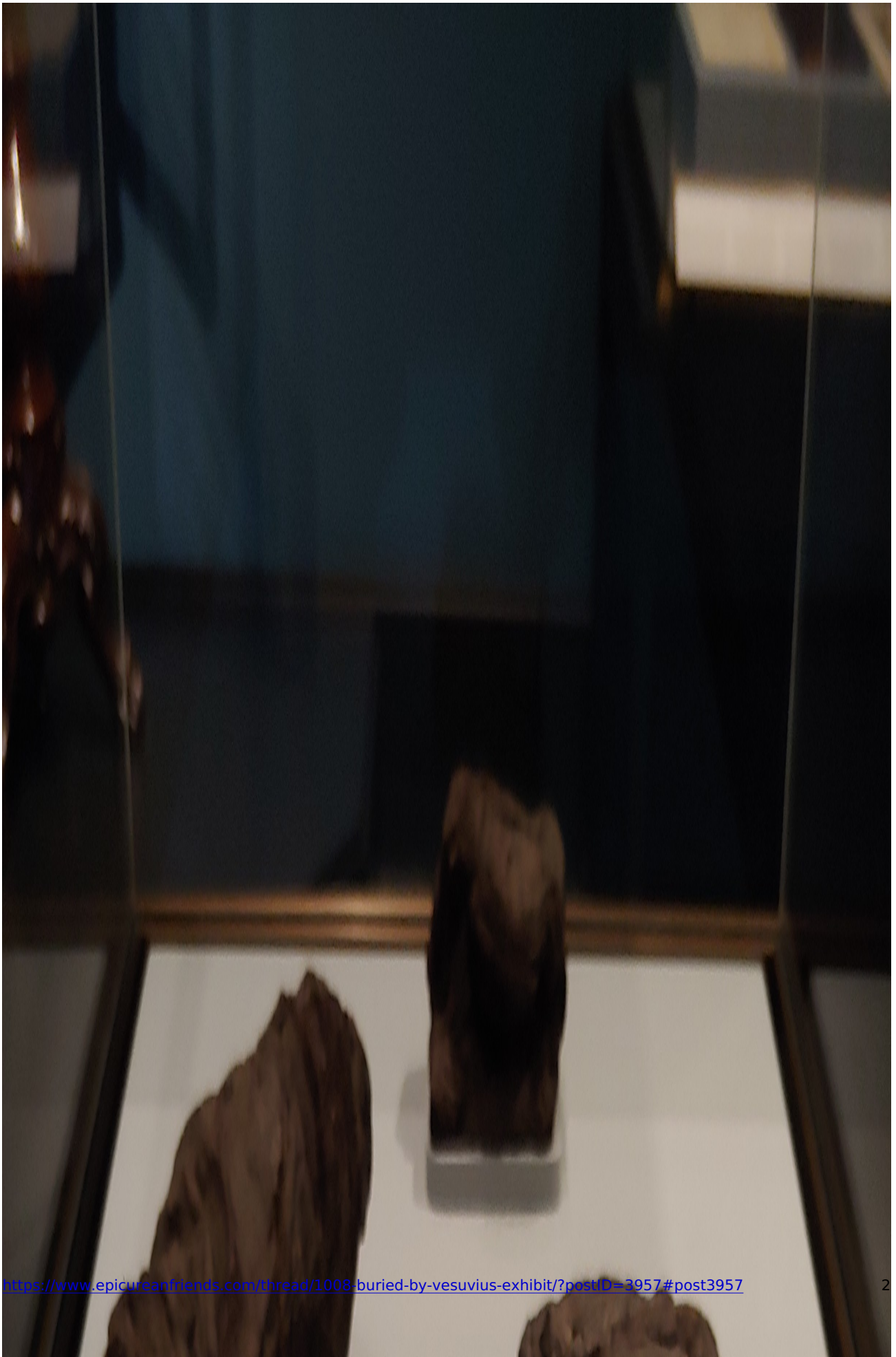
