or disease, which seized upon the body of a man, and states that the god Ea ordained that a kid or lamb should be offered as a substitute for the man, limb for limb, *i.e.*, the animal's head for the man's head, its neck for his neck, its breast for his breast, etc. In brief, the new portions of this text support the view that the word *urîṣu* does not mean "child," but the offspring of some beast. (Plates 29–41.)

(3.) Tablets inscribed with descriptions of a number of Gods and Mythological Monsters. (Plates 42–45.)

(4.) A number of additional fragments belonging to the Series UTUKKI LIMNÛTI, of which the greater portion has been published in Part XVI. of this publication. (Plates 46–49.)

(5.) A mythological and magical text, which describes the creation of the Worm that caused toothache, and gives directions for the steps which are to be taken to destroy its evil work. (Plate 50.)

Since the printing off of the plates, the tablet "AA" (Plates 38*ff*) has been found to be the continuation of the Eighth Tablet of this Series LUḪ. KA. (Plate 41.)

The copies have been made by Mr. R. Campbell Thompson, M.A., Assistant in the Department.

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EMENDATIONS AND ERRATA.

Pl. 5, Col. II., *l.* 52, for [illegible] read [illegible].

Col. III., *ll.* 4 and 6, notes [7] and [8], read "[7] S. 217 [illegible] "[8] S 217 *makes one line with l.* 5."

Pl. 6, footnote [5] for [illegible] read [illegible], and *l.* 14, for note [9] read [illegible].

Pl. 13, *l.* 2, for the first character read [illegible]; *l.* 19, for [illegible] read [illegible].

Pl. 14, *l.* 4, read [illegible]

Pl. 15, *l.* 35, this character [illegible] is doubtful.

Pl. 23, *l.* 169, for [illegible] read perhaps [illegible] (?).

Pl. 24, *l.* 199, read probably [illegible] for the last character

l. 230, delete [illegible] at the end of the line.

Pl. 25, between *ll.* 30 and 31 add a horizontal line.

Pl. 26, between *ll.* 74 and 75 add a horizontal line.

l. 72, No. 46301 reads [illegible] for [illegible]: *l.* 84, add [illegible] at the end of the line.

Pl. 31, the words in brackets at the beginning of *ll.* 11 and 12, marked [1], have been taken from the previous publication of this text in W.A.I. IV., 16.

Pl. 34, *l.* 29, for [illegible] read [illegible].

Pl. 36, Tablet "X," *l.* 6, for [illegible] read [illegible], and insert [illegible] after [illegible].

Pl. 39, *l.* 44 add [illegible] at the beginning of the line.

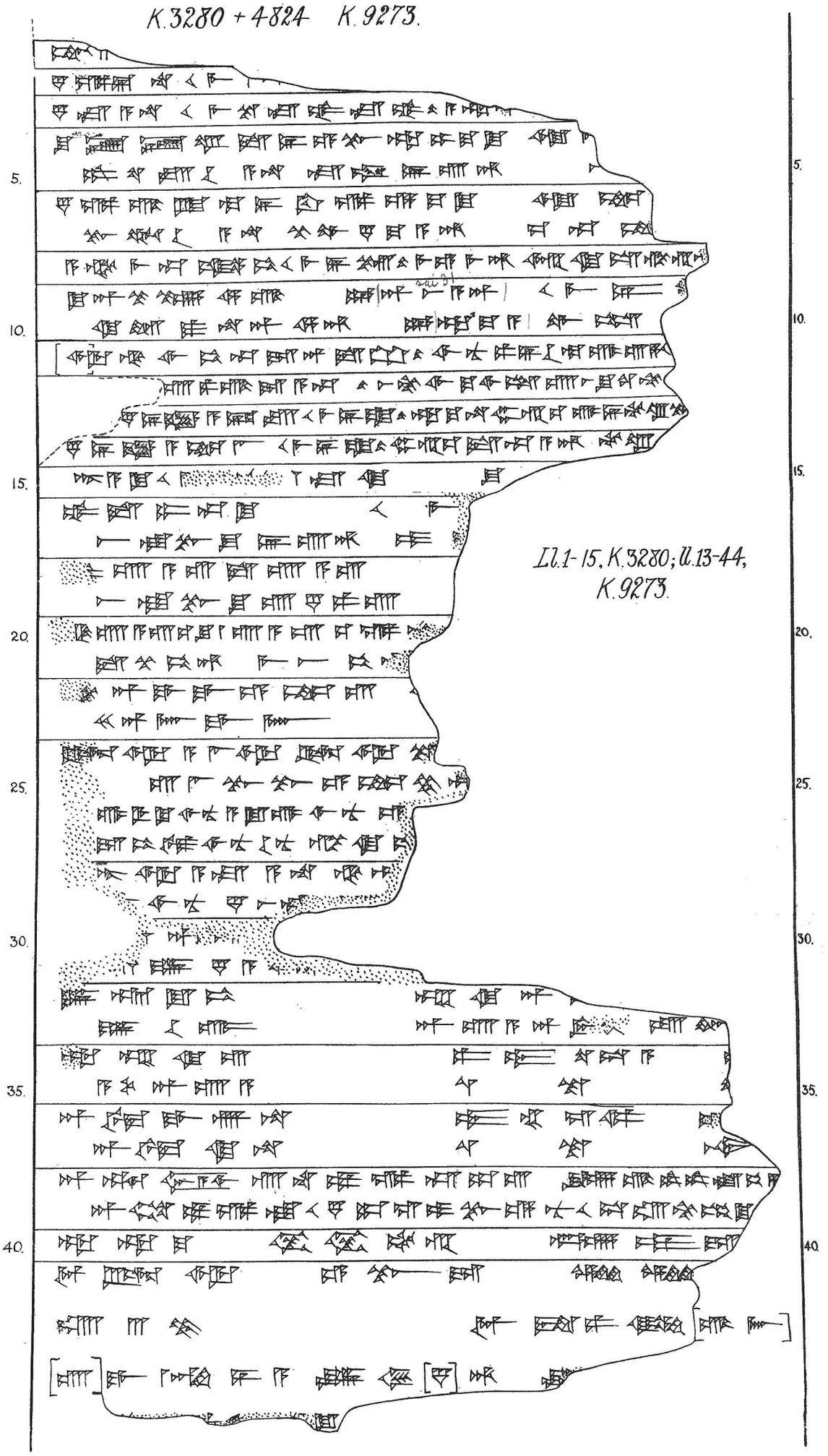
Pl. 40, tablet "BB," *l.* 2, read [illegible] for the first and third characters.

Pl. 47, add [illegible] at the beginnings of *ll.* 48–50.

SERIES [illegible], TABLET 3

PLATE 1.

K.3280 + 4824 K.9273.



TABLET "L"

K.2503+7819.

On the Obverse are the ends of ll. 3(?) [illegible] 4(?) [illegible] 5(?) [illegible] 6(?) [illegible] and traces of five others:
and the beginnings of what are approximately the tenth and following lines :– (a) [illegible] (b) [illegible] (c) [illegible] (d) [illegible] (e) [illegible] (f) [illegible] (g) [illegible] (h) [illegible] (i) [illegible] (j) [illegible] (k) [illegible] (l) [illegible] (m) [illegible] (n) [illegible] (o) [illegible]

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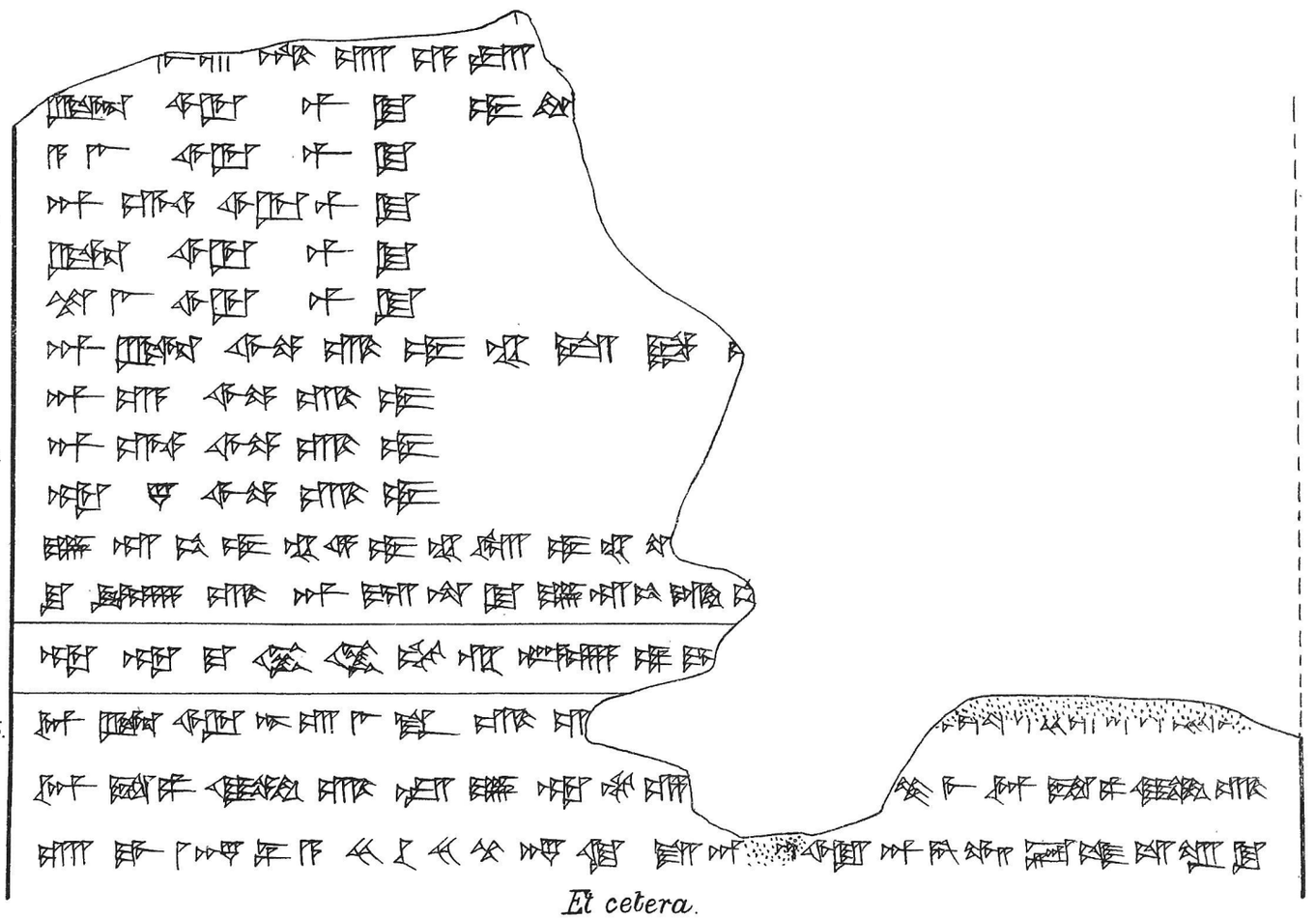

Et cetera.

TABLET 1.

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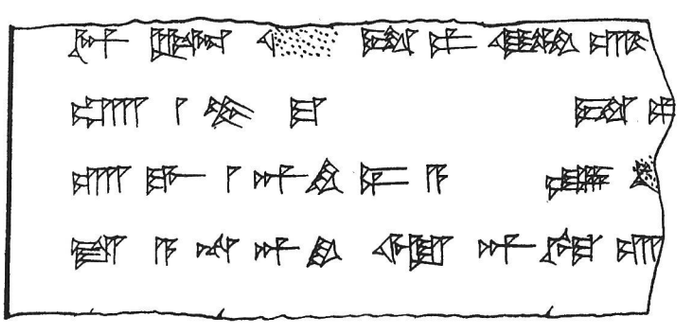
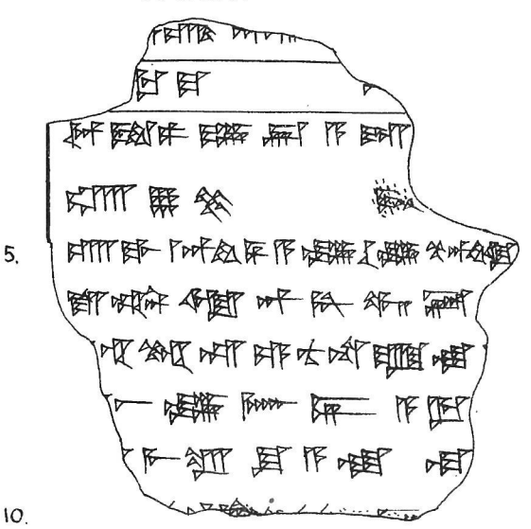


TABLET 9.

Rm. 266.



Ll. 1-20; Duplicate of Tablet "A" Col. III, l. 44 to Col. IV, l. 34.

No. 46288; K. 4663.

K. 4856. Duplicate of U. 7-13.

Lower Edge.

Remains of several lines on the Reverse.

Ll. 21-26, K. 4663. [1-12] K. 4663:- [1] inserts [illegible]. [2] [illegible]. [3] [illegible] [4] [illegible] [5] [illegible] [6] traces [illegible] [7] doubtful. [8] [illegible] [9] [illegible] [10] [illegible] [11] [illegible]. [12] [illegible] (?). [13] K. 4663, l. 10. has [illegible].

TABLET OF A SIMILAR SERIES, "N".

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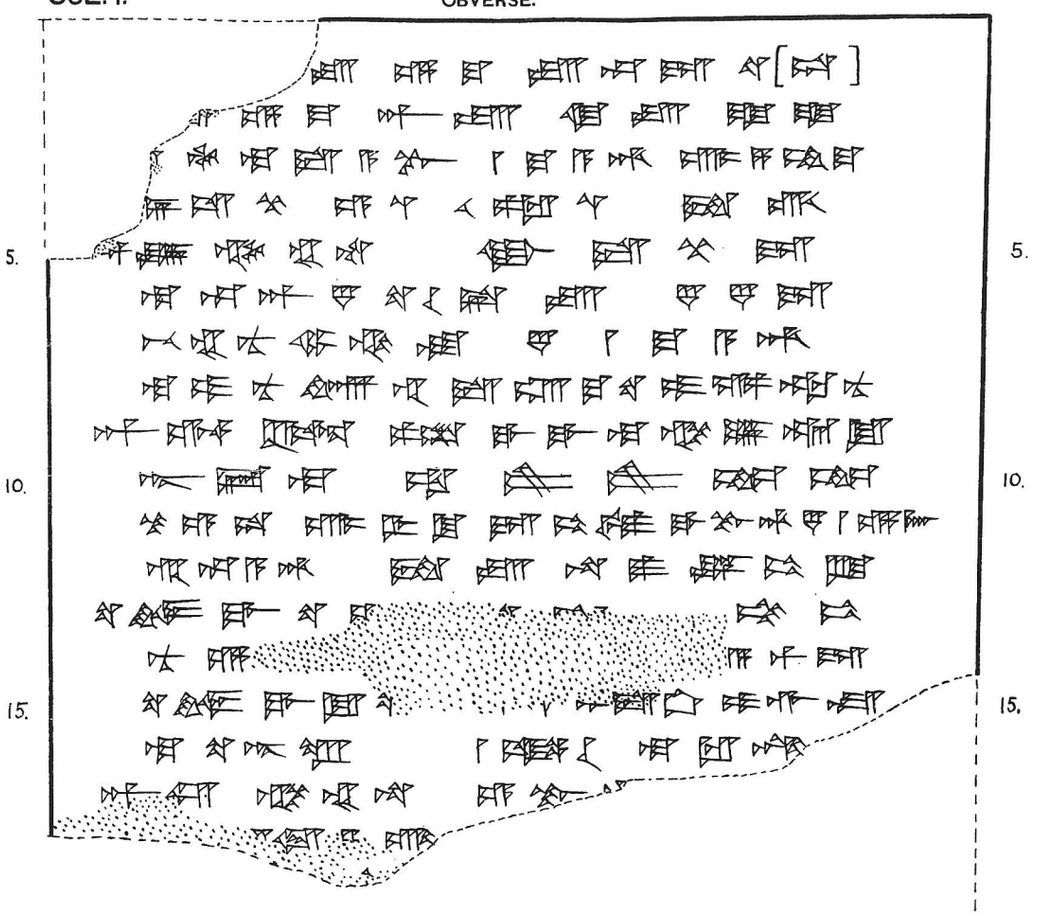

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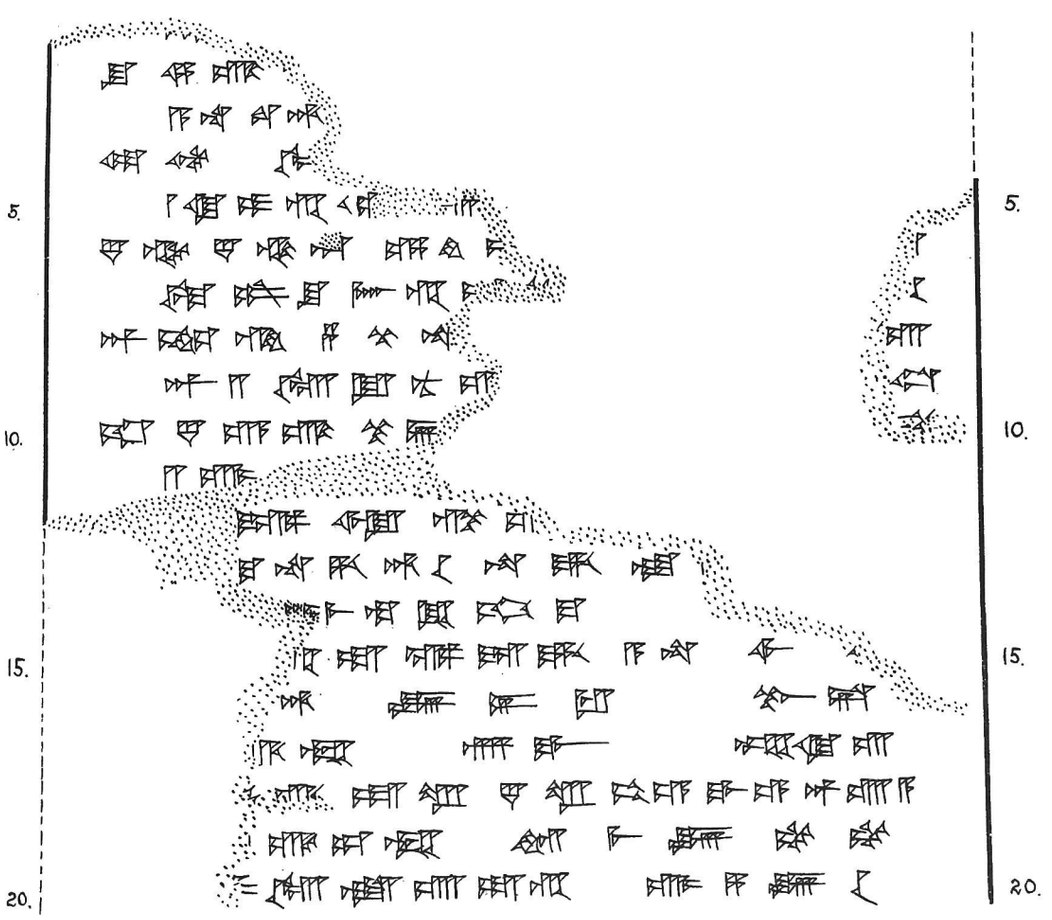

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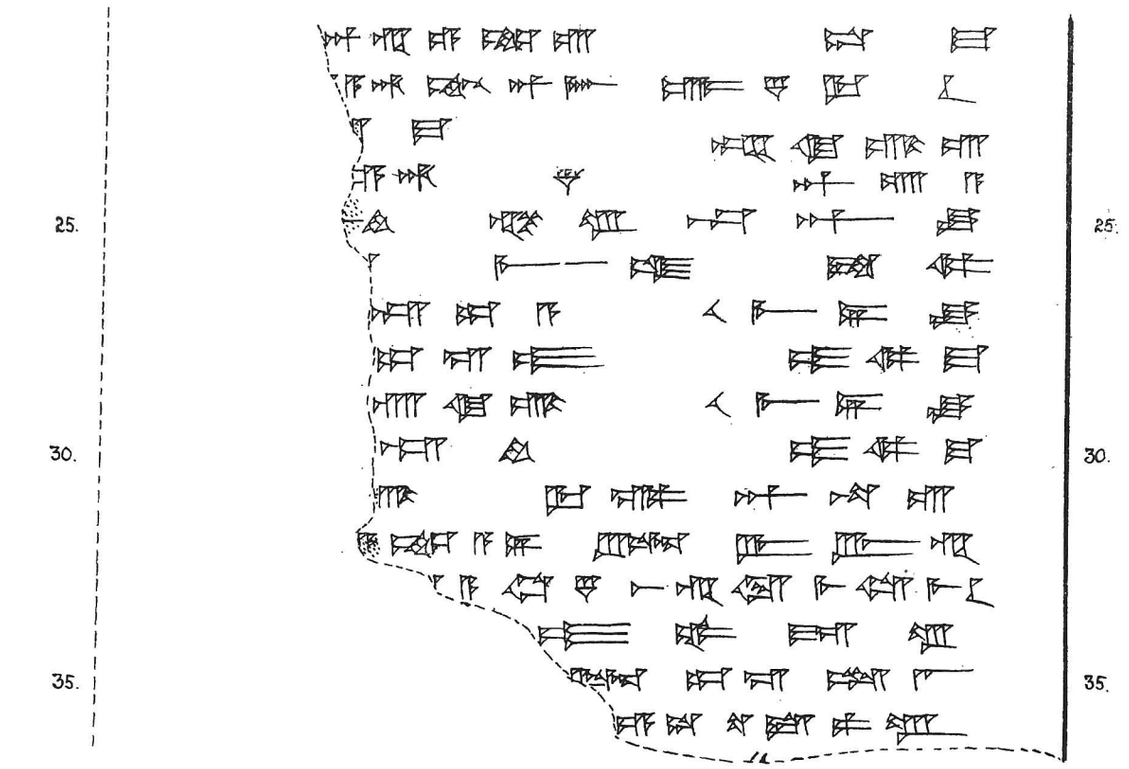

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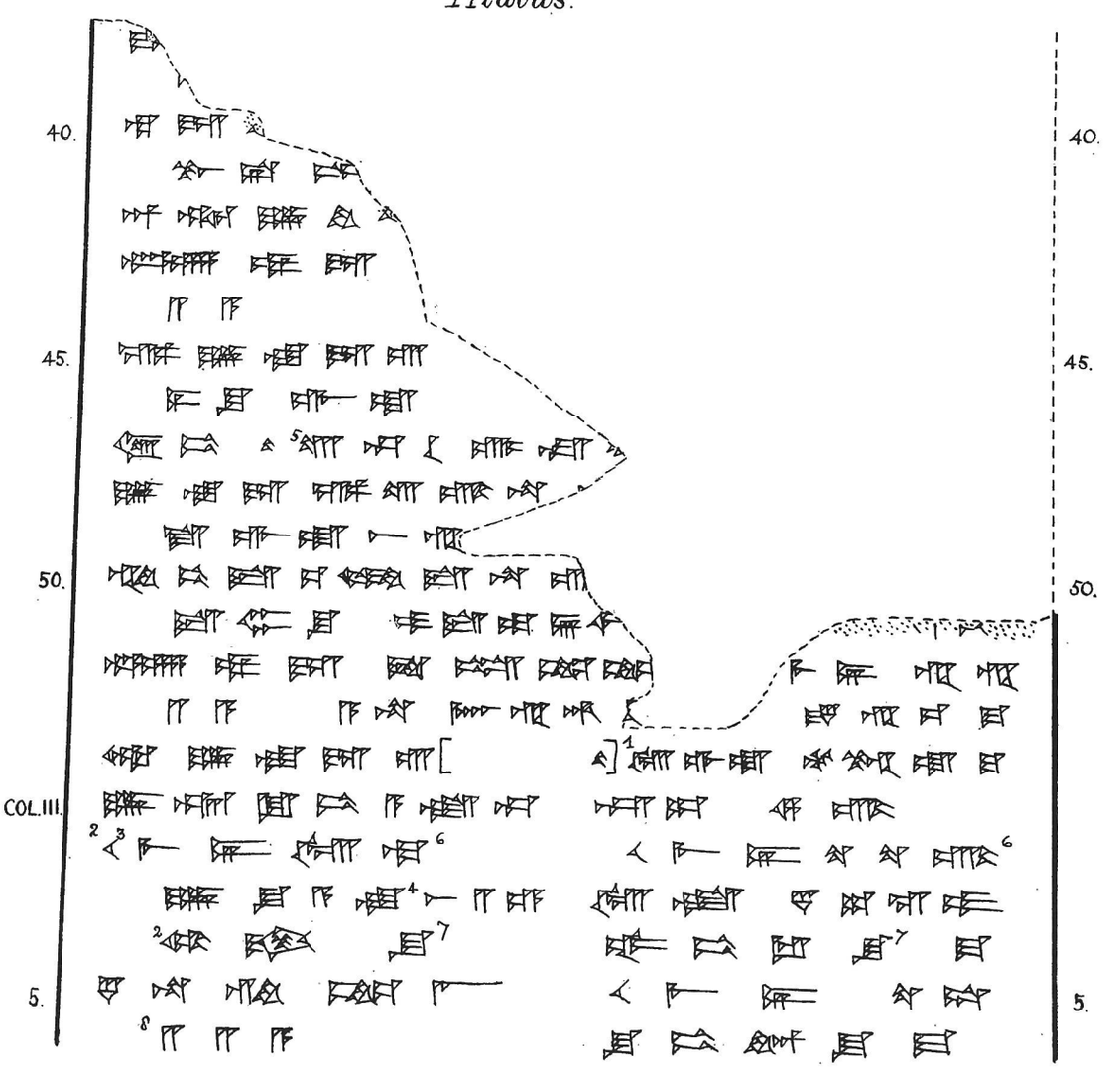
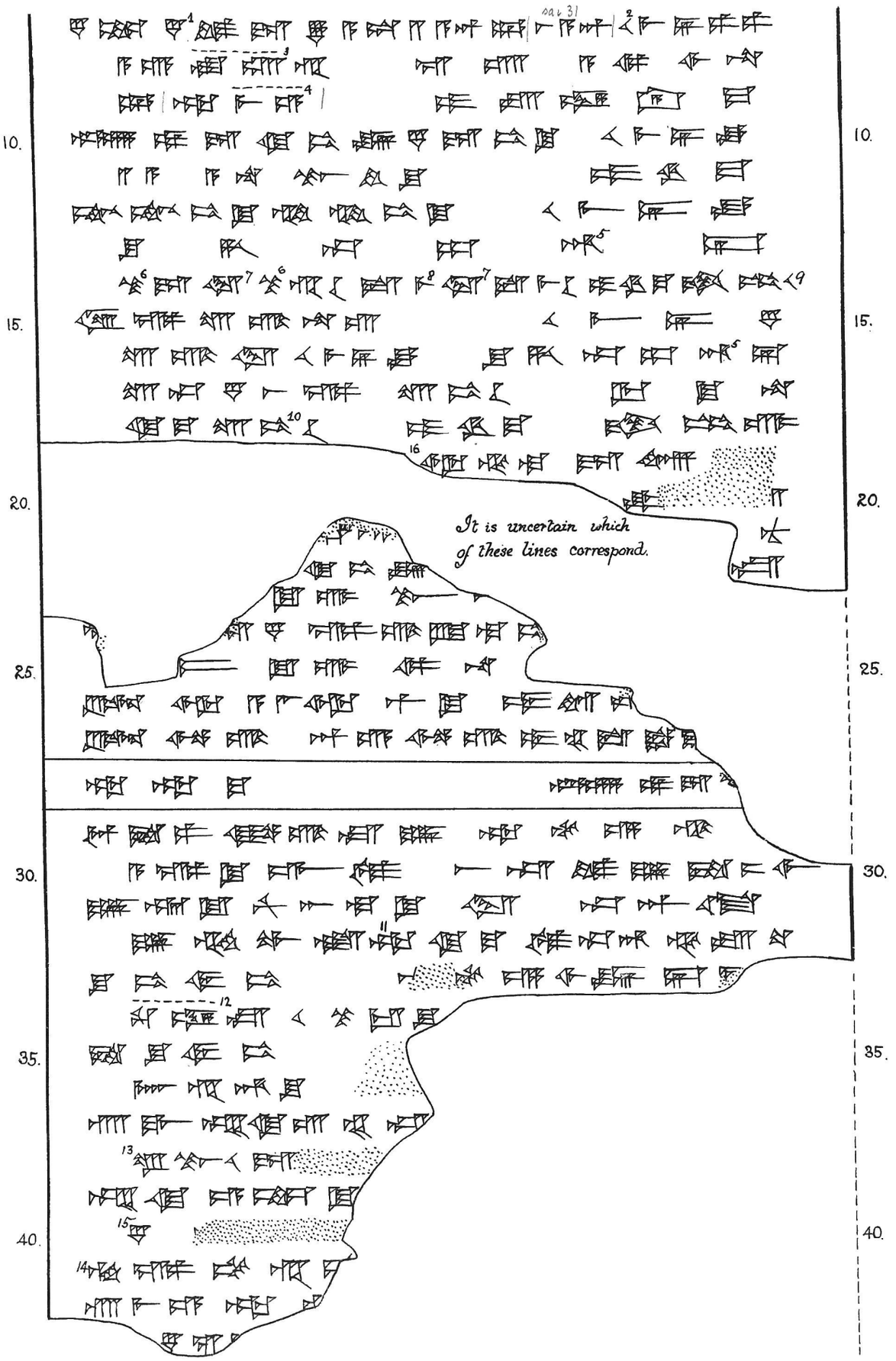
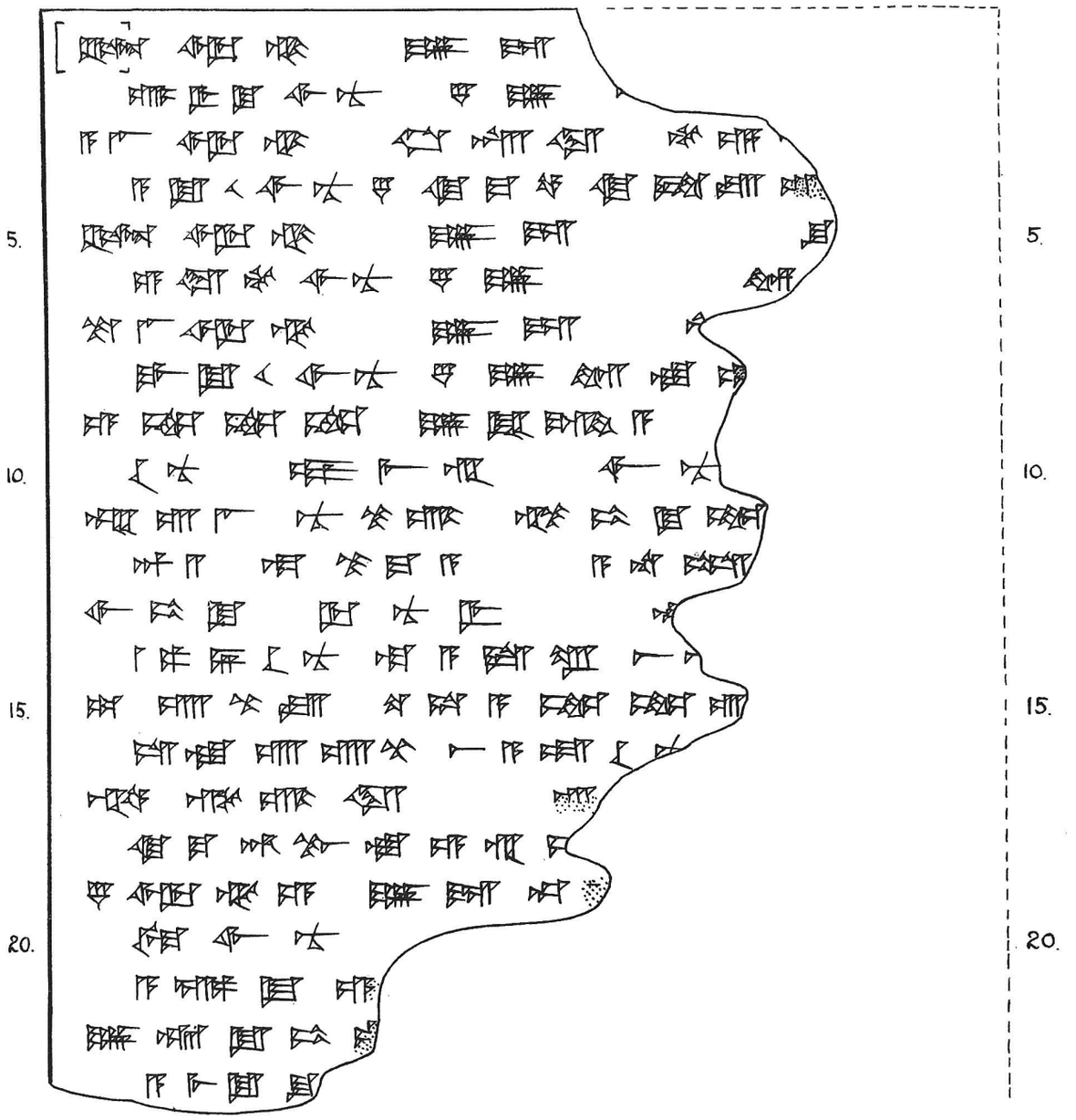


Col. II, U. 21-37, K. 2859: U. 38-54, 79-7-8, 295: U. 46-54, S. 217: Col. III. U. 1-6. K. 2859, S, 217: 79-7-8, 295.
[1] 79-7-8, 295 makes two lines of this. [2] One line with the preceding on S. 217 and 79-7-8, 295. [3] S. 217 and 79-7-8, 295 [4] S. 217 and 79-7-8, 295 [5] S. 217 makes two lines of this. [6] S. 217 omits.



