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INTRODUCTION.

Before commencing the study of any ancient book, a modern reader is naturally desirous of being made acquainted with whatever is known of the personal history of the author. In the case of Herodotus there is little information remaining to gratify this desire, and that little is of a doubtful character. The brief notice in Suidas, which attributes to him a prolonged residence in the island Samos, after expulsion, in the sequel of a political convulsion, from his native city Halicarnassus, might from its probability be received without any suspicion, if it were not combined with the assertion, that in Samos he cultivated the Ionian dialect, and there wrote his history. But the Ionian dialect was in fact the dialect of literature at the time, and, although Samos was one of the Ionian states of Asia, its language was quite a peculiar one, as Herodotus himself remarks; and, indeed, the few characteristics of it which are recorded do not appear in any of the MSS of his work. Nevertheless, although we cannot accept any view which would connect his residence in Samos with the peculiarities of his language, there are indications in the course of his work that he was familiar with the island, and that some of his accounts of distant regions are derived from information furnished by the enterprising navigators whose home it was. Suidas goes on to say that after a prolonged stay there he returned to Halicarnassus, and assisted in the expulsion of the tyrant

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1 i. 142. The Samians said Διώνυσος and Θεόδωρος instead of Διόνυσος and Θεόδωρος. Etymologicum Magnum, p. 259. A reason for the anomalous character of the language may be found in the fortunes of the population. (See iii. 147, 149.)

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Lygydamis (the author of his own banishment, and the murderer of his kinsman Panyasis, a soothsayer and epic poet). Perceiving himself, however, to be unpopular with his fellow-citizens, he joined as a volunteer the colony sent by the Athenians to Thurii in Italy, died there, and was buried in the agora. These insulated facts are at least conformable to the nature of the times in which Herodotus lived, and are confirmed in some degree by various passages in his writings. Some may perhaps trace the influence of his relative in the superstitious regard for omens and portents which shows itself continually, and may connect his residence in Samos with the frequent allusion to the mysteries and sacred legends. It seems indisputable that some portions of the work which has come down to us must have been composed in the south of Italy; and there is at least a strong probability that a large part originally existed in an independent form. Of the celebrated story related by Lucian relative to the circumstances under which the whole was first produced, something will be said in the sequel.

But a far more important matter for the profitable study of this writer is to ascertain the peculiar circumstances of the time in which he lived, in their bearing upon literary productions of a similar nature to his own. No writer escapes the influences of his age, even under circumstances which give the freest scope to individual character. But this scope, under Hellenic modes of life, was narrowed to an almost infinitesimal limit. From his earliest childhood to the day of his death, the Greek lived entirely with others and for others. The traditions, social, political, and religious, in which he was brought up, became a part of himself. Originality, such as we see every day, and are accustomed to admire, would have been in his eyes an object almost of horror,—would indeed have been viewed very much in the same light as free-thinking at the present time. To suppose, therefore, that because an author displays evident marks of intelligence and sagacity, those qualities would exhibit themselves in the same kind of discrimination which we should look for in a writer on

2 Samos was the mythical site of the marriage of Zeus and Here, the mysterious character of which passed into a proverb: πάντα γυναῖκες Ἴλαστι, καὶ ὁ Ζεὺς ἄγαγεθ’ Ἱππαρ. Theocritus, xv. 64. See the Venetian Scholiast on Iliad xiv. 295: οἷον ὄτε πρῶτοσ προσετέο διαγένεθν φιλότητι εἰς εὐην φοιτῶντε, φίλους λέγουτε τοκῆς.
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similar subjects at this day, is to take up a ground which will necessarily distort our judgement both of his merits and defects,—a result which has certainly happened in the case of Herodotus. To make this point clearer it will be well to bestow some little consideration upon the other prose writers which preceded or immediately followed him, and to sketch in a rough outline the characteristics in which they resembled, and those in which they differed.

Fortunately, although nothing but a few fragments remain of these writers, we have the means of doing this. Dionysius of Halicarnassus, in two treatises which have come down to us, has given a masterly description of them in terms which seem almost enough in themselves to furnish posterity with a complete clue to the subject, and to prevent any one from entertaining those views which of late have acquired a great, though undeserved, popularity. "Not only the ancient historians," says he in one place, "Eugeon of Samos, Deiochus of Proconnesus, Eudemus of Paros, Democles of Phigalea, and Hecataeus of Miletus, and also the Argive Aensilans, the Lamp-sacene Charon, and the Chalcedonian Amelesagoras,—not only these, but also they who were very little more ancient than the Peloponesian war, and came down to the time of Thucydidides, such as Hellenicus of Lesbos and Damastes of Sigeum, Xenomedes the Chian and Xanthus the Lydian, with many others, all resemble one another in the plan of their work and the selection of their subjects. Some of them recorded Hellenic stories, and some those of foreign parts; and these they did not think of connecting with one another, but distributed them by nations and cities, and went through the string of these independently of each other; adhering to one common principle, that whatever local traditions were preserved in the several places, and whatever writings were accessible to them in temples or elsewhere, these they should publish in the form in which they got them without addition or diminution. Among these materials existed legends which had obtained current belief in the lapse of time, and likewise stories of dramatic interest, in which a reader of the present day finds much to carp at. This topographical method retained so great a hold upon the minds of men, that Polybius thinks it

3 De Thucydidie judicium, pp. 818, 9. The fragments which remain of these writers fully bear out the description of Dionysius.
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necessary, nearly three hundred years after the latest of the writers mentioned by Dionysius, to apologize for not adopting it in his own work, although composed for an entirely different object from those of the logographers in question 4.

When Dionysius, after the above description, proceeds to compare Herodotus with these writers, the distinction which he draws between them is nothing like that which modern critics have generally assumed. It points entirely to the superior artistical skill which our author displays in the choice of his subject and the manner of treating it. "He does not (says the critic) confine himself to the history of a single nation or a single state: no! he begins with the Lydian dynasty and comes down to the Persian war, including in one single narrative all the important transactions both of Greeks and barbarians that had occurred in the interval of two hundred and forty years." But let us observe that there is nothing in the whole of the essay to give the slightest support to the modern assumption, that in point of critical sagacity, diligent investigation, and historical fidelity, Herodotus belongs to an entirely different class from his contemporaries and immediate predecessors. That he does exceed them in these respects is possible; but if the fact, it could scarcely be ascertained in any other way than by a careful comparison of his and their writings,—a comparison which the loss of the latter has put out of our power. If, indeed, we are to be at all guided by the chance expressions of those ancient writers, who had the means of instituting such a comparison, those expressions, so far as they go, are unfavourable to the modern view of the question. Herodotus and Hellanicus are coupled with one another by Strabo, in a very emphatic passage, in which we cannot doubt that he is expressing himself advisedly, and after well considering the facts of the case. "The ancient Greek historians (says he) gave the names of Scythians and Celto-scythians to all the northern, while those who preceded them made a division, terming

4 iii 37. After giving his reasons for pursuing a different plan, he adds an illustration which shows the prevalence of the feeling in favour of the old one: εἰ δὲ τιματεῖ τις ισιμέστατο κατὰ τινες καὶ κατὰ μερος τῶν τοιούτων ἑκούσει, ἵππος ἀρχομένος τεταρτάλης τοίς πάντοις τῶν διὶ τῆς ἔργως καὶ ἄκρω έκείνων κόσμων οἷοί εἰσ' εἰς τὸ μελλόν ἀσέλιοι εὲ αὐτῶν την άναδον καὶ τρόφην κοιλήσωμεν.

5 De Theophraste judicium, p. 820.
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such as lay above the Euxine, the Ister, and the Adriatic, Hyperboreans, and Sauromatians, and Ariasprians: while such as lay beyond the Casprians they called, one portion of them, Scyths, and another Massagetæ, having in fact not a particle of certain information to give about them, although they do not scruple to relate a war between Cyrus and the Massagætes! In fact, neither on the subject of these tribes had any one ascertained any thing to be depended upon, nor was any great credit to be attached to the ancient part of the Persian and Median and Assyrian history, owing to the simplicity of the historians (τὸν συγγραφέαν) and their fondness for legends (τὴν φάλομβιαν). For seeing, as they did, profoundologial writers (τοὺς θανερῶς μιθαγοράδους) in great esteem, they thought that they would give a relish to their productions by relating, in the form of history, matters which they neither saw nor heard of, (at least from persons who they were satisfied were acquainted with what they related) simply and solely because such matters would excite the satisfaction and wonder of the hearers. One has as much reason to put faith in Hesiod and Homer in their stories of the heroes, as upon Ctesias, Herodotus, and Hellanicus, and others of that stamp 6.

Thucydidæ, again, in a well-known passage, wherein he compares his own subject and the plan on which he has treated it with the writings of his predecessors or contemporaries, can hardly be doubted by an unprejudiced reader to refer to Herodotus 7. If this be the case, our author must be considered as reckoned by the philosophical historian among the logographæ of the time, with whom the principal object was to produce an agreeable narrative, consistent with itself, and sufficiently conformable to the opinions current among their hearers to be received without opposition by them. Such a narrative would not necessarily be false, but it would certainly not be founded on that kind of investigation which in modern times we are accustomed to consider essential to the character of an historian. The principle of discrimination exercised in combining materials would be one which an artist would adopt rather than a philosopher. The

6 xi. c. 7, p. 424. ed. Tauchnitz. COLONEL RAWLINSON, on the other hand, supposes "authentic history such as it is related by Herodotus and Berosus" to "the romance of Xenophon or the fables of Ctesias," "Athenæum of March 1854, 1854.
7 i. 21. The arguments which have been brought against this opinion are remarked on in the notes on the several passages supposed to militate against it.
writer would probably abstain from the incorporation of stories which carried improbability on their very face, but he would be saved from this by the simple operation of his good taste; and the result would be, that his work might very well, when completed, present the appearance of a judgement in the selection of materials, which, in another age and under other conditions of society, would only arise from the exercise of a critical spirit. This is a point which it is important to keep in view, not only in weighing the authority to be attached to Thucydides's remark upon his illustrious contemporary, but also in estimating the value of the latter as an historical witness. By losing sight of it we convert, at the outset, into a direct censure of another what was only intended as an elucidation of the writer's own method; we suppose a rivalry where none either existed or could exist, any more than between a sculptor and a painter. And when we come to the perusal of Herodotus himself, we bring with us a fruitful source of erroneous judgement, by assuming in him qualities which he neither possessed nor claimed, which are foreign to the habits of his time, and would have hindered rather than furthered the execution of his real design.

A very different feeling from that which called forth the observations of Thucydides is shown in the attack upon Herodotus by one of the other writers with whom Strabo couples him. Ctesias, a Cnidian physician, resided for seventeen years at the court of Artaxerxes Mnemon, and on his return to Greece produced a connected history of the Assyrian, Median, and Persian dynasties from the time of Ninus and Semiramis to the third year of the ninety-fifth Olympiad (B.C. 398). This work only remains in the scanty epitome made by Photius, afterwards elevated to the patriarchate of Constantinople, but the first twenty chapters of the second book of Diodorus Siculus, which contain the history of Semiramis, are undoubtedly taken from it. In almost all the particulars of the Persian history it was

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8 An epitome of Ctesias (or, as Voss supposes, of the first twenty-three books of his work, excluding the last, which was on the subject of India) was made by Pamphila, a literary lady of Egyptian extraction, in the time of Nero. It was in three books, and it may be suspected that it was really from this work, and not from the original, that Photius's epitome was made. This will account for the extreme disproportion as well as meagreness of his performance. Omitting the first six books which contained the Assyrian and Median history prior to the time of Cyrus, he compresses
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opposed to the account given by Herodotus, and the opposition seems to have been of a controversial character, for the writer did not scruple to apply the epithets of "liar" and "romancer" to his predecessor. Nevertheless, harsh as these expressions read to us, a recollection of the notorious irascibility of the Greeks upon all subjects in which two different views could be taken, ought to check the haste with which some modern scholars have assumed, that if they refused to adopt Ctesias's judgement of Herodotus, they were bound in justice to the party accused to deny all credence to any statements of the accuser. Whatever may be the personal merits of the two parties, there is no antecedent improbability that the sources of information possessed by the Cnidian were very different in kind from those to which the Halicarnassian had access; and that the same historical fact would consequently appear in a very different light to the one and the other. Ctesias states the grounds of his information to have been his own personal observation, and the testimony of the Persians themselves, checked and arranged by a reference to the records of the royal chronicles. What the sources were from which Herodotus derived his information is a very difficult problem to determine; but whether better or worse than those to which his rival had access, it will appear that they were quite different; and consequently that all general assumptions as to the degree of weight to be given to either writer are premature, until an estimate has been formed (at any rate approximately) of the value of the materials at the command of each.

In order to attempt this, however, with any prospect of success, the first step to be taken is to get quit of all the associations which spring out of modern civilisation. Every one accustomed to the facilities which the present time offers, involuntarily attributes to any individual of the same social position with himself similar

the next twelve into fifteen columns, and the five following into three columns and a half, while the single book on India which succeeds takes up between nine and ten. For the prevalence of the practice of epitomising from epitomes see the introductory part of the Life of Aristotle in the Encyclopediæ Metropolitana.

9 ψεύστην αὐτὸν ἀπελέγχας εν πολλοῖς καὶ λογοποιήν ἀποκαλῶν. (Photius, Biblioth. p. 35.) About the misapplication of the former epithet there will be little question; but the latter is applied by Herodotus himself to Hecataeus (ii. 143; v. 36. 125), with whom he is united by Arrian under the same designation. (Exped. Alex. v. 6.)
methods of effecting any given purpose,—unconsciously forgetting the entirely different conditions of social existence which an interval of more than 2000 years implies. To visit personally all the scenes which he was going to describe; to collect materials (documentary or otherwise) upon the spot; to read all that others had written on the subject, and verify all points which might appear doubtful by a reference to other sources of information; to provide himself with the best maps, and correct these from time to time by independent observations; to determine every incident by a careful reference both to time and place; to make plans of interesting localities; and to bring home specimens, zoological, botanical, and mineral, for the behoof of those more learned in such lore than himself, would possibly have been the plan adopted by Herodotus had he lived in the nineteenth century after, instead of the fifth before, the commencement of the Christian era. Whether in this case his work would have been as entertaining a one as it is, or would have stood the same chance of surviving for some thousands of years, and being read by every succeeding generation with renewed delight, may be suffered to remain an unmooted point. It will be well, however, to consider some of the obvious obstacles which, he living at the time he did, existed to hinder his realisation of such an idea of a historian’s duties as has just been sketched out.

First of all, the mere difficulties and dangers of locomotion were enormous. Until the time of Alexander the seas swarmed with pirates, and the land with banditti. The only countries to which there is any satisfactory evidence of Greek visitors having resorted for the mere purpose of gratifying an intelligent curiosity, are Lydia (under the reign of Cræsus) and Egypt, with both of which places there existed direct commercial relations of considerable importance. Where this was the case, the interest of the states whose revenue was increased by levying duties upon the merchants would induce them to render the access of foreigners something safer. But on the other hand, the very same interest would tend to confine traffic to certain definite channels, and to fetter it by arbitrary rules enforced in the most summary manner. The hardy Samian skipper with his cargo of Laconian marine dye, might, after creeping along the coast of Crete, take advantage of a favourable wind to run across to

10 Polybius, iii. 58, 59.
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Cyrene; but if while doing this an easterly breeze should spring up and carry him out of his course, he would, unless preserved by the special favour of the gods, infallibly be sunk by the Carthaginian cruisers, or if spared, it would only be for the purpose of being carried into port and sold as a slave. It would avail him little to plead that he had been bound for a place with which the Carthaginians themselves carried on a commercial intercourse, that the deviation from his owners' instructions was quite involuntary on his part, that he should be extremely happy to exchange his cargo for a return freight of salt-fish from the curing-houses at Adryme, or of negroes from the coffles with which he understood the Garamantes were every day expected in the town of the Lotus-eaters; or, as his ship had suffered from stress of weather, that he would go back in ballast, and invest the proceeds of his outward cargo in a choice selection of carbuncles, which would fetch a good price at Ephesus, to decorate the shrines of the great goddess Artemis withal. He would find, in such a case, that the advantages of an open trade were little appreciated by the merchant-princes he had to deal with. "Stranger," one of these might perhaps answer, in such counting-house Greek as he could muster, "we do business in a very different way. 'Tis very true, we drive a thriving trade with thy friends of Cyrene. That silphium of theirs always goes off well in the Campanian market; and I sent orders only yesterday to my agent at the Stake to buy up as much as he could get. But should I deal with thee, what oath could we two take to make the bargain binding? And as for the Lotus-eaters and their slave-market, I rede thee lay an ox on thy tongue. My excellent friend Lars Perpenna, of the great house in Agylla, found his way there last summer, and by Moloch, he had a narrow escape of ending his days as a bailiff on Hamilear's model farm. He protested indeed, that out at sea there was a tremendous north-wester, and that if he had not run under

11 Strabo, xvii. 492.
12 Herodotus, iv. 183.
13 Pliny, H. N. xxxvii. 7.
14 The Stake (Xápaτ) was a place in the immediate neighbourhood of the Altars of Philæwos, where a traffic (which in the time of the Ptolemies was contraband) used to be carried on between Carthaginians and Cyrenians, the former obtaining the syrup of silphium in exchange for wine. (Strabo, xvii. c. 3, p. 495.) But this traffic was carried on overland.
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Fair Cape, he must have gone down: indeed he would have it that his ship had suffered so much he could not possibly get again to sea under a week; but our commissioner told him roundly (and he was a man to keep his word) that, ready or not ready, if the craft did not clear out on the fifth day, he would seize both her and her owner. In sooth, friend, I suspect that my gossip's north-wester blew very much in the same direction as thy south-easter, that is, to a good market where there were no port dues to pay. Thou hast doubtless heard of such a place as Sardinia? No! Nor Gades? No! I dare say not indeed! no more than a Cretan of wearing ship 16 ! 17

The Carthaginians, although the most striking examples of commercial monopolists in the time with which we are concerned, are by no means to be considered as alone in their practices. Several instances of the same habitual policy are pointed out in the notes of this edition; and, in fact, it may be considered as a point established beyond all reasonable doubt, that piracy would be regularly practised by any one of the petty states of Hellas upon any other, where no direct relations, sanctioned by a common religious bond, existed between the two. The amount of risk to a traveller by sea arising out of this state of things appears vividly in the line of argument adopted by the orator ANDOCIDES, who is defending himself against the charge of having been concerned in the mutilation of the Hermae, which caused so much excitement at Athens just before the fatal expedition to Sicily. He had left the city at the time, and been engaged for several years in commerce until his return and subsequent trial. His accuser, in reference to the dangers of this employment, had asserted that the gods had specially preserved him through them, destining him "to a drier death on shore" as the reward of his sacrilege. "What," he replies, "if the gods had deemed me guilty, would they not have revenged themselves upon me when they had got me involved in the extremest peril? for what human peril is greater than a sea voyage at a stormy time? Here they had life, limb, and fortune in their hands, and yet they saved me: why! they might have caused that not even my body should have obtained a grave! What! when there was war, and war-gallies and pirates

15 POLYBIUS, iii. 22. 16 See note 390 on iv. 151, and note 307 on v. 107.
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covering the seas,—as numbers know to their cost, from being captured by them, and after losing their all ending their lives in slavery, —when too there was a barbarous seaboard on which numbers before now have been wrecked, and murdered after the most horrible tortures,—will you believe that the gods saved me through all these perils in order to make Cephisius, that vilest of Athenians (not that he is an Athenian as he professes), the minister of their vengeance on me? 17

We may, from what has been said, come without much hesitation to the conclusion, that admitting our author to have been as naturally inclined to travel as an Englishman of the present day, his means of gratifying this passion must have been very limited;—that if he visited foreign parts, it will have been under the same circumstances as the travelling merchants of his day,—that his voyages will have been (except by accident) limited to the courses held by the trading vessels, and his travels by land to the great routes along which the commercial intercourse between distant countries was carried on; for if travelling by sea was dangerous, far more so (Polylith us tells us) was travelling by land.

But even supposing the personal experiences of our author thus limited by the necessities of his time, it may be replied that the examples of the Parkes, Burekhardts, and Clappertons show how great an amount of knowledge may be acquired by a traveller in a caravan. Here, however, there is another abatement to be made. Modern travellers under such circumstances possess a power, which before the time of Eratosthenes, was quite out of the reach even of the most intelligent. They can determine the latitude, longitude, and height above the level of the sea, of any spot they please. But not one of these three particulars could be attempted by Herodotus, except in the very roughest manner. The spherical figure of the

17 De Mysteriiis, p. 18. He goes on to say presently: ἐγὼ μὲν οὖν, οἱ ἄνδρες, ἠγούμαι χρήμα νομίζειν τῶν τοιούτων κυνόνους ἀνθρωπίνους, τοὺς δὲ κατὰ θάλασσαν θείους.

Aristotle allows his ideally brave man (τὸν ἄνδρεῖον) to be afraid of death out at sea, without forfeiting any portion of his claim to the character; and in fact considers an entire absence of fear in such a case to indicate a habit of mind for which the Greek language possessed no expression: τῶν δ' ὑπερβαλλόντων τῇ ἀφοβῇ ἀνθρώποις: εἱ δ' ἐν τίς μανθημένος ἢ ἀνάληγτος, εἰ μηθέν φοβοῦστο, μήτε σειμαν μήτε τὰ κύματα, καθάπερ φασί τοὺς Κελτοὺς. (Nicomach. Ethic. ii. p. 111b.)

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earth was a notion which certainly never entered his mind, and except on this assumption neither latitude nor longitude have any existence. The position of any one place on the surface of the earth can, in such a case, only be described by a reference to its bearing from some other. And in so assigning its bearing, we must not forget that our traveller has no compass, nay, that he has not even the rough means of orientation now possessed by every school-boy who knows how to find the pole-star. The north of Herodotus is the quarter from whence the cold Thracian winds blow. His south is the place of the sun when sensibly highest in the heaven (μεσημβρία), or the region from which the warm moist wind (νότος) comes. His east and west are the solstitial points of the rising and setting sun, without any definition whatever of the position from whence the phenomenon is observed 18.

That this rough way of assigning positions, by their bearing upon other equally undefined points, was the ordinary method of our author, will appear quite plainly from an expression used by him in several passages, which has not been generally understood by the commentators, and which is unintelligible except on the supposition that he is defining the position of a spot by projecting it, as it were, upon the direction of the course which he is at the time pursuing, quite irrespectively of what that course may happen to be. For instance, in describing Pteria, the place where the first battle took place between the armies of Croesus and Cyrus, he says that it is κατὰ Σινώπην πόλιν μάλιστα κή κείμενη (i. 76). The defile where the ibises were said to watch for the winged snakes, is in Arabia κατὰ Βουτοῦν πόλιν μάλιστα κή κείμενος (ii. 75). The Labyrinth is said to be situated above the lake Mæris, and κατὰ Κροκόδειλων καλεμάνην πόλιν μάλιστα κή κείμενος (ii. 148). Now one may assume, à priori, that this phrase is used in the same sense in all these passages, and in the second of them (see note 195 thereon) it is quite certain that the preposition conveys no sense of proximity, for the defile was far away from the city Buto. It can only be taken to mean “on the

18 The variation of these points with the alteration of latitude is obvious to us. For instance, at Cyzicus the sun would rise nearly to the n.e. by e. of a spectator, when at Syene it would appear due e. There is no reason to suppose that, in the idea of Herodotus, these bearings differed in the least degree from one another.
same line with the city Buto," that is, that when a traveller passing up the Nile arrives at Buto, he is come " abreast of" the locality where the bones of the snakes are to be seen. Applying this sense to the other two passages, a satisfactory meaning will be obtained; but, if we come to consider the direction with reference to the points of the compass, we shall discover that in the first of the three cases the traveller must look southwards for the direction of Pteria, in the second eastwards for the defile in the Arabian mountains, and in the third westwards for the Labyrinth. In other words, the description is an appropriate one for a person carrying in his hand an outline of the south coast of the Euxine or of the banks of the Nile, and referring other sites which he has occasion to mention to some point on these 19; but it is altogether unnatural for one who had before him any thing like a map in the modern sense of the word, that is, a representation of a large portion of the earth's surface on a fixed scale, wherein the several places should be noted, and their relative bearings laid down on one consistent plan.

That maps of this description existed in the time of Herodotus I will not absolutely deny; but that they were either common, or likely to be used by him, or, if they had been, that they possessed such a degree of accuracy as to contribute to the clearness of his views in combining the several portions of his own personal experience, appears to me very unlikely. The first person who ever attempted to construct any thing which could be so called, or indeed who paid any particular attention to the subject of geography, was the Milesian ANAXIMANDER, and perhaps we shall be near the truth in supposing that a brazen tablet, exhibiting the known earth according to his views of it, was set up in some public place at Miletus, and furnished Aristagoras with the information regarding the route to Susa which Herodotus makes him give. Anaximander was followed by HECAIUS, who corrected his errors, partly, if not entirely, from his own personal experience as a traveller, and left behind him the memoir in which this was done,—a work which remained extant

19 The coast outline which Democedes is described as having made for Darius is an example of such a chart; and the existing work under the name of SCYLAX is the mere description of such another. As for the Nile, most modern tourists up the Rhine or by the South Coast Railway in England, have bought, or been solicited to buy, a similar manual.
in the time of Eratosthenes 20; but that copies of this production, or of any considerable portion of it, were in common circulation, there seems no reason whatever to suppose. If, indeed, it really was, as some have imagined, the basis of the brazen tablet which Aristagoras was said to have taken with him to Lacedaemon, it is plain that its utility as a guide can have been very small; for the Lacedaemonians, to whom it was exhibited, gathered from it no con-
ception of the real distance of Susa from the coast, and unless Aris-
tagoras had inadvertently answered their question truly, were in a
fair way (according to Herodotus) of being duped by him. So far,
therefore, as the evidence of this particular incident (on which much
stress has been laid) goes, there is nothing whatever to difference the
"map" of Aristagoras from those numerous γραφαί περὶ διόδοις which excite
our author's contempt elsewhere, and consequently nothing to indi-
cate the existence of charts constructed on such principles as to
furnish a traveller with assistance in disentangling the geography of
the country through which he might be passing.

But, in fact, the commercial importance of Miletus, its wealth, and
the civilisation indicated by its contributions to the literature of the
sixth and fifth centuries before the Christian era forbid us to rest
satisfied with merely this negative result. Anaximander's name is
brought into connexion with that of his countryman Thales, either as
a scholar or an acquaintance; and his reputation as a physical philo-
sopher was high throughout antiquity, worthless as his views appear
to the superior enlightenment of modern times. It is difficult there-
fore to suppose, that a performance which even Eratosthenes thought

20 Ἀναξιμανδρὸς ὁ Μιλήσιος, ἀκοινοτήθι Θαλέως, πρῶτος ἐτύλησε τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐν
πίνακι γράφαι, μεθ' ὑπ' Ἐκαταίον ὁ Μιλήσιος, ἀνὴρ πολυπλανής, διηκρίσθενεν, ὡστε
θαυμασθῆναι τὸ πρῶτον. Ἀγαθεμέρος (p. 2, ed. Hudson). Ὁ Ἐρατοσθένης φησίν
Ἀναξιμανδρόν τε, Θαλόν γεγονότα γνώριμον καὶ πολίτην, καὶ Ἐκαταίον τὸν Μιλήσιον,
tὸν μὲν ἐκδόναι πρῶτον γεωγραφικόν πίνακα, τὸν δὲ Ἐκαταίον καταλιπείν
gράμμα, πιστοτέμενον ἑκένων εἴναι ἐκ τῆς ἄλλης αὐτοῦ γραφῆς. (Strabo, i. c. 1,
p. 10.) It is well to remark, that from the comparison of these two passages it
follows, (1st) that Agathemerus's statement is, no less than Strabo's, originally derived
from Eratosthenes; (2ndly) that what Hecateus did was to correct Anaximander's
tablet, not by producing a better, but by writing a treatise upon it; and (3rdly) that
Anaximander's πίνακας was not accompanied by such a treatise, which, if it had been a
portable map on vellum, it doubtless would have been. Consequently, it will most
likely have been, as suggested in the text, a table in stone or metal, set up in some
public place, as the nineteen-year cycle of Meton was some years afterwards at
Athens. See p. 163, below.
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worthy of honourable mention, can have possessed merely the merit of being the first rough attempt to convey an idea of the shape and bearings of the then known portions of the earth. Had it been nothing more than this, it must have been utterly valueless, if merely from the erroneous physical notions of its author. But it will assume a considerable value (although one of a very different kind from a modern chart) if we suppose that within such a rude outline as we have imagined there were drawn the several inland routes, and the tracks of coast navigation, by which the commerce of Miletus (then unquestionably the chief of the Hellenic trading communities) was accustomed to pass,—and that the different ports at which (if a navigator) the traveller would desire to touch, the landmarks for which he would have to look out, or (in the case of land routes) the stations where he might be able to rest, the rivers which he would have to cross, and the barriers where he would find tolls to pay, were noted down upon each of these. This information might be conveyed in such a tablet without any adherence to an uniform scale; because the distances, estimated in the way in which alone at that time it was possible to estimate them, would naturally be specified by the number of days' march or of hours' sail from one position to another. A tablet constructed on such a principle would be of the greatest use to the merchants who met on the exchange at Miletus; and on this its reputation would rest. To look at it in the usual manner as a step in the science of mathematical geography is (I conceive) not only to attribute to it a merit which it did not possess: it is really to distract our attention from those which it did. It must be regarded as resembling the Peutinger Table, a general itinerary in a synoptical form, conveying the aggregate information possessed by Greek merchants at the time, in a shape independent of any knowledge of the true figure and dimensions of the earth, and consequently subject to all the amount of error which ignorance of the elementary principles of mathematical geography necessarily involves. In this view of the subject, it is not difficult to understand, how the memoir of Hecataeus founded upon it should acquire the reputation it did. It no doubt consisted mainly in the verification and correction of the distances and bearings of the landmarks, with reference exclusively to travellers upon the routes. Thus the corrected itinerary, although of no pretension in itself to the merits of a chart, would become most inter-
estating to a scientific geographer like Eratosthenes, who having already, by independent methods, determined approximately the figure and magnitude of the earth, would find in it materials to fill up the correct outline which his superior knowledge had enabled him to sketch out.

**Hecataeus the Milesian,** whose name has been brought before our notice in connexion with the subject of this celebrated tablet, is also included in the list of ancient writers criticised by Dionysius of Halicarnassus in the way we have seen. Mention of him by name occurs in four passages in our MSS of Herodotus 21, in the first three of which he is described by the title δ λογοτικός, a term which Arrian gives to both 22. In the fourth passage he is called simply "the son of Hegesander," his father's name not having been mentioned in the other three, and a notice, apparently in his own words, of the conduct of the Pelasgians to their Athenian neighbours is inserted into our author's text 23. This passage may possibly be a later introduction by the hand of an ancient editor, of whom there are traces in several other places 24; but even if it be so, it is still not likely that Herodotus should have learnt what he says of Hecataeus without being acquainted with his works. In point of fact, Hecataeus is the only one of the numerous prose writers then extant who is mentioned by him by name. Now it is distinctly asserted, that in the second book of his work, a great deal has been taken from Hecataeus's *Periegesis,* even the very language having been only slightly changed, and as instances of this are cited the descriptions of the phoenix, the river-horse, and the mode of capturing the crocodile 25. Yet, not only is there no indication on the part of Herodotus that he has there made any use of his predecessor's writings, but, if we turn to the passages thus particularised, we find what amounts to a profession that he is himself an eye-witness of what he is describing. The phoenix, he allows, he has not seen himself except in a painting, from the circumstance of its visiting the country only at rare intervals; from which statement one would naturally infer that he must have seen both the river-horse and the crocodile, the description of which

21 ii. 143; v. 36. 125 (on which last passage see note 341); vi. 137.
22 *Exped. Alexand.* v. 6. 23 See note 305 on vi. 137.
24 See note 432 on ii. 145; note 99 on iv. 32; note 236 on viii. 119.
25 The descriptions are in §§ 63—73. See Porphyry quoted in note 183.
occurs in the next section. But the description is of such a kind as to make one absolutely certain that he neither saw them nor got his account direct from any one who had;—so entirely erroneous are the particulars in matters which could not fail to strike the eye. And yet these descriptions occur in a part of the book for the superior accuracy of which he volunteers a pledge, studiously contrasting it in this respect with what he afterwards proceeds to relate. Whether, therefore, we adopt the assertion of Porphyry, that the sections just referred to are really the work of Hecataeus, or reject it, the conclusion seems irresistible, that we have here an instance of the writer giving an account, as if on his own authority, of what he undoubtedly could not have seen.

If now we set out with the impression, which some scholars appear to have derived from the study of Herodotus, that there is "observable, in every part of his history, a determination not to be responsible for any but ascertained facts;" if we regard his intercourse with the Chaldaean priests in Babylon as taking place while "engaged in collecting materials for his history of Assyria;" and think of him as one who, after having "visited all the most remarkable parts of the world then known—Egypt, Syria, Palestine, Colchis, probably Babylon and Ecbatana, the northern parts of Africa, the shores of the Hellespont, the Euxine Sea, and Scythia, pursuing in all those countries his researches with unwearied industry,"... "again recommenced his researches and his travels with renovated ardour; and, as he had before directed his attention more particularly to the nations and countries which acknowledged the supremacy of the Persian empire, so now travelled with the same patience of investigation over the various provinces of Greece, collecting the records of the most illustrious families of the different towns of any note," we cannot help feeling not only surprised, but shocked, at such a manifestation of the real state of the ease as appears in the passages just mentioned.

26 μέχρι μὲν ταύτου ὄψις τε ἐμὴ καὶ γνώμη καὶ ἱστορία ταῦτα λέγουσά εἰσιν τῷ δὲ ἀπὸ τούτῳ, Αἰγυπτίων ἐρχομαι λόγους ἐρέων, § 99, where see note 263.

27 It has generally been assumed by the modern magnifiers of Herodotus's historical character, that when he uses the expression μέχρι ἐμὲ ἐδών or ἐτί ἐς ἐμὲ ἐδών, he is of course to be regarded as an eye-witness of the thing to which these words are applied. This rule, however, can hardly be applied to the "Forts of Darius" in Scythia (iv. 124), or, if applied, it must be at the expense of the writer's character as an observer. See notes 316 and 317, thereon.
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mined to take up ground different from that on which the ancients uniformly took their stand in the criticism of our author, we must give up his character for veracity. Considered as a logographer, nothing can be said too highly in his praise. But then we must regard him as governed by the principles of a logographer, blending together into one mass the various materials which offered themselves to him, here the tale brought by some skipper of a merchant ship, there the story which beguiled the discomforts of the caravanserai after the day’s journey was over; often listening to the tale of the ἔννοιτος of a temple, at another time hearing the details which some veteran sailor or septuagenarian hoplite poured out, of the doings at Salamis or Marathon. The local traditions which embodied in a mythical form the early history of the several states,—the popular poetry which embalmed the memory of the worthies of the past,—the peculiar customs prevailing at the religious festivals, to every one of which was attached some story to explain it,—would furnish a mass of materials not less valuable for his purpose than formal historical documents. Modern criticism is inclined to rate such sources of information very low; but in the days of Herodotus they found more favour, or perhaps we should rather say, more justice. At all events, if we are to be guided by the direct testimony of antiquity, confirmed by that indirect evidence which the remains of the early historians afford, we shall not set out on the assumption that Herodotus was guided by a modern spirit of criticism in the collection or the selection of his materials; but either be satisfied to enjoy his work as a composition of surpassing beauty and interest, reading it as a contemporary would have done; or else, if in accordance with the habits and tastes of the present day we look in it for materials from which to reconstruct the image of the past, we must be content patiently to trace the probable sources of each portion of it, to compare not merely Herodotus with Ctesias or Dinon (as one might Hallam with Lingard, or Southey with Butler), but both the one and the other with what we know from other sources to have actually taken place; not deciding between them on the simple estimate which we may form of their relative judgments, but testing the accounts of each by the analogy of other similar cases, and by their conformity with the known conditions of society. The notes with which this edition is furnished have been drawn up chiefly with the object of facilitating
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this process. They are not, properly speaking, so much illustrations of the text of Herodotus, as illustrations, through his text, of the time in which he lived and the influences under which his work would necessarily be composed. The object has not been to palliate discrepancies, but by bringing them out into a strong light, to show distinctly the degree of historical assurance which exists on the points where they occur, and thus prepare the way for a due appreciation of all conflicting statements. In some cases I cherish the hope that the result of this method has been, to render possible a clearer view of important historical transactions than has yet been obtained; and I have little doubt that a much richer harvest will be reaped by those who have leisure to follow it up.

It would, however, be a great error to dismiss the reader to the study of Herodotus, under an impression that because his materials are mainly of the kind just described, and combined with one another on a principle very different from that which a modern historian would adopt, his work is therefore at all deficient in historical value. The very phenomena discoverable in it, which take it out of the category of histories such as those of Tacitus or Thucydides, will (if we look at the matter aright) increase our conviction of the fidelity with which it reflects the current opinions, feelings, and habits of the time in which it was written. What the men of that day believed of the transactions of the generation which had preceded them, comes to us in a scarcely altered shape. A flood of barbarism had swept over Asia, and, after engulfing almost all the existing civilisation, had been rolled back again; so that when the survivors of the deluge began to lift up their heads, an entirely new order of things had sprung into existence, and of the old order only insulated relics remained, connected together and interpreted by the popular sentiments of the time. A generation before the battle of Salamis the coasts of Asia were full of flourishing commercial communities, small indeed as regards their territorial extent, but wealthy, enterprising, and skilled

28 I would instance especially the nature of the revolution effected by Darius, as developed in the Excursus II. on Book iii. and the under-current of Achaean interests, which modified the whole foreign policy of Sparta before and during the Persian war, upon their finding an able and unscrupulous representative in a Heraclide king. See note 172 upon vi. 73, and the references therein; the following notes as far as 190; also notes 436, 437 on Book vii. and notes 18 and 31 on Book ix.
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in arts and arms. The Homeric epics,—the lyric poetry, of which fragments alone have come down to us,—the numerous colonies which studded the shores of the Euxine,—the magnificent temples of Samos and Ephesus,—and the proverbial luxury of Ionia, constitute incontestable evidence of the extent which civilisation had reached among the Asiatic Hellenes. With their European brethren the case was widely different. That city, in which, before a century more had elapsed, were produced the dramas of Sophocles and the friezes of the Parthenon,—in which the oratory of "Olympian Pericles" swayed the wills of the assembled people like the nod of the omnipotent Zeus himself,—while, meantime, unprecedented national success had engendered the vision of universal sovereignty,—was, at the time when Croesus crossed the Halys, a humble member of the confederacy of which her military rival was the paramount head,—too feeble to dream of independent action,—without a written literature, unless we may give such a name to the productions of Solon,—and indebted for even the rudiments of cultivation to the dynasty whose name she afterwards proscribed 29. History presents no instance of rapid development comparable to that of Athens during the latter half of the sixth and the former half of the fifth century before the Christian era; the nearest parallel perhaps is that of the Italian republics at the time of the revival of letters. But the calamity which had in its results awakened the latent energies of the countrymen of Themistocles, by merging all individual interests in the sense of one common danger and the sentiment of one common patriotism, and which, when it was at last repelled, left them no longer an aggregate of rival families, but an united people free by their own efforts, presenting to the world an example of the most heroic valour rewarded by the most dazzling success,—had overlaid and entirely extinguished the national life of the Asiatic states. Their whole population had been changed, and their national records were of course destroyed, when the temples in which they had been laid up were burnt and the endowments confiscated. Hence, when the ancient enemy was at last partially humbled, and some

29 To the Pisistratids the Athenians were indebted not only for their first familiarisation with the Homeric poems,—an influence which may be compared, (looking at the matter merely in its intellectual bearings,) to the effect produced in England by the circulation through the press of the translation of the Bible,—but likewise for an introduction to the nobler forms of architecture.
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of the exiles which remained alive had returned to their native land, a complete gap in the continuity of their history would exist, to be bridged over in the best way it might. Of the way, now, in which this problem was solved we have the picture in the work of Herodotus,—a far more valuable document, surely, from its exhibiting, in their genuine simplicity, the materials of the edifice, than would have been the case had the writer undertaken the duty of chipping and shaping these in order to produce a more symmetrical, and, what some may consider, a more historical appearance.

I will now proceed to point out some of the principal sources of Herodotus's materials, and give a brief sketch of their peculiar character, in order to make yet plainer the point of view from which, in my opinion, he must be criticised.

The most important of all must undoubtedly be reckoned the temples, especially those which were connected with periodical assemblages of the different members of the Hellenic race, such as those of Pytho and Olympia. The importance of these reunions is often but little appreciated, from the habit which prevails of regarding them exclusively under their religious aspect. No doubt the national feeling was fostered by that participation in common religious ceremonies which formed an essential part of the meeting; but this was not the original object of their institution, and would in a very slight degree be the case until after the occurrence of those great events which did, so to speak, create the nationality. There was no pan-hellenic spirit, in the proper sense of the word, before the Persian war. In the earlier times the prevailing bond of union was the principle of confederation, either for the purpose of mutual defence or for that of commercial advantage, and perhaps especially the latter. Strabo expresses as much in a word, when he says "that the panegyris is a commercial matter;" and the truth of the remark is confirmed by the circumstance, that as the lines of traffic altered with the political changes of the world, the temples which had been the seat of the principal assemblages lost their importance, sometimes recovering it again with the return of the original state of things. And, in fact, the

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39 This was the case with Delos, which immediately after the Mithridatic war recovered its former importance, because Corinth, which for several hundred years had attracted the thorough traffic between Asia and Europe, had been destroyed by the Romans. The Delians were wise enough to assist the natural advantages of their situation
connexion between the temple and the fair is very easy to understand. One may at once see how, in early times, the respect due to the shrine of the god produced security to his worshippers; how deeds of violence and robbery, which the lax morality of the time would have let pass unreprobed in another place and at a different time, became sacrilege when perpetrated within the boundaries of the sacred territory, and before the expiration of the sacred truce. Within these limits the authority of the accredited ministers of the temple would be supreme, arising from the circumstance that they alone had the power of defining the rites and ceremonies which the stranger, who had entered the territory under the guardianship of the local deity, must perform in order to propitiate him. This knowledge was considered a matter of the very highest importance; it was handed down traditionally from generation to generation, usually in certain families. No one would attempt either to question, or to share it; and as a necessary consequence, a yet further power would be grafted upon it,—that of determining what regulations should be observed by the visitors of the temple in their intercourse with each other during their stay in the sacred territory. All disputes between them would naturally fall under the jurisdiction of the acknowledged authorities of the place. In their capacity of ἐγγυταί, these would be regarded as divinely accredited; and in such a case the decisions of equity would become invested with the awful character of a divine command. The obvious utility of enforcing such decisions would enlist on the side of the judges the sympathy and active support of all except the party against whom each particular decision was given; and thus insensibly would grow up a complete code of maxims relating to the intercourse of men with one another, the good sense of which would commend itself to the sober judgment of the calm, while the repute of their sacred origin would procure obedience to them even from the violent. It is, however, now im-

31 The well-known scene in Sophocles's Oedipus Coloneus will convey a lively notion of the effect of the religio loci in Pagan antiquity (vv. 117—257). See also vv. 465—492.

32 Thus will be explained the origin of the old gnomic sentiments referred to in note 116 on i. 32.
important to remember that such proceedings imply a common religious belief. The deity whose shrine was regarded in so sacred a light, and whose ministers were so reverenced as to render their authority paramount even in the decision of purely secular matters, was, of necessity, himself assumed to stand in a special relation to his worshippers, of a kind which demanded their respect, and at the same time justified them in expecting protection from him. In this necessity originated the early genealogies,—preserved in the poets but not invented by them,—connecting by lineal descent impersonations of the several tribes (i.e. their eponyms) with the tutelary deity who was the object of their united worship; and thus expressing to the multitude, not in an arbitrary form, but in the only language intelligible to an uncultivated age, their religious and ethnical history. The transition from the divine to the merely human was smoothed down by the employment of that machinery which the imagination so readily suggests to those who are open to the influences of nature. The stream, the mountain, and the forest were all invested with life. The foaming torrent had been a river-god, the spreading oak in the depth of the forest a melancholy maiden, the dancing brook some joyous daughter of an ancient chief whose charms had won for her the love of the local divinity, and who became by him the mother of a new race. The dry genealogy thus acquired the colouring of

33 Two exquisite sonnets of Wordsworth's will show, better than a volume of dissertation, the part played by the fresh imagination of a highly organised race in the creation of their own mythology. One is the following:—

"Brook! whose society the Poet seeks,
Intent his wasted spirits to renew;
And whom the curious Painter doth pursue
Through rocky passes, among flowery creeks,
And track thee dancing down thy water-breaks;
If wish were mine some type of thee to view,
Thee, and not thee thyself, I would not do
Like Grecian Artists, give thee human cheeks,
Channels for tears; no Naiad should'st thou be,—
Have neither limbs, feet, feathers, joints, nor hairs:
It seems th' Eternal Soul is clothed in thee
With purer robes than those of flesh and blood,
And hath bestowed on thee a better good;
Unwearied joy, and life without its cares."

