The Hanging Gardens of Babylon

Literary stamps and wild runs in imagination are all that allow us to picture this artificial mountain towering high above, covered in foliage from top to bottom. The gardens were supported in the dry desert by irrigating water from the city below, carrying it up from below, likely by using an Archimedes screw or other similar mechanism. What exactly the Gardens looked like and how they worked will, however, likely never be known.

Green Thumb

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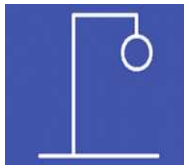

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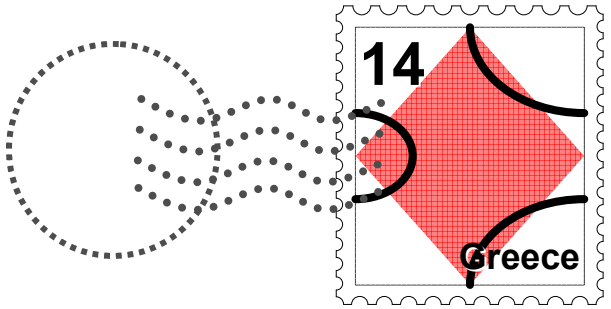

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