Ll. 7-22, 24-40, K.2859: U. 7-10, 79-7-8, 295: U. 7-18, S.217: U. 21-42, K.4996: U. 26-43, K.2375. [1] Omitted on S.217 and 79-7-8, 295 [2] S.217 . [3] S.217 and 79-7-8, 295 [4-10] S.217:- [4] . [5] [6] [7] [8] . [9] [10] Omits. [11] K.2375 [12] K.2375 , K.4996 [13] Not visible on K.2375. [14] K.4996 translates [15] K.4996 [16] For this and succeeding lines, S.217 has:-

COL. IV.



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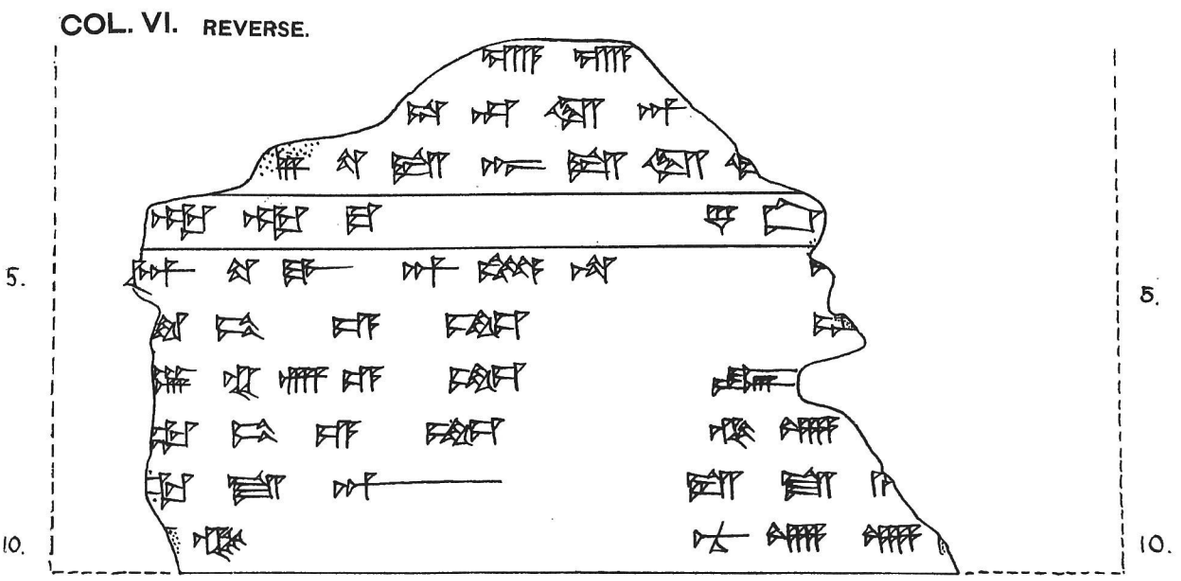

Col. IV, U. 1-23, K.2859: Col. VI., l. 1-10, K.2859.

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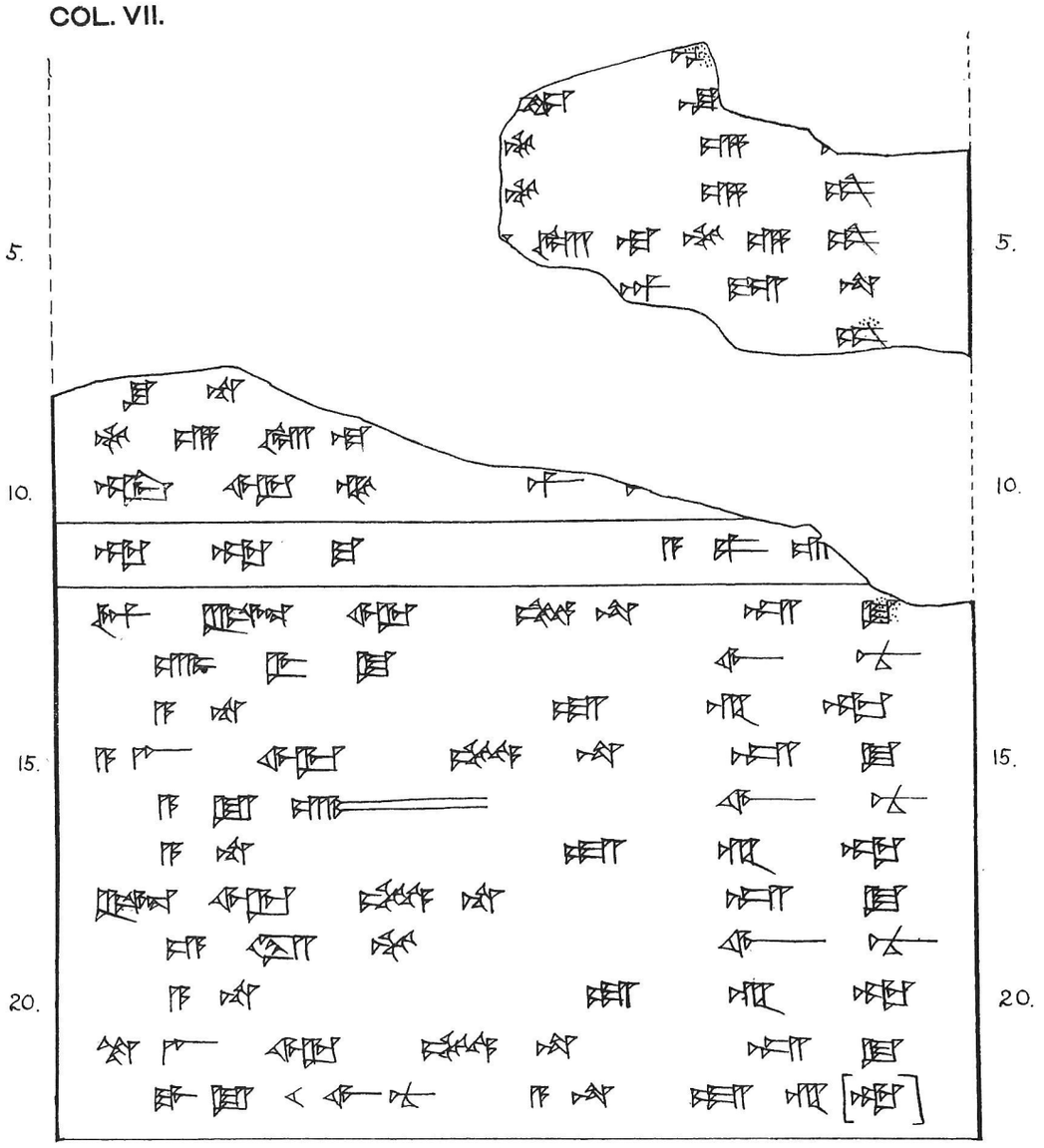

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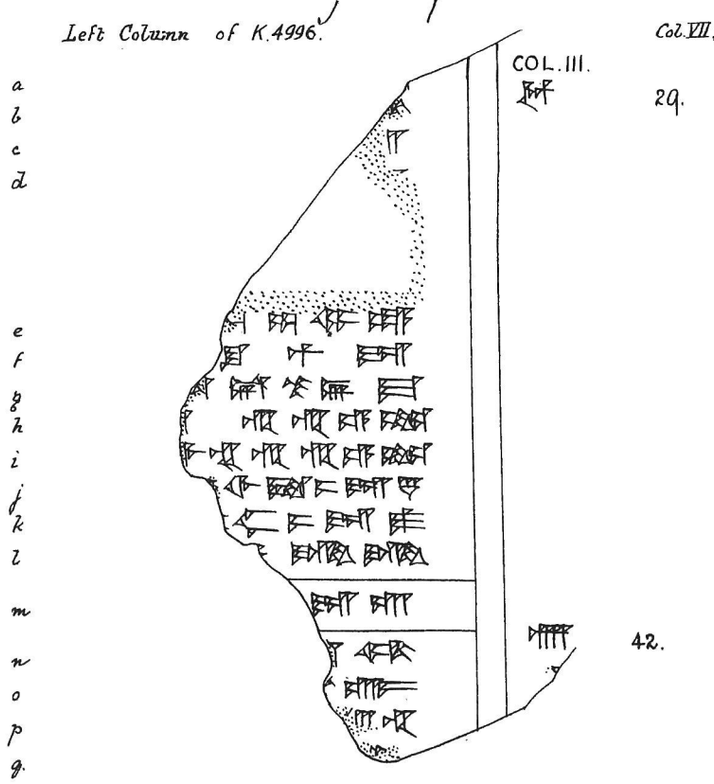
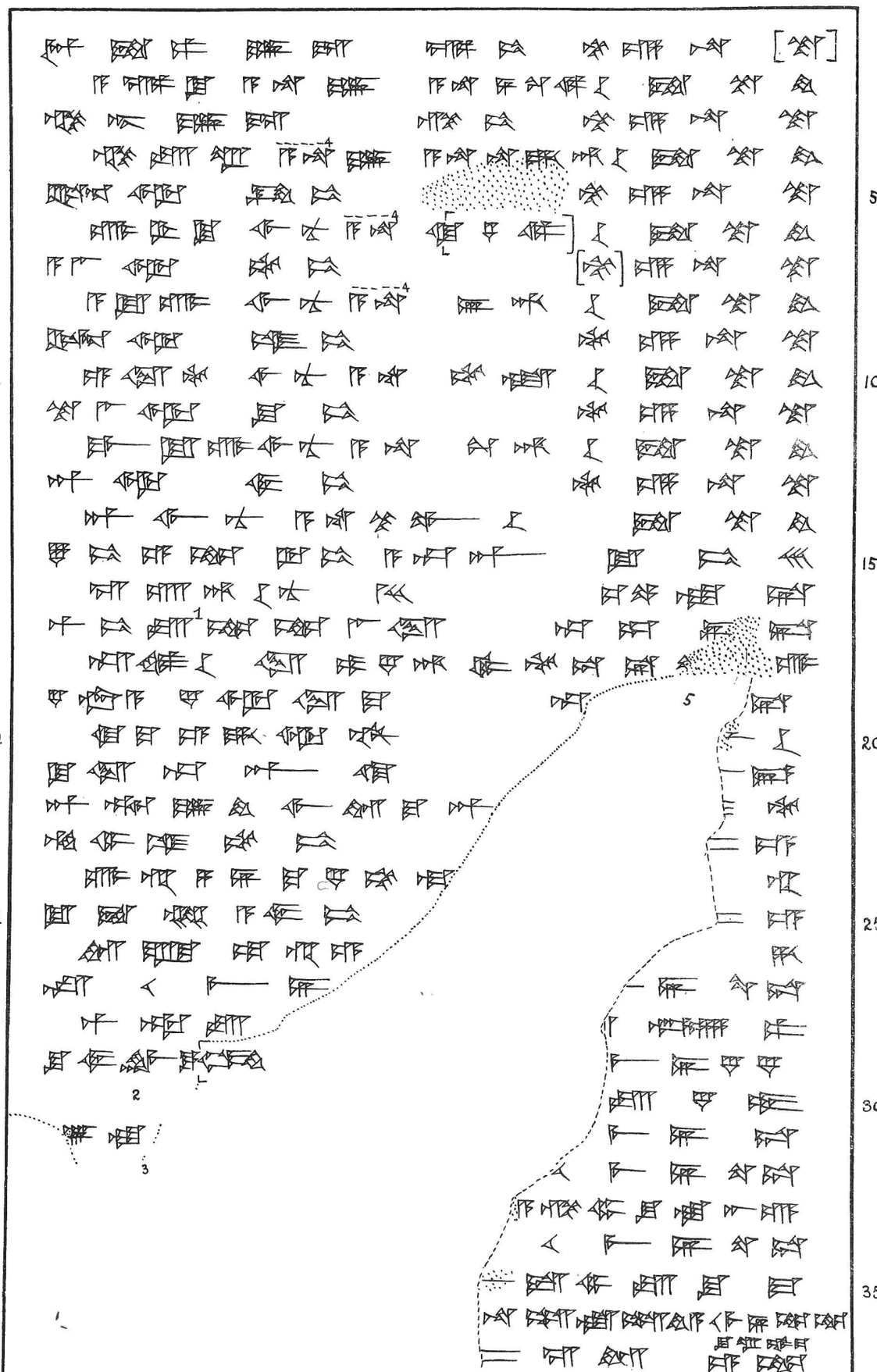
Left Column of K.4996.

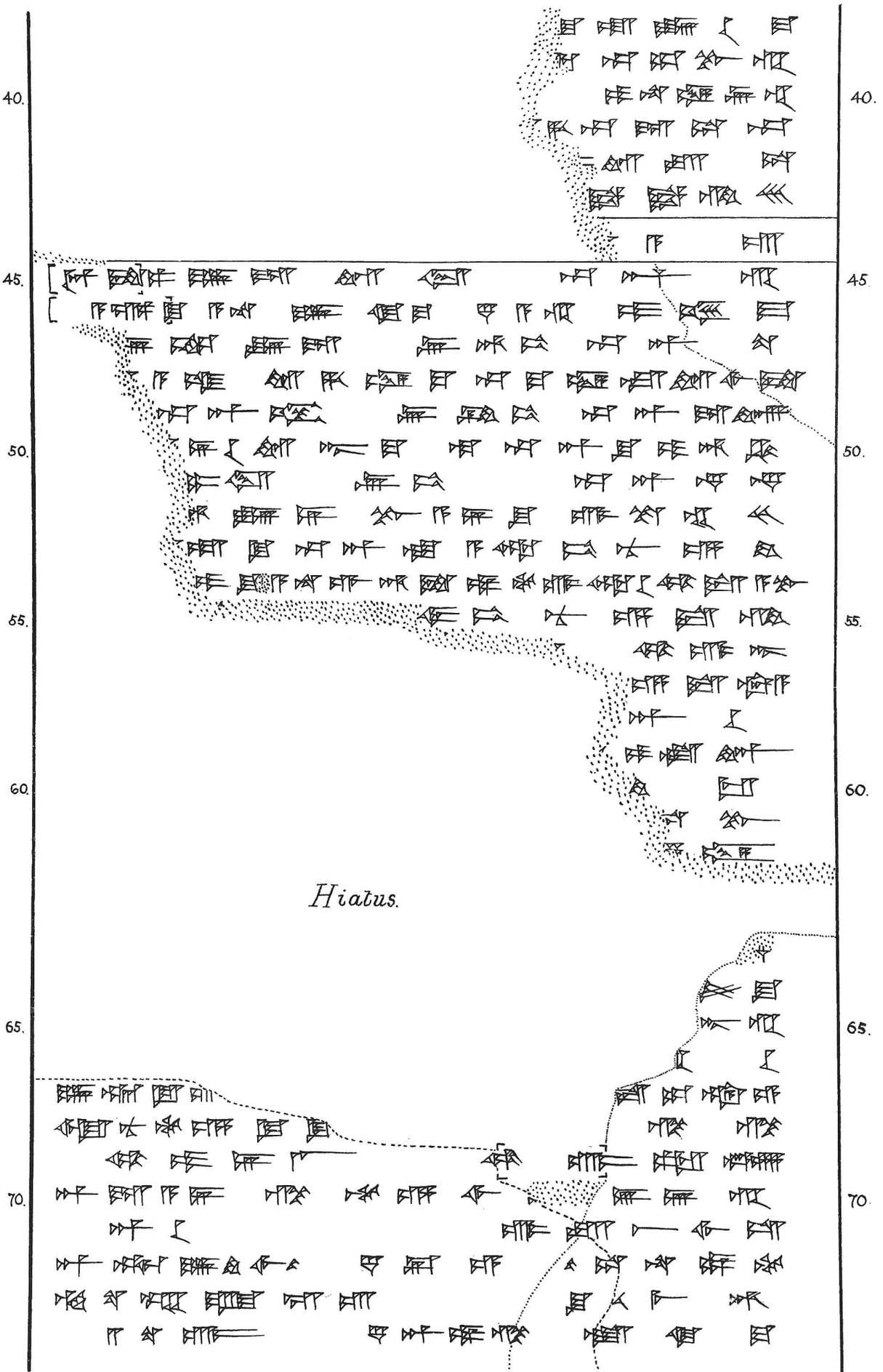
Col. VII, ll. 1-22, K.2859.



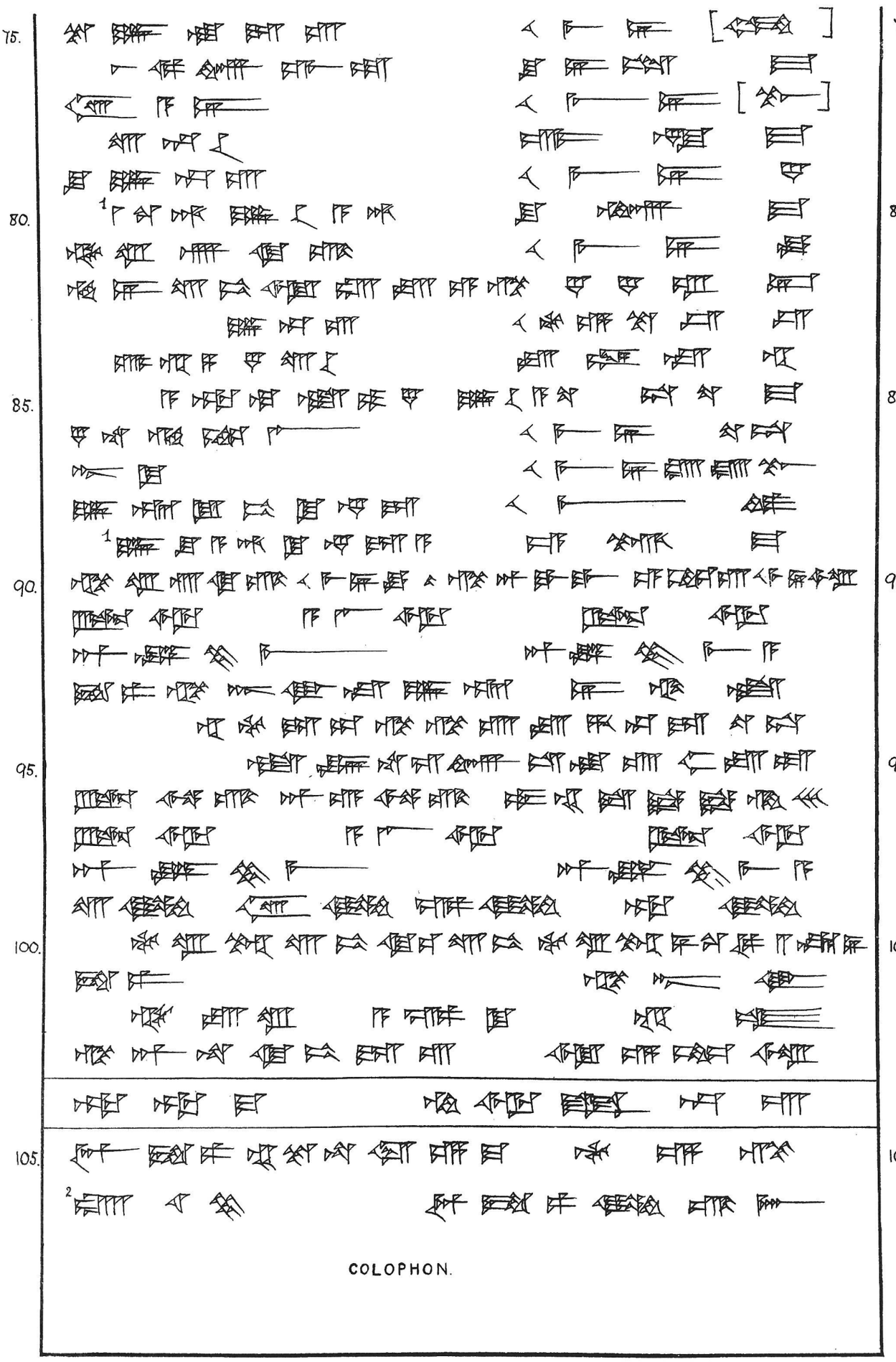
K.2770; K.3118; K.5210; K.9406; S.1061 + 1208 + 1943; S.1140; 80-7-19, 128.



LL. 1–37, S.1061: U. 2–16, 80-7-19, 128: U. 3–10, K.9406: U. 8–22, S.1140: U. 11–31, K.5210.
[1] K.5210 omits. [2] K.5210 does not translate, but follows on with l. 31. [3] K.5210 here [illegible] [4] K.9406 [illegible]. [5] The right and left sides of U. 19–31 are from different tablets, and it is not quite certain whether the two halves coincide correctly in every case



L.38-49, S.1061; U.45-62, K.2770; U.63-74, S.1061; U.67-74, K.3118. The part which is common to S.1061 and K.2770 is indicated by the dotted line (U.45-49).

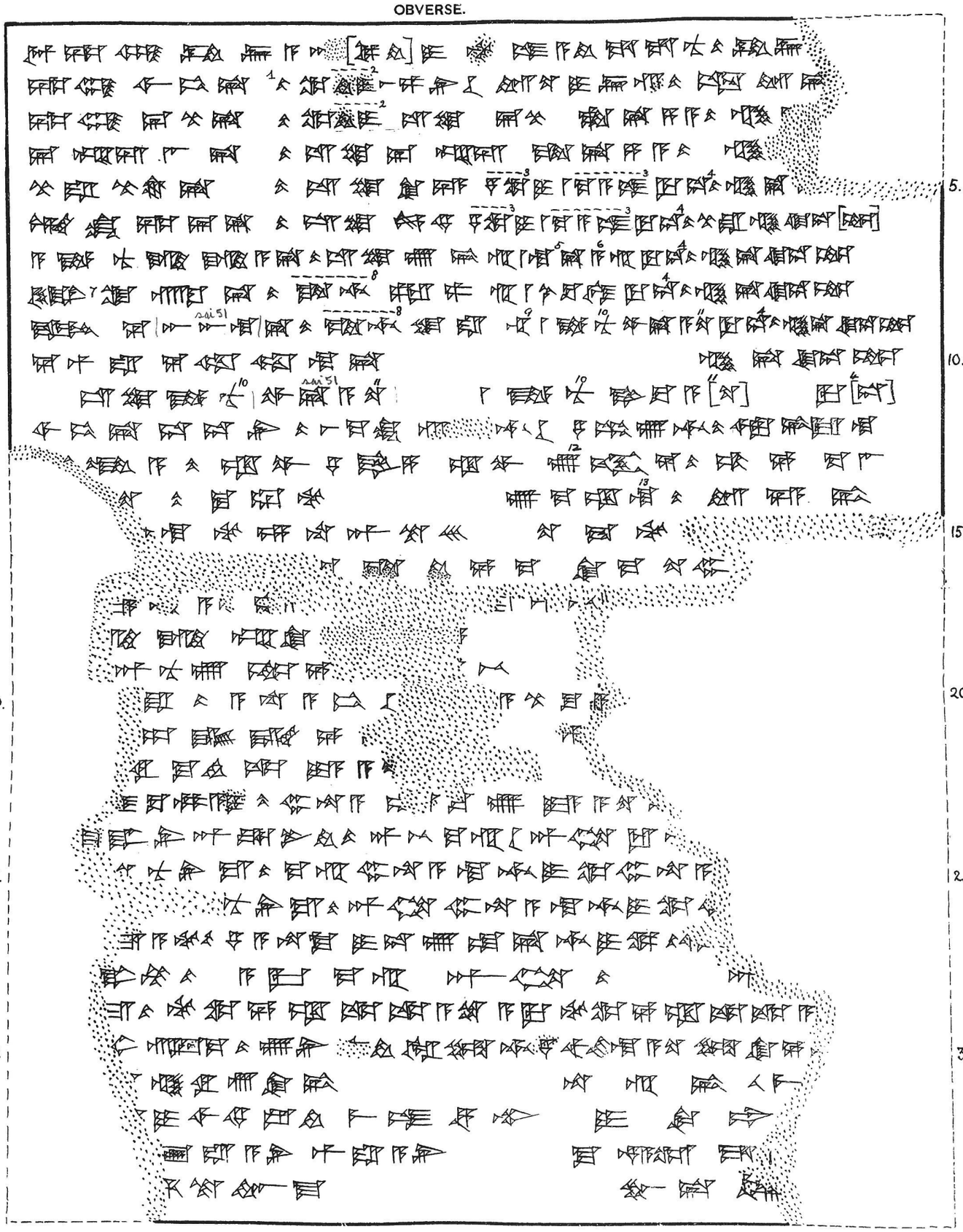


COLOPHON.

Ll. 75 to 106 K.3118, S.1061 [1] S.1061 makes this the right half, dividing it from the line above with A. [2] This line is not visible on what remains of the end of S.1061.

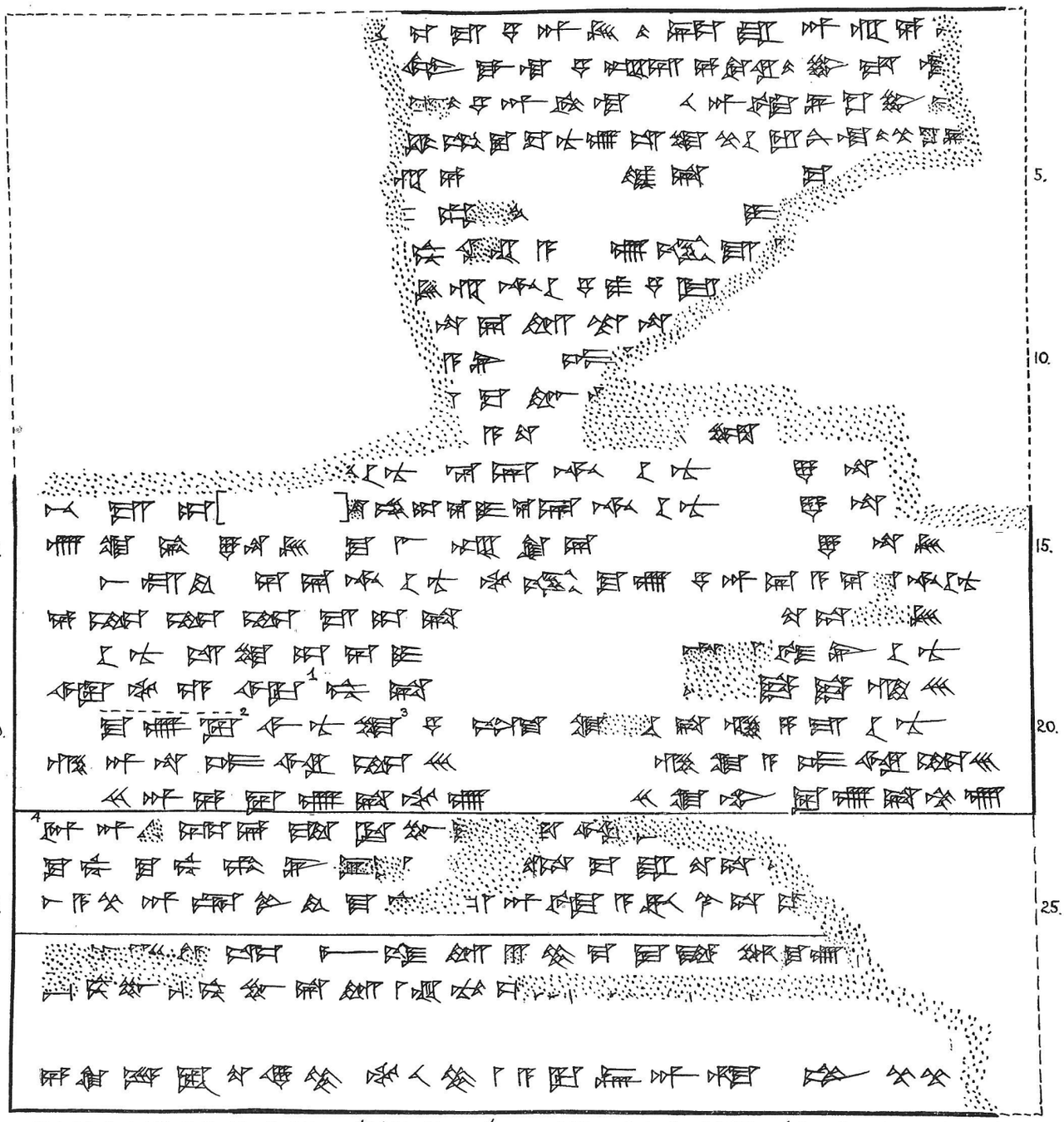
No. 46291 + 46358 : No. 91011.

OBVERSE.

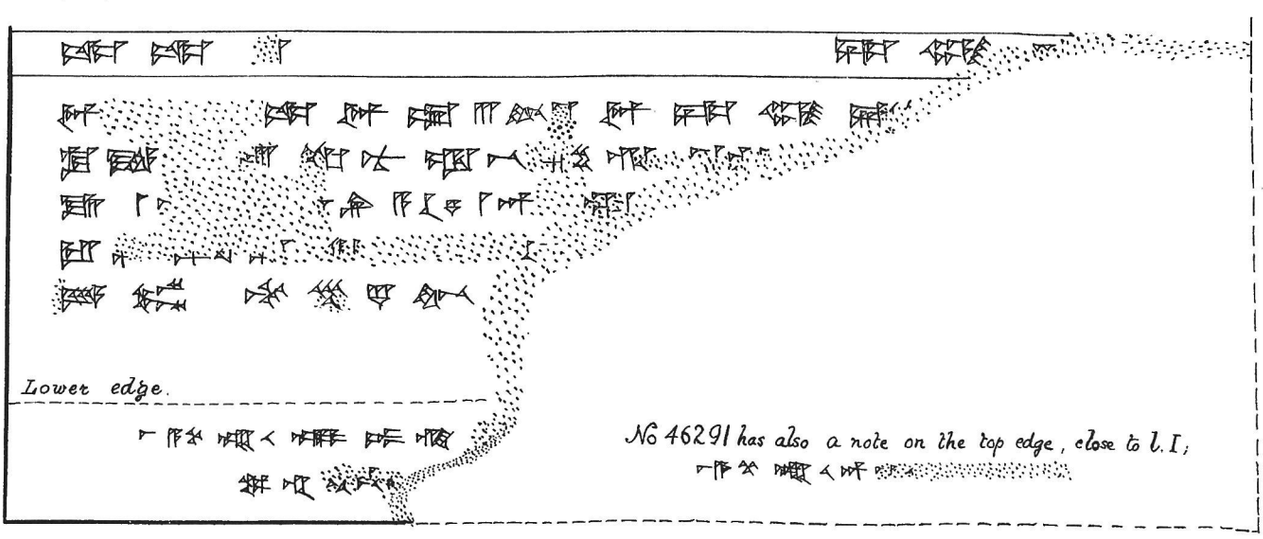


Ll. 1-34, No. 46291: ll. 1-16, No. 91011 1-13 No. 91011. 1 omits these division-marks. 2 - 4 5 inserts 6 omits 7 inserts 8 9 10 11 12 13.