The sympathy of the poet of nature revolts, as might have been expected, from the artistical polytheism of the classical period, and attaches itself to the feelings of an earlier age, when the instinctive sense of the beautiful (as strong then as ever after-
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the poetical tale; upon the ancient pantheistic creed thus became grafted the varied forms which Hellenic polytheism afterwards assumed; and as the process went on, in accordance with a regular law, every addition to the original legend was stamped with the impress of the common habits of life and common modes of thought and feeling belonging to the time in which it was assimilated.

"Thus every where to Truth Tradition clings,
Or Fancy localises Powers we love:
Were only History licensed to take note
Of things gone by, her meagre monuments
Would ill suffice for persons and events:
There is an ampler page for man to quote,
A ruder book of manifold contents
Studied alike in palace and in cot."

Wordsworth.

While now the intercourse between different independent communities was very slight, and confined to those tribes whose traditions were identical, the historical and religious myths remained proportionally simple; but the case was altered when the extension of commerce brought distant cities into contact with one another. Some common religious bond was essential to the most ordinary mercantile transaction. Without it there could be no valid covenant, for no oath could be tendered which would bind the conscience of both the contracting parties; and without the sanction of an oath good faith was not to be looked for in early paganism. But this difficulty was soon removed where there existed any strong analogy between religious systems, or similarity between the rituals which embodied them. Nothing was easier, or in the feeling of those simple times more natural and proper, than to combine the two distinct creeds together by the aid of a fresh legend. Thus the Isis of Egypt found an entrance, as Io, into the religious ideas of the worshippers of the wards) had not yet been dissevered from a religious awe for the grand forms of nature, into which men chose rather to merge humanity, than detach them from the great Whole to which they belonged by isolated personifications.

The other sonnet is that on the monument commonly called Long Meg and her daughters, near the river Eden. (Works, vol. v. p. 249.) To these, the lines of Shelley on the Passage of the Apennines, printed among the Posthumous Poems in 1824, deserve well to be added. They might have been chanted under Mount Ida, three thousand years ago, as a part of some hymn to Demeter Achna. 34 See notes 161 and 366, on Book 1., note 153 on Book II., and note 487 on Book VII.

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Argive Here, as soon as commercial intercourse sprang up between the two countries. Thus, too, the cruel Tauric goddess was brought into connexion with the Artemis Limnæa of Lacedæmon, for the behoof of the merchants of Heraclea and Chersonesus, by help of the story of Iphigenia. It is not of course to be supposed that these supplementary legends (as they may for distinction’s sake be called) possessed at their first growth any thing like the symmetry or the richness with which their handling by the poets has invested them for us. In the dim twilight of the time in which they sprang up, their rude proportions excited no surprise; and it was not until an entirely different state of things had arisen, not until men’s tastes had become more cultivated, their acquaintance with the world extended, and their understandings called into action, that a spirit of discrimination arose which rejected the food on which the early ages had been contentedly nourished, and demanded the artistic attractions which the lyrical and dramatic poets supplied. This being the only shape in which we are familiar with the Hellenic mythology, it requires some effort not to forget, that it only represents the original, somewhat as the fairy mythology of the Midsummer Night’s Dream may represent the notions prevalent among the common people of England, on the subject of elves and fays, in the reigns of the Tudors. The myths of Hellas, as they grew up in the mountain village or the depths of the forest, were strange and outlandish even to the eye of an ancient mythographer.

It was enough at first if they answered the purpose for which they were produced, that of securing respect for the rude ordinances which were the earliest legal check to the ferocity of uncivilised men.

It is important above all things for understanding any question of mythology, to separate this era of the natural growth of myths, from those later periods in which their handling by poets and logographers produced a far greater luxuriance, although one of an entirely different kind, and also from that still later, when their arrangement by collectors had superinduced a semblance of chronological order. The genuine myth is not a fiction in the proper sense of the word; it

35 See notes 279 and 280 on Book IV.
36 Hecatæus began his history with the words: τάδε γράφω ὡς μοι ἦλθεά διότει εἶναι οἱ γὰρ Ἑλλήνων λόγοι πολλοί τε καὶ γεοίνοι, ὡς ἑμοὶ φαίνονται, εἰσὶν. (fr. 332.)
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was the only possible form for denoting the new phenomena which presented themselves, and demanded to be expressed. It bore an analogy to the common use of metaphorical language,—in which we apply to spiritual experiences language borrowed from the world of sense (as when we talk of being prostrated by a calamity),—or to the practice of children, who will continually speak of that which they are imagining as a transaction which is actually taking place, and who often become really alarmed at the terrors which in their play they create for themselves. The genuine myth therefore is in its essence a truth; for its form expresses the real social conditions of those periods of human existence during which it arises; and its preservation in an uncorrupted shape is the most valuable of all materials for the philosophical historian. There can be no greater confusion than to consider it as interchangeable with fable, unless it be the transplanting it into ages and conditions of society where none of the necessities which gave rise to it existed, and where it is scarcely less absurd to look for it than it would be to search for wild flowers among the pavement of Cheapside.

The first important step in the modification of the myth perhaps was taken by the officials of the temples themselves, in substituting the hymn, with its attractions of metre and music, for the ancient dry formula of invocation. The earliest hymn writers were doubtless themselves priests of the deity celebrated, and their first performances in all probability differed but little from the jejune genealogies to which they succeeded. Unfortunately the productions of Olen the Lycian, Pamphus the Athenian, and Museus the Eleusinian (who belonged to this class, and are said to have lived before the time of Homer), are so utterly lost, that no direct notion can be formed of their nature; but a few lines which remain of a writer who lived at no great distance of time after the conquest of the Peloponnese, and who may be regarded as belonging to the next stage of advance, entirely go to confirm this view. They constitute a portion of the ἄγαμα προσόδων, or hymn in which the sacred procession saluted the Delian Apollo upon entering the walls of his temple. The hymn itself was written by Eumelus of Corinth, a member of the illustrious house of the Bacchiads, for the Messenians on the first occasion of their participating in the festival; and if any opinion may be formed from the specimen which remains, it consisted of a
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versified recitation of the genealogies through which the ethnical connexion of the Messenians with the other tribes that frequented the Delian panegyris was exhibited. The fragment is thus given by Tzetzes:

'ΑΛΛ' ὡτε δ' Ἀϊήτης καὶ Ἀλωνίς ἔξεγένιστο Ἡελίως τε καὶ Ἀντιάθης, τότε δ' ἀνέχα χάρις δάοσατο παισίν ἐσις Ἡπείρους ἄγαλας ὑλάς ἴναιν ἐναίειν Ἀσωσίας, τὴν πόρε διώ Ἀλωεί, ἴν δ' Ἐφύρη κτεάτειον' Αἵήτη δόξαν ἐπάσαν. Αἵήτης δ' ἔρ' ἐκὼν Βουνὺ παρέδωκε φυλασσείν, εἰσόκεν αὐτὸς ἁγία εἰς ὀστερον αὐθές 'κοινον, ἥ εξ αὐτῶ τίς δόσι ψάκητο [forte ἀδ' οἴξοιτ' εἰς] Κολχίδα γαίαν. (ad Lycophron. 174.)

From hymns of such a description as this must have been, the transition is scarcely perceptible to the poems of the so-called Cycle, which in fact may be regarded, in their origin, as founded upon

37 The observations upon this writer by Colonel Mure in his History of Greek Literature (iv. p. 62), are, in my opinion, singularly ill founded, and constitute a remarkable exception to the perspicacity which distinguishes the greater part of the work,—one for which the author deserves the thanks of all in this country who wish success to the study of the Hellenic literature. The σάμα προσδόκων was the only genuine work of Eumelus, and was a processional composed for a religious service. (Pausanias, iv. 4. 1; iv. 33. 3.) It is therefore no warrant for coupling its author with "his fellow Dorian annalists of the same age." Moreover, the Messenians for whose use it was composed, were a people in which the Dorian invaders had amalgamated with the primitive population on terms of equality, and where, after a revolution and counter-revolution, the old religion had recovered great force. (Pausanias, iv. 3. 3–6.) The reigning dynasty ceased to be called Heraclides, and were called Ἀτριτίδες. The Bacchiad of Corinth had likewise abandoned the name which distinguished the Dorian invaders. It is therefore scarcely possible to doubt that the hymn of Eumelus was composed in a friendly spirit to the conquered people, with whom the Ἀτριτίδες and Bacchiads appear to have identified themselves as the Norman Plantagenets did with their English subjects. In this view, any commemoration of the victories of the Dorian invaders over the Achaeans would have been religiously avoided. I cannot refrain from adding, that I suspect the "Sparto-Dorian" writers of Mure, such as Cinaedon (Pausanias, i. 3. 7), were really of the old blood, and should rather be described by the word "Achaeo-Laconian." I should believe them to have retained the greater civilisation of the Pelopid times, and to have employed it in the way in which the warlike Dorian invaders would most appreciate it, namely, in pedigree writing. The Lacedaemonian passion for this subject was remarkable in later days. Plato makes Socrates ask Hippias the sophist respecting them: ἀλά τι μὴν ἐστιν δ' ἣδες σοῦ ἀκρούσθαι καὶ ἐπαινοῦσθαι: αὐτὸς μοι εἰπέ, ἐπειδὴ ἐγώ οὐν ἐφράσκω, to which he answers: περὶ τῶν γενών, καὶ Ἀργαῖτων, τῶν το ἤρων καὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, καὶ τῶν κατοικιῶν, ὥσ το ἄρχαιον ἐκτίθησαν αἱ πόλεις, καὶ τούτων κάτωσθαι, ὥστ' ἐγγελε δ' αὐτῶν ἤναγκασαν ἐκμεμαθήκην τε καὶ μεμελετηκέναι τάστα τὰ τοιαῦτα. (Hippias Major, § 12.)
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them. The Alexandrine grammarians who arranged these so as to constitute in themselves a complete collection of the Hellenic mythology, were guided entirely by a view to their fitness for mutual adaptation, so as to produce a consistent and continuous narrative; and in this they only carried out the principle upon which the several poets had acted in the composition of their own works. Hence it is that they are called ποιηταί ἱστορικοί, and regarded as differing from the logographers who arose yet later, only by the circumstance of writing in metre. Their poetical merits were perhaps small, but they left no current legend without finding a place for it somewhere or other. The description which Macrobius gives of one of them may serve for all. "Virgil," he says, "copied almost verbally his overthrow of Troy, with the story of Sinon and the wooden horse, and all the other contents of his second book, from Pisander, an author distinguished among the Greek poets by a work which, beginning with the nuptials of Jupiter and Juno, collects and reduces into one series all the historical incidents which occurred in the whole of the intervening ages, down to Pisander’s own time, and produces a single body out of diverse insulated periods (unum ex diversis hiatibus temporum corpus efficit)."

It is obvious, however, that in a people endowed so universally as was the case with the Greeks, with a capacity for apprehending the beautiful in every possible form, mythical history, when once the influence of the artist began to be exercised upon it, would rapidly alter its character, and while it became fuller and richer, would at the same time become more nearly identical with simple fable. In the time of the Hellenic drama, the right of the poet to shape the legend he handled in any way most convenient to himself was not questioned; and the only obstacle to the most arbitrary treatment of the myths arose out of the circumstance, that, as in their main outline they were already familiar to every body, any extraordinary variation from this would have been detrimental to the artistic effect. The spectator, for instance, who sat down in the temple of Dionysus accustomed to think of Helen as having been carried off to Troy by her paramour, would have been (unless familiar with Stesichorus)

38 Strabo, i. p. 34.
39 Saturnalia, v. 2. Pisander was a native of Camirus, in the island Rhodes.
utterly puzzled as the curtain rose to find her in Egypt, possessed
with the sentiments of a Penelope, and only enduring life in the
hope of being ultimately enabled to disabuse her husband of a ten
years’ delusion, and recover her own character in the public opinion
of Hellas. Accordingly EuRIPIDES, whose career coincides with the
time in which the desire for novelty had completely over-ridden all
regard for the traditional method of treating mythical subjects, was
compelled, in this as in many other instances, to resort to that pecu-
liarity which drew upon him the ridicule of his comic contemporary,
—to employ the first of his personages who appeared on the stage in
explaining the particulars of the plot 40. His predecessor SOFNoCLES,
and ESCHYLUS indeed also, had introduced some variations into the
currently received legends; in fact, slight variations could hardly fail
to arise as soon as ever the imagination of the poet was brought to
bear upon them; and these would insensibly increase without at-
tracting especial notice until accidental circumstances directed atten-
tion to them 41.

But although the early myths were much modified by their poetical
handling as soon as they grew into any thing more than dry gene-
alogies, the change thus produced in them was at any rate not of a kind
to mask their original character, and to invest them with an undue
historical credit in the eyes of posterity. It was otherwise, however,
in their passage through the hands of the logographers, whose occu-
pation it became to complete the work which the cyclical poets had
begun, of collecting and arranging all the local legends into one
consistent whole. When the several genealogies had once been
combined, there was a strong temptation to pursue the task of
arrangement yet further, and to link the whole together by a chrono-
logical system, of which the basis was the number of generations

40 AriStophanes makes him say of his own plan:

εἴπ’ οὐκ ἐλήφην ὡ τι τέχνηι, οὐδ’ ἐμπεσών ἐφυρον,
ἄλλα οὐδὲν πρῶτιστα μὲν μοι τὸ γένος εἴπ’ ἐν εὐθὺς
τὸν δράματος.—(Frogs, 915.)

41 Such, for instance, as the peculiarity of EuRIPIDES’s prologues; or the trench-
ing upon the sacred traditions of a deity whose ritual was a secret one, as ESCHYLUS
did when he made Artemis the daughter of Demeter, following, as Herodotus tells us
(ii. 156), a Hellenized Egyptian legend. He was accused of revealing the doctrine of
the mysteries, and pleaded in his defence that if he did so he did it in ignorance.
ARISToTELE, Nicom. Ethic, p. 1111.)
which appeared to have elapsed. This attempt seems to have been first systematically carried out by Hellanicus, whose work or works differed from those of his predecessors by not being a mere topographical account of a single locality, but on the contrary including an extent of subject equal to that embraced by Herodotus. Still, however, unlike Herodotus, who weaves into one web the history of all the nations on which he touches, Hellanicus adopted what may be called a topical method, as is obvious from the titles under which he is quoted: Attica, Persica, Troica, and the like. The fragments which remain show that both mythical and historical stories were equally welcome to him; but his essential characteristic is the chronological attempt just referred to. This, in some respects, was not without a claim to a scientific character; for the foundation of it was the succession of the priestesses in the temple of Here between Argos and Mycenae. So far back as these were entered in contemporaneous records, the register must have been a very valuable document; and from the circumstance of Thucydidès fixing the beginning of his history by stating that the attack on Plataea took place in the forty-eighth year of the priesthood of Chrysis, one is led to believe that it may have furnished a better basis for an era than the registers of the victors either at Pythia and Olympia, or perhaps than any other then existing document. Nevertheless, even in the most recent times, Hellanicus's chronological arrangement was inaccurate, and Thucydidès mentions this as one of the reasons, which induced himself to give that brief summary which is the foundation of all the knowledge we possess, of the history of Greece between the Persian and Peloponnesian wars. How entirely sandy a foundation therefore must lie under such statements as that of the month and the day upon which Troy was taken, or of the year in which the nation of the Sicels migrated from the south of Italy to the island to which they gave their name. Yet such a chronological thread as

42 See the criticism proceeding upon this principle in ii. 44.
43 ii. 2. It is to be observed, that although he dates this event by a reference to the archon at Athens, and to the ephor at Sparta, and likewise to two other incidents, the mention of the priestess of the Hereaum does not stand on the same footing; for Argos had nothing to do with the first act of the Peloponnesian war, and was not mixed up in it until after the successful issue of the diplomacy of Alcibiades.
44 Thucydidès, i. 97.
that of Hellanicus, however feeble, was convenient as a mere means of arrangement, and while regarded merely in this light, there was no reason that it should be abandoned. That it maintained its ground for this purpose, until the more comprehensive systems of Eratosthenes and Apollodorus threw it into the shade, can scarcely be doubted.

The register of the priestesses of Here can only be considered as one document out of many of the same kind existing in Hellas. Wherever there was a temple endowed with a demesne, we may be perfectly sure that there was a muniment room. In some instances we know, and in others all analogy would lead us to presume, that the inferior service of a temple, and the cultivation of the neighbouring lands, was carried on by a population originally consisting of hierodules, belonging to the chapter of superior priests or (in the language of antiquity) to the deity to whom the temple was dedicated. As in the middle ages, so here, a transition would gradually take place from an absolutely servile condition to that of villenage. The supply of attendants would sometimes be partially renewed by the dedication of a portion of the captives taken when a town was stormed and destroyed, or by a votive offering of a similar description sent by some affiliated community—sometimes, too, it would be augmented by the helpless foundling picked up within the sacred precinct, and regarded by pagan humanity as possibly the offspring of the master of the temple, or by the victim of individual oppres-

rightly holds that it is unquestionably Hellanicus who is described by Dionysius of Halicarnassus in the words ὁ τὰς ἱερεὶς τὰς ἐν Ὁργει καὶ τὰ καθ’ ἐκάστην πραξείηντα συναγαγὼν. (Gr. 53.)

46 It is not to be assumed that because these Alexandrine scholars superseded their predecessors, and have continued, through Eusebius and others, to be the text-book of ancient chronography to the present day, that their methods were more critical; or that any greater dependance is to be placed upon the date of a professed historical transaction, antecedent to the period of contemporaneous records, because it found a place in their canons. The question, when reckoning backward once commenced, became only one of comprehensiveness and convenient arrangement; and if a myth was ever discarded, it was only from its being utterly unmanageable in combination with the rest.

47 As was the case with the chorus in the Phoenissæ of Euripides. See vv. 202—225.

48 Ion is the mythical representative of this class of claimants upon human sympathy (see the whole chorus: Euripides, Ion, vv. 82—183), just as Orestes is of the involuntary homicide.
sion, who was glad to exchange the service of a secular master for
that lighter burden which a religious fraternity even in pagan times
seemed to promise; but the regular maintenance of the ritual and
of the fabric required a substantial endowment, and as this could
only be in land, the question would at once arise, how this land was
to be made to yield its produce. Who was to plough and sow it if
under tillage? who to feed the flocks and herds if it consisted of
pasture? The original arrangement would doubtless be that which
has been always found to prevail, where the conquest of a country by
a warlike race has taken place under conditions of imperfect civilisa-
tion. The conquered people are, in such cases, compelled to main-
tain themselves and their conquerors by tilling the fields or herding
the flocks of the latter, and they receive as their wages the permis-
sion to raise their own subsistence from a portion of the soil occupied
by themselves. Such a state of things as this may be regarded as
the normal type of pagan religious establishments. The temple, like
its successor the abbey, commonly stood in the depth of a forest (the
τέμενος or ager publicus), whose solemn shades, unviolated by the
axe, were the special haunt of the divinity. Round about were
scattered the hamlets of the country people, serfs of the pagan.chapter, but still under the guardianship of the deity to whom the
land they tilled belonged, and participators in the ritual for the
maintenance of which they paid a portion of their produce. Their
condition was an enviable one as compared with the periœcean popu-
lation of secular communities. If they furnished victims for the sacri-
fices, they partook of at least a portion of the flesh. They would have
the privilege of hunting within the forest, and of taking the apples
and chestnuts, and the windfalls of wood. The periodical festivals
brought many an Autolycus with his pack; and his arrival was the
more welcome from his also bringing the news of what was going on
in every place through which he had past. If perhaps he took advantage
of the influence which plentiful potations from the great silver bowl—
the grace-cup at the Theophania—had exerted upon their brains, and
made them give an undue price for their wives’ scarlet mantles, or

49 See note 319 on ii. 113, below.
50 See Xenophon, Anabasis, v. 3. 6, seq.
51 Herodotus, i. 51.
52 φαγοκίδες Σαρδιανοί. Athenæus, ii. p. 43.
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some perfectly irresistible piece of carpet work 53, they might console
themselves with thinking that the royal present which the pedlar told
them he heard was on its way from Sardis would more than make up
the difference 54. It was in the nature of things that a population of this
kind should be a contented and thriving one; and if the votive offer-
ings of devotees are to be regarded as one source of the wealth of the
sacred communities, another no less important one is to be found in
the security from rapine and violence which their religious character
afforded to the cultivators of the soil. Some of the first-fruits of this
would be the acquisition of a vested interest in their holdings, on con-
dition of rendering the accustomed suit and service to the god. In the
course of time special privileges would be granted to individuals, and
the record of these 'copyholders' would be preserved in some form
or other within the temple 55. In it the names of the members of the
chapter or of its officers, for the time being, would appear; and thus
in the lapse of years materials would be formed for a kind of chro-
nicle of the foundation. The skeleton of this would consist of a list
of names derived from such sources as have been hinted, augmented
by the ethnical and religious genealogies above mentioned, and,
where there were public games, by the register of the victors; and
in course of time would be enriched by an ample harvest of details
supplied from the traditional stories which were attached to the
various offerings accumulated in the treasury.

If, now, no violent revolutions had occurred after the first settle-
ment of the several temples in Hellas, such local chronicles might
have acquired considerable fulness 56, and extending over a large

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54 Herodotus, i. 54.
55 Doubtless originally in stone, especially in European Greece, where writing
materials appear to have been very little used in early times. In Asia the case was
probably different, the employment of parchment being common there. The register
of the victors in the Pythian games which Aristotle made use of, was doubtless an
inscription. (ap. Plutarch. Solon. § 11.)
56 Two of the recent publications of the Camden Society afford an excellent
illustration of the nature of such compilations as those described in the text. The
Liber de antiquis legisbus contains a list of the mayors and sheriffs of the city
of London from the first year of Richard I. (1189) to the second year of Edward I.
(1274), together with an account of remarkable events which happened in their time
of office. This portion of the work is written in Latin by the same hand; conse-
sequently, by some one who was living at the last date, and who therefore must have
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space of time from the epoch of their first assuming the character of contemporary records, would have possessed great value as materials for genuine history. But the continual invasions of hostile tribes prevented this. It was not necessary for the conquerors to be of an altogether alien race, who would utterly destroy the temples of the conquered, as the Persians did those of the Hellenic cities in Asia. It would be enough to thoroughly unsettle the tenure of the society’s property and to destroy the continuity of its history, if the hierarchy was changed and the care of the temple entrusted to families of the victorious tribe. Such would bring their own traditions with them, and even in the favourable case of an amalgamation of these with what they found, the old annals in their genuine form would be very unpalatable to the new comers. The acceptance of a current story of a kind to imply that the actual possessors of a shrine were intruders into it, would have been a glaring impiety according to ancient ways of thinking. After every such change, therefore, as is marked mythically by the introduction of a new deity with his appropriate legend, we must conceive the back history of the temple to be in a manner reconstructed, retaining only so much of its

taken the first portion of the period from some other authority. Accordingly, the earlier years are exceedingly meagre of incidents. But to the whole is prefixed a collection of stories bearing upon the yet more ancient English history, most of which are taken from William of Malmesbury. The Peterborough Chronicle commences in the year 1122, and the first ninety years are exceedingly scanty, containing only a few brief entries relating to public affairs. For the next sixty years it is more minute, and more obviously derived from sources of information peculiar to the abbey, and from the year 1273 it is a contemporaneous history, full and detailed, of the proceedings of the chapter during the next ten years. The original foundation of the abbey was nearly six hundred years before this time, but the edifice had been burnt by the Danes, and the new church was built by abbot John, whose death (in 1125) is one of the earliest events named in the chronicle.

37 See the use which PLUTARCH makes of the Delphian Chronicle (Solon, § 11).
38 Thus Clisthenes of Sicyon, who had confiscated the property of the Adrastus temple, was obliged as a necessary consequence to forbid the recitation of the Thebais and Epigoni. See note 99 on iv. 33, and note 172 on v. 67. The conquest of the Poseidon-worshippers of the acropolis at Athens by the Athene-worshippers of the Areopagus is, in the myth, very carefully masked. Theseus, although his pedigree betrays his connexion with Poseidon, is made to be himself the founder of Athene as the tutelary deity of the united city. The hostile inhabitants of the Areopagus are converted into Amazons, although Athene’s early connexion with that locality is evinced by her establishment of the court there. And finally, the struggle takes the shape of an amicable rivalry between the two deities as to which shall produce the gift of greatest utility to their common protégés.
former contents as could be made to harmonise with the new régime.

It is not to be supposed, however, that chronicles, such as have been described, attracted any great attention. Even in the monastic establishments of the middle ages, the taste for compiling such works only existed in a very small number out of the multitude of their inmates. And in the religions of pagan antiquity,—at least those which chiefly prevailed at the time with which we are concerned,—it must be remembered that not the maceration of the body, but the development of its powers in vigour, not the contemplative life of the recluse, but the stirring energy of the warrior and statesman would be the object kept habitually in view. Apollo gave his advice upon schemes of conquest, or plans of colonisation which would involve conquest, more than upon any other subject; and if, in the 12th century among the monks of Peterborough or St. Edmund’s Bury, we find that active business habits and a shrewd eye for the interests of the fraternity were much more generally appreciated than either ascetic piety or skill in letters, we may be sure that at Pytho or Olympia, at Calaurea or the Isthmus, in a climate where an indoor life is almost an unnatural one, and with a creed which aided instead of checking the animal impulses, clerkly propensities were very rare indeed. Not that the Greek was indifferent to the past time; quite the contrary, but he did not care to look at it as an antiquarian does. Nothing so welcome to him if addressed to his imagination,—in the solemn hymn before the altar of the deity,—or in the mythico-historical address to the multitude assembled in the panegyris. To these he would listen with his whole heart and soul; by the help of a memory unimpaired by reading he would carry them home bodily to his own town, and his wife would repeat them to her handmaidens plying the distaff in the gynæcum 29, while the children

29 The attendants on Creusa indicate very plainly what were the two great agencies for propagating in early times that which has been called philosophy teaching by examples.

οὔτ' ἐπὶ κερκίσειν οὔτε λύγοις
φάτω ἄτοι, εὔνυχλας μετέχειν
θεόθεν τέκνα θνατοῖς.
(Euripides, Iou, 506.)

Thus too the Athenian in the Laws of Plato says: 'νῦν οὖν πεθαμένοι τοῖς μέθοις,
οὗς ἐκ νέων παῖδων ἔτι ἐν γάλαξι τρεφόμενοι τροφῶν τε ἥκονον καὶ μητέρων, οἷον ἐν

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sat by, suspending for a time the construction of toad-beetles from lime-tree bark, while they drank in the thrilling tale how Xanthus met his death by the sword of Melanthus as he looked round at the black shape which had come and stood behind him, or some equally stirring adventure. But it may be safely affirmed that the real early history of the Hellenic tribes would have been, without the intervention of poets or logographers, altogether unpalatable. The system secured by the fictitious arrangements of the latter was the very least substitute which could be accepted, for the appeal to the fancy which the former had been accustomed to make.

Having thus traced up the mythico-historical traditions of early Greece to that stage in their growth at which they had acquired a definite shape, had become recognised in the common belief of several distinct communities, and been fixed by embodiment in poetry or poetical prose, we will turn our attention to a new modification which they would thenceforth receive. Let us suppose a colony sent out, and settled in the midst of a barbarous neighbourhood, such, for instance, as were the settlements on the southern coast of the Euxine. Here the emigrants would retain the traditions and the ritual which they carried with them, in a pure state. There would be none of that religious syncretism which was the necessary result of conquest, wherever a close affinity existed between the victors and the vanquished; for there would be no amalgamation of races whatever, any more than there was between the Portuguese settlers on the coast of Africa and the negroes which they found there. But now a phenomenon of a different kind would present itself. As in the earliest days, the natural features of a neighbourhood gave a specific form to the incidents with which the dry skeleton of the historical genealogy was enriched, so, after the full grown myth had been fixed by the poet or logographer, and transported by a colony from its original site to a foreign shore, was the new neighbourhood required to furnish visible objects illustrative of the imported legend. Hence the numberless Ἕβονες, each the reputed nursing place of Dionysus,—hence the repe-
tition of the rivers Tritonis and Thermodon,—hence the cave through which Heracles descended to Hades, shown at Heraclea on the Euxine as well as at Tænarum in Laconia, and many other similar cases. The feeling which occasioned these localisations is one not difficult to understand. It was not peculiar to the pagan mind, but exhibited itself, under similar conditions of civilisation, in the Christian practices of the middle ages. In the steep hills (sometimes artificial mounds), which under the name of Gottesbergs or Calvaries are found throughout continental Europe in the vicinity of the sites of ancient churches, it is not difficult to recognise exactly the same principle of representation which prevailed in pagan antiquity;—a principle enforced by the necessities of the case. The heart of a German or Italian peasant of the 10th century would have been as dull to the simple narrative of events which took place at a distant place and remote time, as those of his pagan ancestors fifteen hundred years before. For him at all to enter into them, it was absolutely indispensable that they should be in a manner acted before his eyes. To regard such local representations as arbitrary fictions or priestly impostures, is just as unphilosophical a proceeding as the attempt to maintain them as if justified by historical facts.

Finally, a yet different modification of traditions would take place when, in the course of time, circumstances led to the establishment of intercourse between two or more previously insulated offsets of a common stock, after the recollection of their common origin had passed away. It was an obvious step to account for the community of habits, and sometimes of language also, apparent in two such tribes, by the hypothesis of a direct migration of the ancestors of the one from the site occupied by the other. Thus the Tyrrhenes of Italy were represented as having come from Lydia, the Phrygians of Asia from Macedonia, the Minyans of the western shore of the Peloponnese from Lemnos, and the numerous insulated spots where

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60 In Protestant countries these are naturally rarer than where the Roman Catholic creed prevails. Yet even in England there are not wanting instances of these sacred hills, although the spirit of the reformation would tend to obliterate all recollection of the purpose they served. The mound in the immediate neighbourhood of the close at Ely is no doubt such a one.

a The Pilgrimage of Sir R. Guyford in the Holy Land (another of the Camden Society's publications) will serve to exemplify both this principle, and that of the supplementary legends spoken of above, p. xxix. See especially what is said of the "Ager Damascenum," p. 54.
traces of a Pelasgian population remained, were connected with one another by ascribing to that race habits of life of an altogether anomalous character 61. The whole cycle of traditions upon which the story of the Æneid is founded is the combined product of this influence and of that other one which has last been noticed. The Homeric poems and the cyclics furnished the warp, the _ethnic affinity_ of the Asiatic and Italian tribes supplied the woof, of that rich web of poetical history, which was appropriated by Virgil, worked up by him into a form adapted to the requirements of his time, and in that state consolidated for all future ages by the epic which has immortalised his name.

What has been said will perhaps be sufficient to guide the student to a right appreciation of the nature of the materials which lay ready to the hand of Herodotus; but a few words may still be desirable upon the principle of discrimination which he appears to have followed.

It has been pointed out above, how the temples, in the neighbourhood of which any periodically recurring assemblage was held, became, from the nature of the case, points of crystallisation for the history of the several communities which took part therein. When this had acquired any definite shape, it naturally would, together with the religious ritual and its explanatory traditions, be carried into any new locality to which the ancient shrine sent out its missionaries. Wherever there was a sanctuary of great reputation and extensive connexions, it would follow as a direct consequence, that its mythico-historical traditions would spread far and wide, and be in the main accepted over an area co-extensive with that of its religious authority. When, therefore, we find, as is sometimes the case, two distinct communities produced as evidence for a particular story, it must not be hastily inferred that the story is an historically true one in the shape in which the two acknowledge it; for the agreement may arise simply from the circumstance of the two frequenting a common shrine, from which the story originally emanated. Thus, for instance, it cannot be doubted that the Hellenium at Naucratis was the original source of many tales which might be current at Chios, Teos, Phocaea, Clazomenae, Ialysus, Camirus, Lindus, Cnidus, Halicarnassus, Phaselis, and Mytilene 62, or at any number of those towns; and the

61 See notes 179 and 183 on Book I., and note 147 on Book VIII.
62 These are the communities which formed a kind of corporation at Naucratis, and
apparent concurrence of testimony would in such a case, for the purposes for which a modern historian values it, be altogether imaginary. But, looking at the matter in the way in which it was viewed five hundred years before the Christian era, that concurrence would be extremely important. It would demonstrate that the story in question was a portion of the body of tradition received and delivered at the central shrine, and consequently would authenticate it with all persons in whose eyes that body of tradition possessed authority. There would not indeed be that kind of conviction which is sought for by the investigations of modern scholars, but the need of such a conviction was not felt. Accordingly we find Herodotus, in his most critical moods, testing the merits of any mythical story he heard simply by its conformity with some other to which he had attached credence. To attribute extraordinary sagacity to him for bringing such stories to a test at all, is no more justifiable than to ascribe to him extraordinary credulity for not bringing them to a better one. He is to be regarded as a man of intelligence in his age, but not in advance of it to any appreciable extent.

The celebrated story told by Lucian, relative to an asserted recitation of the history before the assembled Greeks at Olympia, is so generally exploded at the present time, that it is hardly worth while to advert to it, except to remark that it so far conforms to all other ancient criticisms of our author, as to represent him in the light of an artist anxious to produce a work of beauty and general interest, and not in that of an antiquarian. In all its details the story is altogether out of keeping, both with the habits of the time and the appearances which are manifest in the work itself, as has been pointed out in several of the notes. But that portions of the work were read to an audience, not indeed as part of a solemn ceremony, probably at one time monopolised the trade between Egypt and Greece. (Herod. ii. 178.) I am much inclined to suspect that Cos once stood in the list and completed the number of twelve.

As, for instance, where he acquiesces with satisfaction in the hypothesis of a double Heracles, as a means of reconciling chronologically the story of the Thasian Heracles at Tyre with the common Heracles legend of European Hellas (ii. 44), and where he rejects the story of Rhodopis attached to the pyramid of Mycerinus, because the heroine of it cannot be brought into synchronism with the female of the same name whose offering existed at Delphi (ii. 134-5). In the former of these cases, his obvious uneasiness, lest he should inadvertently have been guilty of a piece of irreverence, is very curious and instructive. (§ 45, ult.)
but as the usual and natural mode of *publishing*, at an era when literature was addressed to the ear, is at least not improbable. In fact it seems far from unlikely that the original draft of the work contained only the last three books, and that of the remainder all the several parts were not added simultaneously. If we could be certain that any one of the MSS which exist represented the text as it was left by the author, only altered by the accidents consequent on transcription, this problem might be solved satisfactorily. This, however, is not the case. It was the practice with the booksellers under the Roman empire to make very considerable alterations in the books which they had transcribed, for the purpose of adding to their interest; and there are several passages, especially in the first half of the work of Herodotus, of which it seems doubtful whether they are not notes, originally added for the purpose of illustration by some ancient editor, and afterwards incorporated with the text. Many of these, certainly, may be accounted for on the hypothesis that the author kept an interleaved copy of his book by him to the last, and from time to time inserted in this other incidents which came to his notice and seemed likely to enhance the value of the whole. But this explanation will scarcely suffice to explain all the phenomena of the kind referred to; besides which there is strong evidence of very considerable variation of the copies in early times. Two of the manuscripts which remain stand apart in a striking manner from the rest; and there formerly were copies which differed from any now in existence. The uncertainty arising from these disturbing causes renders it next to impossible, from the present condition of Herodotus’s history, to draw a certain conclusion as to the conditions under which it was originally composed. For instance, it has been sometimes assumed that descriptions implying personal knowledge of the object described prove beyond the possibility of question that the author must have *travelled* in the locality of which he is speaking; but in some cases the passages to which this character attaches

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61 Hence Diodorus Siculus gives a preliminary sketch of the arrangement of his own work, in order to protect himself from the operations of future bookmakers: τοὺς διασκευᾶσθαι εἰσόθα τὰς βιβλίους ἀποτρέψαι τοῦ λυμαίνεσθαι τὰς ἄλλοτριὰς πραγματικὰς (i. 5).

62 See note 332 on i. 93, and 333 on iv. 131. For the variations in the two existing MSS alluded to above (S and V), see the notes referred to in the Index under the head “Sancroft manuscript.”
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present the appearance of proceeding from an ancient editor, while in others the inexplicable silence upon topics which must have suggested themselves to an eye-witness compels the conclusion, that the writer has in those places adopted and embodied in his work the narrative of another party without changing the form of expression which the circumstances of that party might have rendered appropriate 66. The way in which whole passages from preceding writers are said to have been tacitly appropriated has been mentioned above 67. So far, therefore, from tracing out a map of the travels of Herodotus from the incidental notices which occur in his history of different places, some readers may be disposed to take an altogether different view of the case, and to regard the author as handling his subject in the manner of Dr Foe, being perhaps all the time a resident in Samos or Athens. But although this view has more plausibility than the modern notion which represents Herodotus as a critic and antiquarian, it seems incompatible with another phenomenon which is observable on an attentive perusal of his work, namely, the incorporation of heterogeneous traditions,—of which several examples have been pointed out in the notes,—and even more so with the adoption of minor details which are out of keeping with the main outlines of the narrative into which they are introduced 68. Truth will, in this matter as in most others, probably lie between the extreme views. A candid reader who will read the history through, unhampered by any preconceived theory, simply putting himself in the position of a Greek of the fifth century before the Christian era, will probably not doubt that the author saw much with his own eyes, although perhaps he received more from the accounts of others; and while he will not feel surprised at the general assumption of the character of a narrator at first hand, he will not press this into a claim of extraordinary historical authority. The nearest parallel, perhaps, which can be adduced to the first six books, is to be found in the Travels of Marco Polo, which in many respects present very curious analogies. Like the work of Herodotus, that book very early appeared in manuscripts which

66 See notes 10, 58, and 84 on Book II., also note 68, below.
67 Page xx. See also note 19 on Book II.
68 The use, in different places, of different forms of the same name, as Thyrea and Thyreæ, Ladice and Laodice, Crathis and Crastis, is another circumstance which indicates a diversity of sources, and is incompatible with the view alluded to.
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differed from one another to a considerable extent, some betraying marks of excision, others of interpolation; in the latter case the additions being sometimes apparently contemporaneous with the traveller, sometimes demonstrably of later date. The narrative, too, as in the case of Herodotus, possesses in the main an unmistakably truthful character, and yet does not change its form when passing from the region of personal experience to the narration of particulars which undoubtedly rested on hearsay.

The object of the commentary being, as I have stated above, not simply to elucidate the text of the author, I have freely made use of the stores which were at hand in the notes of Valcknaer, Wesseling, Schweighaeuser, and Larcher (of whose commentary I have used the English translation by Mr. Cooley), as well as of the labours of Heyne, Lobeck, Mueller, and others, without thinking it necessary to notice the circumstance in particular instances. In fact, the accumulations of those worthies have now so long formed a part of the elementary knowledge of every classical scholar, that the acknowledgement of the obligation in each particular case is scarcely possible, and serves no other purpose than that of distracting the reader of a note from the point to which it is especially wished to fix his attention. When we owe, as we do, our whole power of taking any thing like a wide view of classical antiquity to having mounted upon the shoulders of our fathers, it seems absurd to repeat our thanks for each particular feature of the landscape. On the other hand, I have been particularly careful when resorting to ancient writers for the purpose of illustration, to keep in the eye of the student their character and authority; and thus to save him, so far as possible, from falling into the common error of mechanically putting together materials of the most heterogeneous description, in the notion that he is thereby increasing his knowledge of ancient history. The collations of the manuscripts have been entirely taken on the authority of Professor Gaisford's arrangement of them, and his text, from the circumstance of its being very widely used, has been followed where the contrary fact is not notified. This remark, however, does not apply to changes in the punctuation, which has been freely altered, and a large proportion of the stops removed for the sake of perspicuity.
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The following Table will explain the symbols by which the different manuscripts are denoted:—

A, B, C are three manuscripts in the Royal Library at Paris, collated by Wesseling.

\(a, b, c, d, e, f\) are six in the same, collated by Schweighaenzer.

Of these, the first is of the 12th, the second of the 14th, and the third and fourth of the 15th century. The fifth is a mere fragment containing only i. 1—87, and the sixth contains mere excerpta. According to Schweighaenzer, A and \(c\), B and \(b\), and C and \(a\), exhibit a striking agreement with one another.

M is a manuscript of the 10th century in the Medicean Library at Florence, collated by Gronovius.

P, a manuscript of the 12th century, collated by Wesseling.

F, a manuscript of the 10th century, formerly at Florence, collated by Schweighaenzer.

K, a fragmentary manuscript of the 12th century in the Cambridge University Library, collated by Wesseling.

S, a manuscript of the 12th century, formerly belonging to Archbishop Sancroft, now in the Library of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, collated by Wesseling and Gaisford.

V, a manuscript of the same age with \(S\), with which it has a remarkable agreement, at Vienna, collated by Wesseling.

They may be divided into three classes, each representing, with more or fewer minor variations, a common ancestor, thus—

I. M, F, P, and the fragmentary K.

II. S and V.

III. A, C, \(a\) and \(c\).

The rest, B, \(b\), \(d\), \(e\), \(f\) are sporadic in their character. The second class appears to show more grammatical care on the part of the transcribers than the others, but the inconstancy of all is shown in several instances in the notes.

I will only further add, that the task of annotating having been diffused over a considerable time\(^9\), and performed in the short inter-

\(^9\) Three of the Excursuses have already been read at the London Philological Society, and printed in the Society's Transactions.
vals which could be snatched from occupations of a different character, I fear there may be found some unnecessary repetitions, and probably not a few oversights which a continuous execution of the work would have prevented. These will, I hope, be judged with indulgence if I have at all succeeded in my main object,—that of illustrating, through the medium of the most fascinating of Greek prose writers, the habits and feelings of the time in which he lived, and awakening attention to the common motives of human action, exhibited in forms belonging to a state of things which has long since passed away.

*Ware Vicarage, Herts,*  
*April 7, 1854.*
'ΗΡΩΔΟΤΟΥ
ΙΣΤΟΡΙΩΝ ΠΡΩΤΗ.

ΚΛΕΙΩ.

'ΗΡΩΔΟΤΟΥ Αλικαρνασσός ιστορίης ἀπόδειξις ὑποδειγματικά τὰ γενόμενα εἰς ἀνθρώπων τῶν χρόνων ἐξήγησα, μήτε ἔργα μεγάλα τε καὶ θαυμαστά, τὰ μὲν Ἕλληντες τὰ δὲ βαρβάρους ἀποδειχθέντα, ὡς ἔγενται, τὰ τε ἄλλα καὶ δὲ ἤν αἰτίην ἐπολέμησαν ἀλλήλους.

