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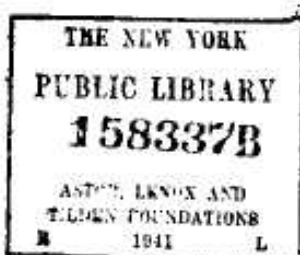
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"AND THE GATHERING TOGETHER OF THE WAVES HE CALLED SEAS; AND GOD SAW
THAT IT WAS GOOD."

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N O T E.

THE concluding portion of this Poem was written while tidings were being received of the successful progress of the Atlantic Telegraph fleet; and, although the great enterprise is suspended for a time, the Author believes it is not anticipating too strongly to allow the lines to stand as they were written.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in the context of public administration and financial management. The text highlights that records should be kept in a clear, organized, and accessible manner, ensuring that all relevant information is captured and preserved for future reference.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used for record-keeping. It mentions the use of traditional paper-based systems as well as modern digital technologies such as databases, spreadsheets, and cloud storage solutions. The text stresses the importance of choosing appropriate methods based on the specific needs and requirements of the organization, while also considering factors like cost, security, and ease of use.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the legal and regulatory requirements surrounding record-keeping. It discusses the various laws and regulations that govern the collection, storage, and disposal of records, particularly in the public sector. The text emphasizes the need for organizations to stay up-to-date with these requirements and ensure full compliance to avoid legal consequences and maintain the integrity of their records.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the challenges and risks associated with record-keeping. It identifies common issues such as data loss, corruption, and unauthorized access, and provides strategies to mitigate these risks. The text also discusses the importance of regular backups, disaster recovery plans, and access controls to ensure the long-term preservation and security of records.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the benefits of effective record-keeping. It highlights how well-maintained records can improve decision-making, enhance operational efficiency, and provide valuable insights into organizational performance. The text also notes that accurate records are crucial for legal proceedings, audits, and historical research, underscoring the long-term value of a robust record-keeping system.

6. The sixth part of the document provides practical advice and best practices for implementing a successful record-keeping system. It suggests starting with a clear policy, defining roles and responsibilities, and conducting regular audits to ensure the system is working as intended. The text also encourages the use of standardized formats and procedures to ensure consistency and interoperability across different departments and systems.

7. The seventh part of the document discusses the future of record-keeping, particularly in the context of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and blockchain. It explores how these technologies can be leveraged to improve record-keeping processes, enhance data security, and provide new ways of accessing and analyzing records. The text suggests that organizations should stay informed about these developments and be prepared to adopt new technologies as they become available.

8. The eighth part of the document concludes by reiterating the importance of record-keeping and the need for a proactive and systematic approach. It emphasizes that record-keeping is not just a technical task but a fundamental aspect of good governance and organizational management. The text encourages organizations to invest in their record-keeping systems and processes to ensure they are prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

FOOTSTEPS ON THE SEAS.

ATHWART the globe there lay two giants chained ;
Pillowed in mighty icebergs ; stretching wide
Their Titan limbs, river and mountain veined,
Down, through eternal summer, to the tide
Whose stormy surges lash the Antarctic Pole.
Around and underneath, the eternal roll
Of floods that earlier to being sprung,
And into order all their torrents wheeled
To the great measure that majestic pealed
When the high stars their morning anthem sung.

N Y P L

Separate they lay, and looked on separate skies ;
Where the Sun built in turn his burnished throne,
And Night came watching with her golden eyes,
Or the fair Moon rode royally alone.
The solitary Continents ! that stirred
Each with its own new promises of life,
Forth starting at the summons of a Word
Calm spoken over the chaotic strife ;
Till, last of all, to crown the waiting earth,
And bear the eternal sceptre of control,
God breathed upon the imperial human birth,
And Man became at once a living Soul !

Yet into mysteries born, — the heir of wealth
Locked from possession, sealed with secrecy,
Till stalwart Toil, and Time with step of stealth,
Break the strong spell, and bring the master-
key, —

J. V. N.

Untitled, unproclaimed, the monarch waits
At the barred portal of his palace gates.

So the brave impulse of true royalty
 Quickens within him to arise and strive ;
Rich elements of life around him lie,
 Wherein the soul that laboreth may live ;
His lifted brow grows glorious with thought,
 His right arm restless with instinctive skill ;
Heaven's own high inspiration he hath caught,
 And learns to work its delegated will.

Then, over the unmeasured, wild extents
Of the great, forest-bearded continents,
Rose human homes ; the separate worlds grew
 fair,
And all life's harmonies were gathering there.