REVERSE.



Ll. 1-28, No. 46291: ll. 12-22, No. 91011. 1-3 No. 91011 [1] inserts [illegible]. [2] [illegible] [3] [illegible] [4] from this point No. 91011 differs as below:—

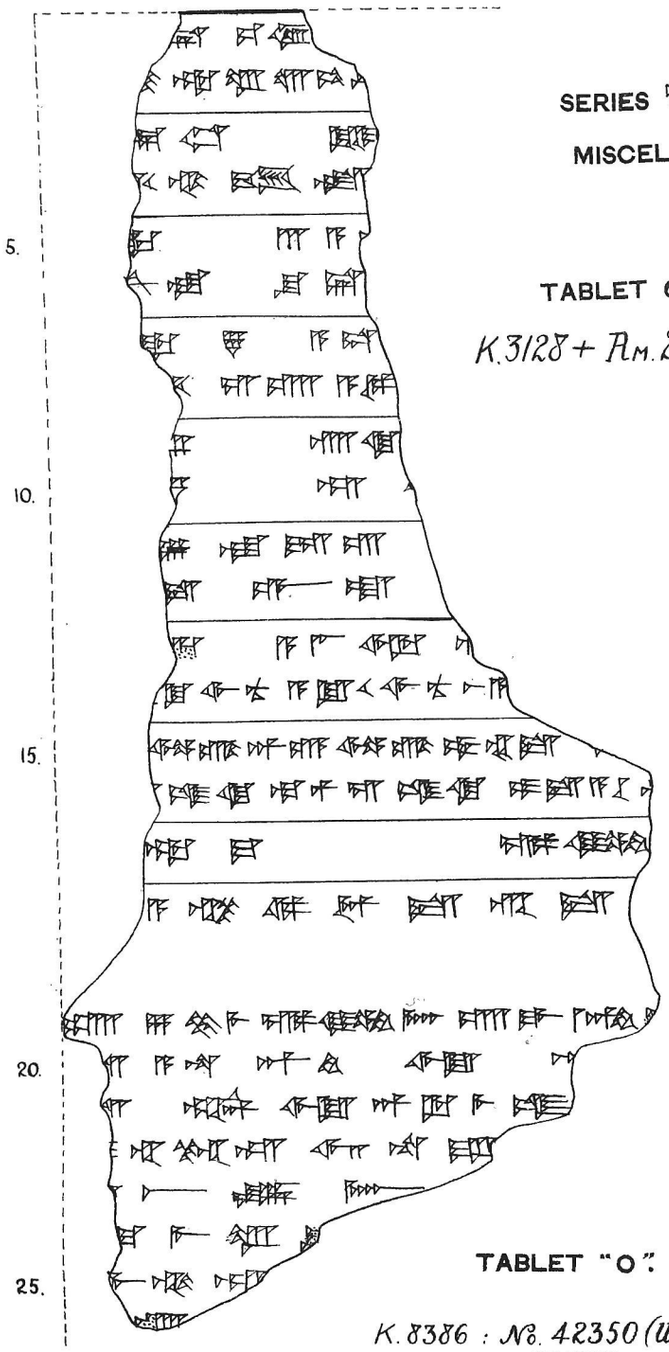


No 46291 has also a note on the top edge, close to l. I; [illegible]

SERIES , MISCELLANEOUS TABLETS.

TABLET 6

K.3128 + Rm.244.



TABLET "O".

K.8386 : No. 42350 (ll. 1-10).

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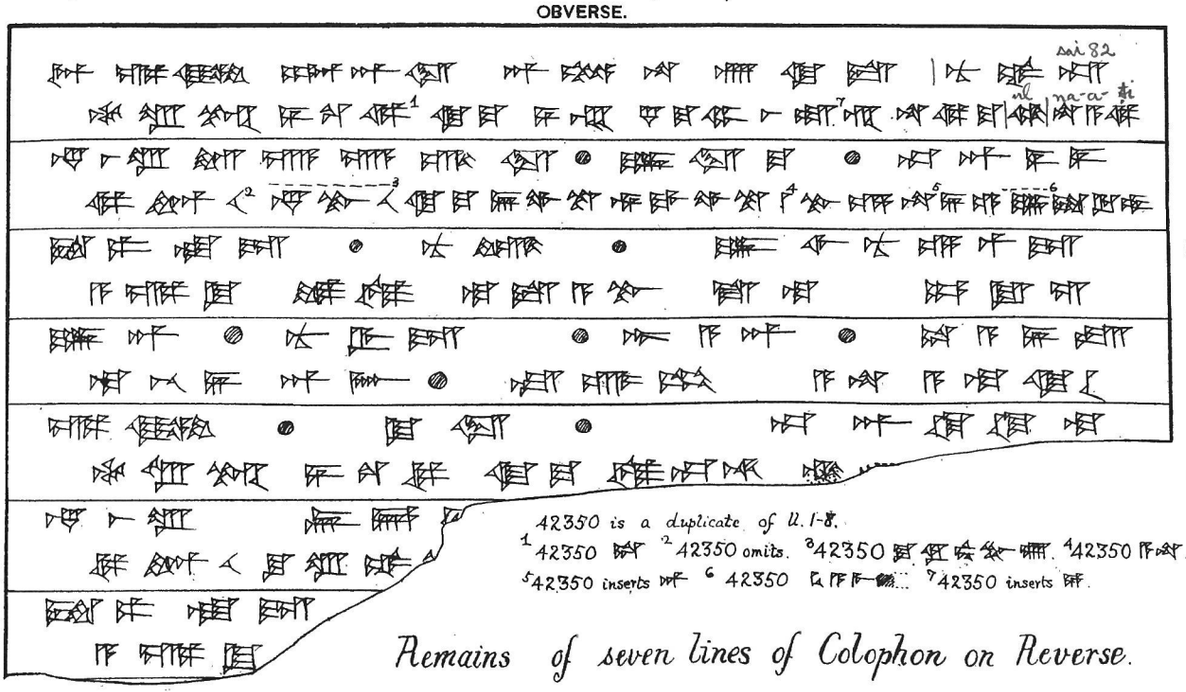
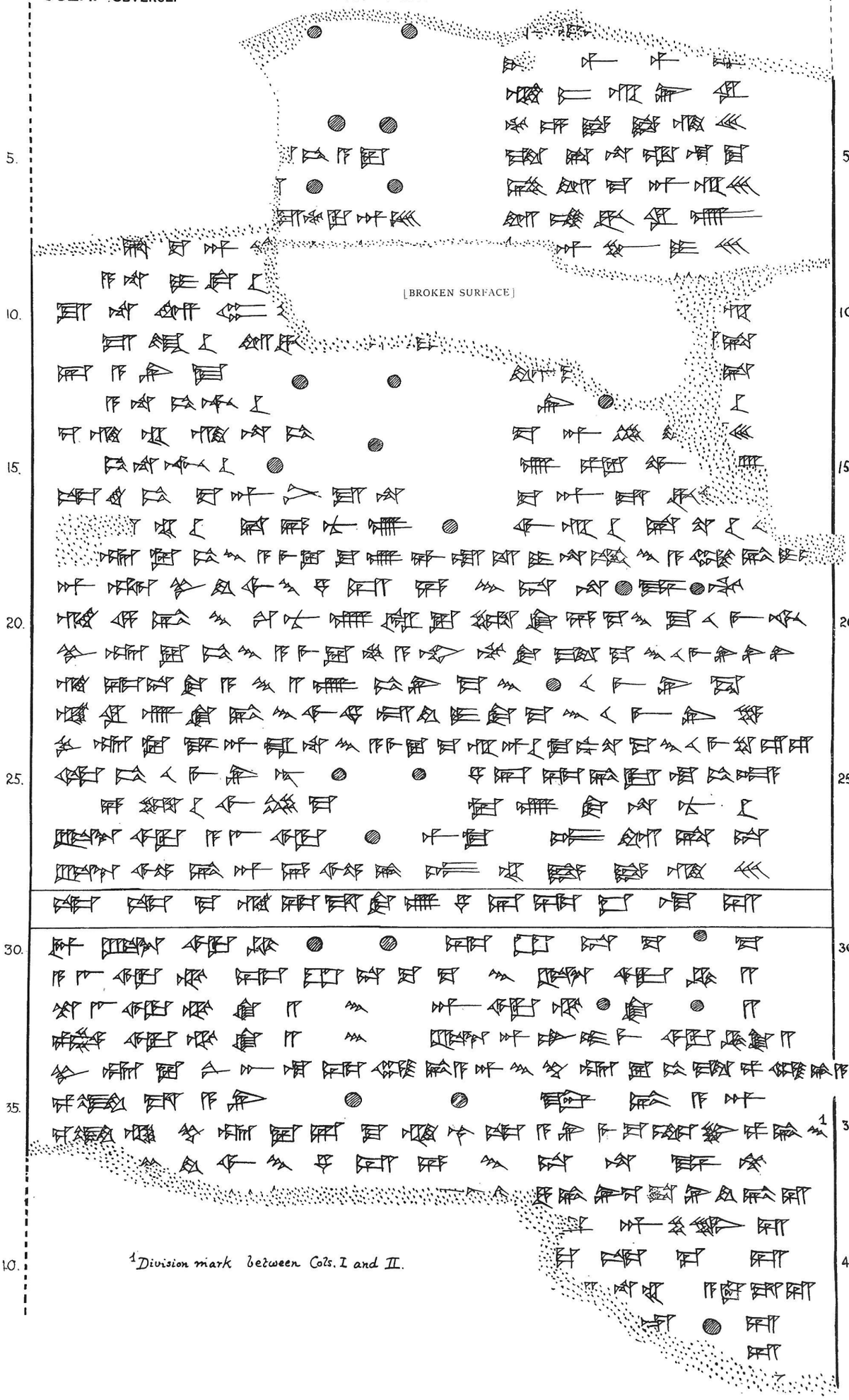


42350 is a duplicate of ll. 1-8.
[1] 42350 [2] 42350 omits. [3] 42350 [4] 42350 .
[5] 42350 inserts [6] 42350 [7] 42350 inserts .

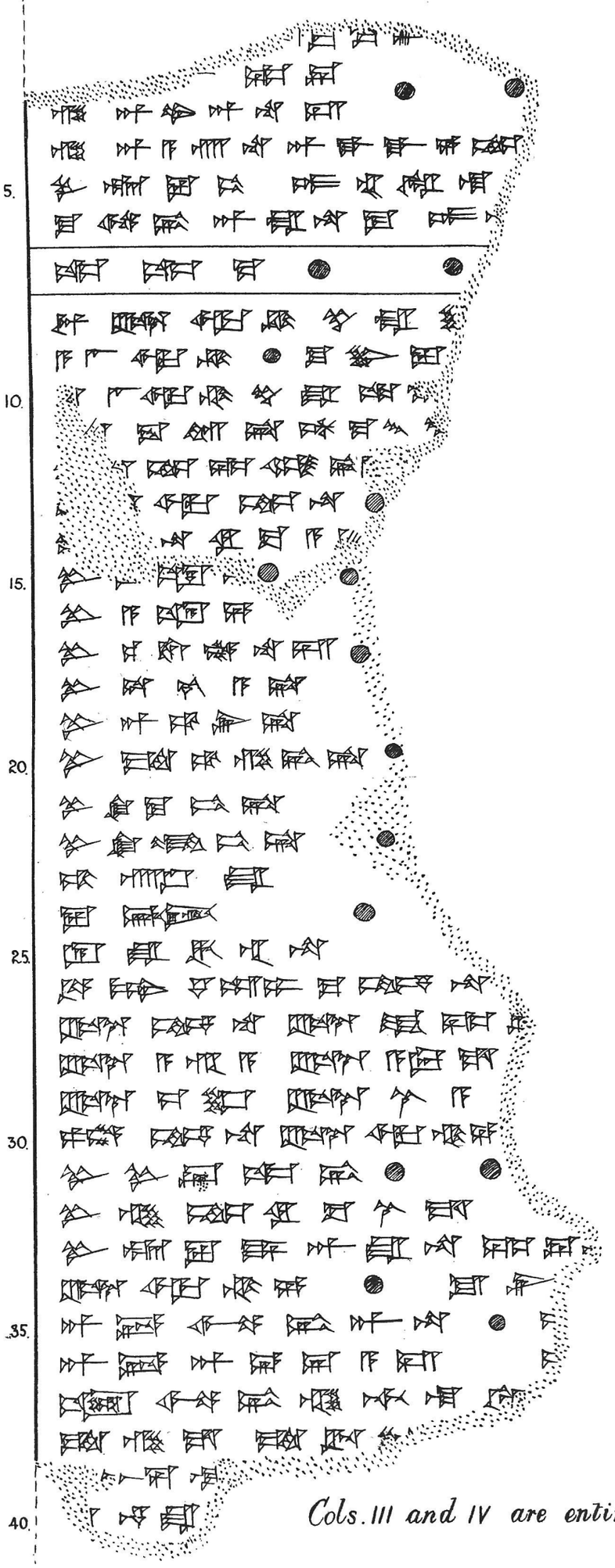
Remains of seven lines of Colophon on Reverse.

COL. I. OBVERSE.

No. 34223.

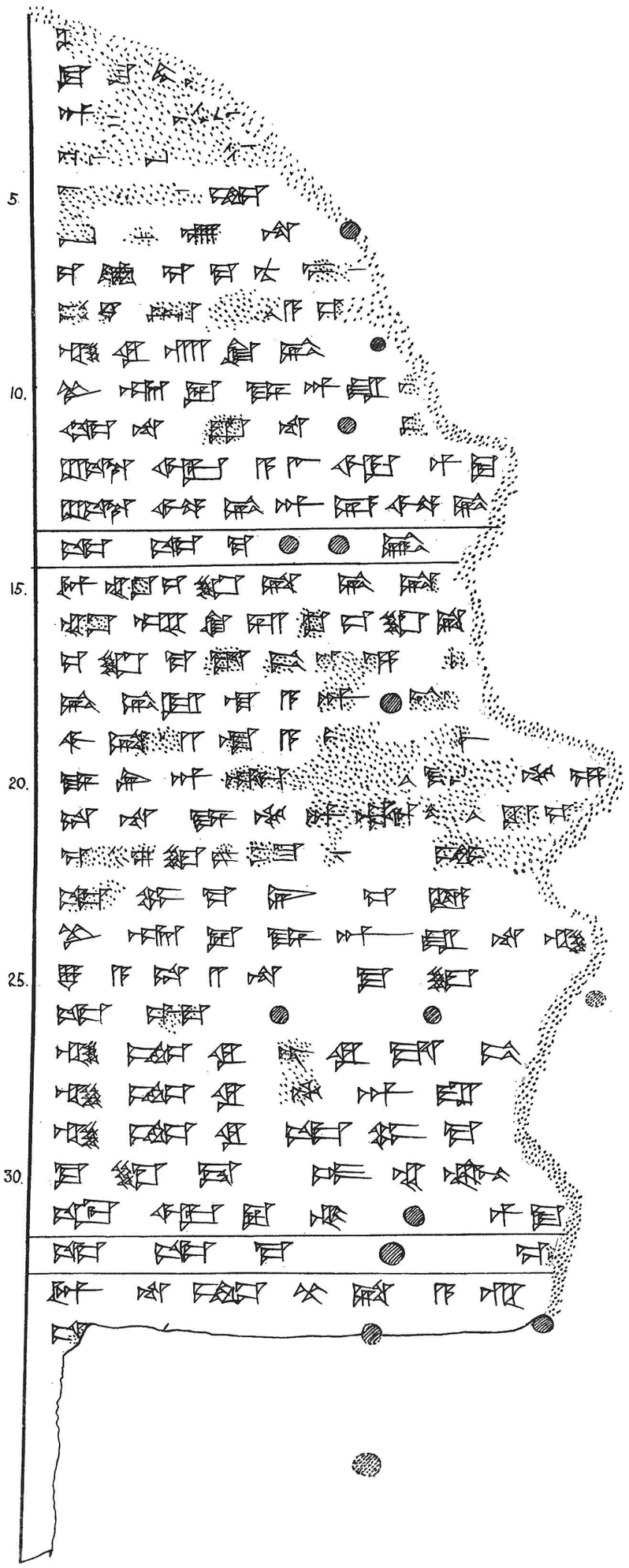


[1] Division mark between Cols. I and II.



Cols. III and IV are entirely broken away.

COL. V. REVERSE.



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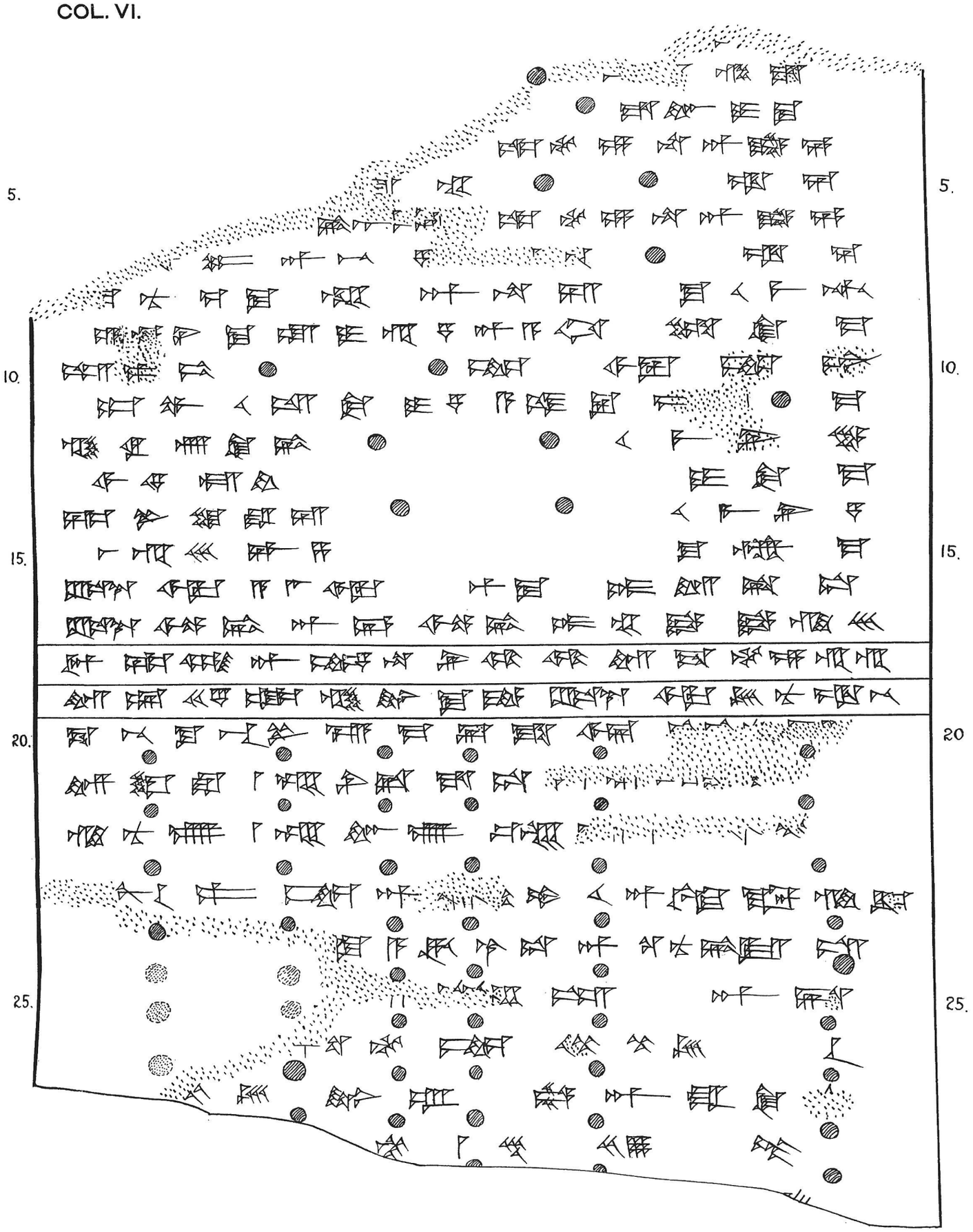
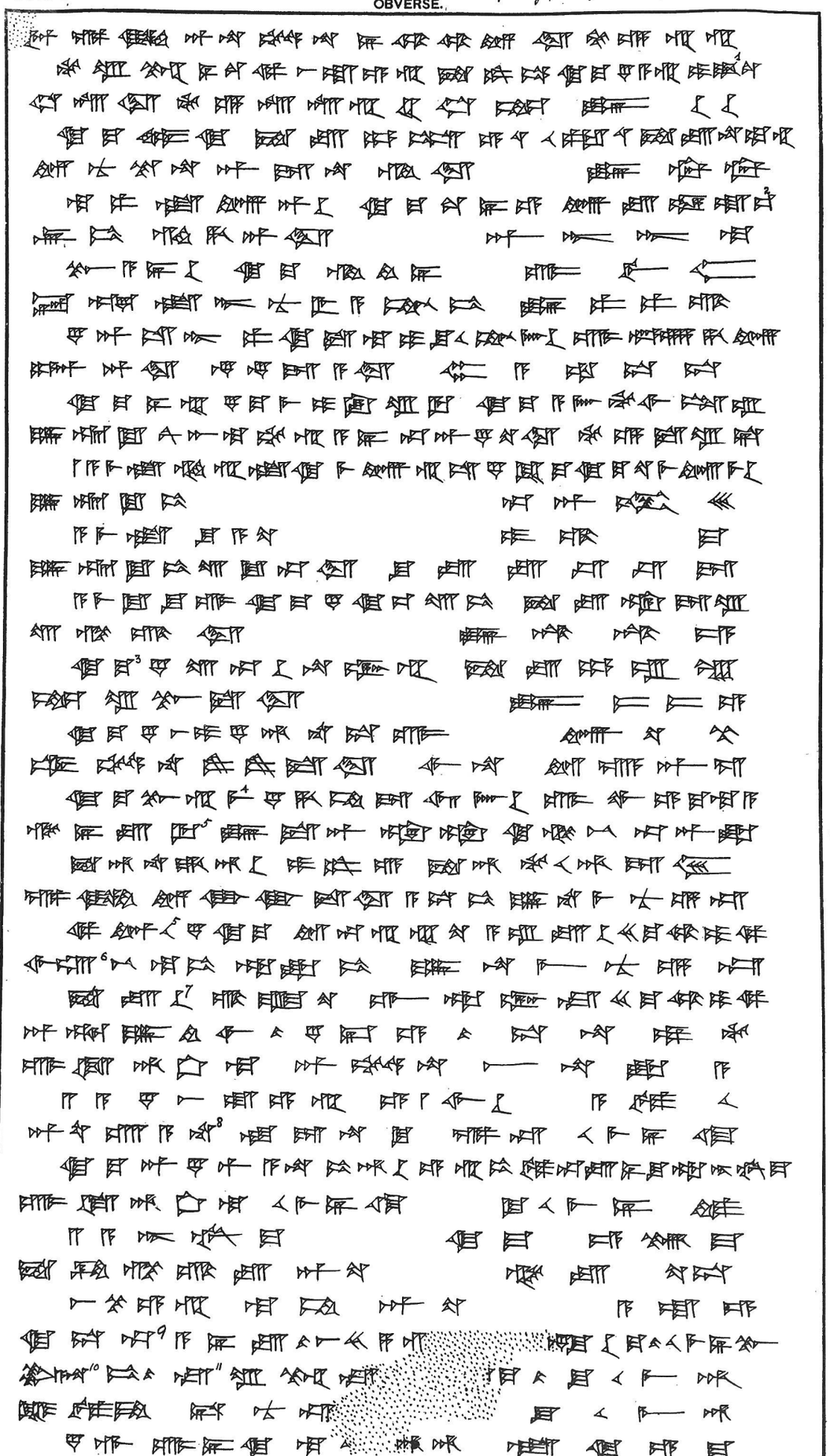


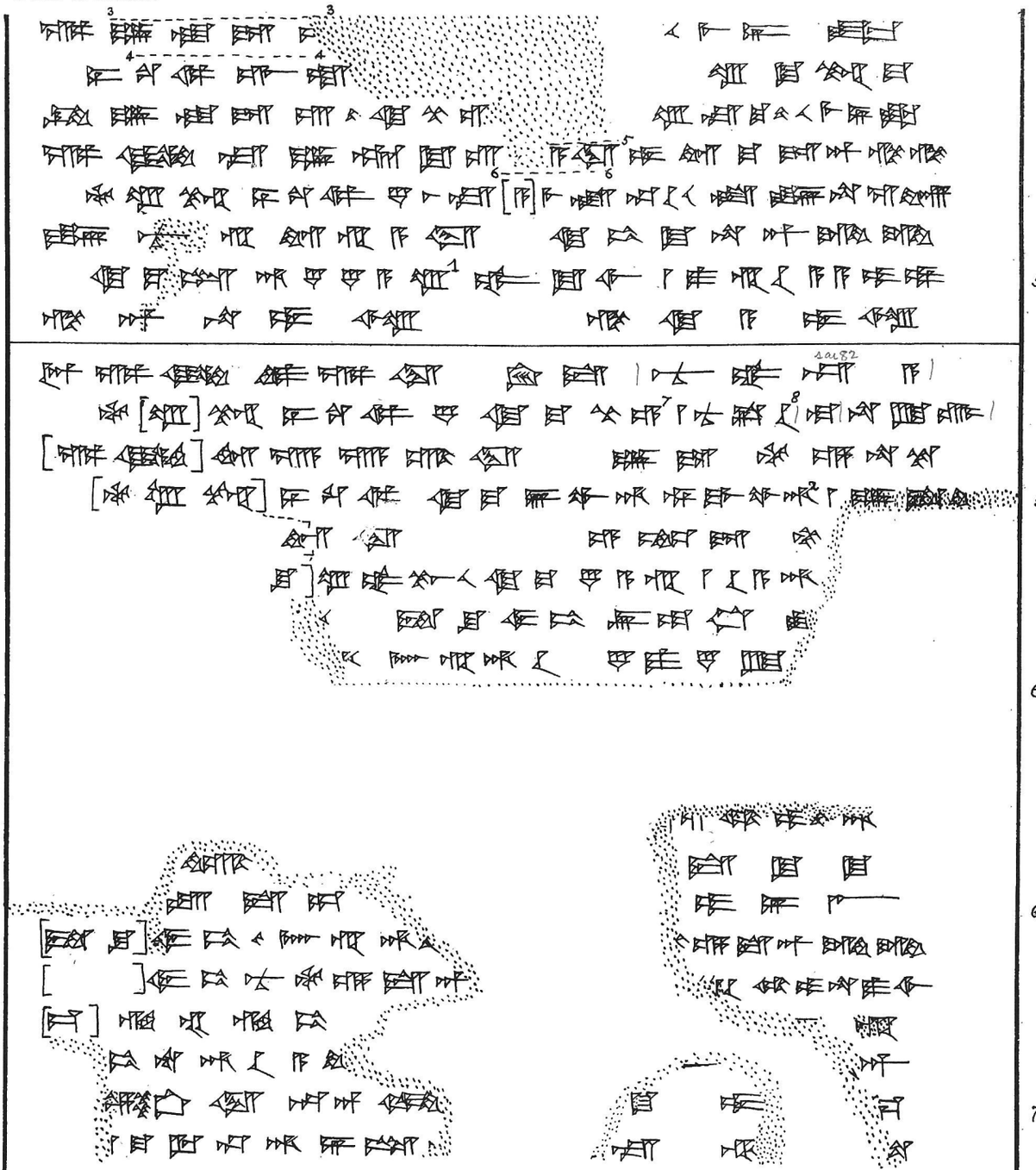
COL. I. K.3169 + 7848 : K.5141 + 5206 , K.5287 & K.12000cc (probably parts of same tablet): K.4865 + S.1145: K.5213.

OBVERSE.



Col. I, ll. 1-43 , K.3169 : ll. 1-6 . K.5287 : ll. 17-38 , K.4865 : ll. 39-43 . K.5141. [1] K.5287 [illegible]. [2] K.5287 [illegible] [3] K.4865 [illegible]. [4] K.4865 [illegible]. [5] K.4865 omits. [6] K.4865 inserts [illegible] [7] K.4865 [illegible]. [8] K.4865 [illegible]. [9] K.5141 omits. [10] K.5141 [illegible]. [11] K.5141 [illegible].

