

* we find the most primitive architecture deals as wisely and skilfully as all the science of modern time has been able to devise, and to that skill it is, that we owe the preservation of the specimen of ancient art, as steady as ever, a quality which it is to be feared few modern works will be likely to display to future ages. The Greek architecture began in the eighth century before the Christian era, that of Egypt and Assyria far earlier. —

The earliest remains of ancient architecture now existing are the Babylonian, where exist evidence of a knowledge of vaulting by the circular arch —



N. Gate of Tyrys.
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Nauplia.