Περσέων μὲν νῦν οἱ λόγοι. Φοινικαῖς, αἰτίους φασὶ γενέσθαι τῆς διαφορῆς. τούτων γὰρ, ἀπὸ τῆς Ἐρυθρῆς καλεομένης βαλλόσης ἀπικομένους ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν, καὶ οἰκίζοντας τούτον τοῦ χῶρον τὸν καὶ νῦν οἰκείους, αἰτίκα ναυτιλίας μακρὸς ἐπιθέσαν ἀπάγωντας δὲ φορτία Διογέντων τῇ τῇ ἄλλῃ [χώρῃ] ἐσαπικυνεῖσθαι καὶ δὴ καὶ ἐς "Ἀργος" (τὸ δὲ

1 Αλικαρνασσός. Gaisford reads with the Medicean MS (M) 'Αλικαρνασσός. But the Sancroft MS (S), the Codex Passionous (P), and three Parisian MSS, have the reading adopted in the text, which is confirmed by the Aldine edition and the citation of Demetrius Phalereus. 2 ἀπόδειξις. So P S and the Vienna MS (V), and also the Parisian MSS (b d). Gaisford adopts the Ionic form ἀπόδειξις, and below ἀποδειχθέντα. But it appears possible that these few lines of preface were not a portion of the work in its original shape; and therefore, being sanctioned by good MSS, I have preferred the common forms. 3 θαυμαστά. So S. Gaisford θωµαστά. 4 δὲ ἤν αἰτίην. The narrative of the historical causes of the war commences in v. 97. 5 οἱ λόγοι. "The story-tellers." The words λόγοι and λόγος in Herodotus are perfectly general in their application to all narratives, whether legendary or historical, oral or written. Thus he calls the natives of a particular portion of Egypt, who paid particular attention to the cultivation of their memory, λογισταὶ μακρῷ of all men with whom he has come into contact (ii. 77). Here, and also in ii. 3, oral narrative must be meant. 6 καὶ δὴ καὶ. This, and καὶ δὴ, are expressions which Herodotus habitually uses to introduce that particular feature of a narrative which bears upon the purpose he has in hand. Here, for instance, he wanted to bring the Phoenicians to...
Argos, in order to connect their habits with the Hellenic legend of Io. Translate, "and, in fine, to Argos." The etymology of ἄγιος from ἂγιος seems to furnish the best clue to its proper signification. The clause in which it occurs always contains a tacit reference to something previously related or understood to have happened. Thus, in the sentence next but one following, ἄγιος serves to direct the mind of the reader to what had just been said of Argos, the greatness of which was a part of the tradition. Translate, "Well, to this Argos the Phoenicians came, and set out their wares." So i. 9, ὁ μὲν ἄγιος τοιαῦτα λέγων ἀπεμάχετο, "well, he on his side by such-like arguments strove to get off." iv. 157: οὐ γὰρ δὴ σφαιράς ἀπελείπει θέους τῆς ἄποικίας, μὲν δὲ ἀπίκουσαι εἰς αὐτήν τῆς Λιβύης, "for, after all, the god refused to release them from the undertaken settlement, until, hindrance or no hindrance, they got to Libyra itself."

7 κατὰ πρῆµαν τῆς νέας. The vessel is supposed to be drawn up on the beach with her head to sea, ready therefore to be at once run out.

8 Πέρσαι. See note on § 95, ὅσῳ Περσαῖς μετεξέτησαν λέγουσι.  
9 βασιλεῖς. The MSS vary throughout between the forms βασιλεῖς, βασιλέας, and βασιλεῖας, in the most arbitrary manner. There being no means of discovering the law of their variation, it seems useless to weigh their testimony in each particular case.

10 εἰσάν δὲ ἐν οὖσι Κρήτης. The Hellenic legends represented Europa as going from Phoenicia to Crete, and from Crete to Libya (iv. 45). The tradition of which Herodotus is here speaking took no account of her after leaving Tyre. His inference proceeds from the habit of putting together independent myths in order to construct an historical narrative out of them. 

11 μακρῇ νη. This feature in the narrative indicates that it was not for peaceable objects they went; as they sailed not in a merchant-vessel but a war-galley.
Further step in aggression by the Hellenes, who come in force to Asia and over-

12 Μηδεία. The MSS have generally Μήδιαν, Gaisford Μηδείαν.

13 εις την Ἑλλάδα. The late growth of the legend in its present form shows itself from this expression. There was no collective Hellas at the time alluded to. Θυευδίδες (i. 3) remarks, that long after the Trojan war the name Hellenes, as designating the Hellenic race, was unknown to Homer; and it must be remembered that Thucydides did not confine his idea of the Homeric poems to the Iliad and Odyssey.

14 δευτέρη γενεά. This expression shows that "the Persians" received the legends of the Argonautic expedition, and of the Trojan war, as connected with one another, and forming parts of the same cycle, i. e. after they had been altered from their original form. See note 20, below.

15 οὖν. Gaisford ούτε.

16 τοὺς δὲ, προσχωμένους ταῦτα. "And that they (the Trojans, the countrymen of Alexandrus) on the (Hellenes) putting forward their claims." The familiarity of the legend justifies the laxity of the style.

17 Μηδείας. Two of the MSS (S and V) retain here also the form Μηδίας.

But the others have the more common form.

18 ἡ σφαίρα ἐς τὴν Ἐλρώπην. This expression also shows that the Persian statements which Herodotus is following are of a late growth, as no expedition whatever into Europe took place before that of Darius into Scythia. The rhetorical turn, too, which in the next sentence is given to the narrative, clearly manifests the influence of the sophists.

19 τὸ δὲ μηδείαν . . . σωφρόνων. This clause is found in all the MSS; but it is difficult to conceive that it could have been the intention of the author, if it proceeded from his pen, to allow it to stand together with the preceding sentence, with which it is precisely identical in point of sense. If either of the two clauses be struck out, the rhetorical antithesis, which is obviously intended, is unimpaired. This is not the case, if both stand. It seems probable that here is an instance of a double reading introduced by the collation of two MSS, in the one of which the former clause was found, and in the other the latter. The former seems to have existed in the copy used by Plutarch (De Malignitate Herodoti, p. 856. F.).
The capture of Ilion is the beginning of the eternal feud.

Different Phoenician legend of Io.

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Oùtv wêv lêgouv;21 ἐγένεται, kai diá tīn Ἰλιῶν ἄλκσων εὑρίσκουσι σφίσι έσώσα τήν ἀρχήν τῆς ἔχθρης τῆς ἐς τοὺς Ἐλλήνας. ἐπεὶ δὲ τῆς 'Ιούς οὐκ ὄμολογέουσι Πέρσαις οὔτω22 Φοίνικες. οὐ γὰρ ἀρπαγῇ σφίας χρησαμένους λέγουσι ἄγαγείν αὐτήν ἐς Ἀγιν-πττον, ἀλλ' ὡς ἐν τῷ "Ἀργεῖ έμίσετο τὸ ναυκλήρῳ τῆς νεός"23. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐμαθεὶν ἐργαὶς ἐσώσα, αἰδευμένη τοὺς τοκέας οὔτω δὴ ἔθελον τὴν τοῦ Φοίνικώτι συνεκπλώσατο, ὡς ἁν μὴ καταβῆλος γενηται. τάστα μὲν νυν Πέρσαι τε καὶ Φοίνικες λέγουσιν ἐγὼ δὲ περὶ μὲν τούτων οὐκ ἔρχομαι ἐρέων24 ὡς οὔτως ἡ ἄλλως κας ταῦτα ἐγένετο τοῦ δὲ οὕτω αὐτὸς πρὸ τοῦτο ὑπάρχοντ' ἀδίκων ἔργων ἐς τοὺς "Ἐλ-λήνας, τοῦτον σημῆνας, προβῆσομαι ἐς τὸ πρόσο τοῦ λόγου ὥμοιος μικρά25 καὶ μεγάλα ἄστεα ἀνθρώπων ἐπεξείμου. τα γὰρ τῷ πάλαι

20 τὴν 'Ασίνην ... οἱ Πέρσαι. See, in illustration of this principle, the story of Artayctes (ix. 116). But this antithesis of Europe and Asia, as parallel to Hellenic and Barbarian, is doubtless less than the battle of Marathon. Before that time, or at least before the destruction of Miletus, the Hellenes of Asia were vastly more powerful than those of Europe. But after these had been crushed, and the check to the growth of Persia had been given by the Egyptians, the vanities of the latter suggested such views as those which Ἀσχῆλος gives in the vision of Ατοσα (Perse, 176—196), and which from that time forward passed current.

21 οὔτω μὲν λέγοντων. Gaisford and the principal MSS insert Πέρσαι before λέγοντες.

22 οὔτω, "exactly," "so as they put it, and not otherwise." Compare the use of the word in the next sentence, οὔτω δὴ ἑθελοντέων, &c., "then, and not before, in one, she voluntarily sailed off with the Phoenicians." This is the commonest use of the word. It always contains a tacit reference to certain conditions; and may often be rendered by the English "then and not till then." i. 11, νῦν μὲν οὔτως οὖν δηλώσας ἵππηκόν εἶχε, "well, at the time, she just as she was, gave no sign of observing, and kept still." 23 αὐτῷ σὲ ἀτικὰ οὔτω ἀποθεώσεις δεῖ, "or you yourself must die immediately, as you stand." Cicero (Pro Sexto Roscio, § xxvi. 71), of the punishment of parricides, which were sworn up in a sack alive and thrown into a river, says: "Nonherunt feris corpus objicerent, ne bestis quoque quaer tantum seculi attigissent immannobus veterum; non SIC nudos in flumine dejicere, ne quem delati esset iu ware, ipsum polluerent." 24 οὔτω Ερχομαι ἐρέων, "I do not mean to say." 25 μικρά. Between the use of this form and μικρά in Herodotus, the best principle of discrimination seems to be, that the former is to be retained when the pre-
Clio. I. 5—7.

megala he, ta polla auton smikra geyone. ta de epi eme he me-
gala, proteron he smikra. tin anthetaprhini dvn epistamenvon
en bainomivin odharma ev toutou meusosan, epitumswmai amforon
omoiou.

Kroisos hei Ludos mewn xenos, pavis de 'Alvatteo26, turaunos de
evneon ton evtos "Alnos27 potamoi deis reoio apo mesambryhs28
metaz o Syron29 kai Pafkamwvov, egieil30 pros borei amevon ez ton
Euksewv kaledomevnon ponton odtos o Kroisovs barabwro protos
ton heveis idovn tais mewn katantrwpto 'Ellhnon evsforo apto
agwvnh, tais de, filous prosoforxato. (katantrwpto mev
'Ionias te kai Aiolias, Kai Doriwos tais en tis 'Asia fllous de
prosoforxato Anodaimonious,) pivo de tis Kroisov arxh is
pantos."Ellhnes hezain elxwvrou ton gepelemy ton Kimerio
stratwea31 to epi tith 'Iovin aptikomevnon, Kroisov evn presbiteron
sl, ou katanrphh egeneto ton polion, all' ex eiptomh is arxhig.
'He de hgenhmvi owtos periplethe, eousa 'Hrakleideos, ex to
gevno to Kroisov, kaleomevnon de Mermeidas. 'Hv Kavdaulhs, tond i
"Ellhnes Murysslon vnomizousi32, turaunos Sarivov, apogovous de
'Akaiou ton 'Hrakleos, 'Agron mev gar o Nivov ton Vjlu
Gos Akaiaev protos 'Hrakleideon basilevns egeneto Sarivov,
Kavdaulhs de o Murysov vstatois, oi de proteteron 'Agronov basi-
leusantes tautes tis xorh is hezain aptogonov Ludos ton 'Atos
apt to33 o dymos Ludos eklhsh o paws owtos, proteron Mvnon
kaledomevos. para tonton 'Hrakleidai epitrphontes34 eschon

ceding word terminates with σ, and the latter in all other cases. The oldest
MSS written in uncial characters rarely exhibit the division of words, and in such
it is very common, where one word termi-

26 'Alvatteo. Gaisford 'Alvatteo.
27 'Alnos. The expression ton evtos
Al. indicates that the tradition here
followed was of Greco-Lybian origin. Like
the phrase "Cis-alpine" by Italians, it
would be used by persons who lived within
the region which the Halys bounded. The
origin of the tradition is still more closely
determined by the expression Syros, which
was the Hellenic name for the Cappa-
docians (see i. 72; v. 49).
28 deos apo mesambryhs. See note 243,
below.
29 Syros. See note 242, below.
30 ειςλει. On this form, which is equiva-

lent to εικνη, see note 604, below.
31 Kimerio stratwea. See note 59,
below.
32 presbiteron, "earlier." A very rare
use of the word. The nearest parallel to
it is perhaps ii. 2, owtos sunexchrsgan
Aiguptoio . . . tois Phugai proshetoros
elai eowton.
33 to o "Ellhnes Murysslon vnomizousi.
What Herodotus probably means by this
is, that the Hellenic genealogists iden-
tified the Myrsus of the Hellenic tra-
tions with the Lydian Candaules. But
Hesychius gives Candaules as a name for
Hermes or Heracles. See note on i. 13,
ai te tov Yguna staterwto.
34 apo ton. Gaisford ap' otein.
35 epitrphontes, "after having been
constituted viceroys" (epitropoi = pro-
curators). See note on iii. 36, epitrop-
peswes.


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Traditional account of the rise of the
Mermnad on occasion of
Candaules exhibiting
his wife to
Gyges in a
state of nudity.

9

'Ο μὲν δὴ 39 λέγουν τοιαύτα ὠπεμάχετο, άρροδέων μη τι οἱ ἐξ αυτῶν γένηται κακῶν 40. ὁ δὲ ἀμείβετο τούτο: "θάρσει Γύγη καὶ

35 παῖς παρὰ πατρὸς ἐκδεκόμενος τὴν ἀρχήν. Attempts have been made to reconcile this statement with probability, by interpreting it as merely meaning that the succession was on the hereditary principle. But nothing can be imagined more foreign to the habits of thought in the more of Herodotus than the interposition of such a remark would be. Hereditary succession was the rule in that time; and the long genealogy in a direct line presented to an uncritical age no difficulties whatever. Herodotus does not display the least surprise, on this account, at the hereditary succession of the Egyptian priests, which extended to 341 generations (ii, 143). The passages, ii, 65, 166, are no defence whatever for a loose interpretation of this one. The profession of arms was not hereditary in Hellas, and the priestly office only so in some cases.

36 σπουδαίστερα. The MS S has this form, but A, B, and R that of σπου-

37 ἀπειτήτερα. Not "less persuasive," but "less trusted." The sentiment is the same as that expressed by Seneca (ep. vii.): Homines amplius oculus quam animus credunt,—not that of Horace (L. P. 180):

Seguevis irratant animos demissa per oves, Quam quos sunt oculus subjecta fidelibus. See, however, i. 96.

38 πάλαι τὰ καλὰ ἄνθρωποι ἔξειρησα. It belongs to the simplicity of an early age to represent the laws of nature as rules invented by sages. Thus Sophocles (Antig. 456) says of the "unwritten and unchangeable laws of the gods:"

οὐ γὰρ τίνι γε κάθεις ἀλλ' ἐπὶ ποιεῖ τίς ταῦτα, καῦδες ὁ ὅθεν ἐξ ἐστὶν εἰ στὶν 'φαν ἡ.

39 οὐκ ἔχει δὴ. See note 6, above.

40 μη τι οἱ εξ αὐτῶν γένηται κακῶν. According to the well-known rules as to the use of the subjunctive and optative
μὴ φοβεῖν μήτε ἐμὲ, ὡς σεο πειρώμενον λόγον τόνδε, μήτε γυναίκα τὴν ἐμίνι, μή τι τοι ἐξ' αὐτῆς γέννηται βλάβος; ἄρχειν γὰρ ἐγὼ μυχανήσομαι οὔτω, ὡστε μὴθεὶ μν ὀφθείσαι ὕπό σεν' ἐγὼ γὰρ σε ἐς τὸ ὀίκημα ἐν τῷ κοιμόμεθα ὑπιστείθη τῆς ἀναγμενένης θύρης στήσως, μετὰ δ' ἐμὲ ἐσελθόντα παρέσται καὶ ἡ γυνὴ ἡ ἐμὴ ἐς κοίτον. κεῖται δὲ ἀνήχου τῆς ἑσόδου θρόνος ἐπὶ τοῦτον τῶν ἰματίων κατὰ ἐν ἐκαστον ἐκδύνουσα θησεί41, καὶ κατ' ἱσνυχίνην πολλὴν παρέξει τοῦ θεσμασθαί. ἐπεάν δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ θρόνου στείχη ἐπὶ τὴν ἐνήμ, κατὰ νυκτό τε αὐτῆς γένης, σοι μελέτο τὸ ἐνθεῦκτο ὅκος μή σε ὀφθεῖται ὑντα διὰ θυρεῶν." Ὁ μὲν δῆ, ὡς οὐκ ἔδυνατο διαφυγεῖν, ἦν ἐτοίμος. ὡς δὲ Κανθαῦνος, ἐπεὶ ἐδόκεε ὀρη τῆς

after the conjunctions ἐκεῖ, ἐφ'α, μή, and ἦν, we should expect here the optative γένομαι instead of the subjunctive γένηται. But in fact the canons of Dawes and Monk, though applicable in the main, do not explain all the cases which occur. The subjunctive is appropriately used in the dependent clause, when the event expressed in that clause is regarded as either the probable or the direct result of a previous hypothesis; the optative, when the mere possibility or contingency of it is contemplated. The clause in the text should be rendered, "dreading that some mischief would come to him." If the optative had been used, the meaning would have been, "dreading lest some mischief might come to him." Gyges saw his own destruction as the direct and natural consequence of the transaction in which he was urged to take part. The following passage, which baffles the application of the formal rules, well illustrates the real principle which regulates the use of the two moods. Euripides (Hecub. 1133, seqq.):

"Εδεισα μὴ σοι πολέμους λειψεῖς ὁ παῖς Τροίων ἀπρόση καὶ ἐνοικίας πάλιν, γνώσεις δ' Ἀχαιοὶ ζωτα Πριμαδών τινα, Φρυγῶν ἐς αλαν ἔδειξα ἄρειαν στόλων, κάπετα Θρήκης πεδία τρίβοιεν τάδε λεπταπώτερα, κ.τ.λ."

"I dreaded that the boy would rebuild Troy [as a natural and direct consequence if he grew up to manhood]; and that, when the Achaeans knew that one of the race of Priam was alive, they might again bring an armament into the land of the Phrygians," &c. This was a distant probability, contingent, first, on Polydo-
κοίτης εἶναι, ἥγαγε τοῦ Γύγηα ἐς τὸ οὐκήμα· καὶ μετὰ ταῦτα αὐτίκα παρῆν καὶ ἡ γυνὴ ἐσελθοῦσαν ὄγος καὶ τιθέσαν τὰ εἰματα ἐθηκότο τὸ Γύγηα· ὥς δὲ κατὰ μόνον ἐγένετο ίσος ἡς θυμαίκος ἔσ τὴν κοίτην, ὑπεκόδοις ἐχορρεύοντες ἐξὼν καὶ ἡ γυνὴ ἐπορὰ μν ἐξίσοντα, μαθοῦσα δὲ τὸ ποιηθὲν ἐκ τοῦ ἀνδρός, οὔτε ἀνέβοσον αἰσχυνθέσα, οὔτε ἔδοξε μάθειν, ἐν νῦν ἔχουσα τίσεάντα τοῖς Κανδαίλεα· παρὰ γὰρ τοὺς Ἀδωνίας, σχεδοῦν δὲ καὶ παρὰ τούς Ἀκρωπόλισι, καὶ ἄνδρα ὄφθηναι γημυῖν 45 ἐς αἰσχύνην μεγάλην φέρει. Τότε μὲν δὴ οὕτως 46 οὐδέν ἡγήσατα, ἡσυχίᾳ ἐχέος ὥς δὲ ἤμερή τάξιστα ἐγεγόνε, τῶν οἰκετῶν τοὺς μάλιστα ὡρα πιστῶς ἐόντας ἐσυντή ἐτοιμών πορευματά, ἐκάλεε τὸν Γύγηα· ὥς δὲ, οὐδὲν δοκέων αὐτίν τοῦ πρῆκεντον ἐπίστασα, ἦδοKate kaléōmenos; ἐοθεε γὰρ καὶ πρόσθε, ὅκως ἡ βασίλεια καλεῖ, φοιτῶν ὡς δὲ ὁ Γύγης ἄπικετο, ἔλεγεν ἡ γυνὴ τάδε “ὑν τοῦ δυὸν ὠδὸν παρεουσέων, Γύγη, ἤδομιμι αἰρέσιν, ὁκότερνθ βούλει τραπέζασαι ἢ γὰρ Καν- δαίλεα ἀποκτείνας ἐμὲ τε καὶ τὴν βασιλῆν ἐχε τὴν Ἀδωνία, ἢ αὐτόν σὲ αὐτίκα οὕτω ἀποθνήσκειν δεῖ· ὡς ἄν μη, πάντα πεθάμε- νοις Κανδαίλη, τοῦ λαποῦ ἑπτ, τα μὴ σε δεῖ. ἀλλ᾽ ὃγει κειόν γε τὸν ταῦτα βουλεύσαντα δεὶ ἀπολλυσθῆναι, ἢ σὲ τὸ ἔμε γημῖν ὁρησάμενον καὶ ποιήσαντα οὐ ὁμίζομενα.” ὡ δὲ Γύγης τέως μὲν ἄπεθενματὰ τὰ λεγόμενα· μετὰ δὲ, ἵκετεν μὴ μν ἀναγκαία ἐνδεῖν 47 διακρίνα τοιαύτην αἱρεσιν οὐκον δὴ ἐπείδη ἀλλ᾽ ὃρα ἀναγκαίων ἀληθείως προκειμένην, ἢ τὸν δεσπότεα ἀπολλύων ἢ αὐτὸν ὑπ᾽ ἀλλῶν ἀπόλλυσθαι, αἱρέσται αὐτός περιείχειν ἐπιειράτα δὴ λέγον τάδε “ἐπεὶ με ἀναγκαίεις δεσπότεα τὸν ἐμὸν κτείνειν, οὐκ ἐθέλουτα, φέρε ἀκούσσω 49 τέω καὶ πρότομ ἐπιχειρήσομεν αὐτό;” ἢ δὲ ὑπολαβοῦσα ἐφῆ, “ἐκ τοῦ αὐτοῦ μὴ χριῶν ἡ ὁρμή ἐσται ὀθεν περ καὶ ἐκεῖνος ἐμὲ ἐπεδέξατο γημῦν ὕπνοιμον ὑπ᾽ ἐπιχειρήσεις ἐσται.” Ὅς δὲ ἤρτουσαν τὴν ἐπιβουλήν, νυκτὸς 45 ἄνδρα ὄφθηκαι γημυῖν ἐς αἰσχύνην μεγάλην φέρει. PLATO (Repul. v. p. 452) says that it is οὐ πολὺς χρόνος ἐς οὐ τοῖς Ἐλλησιον ἐδόθει αἰσχρὰ εἶναι καὶ γῆλοια ἀπερ ὑν τοῖς πολλοὶ τῶν βαρβάρων, γημυῖν ἄνδρας ὁρᾶσσα. He adds, that the Cretans were the first, and the Lacon- demonians the next, who introduced gym- nastics. Thucydides (1. 6), without men- tioning the Cretans, speaks of the Lacedaemonians as the originators. 46 οὕτως, “just as she was.” See note 32, above. 47 ἀναγκαία ἐνδείκ. The same expres- sion is used ix. 161: ἐπήμεθα ἀναγκαία ἐν- δείκνυμι. 48 οὕτως δὴ ἐπείδη, “in fine, as he failed in persuading,” for the peculiar use of the word οὕτως, see note on v. 92, ult. 49 φέρε ἀκούσσω, “come, let me hear.” For this use of the subjunctive, see Mat-thiæ, Gr. Gr. § 516.
γνωμήνια, (οὐ γὰρ μετέτιετο ὁ Γόγης, οὐδὲ οἱ ἄπαλλαγή οὐδεμία, ἀλλὰ ἔδεε ὁ αὐτὸν ἀπολογεῖν ὁ Κανδαύλεα), εἶπετο ἐς τὸν θάλαμον τῇ γυναικὶ καὶ μν ἔκειν, ἐγχειρίδιον δοῦσα, κατα-
κρύπτει ὕπο τῇ αὐτήν θύρην. καὶ μετὰ ταῦτα, ἀναπαυμένου Κανδαύλεω, ὑπεισὸδος τε καὶ ἀποκτείνας αὐτὸν, ἔσχε καὶ τῇ γυναικί καὶ τὴν βασιληὴν τοῦ Γόγης. (τοῦ καὶ Ἀρχίλοχος ὁ Πάριος, κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν χρόνον ἔφυμενος, εὐ ἱμβιὸ τριμέτρῳ ἐπεμνήσθη.) Ἡ ἐσχὴ δὲ τῷ βασιλῆῃ καὶ ἐκρατύνθη ἐκ τοῦ ἐν

Δελφὸς χρηστηρίον 55, ὥσ γὰρ δὴ οἱ Λυδοὶ δεών ἐποιεῖν ὅ τον Κανδαύλεω-πάθος, καὶ ἐν ὀπλαίοι ἤσαν, συνεβησαν ἐς τῷ τοῦ τοῦ Γόγεω στασιῶτα 53 καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ Λυδοὶ, ὃν μὲν δὴ τῷ χρηστη-

ρίῳ ἄνεκὴ μὲν βασιλέα εἶναι Λυδῶν, τῶν δὲ 51 βασιλεύειν ἢς δὲ

μὴ, ἀποδοῦν ὁπίσω ἐς Ἡρακλείδας τὴν ἀρχὴν ἀνεῖλε τῇ τῇ

χρηστηρίῳ καὶ ἐβασιλεύσειν οὕτῳ Γόγης τοῦν ὁ ἐπί ΕΠιθή, ὅς Ἡρακλείδησι τίσιο-νξεῖ ἐς τῶν πέμπτων ἄνογονον Γόγεω

τοῦ τοῦ ἐπεοὺς Λυδοὶ τε καὶ οἱ βασιλεῖς αὐτῶν λόγον ὀνδέα ἐποιεῖτο, πρὸν δὴ ἐπετελέσθη.

Τὴν μὲν δὴ τυραννίδα οὕτῳ ἔσχον οἱ Μερμήνιαί, τοὺς Ἡρα-

κλείδας ἀπελάμενον Γόγης ἐς τυραννεύσας ἀπέσεμψε ἀναθήματα ἐς Δελφοὺς οὐκ ὀλίγα: ἄλλα ὁσα μὲν ἄργῳρου 55 ἀναθήματα ἐστὶ οἱ

50 τοῦ καὶ . . . ἐπεμνήσθη. Wesseling considers this sentence an interpolation, but on no sufficient ground.
51 εν ἱμβο τριμέτρῳ. Probably οὐ μοι τῷ Γόγεω τοῦ πολυχρόσου μὲλει, preserved by ARISTOTLE (Rhet. p. 1418, line 31).
52 The account which PLATO (Repnb. ii. p. 350) gives of the mode in which Gyges became king, by discovering a magic ring which rendered him invisible, and enabled him to murder the king of the country and occupy his place, has no pretension to a historical character; neither has the one in the text, except for the identification of Candaules with Myrsilus. Plato does not mention the name of the sovereign deposed. By Herodotus's statement at the end of § 13, it would seem that the story of Gyges formed in the Delphic traditions an integral part of that of Creesus. It will be observed, in the narrative of the Lydian dynasty, that no detailed account of any transaction occurs which is not connected with some offering to the Apollo temples either of Delphi or Branchidae.

13 Dynasty of the Mer-
midas recognized by
the Del-
phic oracle.

14 Succession
of Lydia,
kings.
made many offerings of silver, but to have been chiefly distinguished by those of gold. The whole passage may be thus translated: “But Gyges, after becoming sovereign, sent off presents to Delphi, not few in number; on the contrary, among the offerings which are of silver he has very many at Delphi, but over and above the silver he presented an immense quantity of gold: among the rest—an offering which deserves especial mention—there are bowls, six in number, made of gold, standing as his” (ἀνακέατα ὁι). Herodotus seems to have been puzzled by the place where these were, and hence to have changed the form of the sentence, which in its normal form would have run, κρήτηρας ἐξ χρυσῶν, into one less decisively expressing who the donor was.

56 ἀληθῆς λόγῳ χρωμένον. Compare i. 30: τῷ ἐκτεί χρυσάμενον. i. 116: τῇ ἀληθινῇ χρωμένον.

57 Κυψέλου. The history of Cypselus is put into the mouth of a Corinthian by Herodotus, v. 92.

58 ἐπὶ τοῦτον τυραννεύοντος. Strabo (in several places) says that the Cimmerian invasion in question was considered to have taken place in the time of Homer, or a little earlier. But from one passage (i. c. 2, p. 31) it is clear that this synchronism was due to the calculations of the chronologers. See note on iv. 11.

59 Σάρδες πλήρως τῆς ἄκροπόλιος εἶλον. Callisthenes (ap. Strabon, xiii. c. 4) related that Sardis was taken three times: first by the Cimmerians, secondly by the Trebi and Lycians, and thirdly by Cyrus. The second of these is entirely unnoticed by Herodotus. Callinus, the elegiac poet, spoke of the Cimmerian expedition as one against the Hionides, by which the antiquaries of Strabo’s time considered him to mean those tribes who dwelt Ἀσίᾳ ἐν λείμών, i. e. the valley of the lower Cayster.
SARDOVAÎTTYΣ. This form of the name (which seems undoubtedly the true one, being connected with Σάρδος as Σάρδας is with "Αλάς, and both in the Lydian language being probably significant), was recovered by Mr. Long from a MS. in the British Museum, Gaiford has throughout Σαρδωνάττης. See note on i. 22, Σαρδωνάττης.

61 Καβαρίν. . . . έπολέμησε. The origin and duration of this war are given by Herodotus below, §§ 73, 74.

62 Σαρδωνάττης άκολογον κυσθείσαι είλε. For the various accounts of Smyrna, antecedently to this calamity, see note on i. 150. Strabo says, that after the Lydians pulled down the town the people lived scattered in hamlets (καμήλοις) for nearly 400 years, until Antigonus, and afterwards Lysimachus, built the modern city, about two miles from the site of the ancient one (xiv. p. 163).

63 καί αίλός γραμακτον τε καί αδησίαν. Gellius (N. Α. i. 11) makes use of this passage to show the barbaric luxury of the Lydian monarchs, who even on their military expeditions carried female flute-players with them. In objection to this interpretation of the passage, it has been maintained that the αύλος γραφακτίος does not here mean a flute blown by a female performer, but a flute with a high pitch, resembling that of a female voice. It has been suggested that the αύλος ώρη and αύλος γων. correspond to the tibia dextra and tibia sinistra of the Roman double pipe, and also to the bass and treble clefs in modern harmonics. But there is no sufficient ground to suppose that in the time of Herodotus the musical scale extended over more than eleven notes at the very utmost; so that, if the hypothesis relative to the different pitches of the male and female flute be founded in fact, the difference cannot have been so great as is supposed. But it seems more likely that αύλος γων. does in this passage mean a flute blown by a female performer. The fact of HalysATES' army being thus attended, in all probability rests upon the interpretation by a Miletian eicerone of the friezes which existed in the temples of Assesus built by him. These temples were traditionally connected with the termination of the war and the formation of an alliance, no doubt cemented by religious ceremonies, in which the several rituals of the deities worshipped by the contracting parties would be embodied and symbolically represented by performers on their appropriate instruments. See the note on i. 60, ήλαννον είσ το δειστον.

64 τῆς γάρ βαλάσσας οί Μιλήσιοι ἐπεκράτειος. The great naval power of Miletus may be gathered from the number He reigned forty-nine years, but the Miletans made war against Cyaxares 17 and the Medes, expelled the Cimmerians from Asia, took Smyrna, and invaded Clazomene. His war with Miletus.
of the colonies which sprang from her. The whole of the Euxine and the Propontis was full of them; and they were not confined to them. Pliny calls Miletus, *Ioniae caput ... super octoginta urbinum per cuncta maria genetrix* (N. H. v. 21). Among them may be enumerated the islands Icarus and Lerus, in the Egean; Apollonia, Odessus, and Mesembria, on the coast of the Euxine, between Salmydessus and the mouth of the Ister; Istropolis, within the Ister; Abydos, Arisha, and Seepis, in the Troad; Artae, Lampaeus, and Cyzicus, on the Propontis; Sinope, on the south coast of the Euxine; and Dioscurias, on the river Anthemus, in the extreme east of the same sea. It also possessed a temple at Naucratis in Egypt (ii. 178). The proverb, *tālai ποτ' ἦσαν ἄλλοις Μιλήσιοι*, was current at Athens in the time of Aristophanes (Plut. 1075). Many different accounts of its origin are given (which are collected by Erasmus in his *Adagia*), but there seems no reason to look for any special cause of the outgrowth of such a sentiment, beyond the fact that Miletus furnished far the most familiar instance of departed greatness to a Hellenic observer. It may be observed that some of the eighty towns referred to by Pliny were mere factories, such as those with which the Carthaginians co-
modify the language considerably. This war was not the only case in which the Milesians stood apart from the rest of the Ionians. See note on § 141, πλὴν Μιλήσιων.

68 ἀνορθόσωσιν. Gaisford ἀνορθοδόσωσιν. But the best MSS. confirm the reading in the text.

69 Δελφῶν. See note on i. 25.

70 προστιθέασι. The form προστιθέασι might be more in accordance with the use of Herodotus, but it seems rash to alter the text against the authority of the whole of the MSS.

71 τῷ τότε Μιλήσιων πυρανειόστην. ARISTOTLE (Polit. v. p. 1305, a, line 17) gives Miletus as an instance of a democracy being converted into a tyranny from the extent of the powers given to the Prytanis. He also remarks that in the ancient Republics, of which Miletus is an example, the tyrants almost always became so from demagogues, but demagogues who were successful, not as orators, but as commanders.

72 ἤμεν. Gaisford ἤμν. Herodotus is accustomed to use either the simple form ἤμεν, from ἤμα, or the compound παρήν, from εἶμαι, with the preposition ἐσ, followed by an accusative case. Thus i. 113: ἤμεν ἐς πόλιν ὁ Βουκόλος, and i. 9: παρ' ἐμί ἐς κοῦτον. The passage, v. 33, δεύτερα αὐτῶς ἐς Λακεδαίμονα τρίτης ἀπόστολος ἐγένετο is no parallel case to Gaisford's text here; for ἀπόστολος ἐγένετο is equivalent to ἀπεστάλετο, and is put in a corresponding regimen.

73 κώμη χρέεσθαι. These words are an alliance with Miletus, and building a temple to Athene at Assus.
The story of Arion and the dolphin which was current among the Corinthians and Lesbians.

equivalent to κωμάζειν, to join in a bacchanalian procession. Thus Theocritus says, κωμάζοις ποτὶ τὰν ἀμφώλλαδά (iii. 1), and Dionysus is himself called κωμαστής by Aristophanes (Aul. 606). The original idea of the Homeric κώμος and the Latin conuexatio was, that it was a procession of the deity accompanied by his votaries. It was not confined to the Dionysus-worship, although the predominance of this and its adaptation to carnival-like processions gradually narrowed the meaning of the term. Plutarch (Vit. Aut. § 20), describing the voyage of Chocpatra down the Cydnus, says, κατέκατο ὡτε σκεῖδι χρυσοπάστῳ, κεφασωμηνίη γραφάκων ἢσπερ Ἀφροδίτη... καὶ ττό λόγος ἐχάρει διὰ πάντων, ὧς ἦ ἡ Ἀφροδίτη κωμάζοι παρὰ τὸν Δίονυσον.

71 Σαρδινία. S Sardinos, as from a substantive form Sārōs. See note 60 above.

72 διήθραμβος πρῶτον ἀνθρώπων ποιήσαντα. Hellanicus and Dicearchus (ap. Schol. Aristoph. Ar. 1403) likewise attributed the invention of the dithyramb to Arion. But little more seems to follow from this, than that they followed the same local traditions in this matter which Herodotus does. Wherever there was Dionysus-worship carried to any ritualistic perfection, there no doubt it was a popular belief that the invention took place; and it would be attributed to the most celebrated musician with whom they might be familiar. Thus Antipater and Eu Thurioin ascribed the invention to Lasus at Hermione (Schol. ad Aristoph. Ar. i. c.). Pindar, in three different passages, placed it at Thebes, Corinth, and Naxus (Schol. ad Pind. Olymp. xii. 25). As to the dithyramb itself, it was a poem relating to the birth of Dionysus. (Plato, Legg. iii. p. 700; καὶ ἀλλο, Διονύσου γένεσις, οἷμα, διήθραμβος λεγόμενος), mimetically recharged by performers habited as satyrs. Suidas (sub
Arion was the inventor, name, and first teacher of the dithyramb at Corinth.

v. 'Arion) ... λέγεται ... πρώτος χορόν στήσας καὶ διθύραμβον ἤσας καὶ ὄνομάσας τὸ ἁθόμενον ὑπὸ τοῦ χοροῦ, καὶ Σατύρους εἰδενέγκειν ἑμετέρα λέγοντας. Precisely parallel was the ritual of the Curetes, in which they mimetically represented the birth of Zeus. Stobaeo expressly compares the relation in which they stand to the deity as his πρόσολοι with that of the satyrs to Dionysus; and describes their proceedings, that they exhibit μισθὸν τοῦ πείρημα τῆς τοῦ Δίως γένεσαι, ἐν τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου εἰσάγωνοι εὐθυμοῦν κατασπανεῖν τὰ τέκνα ἀπὸ τῆς γένεσεως ἐνθὺν τῷ Ἄρει πειραματίζων ἐπικρίπτεισθαι τὰς ὡδῶνας, καὶ τὸ γεννητὸς βρέφος ἐκκύδων παιονίων πρὸς τὸ τούτῳ συνεργοῖς λαβεῖν τοὺς Κούρητας κ.τ.λ. (X. p. 359, ed. Lips.) But as it was "the jolly god" (as Dryden calls him), "the intoxicator," to whom the dithyramb was sung, it was proper that both the poetry and the music should be of an orgiastic character. Hence, in the well-known fragment, Archilochus professes to lead off the dithyramb ὅψῃ συγκεκαμονθέλης φήναι; and the very name of the performance (about which so much has been written, and so unsatisfactorily) was, it can hardly be doubted, a Hellenic form of an Egyptian word, τιθυράμβος (= ἰθυρωμένως), an epithet of Dionysus, with reference to his operations. See Jacobs, Questiones Sophocleæ, vol. i. pp. 32, 63.

76 διδάσκαλος. See note on vi. 21. 77 συνέντατο τοῦ. See note 80.

78 διαχράσθαι. Herodotus uses the word καταχράσθαι in the same sense, i. 82. 79 ἀπειληθέντα. See Buttman (Lexi- logus, v. eleíon). 80 ἐν τῇ σκεῦῃ πᾶσῃ. This was equivalent to placing himself under the protection of Apollo. The kernel of the whole story is the sacred character of the bard, who is represented in it as always under the eye of his patron deity. The narrative of Hyginus (cxciv.) brings out the features which show this more fully. The servants of Arion conspire with the crew to kill him; but Apollo appears to him in a dream, and bids him put on his sacred garb and wreath, and trust himself to the aid which will appear to him. These are the dolphins. In his haste to get away when brought to shore at Corinth, Arion neglects to thrust his bearer back into the sea, and the fish accordingly perishes. The king of the country buries it and, when the sailors appear, forces them to swear to the truth of their statement on the dolphin's tomb, in which Arion has been concealed. On his appearing, they confess their guilt by their confusion, and are punished by crucifixion. Apollo places both Arion and the dolphin among the constellations. The last part of this legend is doubtless later than the Alexandrine times; but the former portion has every mark of antiquity, and is a complete parallel to the well-known story of Ibycus and his cranes, the scene of which also is laid at Corinth.
The use of the article points to a well-known air (or, more properly, chant), one of the forms of the "Doric mode." The same air is meant in AESCH. Pers. 399: ἄρθον ἀντηπάλαξεν ἅχω. See Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Latin Antiquities, under the word Music, p. 628, and that of Biography and Mythology, under the word Terpander.

52 σὺν τῇ σκευῇ. See note 30.

53 ἄρηκὼς ἔχειν. See note on viii. 109.

54 ἑτιφανὴς σφί. This sudden apparition of Arion in his sacred garb is an essential part of the original story. Hence the legend which, under the influence of the monument at Tenerum, made him land there, is obliged to make him travel all through Peloponnesse σὺν τῇ σκευῇ, and on arriving at Corinth be kept in custody by Periander.

55 'Αριόνος ἀνάθημα, "an offering set up by Arion." In the time of PAUSANIAS (ii. 25, 7) the human figure was said to be that of Arion himself. With regard to the group, it has been considered with great probability to have been really set up in commemoration of the colony sent out from Lacedæmon to Tarentum under Phalantus, which sailed from Tenerum. It appears in the Tarentine coins and the Methymnaean also, and symbolically represents an Achæo-Dorian colony sent out by sea, the dolphin being the representative of Poseidon, the eucharistic of Apollo the Dorian deity (see note on viii. 41). In the temple at Delphi there was a figure group placed there by the Tarentines in commemoration of a victory gained by them over their barbarous neighbours the Peucetians. Among the combatants were Taras, the eponymous hero of Tarantum, and Phalantus, and "not far from the latter" (says PAUSANIAS, x. 13. 10) "Phalantus's dolphin; for, before he went to Italy, Phalantus was shipwrecked in the Crissæan sea, and they say he was carried by a dolphin to shore." A similar tradition with regard to the body of Melicerta existed at the Isthmus of Corinth. It was said to have been brought thither by a dolphin, and buried by Sisyphus, who instituted the Isthmian games at the tomb in honour of Melicerta, under the name of Pa lømon (PAUSAN. ii. 1, 3).
metépeita teneutá, Basileússas étéa éppta kai pevntikonta. An
éthke dé ékfrwvón tìn vòsou, déuterous oútou tís ouikis tautís ës
Delphous khrítéra. te árgýreov mégen kai úpokrêtpiridov sèdhi-
reov kolllhtov, ðhês ãéxiou ëia pántov tîn ën Delphwsi anáth-
mátov, Kláikov tòu Xíon povýma, ðs móndos ñi pántov ãnthró-
pouov sèdhirov kolllhsin ëxelhphe.

Teneutítasontos dé 'Almâttew éxèdedxo tìn Basileúsh Krhoisov
ò 'Almâttew, étènov ëow ëlikhivn pënts kai têrfkontov; ñi ñi 'Ellh-
novn prôtopouo épethíkato 'Effesiôsta. ëutha ñi ñi 'Effésoi pò-
lorkeómevn ëp autov, ãnéthsan tìn pûlin tì 'Aрtêmbo ëxé-
âfontes èk tòu vòsou ñókhivn ès tò teíxov ësto ñi metaxú tís tè
palaivsh pûloiov, ði tòte ëpolorkeéto kai tòv vòsou, ëppa stádov,
pîrtoioi mèn ñi tûtoioi ëpexhírsho ës Krhoisov méta dé, ën mèrës
ékástouio 'Iônov te kai Aïoléwov, ñllloioi allas aítivs ëpíférwv,
tòv mèn ècsvato mévdvivs paréphrískeiv, mévdvna ëpátiwmenos, tòus
ðe ñi autov kai fáïla ëpíférwv. 'Onì ñe ëpí ñi àra ñi èn tì 'Asth ëx-
lhves katestrôfato ès fôroov ìpapwghv, tò ènòthetv èpíféev neàs
povýsâmenv ëpícheréieiv tòusi vòsiwthovr ñíntov ñi ñi pàntov

86 ës Ëelphwov khrítéra. The compar-
rision of this passage with that in i. 20,
Delphwv ñída ègw òtow ëkòusas ñeivèvhs, it seems to show plainly that the story of
Halyattes's campaigns against Miletus
rests on the traditional narrative of a
Delphic eicerone.
87 Ìñáikov tòu Xíon povýma. This artist
is placed by the chronologers at latest in b.c. 677. See Stilling (Catalogus Arri-
fitwv. The statement of
Herodotus may be reconciled with this
date, and with the chronology commonly
assigned to Halyattes, by supposing the
pedestal here spoken of to have been
made before the reign of Halyattes, and
to have come into that monarch's possess-
ion. But it is perhaps more natural to sup-
possate the Delphians of Herodotus's time
attributed the work to Glaucus from his
great reputation as an artist. The expres-
sion, ñi Ìñáikov ñéììvn, was in the time of
Plato (Phædon. § 132) a proverbial one,
applied to every thing requiring an extror-
dinary amount of skill. See note on i. 51.
Pausánias (x. 16, 1) describes the work
in question. It appears to have been a
hollow truncated pyramid, of which the
sides were composed of strips of iron, that
apparently wound obliquely up from the
bottom to the top (like the reliefs on the
column of Trajan). On this fillet were
various figures; among others, insects and
plants (Hegesander op. Athenaeum, v.
p. 210) in relief, not attached by any me-
chanical means, such as pins, but soldered
in, so that the whole formed one solid mass,
although the figures had been wrought se-
parately.
88 ñi ñi 'Ellhvnwv . . . ëutha ñi ñi 'Effésoi. The particle ñi serves here the
purpose of insulating the attention of the
reader, and directing it to the Ephesians
among all the other people, and, as re-
gards the Ephesians themselves, to the
particular fact of their dedicating them-
selves formally to Artemis by the device
related. See the note 6, above. It will be
observed that, of the whole con-
quest of the Asiatic Greeks by Creesus,
this is the only detail mentioned. This
fact is scarcely an exception to the re-
mark in note 52 on i. 13, if it be
taken to be a part of the general history
of Creesus, the whole of which seems
evidently to proceed from a Delphic source.
But at any rate it is a temple tradition. See
note on § 92, tò 'ApàlÌlwv tò 'Isempñw.
83 tòs palaivsh pûloiov. See note on
i. 150, ñíde ìpèbalov.
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28 Extent of the Lydian empire.