COL. I. [CONTINUED]



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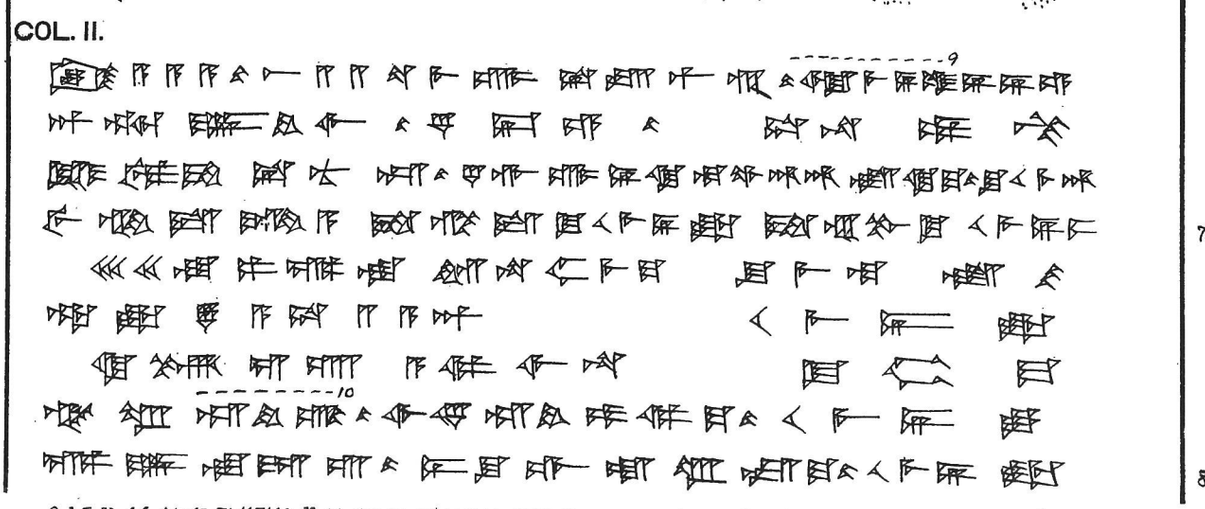

Col. I, ll. 44-55, 63-71, K.3169: ll. 44-60, 69-71, K.5141: Col. II, ll. 72-80, K.3169: ll. 72-80, K.5141. [1] K.3169 [2] K.3169 [3] K.5141 [4] K.5141 [5] K.5141 [6] K.5141 [7] K.5141 [8] K.5141 [9] K.5141 [10] K.5141

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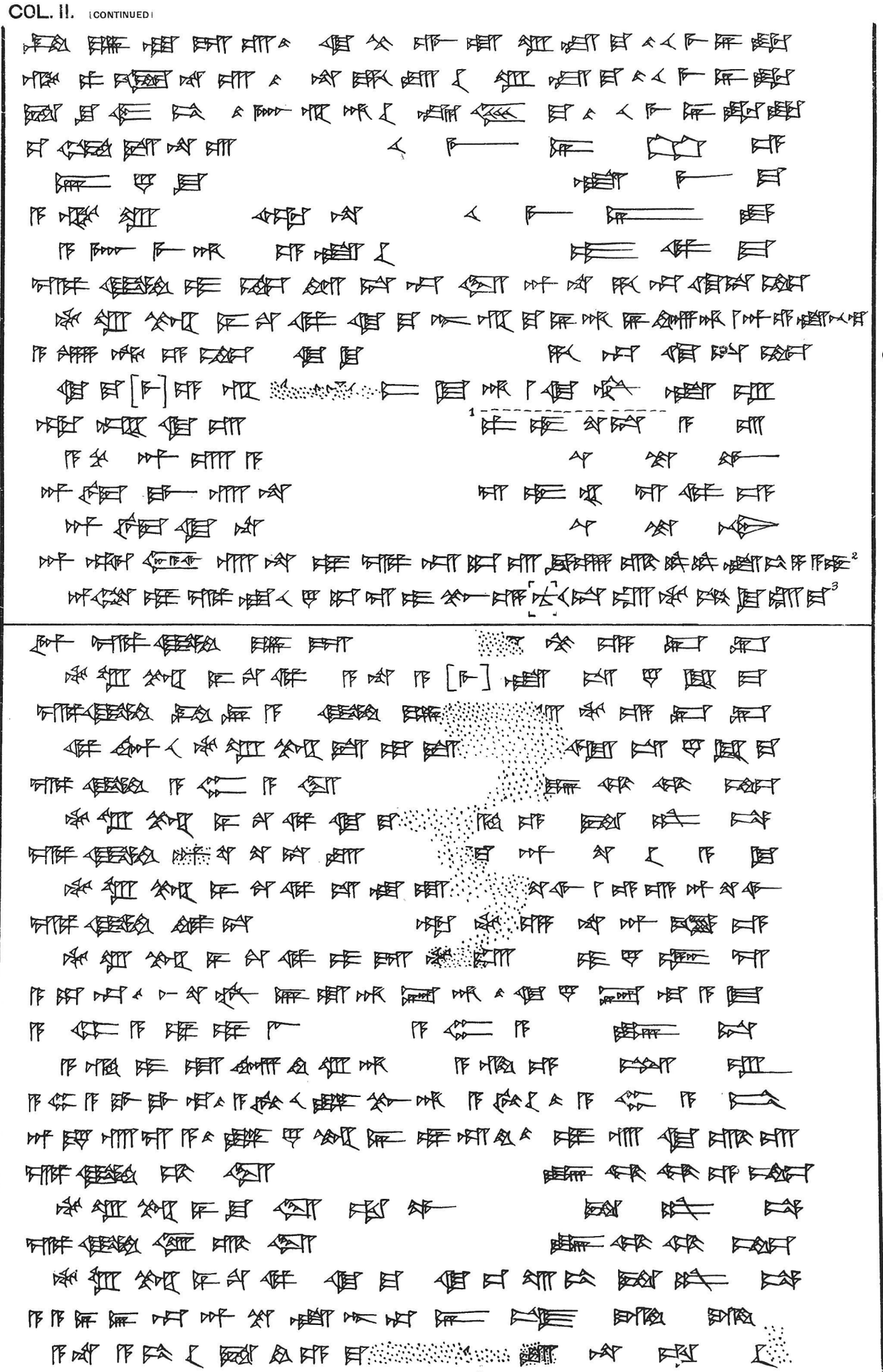
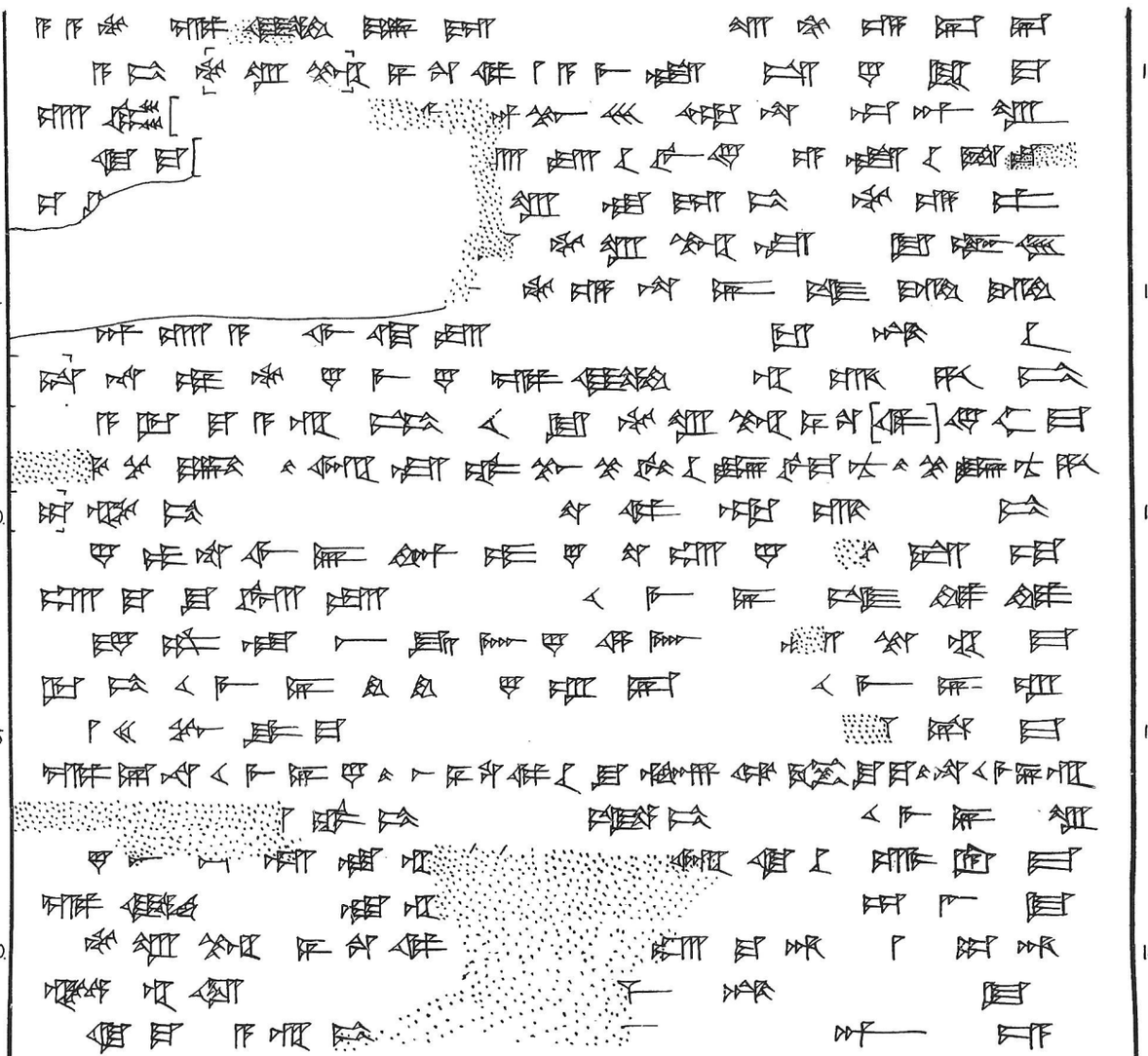
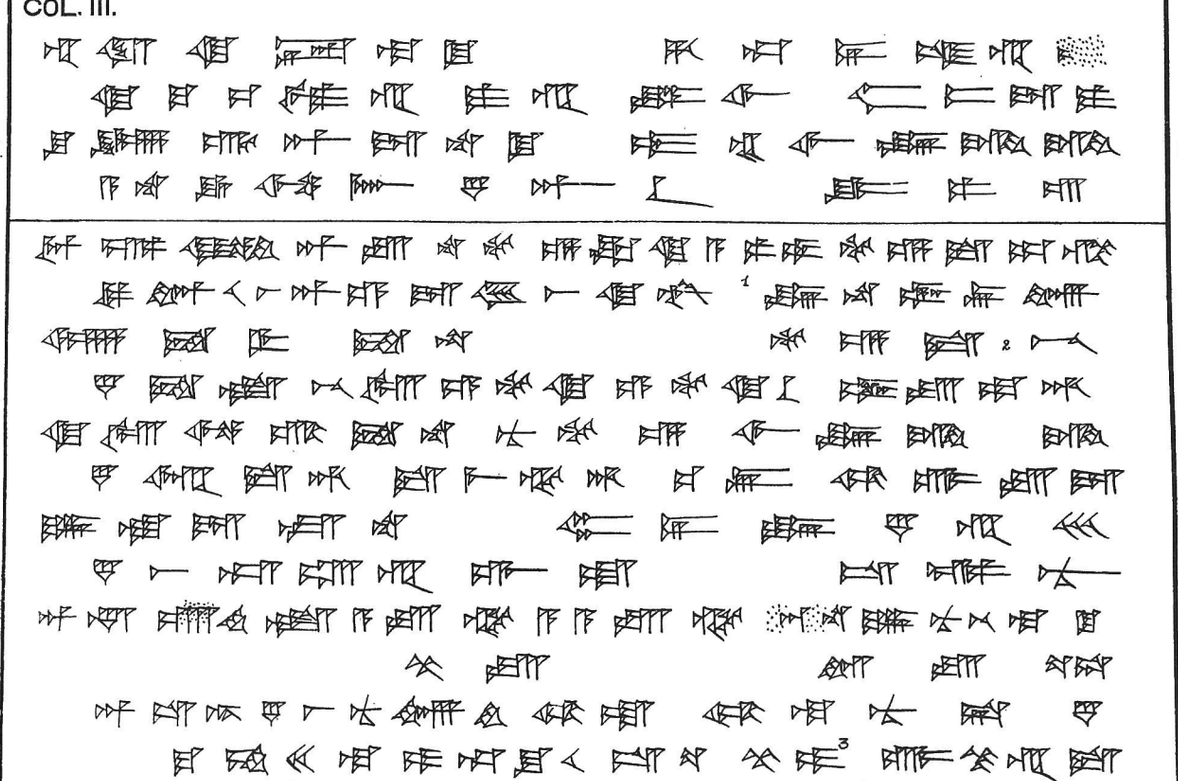


Col. II, ll. 81-118, K.3169: ll. 92-97, K.5213. [1] K.5213 [illegible] [2] K.5213 [illegible]. [3] K.5213 [illegible]

COL. II. (CONTINUED)

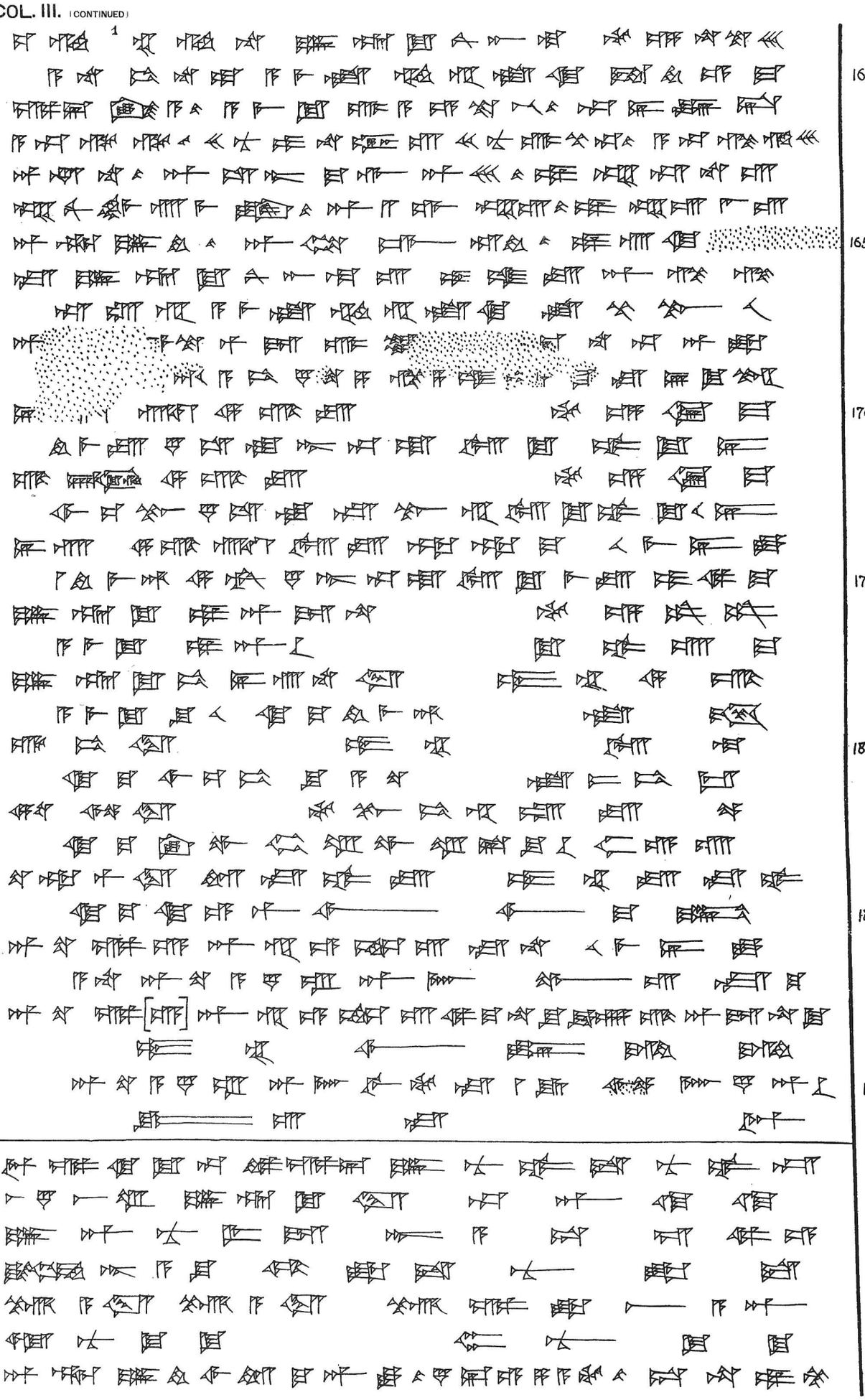


COL. III.



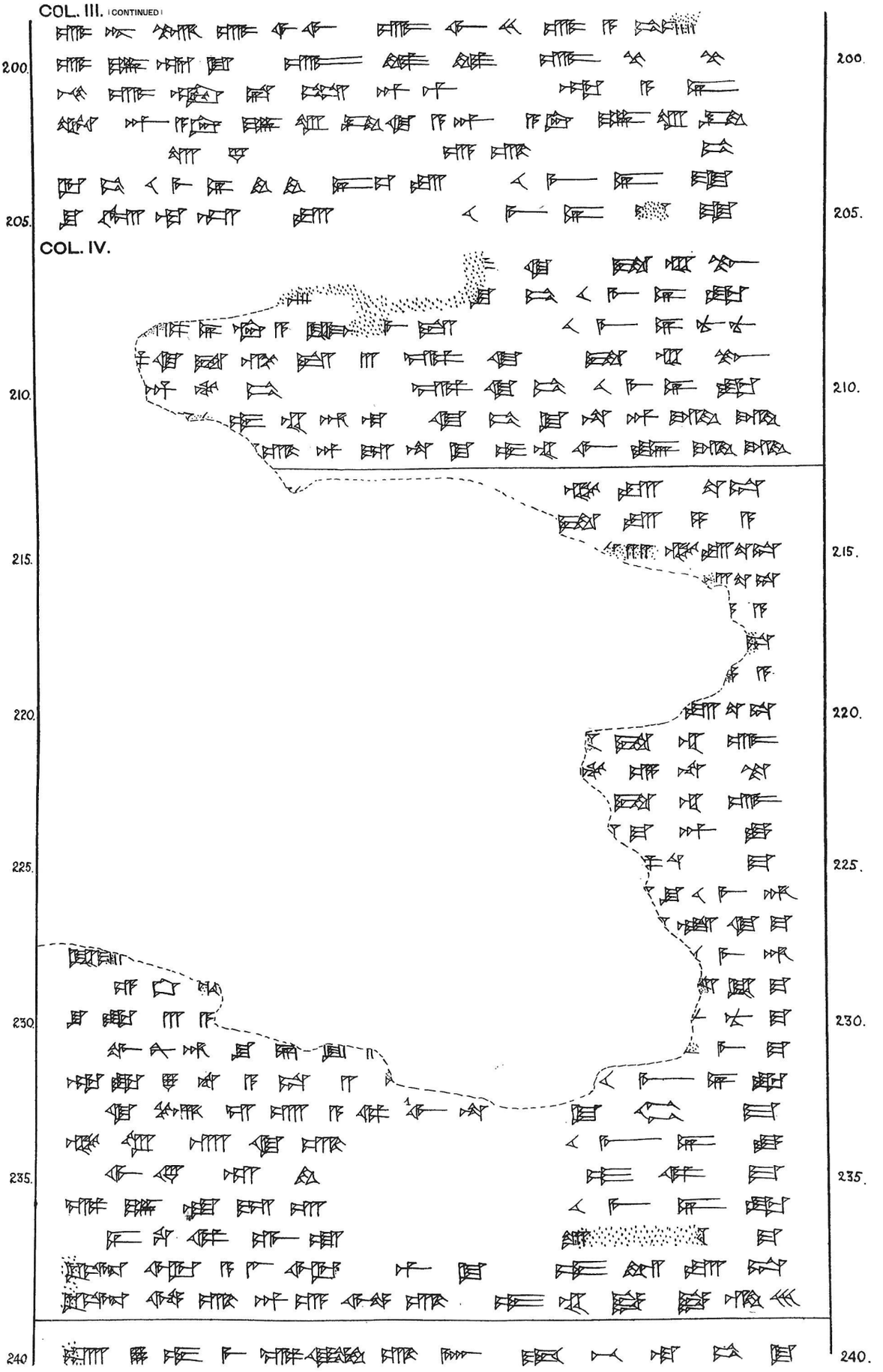
Col. II, U. 119-142, K.3169 · Col. III, U. 143-158, K.3169: U. 147-158, K.12000, cc. [1] K.12000, cc inserts [illegible] [2] K.12000, cc here has [illegible] [3] K.12000, cc [illegible]

COL. III. (CONTINUED)



Col. III, ll. 159-198 K.3169 l. 159 K.12000, cc [1] Erasure on K.3169.

COL. III. (CONTINUED)



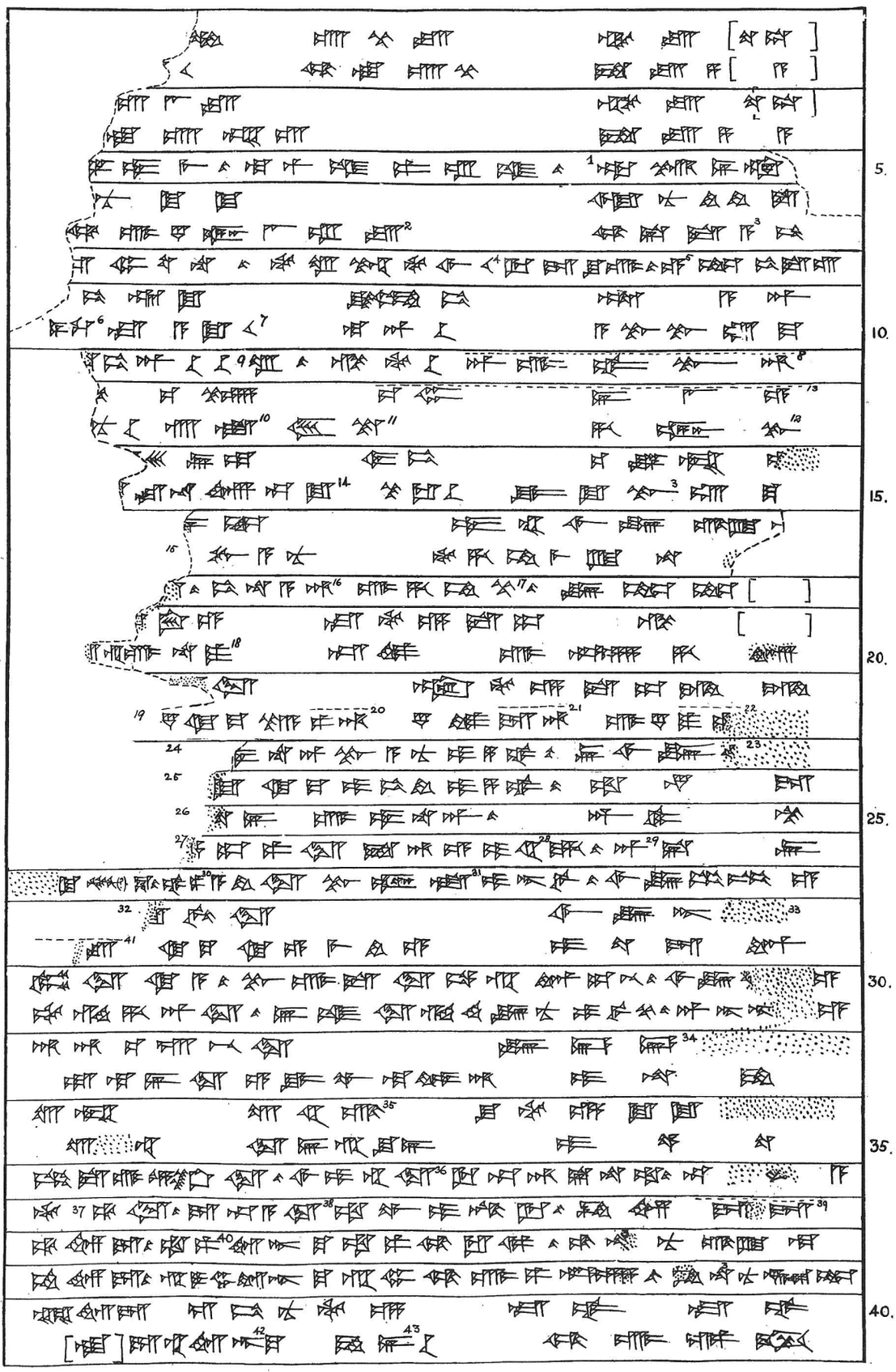
[Etc.]

Col. III, ll. 199-205, Col. IV, ll. 206-241, K. 3169.

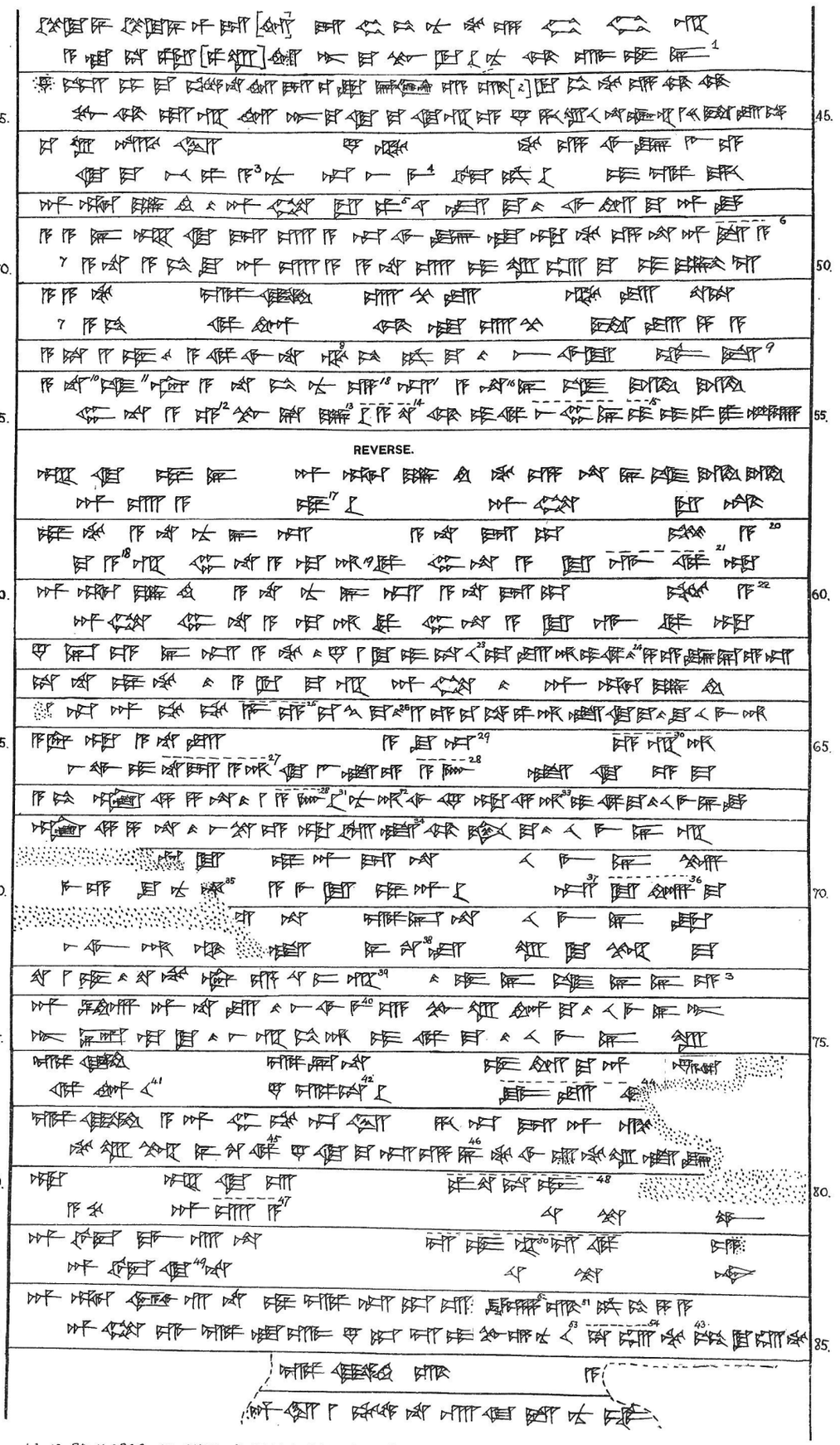
[1] K. 3169 [illegible]

K. 2869 + 5025 : K. 4840 K. 9303 · 46301.

OBVERSE.



Ll. 1-41, K. 2869, No. 46301. Variants from No. 46301. 1 . 2 . 3 omits. 4 5 . 6 inserts . 7 . 8 . 9 inserts . 10 11 12 . 13 . 14 . 15 For this line . 16 . 17 18 . 19 . 20 . 21 . 22 . 23 . 24 . 25 . 26 . 27 . 28 . 29 inserts . 30 . 31 . 32 . 33 . 34 ends line with this character. 35 36 . 37 38 39 . 40 . 41 . 42 . 43 .

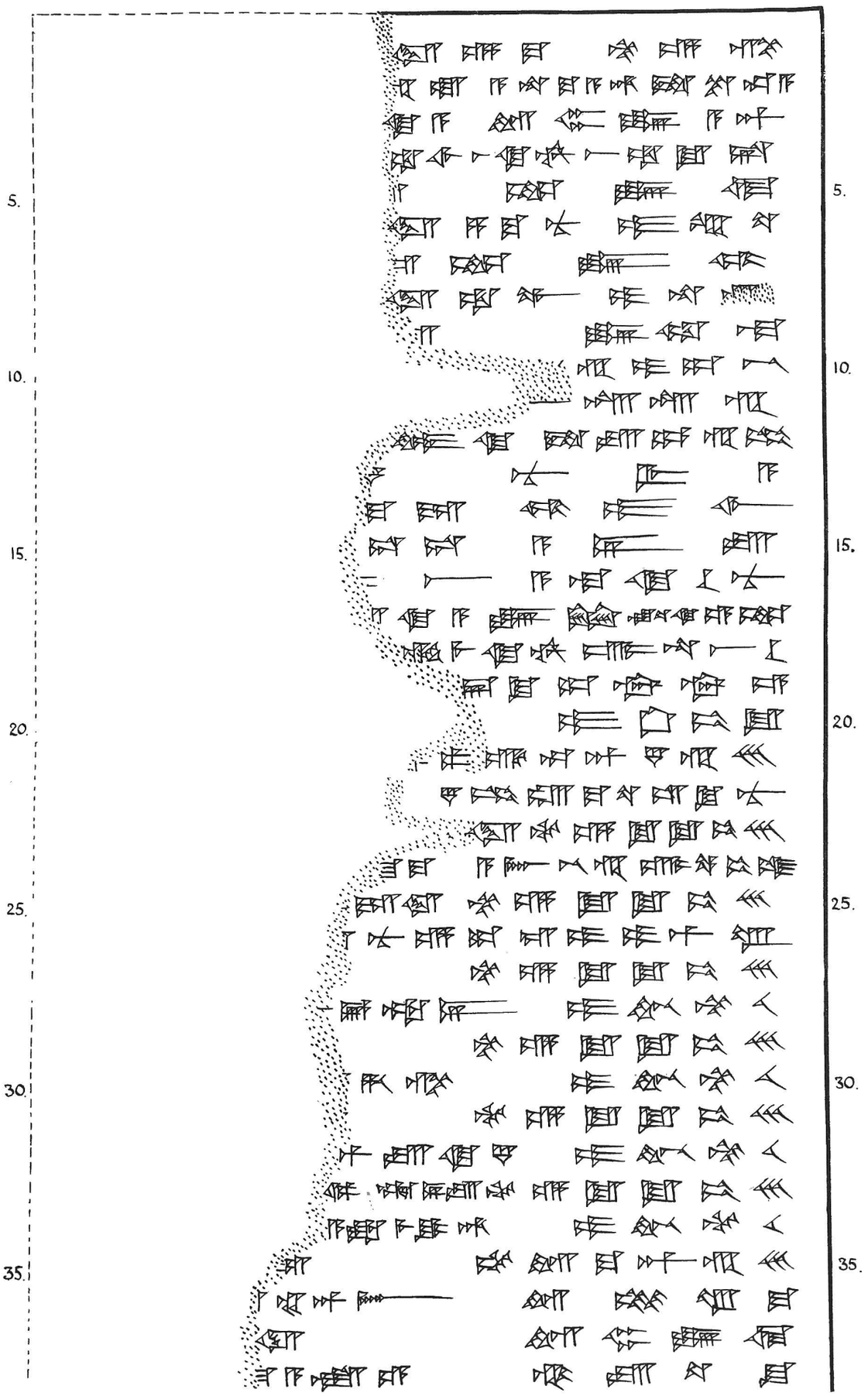


Lb. 42-85. K. 2869, No. 46301: U. 47-61, K. 4840: U. 78-87, K. 9303.

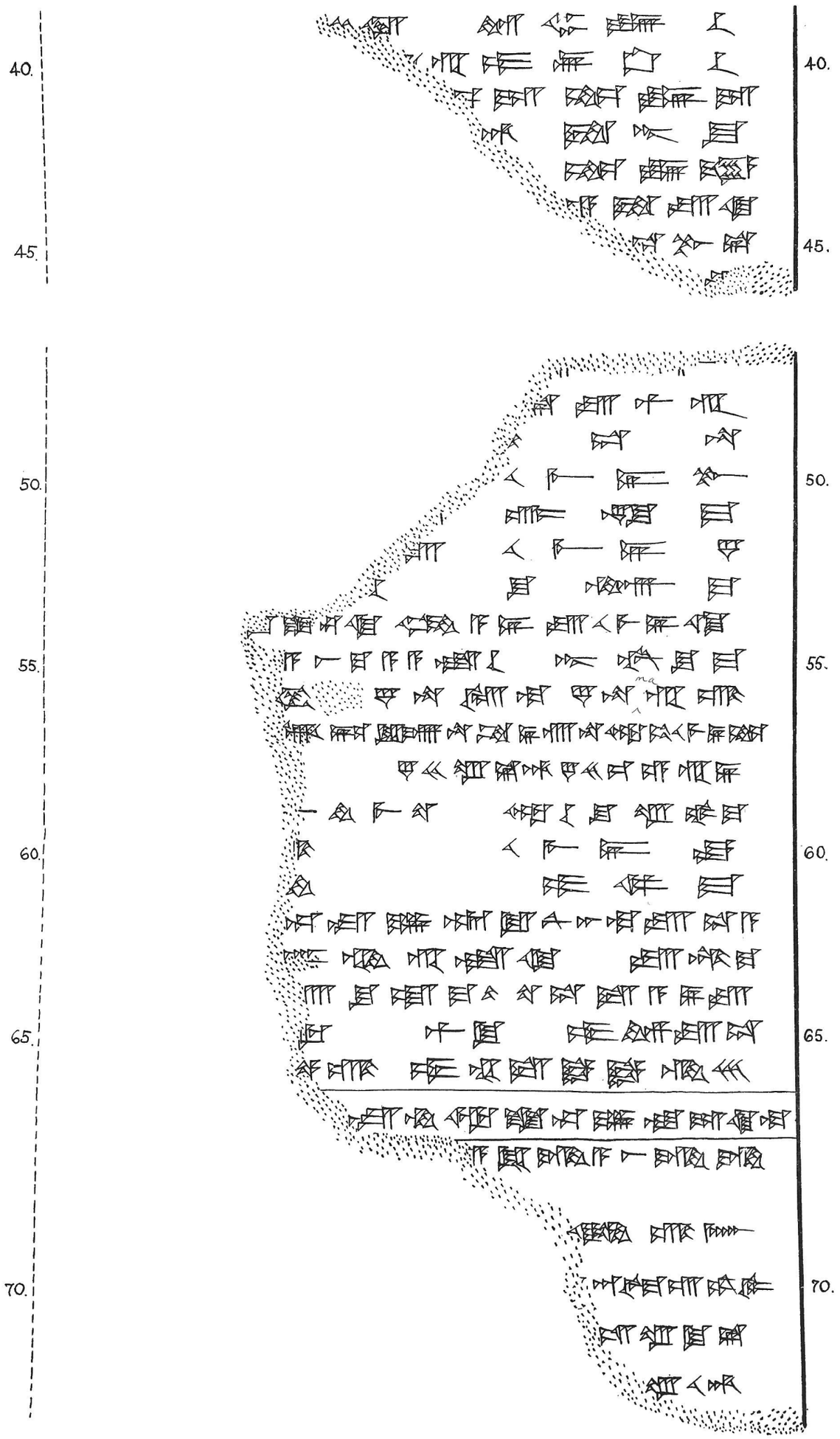
1-55 No. 46301. 1 . 2 . 3 omits. 4 . 5 . 6 and K. 4840, . 7 omits this line. 8 . 9 . 10 . 11 inserts . 12 . 13 . 14 . 15 . 16 apparently here has ; K. 4840 inserts . 17 . 18 omits. 19 . 20 and K. 4840 . 21 and K. 4840 . 22 . 23 . 24 inserted. 25 . 26 for this line, . 27 . 28 . 29 . 30 . 31 . 32 . 33 . 34 . 35 . 36 . 37 . 38 inserts . 39 . 40 . 41 . 42 . 43 . 44 . 45 . 46 . 47 . 48 . 49 inserts . 50 . 51 inserts . 52 . 53 . 54 . 55 46301 ends

Compare the catch-line on Pl. 11.

