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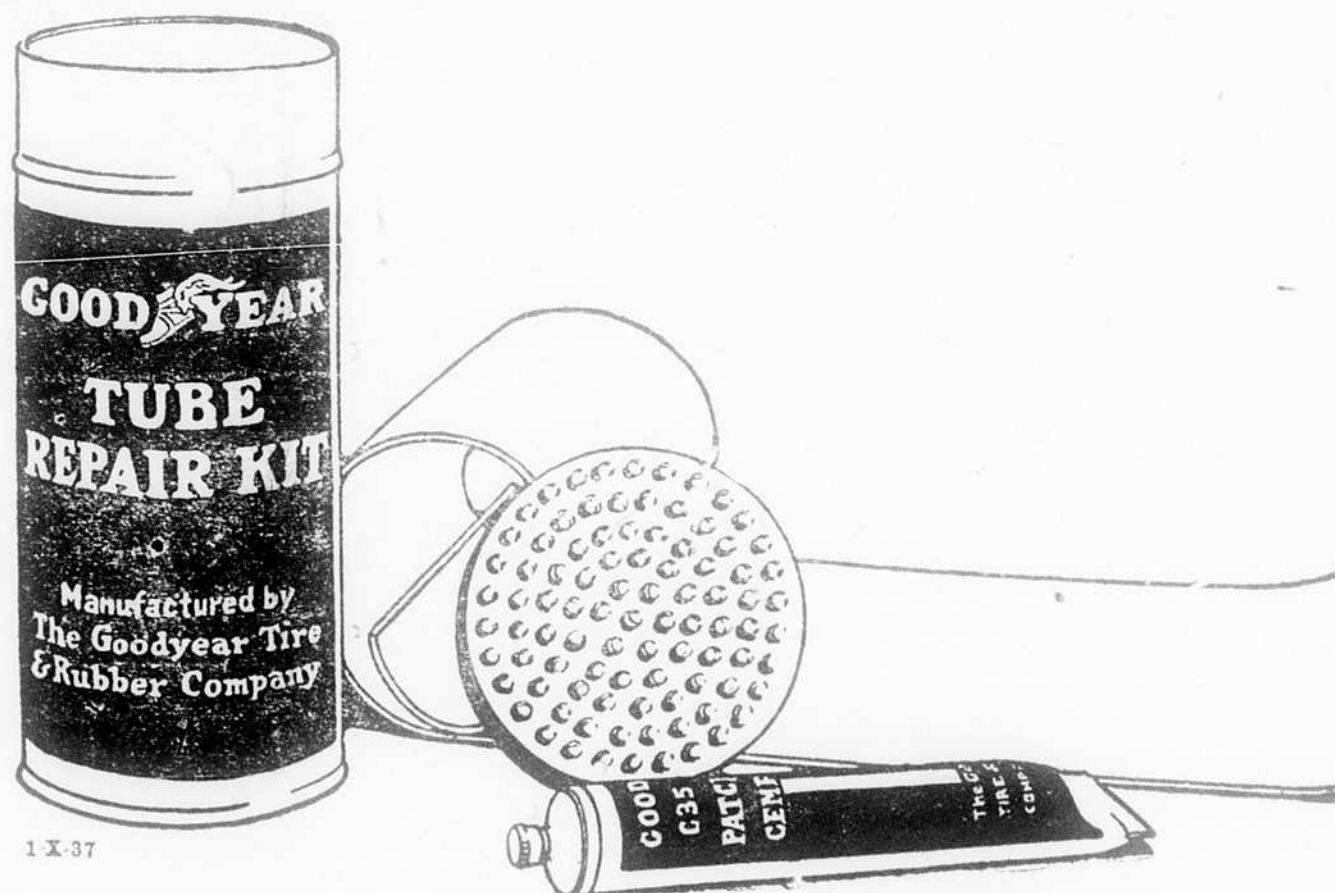
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THREE BIBLICAL TOWNS IDENTIFIED.

Scholars report that they have identified the three Biblical towns of Shiloh, Bethany and Jeshanah over whose sites American, British and Danes excavators have been digging. Until a few months ago no archeological work of any kind had been done over the sites of ancient Jewish towns in the highlands of Palestine. Borings over the site of Shiloh where the Hebrews kept the ark of the covenant disclosed clear stratification, representing early Israelite, Seleucid-Roman and Arab occupation. In the first stratum a flint sickle-edge was found among other relics. This considered in connection with the fact that iron sickles were not generally used by the Israelites prior to the 11th century B. C. indicates some thing of the age of the stratum.

The findings so far are said to agree remarkably well with Biblical data. Bethany, the town in which Mary and Martha lived with Lazarus, has been identified with the village of Anani h, mentioned in the book of Nehemiah. The original name, it appear, was Beth-Ananiab. In much the same manner scholars have identified the town of Jeshanah, mentioned in II Chronicles, whose site, it is believed, is now occupied by an Arab fort at Buri-el-Isannah—*The Pathfinder Aug. 25th.*

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