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Hellenic Sages by Solon.

κροίσος· εἰσὶ δὲ οἶδε, Λυδοῖς Ἀυτῶν, Φρίγε, Μυσῶ, Μαριαμβάντικολ, Χά-λυβες, Παφλαγόνες, Ἡράκλεις, οἱ θαυματορία-καὶ καταμαρμένον ἐν τούτον, καὶ προσπάλκωμένον Κροίσον Λυδοῖς, ἀπικύνυμαι ἐν Σάρδεσ, ἀκμαζόναις πλούτω ἄλλαι τε οἱ παύτες ἐκ τῆς Ἑλλάδος σοφισταῖ, οἱ τούτων τὼν χρόνων ἑτύχων χώνες, ὡς ἐκατόστων αὐτῶν ἀπικυνεύον, καὶ δὴ καὶ Σόλων ἀνήρ Ἀθηναῖος, ὃς Ἀθηναίοις νόμοις κελεύσάτες ποίησας, ἀπεδήμησε ἐτέα δέκα κατὰ τῆς θεώρημα πρόφεσιν ἐκπλάσας, ὡς ἐν μὴ τινα τῶν νόμων ἀναγκασθῇ λύσαι τῶν ἔθετο· αὐτοὶ γὰρ ὅλοκληρον αὐτὸ ποίησα Ἀθηναίον ὀρκίωσιν ἀν μεγάλουσι κατέχόντο, δέκα ἔτεα χρῆσθαι νόμοις τοὺς ἀν σφί Σόλων θῆταί· Αὐτῶν δὲ ὧν τούτων καὶ τῆς θεωρῆμα ἐκδημήσας ὁ Σόλων

Λυδοῖς. It appears strange that this nation should be included among the number of those who had been subdued by Croesus, as they constituted his hereditary subjects. This difficulty may be got over by supposing that the catalogue of the whole of the subjects of the Lydian monarchy is intended to be given. But the details of this list present considerable difficulty. The Chalybes do not fall within the limit of the Illyrians. And from the geographical position of Pamphylia it is difficult to suppose that it can have been subdued, while both Lycia and Cilicia remained independent. Is it possible that we have here a list of the nations of which the traffic passed through Sardis, and that the transit-dues were, in an Asiatic monarchy, represented as tribute? If so, the steel-manufactures from the Chalybes would account for that tribe being enumerated among the dependencies. It will be observed that Pamphylians stand in the list after the Hellenic tribes. In the army of Xerxes they were armed in the Hellenic fashion (vii. 91), a circumstance which seems to indicate considerable commercial intercourse with Hellenic traders, even if they were not themselves partially Hellenized.

σοφισταῖ, "sages;" the original sense of the word, in which Herodotus always employs it. See note 99, below, for the staple of their "wisdom."

καὶ δὴ καὶ Σόλων. Considerable pains have been taken by chronologers to get over the difficulty occasioned in the arrangement of their dates by this reputed conversation of Solon with Croesus. Plutarch (Solon, § 27) speaks of those who on this score had considered the story as fictitious. He adds: ἐγώ δὲ λόγον ἐνδοξον ὅτι καὶ τοσοῦτοι μάρτυρες ἔχοντα καὶ δὲ μείζον ἐστὶν—πρέπονται τῷ Σόλωνοι ἑδρίας, καὶ τῆς ἒκείνου μεγαλοφροσύνης καὶ σοφίας ἐξόνθ᾽ ὡς μοι δοκεῖ προάσφαιρον, ἐξ χρονικῶν τις λέγομενοι κανώσιν, οὐ διαφοράντες ἄρχον ἄροι οὖν ἀμφάλογομένοι δύναται καταστῆσαι τὰ ἀντιλογίας. It is quite certain that the same sense of ethnopoic propriety which prevailed with Plutarch exercised very many times more influence in the time of Herodotus, and if taken into account by commentators would save much trouble incurred in the vain attempt to give historical exactness to statements where a historical exactness was never contemplated.

ὁ τῶν ἔθετο. This expression (as also θῆται in the next sentence) is considered to be a violation of the rule that θεώρημα νόμων is the proper phrase in the case of a legislator who frames a law, and θεώρημα νόμων in that of the people which accepts and ratifies it. But the exception is more apparent than real. If Solon had been framer of a constitution for another state than the one of which he himself was a citizen, the middle voice would have been undoubtedly inappropriate. But the reverse is suggested by its use on this occasion. The historian sinks the fact of Solon having originated the code in that of his having, as one of the people, put himself under it, and therefore says, not "framed," but "got passed."

καὶ δὴ καὶ. See note 6, above.
eînekev, ês Aîμptôov âptîkeo párra 'Amaîin, kai ëê kai 98 ês Σûrûs parâ Kroiûsou' âptîkômenos dé eîxeînîtev en tôsî bâ-
silhîsí òpò toû Kroiûsou metâ dé, êmêrî trîtî ëê tevêrtî, ke-
nêuântos Kroiûsou, tòv Sûlînva therâpîntes preîrîn kavata toûs
ðêsanrouv, kai eîpêdevnîn na pânta eûnta megyâla te kai ðlïvai-
theîsîmenov dé mi tâ pânta kai skêfâmîmenov, òis òi kavata kairov
hî, eîrêto ò Kroiûsos tâde: "xêine 'Aðîuâie, par' êmêas ããar peîr-
seî loîgîs âptîktn pôllîs, kai soîfîsê eînekev tîs ñîs 99 kai plâ-
nîs, òis filîsosfêwv ñîmî pôllîn theôrîsê eînekev eîpêleîlîbas: vôv
ûn ìmêros eîpeîrsîsai moî eîpîlîthe, ëi tîna ìrîgî pâîntov eîdeî ðlîbî-
taton;" ó mën eîlîzîov eînîa ãûthûpîov ðlîbîwatoûs, tâwta eîpê-
rîota: Sûlîn vë oudeî vëpôleîpëwos ãnalla tî ëûntî xhrîsâmîenov,
lêgêv "ê ò bãsileîv, Têllov 'Aðîuâivn" âpôthôwmiâsas dé Kroiûsos
 tô lêxhîv, eîrêto eîpîstrêfîov 109. "koîî 101 ëê krîvnêis Têllov
înai ðlîbîwatoûs;" ó ëê eîpê: "Têllov, tôîtov mën, tîs pôlîs eû
ìkônîmev, paîdês ìsâv kaloi te kàgâbôi, kai sfî eîdeî ãpâsî teînâ
êgûniâmês kai pânta pârâmînînta: tôîtov dé, tôv biôn eû
ìkouvî 102, òv tôî pàr' ìmûvî 103, tëlepîthi tôv biôn lâmmporâtî eî-
egêntos gênêmînes gâr 'Aðîuâivnîs máçhîs prôs tôvûs ãûsûgêtônâs
êv 'Eleuvsînî 104, boîphîsâs kai trôpîn poîshâs tôvûs pôleîmenov,
shortly with the question." See note on viii. 62, lêgôn mûlûn eîpîstrêmëna.
109 eîrêto eîpîstrêfîov, "took him up
102 tôv biôn eû ìmûvî. Compare viii.
111, òv tôî thrûs chrîsîov eû ìmûvîn.
103 òs tâ pàr' ìmûvî, "as fortunes go
with us," the standard of wealth being
difficult in Lydîa.
104 prôs tôvûs ãûsûgêtônâs êv 'Eleu-
sînîvî. It seems quite a gratuitous supposi-
tion that the battle here spoken of must
have been against the Megarians, merely
because the time in which Athens and Eleu-
sis were rival neighbours lies far back in
antiquity. There is no question that at one
time there was hostility between them;
and probably border feuds continued long
after a union had been partially ce-
mented. The Tellus of the story may
really have been slain in one of these.
But it is quite plain that, of the tale which
Herodotus relates, the personal distinctions
of the individual concerned must have
constituted the main thread. The barrow
near Athens gave a locality for his death;
and next to Tellus he puts Cleobis and Biton of Argos.

but who the ἀστυγείτονες may have been which he repulsed was a very unimportant matter.

105 τὰ κατὰ τὸν Τέλλον, “Tellus and his story.”

106 ἐκκλησάμενοι δὲ τῇ ἀρχῇ, “under necessity in the matter of the time,” literally, “shut out from other courses.”

Herodotus uses the word ἐξήγερσθαι in the same manner, vii. 130: ἐκάτοτα ἀναγκαῖον ἐξήγερσαί τι ἐπιθυμόνων; ix. 111: ὡς τοὺς νῦν ἔξεργάζομεν.

107 τεθύνανε μᾶλλον ἢ ζώειν. PINDAR in a work now lost (see PLUTARCH, Consolat. ad Apollon. p. 109) related that Trophonius and Agamedes, who were the builders of the pentalithal adytum in the Delphic temple (STEPH. BYZANT. v. Δέλφος), requested a reward from the deity. He told them that he would give them one in seven days’ time, and in the mean time desired them to indulge in festivity. On the seventh night they went to bed, and never woke again. The ethopoic identity of this legend with that given by Herodotus is patent. See note 116, below.

108 Κλέοβις. See note 132, below.

109 ἀνέθεσαν ἐς Δέλφους. The statues were probably of brass. In the temple of Apollo Lyceus at Argos there was a group in marble, apparently a bas-relief,
representing the same subject, and including the car with the priestess in it (Pausanius, ii. 20, 5). But in the time of Solon no statues existed in any other material than wood or hammered metal. In illustration of the accuracy of temple traditions respecting statues, it may be instructive to observe on the present occasion that, in this same temple of the Lycian Apollo at Argos, there was a figure of a man (said to be Biton) carrying a bull on his shoulders, and, according to the fiction of Lycias of Nauratis, this commemorated a feat of Biton's in carrying a bull from Argos to Nemea on the occasion of a feast to Zeus. But, in the time of Pausanius, the Argives themselves took a very different view of the matter, and burnt fire before the figure, which they professed to represent Phoronius, who in the Argive traditions took the place of Prometheus as the bestower of that element upon mankind (i. 19, 5).

110 το θείον παν ἐνθ φρονεῖν τε καὶ ταραχᾶδες. See note on iii. 40.
111 ἐν τῷ μακρῷ χρόνῳ, "in the long-run." Compare Soph. Ajac. 646: ἀπανθ᾽ ὁ μακρὸς καθαρίζωτος χρόνος ψεύτις ἀπὸ τὸ ἄθυλα καὶ φανέτα κριστήται.
112 It is agreed on all hands that this computation of time by Solon is utterly erroneous; but whether this arises from a corruption of the MSS, or from a misunderstanding on the part of Herodotus, is not clear. The former hypothesis is rendered more probable by the circumstance, that Plutarch, in the tract De Malig- nitate Herodoti, does not censure this most patent error. It seems not unlikely that the difficulty mainly arises from the incorporation into the text of a marginal calculation made by an ignorant reader, who, being forgetful of the fact that Herodotus here (as he does in iii. 90, and as he praises the Egyptians for doing in iii. 4) makes the year to consist of 360 days, and, knowing the practice of the Athenians to correct their year (which was a lunar one) by the interpolation of a supplementary month, wrote in the margin the part which has been printed between brackets. This supposition is strengthened by the clause, ἢ γὰρ ἐν ὠραι ἁμβαίνων παραγόμεναι ἐν τῷ δεόν: for the intercalary month, which did effect this end in the Athenian calendar, would only increase the divergence if interpolated as the text requires. For a full explanation of the necessity of an intercalary month and of its operation, see Excursus at the end of this book.
πρόχειμα. οὕτω δὲν, Ὠ Κροίας, πάν ἐστὶ ἄνθρωπος συμφόρη. ἐμοὶ δὲ σὺ καὶ πλουτεῖν μὲν μέγα φαίνεις, καὶ βασιλεὺς εἶναι πολλῶν ἄνθρωπων· ἐκεῖνο δὲ τὸ εἰρέο με, οὐκόν σε ἐγὼ λέγο, πρὶν ἄν τελευτήσατα καλὸς τοῦ αἰῶνα πῦθομαι. οὐ γὰρ τοῦ ὁ μέγα πλουσίος ἀμάλλον τοῦ ἐπὶ ἡμέρην ἔχοντος ἀλβιώτερός ἦστι, εἰ μὴ οἱ τύχη ἐπίσποτο, πάντα καλὰ ἔχουτα, τελευτήσαι εὗ τού διο. πολλοὶ μὲν γὰρ ζύσπλουτοι ἄνθρωποι εἰσὶν τολμοῦν δὲ μετρίως ἔχοντες βίου εὐτυχεῖς· ὁ μὲν δὴ μέγα πλουσίος, ἀμάλλος δὲ, δυσώσι προέχει τοῦ εὐτυχεὸς μούνοισιν αὐτῷ δὲ τοῦ πλουσίου καὶ ἀμάλλου πολλοίν· δὲ ὡμέγα ἐπίθυμην ἐκτελέσαι καὶ ἄτιν μεγάλην προσπέσουσαν ἐνεκαὶ δυνατῶτερος· δέ δὲ τοιοῦτε προέχει ἐκεῖνον ἀτίν μὲν καὶ ἐπίθυμην οὐκ ἁμένοις δυνατός ἐκεῖνο ἐνεκαὶ, ταῦτα δὲ ἐν ἐυτυχεὶ οἱ ἀπερίκειν ἀπήροι δὲ ἐστὶ, ἄφοιος, ἀπαθῆς κακῶν, εὔπαις, εὐειδής· εἰ δὲ πρὸς τούτους ἔτι τελευτήσει τῶν βίων εὗ, ὦτος ἐκεῖνος τῶν οὐν ξητεῖς, ὀλβίος κεκληρηθαί αξίως ἐστι πρὶν δὲ ἄν τελευτήσῃ, ἐπισχέειν, μηδὲ καλέειν καὶ ὀλβίοιν ἀλλὰ εὐτυχεία. τὰ πάντα μὲν τῶν ταύτων συλλαβεῖν ἄνθρωπον ένεκα ἀδύνατον ἦστι, ὡσπερ χόρῳ οὐδεμία καταρκεῖ πάντα εὐστή παρέχουσα, ἀλλὰ ἄλλο μὲν ἔχει ἐτέρων δὲ ἐπιδέσαι· ἢ δὲ ἄν τὰ πλείστα ἐχὴ, ἀρίστη αὐτή ὦς δὲ καὶ ἄνθρωπον σῶμα ἐν οὐδὲν αὐταρκεῖς ἐστίν· τὸ μὲν γὰρ ἐχεῖ, ἄλλου δὲ ἐνδεῖς ἐστίν· ὦς δὲ ἄν αὐτῶν πλείστα ἔχων διατελή, καὶ ἑπείτα τελευτήσει εὔχαριστος τῶν βίων, ὦτος, παρ' ἐμοὶ, τὸ οὐνομα

113 ὦ γὰρ τοῦ ὁ μέγα πλουσίος. The remainder of Solon’s speech shows strikingly the influence exerted by the sophistical ἐπιδεῖξεις which began to be so fashionable in the time of our author. It is a washy essay on the contrast between the πλουσίος and the εὐτυχεῖς, and might have proceeded from the mouth of Protagoras, or Hippias, or any other of the μεριμνηταῖς ἄκων alluded to by Euripides in the next note. A similar sophistical performance in the character of Cratus may be seen in iii. § 36. The words which Plato puts into the mouth of Hippias, the celebrated sophist, admirably describe the type of that style of composition: καὶ γαὶ μᾶ Δί, ὡ Ζώκρατες, πέρι γε ἐπιστηθείμασιν καλῶν καὶ χρί τοῦ νέου ἐπιστηθείμασε, ἔστι μοι περὶ αὐτῶν πάγκαλος λόγος συγκεκριμένος, καὶ ἄλλως εὗ διακεκριμένος καὶ τοῖς ὁνόμασι. πρόσχειμα δὲ μοι ἐστὶ καὶ ἀρχὴ τοῦ ἕιστο τοῖς τοῦ λόγῳ ἐπειδὴ ἡ Ἰρωνία ἱλα, λέγει ὁ λόγος ὅτι Νεπτυλευμίως Νάστορα ἐκεῖτο ποῦ ἐστὶ καλὰ ἐπιστηθείματα, δὲ ἀν τοίς ἐπιστηθείμασι μέν ἄν εὐδοκιμᾶτος γένοιτο μετὰ ταῦτα ἡ λόγος ἐστίν ὁ Νάστορ καὶ ἀποκλίμενος αὐτὴ σάμπολλα νόμιμα καὶ πάγκαλα. (Hipp. Meg. p. 296.)

115 παρ’ ἐμοὶ, "in my judgment." Compare iii. 160, παρὰ Δαρείῳ κριτῆ.
He is sent away in dis-favour.

Crosus dreams that his son will be slain by a pointed weapon;

116 skoptein de xehi panto xoymatos twn televnirh. This is the most general form of the celebrated ethical sentiment attributed to Solon, which in its more practical shape forms the beginning of one of Sophocles's plays (Trachiniae) and the end of another (Ajax Tyrannus). It has been supposed that the historian actually derived the sentiment from the writings of the poet; and, if there were no alternative between adopting this view and accepting this narrative in the text as a faithful historical record, the supposition would certainly be the more tolerable of the two courses. But there can be little doubt that gnomic sentiments of this kind had been the common property of the Hellenic people for two or three centuries before the Peloponnesian war. They were attributed in common belief to one or other of the wise politicians who had gained reputation as sophoi; and sometimes transmitted through the medium of fables (apology), sometimes embodied in narratives of which the dramatis personae were historical or mythological personages. See note 107, above. Some of them were inscribed in the vestibule of the temple at Delphi. Two of them, Μη δν εγαν and Γειθε σαυτων, are mentioned by Plato (Protag. p. 342), who says, half in jest, that the so-called Seven Sages contributed each one as an offering to the god. Another favourite method of giving them publicity was to inscribe them on the Hermes, which were placed in the streets. Thus we have μη νημα τον 'Ιππαρχου στειχε δικαια φρονιων και μη νημα τον 'Ιππαρχου μη φιλων εξαπατα. Aristotle made a collection of these proverbs, which is unfortunately lost. He is said to have regarded them as fragmentary remains of ancient wisdom that had been swept away in the great revolutions of the human species, and as owing their own preservation to their brevity and pregnancy. See the note on § 155.

117 μαθεα. Gaisford and one MS (S) άμαθις. The sentence is a very obscure one from the confusion of the construction, if it be not corrupt. The subject of έχαριστει is Solon; that of άποτελεστηα, Crosus. The middle form implies a neglect on the part of the monarch, "has him sent away." 118 μετα Σαλων οιχομενον. See note on ii. 147, and note 127, below.

119 ζη γαρ δη κωφον. The rule has been laid down by Eustathius that by the word κωφος the early Greeks understood a dumb person only; but that the later applied it also to denote a deaf one. Herodotus would be an exception to this rule, if the words δειπθαιμενων την ικωνη (which occur below, § 33) are genuine. But it seems not improbable that they are an interpretation by a commentator who took the word κωφος in this place to mean deaf. It is quite clear from the story of the son miraculously speaking (v. 85) that it was his dumbness which was his characteristic in the story concerning him. No doubt he might have been deaf too, as total deafness, when congenital, almost invariably produces dumbness. But the rule of Eustathius seems to be only so far well founded, that in the early times κωφος expressed that deficiency of per-
The silence, which enclosed him, was, to all intents and purposes, a将进一步的 silence. "He scoured the country, and the idea which formed the foundation of the whole ceremonial, was, that the blood of the slain man clung to the hand of the slayer (μοσός), bringing a curse both upon himself and all who should hold any converse with him. The term which technically expressed this condition was παλαμαία. Supposing the homicide to be of a kind falling short of willful murder, the criminal betook himself to a neighbouring country and applied for protection, not merely as an ordinary suppliant (ἰκτής), but as one seeking purification (προστρέψαι). As converse with him would convey the contagion of his guilt, he uttered no words, but entered the house carrying an olive-branch tied with a fillet of wool, and took up his station at the hearth in silence. If the host chose to comply with the mute request, he was said to be compassionate him (αἰδεωθα), but the two held no communication with one another until purification had taken place. The guest had food served to him at a separate table, and ate it in silence. Orestes (who is the mythological representative of a παλαμαίας) thus describes his reception at Athens:—

{oí ἔχον αἰδῶνον μονοτρεπέτα, παράχων, οἵων ἦσεν ἐν παιδί στέγες, σιγῆ β' ἐπικήρησ' ἀνάφεροντον μ' ὧς διατός γενοίμην πάματος τ' αὐτῶν δίχα; κἀγὼ ἐξελέγχα μὲν ἔξονοις οὐκ ἦλθον, ἢλγον δὲ σιγῇ κατικόν οὐκ εἶδον, μέγα στενάζων, οἵνεκ' ἦν μητρὸς φοβέρος. Euryptides, Inh. Tax. 949, sepp.}

But after his purification, when he appears at Athens before the statue of Athene (Ἀεικατε, Εὐνευ, 445) seeking for further protection, the ban has been removed, and, although still a ικτής, he says of himself:—

{oίκε εἰμι προστρέψαναι, ὠδ' ἔχει μίνωι πρὸς χειρὶ τῇ μ' τῷ σοι ἐφοµένῃ δρόταις τεκµήρων δὲ ταῦτα σοι λέει μέγα' ἀφρογον εἶναι τὸν παλαμαίαν νόμον, ἢ τ' ἀν πρὸς ἀνήθρος αἷματος καθαραίον σφαγῆς καθαμάζουσι νεκρῶν βοστών πάλαι πρὸς ἄλλοις ταύτ᾽ ἀφερέσθαι οἴκεισι καὶ βοστώι καὶ βοστῶι πόροις.}

The form of purification was for the suppliant to stand upon the fleece of a black sheep. A jet of blood from a young suckling-pig was made to fall upon his hand, and this was washed off into the fleece by a stream of water poured upon it. This symbolized the removal of blood-guiltiness, and the fleece with the blood (Αἷματα) was buried in the earth. Müller (by whom this subject was first thoroughly

Adrastus arrives at Sardis.
δὲ τοῦ βασιλῆσθων παρελθὼν δὲ οὕτως ἐστά τὰ Κροίσου οἰκία, κατὰ νόμους τοὺς ἐπιχωρίους καθαραίου ἐδέστε κυρῆσαν: Κροίσος δὲ μν ἐκάθηρε· ἐπιτελεία τοῦ καθαρῆς τοὺς Ἀνδοῖς καὶ τοὺς "Ελλησον"

v bunches, for their aid in proceeding, Kροίσος δὲ μὴ ἀναλύεται ἐκάθηρε· ἐπιτελεία τοῦ καθαρῆς τοὺς Ἀνδοῖς, ἐπιθυμίαν ὑπὸ τοὺς τὸν Μίδεω εἰμι παῖς, οὐνομάζομαι δὲ Ἀδριανοῦς φονεύσας ἐκ ἀδελφοῦ ἐμεοδοῦ λέκων, πάρειμι ἐξελημανοῦ τοῦ ὑπὸ τὸ πατρὸς καὶ ἐστηριμένος πάντων". Κροίσος δὲ μὴ ἀμέβητο τοῦσδε· "Ἀνδρῶν τε τῆς ὕποδειν τυχαίας ἐκγόνους ἐως, καὶ ἐλθόντας ἐφίλους· ἐνθα ἀμμαχήσας Χρήματος οὐδένος, μενὸν ἐν ἡμετέρῳ. συμφορήν δὲ ταῦτην ὡς κουφότατα φέρον κερδανείς πλείστουν." ο ἐνε ἐκ διαλει ξείνη ἐν Κροίσου.

36 The Myrm. apply for aid against a wild boar, which lays waste their fields.

ἐν δὲ τῷ αὐτῷ χρόνῳ τούτῳ, ἐν τῷ Μυσίῳ Οὐλίμπῳ συν χρήμα γίνεται μέγα· ὅμοιώμενος δὲ οὕτως ἐκ τοῦ οὐρεοῦ τοῦτον τῷ Μυσίῳ ἔργα διαφανέσκει· πολλάκις δὲ οἱ Μυσίοι ἐπὶ αὐτῶν ἔξελθοντες, ποιεσκόμεν μὲν ὄνταν κακῶν, ἔπασχον δὲ πρὸς αὐτοῦ τέλος δὲ, ἀπίκομενον παρὰ τὸν Κροίσου τῶν Μυσίων ἅγγελοι ἔλεγον τᾶς· "ὁ βασιλεύς, ὃς χρήμα μεγίστον ἀνεφάνη ἡμῖν ἐν τῇ χώρῃ, δὲ τέρᾳ διαφανεῖς τοῦτον προσβεβάμενοι ἐλέεις ὃν δυνάμεθα· νῦν ὃν προσδεόμεθα σε, τὸν παῦκα καὶ λογιάς νεφιᾶς καὶ κύρια συμπερήμαται ἡμῖν, ὡς ὡς μὴ ἔξελθομεν ἐκ τῆς χώρης.

οἱ μὲν δὴ τούτων ἐξειστοί Κροίσος δὲ μνημονεύον τοῦ ὑπερίφο τὰ ἐξελεύσεως σφι τᾶς· "παῦκος μὲν πέρι τοῦ ἐμοῦ μὴ μυσθηθῇ ἐν τῷ ὑμᾶν μὴ συμπέμψας νεφαμος το γάρ ἔσται, καὶ ταῦτα οἱ νῦν μὲν Αὐδόν μέχρις λογιάς καὶ τὸ κυνηγεῖον πᾶν συμπέμψας, καὶ διακελεύσομαι τοῖς ἱόσι, ἐμει

elucidated, in his edition of the Eumeneids) shows very clearly that the whole proceeding is one grafted on to the old Pelasgian worship of Demeter Erinyes. A very beautiful description of the purification of Jason and Medea after the slaughter of Absyrtes, is given by A Pol LONIUS RHO DIIUS (iv. 685—717).

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123 ἐν ἡμετέρων. These words are equivalent to ἐν ἡμῖν, both here and in vii. 8, δόσω ἀδόσω τὰ τιμώτατα νομίζεται εἰναὶ ἡμετέρων.

124 ἐν τῷ Μυσίῳ Οὐλίμπῳ. There were no less than four peaks of Mount Ida bearing the name of Olympus. The Myrian Olympus was a fifth, being a mountain conterminous with Mount Ida, but not forming a part of it. STRABO (x. c. 3, p. 362).
His son obtains permission to go and hunt the boar.
Adrastus goes with him to protect him,

"Adrastos, ἀπικομένος δὲ οἱ λέγει τάδε: "Ἄδρηστε, ἐγὼ σε συμφορῆ πεπληγμένον ἄχρι, τὴν τού ὅνειδίζο, έκάθηρα καὶ οἰκίοσυ ὑπο-δεξίμενος ἔχω, παρέχων πάσαν δαπανήν νῦν ὁ垄断 (ὁφείλεις γὰρ, ἐμεῖ προπονήσωντος χρηστά ἐς σὲ, χρηστοίσι με ἀμείβεσθαι) φύ-λακα παιδὸς σε τοῦ ἔμου χρησιμος γενέσθαι ἐς ἁγίην ὀρμεομένου, μὴ τινὰς κατ' ὅδυν κλωτῆς κακοῦργοι ἐπὶ δηλήσει φανεσί ὑμῖν πρὸς τοῦτῳ, καὶ σε τοῦ χρεῶν ἔστι ἱέαν ἐνθά ἀπολαμπρύνεαι τοῖσι ἐργοῖσι πατρώοι σε γὰρ τοῦτο καὶ προσέτι ὑπάρ-χει." Ἀμείβεται ὁ "Ἄδρηστος: "ὁ βασιλεύ, ἀλλος μὲν ἔγγυς ἄν ὁὑ ἀνά ἀξιόν τοιόνδε οὔτε χαρίσα συμφορὴ τοἴδη κεχρη-μένου οἰκός ἐστι σὲ ὀμφάλικας εὖ πρήσοσι τοῖσι νῦν, οὔτε τὸ βοῦ-λεσθαί πάρα μαλαχῇ τε ἄν ἱσχον ἐμευσωτὸν. νῦν δὲ, ἐπεί τε συ σπεύδει καὶ δεί τοῖσι χαρίζεσθαι, (ὁφείλω γὰρ σε ἀμείβεσθαι χρηστοίσι, δοῖσιν ποῖος τοῖσι ἐμὲ ἐτούμος ταῦτα: παῖδα τε σου τῶν διακε-λευάτω φυλάσσων, ἀπήμοια τοῦ φυλάσσοντος ἐνεκεν προσόδα τοῖς ἀπονοστήσεις."

Touoútoisi ἐπεί τε οὗτος ἀμείβατο Κρόουσον, ἦσαν μετὰ ταῦτα ἐξηρτυμένοι λογίσει τε γεφυρίσα καὶ κυσί. ἀπικομένοι δὲ ἐς τῶν Οὐ-λυμπῶν τὸ ὄρος ἐχίτευον τὸ θηρίον, εὑρώτες δὲ καὶ περιστάντες αὐτὸ κύκλω ἐπηκόπτουσιν ἐνθά δὴ ὁ ξένος, οὗτος δὴ ὁ καταρθεὶς τῶν φῶνοι καλεομένος δὲ "Ἀδρηστος, ὑκοντίζων τῶν συν, τοῦ μὲν ἀμαρτάνει τυχχάνει δε τοῦ Κρόουσον παιδὸς. ὁ μὲν δὴ βληθεὶς τῇ αἰχήμῃ ἐξέπλησε τοῦ ὑιείρου τῆς φῆμην."

ferentially supplied in the second clause,
gathered from the sense of the first.
132 ἄχρι. This anomalous form of
the dative case may perhaps be illustrated
by the dative Κλεσθί, which appears in
i. 31; but it seems to imply a mode of
inflection of ἄχρις for which there is no
authority, e. g. ἄχρις, ἄχριμ. 
133 φῆμη. This is the reading of all
the MSS but S. This manuscript, both
here and in iii. 153, has the form φημιν, which Eustathius notes as especially Ionic. But in v. 72 all the MSS have the common form φημην.

134 περιμεκτέων. This word is used by Herodotus nearly as the equivalent to δισφορων. It may generally be rendered by the English word “chafing,” or the Latin “stomachans.” See iii. 64: περιμεκτήσας τη ἀπάση συμφορήν. viii. 109: οὕτω μᾶλλον ἐκπεφυγότων περιμεκτέων, ὀρμέατο τε ἐς τῶν Ἑλλησποντῶν πλάκειν.

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146 The Sancroft MS (S) has here Κροίσος μὲν τον ἐθάφη ὡς οἰκὸς ἐν τον ἐσόμας τῶν ἑαυτοῦ. The same MS here begins to exhibit some extraordinary variations. In place of what appears in the text, it proceeds, Ἀθηράστος δὲ τῷ τύμβῳ Κροίσος δὲ ἔπι δύο ἔτεα ἐπέθεκε. In these varia-

147 φοιέσις δὲ τοῦ καθηρατον. See note 133.
Cræsus is diverted from his grief by the growth of the Persian power, and consults the oracles.

Herodotus makes trial of their skill.

Between, consulted a man, Herodotus makes growth, Croesus first by trial and growth, he would have the oracles. It seems to this man that the temple of Apollo at Delphi, the religious ideas which formed the basis of the worship at Dodona and Amnon appears from the legend related by Herodotus (ii. 53) as to the origin of the two oracles.
The answer of the rest is unknown; but the Delphic oracle answers successfully;
and Creusus regards it as the only trustworthy adviser,

If the narrative rests on a Delphic tradition, it was to be expected that the response given by that oracle should alone be remembered.

This phrase is very difficult to explain. The word τῶν, as a musical term, is equivalent to the English "pitch;" but there are four passages in Herodotus (viz. i. 62. 174; v. 60, and the present) in which the meaning it requires corresponds to the English "measure." Of three of these passages, it is remarkable that they fall in portions of the text which are not included in the manuscripts S and V, and in all these the reference is to words which were spoken. If only these three existed in which the phrase was used, it would be more easily intelligible; for, as the oracles were delivered in a chant, ἐξαμέτρος τῶν and τριμέτρος τῶν might be taken to mean notes in which the voice was pitched, for the recitation of the hexameter and the

senarian iambic severely. But the fourth passage (v. 60) refers not to oral recitation, but to an inscription on a tripod. If, therefore, the words be not an interpolation in that passage (which exists in S and V as well as in the other MSS.), the word τῶν must in it be taken as simply equivalent to "metre," notwithstanding the tautological expression which results therefrom.

This form of the perfect passive from ἐπι-ἐννυμι is analogous to ἡμιφιέστα. The change of construction renders the passage somewhat obscure. The χελώνη is figuratively represented as having a couch of brass on which it repose, and as having been arrayed in a robe of the same material. The reading χαλκός δ' ἐπιέστα would entirely destroy the figure.

117 τῶν θεοπρότων. Herodotus uses this word in the sense of θεωρῶς here and in several other places, e. g. l. 67; v. 79; vi. 57.
with the exception of Amphiaraus.

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Offerings of Cresus to the Delphic god;
The adulteration accounts for the current application of the epithet χλαρός:
τι ποτ' ἐστὶ χλαρόν, ἀντιβολαῖς, τὸ χρυσὸν; δέδωκα ἐπιβουλεύομεν ὑπὸ πάντων ἄει.
(Comicus Incertus ap. Schol. Aristoph. Plut. 204.)

155 ἐπὶ τε κατεκαίετο ὁ ἐν Δέλφοις νηὸς. This conflagration is placed by Clinton (on the authority of Pausanias) in the year 548 B.C. It is noticed by Herodotus (ii. 150; v. 62), but without any other definition of the time than that it was when Amasis was reigning in Egypt.

156 ἐν τῷ Κορυνθίων θησαυρῷ. See above, note 57.

157 μεγάλει μεγάλους, "large in size." See ii. 74, μεγαλεῖ μικροῖς. iv. 52, μεγάλει σμικρῆ.

158 προνύμου. Two MSS have νηὸν. Perhaps both readings are glosses, and the true text merely ἐπὶ τῆς γωνίας. See viii. 122.


160 Θεοδόρου τοῦ Σαμίου ἔργον εἶναι. Herodotus in another passage (iii. 41) speaks of Theodorus the son of Teleclus, a Samian, as the artist who made the ring worn by Polycrates; and the question arises whether the Theodorus here spoken of is the same person. Theodorus "the Samian" is put by Plato (Ion, § 4), together with Dedalus and Epyes, two artists who belong more to mythical than historical times. Pliny (N. H. xxxv. 12. 15) places him "long before" the expulsion of the Bacchiadse from Corinth,—an event which Clinton assigns to the year 655 B.C. Plato speaks of him as an ἀνδριαντοποίος, and Pliny as one who with Rheneas "plasticen invent." This last is no doubt an inaccurate expression, as it was metal-casting, and not sculpture, which Rheneas and the ancient Theodorus invented. The most natural supposition seems to be, that the Delphians attributed the vase Herodotus speaks of to the Theodorus to whom Plato alludes, he being the most celebrated artist of the name. Whether it was really by him is quite another matter. The Lycians exhibited a brazen bowl in the temple of Apollo at Patara, which they asserted to be the offering of Telephus and the work of Hephaestus, "forgetting apparently," says Pausanias (ix. 41. 1), "that Theodorus and Rheneus, the Samians, were the first who cast in brass" (see note 67). The remark which Herodotus himself makes in confirmation of the Delphian account may serve to show the kind of reasoning which would be most operative with his informants.

* The last of these πίθοι was carried off.
by Sylla. It was so large and heavy that it was broken into pieces for removal.

Plutarch (Sylla, § 12).

161 Ouk orðos lefonois. The construction requires λέγοντας if the word be applied to the Lacedaemonians. And the irregularity is so gratuitous, that it is difficult to suppose λέγοντες genuine. I am inclined to think the text originally ran, τῶν τῷ χρυσῷ ἐπιγέγραται ΛΑΚΕΔΑΙΜΟΝΙΩΝ (φαμένων εἶναι ἀνάθημα) οὐκ ὀρθῶς λέγον (i. e. τὸ ἐπίγραμμα, gathered by inference from the word ἐπιγέγραται). Then, the two first letters of the word ἐστι being repeated by an error of transcription (λέγοντες ἦστι), the next copyist thought αὐτὰ had been omitted, and corrected to the present reading.

162 Ouk ἐπιμήκουσα. Ptolemy, the son of Hephaestion (a foolish compiler of the time of Hadrian), gives the name of this Delphian as Aethus. He likewise gives the name of the queen of Candaules, and various other details—some of them contradictory to others—relative to points left undetermined by Herodotus. For a sketch of the nature of the Miscellanies from which details of this sort were drawn, see Blakesley, Life of Aristotle, p. 8, and p. 25, note 5.

163 τῆς ἀρτοκότου τῆς Κροίσου εἰκόνα. Plutarch (Cur Pythia non reddat carmine, p. 401, E) relates a tradition that Croesus's life was saved by this female, who gave him information of poison having been mixed in his bread by the machinations of a stepmother. But, whether this were the case or not, it seems impossible that such a story should have prevailed at Delphi in the time of Herodotus, or he would hardly have omitted it. The Delphians probably gathered that the figure represented Croesus's "bread-chopper," from some instrument held in the hand. The story of Plutarch is hardly of better authority than many of those related by Ptolemy Hephaestion (see note 162). There is, however, no reason to object to the word ἄρτοκότος as designating an Asiatic official, or to desire to change it into ἄρτοπωλός or ἄρτοπόστος. The duties attaching to the office were probably analogous to those belonging to the "carver" at the baronial tables in feudal times.

164 τῷ ἀμφιάρεῳ. It does not appear from the words of Herodotus whether the offering of which he speaks was made at a shrine of Amphiaraus, forming a part of the temple of the Isemian Apollo at Thebes, or at the place where the response was obtained, and from thence transferred to Thebes. In fact, it is not clear, from this passage or that in § 46, to what locality he refers when he says that Croesus sent to Amphiaraus. In South Boeotia alone there were at least three localities assigned as the spot where Amphiaraus was swallowed up with his chariot; one on the right of the road from Potniae to Thebes (Pausanias, ix. 8. 3), a second at Harm, hard by Mycalessus, on the road from Thebes to Chalcis (10. i. 19. 4), and a third twelve stades from Oropus (10. i. 34. 1). In all these the same legend prevailed, and the
same mode of consulting the hero, who
was supposed to hold communion with his
votary in dreams, without the interven-
tion of any πρόμαχος. The ritual of
Amphiaraus is substantially identical with
that of Fameus (described by Virgil,
Aen. vii. 89—100). Both the one and
the other, and indeed Troadonius also,
belong to the ancient system of elemental
worship,—a pantheism broken up into
polytheism,—which prevailed among the
earliest population of the Italian and Hel-
lenic peninsula. In the time of Herod-
tus,—with the exception of Arcadia and a
few insular spots,—this religion was
everywhere overthrown and much modified
by the mythology brought in by the
supervening Hellenic tribes; the early
ritual being often taken up, and the an-
cient deities incorporated into the new
system by a legend connecting them with
the recently imported. The preface of the
Pythian priestess in the Eumenides of
Aeschylus is an excellent example of this.

163 θὰ δον. The plural number
here seems to refer to the sharp butt of
the lance (properly called σαμωρωτήριν), by
which it was fixed in the ground, as well
as to the point.

164 ἐν τῷ νηύ τοῦ Ἰσμηνίου Ἀπόλλω-
νος. See note 141.

165 ἄνθεκας τε ταῖς πάθεσι, ἀνέθηκε σάκος τι
χρύσεως πάνω ὥμοιος καὶ
αἰχμὴν στερεῖν πάσαν χρυσήν, τοῖς τῆς λόγχας ἵ
ὁμοίοις χρύσεως τὰ ἐπὶ καὶ ἀμφότερα ἐς ἐμὲ ἦν κείμενα ἐν Ἡθῷος,
καὶ Ὡμβαίων ἐν τῷ νηύ τοῦ Ἰσμηνίου Ἀπόλλωνος.

Τούτω δὲ άγεων μέλλουσι τῶν Ἀνδρῶν ταύτα τὰ δώρα ἐς τὰ ἢρᾳ
ἐνετέλλετο ο Ἀγεας ἐπειροταύ τὰ χρυστήρια, εἰ στρατεύεται
ἐπὶ Πέρσας Κροίσος, καὶ εἰ τινὰ στρατόν ἄνδρων προσθείτο
φίλον; ὡς δὲ ἀπικόμενοι εἰ στὰ ἀπετέμφθησαν οἱ Ἀνδρῶν
ἀνέθεσαν τὰ ἀναθήματα, ἔχρεωντο οἱ τούτοι χρυστηρίουσι, λέγοντες
"Κροίσο, ἂ Ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ ἄλλων θυνεόυ βασιλεύς, νομίσας τὰς
μαντήτια εἶναι μοῦνα ἐν ἀνδρότοις, ὑμῖν τὰ ἄξια δώρα ἐδωκέ
τῶν ἐξευρημάτων, καὶ νῦν ὑμέας ἐπειροτά, εἰ στρατεύεται ἐπὶ
Πέρσας, καὶ εἰ τινὰ στρατόν ἄνδρων προσθείτο σύμμαχον;" οἱ
μὲν ταύτα ἐπειροτέουν. τῶν δὲ μαντητῶν ἀμφότερων ἐς τῶντο
αἱ ἑγώμαι συνεδραμοῦν, προδέχουσαν Κροίσο, ἣν στρατεύεται ἐπὶ
Πέρσας, μεγάλην ἀρχήν μιν καταλάμαι. τοὺς δὲ Ελλήνην
δυνατώτατος συνεσβούλειν οἱ ἐξευρήματα φίλους προσθέσατα.

Reply of
the oracles
to his ques-
tion, should
he go to
war?

167 ἄπικομενοι εἰ στὰ ἀπετέμφθησαν οἱ Ἀνδρῶν. The manuscripts S and V have
ἀπικόμενοι εἰς τ. ἄπ. οἰκήρυκες. See note 140.
168 ἔχρεωντο. S and V have καὶ
ἐχέον.
169 ταῦτα μαντήτια εἶναι μοῦνα. See note
171. 170 εἰ στρατεύεται καὶ . . . εἰ . . .
προσθείον, "if he must make a warlike
expedition against the Persians, and
whether (in that case) to take any allies." On
the first or main point the decision of the
oracle was imperatively demanded, but
the putting the second point was a mere
contingency. See note 40. See also
Matthie,
Gr. Gr. § 516. 3.
171 ἀμφότερων. If S and V represent
a different διασκευή of the work from that
which the other manuscripts exhibit, and
are not derived from the fuller text by a
process of excision, this word must in
them refer to the two oracles at Delphi, and
the Oasis of Ammon (see note 140).
In the others, it must be considered to
refer to those of Apollo at Delphi, and of
Amphiaraus. See i. 52, and the various
readings of i. 92.
172 καταλάμαι. The verse Κροίσος
"Ἀλν διαβάς μεγάλην ἀρχήν καταλάμαι
(which Cicero renders "Croesus Halym
penetrans magnam pervertet opum vim"
De Dir. ii. 56) is given by Diodorus Siculus, and other later writers, as the actual oracle. It seems, however, most probable that this hexameter is merely made up out of the phrase which Herodotus gives as containing the ambiguous portion of the answer received by Croesus. The aorist katalágoi, instead of the future katalábhai, shows that the substance, and not the very words in the form in which they were uttered, is related: “telling Croesus beforehand of his pulling down a great empire, supposing him to attack the Persians.” If the future be adopted, the passage must be rendered, “that he would pull down,” &c.

172 pénwos aítis eis Pithó Delphou doxéstei. It will be observed, that Herodotus does not recognize any city “Delphi.” In his time the Delphians lived scattered in the recesses of Parnassus. Pytho (the temple and oracle of the god) was their central point (euph genítia, and the object of their care (Phoibou Delphou thérpes). Euripides, Ion, 91). This present of Croesus perhaps gave a form to the story related by Plutarch, quoted in note on ii. 134: ἱττριωτῶν Δελφῶν.