S.704 : Rm. II, 156 + 264



Ll. 1-32, Rm. II, 156 : ll. 13-38, S.704.

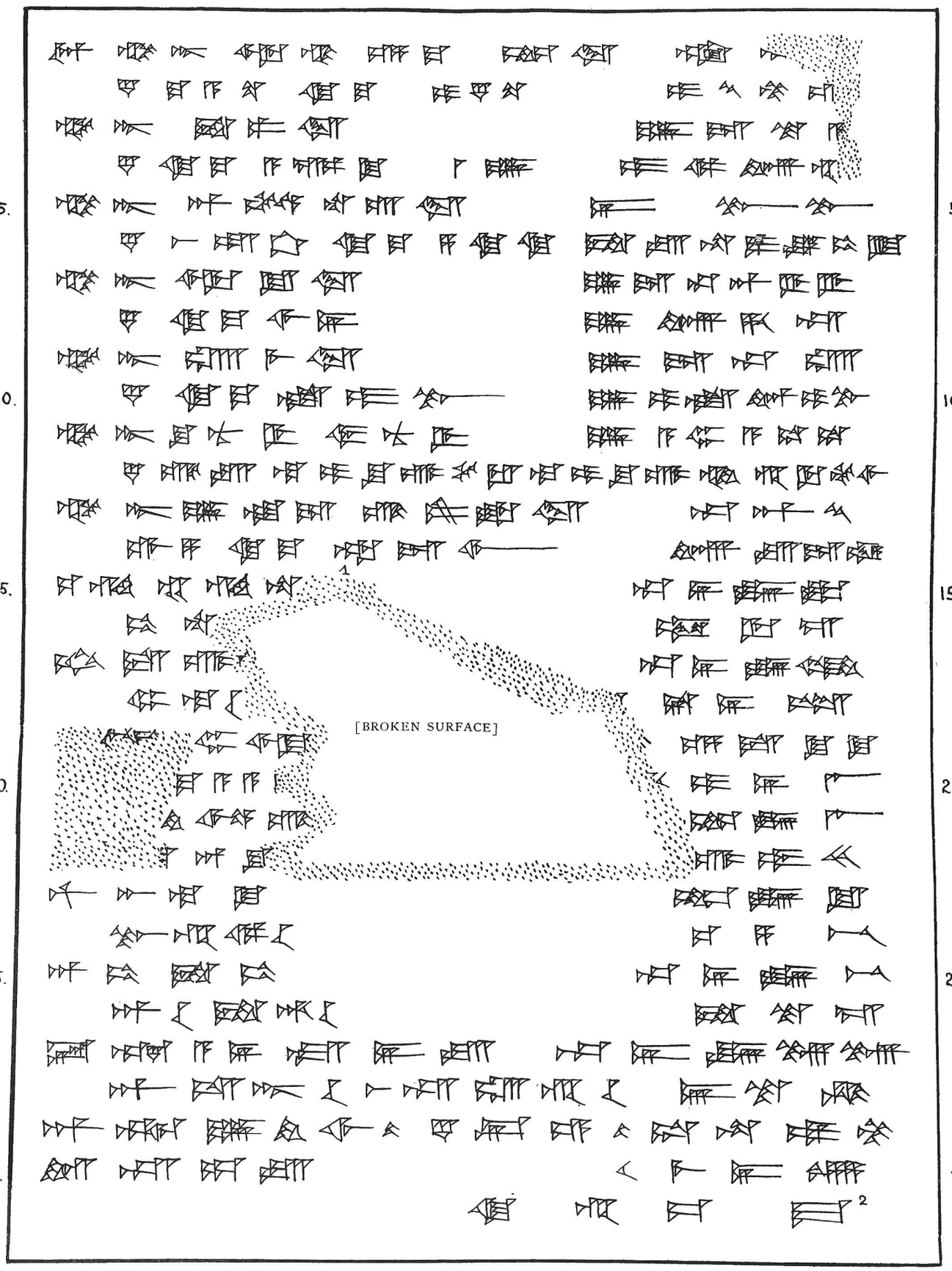


Ll. 39-72, S.704. The Reverse of Rm.II, 156 contains the remains of the Colophon.

TABLET "R".

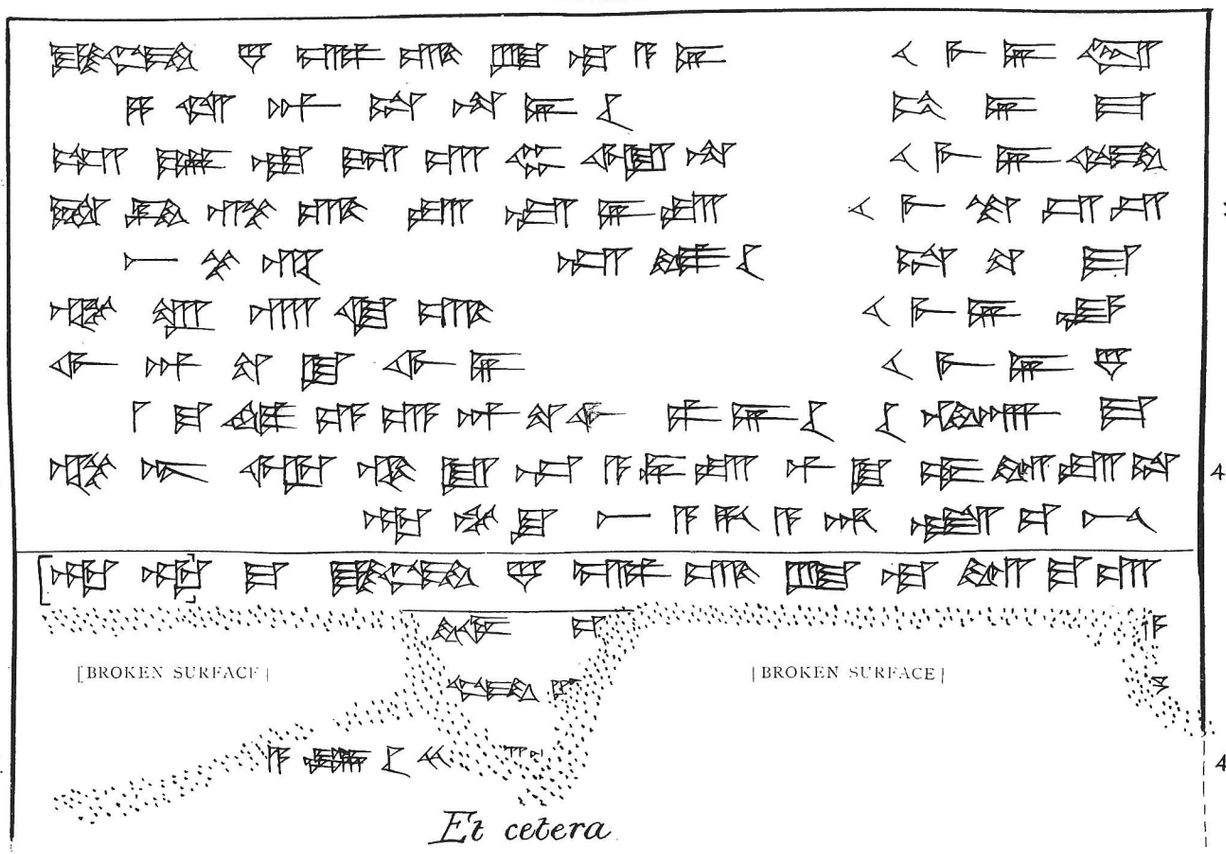
K.1284 K.4901.

OBVERSE.



Ll 1-31, K.1284: ll. 23-31, K.4901: restorations from K.3518 (see next plate). [1] K.1284 has here [illegible] and K.3518 [illegible]. [2] On K.4901 this line is inserted between [illegible] and [illegible] in the previous line.

REVERSE.



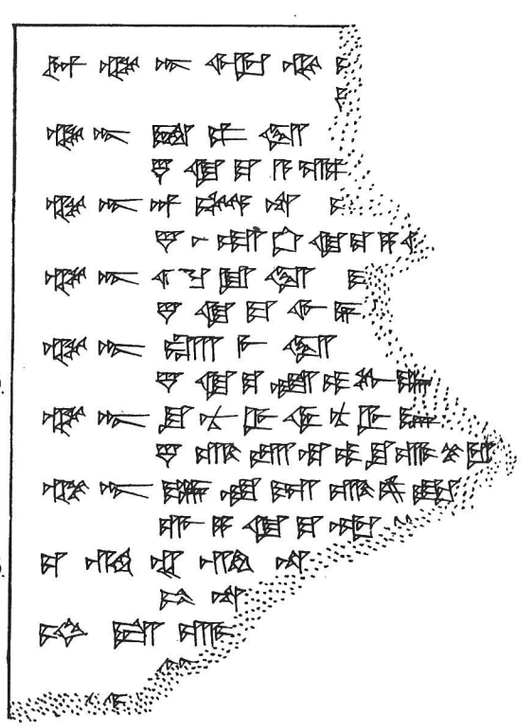
Et cetera

Ll. 32-45, K.1284 : U 32-41, K.4901.

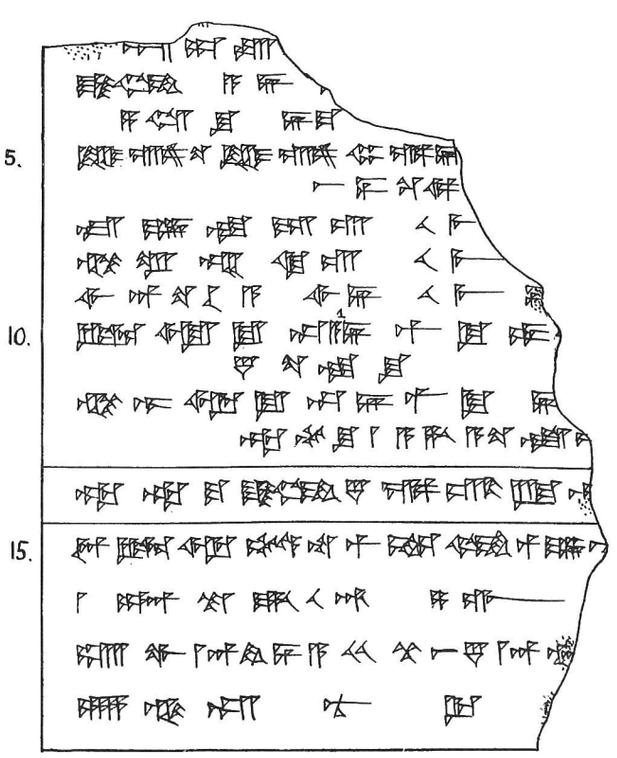
TABLET "S."

K.3518.

OBVERSE.

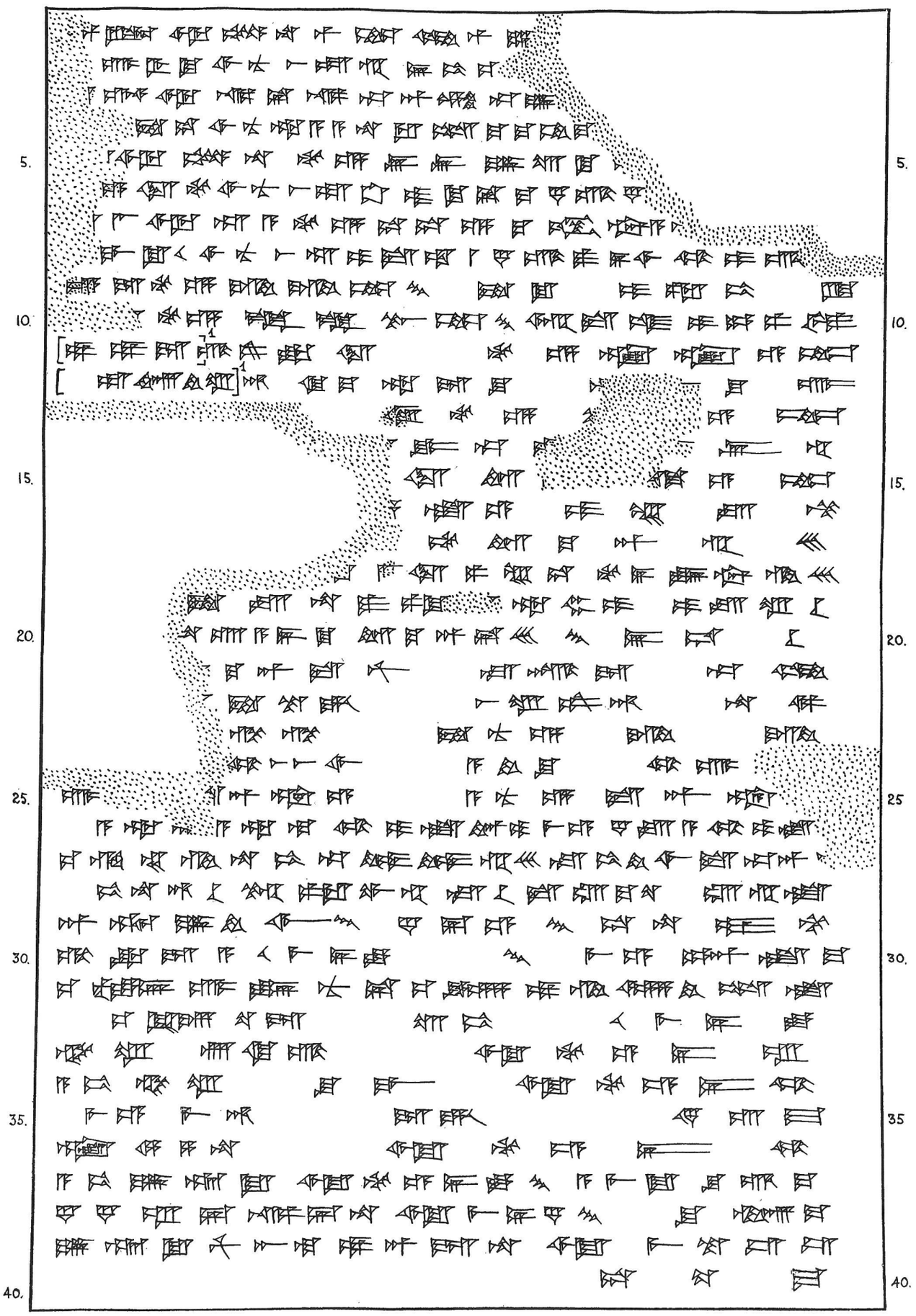


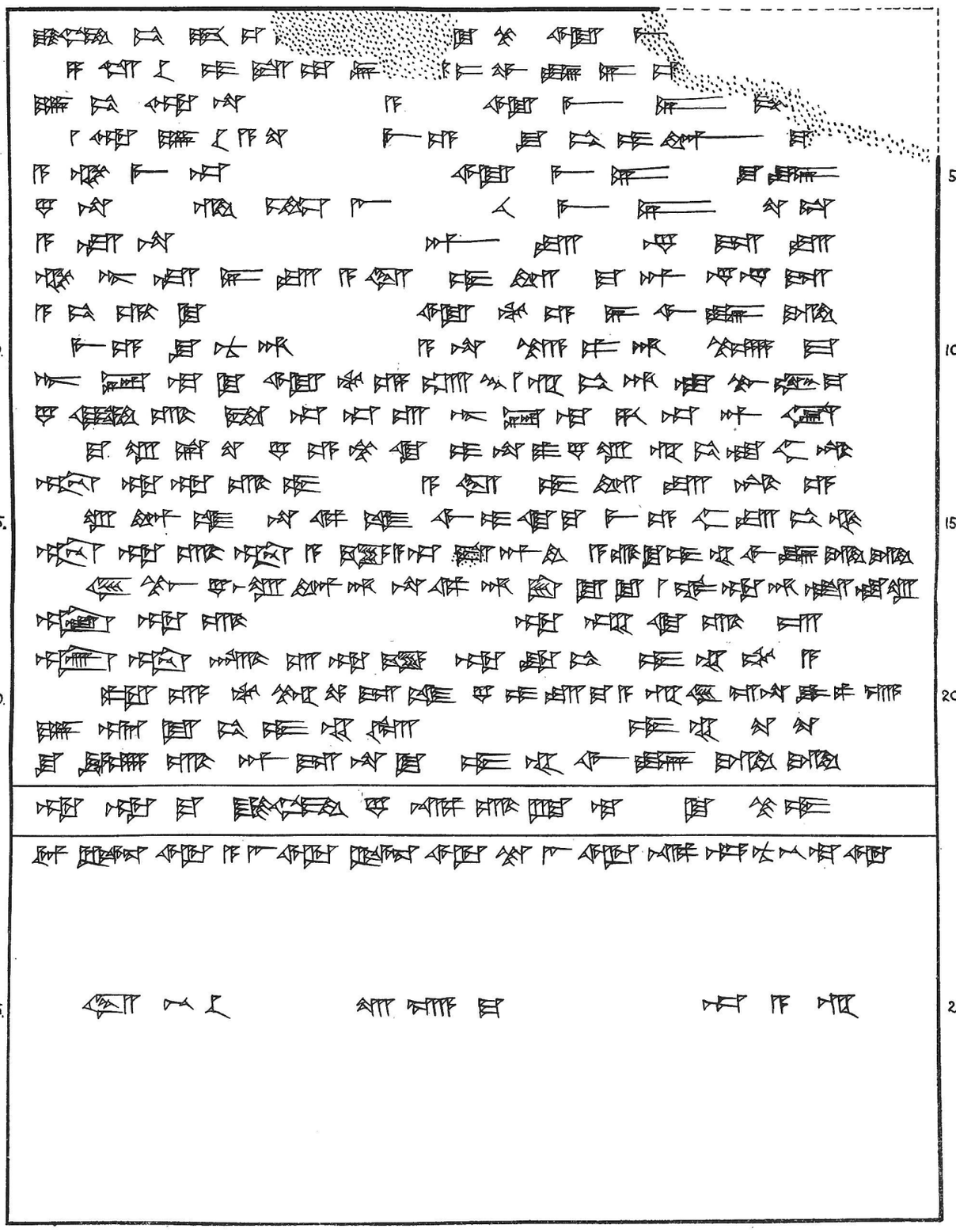
REVERSE.



K. 1283, TABLET "T"

OBVERSE.

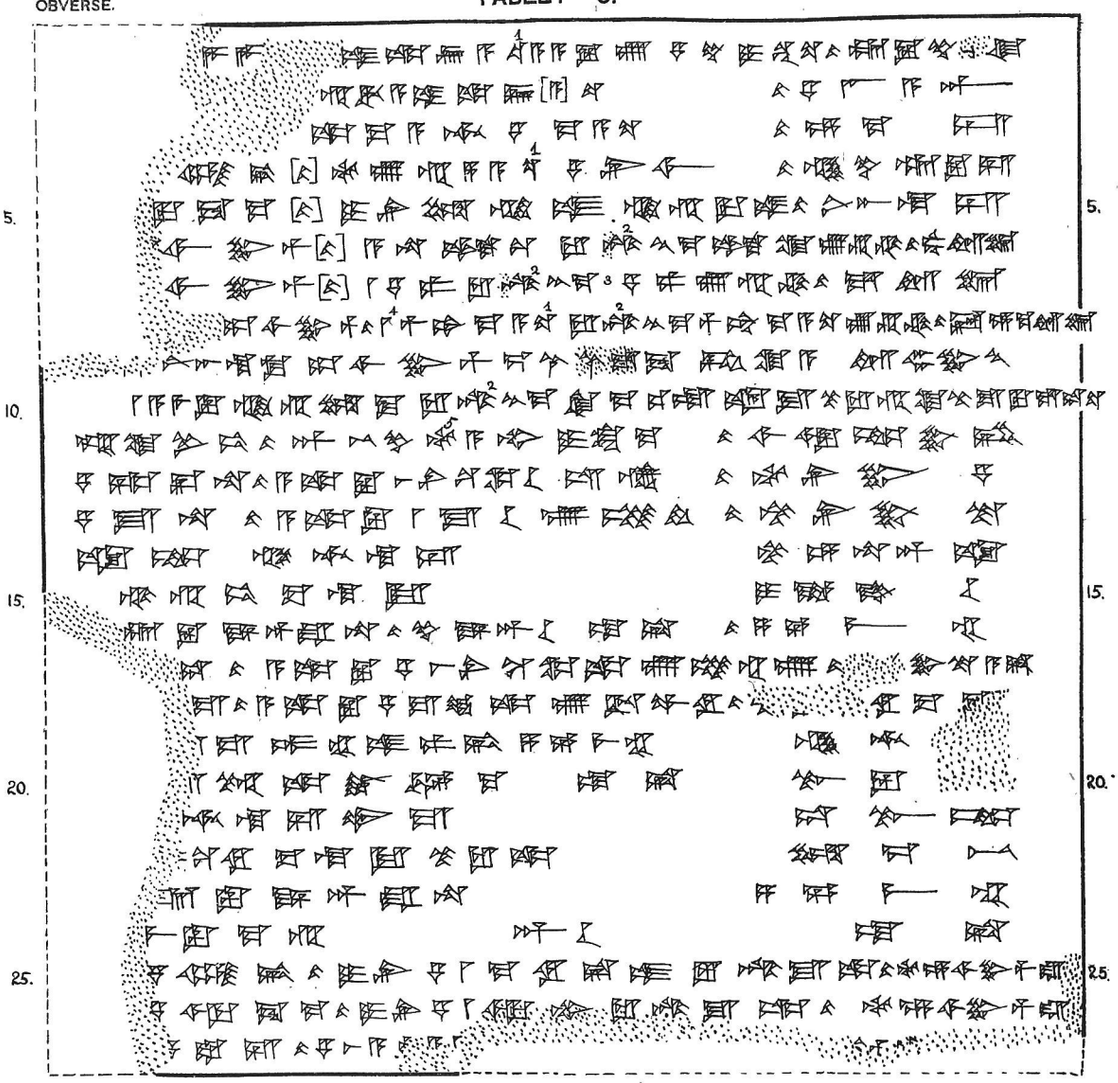




No. 33534 : Obverse of No. 93081.

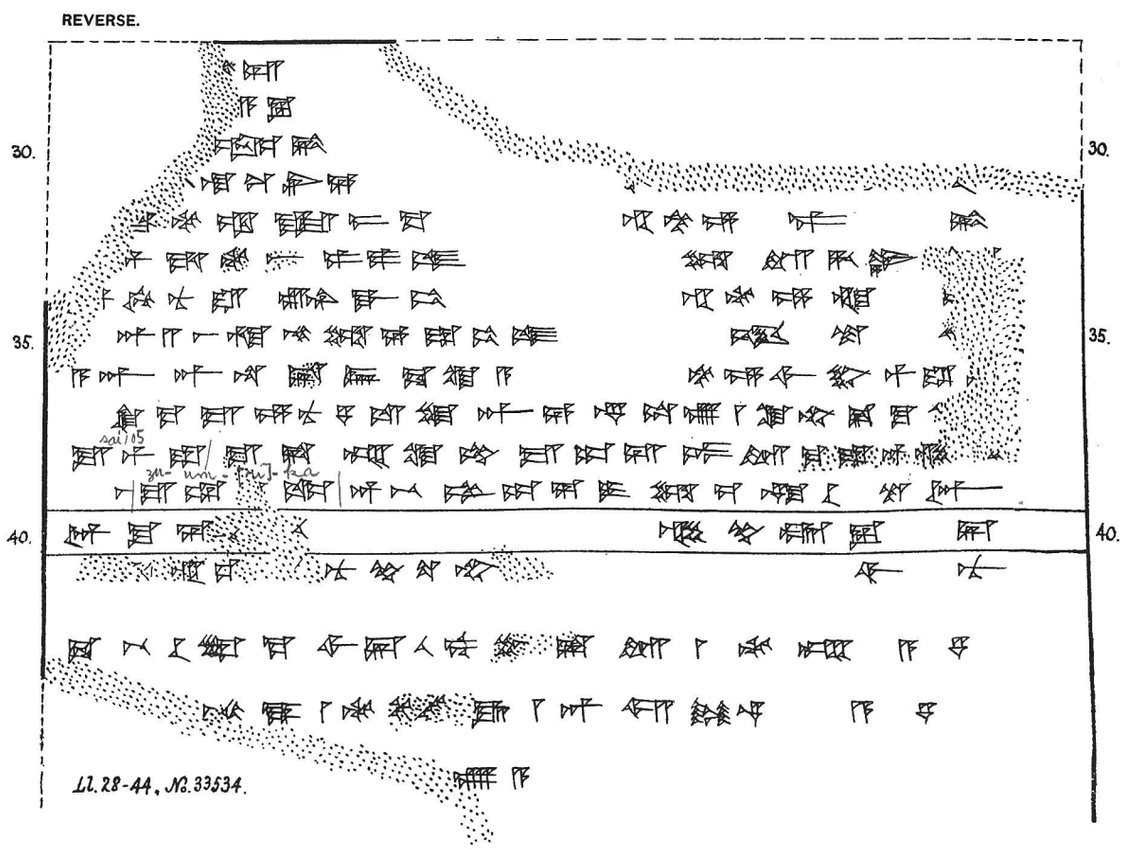
TABLET "U."

OBVERSE.



Ll. 1-27, No. 33534 : U. 1-12, No. 93081. [1-5] No. 93081 :— [1] [illegible]. [2] [illegible] - inserts [illegible]. [4] [illegible]. [5] [illegible].

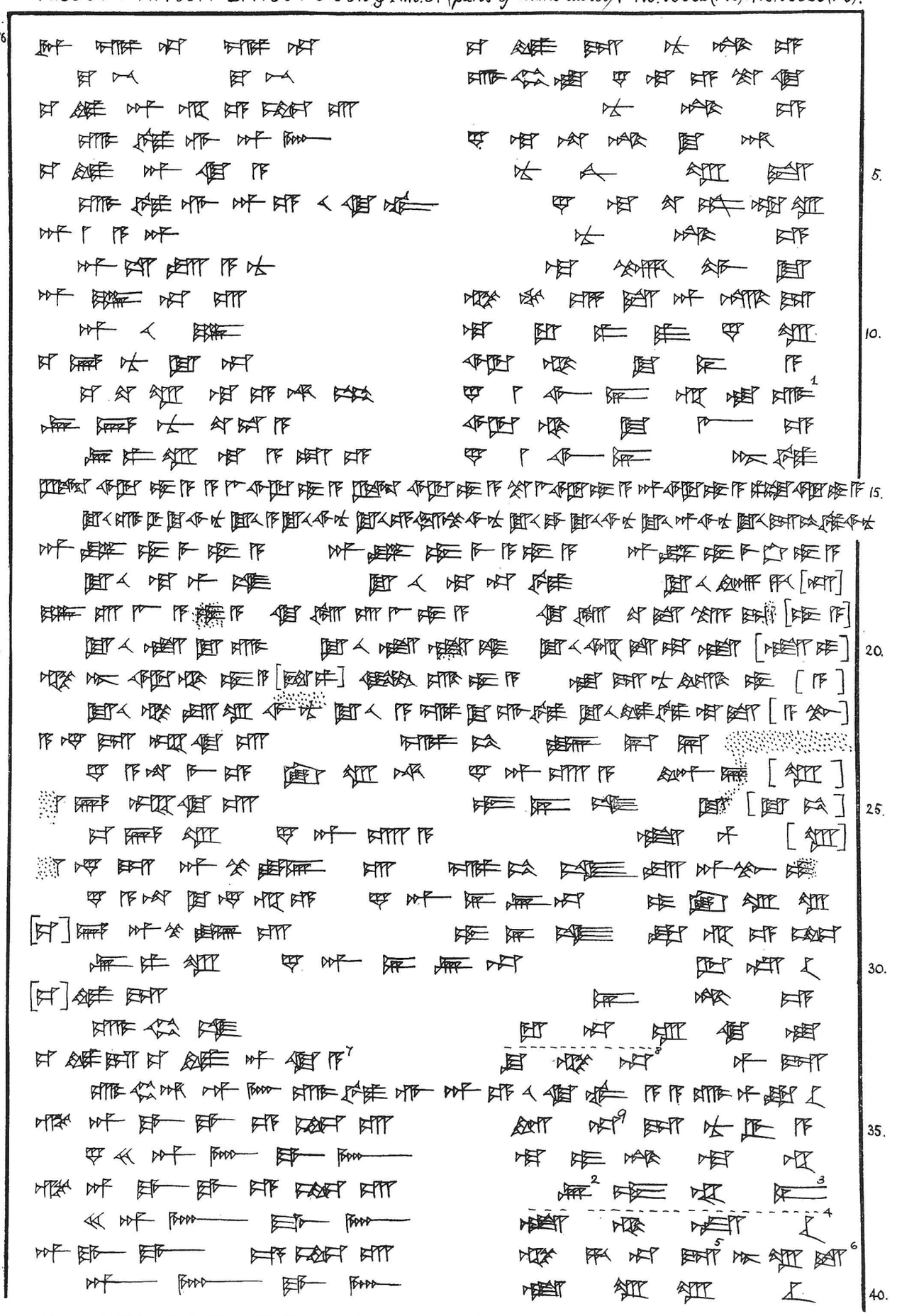
REVERSE.



Ll. 28-44, No. 33534.