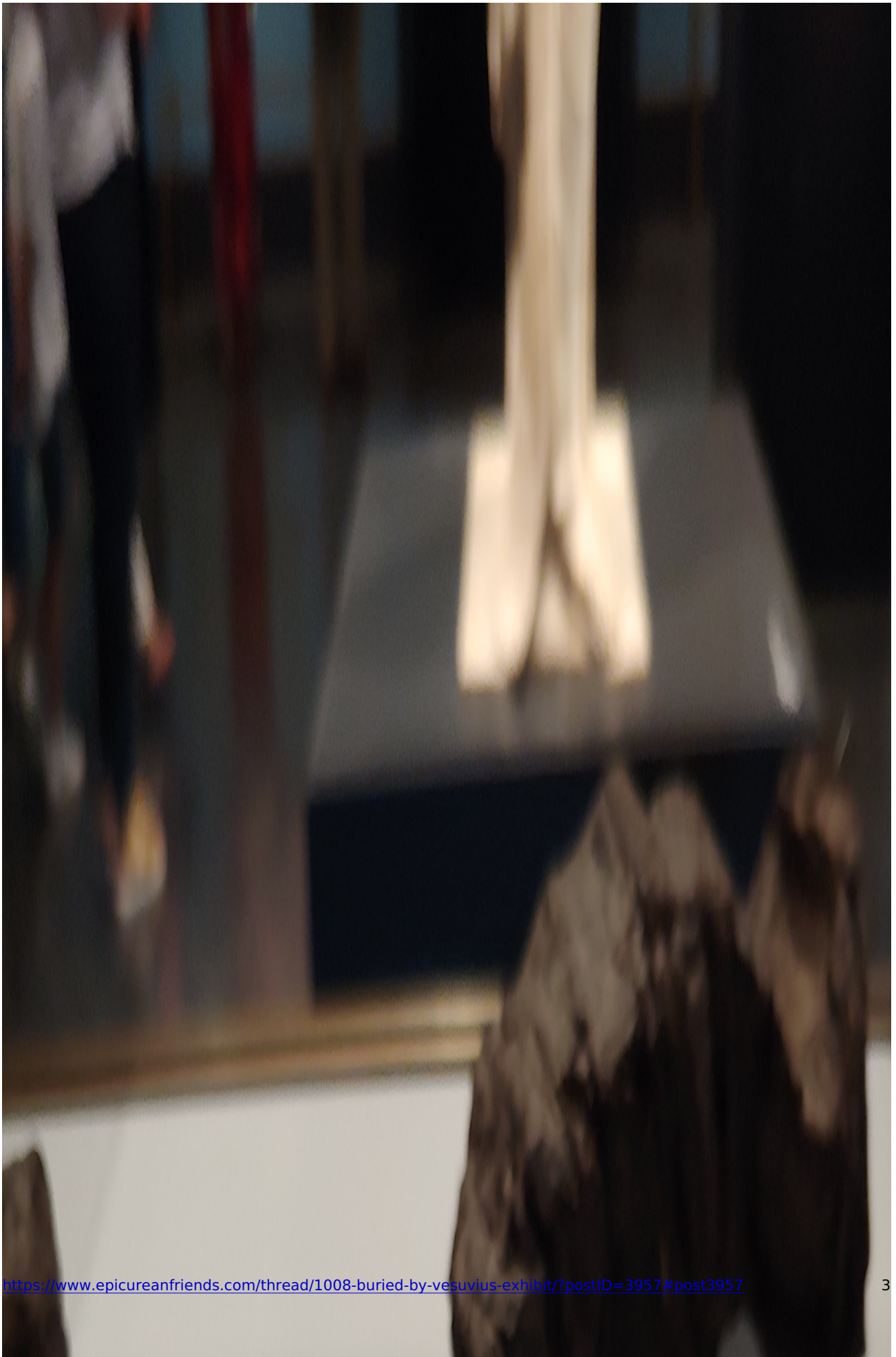