174 pénwos ... ἐνεφορέτο αὐτῶν. All this passage is omitted in the manuscripts S and V, which join in the middle of § 54 to that of § 55 thus, ὑπερήφανε τῇ τοῖς ἱεροτερίῳ τὰ πάρξια τε ἐπίπταν καταλύσει ἡ Κύρου βασιλείαι, πέμψας ἅν τοῦ Πιθήκου, κατὰ ἀνδρὰ δύο στατήρας ἐκαστον χρυσοῦ. Δελφὶ δὲ ἀντὶ τούτων ἔδοσαν Κροῖσον καὶ Δυσοῖς προμαντίην καὶ ἀτελέσθαι καὶ προεδρύνειν, καὶ ἔξειν τῷ βουλημένῳ αὐτῶν γενέσθαι Δελφῶν ἐς τόν αἰεί χρόνων. Δωρησάμενος δὲ τοὺς Δελφοὺς ὁ Κροῖσος, ἱεροτερίῳ τῷ τρίτῳ, ἐπειτα τῇ τοῖς ἔνδει ἱερείας ἐτούτου τοῦ μαντητῶν ἀληθείας, ἐνεφορέτευτο αὐτῶν 174. ἐπειρώτα δὲ τάδε ἱεροτερίᾳζόμενος, εἰ οἱ πολυχρόνοι ἔσται ἡ μουναρχίη. ἦ δὲ Πηθή ὁ χρῆ τάδε:

Third response of the Delphian oracle as to the duration of his power.
...thought, ἐπίλευξιν ἡμέρων οὐδαμὰ ἀντὶ ἄνδρος βασιλεύειν. Μὴ δὲ ὅπερ οὐδὲ ἦν αὐτός, οὐδὲ ἦν αὐτὸς, πάσης ἑαυτὸς κατέ τῆς ἀρχῆς. μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα ἐφρόντηζε ἱστορέων, τοὺς ἄνεμος Ἑλλήνων ὑπανιτάτους ἐόντας προσκητήσατο φίλους. ἱστορέων δὲ εὑρίσκει Δακεδαιμονίους καὶ Ἀθηναίους προέχοντας, τοὺς μὲν τὸν Δωρικὸν γένους, τοὺς δὲ τὸν Ἰωνικὸν. ταύτα 178 γὰρ ὂν τὰ προκεκριμένα τὸ ἀρχαῖον, ἐόντα τὸ μὲν Πελασγικὸν τὸ δὲ Ἑλληνικὸν ἐθνός· καὶ τὸ μὲν οὐδαμῇ καὶ ἐξεχώρησε 179 τὸ δὲ πολυπλαίνητον κάρτα· ἐπὶ μὲν γὰρ Δευκαλίωνος βασιλέως οἰκεῖ γῆν τὴν Πθίωτιν· ἐπὶ δὲ Δόρου τοῦ Ἑλληνος, τὴν ὑπὸ τὴν Ὁσσαν τε καὶ τὸν Οὐλμοῦν χώραν, καλεομένην δὲ Ἀισιοϊώτων ἐκ τῆς Ἱστιαίωτος ὁς ἐξανέστη

178 ταύτα γὰρ ὂν τὰ προκεκριμένα τὸ ἀρχαῖον, ἐόντα τὸ μὲν Πελασγικὸν τὸ δὲ Ἑλληνικὸν ἐθνός. The manuscripts S and V omit these words and all that follows until the beginning of § 60, which they connect with what precedes thus: Ἰωνικόν καὶ δὴ καὶ ἐξετάσεως Σαρπόντος ἀγιόλους ἵνα τε φόροντας δώρα τε φόροντας, κ.τ.λ.

Gaisford reads, with the other MSS., ταύτα γὰρ ὂν τὰ προκεκριμένα ἐόντα τὸ ἀρχαῖον τὸ μὲν Πελασγικὸν τὸ δὲ Ἑλληνικὸν ἐθνός. For ἐόντα, Dobree and Porson proposed to read ἔθνα. But the transposition of two words and a corrected punctuation remove all the difficulty. Translate, “for these were the leading nations of olden time, being, the one a Pelasgian, the other a Hellenic tribe.” The word προκεκριμένος corresponds to the German vornehm.

That the first part at least of the passage omitted in S and V is an addition, incorporated subsequently, seems indisputable from the circumstance that, as the text stands, the word Πελασγικόν ought (according to the usage of language) to refer to the Doric race, and Ἑλληνικόν to the Ionic, whereas in fact the author intends the reverse. But it by no means follows that it is to be regarded as an interpolation by another hand. It may very well be an extract from the collections of the author, written in the manner of a note in an interleaved copy by himself.

119 τὸ μὲν οὐδαμὴ καὶ ἐξεχώρησε. A good deal of difficulty has been occasioned unnecessarily by the application of these words to the Πελασγικὸν ἐθνός, whereas they are in fact referred to the Ἰσιαῖον γένος, and of these especially to the Athenians, whose pride in their professsed aboriginal character is well known. Hence the orator, in vii. 161, speaks of his countrymen as μοῦνοι ἐόντες ὧν μετανάσταρε Ἡπειρός. But, even if the expression were necessarily referable to the Pelasgians, the difficulty would not be so great as has been supposed. The word ἐξεχώρησε does not express the kind of migration which takes place when a swarm is thrown off, but that when a whole people moves away from one territory into another. And this last character is not attached to the Pelasgians by Herodotus. It was so, perhaps first of all, by EPHORUS, the popularity of whose work made it the basis of all subsequent histories of Greece (medately or immediately) even down to the last generation. But, from the account which STRABO (V. cap. 2, p. 357, seqq.) gives of Ephorus’s statements, it is plain that his view rested on no positive authority, but was a mere hypothesis to account for the existence of Pelasgian traditions in many widely scattered places. There is nothing related of the Pelasgians by Herodotus which is incompatible with the theory that they were a primitive people, who long antecedently to the historical times overspread a great portion of what was afterwards called Hellas (at which period the Athenians themselves were Pelasgian, and called CRANAI, viii. 44). In the time of Herodotus, all traces of them were obliterated in the greater part of Hellas; but a few insulated populations remained, in Arcadia, Acte, Lemnos, Imbros, Creston, Placie, Sclaye, Antandros—and Pelasgian names and rituals in many other places.
Herodotus describes this region as the metropolis of the DORIANS (viii. 31). It is τοιαύτα στενός ὡς τριήμερον σταδίων μάκαστα καὶ ἑφόροι, κείμενος μεταξὺ τῆς τῆς Μυλίδος καὶ τῆς Φωκίδος χώρης. The population of it, expelled (according to the tradition) by HERACLES and the MELIANS, founded Hermione in ARGOS (viii. 43).

\[\text{See note 22.}\]

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180 Δρυσίδα. Herodotus describes this region as the metropolis of the Dorians (vii. 31). It is τοιαύτα στενός ὡς τριήμερον σταδίων μάκαστα καὶ ἑφόροι, κείμενος μεταξὺ τῆς τῆς Μυλίδος καὶ τῆς Φωκίδος χώρης. The population of it, expelled (according to the tradition) by Heracles and the Melians, founded Hermione in Argolis (viii. 43).

181 οὔτως, "direct, without more ado." See note 22.

182 χρέων. Gaisford, with most MSS, has χρέων.

183 τῶν ὑπὲρ Τυρσηνῶν Κρηστώνα πόλιν. NIEBUHR considered that this name was corrupt, and wished to read Κρήστον, regarding the city as CORINTH. But, independently of the boldness of this alteration, it seems unlikely that Corinth in Tuscany should be coupled together with Scythe and Placie in the Hellaspon. The solution of the difficulty is not easy if we retain Κρήστωνα (see the note on v. 3, Κρηστωναίων), unless we take Τυρ-σηνῶν to mean the Tyrrhenian Pelasgians of Athens. See note 186.

184 τῶν. An emendation of DODRÉE's. Gaisford with the MSS has τῷν.

185 οὶ σύνοικοι ἔγενε Ἀθηναίοι. In another passage (ii. 51) the Pelasgian immigrants into Attica are represented as coming from Samothrace. If it be considered that the populations of all these Pelasgian localities were ethnically identical, it is not strange that one should take the place of another in traditions orally transmitted. It is more probable that two legends should vary from one another in this way, than that the true view should be that which results from the mechanical combination of the two. Here, for instance, it may be said, the immigration was of a multitude coming partly from Placie and Sicyone and partly from Samothrace. But, if so, why should the author have omitted the mention of one half of the colonists in the one case, and the other half in the other? See the note on ii. 51, ad fin.

186 οὐ πλασματικά έστι Πελασγικά πολίσματα. The towns referred to are perhaps those mentioned by Thucydides (iv. 100) as lying in Acte, the peninsula terminating in the mountain Athos, separated from the main by Xerxes' canal. This was filled with small towns inhabited by a mixed race of barbarians speaking two languages. "There was a small element of Chalcedians among them, but they were mostly Pelasgians, some of the Tyrrhenians who formerly inhabited Lemnos and Athens, and Bisaltis, Crestonians, and Edones" (Thucyd. 1. c.).

187 ήςαν οἱ Πελασγοὶ βάρβαροι γράδο- σαν ένεις. This observation must not be taken for more than it is worth, and used to prove that the Pelasgian language differed etymologically from the Greek. The language of these towns doubtless sounded strange to the ear of Herodotus, as the dialect of Coniston does to an East Anglian. But, although differing so much from the current Hellenic as to necessitate the use of two languages (see the last note), it should be remembered that whatever is common to the Latin and
Greek languages as they exist must have
existed in their common parent. What was
this if not Pelasgian? If the dialect of
Placie and Scylace differed only as much
from the Hellenic of commerce in the
time of Herodotus as the Dutch of the
present day does from English, a traveller
would not hesitate to call it foreign,
although a philologist would consider the
connexion an extremely close one. Per-
sibly Herodotus may have formed his
judgment of the dialect of Scylace and
Placie from natives of those places which
he met with at Cyzicena, in the im-
mediate neighbourhood of which Scylace
was (Hecat.-eus op. Steph. By-
zant. sub v.), or even may have had
the word of the Cyzicenes for its char-
acter.

188 εἰς πλῆθος πολλῶν. The MSS have
εἰς πλῆθος τῶν ἐθνῶν πολλῶν (or πολλαρ').
If τῶν ἐθνῶν be genuine, it must be in-
terpreted of "the nations of which the
Hellenic race is notoriously composed." But
the words seem to be a gloss from the
hand of some one who supposed that
the aggregation of barbarous tribes pre-
sently mentioned was referred to.

189 ὡς δὴ ἂν ἦμοι γε. Gaisford has
πῶς δὴ ἂν ἦμοι τε. Aldus and one MS
have ὡς for πῶς, and all the MSS have
τε for γε. But the passage is unintel-
ligible unless some variation be made.
The construction of the sentence is dif-
ficult. It would naturally have ended with ἥξηθαν, but the infinitive has taken
the place of the subjunctive as if the sen-
tence had begun ἦμοι γεν. But it is not easy to find a motive for such slovenliness of writing. See note 136 and the variations in the manuscripts S and V there noted.

58 The Hellenic race from its first origin
has always retained its language. Has
been increased by assimilating many bar-
barous nations.

59 The Athenians may be said to have been "divided by Pisistra-
tus" from the circumstance of his having
exiled the Alcmoneid faction, and thus
crippled the resources of the state. See
below, i. 64; v. 62. But it is a common
idiom in Greek to construct grammatic-
ally two phrases in the same combina-
tion with a third, although in point of
sense only one of them can, strictly
speaking, be combined with it. Thus
Sophicles, Aj. 1034:—

ἀρ' οὖν 'Ερώτος τούτ' ἐξ ἀλκεύσει ἔφος
κακεῖνον [sc. ζωτῆρα] "Αἰδης δημι-
ουργὸς ἄνειος;

and Elect. 435:—

— ἕ πυραίσιν ἥ βασισκαfarei κάνει
κρύψον νυ.

So, in vi. 43, Mardonias comes from Susa
to the Cilician seaboard πολλῶν μὲν κάρτα
πεζῶν ἀμα ἀγόμενοι πολλῶν δὲ ναυτι-
κόν, where Casaubon endeavours to ex-
plain ναυτικόν as "sailors," στρατῶν being
under the Pisistratids.

Birth of Pisistratus foretold by a portent.

'Iπποκράτεις τοῦτον τοὺς χρόνους τυραννεύοντος Ἀθηναίων. Ἡπτοκράτει γὰρ, ἐξώτι ὁδότη καὶ θεωρεῖται τὰ Ολυμπια, τέρας ἐγένετο μέγαν: θύματός γὰρ αὐτοῦ τὰ ἱρα, οἱ λέξιτις ἐπεστεότε τε ἐς τοῦτο ἐμπέλευ καὶ ὤδατος, ἀνευ πυρός ἔβεβαλαν, καὶ ὑπέρεβαλον. Χίλων δὲ ὁ Λακεδαιμόνιος 191 παρατυχὼν καὶ θεομένος τὸ τέρας συνεβούλευ Ἰπποκράτει πρῶτα μὲν γυναίκα τεκνοποιοῦν μὴ ἀγέθαι ἐς τὰ οἰκία, εἰ δὲ τυγχάνει ἔχουν, δεύτερα τὴν γυναίκα ἐκτέμpeιν καὶ εἰ τις οἱ τυγχάνει ἐῶν παῖς, τούτων ἀπείπασθαν οὐκῶν 192 ταῦτα παρανεύσατος Χίλων πεύθεθαι θέλει τὸν Ἰπποκράτεια, γενεςθαι οἱ μετὰ ταῦτα τὸν Πεισίστρατον τοῦτον ὅσ, στασιαζόμεθα τῶν παράλλον καὶ τῶν ἐκ τοῦ πεδίον Ἀθηναίων, καὶ τῶν μὲν προστειότοτος Μεγακλέους τοῦ Ἀλκμαίωνος, τῶν δὲ ἐκ τοῦ πεδίον Λυκούργου Ἀριστοτέλεω, καταφρονήσας τὴν τυραννίδα 193, ἤγείρε τρίτην στάσιν. συλλέξας δὲ στασιώτας, καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῶν ὑπερκριῶν προστάτας 194, μηχαναται τοιοῦτον understood. But it would have been scarcely more difficult for him to find ships in Persia than sailors. The true solution is to infer ἐξών from ἀγέμους. See note on vi. 97, ἀλά πέρην.

191 Χίλων ὁ Λακεδαιμόνιος. The advice given by the sage on this occasion must not be allowed to deprive him of the reputation which attaches to him as a person of political sagacity. See the note on ii. 49, σοφοταί.

192 οὐκῶν ταῦτα . . . Πεισίστρατος. For the use of the word οὐκῶν, which is equivalent to καί, αὐτάρ, see note on v. 59, ult. The oblique forms ὀνεῖον τῶν Ἰππ. and γενεθαι instead of the direct ἠθελεν τὸν Ἰππ. and ἐγένετο are used to show that the connexion of the birth of Pisistratus with the portent was a matter of hearsay. "And, as it seems that Hippiocrates, when Chilo gave this advice, was unwilling to obey it, they say that afterwards, this, the notorious [τό] Πισιστρατος, was born to him," &c. Then follows the direct form, ὅς . . . ἤγείρε, because the circumstances related are regarded as a part of authentic history.

193 καταφρονήσας τὴν τυραννίδα. The use of καταφρονήσας as equivalent to ὑφορήσας is not sanctioned by either of the two passages (i. 66; viii. 10) which have been cited in defence of it. The passage is corrupt, possibly from a compression of two different readings (καταφρονήσας and ὑφορήσας τὴν τυρ.) into one.

194 τῷ λόγῳ τῶν ὑπερκριῶν προστάτας, "professing himself the representative of the highland party." Herodotus represents this as a new party watchword assumed for the occasion by Pisistratus. There appears no sufficient reason for supposing that the revolution effected by him consisted (according to the account followed by Herodotus) in the elevation of a distinct tribe to higher political privileges than it had hitherto enjoyed. On the contrary, the opposite seems to follow from the expression, ὅστε τιμᾶς τὰς εὐούς συνταράβασι ὅστε θέσμα μεταλάβας. ARISTOTLE too is most decisive in representing the opportunity of usurpation as furnished to Pisistratus by his success in war, and the confidence of the commonalty as being reposed in him from the hostility he exhibited to the rich. οἱ προστάται τοῦ δήμου, ὅτε πολεμικὸν γένετο, τυραννίδε ἐπετείκετο πάντες δὲ τούτο ἔθρον ὑπὸ τοῦ δήμου πιστεύοντες, ἡ δὲ πίστις ἦν ἡ ἀπεχείρη ἡ πρὸς τῶν πλουσίων, οἰον Ἀθηναίοι Πεισίστρατος στασιάσας πρὸς τῶν πεδικούσι (Polit. v. p. 1305, a, line 20). These expressions of Aristotle are quite compatible with the statement of Herodotus, if we suppose that the troops with which Pisistratus was successful were mainly highlanders
organized as infantry, a comparatively new arm of war (see note on v. 77). Such, most useful in the mountainous Megaris, would of all others be most likely to be harpered with debt to the wealthy plainsmen, just as the small freeholders of the Roman commonwealth were to the patricians. In this case Pisistratus would be likely to advocate the interests of his followers, as Cromwell did those of his troopers, and thus profess himself as their υπερακρίμων προστάτης. But such a view is a very different one from that of Plutarch (Solon. § 13). It is worth remarking that Philaidæ, the deme to which Philaidæ belonged (Plutarch, Solon. § 10) was probably not in the highlands of Attica, but in the immediate neighbourhood of Brauron, as Phileus (its eponymous hero) was said to be buried there. The site of Brauron is fixed by Leake at the head of a marsh near the harbour Livadhi, on the east coast, about lat. 37° 55'.

119 κατά τὴν πρὸς Μεγαράδα γενομένη στρατηγία. The details of this war are most uncertain. Herodotus does not attempt to describe them. Plutarch, who does, gives the most varying accounts, showing decisively that popular tradition was the only authority for them existing, long after the conclusion of the war (Solon. §§ 8, 9). The only part which he makes Pisistratus play in reference to them is the encouraging the Athenians to listen to the advice of Solon. 196 τούτους, i. e. τοὺς στασιάτας, mentioned above.

197 ο Μεγακλέας, ἐπεκαρκευτὸς Πεισιστράτων. The eponymous ancestor of the Alcmoneidæ (Alcmæon) was said to have been a descendant of Nestor, and, on the invasion of Peloponnesus by the He- racleidæ, to have migrated to Athens (Pausanias, ii. 3). Pisistratus also is said by Herodotus to have been originally a Pylian and Naxian (v. 65). But it is singular that Pausanias, who brings all the other Nestorids to Athens, should specially except Pisistratus. Perhaps this results from the circumstance, that after the expulsion of the Pisistratids from Athens, and the growth of democratic feeling, it became an object to obliterate all traces of the important position which they once held. See note 201.
is restored through an alliance with Megasce.

turannidi; ενδεξαμένου δὲ τῶν λόγων καὶ ὀμολογήσαντος ἐπὶ τούτοις Πεισιστράτου, μηχανώντα δὴ ἐπὶ τῇ κατοίκῳ πρήγμα εὐθέστατον, ὡς ἐγὼ εὐφριστόκοι, μακρὸ ἐπεῖ 198 ἀπεκρίθη ἐκ παλαιτέρου τοῦ βαρβάρου ἔθεος τοῦ Ἐλληνικοῦ, ἢν καὶ δεξιότερον καὶ εὐθῆς ἡλίθιον ἄπηλλαγμένον μᾶλλον εἰ καὶ τότε γε οὗτοι ἐν Ἀθηναίοις τούτοις πρώτοις λεγόμενοι εἶναι Ἐλλήνων σοφίη μηχανώτα τούδε. ἐν τῷ δήμῳ τῷ Παιανεί 199 ἢ γυνὴ τῇ ὀνόμα ἢν Φύη, μέγαθος ἀπὸ τεσσάρων τηχεῶν ἀπολείπουσα τρεῖς δακτύλιους, καὶ ἄλλως εὐειδῆς: ταύτῃ τὴν ἡμεία σκεύασαντες πανωπλίη, ἐς ἀρμὰ ἑσβιβάσαντες, καὶ προδέξαντες σχῆμα ὅλον τι ἐμελλε εὐπρεπότατον φανέσθαι ἔχουσα 200, ἢλαυνον ἐς τὸ ἀστυ 201, προδόμους κήρυκας προπέμψαντες, οἳ τὰ ἐντεταλμένα ἡγόρευον ἐς τὸ ἀστυ ἀπικόμενοι, λέγοντες τούδε: "ὁ Ἀθηναῖοι, δέκασθε ἄγαθο νῦν Ἐλληστράτου, τὸν αὐτὴ ἡ Ἀθηναίη τιμήσασα ἀνθρώπων μᾶλλα, κατάγει 202 ἐς τὴν ἑωτής ἀκρότολων." οἳ μὲν δὴ ταῦτα διαφαινότεντες ἔλεγον αὐτίκα δὲ ἐς τε τοὺς δήμους φάτις ἄπικετο, ὡς Ἀθηναίη Πεισιστράτου κατάγει καὶ οἳ ἐν τῷ ἀστεὶ

198 ἑπεῖ τε. Gaisford and all the MSS ἑπεῖ γε. But, if the reading and punctuation of Gaisford be adopted, a very slovenly construction results. ἑπεῖ τε is equivalent to εἴ ὅν (as in vii. 8, οὐδὰμ καὶ ἢτρεμόσαμεν ἑπεῖ τε παρελάβομεν τὴν ἡγεμονία τῆς, and elsewhere). Translate, "they contrive, in fine, in order to effect the restoration, a proceeding by far the most foolish that I know of since the separation, long ago, of the Hellenic from the barbarian race," &c.

199 ἐν τῷ δήμῳ τῷ Παιανεί. This deme was, according to Leake, in the immediate neighbourhood of Philaide, the deme of Pisistratus.

200 ἔχουσα. All the MSS have ἔχουσα, and so has Gaisford. I should be rather disposed to change it to the dative case. The final letter of ἔχοσα might have dropped out in an uncial MS, where the i adscript is rarely written.

201 ἢλαυνον ἐς τὸ ἀστυ. In order to get to Athens from Peania, they would have to pass through the deme Pallene, which was situated at the foot of the north-east extremity of Hymettus, where the Mesogeian plain, on which the demes Peania and Philaide lie, joins the plain of Athens. At Pallene was a temple of Athene celebrated in Attic legends (Εὐρυπ. Herod. 849). The procession, therefore, in which Phye took part was probably regarded as symbolizing a progress of Athenes from the temple at Pallene to that on the Acropolis (see the note 73 on i. 21). If this procession was attended by a formidable demonstration of the inhabitants of the Mesogeian villages on the eastern side of Hymettus (which, according to Leake, is very thickly covered with ancient remains), the reception of Pisistratus may not have taken place solely on superstitious grounds. See the note 210, on i. 62. But, perhaps, the truer way of looking at this extraordinary procession is to regard it as a pageant in honour of the return of Pisistratus. That Athenes should be the deity selected on the occasion as the patron of the dynasty, harmonizes with the circumstance that the institution of the greater Panathenaia has been ascribed to him, probably with justice. But in later times the memory of Pisistratus was at that festival as much as possible extruded by the special celebration of Harmodius and Aristogiton. See the note 197, above.

202 κατάγει. See note on v. 92, κατάγειν.
Clio. I. 61.

The document contains Greek text, which is not easily readable due to the page quality. It appears to be a portion of a larger work, possibly a historical or literary text, discussing topics such as the ancestry of Pisistratus and the events that led to his rise to power. The text is challenging to transcribe accurately without the aid of a modern text editor or a trained linguist. It mentions terms and names that are typical of classical Greek literature, such as "Hippodamus," "Pisistratus," and "Megalica." The text seems to be discussing the succession of rulers in ancient Greece.

The text mentions "30 years," "sixteen years," and "sixty years," indicating a discussion of time periods. "Aristotle" is mentioned, which suggests a connection to Greek philosophy and science. The text also refers to "Herodotus," another significant ancient historian.

The transcription of the text is quite challenging due to the quality of the image, and providing a natural language representation would require a thorough translation of the Greek text. The document likely discusses historical events, possibly involving Pisistratus and his family, and references to Herodotus's works or other historical narratives.
and in the eleventh year of his exile he seizes on Marathon as a base of operations.

He gains a

σφι ἀνήρ ἀπαγένος ἐθελοῦτις, τῷ οὖνομα ἢν Δύναμις, προθυμίᾳ πλεῖστην παρεῖχετο, κομίσας καὶ χρήματα καὶ ἀνδρᾶς. Ἐξ Ἐρετρίης δὲ ὀρμηθέντες, διὰ ἐνδεκάτου έτεος ἀπίκουτο ὅπισώ. καὶ πρῶτον τῆς Ἀττικῆς ἴσχουσι Μαραθώνα. εν δὲ τούτῳ τῷ χόρῳ σφι στρατοπεδομένουσι, οἱ τέκ τοῦ ἄστεος στασιώταται ἀπίκουτο ἀλλοι τε ἐκ τῶν δήμων προ ἐλευθερίας ἢν ἀσπαστότερον. οὐτοί μὲν δὴ συνηλξόντο. Ἀθηναίων δὲ οἱ ἐκ τοῦ ἄστεος, εἰς μὲν Πεισίστρατος τὰ χρήματα ἵγερε, καὶ μεταύτις ὡς ἐσχε Μαραθώνα, λόγον οὐδένα εἶχον. ἐπεὶ τε δὲ ἐπύθωντο ἐκ τοῦ Μαραθῶνος αὐτῶν προενέσθαι ἐπὶ τὸ ἄστυ, οὐτοὶ δὴ βοήθεουσι ἐπὶ αὐτῶν. καὶ οὐτοὶ τε παντοτραχή ἤσαν ἐπὶ τοὺς κατίοντας καὶ οἱ ἀμφὶ Πεισίστρατος, ὡς ὀρμηθέντες ἢ Μαραθώνος ἤσαν ἐπὶ τὸ ἄστυ, ἐς τῶν συνιόντες ἀπικενόται ἐπὶ Παλληνίδος Ἀθηναίης ἵρον, καὶ ἀντία ἐθεντὸ τὰ
shoul is attracted by a torch (held over
the stern of a boat) into the entrance of the
net prepared for them.

212 πρὸς ἄριστον τετραμένον ἦσαν δὴ
τηνικαίτα. The particle δὴ serves to
mark the particular feature in the narra-
tive to which the attention of the reader
is directed. See note 6, above.

213 ἐρημότερα τε κελεύοντες. It may
throw some light on the value of popular
traditions, to remark that the orator An-
docides, pleading before the Athenians in
the year 400 B.C., speaks of this battle
as one in which Pisistratus’s faction were
defeated, and by which the party of the
commonalty (under the leading of the
speaker’s great-grandfather Leogoras, and
his son-in-law Charias) recovered Athens.
(De Myst. § 106.) This is the same thing
as if a Frenchman in the year 1558 should
represent Louis Napoleon as becoming
president of the French Republic, in con-
sequence of the victory of General Chan-
garnier over the allies at the battle of
Waterloo; yet it was not for want of
more correct representations of the mat-
ter. See the first note on v. 63.

214 καὶ ἐπέτρεψε Ἀυγάμα. ARISTOTLE
(Politic. v. p. 1305, A. l. 41) gives the
fate of the oligarchy of Naxos as an in-
stance of the destruction which awaits
such governments, when the members of
them indulge in outrages upon the com-
monalty,—who, to revenge themselves,
readily join any leader, especially when
they can find one among the members of
the oligarchy itself; “as in the case of
Lygdamis, διὸ καὶ ἐτυμώμενος ὑπὸ τῶν ὀρα
τῶν καθήμενον.” The outrage to which he
alludes here, he described more fully in
HERODOTUS mentioned Lycurgus's institutions were the beginning of Sparta's greatness.

History of Lacedemon for the period just preceding the time of Croesus.

Towards the end of his Naixon politeia (op. Athen. viii. p. 348). A number of drunken young men made an attack as a κώμος upon a popular individual named Telestogoras, and grossly ill-treated himself and two marriageable daughters. The Naxians, in indignation, took up arms, προστατούντος αυτών Λυγδάμιος, άθρωμα τούτων, προς τούτοις τούς μνόις παρέδοσεν 

... His name is not the only one by which we can trace the descent of the Naxian revolution, Lygdamis appears as acquiring the dynasty of Samos by the aid of Lygdamis's troops, but nothing of this kind appears from Herodotus's account. With reference to the chronology of the Naxian revolutions, see the first note on v. 30.

... This passage is quoted by Pausanias (iii.
2. 3), who identifies Leobotes with the more common form Labotas, the son of Echestratus, king of Sparta. Clinton (from the difficulties, chronological and genealogical, which result) considers the text corrupted. But in fact Herodotus appears here to be following the same data which were followed by Eratosthenes and Apollodorus (the Alexandrine chronologers) in determining the succession of the Spartan kings; for they made Lycurgus much more ancient than the first Olympiad. Still no doubt these διάδοχαι were not based on contemporaneous records; for, otherwise, Aristotle would not, as he did (Plutarch. Vit. Lyc. § 1), have considered the fact of Lycurgus's name appearing on the discus of Iphitus at Elis as conclusive of the date of his life. If the διάδοχαι had furnished a certain basis for chronology, such a kind of argument would have been quite superfluous. The uncertainty of the whole matter is obvious from the direct testimony of Plutarch in the opening sentence of the Life: 'περὶ Δυκανόγχου, τοῦ νοοθέτου καθήλου μὲν οὐδὲν ἐστὶν εἰπεῖν ἀκατάκτητον, οὐ γε καὶ γένος καὶ ἀπόδοτα καὶ ἀπόλυτα καὶ πρὸς ἀπαύγας ἢ περὶ τῶν γόμων αὐτοῦ καὶ τὴν πολιτείαν πραγματεία διάφορως ἔσχεν ἱστορίας ἡκίστα δὲ οἱ χρόνοι, καθὶ οὕς γέγονεν ὡ ἀνὴρ, ὅμολογοῦνται. Under these circumstances it ought not to surprise that Aristotle should make Charillus the king to whom Lycurgus was guardian (Polit. ii. p. 1271, line 25), in which he seems to agree with the native Cretan traditions (Epheuros ap. Strabon. x. p. 382), while here Leobotes should be represented as his ward and nephew; or, again, that in some of the lists of Spartan kings Leobotes should appear as an Eurytheneid, and Lycurgus as a Proceid. Before the reigns of Leon and Hegesicles, just mentioned by Herodotus, the history of Sparta is in the highest degree uncertain, and it is not until the reign of Leonidas (i.e. just before the battle of Marathon) that the chronology becomes perfectly definite. Even Eratosthenes and Apollodorus, although they both adopted the same basis (i.e. the διάδοχαί) varied in the date they assigned to Lycurgus by no less than sixty years, the former placing it as high as B.C. 884 (see Clinton, F. H. vol. ii. Appendix, p. 409). The only points relative to the date of Lycurgus, which seem made out beyond all question, are the following: (1) That Lycurgus, and Iphitus, the restorer of the Olympic festival, were contemporaneous. This was asserted by Aristotle (ap. Plutarch. Lyc. p. 776 (Pausianias, v. 7, § 5, sq.), and was also the universal belief of antiquity (Atheneus, xiv. p. 653). (2) That the institutions with which Lycurgus's name was popularly identified had existed in Lacedaemon for a little more than four centuries at the end of the Peloponnesian war (Thucydides, i. 18). (3) That, in the belief of the Eleans, the restoration of the Olympic festival by Iphitus was followed by a regular registration of the victors, of which the first was Corebus, B.C. 1313 (Pausianias, v. 7, § 5, sqq.). But, as the Lacedaemonian διάδοχαί made Lycurgus much older, Timæus the Locrian endeavoured to reconcile the varying accounts by supposing two Lycurguses (Plutarch. Lycurg. § 1) just as Clinton endeavours to achieve the same result by the machinery of two Iphituses. It is worth remarking, that Aristotle no where expresses the relationship of Lycurgus to his ward Charilaus, neither does Simonides. Aristotle, indeed, in one passage (Polit. iv. p. 1296), calls Lycurgus, like Solon and Charondas, a man τῶν μέσων πολιτῶν, although he qualifies this strange phrase by adding (if the words be not an interpolation) οὐ γὰρ ἐν βασιλικόν. 218 πρὸς τις τούτους τοὺς ἑφόρον. Aristotle (Polit. v. p. 1313, line 27) makes the Ephoralty to have been an institution, not of Lycurgus, but of Theo- pompos (of whom Herodotus makes mention, viii. 131, as the grandson of Cha- rillus, and, consequently, two generations at least later than Lycurgus). He relates that the king, having been reproached by his wife with leaving the kingly office to his children in an inferior condition to
He is reputed a hero after his death.

Lacedaemonian designs on Arcadia.

Their defeat at Tegae, and captivity.

that in which he received it, replied, 'οὐ δήτα παραδίδωμι γάρ πολυχρωμάτεραν.' 213 Ἡροδοτός here seems to represent the Arcadian wars as growing out of the elation of the Spartans at their prosperity under Lycurgus's institutions. Aristotelz, on the other hand, distinctly represents the wars with the Argives, and afterward with the Arcadians and Messenians as having produced such an effect on the Lacedaemonians as to render the legislation of Lycurgus more easy: ἐξο γάρ τῆς οἰκείας διὰ τὰς στρατείας ἀπεξευτοῦσαν πολὺν χρόνον, πολεμώντες τὸν τε πρὸς Ἀργείους πόλεμον καὶ πάλιν τὸν πρὸς Ἀρκάδας καὶ Μεσσηνίους σχολάσαντες δὲ αὐτῶν μὲν παρείχων τῷ νομοθέτῃ προφολαγμένον ἑπικρατεῖν τῶν Δυναύρων ἐπὶ τοὺς νύμφους, ὡς δ' ἀντέκρουσαν, ἀποστήμαν πάλιν (Politic. ii. p. 1270, line 1). Herodotus scarcely mentions the early Messenian wars at all (see note on ii. 47), neither does he any with either Argos or Arcadia antecedent to the Lycurgean legislation.

213 Ἡροδότου: Παυσανίας (x. 9. 5) describes a large group of statues set up at Delphi by the Tegaeans in commemoration of this event. He ascribes them to four artists, who are placed by Sillig (Catalogus Artificum, v. v. Pausianias, Descrips of Sieyoun, Auliphanes, and Sannatus) quite at the end of the fifth century B.C. It is not likely, therefore, that the monument existed at Delphi at the time of Herodotus's visit there; and his account of the war appears on other accounts to be taken from a Tegean tradition. Perhaps this monument, and also the Argive one (on which see note on i. 82), was set up during the hollow truce between Athens and Sparta (b.c. 421—417) at a time when the diplomatic arts of Alcibiades were employed in the attempt to organize Arcadia and Argos against Lacedaemon. See note on viii. 27, οἱ μεγάλοι ἀνδράτες.

221 Ἀλέξι ᾧ Αἴθηραῖς. The goddess Athene was worshipped under this name at Mantinea and at Alea (hard by Stymphalus) as well as at Tegae. The temple at this last place was an ancient sanctuary for the whole of Peloponnesus. Two La-
Katá μὲν δὴ τοῦ πρότερον πόλεμον συνεχέως αἰεὶ κακῶς ἅδησθεν ἔπειτα, κατὰ δὲ τῶν κατὰ Κρόνου χρόνων καὶ τὴν Ἀναξάνδριδεώ τε καὶ Ἀρίστωνος βασιληφὴν222 ἐν Λακεδαίμονι, ἦδη ὦ Σπαρταῖς καταυπέρτεροι τῷ πολέμῳ ἐγενόσεαν, τρόπῳ τοίοδеле γενόμενοι ἐπειδὴ αἰεὶ τῷ πολέμῳ ἐσοσίντο ὑπὸ Τεγεστέων, πέμψαντες θεσπρότους,223 ἐς Δελφοὺς ἐπειρώτεον, τίνα ἄν θεῶν ἱλασάμενοι καταύπερτεροι τῷ πολέμῳ Τεγεστέων γενοίσατο; ἦ δὲ Πυθίας σφὶ ἔχρησε, τὰ Ὄρεστεω τοῦ Ἀγαμέμνονος ὀστέα 224 ἐπαγαγομένους· ὥσ ἄν ἀνευρέων οὐκ οἶδί ἐν γεγενέσθαι τὴν θίκην τοῦ Ὅρεστεω, ἐσεμπαν αὐτὸς τὴν;225 ἐς θεῶν ἐπειρησομένους τὸν χώρον ἐν τῷ κέυστι τὸ Ὅρεστής; εἰρωτόσι δὲ ταῦτα τούτως θεσπροτοῦσι λέγει ἡ Πυθίας τάδε:

"Εισὶ τις Ἀρκαδίης Τεγέη λευρῆ ἐν χώρῃ, ἐνθ' ἵκει μνησίσει δύο κρατερῆς ὑπὸ ἀνάγκης, καὶ τύπως αἱτίτυπος, καὶ πήμα ἐπὶ πῆματι κεῖται.

ἐνθ' Ἀγαμέμνονίθην κατέχει φιλίους αὐτοῦ;

τὸν σὺ κοιμασάμενος, Τεγέης ἐπιτάρροντος ἔσογ.

The Pythian oracle commands them to bring home the bones of Orestes, cademonian kings, Leotychides and Pausanias, found refuge there; and so also did Chryses, the Argive priestes, when the Heraeum was burnt down owing to her falling asleep (PAUSANIAS, iii. 5. 6). In Laconia she was worshipped at Therapne. As a divinity she was undoubtedly of the time antecedent to the Heraclide invasion. The image of the Tegean Athena which Pausanias found there (viii. 47. 1) had been brought from Manthyrea, a village in Arcadia, where it had the surname not of Aea, but of Hippia. But the Atheno Hippia (worshipped at Colonus and Acharne in Attica, and at Elis) is, from the combination in which she is found with Poseidon, the Dioscuri, and Pan, obviously Achaean. See note on v. 72, ἤσε ἐς τὸ ἄδοτον τῆς θεοῦ, and the next to it.

222 Ἀναξάνδριδεω τε καὶ Ἀρίστωνος βασιληφὴν. Anaxandrides was the son of Leon. He was dead at the time Aristogoras arrived in Sparta to solicit the aid of the Lacedaemonians against Persia (v. 39). By the comparison of this passage with § 63, it appears that Herodotus places the unsuccessful expedition against Tegea in the reign of Leon. Ariston was the father of Demaratus, respecting whose birth Herodotus tells the strange story (vi. 61, seqq.).

223 θεσπρότους. See note 147, above.

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that the possession of the bones of Orestes would put the Lacedaemonians in the position of the Lacedaemonians as regarded Tegae; i.e. they would have it in their hands to let it stand or destroy it. It is a curious circumstance, that the “cineres Orestis” were one of the seven sacred fetishes, which were considered as securing the imperium Romanum (Servius ad Virg. Aen. vii. 180). This, if there were nothing else, would be an indication that one of the elements of the population of early Rome was ethnically identical with the race which in the time of Herodotus remained in Arcadia.

227 μὴ ἐλνύειν. These words, which are equivalent to 
στενδέων, perhaps are a portion of the formula of instructions to the Agathocri.

228 ἁλκῆδον. “a smithy.” The etymology of the name shows the truth of what Lucretius (v. 1292) says;

“Nam prior eris erat quam ferri cognitus usus.”

229 ἐπενεκαντες. See note on iv. 154, ἐπενεκάσασα.
The historical notices of the Lacedaemonians are resumed in v. 39.

A treaty is entered into between Cressus and the Lacedaemonians.

He had formerly presented them with some gold for a statue,
by draping the ancient figure, and affixing head, hands, and feet of marble (what PAUSANIAS calls ἀκραῖον). A very archaic specimen of this kind is the statue of Apollo at Phigalia, described by STACKELBERG (Der Apollo Tempel zu Bassae, p. 98). Another method was to cover a portion, or the whole of the original figure, with a crust of gold or ivory. These are what the chorus in EURIPIDES (Troades, 1074) allude to when they speak of χρυσέων ξύδων τύποι. It must be remembered that, when Theopompos speaks of gilding the face of the Apollo statue, he does not mean the application of gold-leaf, but of a solid mask, beaten by the hammer into shape. Neither must this practice be confounded in its origin with one which grew up under the Roman emperors, of making moveable head-dresses for the portrait-statues, in order that they might, like their originals, follow the fashion of the day. The gold and ivory were in the early times intended to be fixtures, and Phidias was the first (in the case of the Athenic Parthenos, a new statue) who contrived that they should be moveable. The ancient idol was preserved under the influence of the same feeling which induced the more lax Christians of Germany to allow the images of the pagan idols to remain in the masonry of their church-walls. (See GRIMM, Deutsche Mythologie, p. 691.) St. Gallus found three such in an oratory of St. Aurelia at Bregenz, and broke them up and threw them into the lake of Constance. The people said of them, "Isti sunt divi veteres et antiqui hujus loci tutores, quorum solatio et nos et nostra perdurant usque in presens."

"and they now send him a bowl, which finds its way to the Heraeum at Samos."
Kroisos. Obviously, oútós o khrítpa oík õpíkefo ê Sáridês, ði àitías diáforías legeoménas táśđe' oí mèn Łakédaimóniou légoussì, ós õpíte te ágòménos ês tá̊s Sáridês o khrítpa ēmíneto káta t̀ẖ̃ Samình, 

πuvómenoi Sámioú àpeloíasto aítòv õpínai makríísi építplósantes. aítòi ðe Sámioú légousì, ós õpíte te ýstérrísan oí ágoussì tôns Łakédaimóniou tôns khrítpa, épunýánontû ðe Sáridês te kai Kroísoû hòlikénavì, ápèdóntû tôns khrítpa èn Sámiù, èmiwta ðe àndraù priamínon ànâtheínaí mî ès tô' Hrâiôn. táxa ðe àn kai oí àpó-

dómenoi légorèv õpíkómenoi ês Sùpàrtình, ós ápairhèíshsan uppò Sámíwn. kàtâ mèn wv tôn khrítpa oúttos õsêhx.

Kroïsoû ðè àmártwôn tôv χρηsmou, êpòiêstê strapátnh ês Kàppnàddkhình, èlpìsas kataairhìseir Kòroû te kai t̀ẖ̃ Pèrsewôn dènìmaw.

Pàraskeneízomévon ðè Kroísoû èstratéveíshai èpî Pèrsews, tôv tôs Lùndòw, nómióménos kai prósèthn ènìaí sòphòs àpò ðè tâûnths t̀ẖ̃s gnówìns kai tô kêrta õúnuma ên Łùndòwì échôv, suîvebouÌeise ὰ Kôrîsoû tâđe' (óùnumá oí õîn Sàndâwûs) "ò básalíew, èpî àndras toîsùntôs èstratéveíshais paràskeneízei oî skutínas mèn ánàkú-
rídâs 239, skutínnì ðè t̀ẖ̃ õlành èsèhîta fòreóùsì. sitêônta ðè oûk õsà èsthelosú ìlì õsà èxhousì, xòyrîn èxhoutès trîxheînh 240. pròs ðè, oûk oûn ðìaìxhíeíntaì ìlìlì õûdîsôntèusûsì õú úkùa ðè èxhousì trî-

grèv, oûk õllò áγâthò ouðènv. tòutò mèn ìhì, èi nìkhìseíh, tì sfèas àpàirmíseì taôìì ìgè mi èstì ìphèì ; tòutò ðè, õì nìkhèìhì, màthè õsà àγâthà àpòbàlàíëis' ìeûsàìmëvònsì õàr tàv tôù ìhêtrèvòn àγâthòwì perîèxontai, ouðè èpìwstô õòîntaì. ègòw mèn wv ònòthi àchòv õç-

xàrîn, oûk èpî õñòù ñòòîeòûì Pèròshì 241 èstratéveíshai èpî

239 ánàkúpridâs. The general use by the Asiatic mountaineers of this article of dress seems to have particularly struck both Greeks and Romans. Thus Aristagoras is made to describe them to the Lacedemonians (v. 49) that ánàkúpridâs èxhîntes èrîkounìa õû tâs màçâs kai kær-

bàsias èpì tìsì kefaîlìsì, and Persius, speaking of the tòukhì ñstå àt Athens, which was painted with a representation of the battle of Marathon, calls it "braccatis ilítha Medis Porticus" (ill. 53).