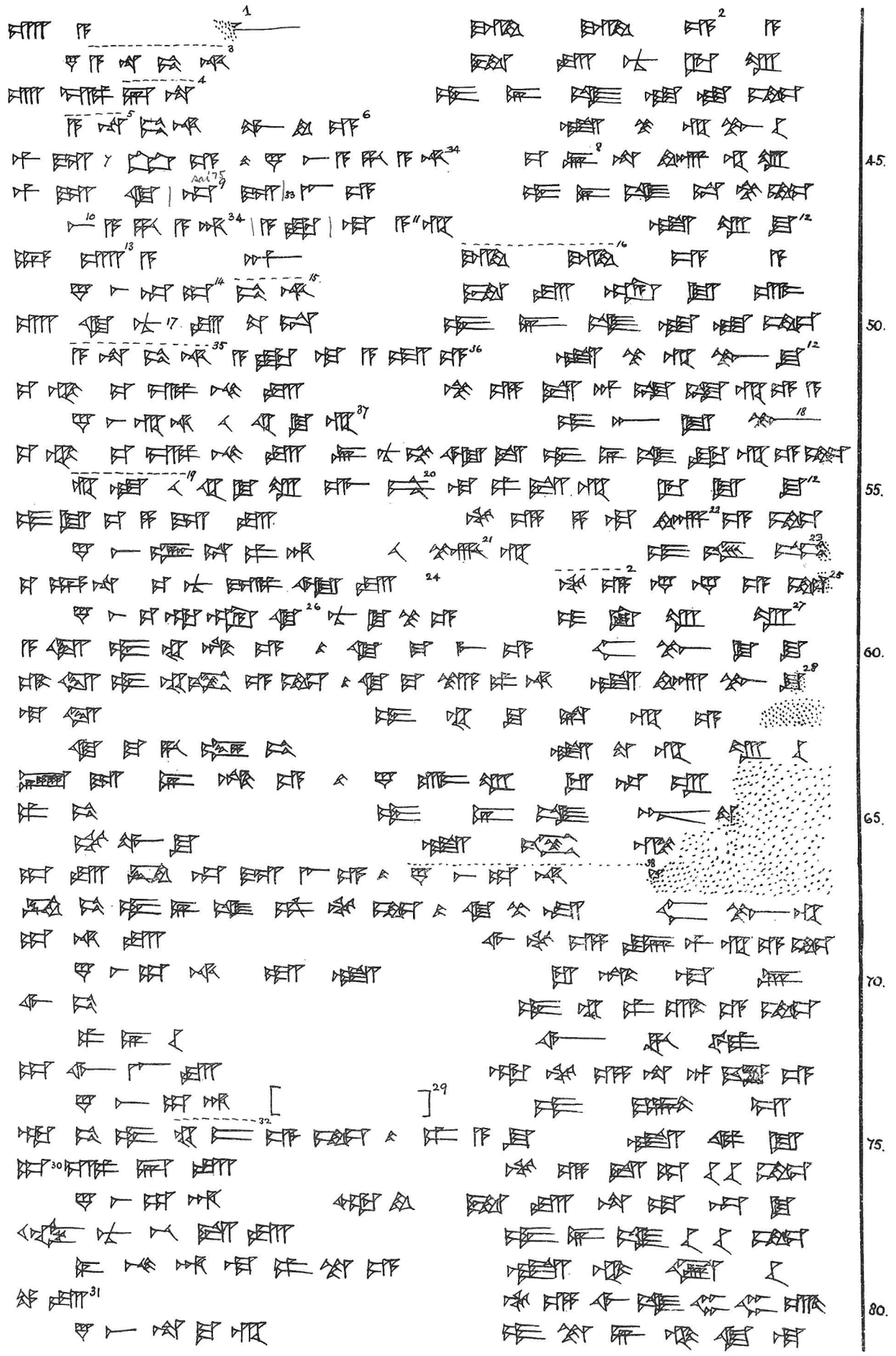
K.3586 : K.4667 : D.T.38 : S.892 & Rm.87 (parts of same tablet) ; No.93082 (1-10) : No.93083 (1-9).

OBV.
K 3586

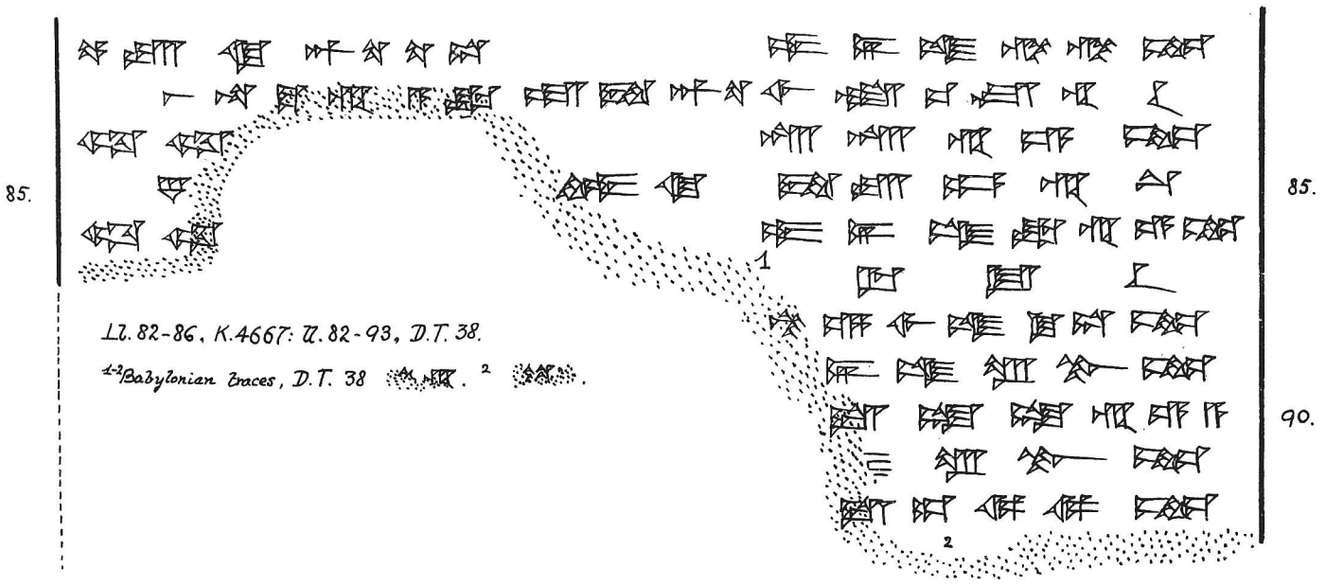


Ll.1-40, K.3586: ll.1-15, Rm.87: ll.26-40, S.892: ll.33-40, No. 93082: ll.35-40, D.T.38.

[1] Rm.87, [illegible]. [2] D.T.38 [illegible]: 93082 [illegible]. [3] D.T.38 [illegible]: 93082 [illegible]. [4] D.T.38 [illegible]: 93082 [illegible]. [5] D.T.38 & 93082 [illegible]. [6] D.T.38 [illegible]. [7] 93082 [illegible] [8] 93082 [illegible] [9] 93082 [illegible]



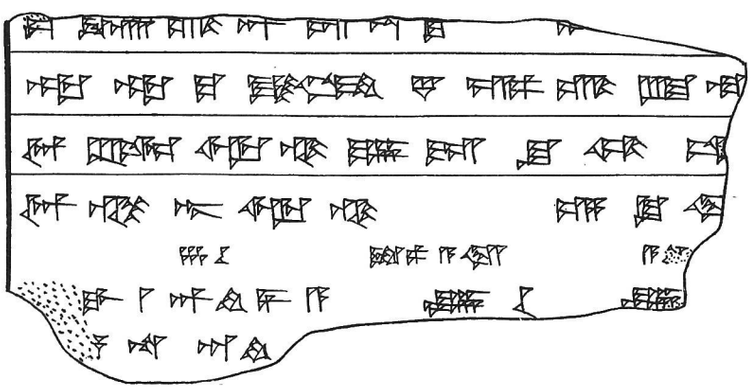
U.41-63, K.3586: U.41-44, S.892: U.41, 93082: U.41-64, D.T.38: U.67-81, D.T.38: U.45-53, 93083: U.58-81, K.4667.
1 93082 2-31 D.T.38:- 2 omits. 3 4 5 6 7 inserts 8 9 10 11 and 93083. 12 13 ; 93083 14 15 : 93083 16 17 inserts 18 19 20 21 22 inserts 23 24 inserts 25 26 inserts 27 28 29 30 inserts (erasure). 31 32 K.4667 33-37 U.6. 93083:- 33 inserts 34 35 and D.T.38. 36 37 38 Traces on D.T.38,



Ll. 82-86, K.4667: U. 82-93, D.T. 38.

1-2 Babylonian braces, D.T. 38 [illegible]. 2 [illegible].

TABLET "W."



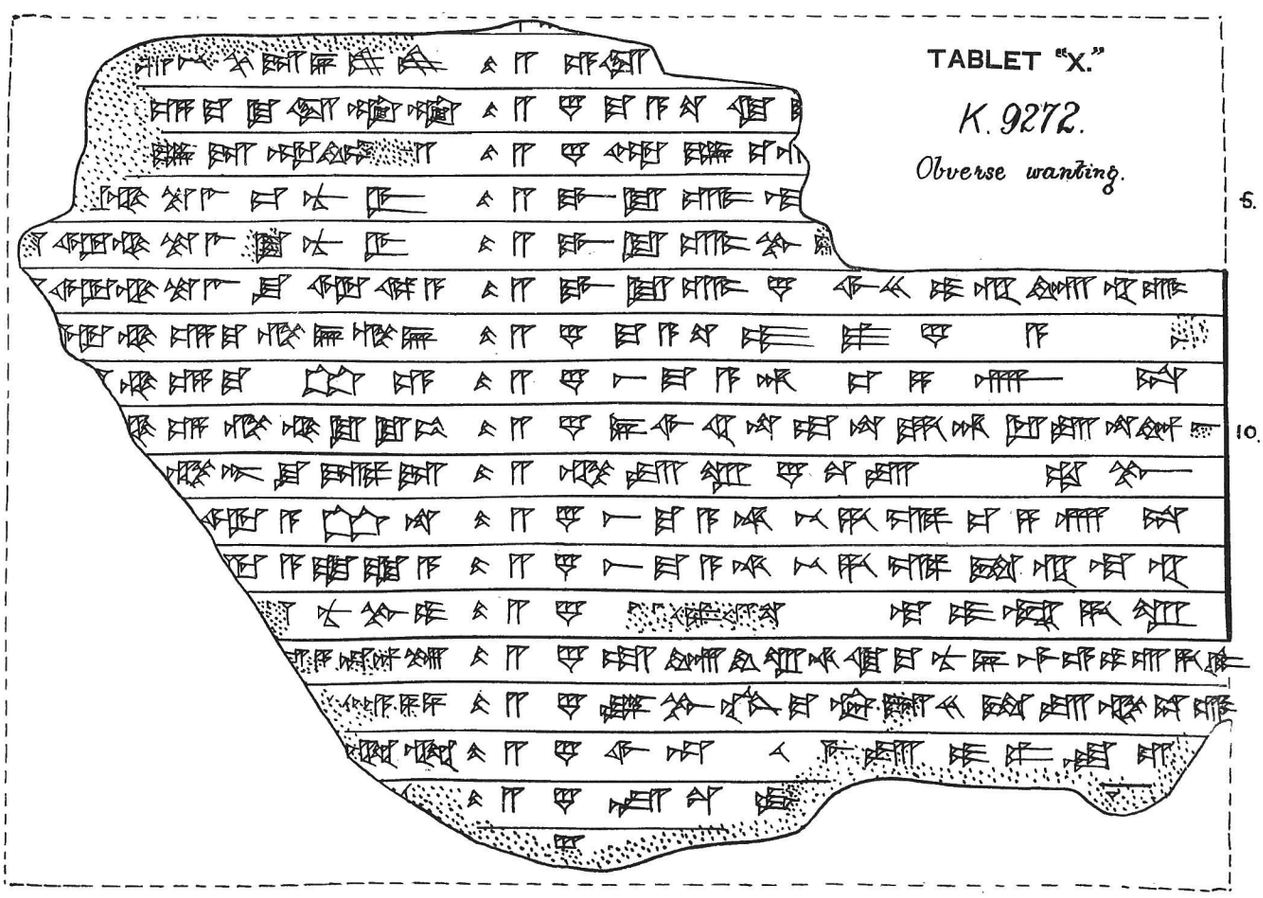
K. 6316.

Compare Tablets R, S, and T

TABLET "X."

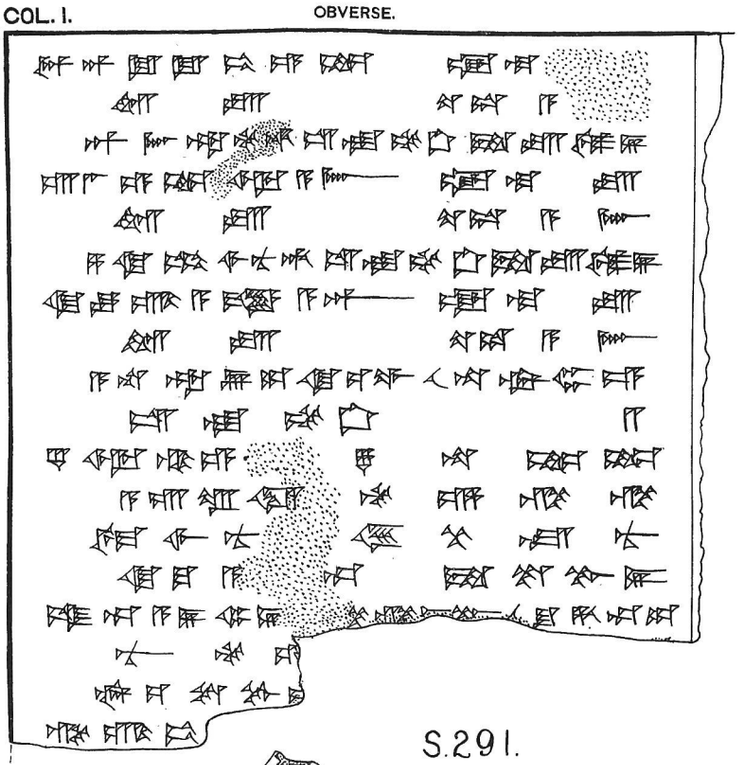
K. 9272.

Obverse wanting.



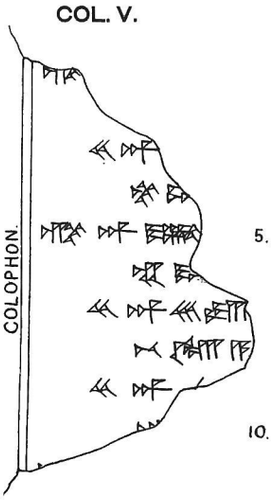
K.3372 + 5241.

COL. I. OBVERSE.

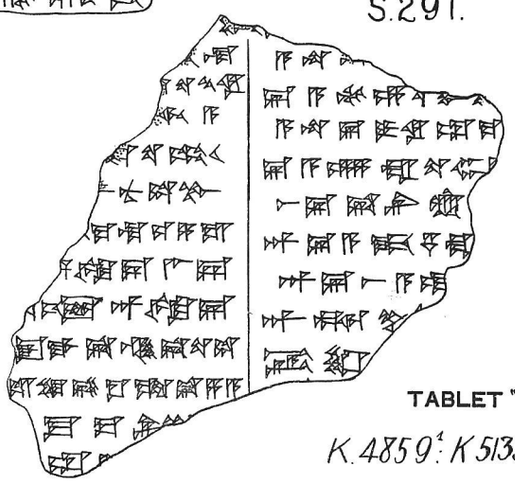


REVERSE.

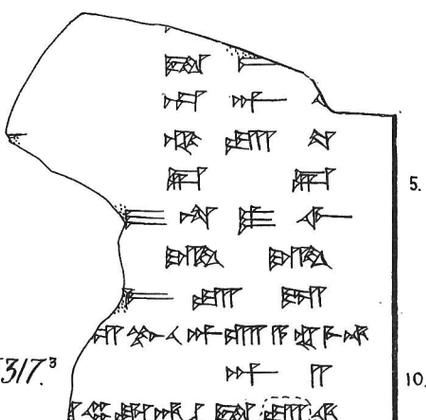
COL. V.



S.291.



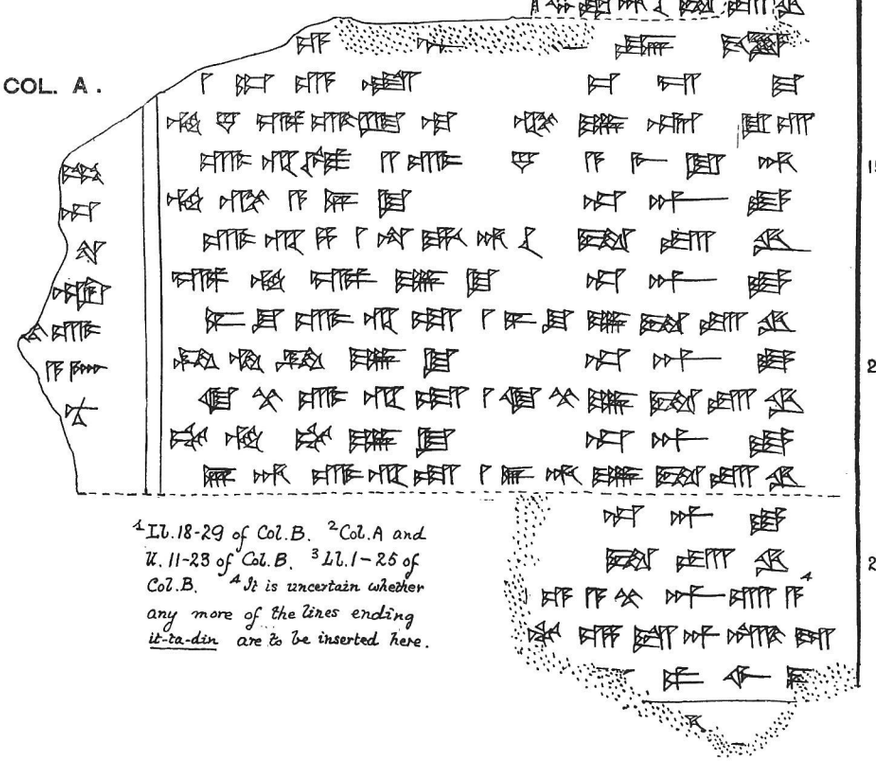
COL. B.



TABLET "Z".

K.4859.[1] K.5139.[2] K.5317.[3]

COL. A.

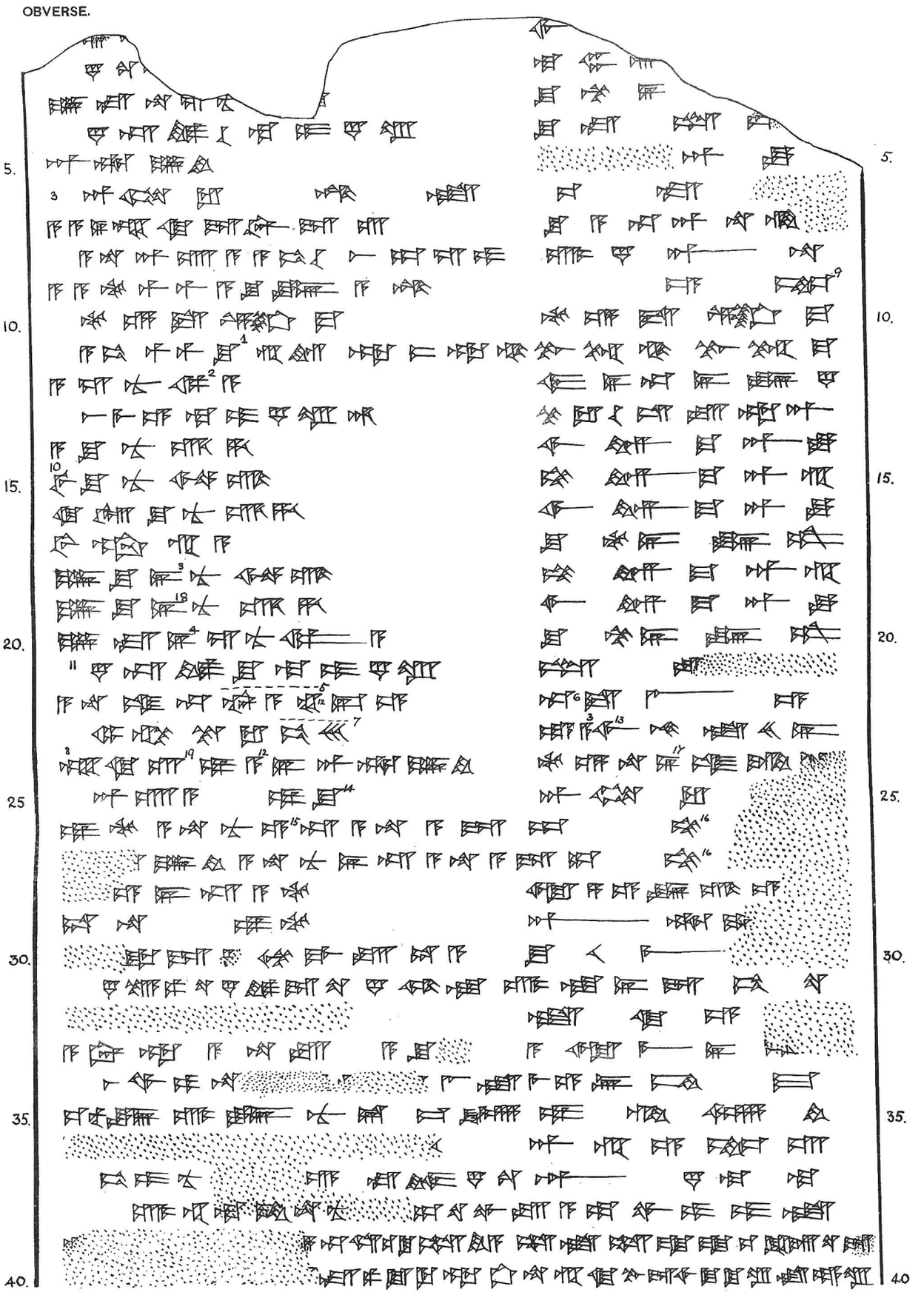


[1] Ll. 18-29 of Col. B. [2] Col. A and ll. 11-23 of Col. B. [3] Ll. 1-26 of Col. B. [4] It is uncertain whether any more of the lines ending *it-ta-din* are to be inserted here.

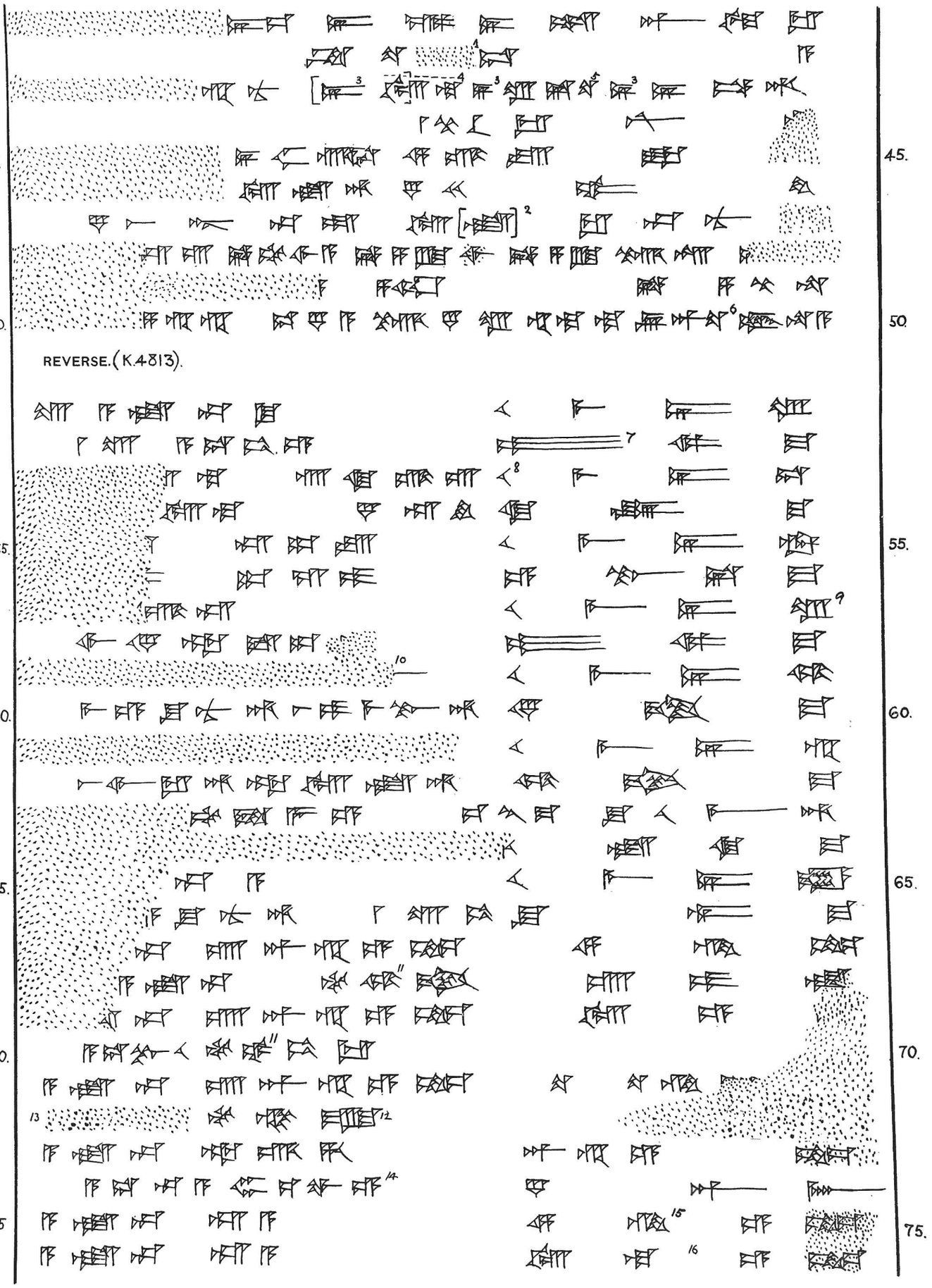
MISCELLANEOUS TEXTS. TABLET "AA".

K.4813+11629+79-7-8,65: K.4900+5331+5367: K.6029+6627+9364: S.924+81-2-4,215.

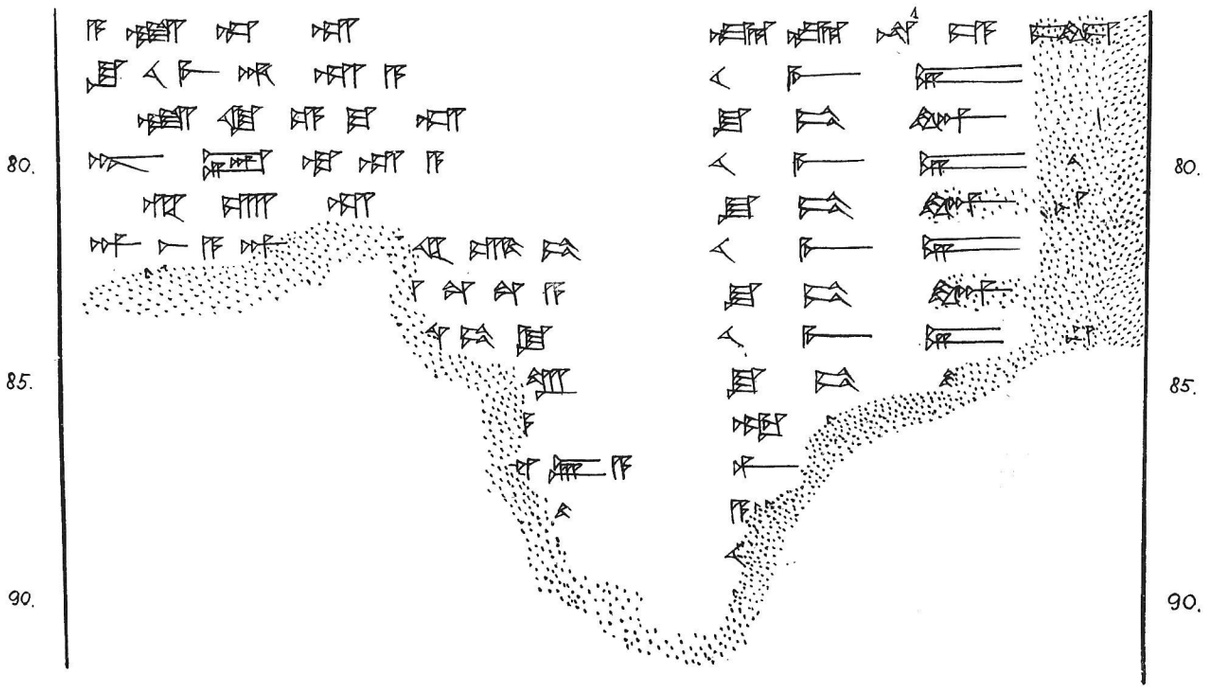
OBVERSE.



Ll. 1-31, S.924: U. 1-40, K.4900: U. 5-40, K.4813: U. 8-29, K.6029: [1-8] S.924:- [1] Ꞗ, and K.6029: [2] [3] omits. [4] ; K.4900 and 6029 . [5] [6] and K.4900 insert [7] . [8] For this line , : cf. l. 29, which is restored from this. [9-16] K.4900:- [9] . [10] and K.6029 translate l. 14 as . [11] and K.6029 omit this line. [12] and K.6029 omit this character. [13] : K.6029 . [14] and K.6029 Ꞗ. [15] and K.6029 [16] [17] K.4813 [18] S.924 and K.6029 omit. [19] K.6029 omits.

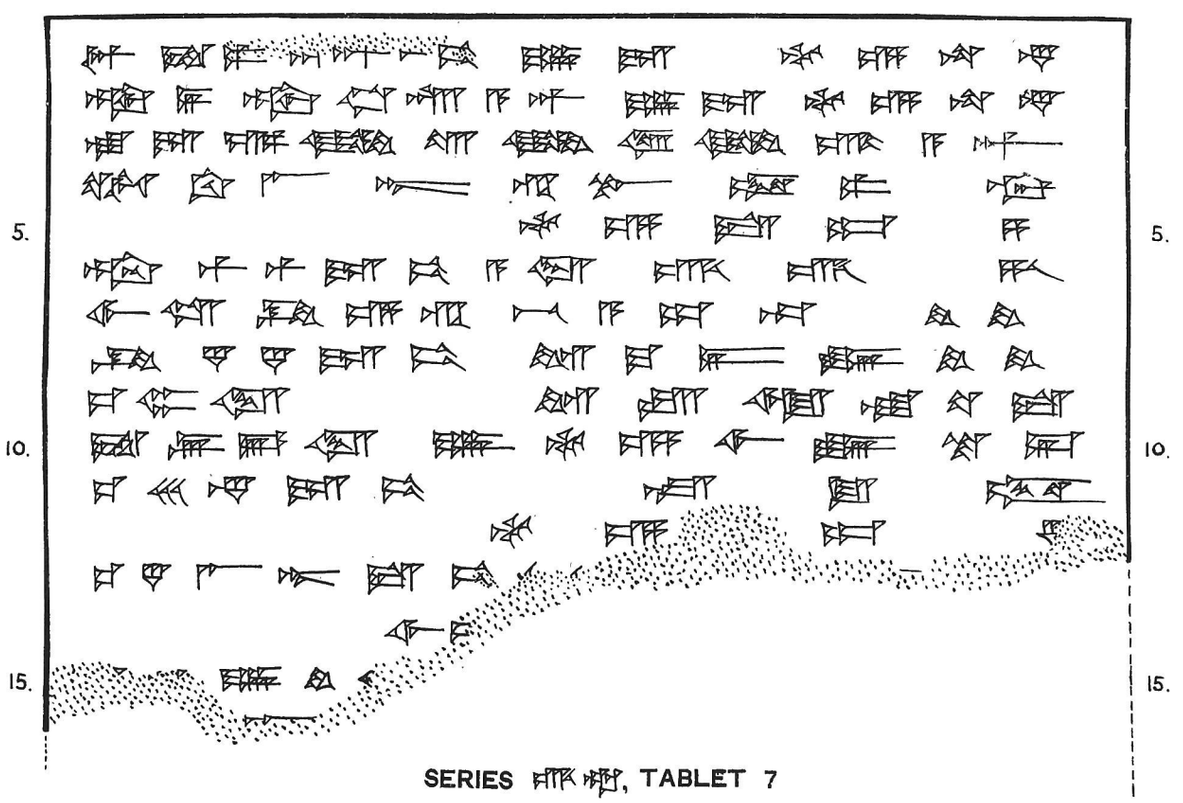


Ll. 41-76, K.4813: *ll.* 41-73, K.4900: *ll.* 68-76, S.924. [1] K.4813 begins this line with [2] K.4900 [3], K.4813 [4] K.4900 [5] K.4900 [6] K.4900 [7] K.4900 [8] K.4900 [9] K.4900 [10] K.4900 [11] K.4900 omits. [12] K.4813 [13] S.924 omits this line. [14] K.4813 [15] S. 924 [16] The only character visible in this line on K.4813 is



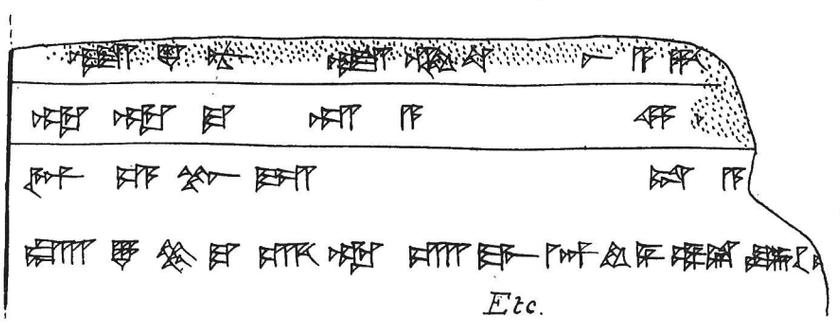
Ll. 77-90, K.4813: U. 77-84, S.924 [4] S. 924 omits.

