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Professor Dr. Adolf Erman,
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Dear Professor Erman, In completing the checking up of a very elaborate survey of the literature and documents dealing with Egyptian mathematics (soon to be published in America in a new edition of the Rhind Mathematical Papyrus) I came across a paragraph concerning which I would like to ask you two questions.

This paragraph occurs on page 49 of Petrie's Illahun, Kahun and Gurob, London, 1891 and the paragraph is in a chapter written by F. L. Griffith who is describing the mathematical hieratic papyri found at Kahun. There was here a calculation practically identical with no. 43 of the Rhind papyrus. Then occurs the following sentence: "Professor Erman, to whom I communicated this discovery informs me that he has since [presumably in 1890] put together some small fragments of Middle-kingdom writing from Thebes, likewise making up a calculation which ~~exists~~ exists in the Rhind Papyrus".

My questions are the following: Where

do these fragments exist and what problem of the Rhind is thus duplicated? Have you anywhere published anything on this matter?

A reply as soon as convenient will greatly oblige,

Yours respectfully,

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