240 xòrîn èxhîntes trîxheînh. This is only a true description of a portion even of Persia Proper. And, after the transfer of the resources of the Medes to the Persians, it was impossible to continue using the argument of Sandanis. Neither does Persia Proper lie outside the region of Asia where the vine is cultivated. This insulated narrative therefore seems rather to belong to the same class of stories as those on which XENOPHON based his Cyropedia. Of the same kind is the anecdote related ix. 121.

241 ègòw mèn ònòthi àchòv õç xàrîn, oûk èpî õñòù ñòòîeòûì Pèròshì. The same expression occurs in another dialogue with Cレスus, above, § 27, at õàr tòutò òeòl.
Adus."	tauta legeom ouk epeith eis tov Kroisov. Perousi yap,
piw Ludos katastrepnavathi, an ouc abrion ouc anagov oude

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Oi de Kappadokia upo \( \Sigma \upsilon \omicron \omicron \) ousios ousan
de o\(i \) \( \Sigma \upsilon \omicron \omicron \) oouto to meu protetrou \( \eta \) Perassas \( \alpha \rho \kappa \zeta \alpha i \) My\( \delta \omicron \)s
kataikou, tote de Kyrour \( \omicron \) yap ouros an tis te M\( \nu \delta \upsilon \kappa \zeta \)s ar\( \chi \omicron \)s kal tis
Ludikis o "\( \Lambda \nu \nu \pi o t\) \( \omega \) os; \( \omicron \) ree eke \( \alpha \)mmenio ouryo
dia \( \boldsymbol{K} \lambda \lambda \omicron \kappa \lambda o\), met\( e \) de, Matsipnovos \(\mu\)en ev dekith ekei reno ek de

tou e\(\mu\)ro\(\nu\) Fr\(\mu\)g\(\alpha\). parameibomenos de toontos, kal me\(\iota\)n aino
pros baropheri anemov, etheina me\(\iota\)n \( \Sigma \upsilon \omicron \omicron \)ous. Kappadokia up\(\epsilon\)rei,
e\(\epsilon\) e\(\nu\)ounymo de \( \Pi \alpha \)flagovas. ousw o "\( \Lambda \nu \nu \pi o t\) \( \omega \) os \( \omega \) potamos apotamme

phaidon panta tis "A\(\iota\)si\(\nu\)s ta kata ek balosino tis aution

and, if we take it to be a stream terminating in the lake near Ercole, perhaps we have a clue to the error of Herodotus. He apparently supposed the river crossed to be the real Halys, and he knew that river to be the boundary of the two empires. The Ercole river, on which is Bor (\( \pi o r o s \)), does really flow from that chain of mountains which belong to Armenia, and also dia \( \boldsymbol{K} \lambda \lambda \omicron \kappa \lambda o\), for anciently the Cilicians inhabited both sides of Taurus. (See Leake, \( \textit{Asia Minor}, \) pp. 62–64.) It is indeed too small to be itself mistaken for the real Halys, but it seems not unlikely that the word \( \textit{Halys} \) contains the same root as the Hellenic \( \alpha \lambda \nu \zeta \)s, and signified (like the African \( \textit{Bahr} \)) either a river or any other large quantity of water. Thus Pliny places \( \textit{Archelais} \) upon a \( \textit{Halys} \) (vi. 3); and it seems quite certain that the true emplacement of this site is the modern \( \textit{Ak-Serai} \) (lat. 30° 20'), which is upon a stream called the bayan Su, flowing from the south into the great salt lake of Lycaonia. Firuzabodi, too, the author of the Arabic Lexicon \( \textit{Kamus} \), gives \( \textit{Alis} \) as the name of a river in Cilicia, one day's journey from the city Tarsus. The word \( \textit{Al} \) also is said to mean in Persian the mirage, or the appearance resembling water often seen in the desert. It, therefore, appears far from improbable that the authorities followed by Herodotus mistook an appellative for a proper name. See note 256, below, and on ii. 111, \( \textit{Ferax} \).

241 Matsipnovos. See note on § 202, \( \epsilon \)\(\kappa\) \(\textit{Matsipnovos} \) \(\theta\)\(\textit{e}\)\(\kappa\)\(\iota\)\(\nu\)\(\alpha\)\(\nu\)\(\iota\)\(\nu\)\(\alpha\)\(\nu\)\(\iota\)
\(\Gamma\)\(\alpha\)\(\nu\)\(\omicron\)\(\omicron\)s.

245 \( \Sigma \upsilon \omicron \omicron \)ous. The MSS vary between this form and \( \Sigma \upsilon \omicron \omicron \)ous. See note 242.
Kūprou ἐς τὸν Εὐβεβευνοῦ πόλεων. ἔστι δὲ αὐχέν ὦτος 216 τῆς χώρης ταύτης ἀπίστης: μῆκος ὁδοῦ 217 εὐδομὴ ἀνδρὶ πέντε ἡμέρα ἀναισιμοῦνται.

'Εστρατεύετο δὲ ὁ Κροῖσος ἐπὶ τὴν Κασπαδοκίην τῶνδε εἰνεκα: καὶ γῆς 218 ὑμέρῳ, προσκτῆσασθαι πρὸς τὴν ἐωτοῦ μοίραν βουλομενος, (καὶ μᾶλστα, τὸ χρηστήριον πίσυνος ἐως,) καὶ τίσασθαι θέλων ὑπὲρ Ἀστυάγεος Κύρου. Ἀστυάγεα γὰρ τὸν Κυάξαρεω, ἐώτα Κροῖσον μὲν γαμμβρῶν 219 Μῆδον δὲ βασιλέα, Κύρος ὁ Καμβύσεως καταστρεφάμενος ὑπε, γενόμενου γαμμβρῶν Κροῖσῳ ὤδε. Σκυθέων τῶν νομάδων εἶλη ἀνδρῶν 220 στασιάσαστα, ὑπεξίλθε ἐς ἑνὸς τὴν Μυδικήν ἔστεραννε δὲ τῶν χρῶνον τοῦτον Μῆδον Κυάξαρης ὁ Δραματίκος ὁ Διηύκεως δς τοὺς Σκυθας τούτοις τὸ μὲν πρῶτον περιεῖπτε εὐς, ὃς ἐότας ἱκέτας ὡστε δὲ περὶ πολλοῦ ποιεόμενος αὐτοῦς, παιδᾶς σφὶ παρέδωκε τὴν ἱλασίαν τε ἐκμαθεῖν καὶ τὴν τέχνην τῶν τάξεων 221. χρῶνον δὲ γενομένου, καὶ αἱ φοιτεότων τῶν Σκυθέων ἐπ᾽ ἄγρην καὶ αἱ τὶ φερόντων, καὶ κοτε συνήπεκε ἑλεῖν σφεὰς μηδὲν νοστήσαστας δὲ αὐτῶν κενήσαι χερσὶ ο Κυάξαρης, (ἐν γὰρ, ὡς διέδεξε, ὁρῶν ἀκρόπος,) τριχέως κάρτα περιεστε ἀεικελη: οὶ δὲ ταῦτα πρὸς Κυάξαρεω παθόντες, ὡστε ἀνάξια σφεῶν αὐτῶν πεποιηθότες ἐβουλευσαν 222 τῶν παρὰ

216 ἔστι δὲ αὐχέν ὦτος. The isthmus meant may, I conceive, be the distance from the river Halys, or what Herodotus took to be such, to the sea-coast; which might be about five days' journey from the passage of the Ercle river, if that was near Bor (see note 243), a site in the immediate neighbourhood of the ancient Tyana. For Tyana was considered as half-way between Mazaca and the Cilician gates, and from Mazaca to Tyana was about ninety-four miles (Leake, l. c.). If from the passage to the coast was near the same distance, the calculation would be fairly correct. It should be remembered that, if Herodotus' authority for this distance was an ordinary mercantile traveller, he would reckon, not to the nearest point of the coast, as the crow flies, but to the nearest port. See also the next note.

217 μῆκος ὁδοῦ. Herodotus reckons the day's journey at 200 stades in one estimate of distances (iv. 101), at 150 in another estimate (v. 53).

218 γῆς. The manuscripts S and V have γῆς ἐπιθυμῶν ἡμερὸν προσκτῆσασθαι, and then proceed with ἕμερας, &c.

219 Κροῖσον μὲν γαμμβρῶν. The narrative that follows makes Astyages not the son-in-law, but brother-in-law of Croesus, as he marries Aryenis, the daughter of Halyattes. Hence, if the story left out in S and V be regarded as drawn from the same historical source as what precedes, the word γαμμβρὸν must be used in the general sense of a "connexion by marriage."

220 εἰλη ἀνδρῶν. The manuscripts S and V leave out these words and all that follows until § 75, ἐς δὲ ἐπὶ κεστὸ ἐπὶ τοῦ Ἀλυ. See note 136, above.

221 τὴν τέχνην τῶν τάξεων. This characteristic of the Scythian race is indicated in the legendary account of their origin from Heracles, which Herodotus gives (iv. 9), and also in the present which they send to Darius (iv. 131, 132).

222 ἐβουλευσαν. Some MSS have the medial form ἐβολευσαντο, which is defended by ἐβολεύσατο (viii. 101) and τὸ
leads to a war between the Lydians and Medes, which lasted five years, and is ended in the sixth in consequence of a total eclipse of the sun (Sept. 30th, 610 B.C.) foretold by Thales. Peace made by Bouliouesvba (vii. 10). But the active form, which is supported by the majority of MSS., appears in vi. 52, $\Lambda\kappa\varepsilon\kappa\alpha\mu\omicron\nu\omicron\nu\omicron\nu\ldots$ Bouliouesvba basilea ton presbysteron ton taioOoipoiOaTa. In iii. 84, the two forms are so used that it seems impossible to draw a distinction between them, except, perhaps, that where the notion of making a proposition or adopting a proposition predominates the active form is preferable to the medial; and that where mere deliberation, without any reference to distinct propositions made or adopted, is intended to be described, the medial form is more appropriate than the active.

233 $\pi\omicron\lambda\omicron\mu\omicron\omicron\omicron\omicron$ tois $\Lambda\upsilon\delta\omicron\omicron\omicron$. A brief statement of this fact appears above, § 16. But no details whatever of the war are given, whether it be that Herodotus is there closely following an authority in which these details did not appear (see note 52, above), or whether he advisedly deferred them till he should come to speak more of the Median dynasty.

234 $\tau$ $\eta$ $\mu$ $\alpha$ $\rho$ $\mu$ $\epsilon$ $\rho$ $\nu$ $\xi$ $\alpha$ $\pi$ $\iota$ $\pi$ $\iota$ $\kappa$ $\tau$ $\kappa$ $\gamma$ $\varepsilon$ $\nu$ $\kappa$ $\tau$ $\kappa$ $\gamma$ $\varepsilon$ $\nu$ $\kappa$ $\tau$ $\gamma$ $\varepsilon$ $\theta$ $\beta$ $\alpha$ $\beta$ $\iota$ $\alpha$ $\iota$ $\upsilon$ $\theta$ $\alpha$ $\iota$ $\upsilon$. Idder (Handbuch der Chronologie, i. p. 290) says, that since the calculations of Oltman it is absolutely certain that the solar eclipse here mentioned must have happened on September 30th, in the year 610 B.C. It furnishes, therefore, a fixed point for a chronology of Herodotus's narrative.
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and the mediations of Syenesthe, the Cilician, and Labynetes, the Babylonian, and cemented by the marriage of Astyages with the daughter of Halys.

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Reputed engineering exploit of Thales.

words are governed by the words, ες τα χειρος, which are equivalent, or nearly so, to εργατηριαντο. 260 The manuscripts S and V here resume the thread of the narrative which was broken off in § 73. See note 250, above. 261 κατα τας ευσας γεφυρας. It can scarcely be doubted that Herodotus here is speaking of the same place of transit he describes in v. 52; but this would not have brought Cresus any where near to Sinope. See note 243.

252 ες αριστερης χειρος . . . . εκ δεξιως μεεων. From this phrase it would appear that, in the mind of the narrators of this story, the river on which the operation was performed could not have been the real Halys, at least at its first passage. Cresus, marching from Sardis to that river, would find it εκ δεξιως ποντα, and consequently the effect of the engineering of Thales would be to make it καλ ες αριστερης χειρος . . . . εκ δεξιως μεεων. These

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Cyrus attacks him after a fruitless attempt to detach the Ionians.

Cyrus takes Pteria near Sinope, and harries the neighbouring Syrians.

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Κροίσος δὲ, ἑπὶ τὰ διαβάζα τὸν ΠτΕΡΙΝΟΝ УΠΕΙΡΟΜΕΝΟΝ, ἀνώθεν τοῦ στρατοπέδου ἀρχιμένου, διώρυχα βαθέων ὅρυσσειν ἀγουτα μνημεία, ὁκεὶ ἃν τὸ στρατόπεδον ἱδρυμένου κατὰ νότον λάβονε ταῖτη κατὰ τὴν διώρυχα ἑκτράπομενος ἐκ τῶν ἄρχαλων ἐπεθρῶν, καὶ αὐτὶς παραμειβομένοι τὸ στρατόπεδον ἐς τὰ ἄρχαλα ἐσβάλλου ὡστε, ἑπεὶ τε καὶ ἑσχισθή τάχιστα ὁ ποταμός, ἀμφοτέρης διαβατὸς ἐγένετο. οἱ δὲ καὶ τὸ παράπταν λέγουσι καὶ τὸ ἄρχαλων ἐπεθρῶν ἀποξηραθηρᾶν. ἀλλὰ τοῦτο μὲν οὐ προσέμαν κόσμ ὅπερ ὁπείνομεν διέβησαν αὐτῶν;

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στερῆθες δέν. But the expression would be a natural one if the river, like that which falls into the lake near Erlic (see note 243) from north to south. If, however, the Erlic river is intended, this story cannot have been found by Herodotus in connexion with the operations which he makes follow it; for the river in the neighbourhood of Sinope is the real Halys.

263 τὴν ΠτΕΡΙΝΟΝ ἀνάρρησιν. This is the only place in which this town is mentioned. From Cyrus attacking it, we may suppose that it was inhabited not by a Hellenic, but by a Cappadocian population. And its name is probably significant in the Aramaic languages, as Πτερία was the name (according to some authorities) of the "acropolis" (i. e. citadel) of Babylon, and ΠΤΕΡΙΝΟΝ or ΠΤΕΡΙΑ the name of a Median city (Stephanus Byzantinus, sub ν., who adds that the ethnic adjective of the Median city was ΠΤΕΡΙΟΝ, but that of the town near Sinope ΠΤΕΡΙΟΝ). The vagueness of the description in the text is unfavourable to the supposition that Herodotus himself was at Pteria; nor does it appear that he was even at Sinope. But he undoubtedly was at Phasis (ii. 104), which was in commercial communication with Sinope (see notes on i. 104; ii. 34), and might there have heard the account of the battle at Pteria.

264 ΣΥΡΙΟΝ. The use of this word, instead of ΚΑΠΠΑΔΟΚΙΑΣ, indicates a Hellenic source of the narrative. See above, note 23.

265 ἀναστάτων ἐποίησε, "utterly destroyed." See § 37, οὐδὲ ἐν τῷ ἀνοιχτῷ ἀνάστατοι ἐσόμεθα: § 133, δέδουσιν οὐκ ἀναστάτοι ποιήσαν τὰς Σάφος: § 176, Νῖνον ἀναστάτον γενομένην. See, however, the last note on § 141.

266 Ιωνεσ μὲν νῦν οὐκ ἐπειθότο. See,
After a drawn battle he returns to Sardis, and plans an expedition on a grander scale in the next spring; with which view he dismisses his existing army.

Portent occurs at Sardis, on which Croesus consults the Telmessans,

kind were unfamiliar to the Greeks; and the authority here followed by Herodotus seems to have conceived a gathering like that which the Lacedaemonians used to arrange before making one of their expeditions. (See the contemptuous description of the Hellenic tactics put into the mouth of Mardonius, vii. 9.) And from this circumstance, and the Lacedaemonians being named together with such very disparate allies as Egypt and Babylon, one is led to conjecture that the author is here following a Lacedaemonian authority, or that of some one connected, in some relation or other, with Lacedaemon.

267 μεμφθείς. This word was used in the sense of μεμφάμενοι not only here, but in iii. 13; vii. 146.

268 μεταπεμφάμενος δὲ καὶ Βαβυλωνίως. This phrase is appropriate to the sending for levies from Babylon to form a part of the invading army, which was to rendezvous at Sardis in five months (ἐὰν πέμπτων μήνα συλλέγεσθαι ἐκ Σάρδης). But a glance at the map will show the impossibility of such a plan of operations, as in fact the Babylonians would have had to pass through the enemies' country for many hundred miles to get to Sardis. The real service which Croesus would have expected from the Babylonians (and probably from the Egyptians also) would have been to divert the attention of the Persians by a simultaneous advance into their territory. But strategies of this
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but is a prisoner when he gets the answer.

79 Cyrus follows up the retreat of Cresus.

271 ἐς τῶν ἔργητέων Ἑλμήσσεων. There is an ellipse of μαντεῖων or some equivalent word. Herodotus appears here to refer to a kind of college of diviners, situated sixty stades from Halicarnassus (PoIemo ap. Etyμa. Magn. v. Ἑλμήσσεις). There was also a Ἑλμήσσος on the borders of Caria and Lydia, and a Ῥετριμαίσσος (which is probably only another form of Ἑλμήσσος) near the pass which led through Taurus into the interior. That the tutelary deity of these cities was identical with the possessor of the oracle to which Herodotus refers is very likely. The coins of Ἑλμήσσος have on the one side the Sun-god with head surrounded with rays, and on the reverse Apollo stoled, sitting on a tripod on which his left hand rests, the right holding a bow. Behind his shoulder are two arrows (Hoffmann, Griechenland, p. 1745). The eponymous ancestor of the Τεμελίσσων was said to be the son of Apollo and a daughter of Antenor (Ετυμa. Magn. i. c.), a genealogy which gives an Asiatic origin for the Telmessian deity; and accounts both for a Lydian king consulting the oracle, and for the circumstance which has been observed by travellers, that there is a great resemblance between the monumental remains at Termessus and at Persepolis. The MSS vary in this passage between the forms Τελμησσέως, Τελμισσέως, Τελμισσός, and Ἑλμήσσεως.

272 ἀπαλάσσαι ες τὰς Σάρδις. This expression indicates that the narrator was ignorant of the geographical bearing of Sardis with respect to the μαντεῖων. The real messengers could hardly have returned otherwise than by land. But of the general consulters of the oracle,—the Hellenic settlers along the coast of Asia Minor,—the expression would be appropriate. Perhaps Herodotus is telling the tale as he heard it at the fane, and retains the very expression used by the narrator.

273 πρὶν ἢ τὸ δεύτερον . . . τὴν δόνα-μιν. This clause stands very variorum in the MSS. The Sancto MS has ὅπως πρὶν ἢ τὴν δόναμιν ἀλλαθῆναι τὸ δεύτερον τῶν Λυδῶν αὐτὸς ἐπικαταλάβει, and the Vienna Codex, which almost always agrees with it, although omitting the words αὐτὸς ἐπικαταλάβει, exhibits the trace of them by retaining ὅπως at the beginning of the clause. Other MSS agree with S, except in placing δόναμιν as it stands in the text, one of them too having καταλαβεῖν instead of ἐπικαταλάβει. It is so unlikely that one of these readings should have been altered into the other, that it is easier to suppose the two genuine.
ēγχελος Κροίσος ἐληλύθει 274. ἐνθαῦτα Κροίσος ἐς ἀπορίην πολ.
λήν ἀπυγμένος, ὥς οἱ παρὰ δόξαν 275 ἐσχε τὰ πρῶματα Ἦ ὡς αὐτὸς κατεδόκεε, ὡμοὶ τοῦς Ἀὔδοις ἐξῆγε ἐς μαίχνην. ἦν δὲ τοῦτον τὸν χρόνον ἔθνος οὐδέν ἐν τῇ 'Ασίῃ οὔτε ἀνδρείατερον οὔτε ἀλκιμώ.
τερον τοῦ Ἀὔδοιον ἦ δὲ μάχη σφέων Ἦ ἂτ’ ἰππῶν 276, δούρατα τε ἐφόρεον μεγάλα, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἦσαν ἵππευσθαι ἴγαθοι. Ἐσ τὸ πεδίον δὲ συνελθόντων τοῦτο τὸ πρὸ τοῦ ἄστεος ἐστὶ τοῦ Σαρ.
δινοῦ, έν μέγα τε καὶ ψιλῶν, (διὰ δὲ αὐτῶν ποταμοὶ ἰέωντες κα.
ὶ ἄλλο καὶ ’’Τλλος 277 συφηρηγύσι ἐς τὸν μέγιστον, καλεόμενον δὲ Ἀ.
ρμοῦ, ὅς εὐ όρεος ἱρὸν Μήτρος Δινυμήνης 278 μέων ἐκδιδόν ἐς 
θάλασσαν κατὰ Φωκαίην *ทดลอง, ἐνθαῦτα ο Ἐύρος ὡς εἴει τοὺς 
Ἀὔδοις ἐς μάχην τασσομένους, καταρροδήσας τὴν ἰπποῦ ἐποίησε, 
(’Ἀρτάγον ἐποθεμένου ἀνδρός Μήδου, τοιὸνδε ὃσα τὸ στρατοῦ 
τὸ ἐσυντὸ ἐποντο συτοφοροὶ τε καὶ σκευοφόροι κάμηλῳ, ταῦτα 
τάσας ἀλίσας καὶ ἀπελῶν τὰ ἄκθεα, ἀνδράς ἐπ’ αὐτὰς ἀνέβησεν 
ἱππάτα στολὴν ἑνεσταλμένον’ σκεύασας δὲ αὐτῶν, προσέταξε 
τὴν ἀλλής στρατηγῆς προενεῖ πρὸς τὴν Κροίσον ἰπποῦ, τῇ δὲ 
καμήλῳ 279 ἔπεσαν τὸν πεζὸν στρατοῦ ἐκελεύεν ὅπισθε δὲ τοῦ 

274 αὐτὸς ἄγχελος Κροίσος ἐληλύθει. Ἡ λήσθη τοὺς μάρτυρας ἃ ἐν τὸ 
παρὸν ἐξεβρά. Ἡ στρατηγικὴ ἐν τῇ μέγιστῃ ὅπλῃ τῆς Περσίδος 

275 παρὰ δόξαν. Τὸ λόγον ἐσχε τὰ πρῶματα ἀπορίην πολυ.
λήν ἀπυγμένον, ὥς οἱ παρὰ δόξαν, ἐπικεφαλήσαντες ἄλλας κατεδοκοῦσαν.

276 ἦ δὲ μάχη σφέων ἰππῶν ἐπικέφαλες σφέων ἰππῶν. Τὴν ἑκατέρους, 

277 ’Τλλος. Τὸ ποταμὸν ἐποίησεν τὸν μέγιστον, καλεόμενον δὲ Ἀρμ.
μοῦ, ὧς ἐξ ὀρείσι τοῦ Ἰπποῦ Δινυμήνης ὡς μέων ἐκδιδόν ἐς 

278 τὸν πόλον κατὰ Φωκαίην. Ἡ στρατηγικὴ ἐν τῇ μέγιστῃ ὅπλῃ τῆς 

279 Κροίσον τοῦ πεζοῦ στρατοῦ ἐκελεύεν. Πολλοὶ ἠλευθέρωσαν 

274-279 Ἡ στρατηγικὴ τῆς Περσίδος. Ἡ στρατηγικὴ ἐν τῇ μέγιστῃ ὅπλῃ 

274-279 τῆς Ἀλεξάνδρου, τοῦ τῶν Ἐλευθερίων, τοῦ τῶν Ἐλλήνων, τοῦ 

274-279 τοῦ τῶν Ἄρμον, τοῦ τῶν Ἐλλήνων, τοῦ τῶν Ἀρμόν.
The Lacedaemonian fleet sent against the Athenians 279. Some of his allies were inclined to assist him, and he despatched his emissaries to arrange matters. The emissaries met with the following answer:—

"To you, Messenians, from the city of the Lacedaemonians, send with this answer that which you say, for we need your aid and would be happy to have you by our side. But we are afraid that the Aetolians and the Corinthians will give too much weight to our request, and that they will try to hinder our proceedings. Therefore, if you prefer to risk the chance of joining us to the hope of gain, you will have to take the chance, for we cannot consent to be the instruments of your fortune. We, on the other hand, will not consent to be the instruments of your misfortune."

Herodotus, History vi. 81-82.
taumómei éxoun oi Lakedaimónoi. ἤν δὲ καὶ ἡ μέχρι Μαλεδ
πρός ἐστήρην Ἀργείων, ἢ τε ἐν τῇ ἡπείρῳ χώρῃ καὶ ἡ Κυθηρᾶ;
καὶ αἱ λοιπαὶ τῶν νῆσων. Βοβρασίωνων δὲ Ἀργείων τῷ σφητέρῳ ἀπορμομοιώμενῷ, εἰσαῦτα συνέβησαν ἐς λόγους
συνελθόντες, ὡστε τρικοσίων ἑκάτερων μαχήσασθαι, ὀκτετοὺς
δὲ ἂν περιγένονταί, τούτῳ εἶναι τόν χώρον τὸ δὲ πλήθος
τοῦ στρατοῦ ἀπαλλάσσεσθαι ἑκάτερον ἐς τὴν ἑωτοῦ, μηδὲ
pαραμένειν ἐφοιμιζόμενων, τῶνδε εἰνεκε, ἦν μὴ παρεῦντον τῶν
στρατοπέδων, ὀρῶντες οἱ ἑτέροι ἐσομφέμους τοὺς σφητέρους
ἐπαμύνον. συνθέμοι δὲν ταῦτα, ἀπαλλάσσοντο λογίδες ἐς
ἑκάτερον ὑπολειφθέντες συνάβαλλον. μαχημένοι δὲ σφεῖοι καὶ
gυμνόμενοι ἵσταλέον, ὑπελείποντο ἐξ ἀνδρῶν ἐξάκοσιων, τρεῖς
'Αργείων μὲν, Ἀλκήνωρ τε καὶ Χρόμιος· Lakedaimonion δὲ,
Ὀθρυνίδας. ὑπελειφθησαν δὲ οὗτοι νυκτὸς ἐπέλθοσθαί. οἱ μὲν
δὴ δύο τῶν Ἀργείων ὡς νευκήκοτες ἔθεν εἰς τὸ Ἀργος ὁ δὲ τῶν
Lakedaimonion Ὀθρυνίδας, σκυλεύσας τοὺς Ἀργείων νεκροὺς καὶ
προσφόρασας τὰ ὀπλα πρὸς τὸ ἑωτοῦ στρατόπεδον, ἑν τῇ τάξει
εἰχε ἑωτοῦ. 281 ἡμέρῃ δὲ δευτέρῃ παρίσευσαν πυθανόμενοι ἄμ-
φοτεροι. τέως μὲν δή αὐτοὶ ἑκάτεροι ἐβασαν νικᾶν, λέγοντες οἱ
μὲν ὡς ἑωτοῦ πλεῖνες περιγεγομάς 285, οἱ δὲ τοὺς μὲν ἀποφα-


283 καὶ ἡ Κυθηρᾶ. Gaisford and the MSS add νῆσος. But the form which Herodotus uses for the name of the island is always τὰ Κόηρα. See below, i. 105; vii. 235. In this passage the word is an adjective agreeing with χώρῃ. See the last note. The “other agreeing” islands perhaps include those on the east coast of the Peloponnesse, mentioned as being Argive, like Cythera, although they are not a portion of the πρὸς ἐστήρην χώρῃ.

284 ἐν τῇ τάξει εἰχὲ ἑωτῶν. Strabo (viii. c. 6, p. 207) makes “Othryades the leader of the Spartan three hundred. In the course of time the picturesque feature was added to this story, that Othryades inscribed the trophy with his own blood (Lucian, Contempl. § 21). Hence Statius says, “Lacedemonium Thryre lectura eruorem” (Theb. iv. 48). See the first note on vi. 105.

285 ὡς ἑωτῶν πλεῖνες περιγεγομάς. Pausanias (x. 9. 12) mentions a brazen horse among the offerings at Delphi, set up by the Argives, as having been victors in this battle. It was said to be the work of Antiphanes the Argive, and, if so, would hardly have been set up at the time of Herodotus’s visit to the temple. See note 220.
tās ἰσωναίκας σφι χρυσοφορήσειν, πρὶν ἄν Θυρέας ἀνασώκωται. Ἀκαδεμαίμοιοι δὲ τὰ ἐναυτία τούτων ἔθνος νόμον, οὐ γὰρ κομῶντες πρὸ τοῦτο, ἀπὸ τοῦτο κομαῖν.286. τὸν δὲ ἔνα λέγουσι τὸν περι-
λειφθέντα τῶν τρικασίων, Οἰθριαδήν, αἰσχυνόμενον ἀποφασίσειν ἐσ Σπάρτη, τῶν οἳ συλλοχιτέων διεφθαρμένων, αὐτῶν μὲν ἐν τῇ Ἡ
Θυρέας καταχρίσασθαι 287 ἐσωτήρον. Ταῦταυτὸν δὲ τοῦτο Σπαρ-
tύττησι ἐνεστῶτοι πρηγμάτων ἦκε ὁ Σαρδιανὸς κήρυξ, δεώμενος Κροίσῳ βοηθεῖν πολιορκεμένων οἱ δὲ ὁμοίοι ἔτει τε ἐπίθυμον τοῦ κήρυκος, ὁμμέατο βοηθεῖν καί σφι ἧδε παρακενσαμενοι, καὶ

383 contem-
poraneously with the
capture of
Sardis.

84 Way in
which Sar-
dis was
taken.

286 ἀπὸ τοῦτο κομαῖν. A festival (the Gymnopædia) was instituted at Lacede-
memon in honour of this battle, at which a
chorus of beautiful youths, and another of
men distinguished for valour, sang the
songs of Thales (see note 255) and Ale-
man and the paean of Dionysodotus the
Lacedemonian. The officials who super-
intended wore crowns of palm leaves called
θυρασιακὸι στέφανοι (Sosibius, De Sacri-
ficis ap. Athenaeum, xv. p. 67B). In the
poetical effusions of these occasions it is
not difficult to recognize the source of
many of Herodotus's tales. Thryse is
the Hellenic "Otterburn," and the details of
the battle probably are about on a par,
historically, with those of "Chevy-Chase."
287 καταχρίσασθαι. See above, i. 24; 
and below, i. 167.

288 Μάρδος. The Mardi are represented
as one of the four nomad Persian tribes
(below, § 125). The word also occurs as
the termination of the name 'Αράμαρδος in
Λήσσυλος:

ὁ τ' ἐσθλὸς 'Αράμαρδος Σάρδης
πρόθεν παρασχάν. (Perse, 321.)

289 ἐπειράτο προσβαίνων. "Made a
trial of getting up." So πειράσθω ἀπο-
σχίζων, vi. 9.

290 δικασάντων. The use of this word
for the promulgation of an oracular saying
is derived from the time when diviners
were resorted to for purposes of civil life,
and when they decided all cases in which
religious considerations had any weight.
Hence the continual resort to Delphi for
arbitration: as, for instance, after the
μαθητής κατὰ τὸ ἄλλο τείχος περιενείκας τῇ ἕν ἐπίμαχον τὸ χωρίον τῆς ἀκροτόλιος, κατημάχησε τούτον 211, ὅσον ἀμαχὼν τε καὶ ἀπότομον ἔστε δὲ πρὸς τοῦ Τμώλου τετραμμένον τῆς πόλιος 212. ὧν δὲ Ἰρούαδὴς αὐτὸς 213 [ὁ Μάρδος,] ἰδὼν τῇ προτεραίῃ τῶν τινὰ Ἀνδών κατὰ τούτο τῆς ἀκροτόλιος καταβάινα ἐπὶ κυνέμν ἀνωθὲν κατακυλισθείσαν, καὶ ἀνελόμενον, ἐφαράθη καὶ ἐς θυμὸν ἐβάλετο. τότε δὲ δὴ ὁ αὐτὸς τε 214 ἀναβεβήκε, καὶ κατ' αὐτῶν 215 ἄλλοι Περσέων ἀνδραίων προσβαίνοντι δὲ συχνῶν, οὕτω δὲ Σάρδιες τε ἡλώκεσαν 216 καὶ πάν τὸ ἀστυ ἐπορθέετο.

Κατ' αὐτῶν δὲ Κροίσου τάδε ἑγένετο. ήν οἱ παῖς, τοῦ καὶ πρότερον ἐπημυῆσθην 221, τὰ μὲν ἄλλα ἐπεικής ἄφονος δὲ. εὐ τῇ ὁν παρελθοῦσι, ἐνεστοί 218 ὁ Κροίσος τὸ πᾶν ἔστι αὐτῶν ἐπεποηκεί, ticle. If any change were made, I should rather be disposed to read ὁτός. But by the expression ὁ αὐτὸς Ἡροδотus seems rather to express that it was that same Hyroias who had observed the descent of the Lydian after his helmet, who the next day led the scaling party. 214 κατ' αὐτοῦ. “Observing his way,” “treading in his footsteps.” 216 ὁτώ δὴ Σάρδιες τε ἡλώκεσαν. The account given by Ctesias of the capture of the town is different from that of Herodotus, but not incompatible with it. He represents the garrison as being scared from their quarters by the stratagem of elevating on long poles the armour of some Persians, so that it appeared as if a force had already scaled the walls. If we conceive a considerable body of men stealing up unperturbed in the way Herodotus describes, and forming a lodgment under the wall (while a diversion was made in another part), and, when mounted in sufficient force, making use of the stratagem which Ctesias and Polyænus relate, the two accounts are compatible with one another and with probability. The garrison quitting their quarters for the moment in a panic would give the scaling party time to establish themselves on the rampart, and then the town would be won. Licymnius and Hermesianax in after-times adopted another form of the story more favourable to poetical requirements; viz. that the town was betrayed by Nannis, a daughter of Cressus, on condition of Cyrus marrying her. 217 τοῦ καὶ πρότερον ἐπημυῆσθην. See 1. 34. 38. 218 ἐνεστοί. Some of the MSS have
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Capture of Croesus after having reigned fourteen years and been besieged fourteen days. He is placed on a pile to be burnt with twice-

εὕρη, obviously from a gloss. The word εὕρη is a poetical one, and is used by Ἀσχύλος (Ἀγαμ. 647, χαίροντας εὕρητοι πόλιν). The form ἀπέστα, in the sense of "exclusion from," is used in ix. 66, unless the passage be corrupt. Συνεστώ in vi. 128 can hardly be considered the true reading.

299 μὴ Βοίλευ. This is Gaisford's reading, but there is at least equal manuscript authority for the common form Βοιλέου.

299 ἢν. This word is used by Ἀσχύλος (Περ. Β. 134, κακομέλετον ἰᾶν Μαριαν-δόνον ἤρησθηρός). It is an appropriate term for the oracle to use, for it was the cry used in the invocations of Apollo (ἰππ. παῖων). Its use in the Rhesus (553, ἐπιρρυγγος ἵππος) is very suspicious, as all trace of the original meaning seems lost.

301 διὰ. Gaisford δέ, with the majority of the MSS.

302 μὲν μὲν. Most of the MSS and Gaisford have μὲν νῦν. S μὲν νῦν. A similar substitution of μὲν νῦν is found in i. 183 in several of the MSS.

303 τὸν πᾶντα χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς. Pau- sanias relates as a Delphic story, that Battus, the colonizer of Cyrene, gained the use of his voice in a similar manner. He came suddenly upon a lion in the Libyan desert, and the panic made him ἰόρησαι σαφές καὶ μέγα (χ. 15. 7). This narrative he gives on the occasion of describing a statue of Battus there placed. Gellius (v. 9) also relates that a Samian athlete, who was dumb, recovered his voice through indignation at seeing foul play used in drawing the lots for a contest in which he was to be engaged. He called out that he saw what was doing, and retained his voice for ever afterwards.

304 διὰ ἐπὶ τοῦ Λούδων παῖδας. The poetical character of the expression Λούδων παῖδας (which also occurs above, § 26) is heightened by διὰ ἐπὶ τοῦ τεσσαρεσκαιδέκα.
θέλων εἶτε καὶ πυθμένους τῶν Κροίσου εἶναι θεοσβέ̂ια, τούτο
εἰνεκεν ἀνεβίβασε ἐπὶ τὴν πυρὴν βουλόμενος εἰδέναι εἰ τις
μὴ δαιμόνων ῥῦσται τοῦ μὴ ζώντα κατακαυθῆναι. Τοὺν ἀνείν
ποιεῖν τάπτα: τὸ δὲ Κροίσων ἐστιν ἐπὶ τῆς πυρῆς, ἐσελθεῖν,
καὶ περ ἐν κακοῦ ἔστιν τοσοῦτο, τὸ τοῦ Σόλωνος, ὡς ἐν ἑ̂ δὲ
σὺν θεῷ εἰρημένον τὸ "μηδένα εἶναι τῶν ξόνων ὀλβίων" ὡς
dὲ ἀρα μὲν προστήρναι τοῦτο, ἀνενεκάμενον 365 τε καὶ ἀναστένα-
ζαντα ἐκ πολλῆς ἔσχεις ἔστις ὑομάσαι Σόλωνα καὶ τὸν
Κύρου ἀκούσαντα, κελεύσαι τοὺς ἐρμηνεύεις ἐπείρεσθαι τὸν Κροί-
σων, τίνα τοῦτο ἐπικαλέστω; καὶ τοὺς προσελθόντας ἐρειπώσατα,
Κροίσων δὲ τέως μὲν σημῆν ἔχειν ἐρωτεύμονα, μετὰ δὲ, ὡς
ἡραγκάζετο, εἰπεῖν "τὸν ἄν ἐγὼ πάσι τυράννοις προετίμῃσα,
μεγάλων χρημάτων ἐς λόγους ἔλθειν;" ὡς δὲ σφὶ ἄσπιμα ἐφραζέ,
pάλιν ἐπειρώσατο τὰ λεγόμενα. Ἀπαρέσκουσοι δὲ αὐτῶν καὶ ὄχλον
παρεχώμεν, ἐλεγε δὴ, ὡς ἠλθε ἀρχὴν ὁ Σόλων, ἐνὸν Ἀθηναίων, καὶ
θεσάμενοι πάντα τὸν ἐωστὸν ὀλβίων ἀποφλαυρεῖε, ὡς ὡς εἰπας: 366
ὡς τε αὐτὸ πάντα ἀποβεβήκα τῇ πτερέ εὐείν οἴπο, οὐδὲν τοῖς ἄλλοιν
ἐς ἐωστὸν λέγοιν ἐς ἀπαν τὸ ἀνθρώπων, καὶ μάλιστα τοὺς
παρὰ σφὶς αὐτοῖς δοκέντες ὀλβίων εἶναι. τὸν μὲν Κροίσου
ταύτα ἀπηγέεσθαι, τῆς δὲ πυρῆς ἑδὲ ἀμέμην, καὶ ἐστι τὰ περι-
έσχατα καὶ τὸν Κύρου ἀκούσαντα τὸν ἐρμηνεύον τὰ ἐπὶ Κροί-
σος, μεταγγίζοντα τε καὶ ἐνώσαντα ὦτι καὶ αὐτὸς ἀνθρώπου ἐς
ἄλλον ἀνθρώπων γενόμενον ἐωστὸν ἑωδαμίνη ὀνκ ἐλάσσον, Ἰούσα
πυρὶ δίδοι, πρὸς τὸ τούτοις, δείσαντα τὴν τίς εἰν καὶ ἐπιλέξα-
μενον ὡς οὐδὲν εἶν τὸν ἐν ἀνθρώπωι ἀσφαλείον ἑχον, κελεύειν 367
σβεβεῖνυ τὴν ταχιστὴν τὸ καίωμενον πῦρ, καὶ καταβαβιβένω
Κροίσων τε καὶ τοὺς μετὰ Κροίσου καὶ τοὺς πειραμένον, ὦν
δύνασθαι ἐτὶ τὸ πυρὸς ἐπικρατῆσαι. Ἐνθαῦτα λέγεται ὑπὸ
Λυδῶν 368, Κροίσων μαθοῦσα τὴν Κύρου μετάγρωσιν, ὡς ὡρα παῦνα,

365 ἀνενεκάμενον. The word understood after this is τοῦτο. "Upon this thought then occurring to him, he gave vent to it with a groan following a deep silence, calling Solon thrice by name." 366 καὶ θεσάμενοι πάντα τὸν ἐωστὸν ὀλβίων ἀποφλαυρεῖε, οἷα δὴ εἰπασ. "And, after seeing all his wealth, held it but cheap, saying in such and such wise." 367 κελεύειεν. Gaisford κελεύει, with the MSS. 368 ενθαῦτα λέγεται ὑπὸ Λυδῶν. The account given by Ctesias (who drew from Persian sources, although probably modified by Hellenic intercourse) of the rescue of Croesus by Apollo is equally miraculous in its character. On Sardis being taken, Croesus flies to the temple of Apollo within the city. He is put in chains there, but three times released by an invisible hand. Afterwards he is removed from the temple and loaded with irons in the royal palace; but
of Apollo, whom he invokes.

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 his release again follows, accompanied with earthquakes and thunders. (Compare the release of Dionysus in the Bacchae of Euripides.) Cyrus, recognizing in this the favour of the gods for Croesus, makes him ruler over a great city (Barene) in the neighbourhood of Abydus. It is to be remarked that in Ctesias's account the expedition of Cyrus against the Sace was represented as taking place before that against Sardis (op. Photon, Biblioth. p. 36).

 The burning of the sacrifices is rather in harmony with the Belus-worship of Babylon than with the Persian religion of Cyrus's time. (See below, § 132.) Many centuries afterwards (in the time of Hadrian) human sacrifices appear to have been offered to Mithras (Creuzer, Symbolik. i. p. 253), but then not by vivi-combustion. The proceeding therefore can hardly be explained as a trait out of the Median ritual. It is much more in keeping with the notions of an Asiatic Greek. Thus Achilles sacrifices twelve Trojan captives on the pyre of Patroclus (IIiad xxiii. 179).

 1 should look for the origin of the narrative in some Apollo-worshipping city which was in commercial relations with Lydia. See note on § 109.

 3 Cyrus takes him into his confidence.

 303 ἐπιβάσσασθαι τοὺς Ἀπόλλωνα ἐπικαλεόμενον, εἰ τι οἱ κεχαρισμένοι εἰς αὐτοῦ ἐκδορήθη, παραστήμαται καὶ ρύσασθαι μὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ παρεώντος κακοῦ· τὸν μὲν δακρύσσεται ἐπικαλέσσαται τὸν θεὸν· εἰ δὲ αἰθρίης τα καὶ νυμφίας συνδραμέει εἰς ἐπιταῖνης νέφα, καὶ κεφαλάτα τα καταρραγῆσαι καὶ οὐσι ὑδατι λαβροτάτω, κατασβεσθῆναι τε τὴν πυρήνα, ἀνίον δὴ μαθούσα τὸν Κύρου ὡς εἰ τῷ Ἀρδαίσιος καὶ θεοφιλής καὶ ἀνὴρ ἀγαθός, καταβιβάσασαν αὐτὸν ἀπὸ τῆς πυρῆς ἐφεστὰς τάξε. “Κροίσε, τίς σε ἀνθρώπων ἀνέγρωσε ἐπὶ νήπὶ τὴν ἐμὴν στρατεύουσαν πολέμων ἀντὶ φιλοῦ ἐμοὶ καταστήματι;” ὡ δὲ εἶπεν “ὁ βασιλεὺς, ἐγὼ ταῦτα ἔπρηξα τῇ σῇ μὲν εὐδαιμονίᾳ, τῇ ἐμεουτοῦ δὲ κακοδαιμονίᾳ· αὑτὸς δὲ τοῦτον ἐγένετο ὁ Ἐλληνος θεὸς ἐπαείρας ἐμὲ στρατεύεσθαι· οὐδεὶς γὰρ οὗτος ἀνόητος ἔστι ὁς τις πόλεμον πρὸ εἰρήνης αἰρέται· ἐν μὲν γὰρ τῇ ὁ παῖδες τοὺς πατέρας ἄσπτουσαν· ἐν δὲ τῷ, οἱ πατέρες τῶν παιδῶν. ἀλλὰ ταῦτα δαίμονι κου βιλοῦ ὁ νῦτῳ γενέσθαι.”