TABLET "BB". Rm. 125.



SERIES , TABLET 7

K.6031

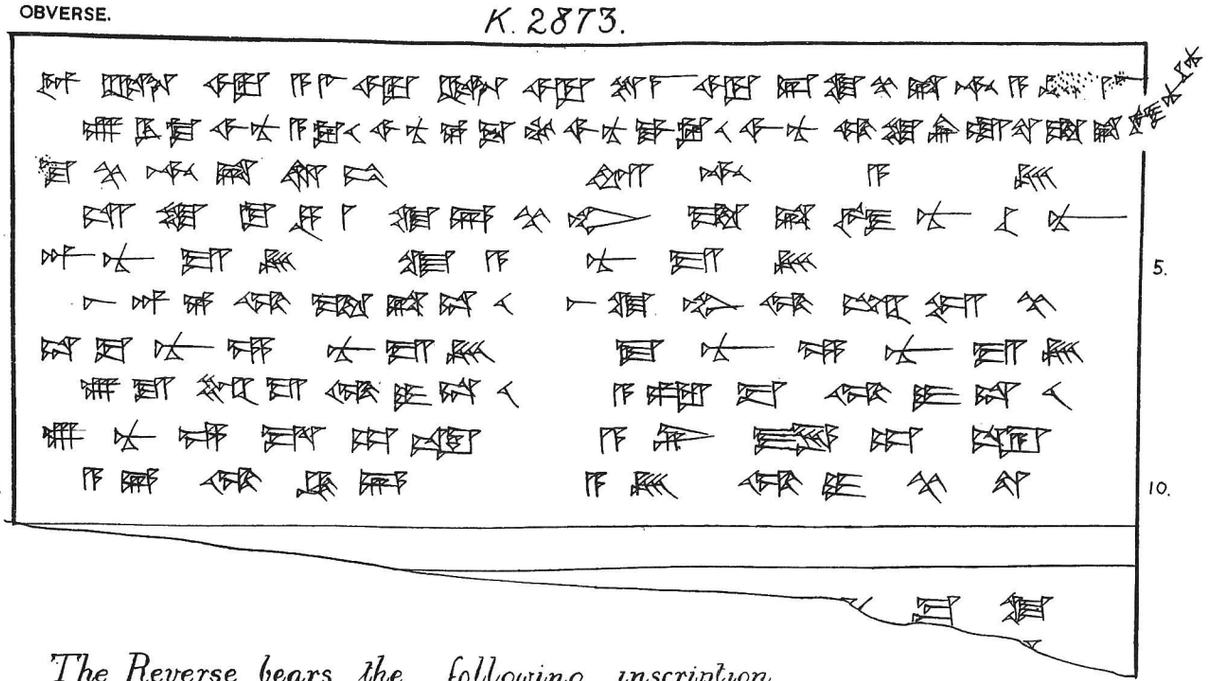


Etc.

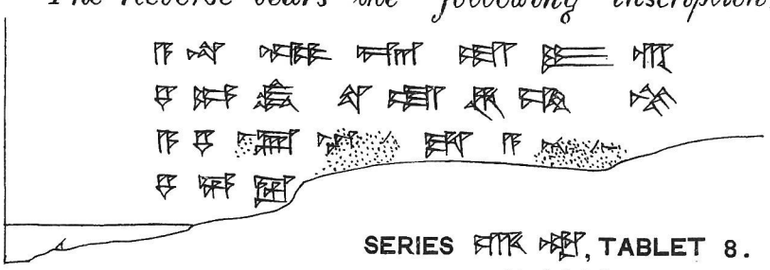
For the Eighth tablet of this Series, see Plate 41

OBVERSE.

K. 2873.



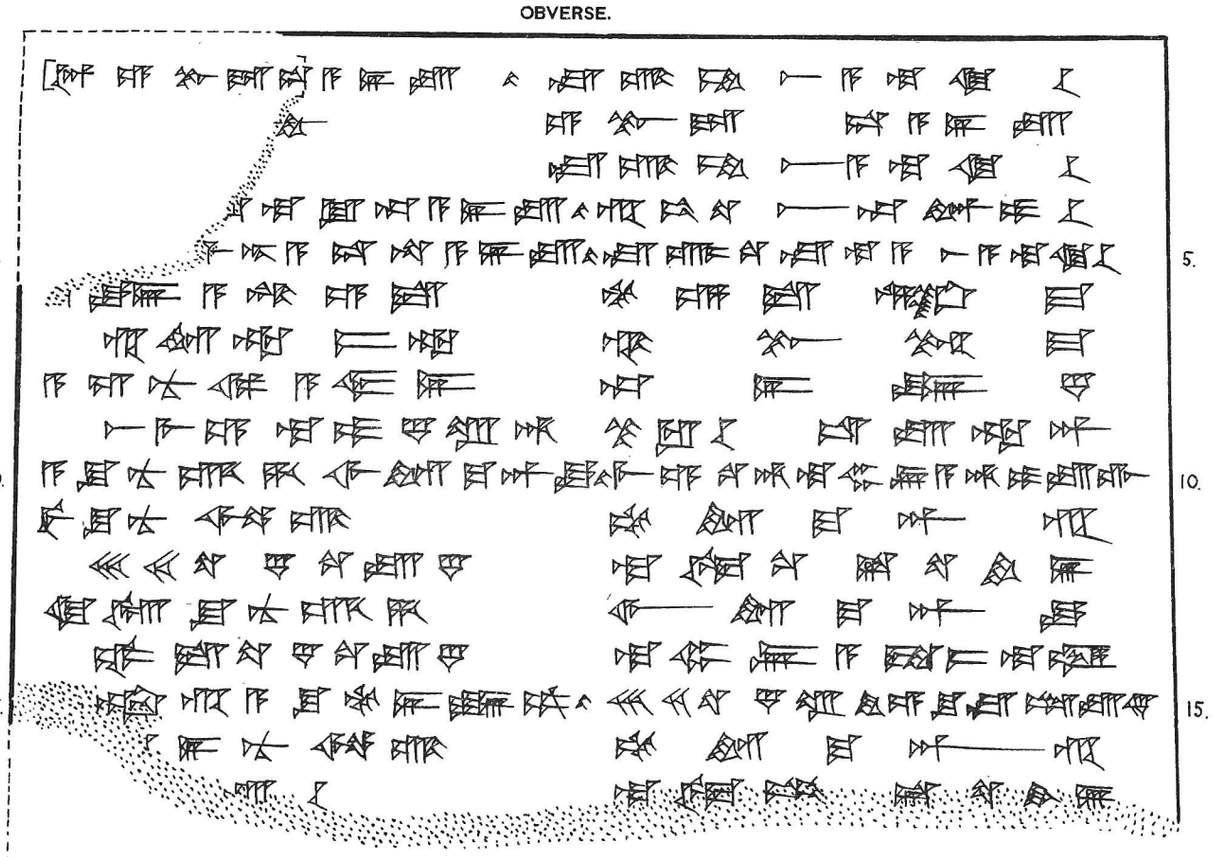
The Reverse bears the following inscription.



SERIES , TABLET 8.

K. 4949.

OBVERSE.

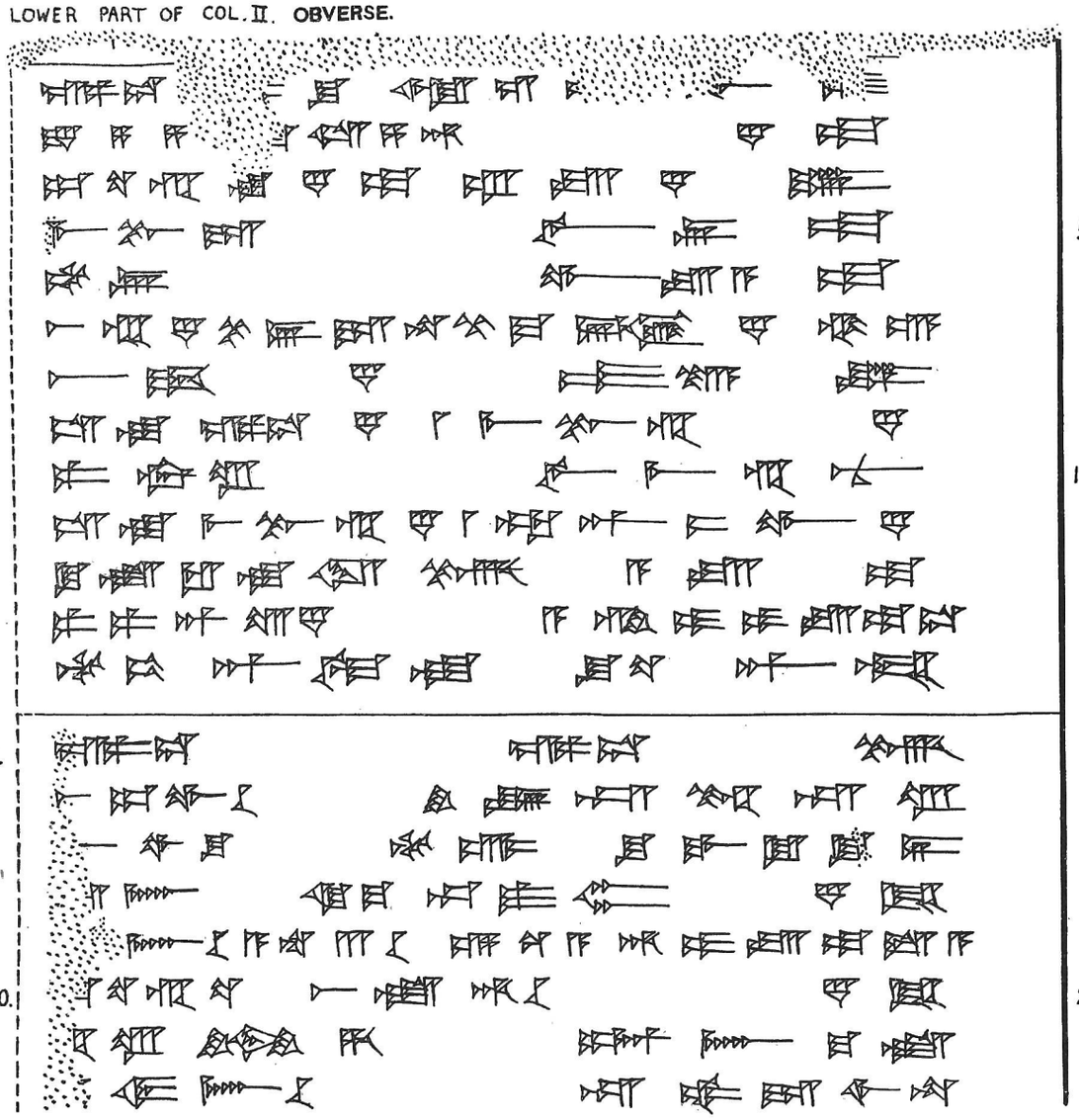


Traces of one line of Colophon on Reverse.

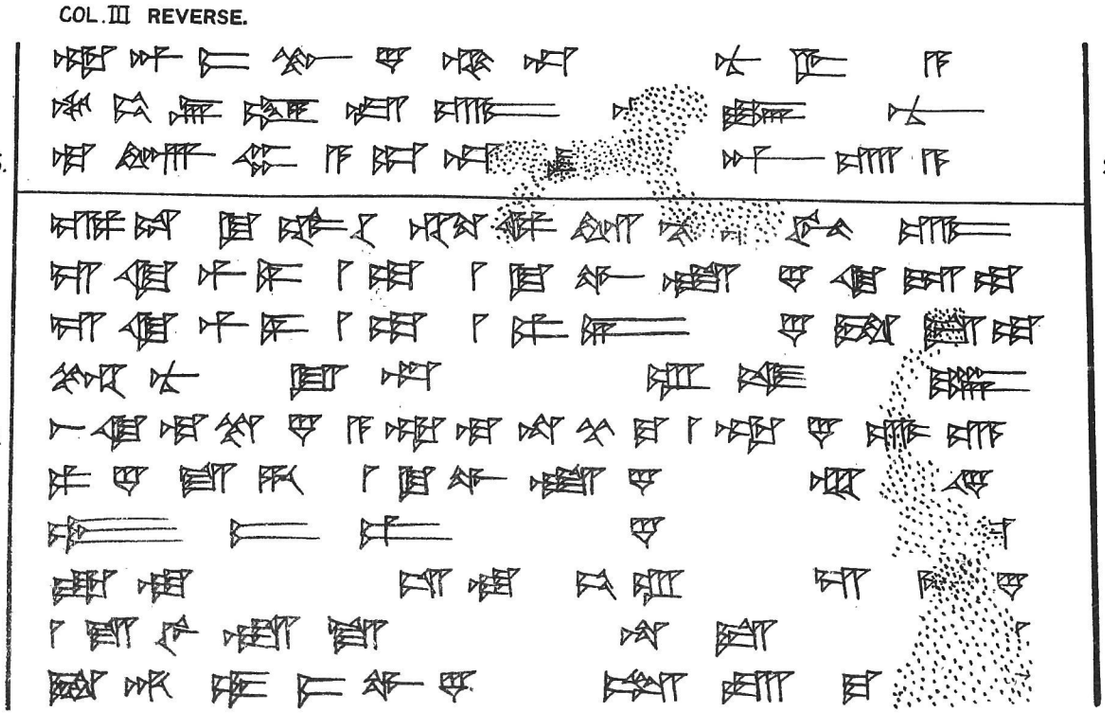
For the Seventh tablet of this Series, see Plate 40.

K.2148 & 8337 & 13843 & RM.279 & 422 (probably parts of the same tablet): K.7918 & 81-7-27 109 (probably parts of the same tablet).

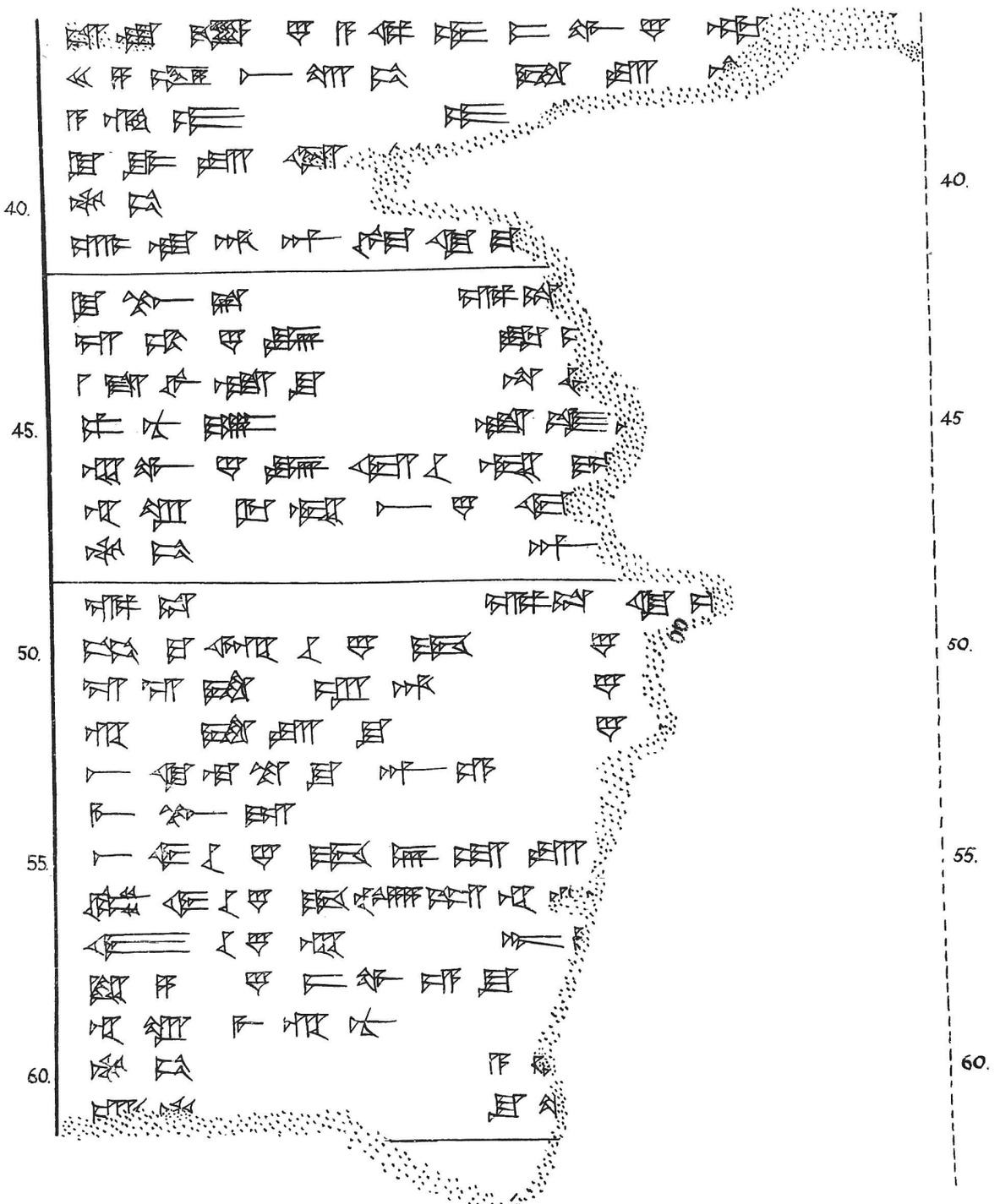
LOWER PART OF COL. II. OBVERSE.



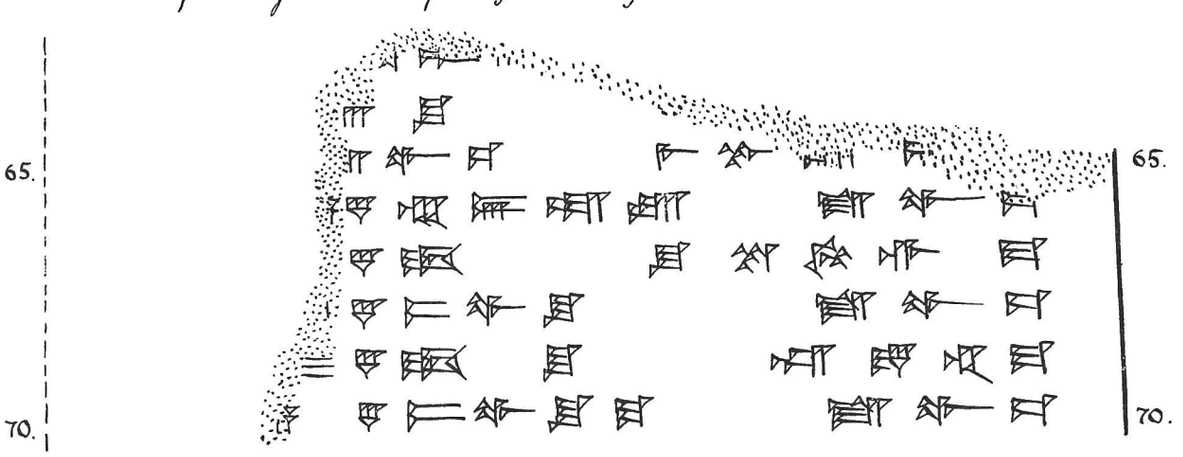
COL. III REVERSE.



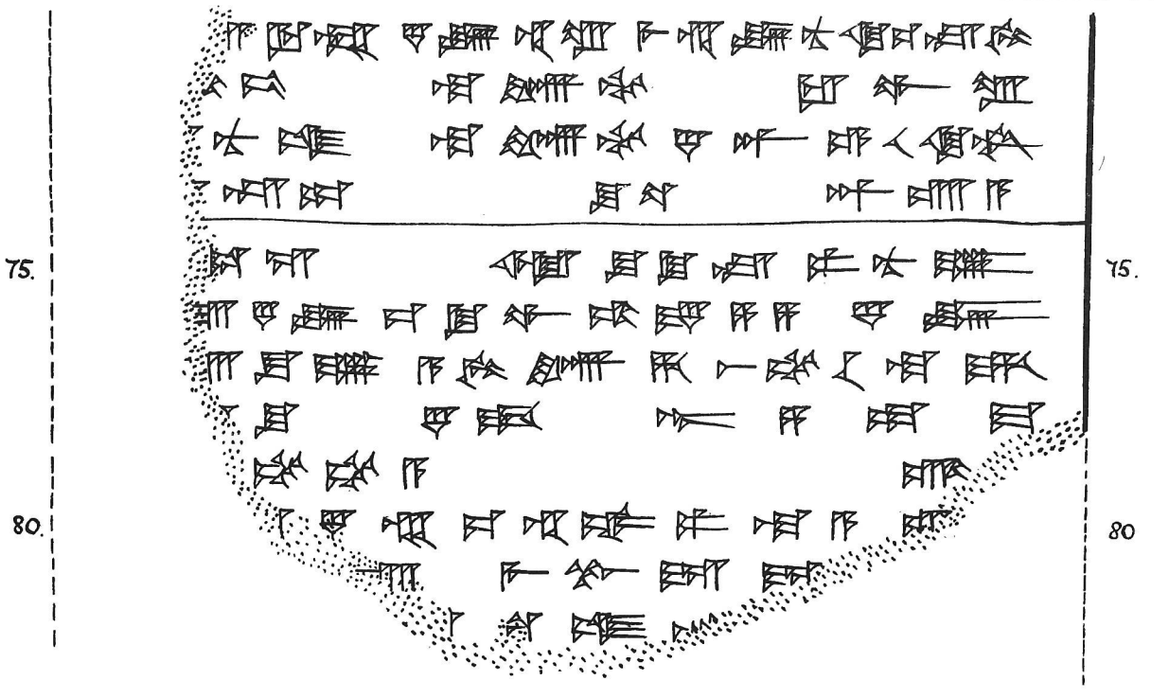
Ll. 1-35, K.2148.



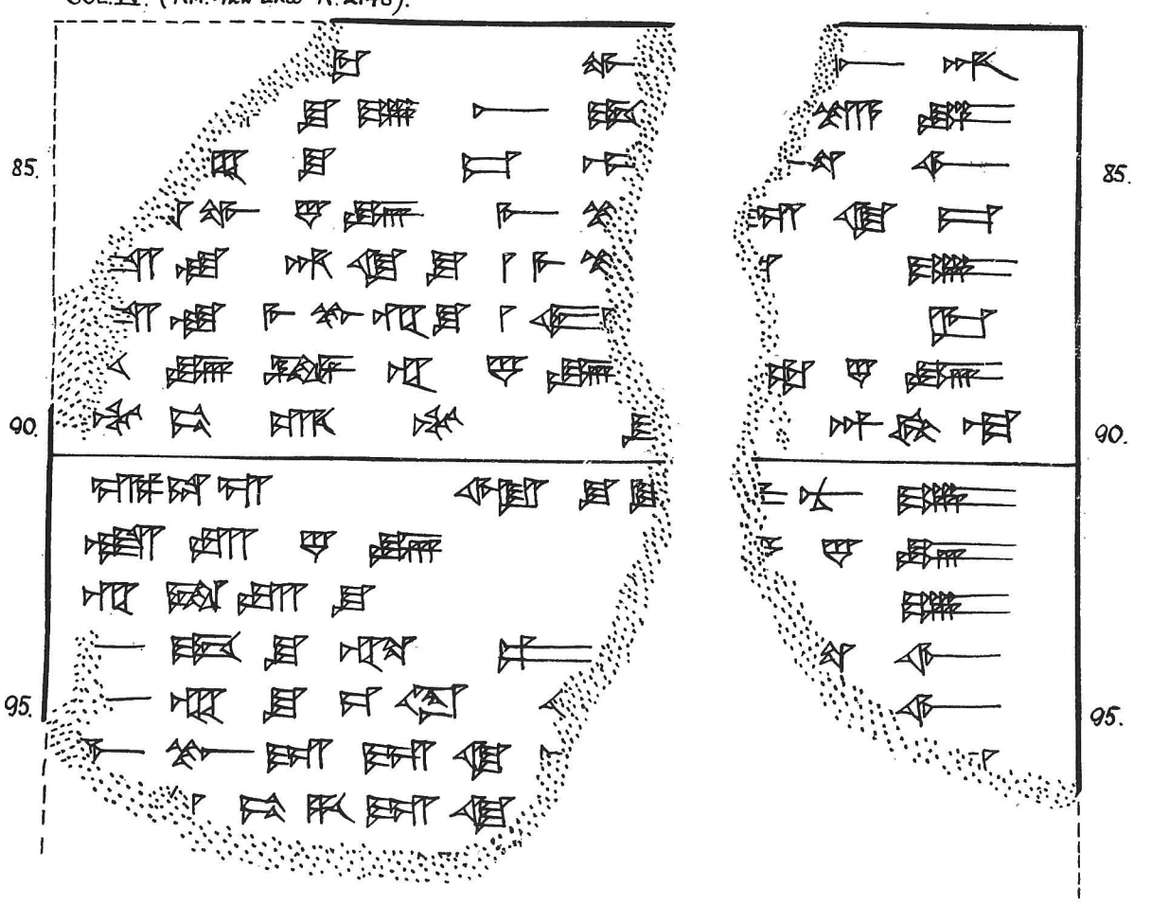
Rm. 279, probably the lower part of Col. III. of K. 2148.



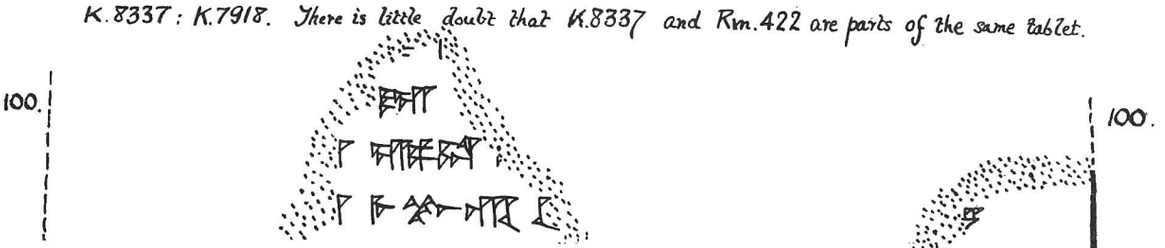
Ll. 36-61, K. 2148: ll. 43-62, K. 7918: ll. 63-70, Rm. 279.



COL. IV. (Rm. 422 and K. 2148).[1]

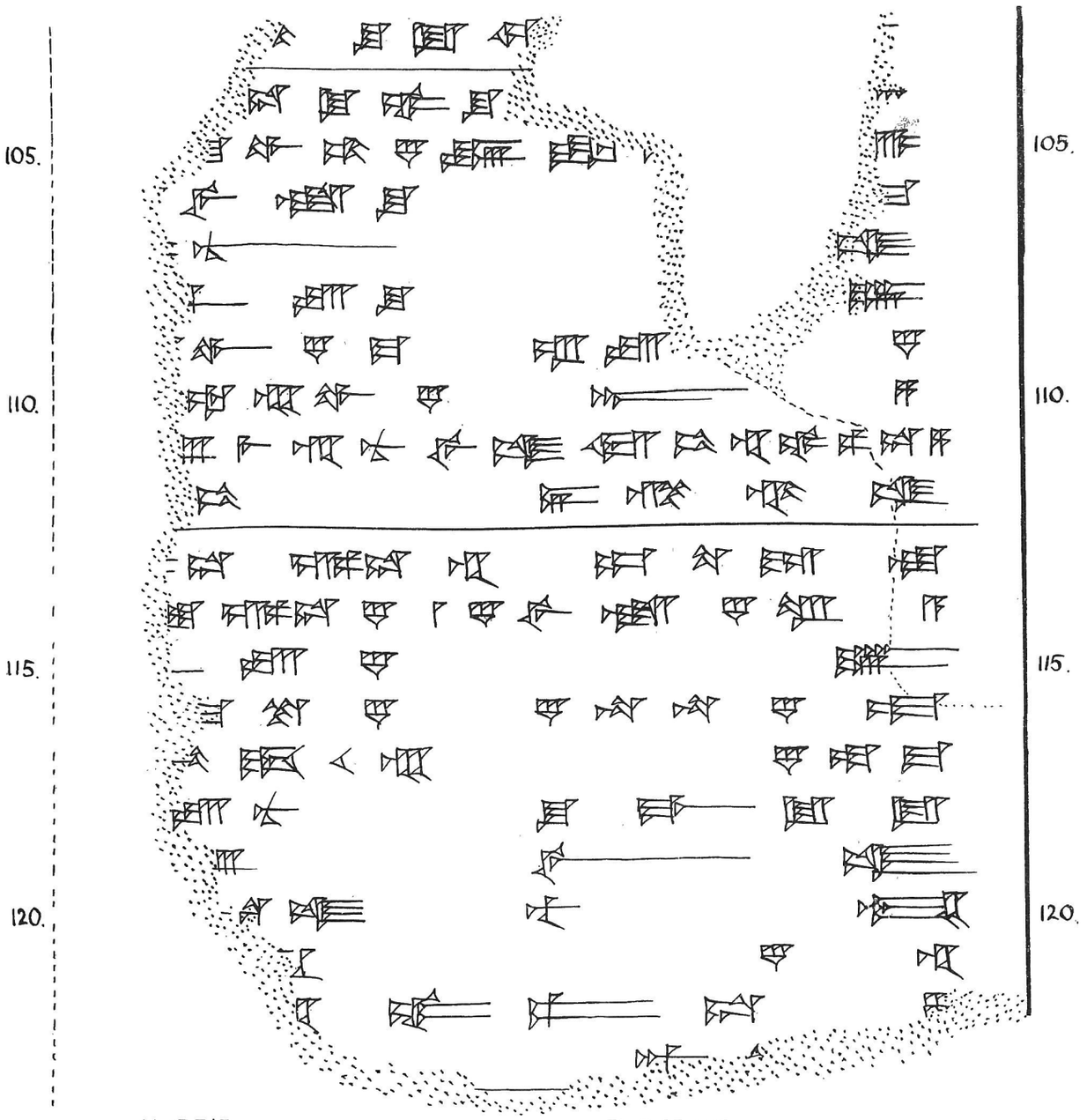


K. 8337 : K. 7918. There is little doubt that K. 8337 and Rm. 422 are parts of the same tablet.

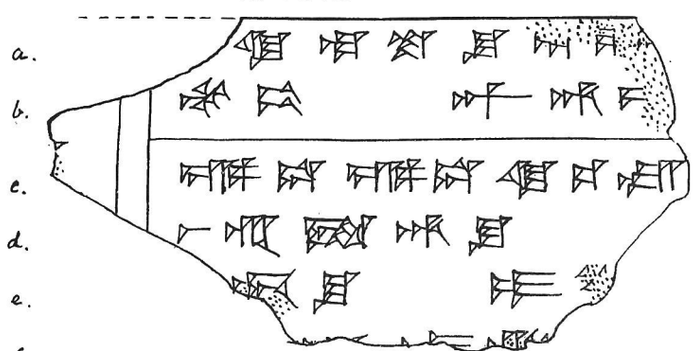


Ll. 71-82, Rm. 279 : ll. 83-98, Rm. 422 : ll. 83-96, K. 2148 : ll. 99-102, K. 8337 : l. 102, K. 7918.