Buried by Vesuvius exhibit

Post by "Godfrey" of July 29, 2019 at 11:23 PM

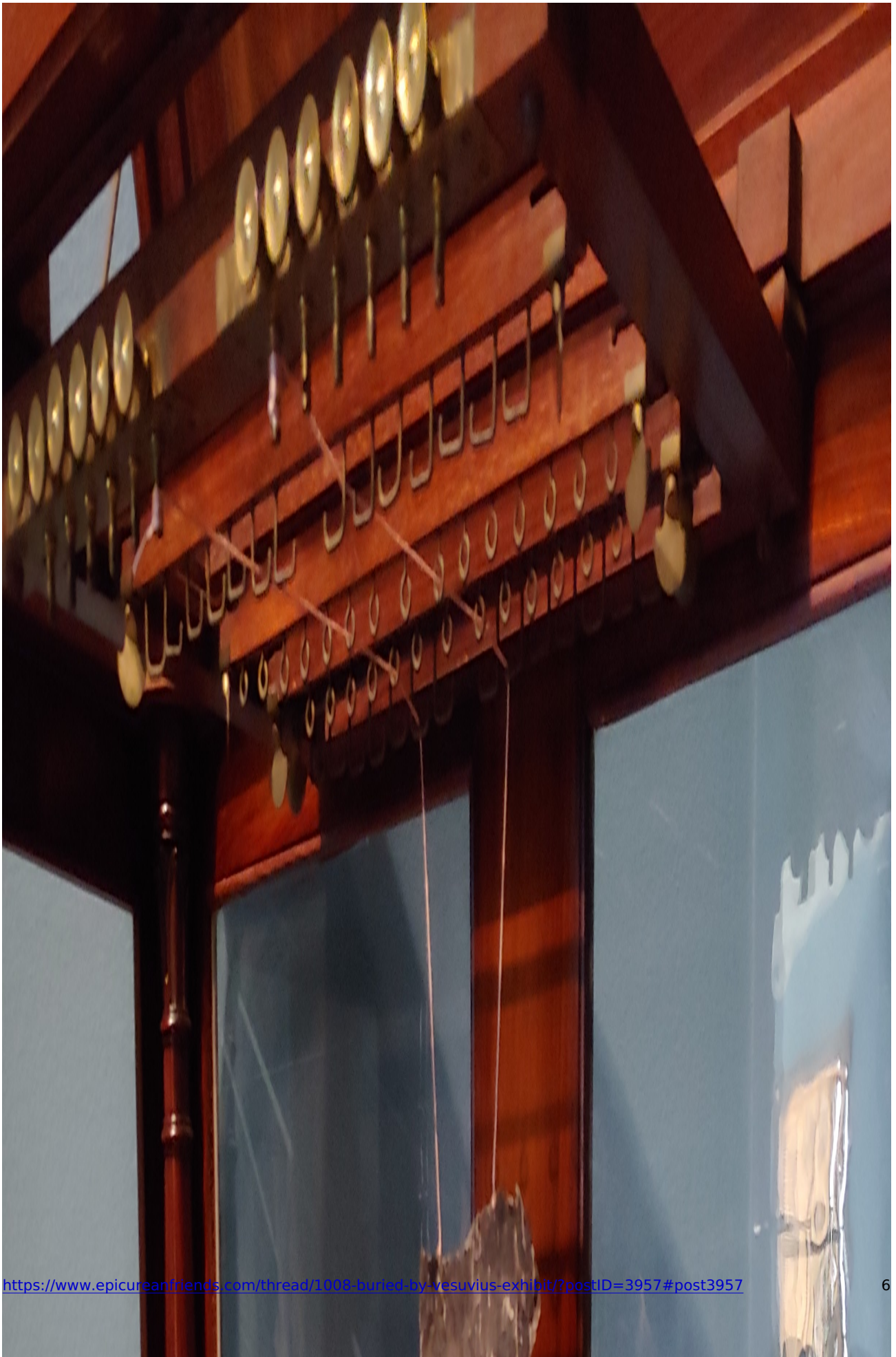
When people talk about scrolls and fragments, this is what they're referring to....











Papyrus Unrolling Machine

Design, about 1756; manufacture, 1800s

Antonio Paggio (1713-1796)

Wood, glass, and brass

Following disastrous first attempts to open the papyrus scrolls, the Bourbon court brought Father

Paggio, the Vatican's curator of manuscripts,

The wooden frame used for this work resembles at first glance a bookbinder's press. . . . The book roll hangs from the upper board on two tapes the width of a little finger. . . . The pegs allow the tapes to be tightened or released, and the

Apologies for the poor quality cellphone pictures, but I was amazed by these. How people have been able to rescue these texts just boggles the mind. There is also a video describing current efforts with 3D scanning and AI; apparently the technology is still being developed so results are down the road a ways.