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Hieroglyphic representations of carpets and weavers have been found in Egypt, where began the world's first known civilization, yet many designs always present in Turkish and Persian carpets, even down to modern examples, can be found in the carvings of the temples of Yucatan, temples that were constructed when Egypt was an undiscovered waste-land, and Babylon a wooded spot between two rivers. With the exception of the myths and the more enduring representations in stone on the rock-cut tombs of Beni Hasan, and a few frail fragments of tapestry occasionally unearthed from Egyptian ruins, the first widespread knowledge of the carpet came from the East - from Persia, from India, and from Turkey. The organized manufacture of Oriental carpets is a comparatively new phase of the industry. For centuries they were woven in the homes by domestic labor. The women of the tribes gathered around the looms while the head woman made a rough design upon the ground and apportioned the wool, sometimes chanting in weird singsong the number and...



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