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news

Much better second quarter, thank you - we're doing our darnedest to put us and the economy back on the growth path:

- * Our web store is operational again through eBay's Paypal service. What's more, visitors get a 20% discount and free shipping in the continental USA if the buy direct from us. The first book and CD on sale are [*From Love to Triumph*](#).
- * We upgraded our web site hosting service to accommodate streaming of upcoming radio and video programs, as well as multimedia presentations for you - our authors and clients.

from our authors and editors

Yes, we did have a delivery at the end of May - and he is a wonderful book too: [*Booby Trapped: Men Beware! the Dirty Seven Sisters*](#). Off it went to the printing press right away!

The author's humorous take on the absurdities of today's dating scene even includes celebrities, like Angelina Jolie, Julia Roberts, Madonna, and Meg Ryan. She tell men, "This field guide will give you the tools to recognize and avoid the noxious and obnoxious females who are like Angel of Death mushrooms, beautiful yet deadly to live with ."

editorial flash

The story of the book is an all too common tale of ego and power, technology change and competition in the face of monopoly and avarice. Pergamon was once among the largest cities of the ancient world, founded after the empire of Alexander the Great was split in three by his generals.

Eumenes, the second ruler of Pergamon, set out to build the greatest library on Earth, in competition with Alexandria. His soldiers were merciless in, of all things, stealing scrolls. Egypt became incensed and stopped supplying papyrus to him. But Pergamon had plenty of sheep. They'd already figured out how to write on sheepskin, which they called "charta pergamene," which evolved into today's word, "parchment."

But it was harder to roll parchment into a scroll than papyrus. So someone thought of cutting parchment into rectangular sheets and sewing them together, creating the first book. Some 900 years later, in 751, the secret of Chinese paper making was broken in Samarkand, Central Asia., when Chinese prisoners were forced to build a paper mill. This knowledge reached Europe in the twelfth century, and combined with Gutenberg's printing press of 1452, has been responsible for more changes than anything else we can think of, until instant web publishing, that is....

Your editor, *Steven Kingsley*

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