 μὲν ἀνδρα σβενώντα τὸ πῦρ δυναμένους δὲ οὐκέτι καταλαβεῖν. ἐπιβάσσασθαι τοὺς Ἀπόλλωνα ἐπικαλεόμενον, εἰ τι οἱ κεχαρισμένοι εἰς αὐτοῦ ἐκδορήθη, παραστήμαται καὶ ρύσασθαι μὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ παρεώντος κακοῦ· τὸν μὲν δακρύσσεται ἐπικαλέσσαται τὸν θεὸν· εἰ δὲ αἰθρίης τα καὶ νυμφίας συνδραμέει εἰς ἐπιταῖνης νέφα, καὶ κεφαλάτα τα καταρραγῆσαι καὶ οὐσι ὑδατι λαβροτάτω, κατασβεσθῆναι τε τὴν πυρήνα, ἀνίον δὴ μαθούσα τὸν Κύρου ὡς εἰ τῷ Ἀρδαίσιος καὶ θεοφιλής καὶ ἀνὴρ ἀγαθός, καταβιβάσασαν αὐτὸν ἀπὸ τῆς πυρῆς ἐφεστὰς τάξε. “Κροίσε, τίς σε ἀνθρώπων ἀνέγρωσε ἐπὶ νήπὶ τὴν ἐμὴν στρατεύουσαν πολέμων ἀντὶ φιλοῦ ἐμοὶ καταστήματι;” ὡ δὲ εἶπεν “ὁ βασιλεὺς, ἐγὼ ταῦτα ἔπρηξα τῇ σῇ μὲν εὐδαιμονίᾳ, τῇ ἐμεουτοῦ δὲ κακοδαιμονίᾳ· αὑτός δὲ τοῦτον ἐγένετο ὁ Ἐλληνος θεὸς ἐπαείρας ἐμὲ στρατεύεσθαι· οὐδεὶς γὰρ οὗτος ἀνόητος ἔστι ὁς τις πόλεμον πρὸ εἰρήνης αἰρέται· ἐν μὲν γὰρ τῇ ὁ παῖδες τοὺς πατέρας ἄσπτουσαν· ἐν δὲ τῷ, οἱ πατέρες τῶν παιδῶν. ἀλλὰ ταῦτα δαίμονι κου βιλοῦ ὁ νῦτῳ γενέσθαι.”

 88 'Ο μὲν ταῦτα ἐλεγε. Κύρος δὲ αὐτὸν λύσας κάτιστε τε ἐγγύς ἐσυντι γέννηται καὶ κάρτα ἐν πολλῇ προμηθή κέχε, ἀπεθοῦμαζὲ τε ἐποικον αἰκαταρραγῆσαι καὶ τοι ἐκεῖνων ἐντις πάντες. ὡ δὲ συμφόρος ἐχόμενος ἠπυκοροὶ ἦν ὑποτατα ἐπιστραφεῖς τε καὶ ἴδομενους τοὺς Πέρσας τὸ τῶν Λυδῶν ἀστυ κεραίζοντας, εἶπεν “ὁ βασιλεὺς, κάτερα λέγειν πρὸς τα νόεντα τυιχάνων, ἢ συμάν ἐν τῷ παρεώντι χρή;” Κύρος δὲ μὴ βαρβαρῶσαι ἐκέλευε λέγειν ὁ τι βούλουσι· ὡ δὲ
autōn eirōta, λέγων "οὗτος ὁ πολλὸς ὁμιλοῖ τὰ ταῦτα σπουδῇ πολλῇ ἐργαζέται," ὁ δὲ εἶπεν "πάλιν τε τὴν σήν διαρπάξει καὶ χρῆματα τὰ σὰ διαφορέειν" Κροίσος δὲ ἀμείβετον "οὗτε πάλιν τὴν ἕμην οὔτε χρῆματα τὰ ἔμα διαρπάξειν οὔδεν γὰρ ἐμοὶ ἐτὶ τούτων μέτα: ἀλλὰ φέρουσι τε καὶ ἀγνοοῦ τα σὰ." Κύρος δὲ ἐπιμελές ἐγένετο τὸ Κροίσος εἶπεν μεταστήσαμενος δὲ τοὺς ἄλλους, εἰρέτο Κροίσον ὅ τι οἱ ἐνώφη εν τοῖς ποιεμένοις; ὃ δὲ εἶπεν "ἐπεῖ τε με θεοὶ δόκαν δουλὸν σοι, δικαίω εἰ τι ἐνόρεοι πλέον σημαινέων σοι. Πέρσαι φύσιν ἐόντες ὑβρισταί, εἰσὶν ἀρχήματον ἣν ὄν τοῖς περίδους διαπράσαντας καὶ κατασχάντας χρήματα μεγάλα, τάδε τοῖς εὐς αὐτῶν ἐπιδοξα γενέσθαι ὅσ᾽ ἂν αὐτῶν πλείστα κατάσχει, τοῦτον προδέκεσθαι τοι ἐπαναστήσαμενον. νῦν ὃν ποιήσαν ὄδε, εἰ τοῦ ἀρέσκει τὰ ἐγὼ λέγον κάτισον τῶν ὁρυφόρων ἐπὶ πάσχαι τῆς πύλης φυλάκους, οἱ λεγόμενοι πρὸς τοὺς ἐκφέροντας τὰ χρήματα ἀπαρεμένους, ὅσ᾽ σφεα ἀναγκαῖος ἔχει δεκατευθύναι τὸ Δίτ. καὶ σὺ τε σφι ὄν ὑπεξῆθεσαι θητήρατον ἃ ἀπαρεμένους τὰ χρήματα, καὶ ἐκεῖνοι συγγρύνετε ποιέων σὲ δίκαια, ἐκόντες ποιήσατε." Ταῦτα ἀκούον ὁ Κύρος ὑπερήφανο, ὅσ᾽ ὁ εὐδοκεῖ εὐ ὑποτιθεσθαι αἰνέσας δὲ πολλὰ, καὶ ἐντελέμενος τοσὶ ὁρυφόροις τὰ Κροίσος ὑπεθήκατο ἐπιτελεύειν, εἴπε πρὸς Κροίσον τάδε "Κροίσε, ἀναρτημένον σεβό ἀνδρός βασιλέως χρηστά ἐργαλεῖον ἐπεκαὶ ποιεῖσθαι 311 αἰτεῖ 313 τὴν δόσιν ἣν τινα 315 δούλεα τοι ἐγενέσθαι παραντικα." ὃ δὲ εἶπεν "ὅ δὲσποτα, ἔστασε με χαριτοῦ μάλιστα τὸν θεόν τῶν Ελλήνων τῶν ἐτύμμωτα ἐγὼ θεὸν μάλιστα ἐπείρεσθαι περίμνησαι τάδε τὰς τεδάς εἰς ἐξαπατάν τοὺς εὐ ποιεῦντας νόμος ἐστὶ οἱ." Κύρος δὲ εἰρέτο τοῖς τούτῳ ἐπηγορέων

312 οἱ λεγόμενοι. This expression is equivalent to καὶ οὗτοι λεγόμενοι, "who must peremptorily say."

311 αναρτημένον σεβό ἀνδρός βασιλέως . . . ποιεῖσθαι, "seeing that thou art bound as a prince to work my will in act and word:" ἐργα καὶ ἐπεκαὶ σεβός a kind of technical form of speech, and are consequently taken like a single substantive in regimen with ποιεῖσθαι. See note 190, above.

314 αἰτεῖ. The position of the accent should here be observed. The form is derived from αἰτεῖν, by the elision of ε, like ἔργειον. See note i, 313, line 68; ἔκει, iii, 40, line 73. See note on i, 180.

315 τὴν δόσιν ἣν τινα. The MSS vary between τὴν δόσιν τὴν τινα δοσίν τὴν τινα. Gaisford adopts the latter. Bekker reads δοσίν ἣν τινα. But the article before δοσίν seems appropriate. The trans- action appears to be a formal pledge of fealty, the vassal being bound (ἀνηργημένος) to his liege-lord, and the latter bestowing upon him some gift, by the acceptance of which his superiority is recognized. It is "the boon" bearing this symbolical meaning to which Cyrus appears to allude. But he leaves to Croesus the choice of what it shall be. See v. 11.


91

Defence set up by the oracle.

παραιτεύοντο: Κροίσος δὲ οἱ ἐπιφανεύσεις πᾶσαν τὴν ἑωτοῦ διά
νοιαν, καὶ τῶν χρηστηριῶν τὰς ὑποκρίσιας, καὶ μάλιστα τὰ ἀναθή-
ματα: καὶ ώς ἐπιστήμων τῷ μαντηῇ ἐπιστεύσατο ἐπὶ Πέρσας·
λέγουν δὲ ταῦτα, κατέβαψε αὕτης παραιτεύμονες ἐπείναί οἱ τῷ
θεῷ τούτῳ 316 ἀπείδισαί Κύρος δὲ γελάσας εἶπεν· "καὶ τοῦτο
ὑπεξεῖτα παρ' ἐμεί, Κροίσε, καὶ ἄλλου παντὸς τοῦ ἄν ἐκάστοτε
dεῖ," ὅς δὲ ταῦτα ἥκουσε ὁ Κροίσος, πέμπτων ὑπὸ Δέλφων ἐς
Δελφοὺς, ἐνετέλεσε τιθέντας τὰς πέδας ἐπὶ τοῦ νηῷ τοῦ υἱῶν
eἰρωνταί ὃς οὐ τί ἐπαισχοῦνται τοῦι μαντηνεύσει ἐπάρας Κροίσον
στρατεύοντα ἐπὶ Πέρσας, ὡς καταπάυσονται τὴν Κύρου ὕπνιαν
κατ' ἐς οἱ ἀκροθίνια τοιαύτα γενέσθαι; δεικνύσας τὰς πέδας, ταύτα
tε ἐπειρωταί καὶ εἰ ἀχαρίστουσι νόμος εἶναι τοῖς Ἑλληνικοῖς
θεοῖς 318; 'Απικομένουσι δὲ τοῖς Λυδίοις καὶ λέγοντι τὰ ἐντε-
tαλμένα τὴν Πυθήνη λέγεται εἰσεῖν τάδε· "τὴν πεπρομένην μοῖραν
ἀδύνατα ἐστὶ ἀποφυγεῖν καὶ θεός Κροίσος δὲ πέμπτων γονέως
ἀμαρτίας ἐξέπλησε, ὅς οὖν δορυφόρος 'Ἡρακλείδεων, δύος γυναι-
κηγός ἐπιστόμενος 320 ἐφόνευσε τὸν δειπτότα, καὶ ἔσχε τὴν ἐκείνων
tιμὴν οὔθεν οἱ προσήκουσαν. προβουμερέμονε δὲ Λοξίων, ὠκιοῦ ἂν
κατά τοὺς παῖδας τοὺς Κροίσον γένοιτο τὸ Σαρδίων πάθος καὶ μὴ
κατ' αὐτῶν Κροίσου, οἷκος οὖν τοῦ ἐγένετο παραγαγέαν μοῖρας· οὐσον
dὲ ἐνέθωκαί-αὐταί ἤρυσσατο, καὶ ἐχαρίσατο οἳ τρία ἡμ' ἐτε ἐπ-
ανεβάλετο τὴν Σαρδίων ἀλώσιν καὶ τούτο ἐπιστάθηκαί Κροίσος, ὡς
ὗτοι τοῖς ἐτείτο τούτοις ἄλοις τῆς πεπρομένης. δεύτερα δὲ τούτων, καλομένοι αὐτοῦ ἐπιτήκεσε. κατὰ δὲ τὸ μαντηνίου τὸ γενό-

316 κατέβαψε αὕτης παραιτεύμονες, "he ended by again imploring." So below,
§ 116, κατέβαψε ἐς λίτας τε καὶ συγ-
γγόμενος ἐωτῷ κελεύων ἔχειν αὐτόν, "he ended by resoring to supplications and
urging indulgence towards himself;" § 118, κατέβαψε λέγων κ.π.λ., "he ended by
saying," &c. &c. The idiom seems derived
from the practice of the agora, where the
speaker on ending his speech "got down"
from the bema.

317 τούτῳ. This reading is sanctioned
by the majority of MSS. Gaisford adopts
tούτῳ on very slender authority.

318 εἰ ἀχαρίστοιο νόμος εἶναι τοῖς
Ἑλληνικοῖς θεοῖς: For εἶναι οὗ ΜΣ
has ἔνθα and another ἐστι,—corruptions
which are due to an ignorance of the con-
struction. This would be in full εἰ νόμος
[ἐστι] τ. Ἑλλ. δ. εἶναι ἀχαρίστους.
319 πέμπτων γονέως. Croesus was fifth
from Gyges, reckoning, after the manner of the Greeks, both extremes.
His fall fulfilled the Delphic oracle (see above,
§ 13), of which no note was taken until the
fulfilment.

320 ἐπιστόμενοι. The majority of MSS
have ἐπιστόμενοι. But some have the
reading in the text, which is well defended
by Odys. iii. 215 :

ἐπιστόμενοι θεοὶ ὑμῖν.

and by Sophocles (Electr. 967):

ἌΑΛ' ἐν ἐπίστη τοῖς ἑμοὶ δουλεύμασιν.
μενον, οὐκ ορθὸς Κροίσος μέμφεται. προηγούμενον γὰρ οἱ Λαξίνης, ἢν στρατεύεται ἐπὶ Πέρσας μεγάλην ἄρχην αὐτοῦ καταλύσεως τὸν ἀν ἐπὶ τοῦτον χρήν εὖ μελλοντας ἔπεισεν ταῦτα, ἐπείρεσθι πεμφάντα κάτερα τῷ ἐν τῷ Κύρου λέγοι ἄρχην; οὐδὲ συλλαβόν διὸ τὸ μηθὲν, οὐδὲ ἐπανειρόμενον, ἐωτόν αὐτίνι ἀποφαίνετο, ὥς καὶ τὸ τελευταῖον χρηστηριασμένον εἴπε τὰ εἴπε 321 Λαξίνης περὶ ήμιονου, οὐδὲ τοῦτο συνεβαλε 322. ἢ μὴ γὰρ δὴ ὁ Κύρως οὕτος ἡμίονος· ἡ γὰρ δοὺς οὐκ ὕμοιον ἐγενόμενε ἰμπρὸς ἀμείνονος πατρὸς, δὲ ὑποδεεστέρου ἡ μὲν γὰρ ἢν Μηδίς καὶ Ἀστυάγεος θυγάτηρ τοῦ Μάξου βασιλέως, ὁ ὁ δὲ Πέρσης τε ἢ καὶ ἄρχημος ὑπ’ ἐκείνοις· καὶ ἐνέρθη ἐνων τοῦτο ἀπάσι, δεσποίνη τῇ ἐνωτῷ συνοικε. ταῦτα μὲν ἡ Πυθία ὑπεκρίνατο τοῖς Ἀνδοῦτι, οἱ δὲ ἀνήμερικαν ἐσεῖ Σάρδις καὶ ἀπήγγελαν τῷ Κροίσῳ· οὐκ ἀκούσας, συνέγρα ἐνωτοῦ ἐναὶ τῇ ἁμαρτίᾳ καὶ ὅτι τοῦ θεοῦ. κατὰ μὲν δὴ τὴν Κροίου τοῦ ἄρχην καὶ Ιωνίας τὴν πρώτην καταστροφὴν ἐσχε ὁμώς 323. Κροίσῳ δὲ ἐστὶ καὶ ἄλλα ἀναθήματα εἰ τῇ Ἑλλάδι πολλά, καὶ τὰ εἰρήμενα μοῦνα. ἐν μὲν γὰρ Θῆμησι τῆς Βουωτοῦ τρίτους χρύσεως, τῶν ἀνέθηκε τῷ Ἀτόλλων τῷ Ἰσμηνίῳ 324. εἰν ἰ Ἔφεσοι, αἱ τε βοίς αἱ χρύσαι καὶ τῶν κυών αἰ πόλλαι 325. εἰν ἐν Πρωνής τῆς ἐν Ἔλεφοισι 326 ἄπτις χρυσῆ μεγάλη.

321 τὰ εἴπε. The two manuscripts S and V omit these words.

322 συνεβάλε. This, which is the reading of almost all the MSS, is altered by Guisard after others into συνέβαλε. But the sense is not improved by the change. The argument of Apollo is, that the oracle about "the mule" would have helped Croesus to understand the former one, but that he failed to put it together with that former one,—a sense for which συνεβάλε is requisite. The form συνεβάλεσθαι is used (vi. 107) of Hippias in his interpretation of his own dream.

323 Besides S and V (see above, note 136), the MSS b and d omit this section. These two last MSS do not often concur with either S or V, but the former of them rather with Wesseling's codices A B C. All except V likewise omit § 93 and § 94 down to καταστροφὴν. See note 332.

324 τῷ Ἀπόλλων τῷ Ἰσμηνίῳ. In this temple too were seen the golden shield and spear which Croesus had sent as an offering to Amphiratus (above, § 52), and three tripods, upon which inscriptions in Cadmean letters, very nearly resembling the Ionic character, were found. (See notes on v. 58.) The former of these two passages does not exist in S and V, the latter does. Möller (in Bueltiger's Amalthea, i. p. 129) considers it quite certain that this temple was a colony from that at Delphi.

325 αἱ τε βοίς αἱ χρύσαι καὶ τῶν κυών αἱ πόλλαι. This expression (by the use of the articles αἱ βοῖς and τῶν κυῶν) shows that Herodotus addresses himself to persons to whom these objects were well known, at least by reputation. This would be the case with most; for Ephesus was the port at which all travellers from the East by the great road connecting Susa and Sardis would embark for Europe. (See v. 54, and Act. Apost. xix. 1.) Of course no one having the opportunity would omit to visit a temple which was one of the wonders of the world, and thus the details of it would become matter of notoriety all over Hellas. Herodotus puts it together with the temple of Here at Other offerings of Croesus to Hellenic temples.

Thetaumata de hoi Lydhe es syngraphfou ou mala exei, oia te kai allh xorfi, parex tou ek tou Tmolou katafereomenu psigmato.

Samos (ii. 148). There can be little doubt that he visited it himself; for, although this does not necessarily follow from the words eti es epe hyn periownta, yet his description of the alluvial character of the neighborhood of Ephesus is quite that of an eye-witness (ii. 10); and the incident of the dedication of the city to Artemis in the war with Croesus (i. 26) is undoubtedly a temple-tradition, either Delphic or Ephesian.

Prophesis tis en Delphoi. This, (although of which have Prophonos tais en Delta), seems certainly to be the true one. Ascylus (Ennum. 21) makes the priestess at Delphi, in her enumeration of the local deities, invoke Athene under this title, Palaio probaia de eis logas prosebsetai, where there is no variation in the MSS. The only difficulty arises from the apparent strangeness of describing the goddess, when first mentioning her, by a more local epithet. But this seems susceptible of an explanation. Herodotus had just mentioned the temple of the Isemian Apollo. Now in this there was an Athene probaia (Pausinias, ix. 10. 2), the recollection of whom would at once be suggested by the mention of it. Accordingly, just as if he had actually spoken of the goddess (compare viii. 37), the author goes on to speak of the same similarly located, only at Delphi.

Tatoi twn anabhiamaton. These words as they stand are undoubtedly corrupt, and Schweighauser considers them a gloss. Schaefer and Gaisford omit ta, but this seems an arbitrary proceeding. The next sentence, too, as it stands, has no verb. I should be almost disposed to suspect the text originally ran thus: tausta men kai eti es epe hyn periownta twn anabhiamaton, ta de elkeu, tausta de en Bravgiarden tisoi Melissow, anabhiama Kr. kтал. The offerings in the temple were given up by the priests to Xerxes, who burnt the temple afterwards, and hence Herodotus could only speak of them by hearsay (Strabo, x. chap. i. p. 165). With regard to the gender of Bragxhian, see note on § 158.

Eti knafon elkeu, "by drawing him over a rack" (set with points like a fuller's comb). The engine is described by Suidas as orqasai poi en kokedo kastroi exouv, dii ouv touvb basapaiomousov katalouvei. Perhaps it is substantially the same with the "harrows of iron" mentioned 2 Sam. xii. 31.
In the time of Herodotus Hellenic civilization had done much for Asia Minor; and probably only the δήμοι, the representatives of the old race, retained the characteristics of the Cybebe-worship, as it was first brought to Sardis. See note on v. 102.

Strabo describes the topography rather differently. He says this lake is forty stades from the city, that it was called Γυγεα by Homer, but subsequently Κολας; and that a temple of Artemis Coloïne is there, and the tombs of the kings surround the lake. Then he says, ποὺ δὲ τὰ ἱερὰ Σάρδων ἦσαν ἐστὶν τὸ τῶν Ἀθηνῶν ἐπὶ κρυπτὸν ὑβρίστας χώμα μέγα (iii. 4. p. 152). He is here probably following Demetrius of Scepsis, who was familiar with the locality. It is rather remarkable that Herodotus should not mention the tombs of the kings about the lake; but this may be explained on the hypothesis that he (or his informant) merely passed through Sardis, and just saw the mound and the lake from a distance. "Adjoining [the tumulus of Halysatines] among the hills, in a situation invisible from below, are countless tumuli, the forms of which are still quite perfect. The Turks call them Bin-bir Teppi, or 'the Thousand and One Hills.'" (Falckener, Museum of Classical Antiquities, Art. xv.) See also note 329. Strabo says that according to some accounts the lake was an artificial reservoir to prevent mischief from the floods of the river.

Before forming any theories relative to the existence of letters at a particular epoch from this passage, it is requisite to be certain that here the author is speaking of what he saw close and was able to interpret. But both here and in a similar case this is doubtful. See note 331 and on ii. 106. And at any rate a different legend respecting the origin of the tumulus existed; for Clearchus, a scholar of Aristotle's, in his Eroïtica, related that the monument (which in his time went by the name of τῆς ἑταρ- πας μήμα) was built by Gyges (who for the purpose impressed the whole force of the country) in honour of a deceased concubine of his. If the Sardian deity Cybebe was, as seems probable (see note on v. 102), a mere variety of the Syrian goddess described by Lucian, it is probable that this tumulus was connected with her ritual, and was constructed in times earlier than those of which any distinct record remained in the time of Herodotus. If so, there would be a very good reason both for the variation of details in the stories which accounted for its existence, and for the retention, in each one, of a reference to the peculiar character of the goddess. See the story of Cleopas's daughter related by the author, ii. 126.
Lydians the first coiners of money and inventors of most games known to the Hellenic race.

\[332\] καλέσται δὲ ἀυτὴ Γυγαίη. The lake is mentioned by this name in the Iliad: xx. 392 (cited in note 277, above). The Villinois scholiast on that passage seems to show that the text of Herodotus here-about must have suffered some change.

κόμη ἐστὶ Λυδίας Ἀλαδά, ἑνθα προτον Ἕρμος βομών Ἰφισίων καὶ δαλαμά λίθων κολοσσικών ἱκεραμισμένων ἀρ-χαίῳ τῷ περιγεγαμένῳ καὶ τοὺς περὶ τὴν Λιμνὴν καλάμους συνεδρεύεται εἰλίδεοι.

See note 323.

\[333\] The MSS S, b, and d here again take up the text thus: Λυδὸς γὰρ δὴ καὶ πρώτω π.τ.λ. Instead of the words φασὶ δὲ αὐτῷ Λυδῷ, S has Λυδὸς δὲ αὐτῷ, and all three after these words insert καὶ παλιγκορποται ἐξειρεσθαι καὶ λέοντα πρὸς ἐλλήνων τῶν τῶν κόμη καὶ τῶν ἱκεραμῶν. See the last note.

\[324\] πρώτω δὲ καὶ κάτηλιον ἐγένοντο. The general merchant resident in an entrepôt of traffic would be a κάτηλιος, as opposed to an ἵμπωτος or trader who brought the wares he sold from a distance. Sardis was an entrepôt for Hellenic and Asiatic traffic. The wool produced in Phrygia (παλικροβαστότητα, v. 49) was brought there to be dyed (Pliny, N. H. vii. 47), and the purple dye produced from the κοχλία, taken at Linnēum, a spot on the southern coast of the Propontis, which was the best in the world (Strabo, xiii. c. 1), found its way thither by water-carriage. It was likewise a mart for the precious metals. The Spartans sent thither to purchase some gold (I. 69), probably ingots formed from the grains brought down in the sand of the Pactolus. Sophocles, too, speaks of the electrum which came from Sardis (Antig. 1067: cited in note 154, above). The ancients told by Herodotus of Periander (iii. 40) and of Hermotimus (viii. 105) show that Sardis was also a great slave-market. It would also lie conveniently for shipping the dyed goods of the Phrygian Hierapolis, the waters of which possessed such remarkable qualities as to enable the vegetable dyes of that place to compete with the marine productions of Tyre or of the Propontis (Strabo, xiii. c. 4). Under such circumstances a standard of value would in very early times be necessary; and hence minted coins would very soon appear. It does not, however, necessarily follow from what Herodotus says that the Lydian sovereigns coined on their own account, and there are some reasons to believe that they did not. See note on iv. 166.

\[333\] τοῦτον γὰρ ἐν. The MSS S, V, b, d omit what follows until the words ὀνομασθήσεται Τυρσηνοῖς, nearly at the end of the chapter.
Umbria. A genuine time of plain tradition which not question. Its historicity, these allusions to the city this historian, Virgil, Etruscans of from I. the authorities note that the Etruscans probably passed by Lampsacon and the Hellespont into Thrace, where Atys became Otyx or Cotys, and the goddess Cotytto (Archaeol. Fragment 54, ed. Diudorf), and thence descended into the north of Italy in course of time. Those of the Lydians on the other hand spread through Phrygia into the valleys of the Maeander, Hermus, and Cayster. When we get to the historical times, Herodotus distinctly asserts that the Phocaean were the discoverers of Tyrrenia (§ 193).

335 επει τε ὑπὸ αὐτῶν τὸ κακὸν. Dionysius of Halicarnassus (Archeol. i. 28), by quoting the substance of this account, shows that he used a copy in which this paragraph appeared. That the tradition is a genuine Sardian one is plain from the pleadings of the authorities of the city before the Roman senate in the time of Tiberius (Tacitus, Annal. iv. 55). Its historical accuracy is quite a different question. Xanthius, the historian, did not mention it. Horace uses it for the purpose of a compliment to Maecenas (Sat. i. vi. 1):

"Non quia, Maecenas, Lydorum quidquid Etruscos
Incohuit fines, nemo generosior est te;"

and Virgil, for whom a recondite tradition always had attractions, speaks of the "Lydus Tybris" (Aen. ii. 782); but these allusions imply no real belief in the legend on which they are based. The substantial truth which lies at the bottom of the story seems to be the affinity between the Etruscan and the early Lydian races, as being two swarms of the same tribe whose tutelary deity was worshipped with orgiastic and impure rites. This affinity is expressed by making the eponyms of the two nations children of a common ancestor, who himself is the hierophant of the goddess. (See note on v. 102.) The ancestors of the Etruscans probably passed by Lampsacon and the Hellespont into Thrace, where Atys became Otyx or Cotys, and the goddess Cotytto (Archaeol. Fragment 54, ed. Diudorf), and thence descended into the north of Italy in course of time. Those of the Lydians on the other hand spread through Phrygia into the valleys of the Maeander, Hermus, and Cayster. When we get to the historical times, Herodotus distinctly asserts that the Phocaean were the discoverers of Tyrrenia (§ 193).

335 εῦμιρην. It seems not improbable that the town here mentioned was really Ephesus. See the note on § 150, ὁδὲ ἀπέβαλον.
The Medes were the first to throw off the Assyrian supremacy, which had lasted 520 years. They remain free for a time.

Deicles changes their free government to a monarchy by making himself necessary to them.

It must not be assumed from this expression that Herodotus derived his account of Cyrus from Persian sources direct. He may very well have heard the story he adopts (as well as the other three he knows) from merchant-travellers at Phasis; and these may have reported it (with more or less authority for so doing) as derived from Persian traditions. Herodotus criticizes it with reference to its likelihood rather than the external evidence on which it rests. See notes on § 139, and on ii. 43, to οὗν θαῦμα τῶν Ἰρακλείων.

338 ἦν ὁ Περσέων μετεξέπερον λέγοντι. It must not be assumed that Herodotus derived his account of Cyrus from Persian sources direct. He may very well have heard the story he adopts (as well as the other three he knows) from merchant-travellers at Phasis; and these may have reported it (with more or less authority for so doing) as derived from Persian traditions.

339 Ἀσσυρίων ἀρχόντων κ.τ.λ. The MSS S, V, b, d omit what follows until the beginning of § 101, Δηήκους μὲν οὖν. In the place of it they have the following summary: 'Ἀνήρ ἐν τούτω Μήδους ἔγεντο σοφός, τῷ οὗνμα ἦν Δήήκους, παῖς δὲ ἦν Φρασέττων. οὕτως ὁ Δήήκους διὰ ἄν τὴν ἐσωτήριον εὐμηνίαν... ἐγείρατε Μήδους ποιεῖτε δὲ ταύτα οἱ Μήδους οἰκοδομεῖσι τῷ οἰκοδομήμαστα μέγαλα, καὶ δορυφόροις αὐτῷ ἐπηρείστησιν καὶ πάντως Μήδους καταλέιψατε, πρὸς τὸ μὴ εἰσίναι παρὰ βασι.
of philosophical and technical matters. It appears that the
idea of an immediate relation with man as a moral agent.

315 προκατίσων ἔδικαζε. An expression derived from the simple usage of early times, when the judgment-seat was a stone in front of the dwelling of the sovereign. See Exodus xviii. 13; 2 Samuel xix. 8.

314 περὶ τῶν καθήκων, "about the actual state of things." τὰ καθήκonta are those matters which touch a person, as contradistinguished from those which being at a distance do not affect him. The fundamental idea appears in the technical use of the word in the Stoic philosophy, where τὰ καθήκον is equivalent to the Latin officium, that which stands in an immediate relation with man as a moral agent.

319 τὸν τίμα. This is the reading in Gaisford. If correct, it is equivalent to δυστυ, which is found in some copies. But perhaps the true reading is, τὸ τίμα στήσονται β., "on proposing the question, whom were they to make king?"

316 ἢ πολλὰ ἢ τὸ ποτὲ ἀνδρὸς καὶ προβαλλόμενος καὶ αἰνόμενος, "was zealously by every one both proposed and landed." See vii. 158, πολλὰ ἐνέκειτο, "zealously urged!" ix. 91, ἢς ἐδο πολλὰ ἢ λασόμενου, "as he was pressing in his solicitation."
He causes them to build Agbatana, surrounding it with seven ramparts.

Its magnitude.


doruoioeis awo, epiureoouiv ekev piaev Mjovn katalecasthav, o de ovo eixe tivn iivxhiv, tov Mjovn iivxhavave ev toisvma pawjasaavhav, kai toito perusevluvntas247 tov Njovon iivxhv evni melvaavhav peivovenov de kai taiva tov Mjovn, oikodoreevi teixeia megala te kai kartern, taiva ta vovv 'Agbatana kekhtaiv318, eterovv eterov wivioj eveseovta. mepihavntai de ouv toito to teixos, ostte o etepos tov eterov wivioj tosoi proamachdosi mouvnoi esti. vphivteros. tov mev kou ti kai to xoivov svumachvei kolovos eivn ostte toiuvoj einai, to de kai mallov ti epetevedh, wivioj eivn tov sivnapauntov evttov ev de toj telenaioj ta bavilhia evesei kai oi thsavroj. to de aivotov megistov esti teixos kata tov 'Athevnoj wivioj349 malistata kai to megavos. tov mev de prvatoj wivioj oj proamachevovs eivj leuvkouj tov de deu- terov melainov trivov de wivioj foykevoj tetarotov de knveov pemvtoj de sanvadaknov. oivtoj piaev tov wivioj oj pro- amachevovs iivxhmovoi eivj faymakovoi330. dvo de oj telenaioj

247 kai toito perusevluvntas, 'and bestowing their pains on securing this,' Compare iivxhov perusevluvntes, ii. 147; tov vovs perusevluvntes, iii. 31.

248 taiva ta vovv 'Agbatana kekhtaiv.

It does not appear from this expression that this was the original name of the town or fortress. Rawlinson (London Geographical Journal, vol. x.) conjectures that the name signified 'a place of strength for treasures.' Its meaning appears from the form Akmetha (the Chaldac form for Agbatana, where w takes the place of b or p, as in mevbrav for benvbrav, evma for the Aolico ovpa, met for the Aolico pedia, mervoir for a form bordos, which has left a trace of itself in the word brotos). This word Akmetha is derived by Hebraists from a root signifying 'to collect together;' so that the word seems equivalent to svnuvka, a most appropriate name for a city formed as Athens was by Theseus, or Mega- lopolis by Epiamondas, by a centralization of strength. The modern form of the word is said to be Ahmetan in Syrian, and Hamadain in Persian; but it does not follow (especially if the meaning of the word be what we have supposed) that the modern Hamadain is the Agbatana of Herodotus's Deioci. It pro- bably is that of Polybios (x. 27), who describes the citadel as an artificial elevation.

349 kata tov 'Athevnoj wivioj. It has been inferred, most gratuitously, from these words and the minute description of the walls, that Herodotus had visited Agbatana. But the vagueness of its site and dimensions should have guarded against this conclusion. Rawlinson fixes it not at Hamadain, but at Takti-Soleimán, where there is a very striking hill rising to 150 feet above the plain, still fortified, and about three quarters of a mile in circuit. This is sufficiently near to the acropolis at Athens to allow of comparison in a caravanserai story, but the circuit of the Ag- batana of Diodorus (xvii. f.), 250 stadia, cannot be brought into agreement either with the whole of Athens within fortifications, which was, in the time of Thucydides, 171½ stadia (Leake, p. 273), or with the circuit of the bastion, which was forty-three. But the mere hill of the citadel would be much less, only this pre- cinct would be inaccurately described by the word wivioj.

350 iivxhmovoi faymakovoi, 'diapered with paint.'
that custom and care. He had evoked the ramparts, the silver. He had the azure; the decour, the Sun, the green (which the Orientals regard as the hue of silver). These circumstances would induce one to regard the story in Herodotus as proceeding originally from Chaldean sources. But it does not seem easy to suit the order of the walls in the narrative to that of the heavenly bodies in the disposition of their orbits, according to Chaldean or Egyptian notions,—or to discover any principle in the deviation from that order. If, indeed, we suppose that by an inadvertence (from whatever source arising) the colours of the first and second ramparts, and those of the third and fifth, have been interchanged in the description, we shall get an order corresponding with that of the deities presiding over the days of the week. See note 349.

332 ταῦτα μὲν δὴ ὁ Δηλόκης ἐσωτήρ τε ἑτείχεις. Diodorus, who professes to give a careful comparison of the diverse statements of Herodotus and Ctesias relative to the overthrow of the Assyrian supremacy by the Medes, relates, on the alleged authority of Herodotus, that after this event took place no attempt to gain the supremacy was made for many generations, but that, at last, after many years had passed by, aresibrai basilēa parā tois Mēhdois ἄνδρα δικασώνηδὲ

331 ὁ δὲ κατακεχρυσωμένος. Rawlinson remarks that the seven colours mentioned by Herodotus are those employed by the Orientals to denote the seven planetary bodies. He quotes a poet (Nizami) who describes a palace of seven colours like those of Herodotus. In this the palace dedicated to Saturn was black; that to Jupiter, orange (sandal-wood colour); that to Mars, scarlet; that to the Sun, golden; that to Venus, white; that to Mercury, azure; and that to the Moon, green (which the Orientals regard as the hue of silver). This is taken by Wesseling and others as a slip of memory on the part of Diodorus; and such is not an improbable solution of the difficulty. But the emphasis which Diodorus lays upon the length of time during which the isonomy existed contrasts strongly with the entire absence of any such statement in Herodotus, as the text exists at present; and it seems also not improbable that the MSS to which Diodorus had access varied in this respect. (See note on § 180, τροφόφων.) If so, it is very possible that in them a Cyaxares, and not Deioces, was represented as the founder of the Median monarchy. (See above, note 332.) It is to be remarked that in the Armenian traditions, as represented by Moses of Chorene, five Median sovereigns are interposed between the overthrow of the effeminate Chonous Concolerus (= Sardanapalus) and the reign of Deioces.

333 χρέσθαι. A word appropriate to the consulting an oracle. See note 290, above.

334 ἄντιον καὶ ἄπασι εἶναι τούτῳ γέ αἱσχρόν. The words καὶ ἄπασι are to be taken both with ἄντιον and with αἱσχρόν. Herodotus represents it as an institution of Deioces, that to laugh or to spit, not only in the presence of the sovereign, but of any person whatever, should be a breach of decorum, and held so not only by courtiers, but by all persons whatever. Xenophont (Cyropaedia, i. 2, 16) speaks of a similar decorum prevailing among the Persians, and brings it forward as an evidence of the desiccating effect of their corporal training that such a custom should have become possible. See below, § 133.
He reigns fifty-three years over the Medes alone. His son Phraortes conquers the Persians, and with their aid other nations of Asia. He is slain in a fruitless attack on Nineveh, after reigning twenty-two years.

355 κατάσκοποι τε καὶ καθήκονι. See below, note on i. 114.
356 Δηύοκης μὲν νῦν. S, V, b, d here resume the thread of the narrative. See note 340.
357 Παρηκτικυν. The manuscripts S and V have Παρηκτικυν. It has been conjectured that these people are the same with the Paricani mentioned in iii. 94. But there is nothing to shew whether the γένεα here are local tribes, or castes, or houses in the Hellenic sense. The vagueness of Herodotus's information appears from his statement (vii. 62) that the Medes were anciently called "Ἀρω (a word which is interpreted by orientalists as equivalent to 'worshipful'), and that the name Μῆδοι came from Medos. Strabo's indefiniteness in laying down a boundary for Ariana (xx. c. 2), perhaps comes from a similar mistake of a personal attribute for a gentile name, in some of his predecessors.
358 Φραάρτης. This name appears, according to Rawlinson, on ancient inscriptions in the arrow-headed character. Its genuine form is Fráerish. It is to be observed that the father of Deioces was named Phraortes, which accords with the Hellenic fashion to name the grandson after the grandfather. See above, § 96. * οὐκ ἀπεχρέτω, "was not contented." See above, note 125.
339 Kwaözryn. Rawlinson says that this name is a compound of the Persian Kei (a royal epithet applied to the early kings of Persia), and Aaxares. This last is the Hellenic form of the name Kissyasarsha, with the definite article γα prexified. Without this prefix the name is equivalent to the Hellenic Λεχρες; with it, to Aavors, Aasswv, or Aahaswv. 340 ἐστι νιξ ἡ ἡμέρα ἑγένετο. See above, § 74, note 254. This sentence connects the Median list of kings with the Lydian traditions.

351 τὴν "Ἀλος ποταμοῦ ἦν ἢ Ἀσην. This very unusual expression raises a suspicion that the passage may be corrupt. Perhaps we should read τὴν ἦν ἢ Ἀλ. ποτ. Ἀσην. (See below, § 130, note 497.) Perhaps the word ἦν originally stood before Ἀλος, and being left out by the transcriber, was placed in the margin and then altered into ἦν. The words τὴν ἦν ἢ Ἀ. π. Ἀσην would be in the mouth of a Greek on the western side of the Halys, exactly the equivalent expression for τὴν ἦν ἢ Ἀσην. See above, § 72. Indeed it may be doubted whether the whole clause is not a later addition. See notes 352 and 438.

352 συλλέξας δὲ τοὺς ὑπ’ εὐωτῷ κ.τ.λ. The manuscripts S, V, b, d omit from these words inclusive to nearly the end of § 106. See note 374.

353 ἐκ δὲ τῆς Κολχίδος οὐ πολλῶν ὑπερβιναι ἔτε τὴν Μηδείκην. Herodotus, or at any rate an individual with whom he identifies himself, was himself among the Colchians on the Phasis (see ii. 104), and doubtless got this information from the merchants there. The town at the mouth of the river was a great emporium; flax, hemp, wax, and pitch being exported from thence, and also manufactured linen. It was only two or three days' sail from Sinope and Amisos. The river was navigable up to a place called Σαρασάγων ἔρμα, from whence there was a road by which, in four days, loaded wagons reached the river Cyros (the modern Κατάν ή Κωντα) (Στράτιος, xi. c. 2). If in the time of Herodotus the eastern traffic which passed this way was carried on in Median bottoms through the Caspian Sea and along the Cyros (a route which Aristobulus, op. Strab. xi. c. 7, p. 427, asserted that it did take), the statement which he gives above would be commercially, although not geographically,

103 His son Συναυρης introduces a military organization, separating the different arms.

104 Distance from Colchis to Media.
The Scythians beat the Medes and overrun Asia.

105 They proceeded towards Egypt, and were bribed off by king Psammitichus.

The travelling merchant would have to pass no frontiers except those of the Saspires, which one will probably be right in considering to be some portion of the tribes inhabiting the mountain ribs which branch from the southern side of the main Caucasian range, possibly that district which Strabo calls Iberia. No difficulty will be presented either by this passage or the one in iv. 37, if we consider Herodotus as merely speaking on the authority of a Phasian mercantile itinerary. See notes on iv. 40 and iv. 46, and the last note on vi. 9.

He knew the merchants of Herodotus's time, and who attacked the Cimmerians, are the inhabitants of the plains to the north of the Black Sea and Sea of Azof; whereas the invaders of the Median story are nomads from Independent Tartary, and the east of the Caspian,—the two being distinct swarms of the same race, whose home is to be looked for in the steppes of central Asia. (See note on iv. 11.) A glance at the map shows the difficulty of the route here assigned to the former. The road along the western coast of the Caspian would oblige them to cross a vast number of rivers, among them the Cyrus itself. But from the nature of the country it is likely that a nomad tribe, immediately on passing the eastern spur of the Caucasus, would have spread up the valley of the Cyrus, where they would find abundance of pasture for their herds,—i.e. would have turned towards the Saspires, instead of pursuing the track along the sandy coast, where they would find no food, till they reached Media. See note on iv. 12.

The road attributed to the invaders would, in every sense of the word, have been a lower one than the track which an unencumbered traveller would take. But it would be farther from the coast of the Euxine, and therefore would be described in these terms by a Phasian merchant, ignorant of its particular character. See first note on iv. 40.

In 'Asiaklovv' polI, Ascalon, Azotus (Ashdod), Ekron, Gaza, and Gitta (Gath), are the five confederate states of the Philistines mentioned Josh. xiii. 3; 1 Som. vi. 17. The name under which Aphrodite was worshipped at Ascalon appears to have been originally Derceto, a female form of Dagon, who was the tutelary deity of Azotus. These two deities stood to one another in the same relation as Janus (Dianus) and Diana, Mithras and Mitra, Hecatus and Hecate, Combabus and Cybebe. (See note on v. 102.) They were symbolized by a figure half-human half-piscine. The legend followed by Ctesias (ap. Diodor. Sic. ii. 8) makes Derceto a priestess of Aphrodite, changed into a fish, just as the Arcadian legend made Callisto an attendant on Artemis, changed into a bear, and the Pylian legend Menthe a concubine of Hades, changed into the plant wint (Strabo, viii. p. 153). Semiramis is in the same tradition made the daughter of Derceto, and changed into a dove. But the dove and the fish, the one from its salaciousness, the other from its enormous power of reproduction, were appropriate symbols of the particular characteristic assigned to Aphrodite, and no doubt originally represented her. It
then became the function of a poetic mythology to frame narratives accounting for the symbols. (See note 164, above.)

Atargatis, the name which Strabo (xvi. c. 1, p. 351) gives to the Syrian goddess at Hierapolis, is etymologically identical with Derceto.

367 καὶ τὸ ἐν Κυθῆρων. Hesiod (Theog. 192) makes Cythera the first place touched by Aphrodite after her birth from the foam of the sea, and sends her thence to Cyprus. The ἐν Κύπρῳ ἱέρων is doubtless the temple at Paphos: but it must not be assumed that Herodotus was necessarily there, because he quotes the assertion of the Cypriots, that the ritual came thither from Ascalon. It is a curious circumstance that the figure of the goddess at Paphos was a stone of the shape of a sugar-loaf (Tactitus, Hist. ii. 3), like the ὑμαλάς at Delphi, a simplicity which bespeaks very high antiquity. The stone at Delphi probably belonged to the ritual of the πρωτόμαντις γαία (Esch. Eumenid. 2).