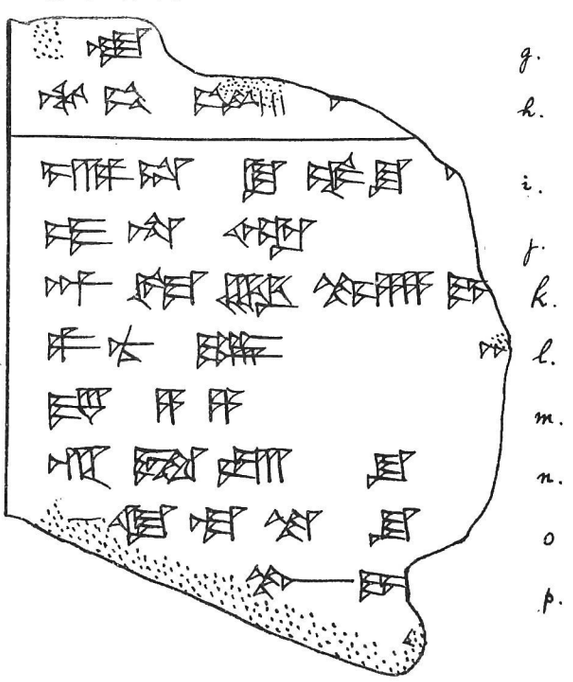
[1] Though these fragments do not join, there is little doubt that they are the same tablet.



K. 13843.



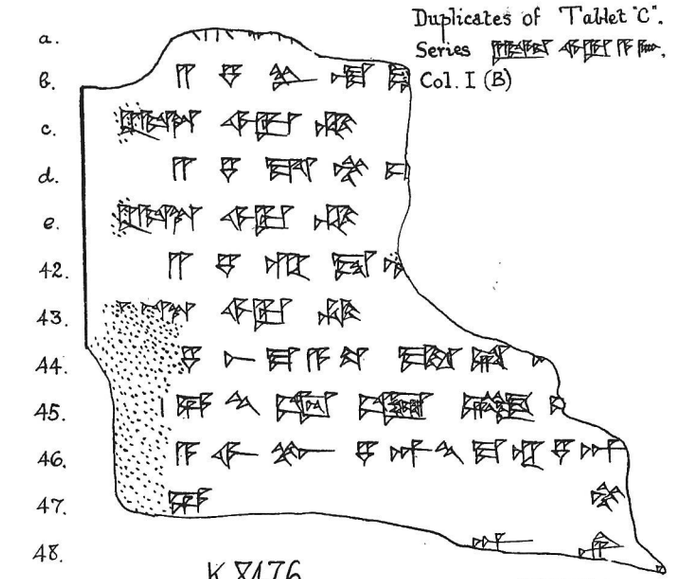
81-7-27, 109



Ll. 103-123, K.8337: U. 103-116, K.7918

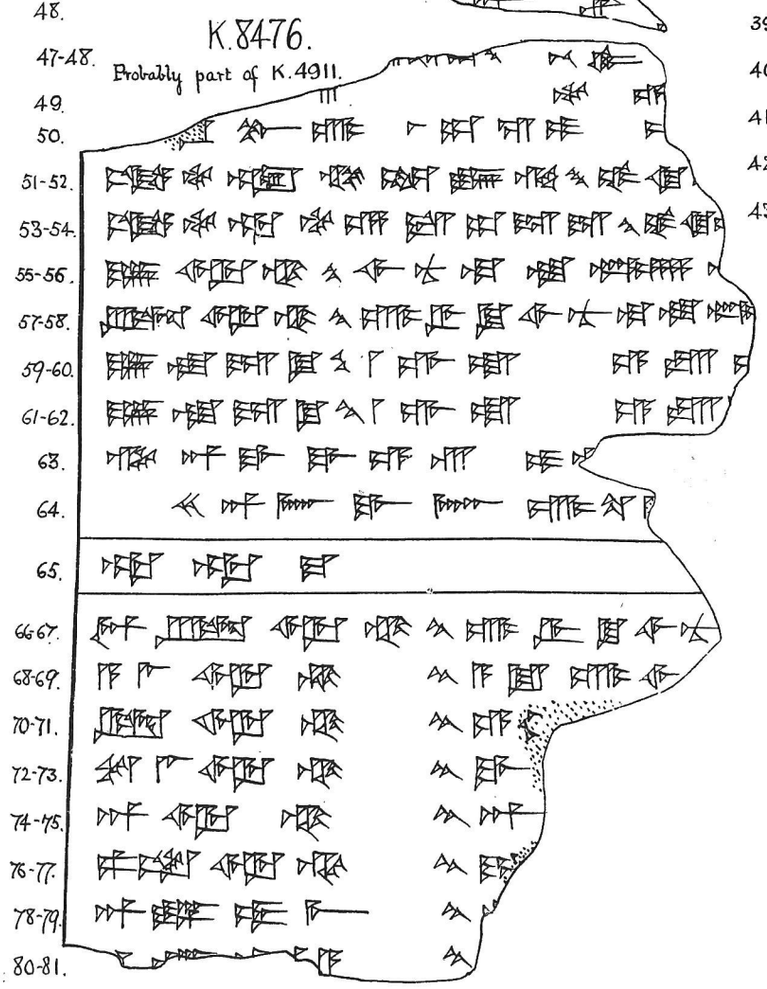
60886.

Duplicates of Tablet "C". Series [illegible], Col. I (B)

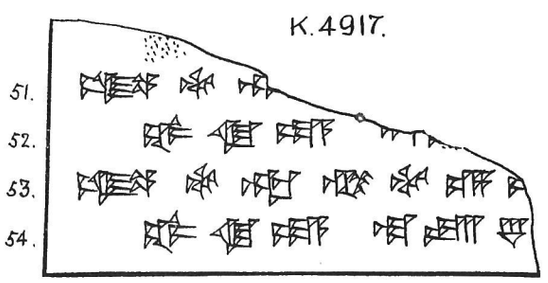


K.8476.

Probably part of K.4911.



K.4917.



36589.

Duplicate of Tablet IV, Series [illegible].

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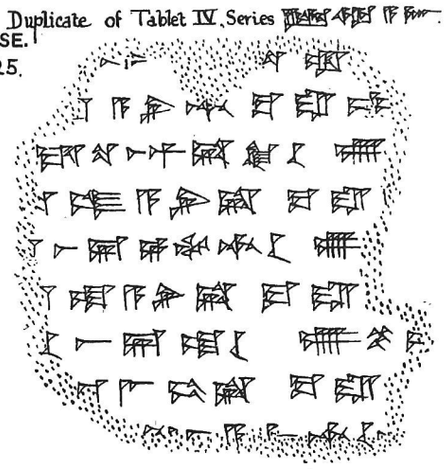

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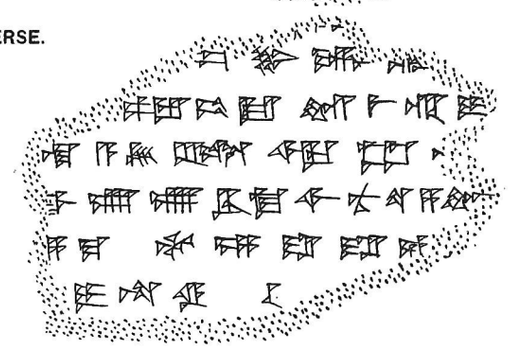

81-2-4,332.

Duplicate of K.11903, Pl. 41 of preceding Part.

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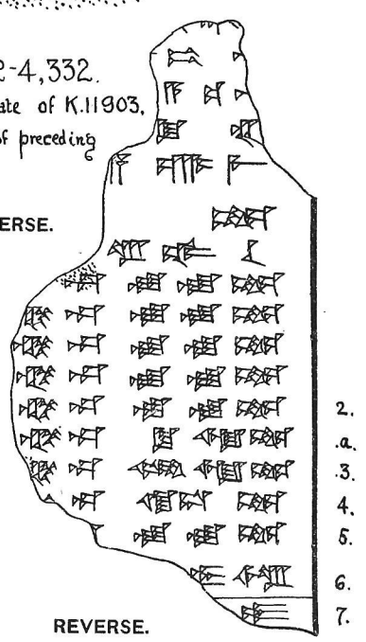

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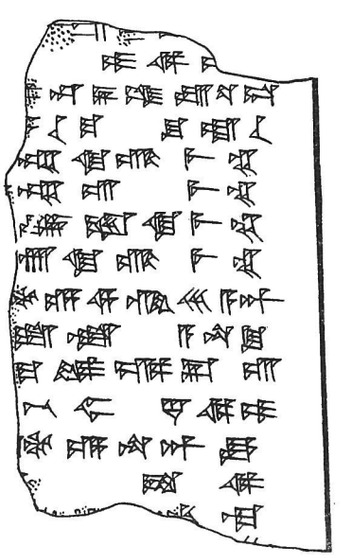
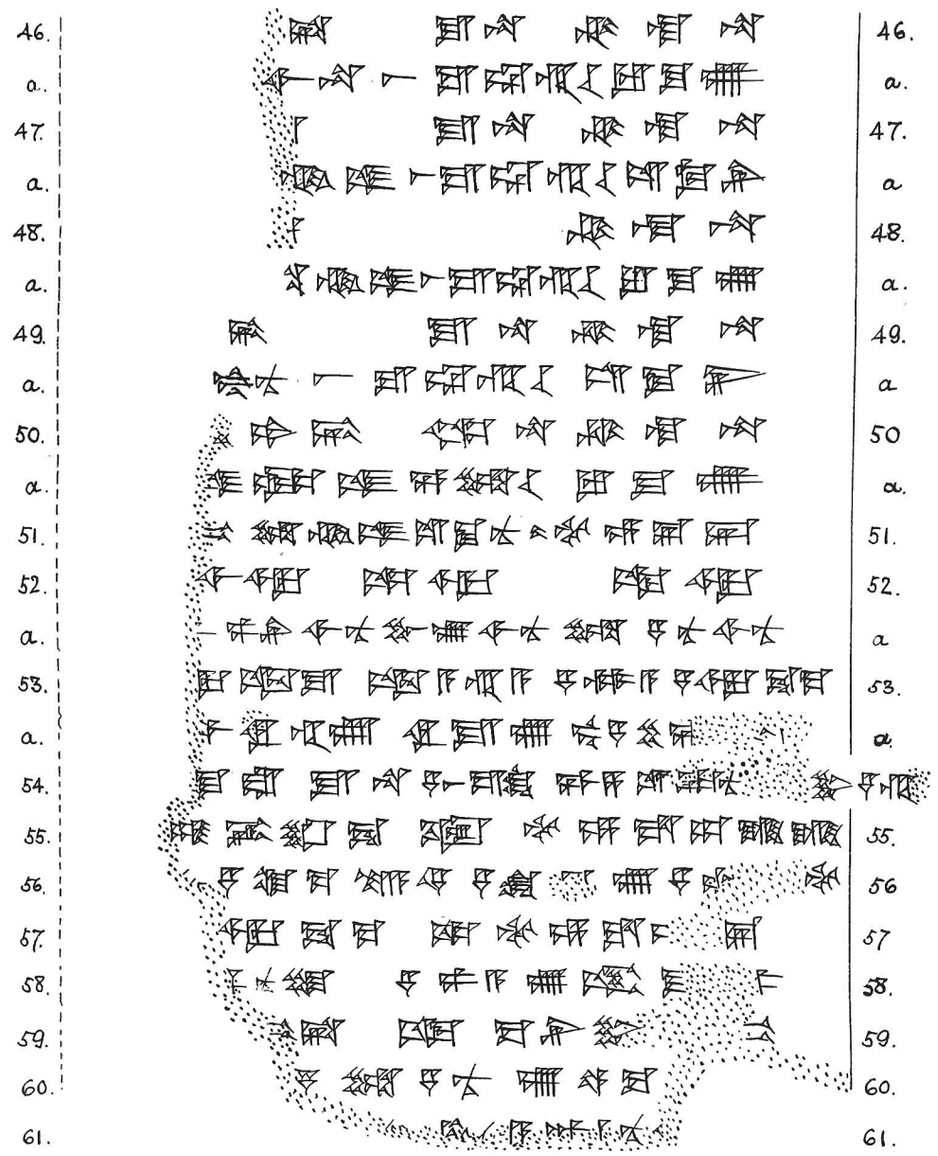


ADDITIONS TO TABLET III OF THE SERIES [illegible] **PLATE 47.**

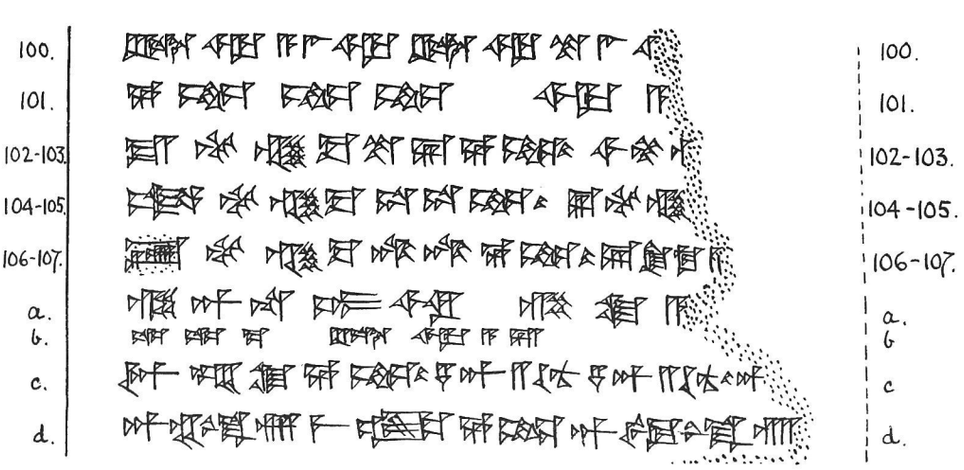
No. 47852, a tablet originally of Six columns of which four remain, is a duplicate of the Third Tablet of the Series [illegible] ll. 42-61, 64-85 91-110, 113-129, 143-192, 201-248

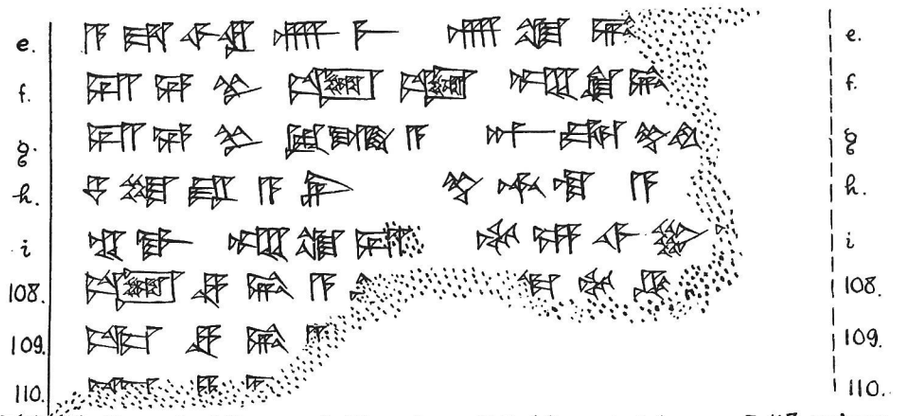
Variants:— Ll. 43, 45, for [illegible]; 45, for [illegible] It restores the ends of ll. 46-61 as follows:—



L. 64, for [illegible] 1. 66 translated, [illegible] 1. 67 translated, [illegible]. 1. 71 [illegible] 1. 76 [illegible]: for [illegible], [illegible] ll. 78-79, for [illegible] [illegible] 1. 80, after [illegible], [illegible] 181, after [illegible] [illegible] 1. 82-83 [illegible] and there is nothing between [illegible] and [illegible]. 1. 84, correct the text to [illegible].

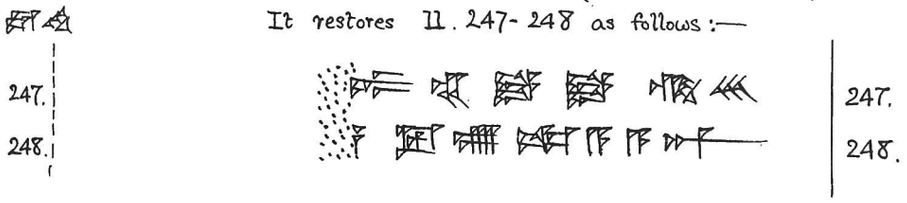
L. 95, after [illegible] insert [illegible] 1. 96, after [illegible]. 1 97-98 [illegible] It restores ll. 100-110 as follows:—





L. 116, restores [illegible] at end of line. 1.117, restores [illegible] at end of line. 1.118, restores [illegible] at end of line. 1.119, [illegible]. 1.120, restores [illegible] after [illegible]. 1.121 for [illegible] and restores [illegible] after [illegible]. 1.122, for [illegible]. [illegible], and after [illegible]. [illegible] 1.123, for the passage in brackets [illegible] and add (1.123a) [illegible] 1.124, [illegible] 1.125, after [illegible] restore [illegible] 1.128 after [illegible].
L. 129, after [illegible]
It restores the ends of ll 143 152 as follows:—

It translates 1.153, [illegible]. 1.156 for [illegible], for [illegible], [illegible]; restore [illegible]; for [illegible], [illegible]. 1.158, restore [illegible] at end of line 1.159, restore [illegible] at end of line. 1.160. restore [illegible] at end of line. 1.161 omitted. 1.162. restore [illegible] 1.163, after [illegible] 1.170, insert [illegible] between [illegible] and [illegible] 1.172 after [illegible], [illegible] 1.173 for [illegible] 1.174, after [illegible] 1.175, after [illegible], [illegible] 1.176, after [illegible], [illegible]. 1.177, after [illegible] 1.178 for [illegible], and restore [illegible] 1.179, for [illegible], [illegible] for [illegible]: omit brackets. (reading [illegible]). 1.180, after [illegible] 1.182. for [illegible], [illegible] 1.183, for [illegible]. 1.186, for [illegible], [illegible] and for [illegible], [illegible] 1.188. for [illegible]. 1.190, for [illegible]. 1.192, for [illegible] 1.201, restore [illegible] at end 1.203. for [illegible]. it reads [illegible]. 1.204, translated [illegible] 1.205, translated [illegible] 1.206 translated [illegible] 1.207, for [illegible] 1.208, for [illegible] and [illegible]. 1.210, [illegible] 1.211, omit brackets. 1.212 restore after [illegible]. [illegible] 1.213, [illegible]. 1.219 translated [illegible] 1.220, omits [illegible] 1:221, for [illegible]: for [illegible]. [illegible] 1.223, correct the text [illegible] to [illegible] as 47852. 1.226 restore [illegible] 1.227 omit brackets; for [illegible]. 1.228 omit brackets translated [illegible] 1.229. for [illegible] 1.231, for [illegible] 1.232, for [illegible], [illegible] 1.234 [illegible] 1.235 insert [illegible] between [illegible] and [illegible]. 1.236 for [illegible] 1.237 insert [illegible] between [illegible] and [illegible] 1.239 restore [illegible] for [illegible] 1.240, read [illegible] before [illegible]. 1.242, for [illegible], [illegible] 1.244, for [illegible], [illegible].
246 ends [illegible] It restores ll. 247-248 as follows:—



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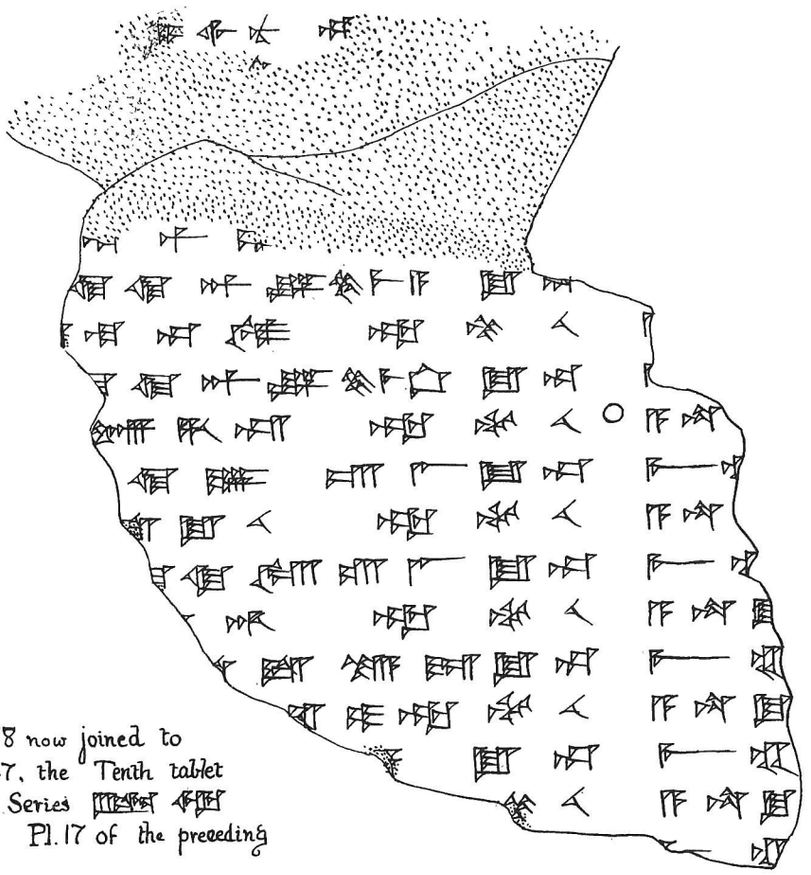

K.4988 now joined to K.4947, the Tenth tablet of the Series [illegible] Pl. 17 of the preceding Part.

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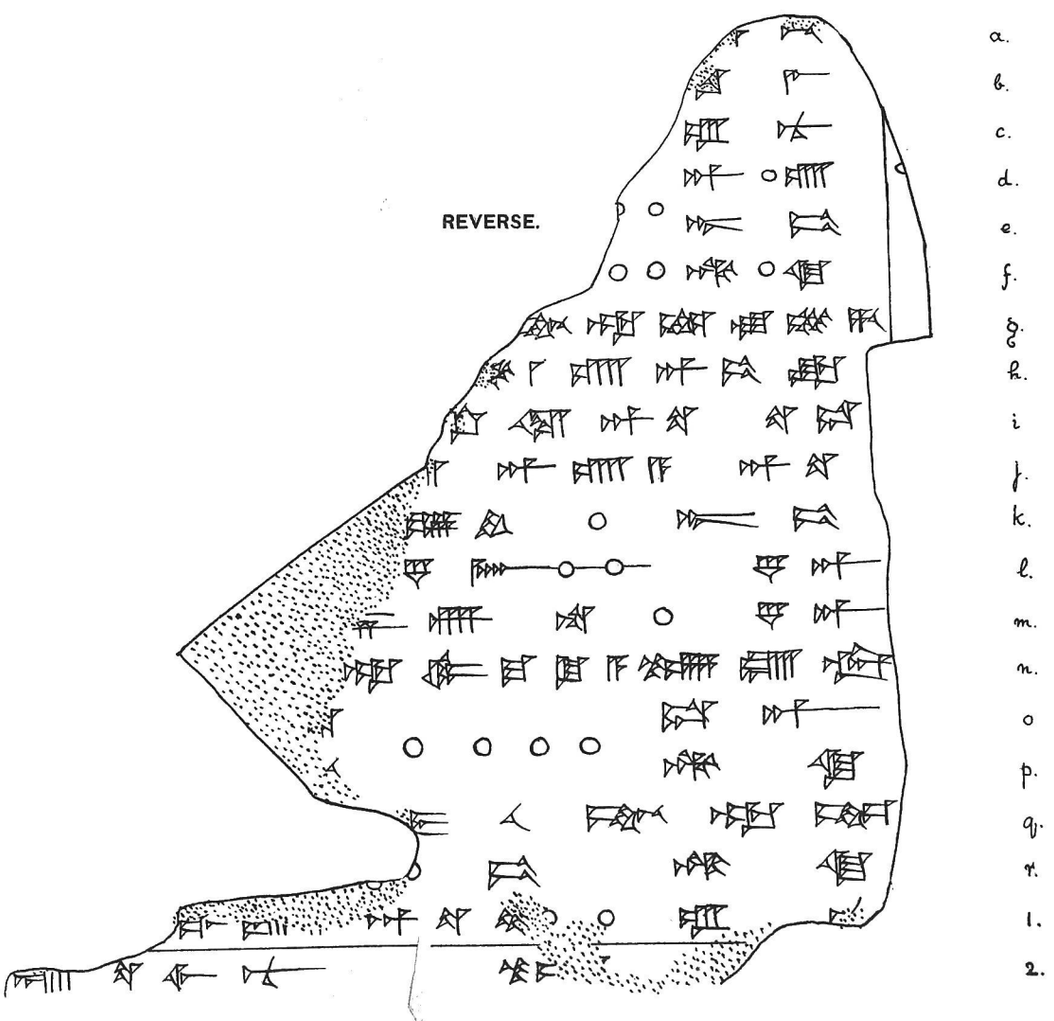

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[LEGEND OF THE WORM].

PLATE 50.

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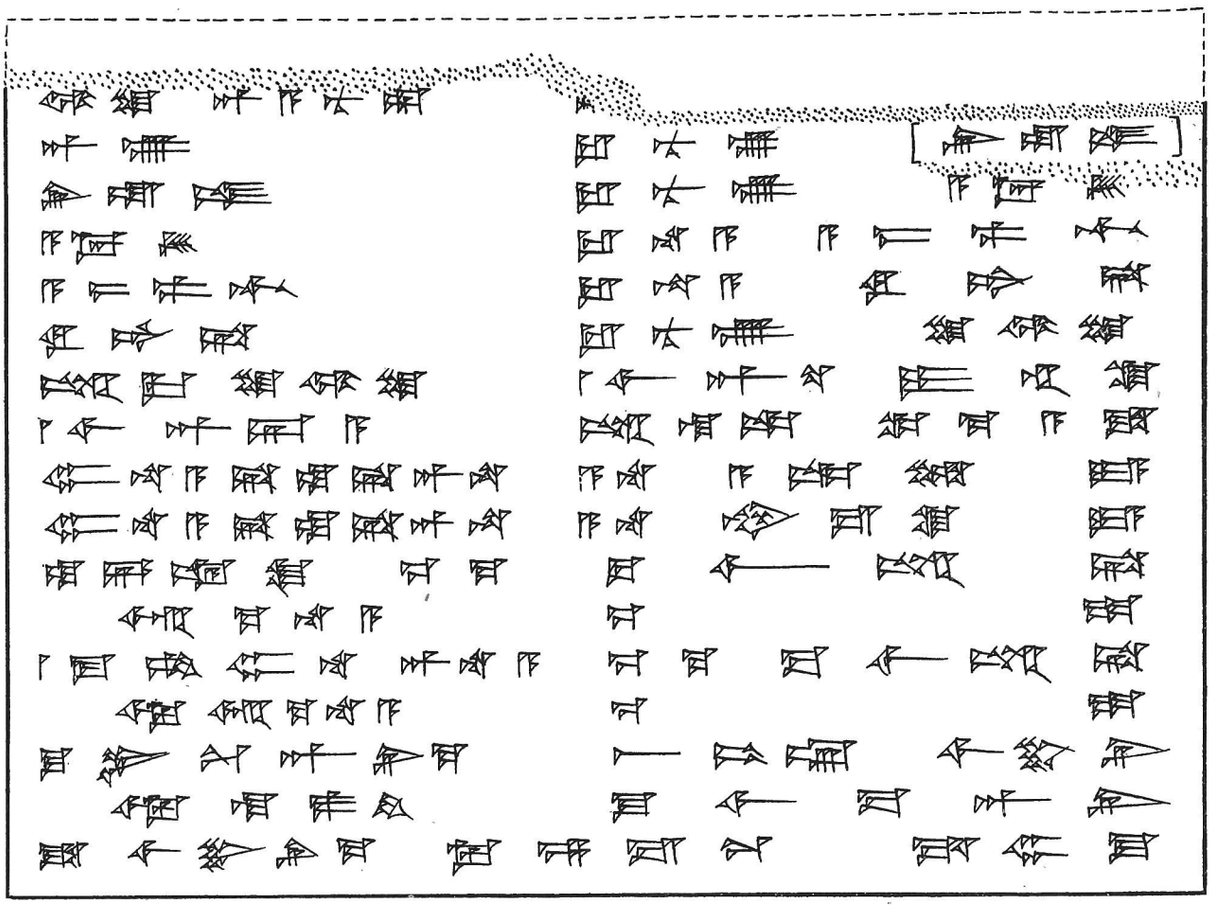

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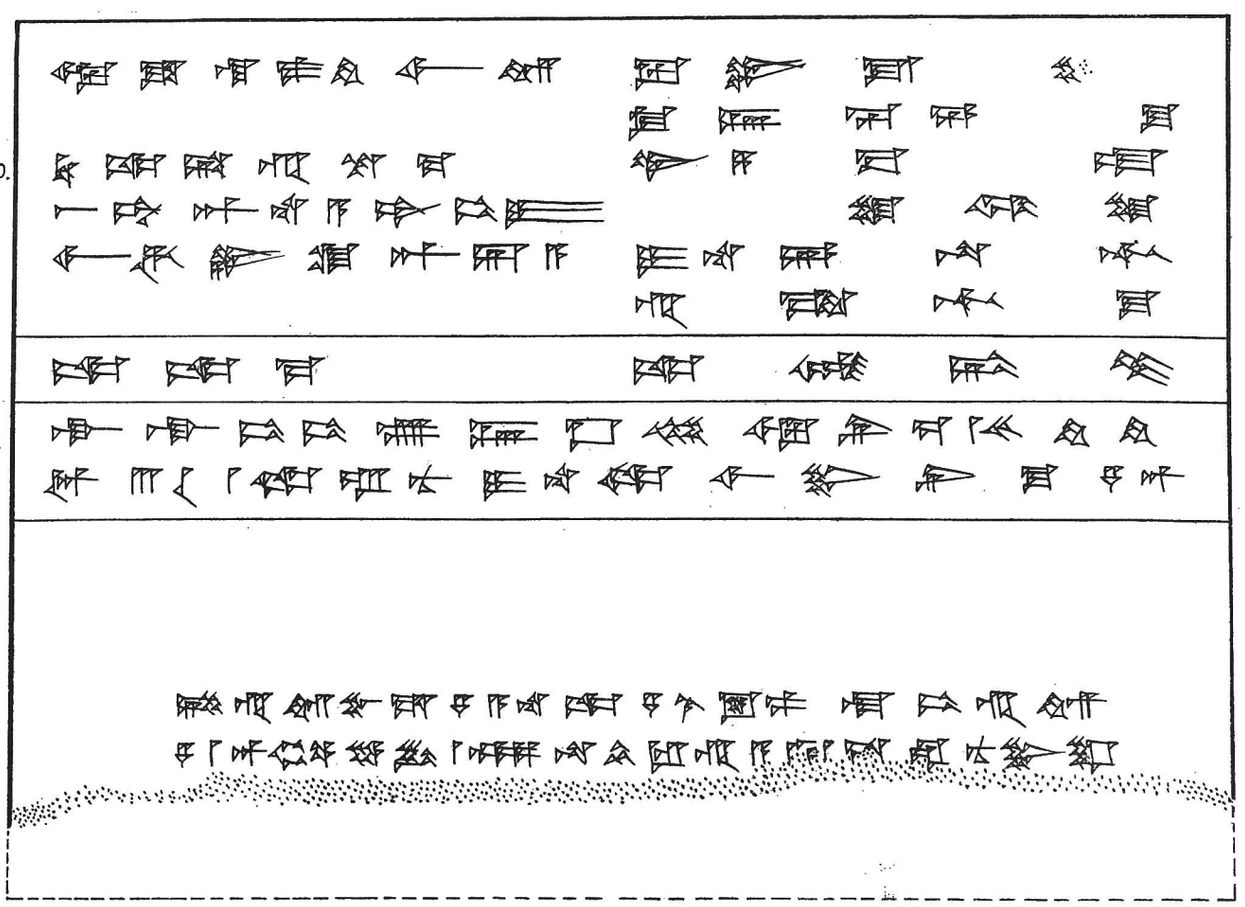

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