368 τοὺς καλέων 'Εναρέας οἱ Σκύθαι. Here there seems to be a reference to some Scythian word, perhaps one etymologically equivalent to the Latin veneres. This to Hellenic ears might sound as if connected with the words ἐν ἀρχε, just as the oblique cases of Μαλας reminded the Romans of male venent, and induced them to change the name to Beneventum, for the sake of the omen. From this circumstance, I should infer that the story in its existing form is possibly due to Greek merchants, whose transactions both took them to Egypt, and brought them into contact with the Scythians on the shores of the Euxine. Hircocrates says that the sufferers are called ἀνανδροί, which seems to be another misapprehension, aided by the apparent symptoms of the disease, of the same word. He also says that they attribute their sufferings to the anger of Aphrodite— as might naturally be expected—but makes no reference to any special offense. See the citation in note on iv. 67.

369 γάρ. The MSS and Gaisford have παρ'.

370 τὸ ἐκαστοικησε ἐπιβάλλων, "the sun which each was rated to pay." See iv. 115, ἀπολαξάσετε τῶν κτημάτων τὸ ἐπιβάλλων: vil. 23, δουλον αὐτοῖς ἐπίβαλλε. The MSS have ἐπιβάλλον, which Gaisford retains.

371 χωρὶς δὲ τοῦ φόρου. These words appear to Dobree to be an alternative reading to χωρὶς μὲν γὰρ φόρος, and to have passed from the margin into the text. He would retain παρ' in the last line and erase the words ἔπιβαλλον... ἐκαστοι. But the slight alteration I have adopted shows the distinction between the tribute imposed by the authorities and the arbitrary exactions of individual plunderers.

372 καταμεθύσαντες. This feature in the legend points to the well-known in-
107
After reigning forty years he is succeeded by his son Astyages, whose daughter Mandane marries Cambyse, son of Cyrus, a Persian, in consequence of a dream of her father's.

108
A second dream alarms him yet more, and he determines to kill her temperance which characterized the nomad races of Asia, and continued among their descendants, so that “Thrace amastis” was a proverbial expression in the time of Horace. For the probable basis on which this particular story rests, see note on § 211.

373 ἐν ἐτέρωι λόγοις δηλώσω. See note on i. 164.

374 Καυζάρης μέν. The manuscripts S, V, b, d here resume the thread of the narrative, having omitted the episode relative to the Scythian invasion. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὺν τοῖς Σκύδα βασιλεῖ. See note 262. They omit too the words σὐ不断发展。
Adopt course, So. av.

The child when born.

He puts the infant in the hands of Harpagus to be destroyed.

Harpagus adopts a middle course, fearing the future anger of Mandane,

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381 oie'vn, not merely "an intimate friend," but "one of the same house," for, as appears from the next section, the child was a sumptuous to Harpagus.

382 εξ υστέρης. The same expression is used in v. 106; vi. 65. The substantive understood is probably πληγής, the metaphor being taken apparently from the riposte made by a swordsman after parrying his enemy's blow.

383 τέ. Gaisford and the MSS δέ.

384 τήν ἕττι βαράτα. Understand στο-

γραφή, "with the garb of death upon it." The description of the sumptuous nature of the child's dress below is no objection to this interpretation. It was to be buried as a royal infant, and as such, according to Greek notions, would have been arrayed χρυσῷ τε καὶ ἐσθήται πούκαι. See below, §§ 111, 113. It would not occur to a Phasian merchant that gold, as the symbol of fire, would not by a Persian be used as an ornament for a corpse (Strabo, xv. c. 3, p. 328), although for the same reason it was the favourite ornament of the living. Compare note 306, above.

Translate "No; for my safety’s sake, indeed."

110 and delivers the child to Mitradaṭe, the royal herdsmen, to be exposed on the northern mountains.

111 Translate "No; for my safety’s sake, indeed."

387 πρὸς βορέω τὸ ανέμου τῶν Ἀγβατά-

388 πρὸς Σασπείρων. See note 363, above.

389 καὶ ὕφηλὴ τε ... πῶς ἀπεδο. In

the manuscripts S and V these words are omitted, and the next sentence goes on thus: σπουδὴ οὐν καλεόμενος ἀπίκετο καὶ ἔλεγεν. So it does in the MS b, but the preceding sentence is not left out.

390 τὸ μήτε ἰδεῖν ὄφελον μήτε κατὲ γενέσθαι. It is observable here that the relative τὸ is to be taken as the accusative case in the first clause of the sentence, but as the nominative (with the ellipse of ὄφελον) in the second.
μήτε κατε γενέσθαι εἰς δεσπότας τούς ἡμετέρους. οἴκος μὲν πᾶς Ἀρπάγο κλαυθμὸ κατείχετο, ἐγὼ δὲ ἐκπαγεῖς ἦν ἔσον. ὅσ δὲ τάχιστα ἐξῆλθον, ὅρεω παιδίον προκείμενον, ἀσπαίρόν τε καὶ κραυγανόμενον, κεκοσμημένον χρυσῷ τε καὶ ἑσθήτε ποικιλῇ. Ἀρπάγος δὲ ὡς εἶδε με, ἐκέλευε τὴν ταχύστην ἀναλαβόντα τὸ παιδίον οἴχεσθαι φέροντα, καὶ θείαν ἐνθαδέστατον εἰς τῶν ούρεων, φᾶς Ἀστυνάγεα εἶναι τὸν ταύτα ἑπιθέμενον μοι, πολλά ἀπειλήσας εἰ μή σφεα ποιήσαμε καὶ ἐγὼ ἀναλαβὸν ἐφέρον, δοκεῖον τῶν τινος οἰκετέων εἶναι· οὐ γὰρ ἀν κοτε κατέδοχα ἐνθέν γε ἦν. ἐδάμβευον δὲ ὅρεων χρυσῷ τε καὶ εἴμασι κεκοσμημένοι, πρὸς δὲ, καὶ κλαυθμὸν κατεστῶτα ἐμφανέα ἐν Ἀρπάγοι καὶ πρόκατε δὴ κατ’ ὄδον πνιθάνομαι τῶν πάντων λόγων θεράπωνος, ὥς ἐμὲ προπέμπων ἐξὸς πόλιος ἑνεχείρησε τὸ βρέφος· ὡς ἀρα Μανδάγης τε εἰς παῖς τῆς Ἀστυνάγεως θυγατρός, καὶ Καμβίσεω τοῦ Κύρου καὶ μὲν Ἀστυνάγης ἐνέτελλεται ἀποκτεῖναι· νῦν τε ὀδὴ ἑστὶν.

"Ἀμα δὲ ταύτα ἑλεγε ὁ Βούκόλος καὶ ἐκκαλάλφας ἀπεδείκνυς· ἦ δὲ ὡς εἶδο τὸ παιδίον μέγα τε καὶ εὐνείδες ἐνώ, δακρύσασα καὶ λαβομένη τῶν γυναίκων τοῦ ἄνδρος, ἔχρηκε μηδεμίη τέχνη ἐκθείναι μὲν ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἐφί οἶσι τε εἶναι ἀλλος αὐτά ποίειν ἐπιφοιτήσεις γὰρ κατασκόπους εἰς Ἀρπάγον ἐπολομέονοι· ἀπολέσθαι τε κάκιστα ἢν μὴ σφεα ποιήσῃ· ὅσ δὲ οὐκ ἔπειθε ἄρα τοῦ ἄνδρα, δεύτερα λέγει ἡ γυνὴ τάδε· "ἐπεὶ τοῖνυν ὁ δύναμαι σε πεῖθεν μη ἐκθείναι, σὺ δὲ οὐκ ἠλῆσαν, εἰ δὴ πᾶσα γε ἀνάγκη ὁδηγῶν ἐκκείμενον τέτοια γὰρ καὶ ἐγὼ, τέτοια δὲ τεθνέως· τούτῳ μὲν φέρον προθες, τοῦ δὲ τῆς Ἀστυνάγεως θυγατρός παίδα ὡς εἰς ἡμέον ἐστίμα τρέφωμεν καὶ οὕτω οὕτε σὺ ἀλώσαι ἀδικώς τοὺς δεσπότας, οὕτε ἡμῖν κακῶς βεβουλευμένα ἑσταί· ὁ τε γὰρ τεθνέως βασιλῆς

391 κεκοσμημέανον χρυσῷ τε καὶ ἑσθητί ποικιλῇ. A similar phrase occurs in the description of the bridal dress of Apries's daughter (ii. 1).

392 πρόκατε. The same form (instead of the ordinary πρόκα) is used in Herodotus below, vi. 134; viii. 65. 135.

393 Ἀστυνάγεως. The MSS vary between this form and Ἀστυνάγεως. Gaisford adopts the former, principally on the authority of S, although in the next section he selects the other form, under similar circumstances.

394 πᾶσα γε ἀνάγκη. Some of the best MSS leave out the particle γε, and thus the phrase appears in several other passages. ii. 22. 35; iv. 179; v. 52. But an additional force seems to be given by the insertion of the word to the inevitability of the necessity; and the other being the more usual expression is not likely to have been willfully altered by a copyist.

395 Ἀστυνάγεως. Gaisford with the majority of MSS has Ἀστυνάγεως. See note 393.
taφής κυρήσει, καὶ ὁ περιεὼν οὐκ ἀπολείη τὴν ψυχήν." Κάρτα
tε ἐδοξεῖ τῷ βουκόλῳ πρὸς τὰ παρεόντα εὐ λέγειν ἡ γυνὴ, καὶ
αὐτικά ἐποίεε ταῦτα. τὸν μὲν ἐφερε θανατώσων παῖδα τοῦτον μὲν
παραδίδοι τῇ ἐωτοῦ γυναικὶ, τὸν δὲ ἐωτοῦ ἔντα σε νεκρον λαβίων
εἴη η ὅγγος εὖ τῷ ἐφερε τὸν ἔτερον κοσμήσας δὲ τῷ κόσμῳ
παντὶ τοῦ ἔτερου παῖδος, φέρον ἐς τῷ ἐρμόςατον τῶν οὐρέων τιβεῖ.
ὡς δὲ τρίτη ἡμέρη τῷ παιδίῳ ἔκκειμένῳ ἐγένετο, ἦν ἐς πόλιν
ὁ βουκόλος τῶν τινα προβόσκων φυλακῶν αὐτοῦ καταληπτῶν,
ἐλθὼν δὲ ἐς τῷ Ἀρπάγον ἀποδεικνύων ἔφη ἐτόμος εἶναι τοῦ
παιδίου τῶν νέκων πέμψας δὲ ὁ Ἀρπαγὸς τῶν ἐωτοῦ δορυφό-
ρον ποὺς πιστοτάτους, εἶδε τε διὰ τούτων καὶ ἔθαψε τοῦ βου-
κόλου τοῦ παιδίου καὶ τὸ μὲν ἐτέθηπτον τὸν δὲ ύστερον τοῦτον
Κύρων ὠνομασθέντα παραλαβοῦσα ἔτρεφε ἡ γυνὴ τοῦ βουκόλου,
οὐνομα ἄλλα κοῦ τι καὶ οὐ Κύρων ἡθεμένη. Καὶ ὅτε δὴ ἦν
dεκαέτης ὁ παις, πρῆγμα ἐς αὐτὸν τοιοῦτε γενόμενον έξεύρημε
μὲν ἐπαίζε ἐν τῇ κόμη ταύτη ἐν τῇ ἡσαν καὶ αἱ βουκολίαι αὐται,
ἐπάψε δὲ μετ' ἄλλων ἥλικων ἐν ὄδοι καὶ οἱ παῖδες παιξόντες εὑλοῦνν
ἐωτοῦ βασιλεᾶ εἶναι τοῦτον δὴ τὸν του βουκόλου ἐπίκλησιν
παίδα: ὁ δὲ αὐτῶν διέταξε τοὺς μὲν οἰκίας οἰκοδομεῖν, τοὺς δὲ
dορυφόρους εἶναι, τὸν δὲ κοῦ τινα αὐτῶν ὄφθαλμον βασιλεός.

396 ἦν ἐς πόλιν. From this phrase, which recurs throughout the narrative,
which Herodotus is here following, the name of the royal city (Agrabatta) did not appear,
but that the mountainous region was represented in its immediate neighbourhood.

397 προβόσκων. This word, if not corrupt, would seem to mean "under-herds-
men." But it is a strange phrase. Possibly Herodotus wrote προβατοβόσκων,
after the analogy of αἰγοβόσκων, which word itself is supposed by Valckenier to
have stood here. See note 454, below.

398 δορυφόρων. Harpagus is made below to call these messengers εὑρωνοι (§ 117)
an expression much more in accordance with Asiatic usages. The δορυφόροι be-
long to the Greek notion of a prince.

399 οὐνομα ἄλλο κοῦ τι καὶ οὐ Κύρων. By this expression it would seem that the
story followed by Herodotus did not give any particular name imposed upon the
child by his foster-mother. In later times when the account came to be criticized with
reference to its probability, he was posi-
tively said to have been called Agrabates,
and to have changed that name for Cyrus at
Pasargade (Strabo, x. c. 3, p. 329). But in Herodotus's narrative his grand-
father's name is Cyrus, and according to
Greek habits he would naturally be called
by that same name. See note 556, above.

400 ὄφθαλμον βασιλεός. This is prob-
ably the literal rendering of the Per-
sian phrase for the royal inspectors men-
tioned above, § 100. It was an expres-
sion become familiar to Hellenic ears at the beginning of the Pelo-
ponnesian war, and furnishes Aristophanes with a
jest in the Acharnians (v. 91), where a
sham Persian envoy is introduced with a
mask, of which the eyes are so gigantic as
to suggest the notion of the painting on
the cat-heads of a ship:

καὶ νῦν ἄγοντες ἕκοινεν Ψευδαράθαν
τῶν βασιλέων ὄφθαλμων. ΔΙΚ. ἄνας Ἡρά-
κλεις
πρὸς τῶν θεῶν, ἀνθρώποι, ναυφηκτοὺς βλά-
πεῖς:

η περὶ ἀκραν κάμπτων νεώτοικον σκοτεῖς:
In *Æschylus* (Permæ, 280), the chorus, speaking to Xerxes of one of the slain, call him τὸν σῶν πατέρα πάντα ὄφθαλμον, μορφία, μορφάπησταν. 401 τὸν ἀγγελίας ἐσφέρειν. This office (ἐσπεργελεός) was a servile one, although in a despotic government that would be compatible with high honour. It appears to have been filled by cunuchs (iii. 77).

402 διαλαβεῖν, “to secure him,” i.e. by some seizing hold of each arm, and others of each leg, so as, in a manner, to separate him. See iv. 68, and iv. 94. So the term διαλακημένος is applied by Aristophanes (Eccles. 1090) to a young man whom two old women are dragging in different directions. The use of the word below, § 190, is easily referable to the original notion of διαλαβεῖν.

403 καταλθῶν ἐς ἓς πόλιν. See above, note 396.

404 ἀεικεῖν, Gaisford reads ἀεικεῖν, but the text is sanctioned by the majority of the MSS, and this form is the only one given in i. 73, which falls however in a part where S is deficient. See note on iii. 160, ἀεικεῖνα.
'Αρτέμιδαρε, ἐγὼ ταύτα ποιήσαν ὡςτε σὲ καὶ τὸν παῖδα τὸν σὺν μηδὲν ἐπιμέμψαθαι." τὸν μὲν δὴ 'Αρτέμιδαρε πέμπει τὸν δὲ Κύρον ἢγον ἐσοὶ θεράυτοις, κελεύσαντος τὸν 'Αστυνάγης. ἔπει δὲ ὑπελεύσπιτο ὁ βουκόλος μοῦνος, μονωθέντα δὴ483 αὐτὸν εἰρετο ὁ 'Αστυνάγης, κόθεν λάβοι τὸν παῖδα καὶ τίς ἐγὼ ὁ παραδώς; ὃ δὲ ἐξ ἐωτοῦ τε ἐφή γεγονέναι καὶ τὴν τεκώσαν αὐτὸν ἔτι ἐναι παρ' ἐωτοῖς 'Αστυνάγης δὲ μιν οὐκ εὖ βουλεύσαθαι ἐφή ἐπιθυμέωντα ἐσ ἀνάγκας μεγάλας ἀπτικεύσαν ἀμα τὸ λέγων ταύτα ἐσήμαινε τοῖσι δορυφόροις487 λαμβάνειν αὐτῶν ὁ δὲ ἀγόμενος ἐσ τὰς ἀνάγκας, οὕτω δὴ ἐφαίνε τὸν ἐώτα λόγον, ἀρχύμενος488 δὲ ἀπ' ἀρχῆς διεξεί τῇ ἀληθηθῇ χριστοφερών, καὶ κατέβαινε489 ἐσ λιτάς τε καὶ συγγρομὴν ἐωτό τι κελεύον ἐχείν αὐτῶν.

'Αστυνάγης δὲ, τοῦ μὲν βουκόλου τὴν ἀληθηθὴν ἐκφύταντος, λόγον ἠδὴ καὶ ἐλάσσω ἐποιεύτο. 'Αρτάγη δὲ καὶ μεγάλους μεμφό- μενος, καλέειν αὐτὸν τῶν δορυφόροις ἐκέλευν. ὡς δὲ οἱ παρῆκ ὁ "Ἀρταγος, εἰρετο μιν ὁ 'Αστυνάγης ἡ"'Ἀρταγε, τέω δὴ μόρῳ411 τὸν παῖδα κατεχρήσατο τὸν του παρεδώκα ἐκ θυγατρὸς γεγονότα τῆς ἐμῆς;" ὃ δὲ "Ἀρταγος ὡς εἶδε τὸν βουκόλον ἐνδοῦ ἐώτα, οὐ τρέπεται ἐπὶ ψευδά ὅδω, ἵνα μὴ ἐλεγχόμενοι ἀλίσκηται ἀλλὰ

483 ἐσ ἐωτόν. This is the reading of Gaisford and some of the MSS. But others have ἐσ αὐτοῦ, and, if either of these has been changed by a transcriber into the other, this appears to have the best claim to be original. αὐτῶν must refer to the parents of Cyrus, Cambyses and Mandane, who have not been mentioned in this part of the narrative as it stands: there is therefore no inducement for adopting the reading which would influence a copyist, but there is for changing it into ἐωτόν.

486 μονωθέντα δὴ. The MSS vary between μονωθέντα δὴ, μονωθέντα δὲ τάδε, μονωθέντα τάδε and μονωθέν τάδε, which last Gaisford adopts, punctuating μοῦνος μοῦνοθεν, τάδε. But μοῦνος μοῦνοθεν can hardly mean "alone face to face," and either the reading in the text (which is the conjecture of Valcknaer), or μοῦνω- θέντα τάδε, seems the most probable correction.

487 τῶν δορυφόρων. See note 398.
488 ἀρχύμενος δὲ. This is the reading of the manuscript S. Gaisford and others have ἀρχύμενος δὴ. But this particle would be out of place here. See note 6, above.
489 κατέβαινε. See note 316.
411 τέω δὴ μόρῳ τὸν παῖδα κατεχρή- σαο; "By what death, then, was it you
The text in the image contains a mixture of Greek and Latin words, along with some English and Greek phrases. It appears to be a section from a classical text, possibly from Ancient Greece or Rome. The text seems to be discussing themes such as employment, periphrasis, and the use of different moods. The passage includes references to ancient figures such as Harpagus and other historical figures. The text also hints at the use of sarcasm and humor in communication, as well as the importance of etiquette and the expression of different moods. The overall context suggests a discussion on the use of language in various social contexts, with an emphasis on the care and performance of language as a means of communication.
but slays his son, and serves the flesh up to the father at a banquet.

Harpagus, on discovering the fact, restrains his feelings.

\[\text{Herodotus. See § 122, \textit{êlege phás:} § 125, \textit{êph lègon, v. 36.}
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\[\text{\textit{Kýrou ðê péri boulæwov, ðékāle tou autòu tou mágoun ou to ēióntow ou tou tápti ἐκριων, áptukoméneous ðê êíreto ou 'Aστυάγῆς τή ἐκρίων ou tih òwv; ou ðê kàta táptai êípaein, légonetes ou básileúsan χρήν tou paiða êí êpêxwse kai ðη ēpêthan protèropou ðê êí ameibetai au-}\]

\[\text{\textit{gar shewed his father's corpse, after slaying him in the royal forest. Similarly, the story of Zopyrus was adapted by Italian legend-writers to Sextus Tarquinius.}}\]
The Magians consider that the risk from Cyrus is past.

121 He is sent to his parents in Persia.

116 [καὶ περίεστι] καὶ μὲν ἔπι ἀγροῦ διαιτῶμεν οἱ ἐκ τῆς κόμης παῖδες ἐστήσαντο βασιλέα; ὁ δὲ πάντα, ὡσα περ οἱ ἀληθεί λόγῳ βασιλεῖς, ἐτελέσωσε ποιήσας καὶ γὰρ δορυφόρους καὶ θυρωροὺς καὶ ἄγγελησφόρους, καὶ τὰ λοιπὰ πάντα διατάξας ἔχει καὶ νῦν ἐς τὶ ὑμῖν ταῦτα φαίνεται φέρειν;

εἶπαν οἱ μάγοι: "εἰ μὲν περίεστι τε καὶ ἐβασίλευσο οἱ παῖς μὴ ἐκ προνοίας τινός, θάρσει τοῦτον ἐνεκα καὶ θυμὸν ἔχει ἀγαθὸν οὐ γὰρ ἐτὶ τὸ δεύτερον ἁρξῇ. παρὰ σμικρὰ γὰρ καὶ τῶν λογίων ἦμῖν ἐνια κεχώρηκε· καὶ τὰ γε τῶν ὑνεράτων ἔχομενα τέλεως ἐς ἀσθενεῖς ἐρχεται." ἀμείβεται Ἡστυάγης τοίς ὁ[κ]αί αὐτὸς, ὁ μάγοι, ταύτη πλείστος γινόμην εἰμὶ, βασιλέας ὑμομασθέντος τοῦ παιδὸς ἐξήκεις τε τὸν ὑνερὸν καὶ μοι τὸν παῖδα τούτον εἶναί δεινόν οὐδὲν ἐτὶ ὅμως μὲν γε τοῦ συμβουλεύσατε μοι ευ περιεσκεφήνου τὰ μέλλει ἄσφαλεστάτα εἶναι οἶκῳ τε τῷ ἐμῷ καὶ ὑμῖν." εἶπαν πρὸς ταῦτα οἱ μάγοι: "ὁ βασιλεύς, καὶ αὐτοῖς ἦμῖν περὶ πολλοῦ ἔστι κατορθοῦσθαι ἀρχὴν τὴν σήν κείνος μὲν γὰρ ἀλλοτριότατον ἐς τὸ παιδὰ τοῦτον περικοπτέα ἐνότα Πέρσην, καὶ ἦμεις, ἐντες Μήδου, δουλουμέθα τε καὶ λόγου οὐδενὸς γινώσκε βρότος Περσέων, ἐντες ἕξειν σέο δ' ἐναστώτος βασιλέος ἐπόνοι πολυίτεω, καὶ ἄρχομεν τὸ μέρος καὶ τιμᾶς πρὸς σέο μεγάλας ἔχομεν. οὗτο δ' ων πάνω οἱμῶν σέο τε καὶ τῆς σής ἀρχῆς προσπέτεν εὗτι καὶ νῦν εἰ φοβερόν τι ἐωρῷμεν, τὰν ἀν σοι προεφράζομεν νῦν δὲ ἀποσκῆψαντος τοῦ ἐνυπνίου ἐς φλαύρων, αὐτοὶ τε θαρσόμεν καὶ σοὶ ἐτερα τοιαύτα παρακελεύομεν ἐς τὸ δὲ παιδά τοῦτον εὗ ὀφθαλμῶν ἀποτείχισαι ἐς Πέρσας τε καὶ τοὺς νειμανέους." Ἡ Ἀκούσας ταύτα ὁ Ἡστυάγης, ἐχύρθη τε καὶ καλέσας τὸν Κύρου ἔλεγε οἱ τάδε: "ὁ παῖ, σε γὰρ ἑγὼ δι' ὅψων ὁνέρον οὐ τελένη ἦδίκειν τῇ σεωτοῦ δὲ μοίρη περίεις, νῦν ὅτι χαίρων ἐς Πέρσας, πομποὺς δ' ἐγὼ ἀμα πέμψω· ἐλθὼν δὲ ἐκεῖ, πατέρα τε καὶ μητέρα εἰρήσεις οὐ κατὰ Μιτραδάτην τε τὸν βουκόλον καὶ τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ."
Rank of Mitradates... It is to be observed that the Pontian kings who bore this name pretended to be descended literally from one of the seven conspirators who slew the Magian usurper, and to have held their kingdom hereditarily from the time of Darius Hystaspes (Polybius, v. 43). The presumption therefore is, that the name was a noble one in the Persian highlands. Appian makes the kings of Pontus to be Achaemenids of the royal house of Persia (Mithr., 9). It is not unlikely however, if the habits of the genuine Persians were so simple as is stated, and if the Persian nation were vassals of the Median crown, like the old Swiss cantons of the house of Hapsburg, that a Persian chieftain would be described in Median traditions, in such a way as to turn him into a royal herdsman. If, in addition to this, a new locality were given to the story of the infancy of Cyrus, by placing the adventure in the immediate neighbourhood of the Saspises (above, § 110), the real position of Mitradates would be entirely lost sight of, and such a phrase as that in the text might readily be used.

These words are certainly out of place here, although they are found in all the MSS. It seems not improbable that they originally stood one line back, between 91 and 92, but made sure,” in the same sense in which the word is used of Cyrus’s parents just before.

II. KATIBALON FATIV WO EKKEIMEN KÉRON KOW IZHREF. It is not the Persian but the Median language in which, according to Herodotus’s story, the word Spako signifies a dog (§ 110). Therefore unless the two languages were identical, the name of Cyrus’s foster-mother could not help the reception of the miraculous nature of his escape among the Persians. And, in fact, the word is said to belong to a country on the northern side of the Elbraz mountains (see note 397); consequently, far away from the Persia of the Achaemenids. But the parallel case of Romulus would induce one to prefer the theory that the poetical form of the narrative is the original one,—that the fostering “bitch” was rationalized into the female Spako, rather than the woman Spako poetized into an animal.
he preposition. See above, § 109, on "καὶ εἰς τὴν ταξινομίαν," 6, 6. The effect of the compound is similar to that in the words "εἰς τὴν ταξινομίαν," which are applied to the athlete who, in a certain match, sits out, waiting to engage the victor of two champions already competing. See the phrase "εἰς τὴν ταξινομίαν," 6, 41.

"Αἰτία τῶν δέντον ἰπποκρήτων. This figure in the narrative was probably suggested by some barriers which existed in his great road from Media to the south. RAWLSSON, Journal of the Geog. Soc. (x. p. 34) des crib each a one, called "al-Girrah (the arch which holds the road), as standing in a pass which in all ages must have been the thoroughfare between Media and Babylon. It is "a solitary arch of sand masonry, built of immense blocks of white marble, which is met with on the ascent of the mountain; it is apparently very ancient, and the name and position suggest the idea of a toll-house for the transit-duty upon merchandise crossing the Median frontier." The Takt Girah is placed by Rawlsson in about lat. 34° 20', long. 46° 30'. It constitutes "the gate of Mount Zagros." "κατὰ μὲν γὰρ τὴν τούτου προσφυγὴν σέβησθαι, "for, so far as this man's earnest desire could effect it, you are dead."


Cyrus enters into the scheme, professes to be appointed general of the Persians. Various Persian tribes.

'Ακούσας ταύτα ὁ Κύρος, ἐφρονίζει ὅτερ τρόπῳ σοφωτάτῳ Πέρσας ἀναπτείαν ἀπίστασθαι φροντιζόν ὃ ἐυρίσκεται ταῦτα καριωτάτα εἶναι ἐποίει δὲ τίδε γράφεις εἰς βιβλίον τὸ ἐβουλεύον, ἄλλῳ τῶν Περσῶν ἐποίησατο μετὰ δὲ, ἀναπτύξας τὸ βιβλίον καὶ ἐπιλεγόμενον, ἐφῄ 'Αστυνειάς μὲν στρατηγὸν Περσῶν ἀποδεικνύον, "νῦν τέ, ἐφῄ λέγων128, "ὁ Πέρσαι, προαργυρεύον ὕμνῳ παρείναι ἐκαστὸν ἐχοῦτα δρέπανον." Κύρος μὲν ταύτα προηγόρευε. (ἐστὶ δὲ Περσῶν συνήγα γένεα142, καὶ τὰ μὲν αὐτῶν ὁ Κύρος συναίσθηκε καὶ ἀνέπεισε ἀπίστασθαι ἀπὸ Μῆδων ἐστὶ δὲ τίδε, ἐξ ὧν ἄλλοι πάντες ἀρτέαται Πέρσας Πασαργίδας, Μαρίφιος, Μάστιος159· τούτων Πασαργίδας εἰσὶ ἀριστοῖ εἰς τούτοις ἡ Αχαμενίδας εἰσὶ φρύγη, ἐνθ' οἱ βασιλεῖς οἱ Περσεῖς γεγονασί. ἄλλοι δὲ Πέρσαι εἰσὶ οἴδε153. Πανθηλάντοι, Δηνουσιάδοι, Γερμάνιοι153· οὗτοι μὲν πάντες ἀρτότρες εἰσί, οἱ δὲ

125 ἀντία σεν. This is the reading of Gaisford with some of the MSS. Others have ἀντίσεα, which seems not unlikely to be an original reading.

128 γενόμενοι πρὸς σέο, "having come over to your side." See πρὸς βουρίῳ ἄνιμον above, § 110, and the note 292.

The uncertainty of dialectal forms in the MSS is illustrated by the circumstance, that the same copies which have the contracted form σεν three lines back here have the open form σεν.

129 "νῦν τε," ἐφῄ λέγων, "ὁ Πέρσαι. Gaisford, who follows most of the MSS, reads νῦν, ἐφῄ τε λέγων, ὃ Π., which necessitates a full stop after ἀποδεικνύον. The reading in the text rests on the authority of the Sander MS.

130 συχνά γένεα. The expression γένεα instead of φύλα here seems to arise from the circumstance, that the idea of common descent was more strongly preserved in the Oriental than the Hellenic tribes. Indeed it is very probable that the three principal Persian γένεα were the descendants of distinct, although cognate, races. A parallel case to this would be the division at Cyrene related by Herodotus, iv. 161.

130 Πασαργίδαι, Μαράφιοι, Μάστιοι. Herodotus makes mention of individuals belonging to the two former of these tribes in iv. 167. The third is not mentioned elsewhere, and some MSS of credit here read Μάστιοι. It seems not impossible that the word Άρσαστοι (iii. 116) may have some etymological connexion with Μάστιοι, as Αρίσμαρδος with Μάρδος. It is to be observed that there is no trace to be found in Herodotus of the city Pasargadae, and the tomb of Cyrus there, of which Strabo speaks (xx. c. 3) on the authority of Aristobulus, who was there with Alexander.

131 ἄλλοι δὲ Πέρσαι εἰσὶ οἴς. Herodotus appears to separate the three first tribes from all the rest, as being in the position of a dominant race compared with the others. The words ἄλλοι δὲ, οἰς seen to answer to τὰ μὲν αὐτῶν, and the meaning of the author to be, that the revolt of Cyrus extended to the Pasargadæ, Mærphii, and Maspii alone.

132 Πανθηλάντοι, Αγρουσιάδοι, Γερμανίοι.
Stefhanes Byzantinus has for a first of these Persians, and for the ird Kaβrανίον. The Sarcoft MS has ανθώθος. Whatever reading is adopted, thing is known of the people denoted by the first two names. The third probably refers to tribes inhabiting that district towards called Καβρανία (whichever reading be adopted), i.e. from Cape Jack the entrance of the Persian Gulf, northwards to the desert, and north-eastwards the boundaries of Persia Proper. Neartus (ap. Strabo, xv. c. 3) remarked at its inhabitants were in most of their bits and their language identical with the Medes and Persians. The name Περσανίον has been ead as etymologically identical with the stem "German," and this idea has been confirmed by a comparison of several words in the two languages. But, at the original seat of the Toctonic races which subsequently overran Europe, there can be little doubt at the word "German" is equivalent to rμας," "heer-man," "war-man," confirmed in the warrior Arminius, and in the deity Ermin. And, if the Γερμανίον had been so called from their warlike character, they would hardly have been put last of the three tribes.

These tribes seem not to be nomads of the same kind with the Scythians. The second apparently are the mountaineers leading a pastoral life in the hills between Media and Persia (Arthur, Indic. 40), and expert in climbing. See above, § 21. The Sagaritif on the other hand are an equestrian people, who went to war armed with the lance. See viii. 85. In the fiscal scheme of the Persian monarch they are included in the fourteenth nome, which comprises also the islands at the mouth of the Euphrates (iii. 93). Perhaps they are to be looked for in the plains on the eastern bank of the lower Tigre. Of the Dai and Droperi nothing whatever is known, except that the former are perhaps the same as the Dae, a name which Strabo (xi. c. 7, p. 425) says was given in his time to the tribes on the eastern shore of the Caspian, separated by a desert from Hyrcania.
They readily revolt.

Astyages loses two armies, the first by the treachery of Harpagus, and is himself taken prisoner.

His reply to the insult of Harpagus.

"Përseai mën vun proostatëw éplabómevnoi, úsmenoi èleùtheronueto, kai paidai deiwvnoi poieímevnoi úpto Mídoun árhexeais. 'Astruýgyptis dë òw épùtheto Kúropo príóssouta táuta, témpías úrgelou èkíale autwv dè Kúropo èkélewe tout òrgelóou úpparjéllleu, óti pròteron ðëzoi par' èkeínov ã autwv 'Astruúigious boûletai.343 Ìkouías de taútà ó 'Astruúigious Mídoun te òmplíaí týánta, kai prastíygon autwv òsste theoblabiýs ñwv ùpèdeíze "Astragov, lýbhn poieímevnoi và mìn éórrgei òw dè òi Mídouo strateúsmmenoi toûs Përseías súvemísgon, òi mèn tines autwv eímáxounto ñsou ñh furyoù mete-ëxhov, òi dè autómélon proû toûs Përseías: òi dè pléıstoi ðe-łokákev te kai éfeugov. Diavúthenós dè toû Mídikov strateú- 

matoi ñiçhrov, òw epùtheto tâxista ò 'Astruúýgyptis, èfë, ùpæiélwv toú Kúropo "allì ouvò òw ò Kúropo ñe ñariêtivei," tosoáta évpsa, próton mèn toutoù mégoù toutoù ñeprótop blobs òi ñi ñanérwsous meteínav toutoù Kúropo, toutouous ènsekolóptase, meta dè, òmplíaí toutoù úpalefðéñastas toutoù Mídowvn en tõ astéi, nèwos te kai præstíygon ñandras: ñaxagov dè toutoù kai sümvalóov toutoù Përseías èl- 

sovñh.345 kai autwv te 'Astruíghtis èxîgrëhrh, kai toutoù ñèjìgaghe toutoù Mídouo ðëbabale. 'Ìînti dè ðiçmalóvto toú 'Astruúgyei proostas ò "Astragov katóxairè te kai katêkèrõmeve, kai ñlla leugov ès autwv ñumalxèa èpea kai ðì eiðeto mn, pròs toú èwostov deîpov toutoù èkeínov sàprëi toutoù ðádiov èðóinhe, "ò ti eìh ò

434 tàde ës ñeíras ñgesathà, "to take this cause in hand." The expression is used in iv. 79: mélloventi dé òi ës ñeíras ñgesathà tîn teletèn, and in vii. 8: òw ìmelle ës ñeíras ñgesathà tî strátevwma ò òl tâs ñThìnov. 435 boûletai. This is the reading of S. Most MSS have boûlísítat. a reading adopted by Gaisford. 436 ñástòph. Herodotus's authorities have this in common with the tradition followed by Ctesias, and that by Strabo (which last is probably the local account found at Pasargade by Aristobulus when there), that the victory over Astyages is not consummated in a single battle Strabo says that Cyrus founded a palace at Pasargade, on account of that being the site of the last and decisive victory which transferred the empire of the East from the Median to the Achaemenid dynasty (xv. c. 3, p. 322). In the story followed by Herodotus, Cyrus is obviously conceived as advancing upon the Median ðàtv, wherever it may have been. See note 396.
'Aστυάγης μὲν νυν, Βασίλευσας ἐπ’ ἔτεα πέντε καὶ τρίχοινα, οὔτω τῆς Βασιλείης κατεπαύσθη: Μῆδοι δὲ ὑπέκυψαν Πέρσης, διὰ τὴν τούτον πικρότητα, ἀρξαντες τῆς ἀνὶν Ἀλνὸς ποταμοῦ Ἀσίσης 437 ἐπ’ ἔτεα τρίχοινα καὶ ἐκατὸν δυὸν δύοντα 438, παρεξ ἡ ὁασόν οἱ Σκύθαι ἡρχον. (ὑπότερον μέντοι χρόνον 439 μετεμελίσετε τῇ... 437 τῆς ἀρ. "Ἀλνὸς ποταμοῦ Ἀσίσης. Is the true reading τῆς ἀρ. "Ἀλ. π. Ἀσίσης? See note 361. But the text may stand. 438 ἐπ’ ἔτεα τρίχοινα καὶ ἐκατὸν δύον δύοντα, παρεξ ἡ ὁασόν οἱ Σκύθαι ἡρχον. The chronological difficulties of this passage are very great, and perhaps do not admit of a perfectly satisfactory solution. 439 ἔτεα Χ’ ἐνεάτον Τρίχοινα καὶ ἐκατὸν δύον δύοντα, παρεξ ἡ ὁασόν οἱ Σκύθαι ἡρχον. The difficulty of this passage is very great, and perhaps does not admit of a perfectly satisfactory solution. 437 οὗτος λέγεται παλλόν ἐτε γε- βασφαί ἀληθιότερον τῶν προγόνων. See note 103, if the passage is correct, the commencement of the supremacy over Upper Asia must date from some period in his reign. But, as the text stands at present, the interval from the very beginning of his reign to the dethronement of Astyages gives only ninety-seven years. (See note 352, from which appears a possibility of the MSS having greatly varied.) If the present text be relied upon, the omission of the words τρίχοινα καὶ seems the easiest way out of the difficulty. The word ETEA may have been accidentally written ETEA, and this taken for τρίχοινα καὶ, in which case the copula would naturally be inserted by the next copyist. Thus ninety-eight years would be got for the duration of the supremacy, and, reckoning from the beginning of Phraortes's reign, the number amounts to ninety-seven. It is very conceivable that, from some cause unknown to us, a new era should be made to date from some point a little back. Suppose, for instance, that Phraortes was regent for the last year of his father's life. 439 ὑπότερον μέντοι χρόνον. This expression has been supposed to refer to the revolt under Darius Nthus, which was put down in the year 108 B.C., and an argument relative to the time of Herodotus's writing his history has been deduced from it. But the sentence, if proceeding from the hand of the author, seems...
Herodotus

Those thrown, ran Thians the country.

The gods and the ritual of the early Persians.

More likely to relate to the troubles which took place under the Pseudo-Smerdis, the Magian. See note on iii. 126. It is apparently a mere memorandum, although there is no reason to dispute its genuineness.

"Katastrophoia.

Several MSS have katastrophoia.

"Ovto di Kuros genumenos te kal tarefeis ebaileusen. The authorities for the overthrow of the Median empire by Cyrus may be divided into three distinct classes. 1. Those followed by Herodotus. 2. Those followed by Ctesias. 3. Those followed by Moses of Chorene, the historian of Armenia. In every one of these, Astyages is the name of the Median monarch under whom the dynasty is overthrown, and in every one Astyages is not put to death, but kept in an honourable captivity by the victor. In the Armenian traditions, however, it is Tigranes, prince of Armenia, who is the chief opponent of Astyages, and Cyrus only appears as his friend and ally. In all these traditions too, the revolution appears in the form of the overthrow of a dynasty by the champion of a vassal people, which is in consequence placed in a position of independence, and even superiority. Moreover, in all a connexion by marriage enters into the story. In the Armenian tradition Astyages marries a sister of Tigranes, and endeavours to make her a tool for the destruction of her brother. In that followed by Ctesias, although Cyrus is no relation of Astyages by birth, he is made to adopt as his mother, and afterwards to marry, Anytis, the daughter of Astyages, — a strange feature in the narrative, but one prominently put forward, and perhaps symbolizing Cyrus's adoption as a Magian. (See Catullus, 90.) So important was this fact considered, that the Bactrians, who had advanced in force after Cyrus's obtaining possession of the person of Astyages, and had fought a drawn battle with his troops, before Astyagans were overcome by Cyrus, and the victor had no difficulty in making Cyrus a champion of his new empire. (Ctesias ap. Plutonium, Biblioth. p. 36.) The main historical fact, therefore, of the transfer of an empire to the hands of a Median dynasty to the Persians, may be regarded as ratified by all three. But the personal history of Cyrus is peculiar to Herodotus. In the Armenian tradition Tigranes is represented as having the same bodily and mental qualities which Xenopho (in the Cyropedia) and Herodotus ascribe to Cyrus. And, in the case of Tigranes, the source of the tradition is expressly said to be "the popular songs which were sung to the sound of cymbals." The hypothesis that the story of Cyrus had a similar origin, but the substance of it passed to Herodotus through Greek channels, is at least not an improbably one. See note 339. During the historian, expressly related (ap. Athenaeum, p. 623) that the future deeds of Cyrus were prophesied by a Median bard in a song at the table of Astyages.

142 dokēi. Gaisford has dokēi, with the majority of MSS. But the Sancroft Codex has dokēi, and so has Origen (c. Celsum, vii. p. 738), who cites the passage.
Their original religion an elemental one.

Superadded deities.

ČLIO. I. 131, 132.

101

Their original religion an elemental one.
Their most solemn day is their birth-day, on which they make a great feast.

Their mode of deliberating.

Etiquette observed between different ranks.

Respect in proportion to vicinity.

431 τῇ ἐκαστος ἐγένετο. See note on ix. 110.
432 ἐν ταύτῃ δὲ. The manuscripts S, V, b, and d omit this passage, resuming the text again with the words οἷς δὲ κάρτα προσκέπται. The omitted portion is quoted together with the context by Atheneus (iv. p. 144).
433 δεν καλὶ ἵππον καὶ κάμηλον καὶ ὅνον. See the last note on § 216.
434 τὰ λεπτὰ τῶν προβάτων. "The smaller quadrupeds." The word πρόβατα is used by Herodotus for any edible four-footed animal. See iv. 61: τὰ ἄλλα πρόβατα καὶ ἵππους μάλαστα, also viii. 137.
435 ἐπιφορίμαισι, "dishes brought in afterwards," called also ἐπιδορήσαμα and τραγήματα, and answering to the "dessert" of modern times. They were not brought in all at once (ἄλεσι) but one after the other, as at a German table-d'hôte.
436 ἀπὸ δεῖπνου, "after supper." So above, § 126, ὥσπερ δὲ ἀπὸ δεῖπνου ἦσαν.
437 ἄνωτερον ἄλλον. The manuscript S omits these two words. It is observable that the passage in which similar customs are ascribed to the Medes, and represented to be an institution of Deioces (§ 99), is one of the few parts of the text between § 95 and § 101 which are retained by the manuscripts S, V, b, and d.
438 ταύτα μὲν νυν οὗτῳ φυλάσσεται. From these words to ἀγγέλων ἄγχησε (§ 135), are omitted in the manuscripts S, V, b, and d.
439 σπουδαίστατα. The MSS a and e and Athenaeus have σπουδαίστατα. See above, note 36. M, K, and F have the form in the text.
térōs: metá dé, kαtά λόγον προβαίνοντες τιμῶσι, Ἥκιστα δὲ τοὺς ἑωτῶν ἐκαστάτῳ οἰκημένους εἰς τιμη ἄγονται· νομίζοντες ἑωτοὺς εἶναι ἀνδρότων μακρὸ τὰ πάντα ἄριστους, τοὺς δὲ ἄλλους κατὰ λόγον τὸν λεγόμενον\(^{460}\) τῆς ἀρετῆς αὐτέχεσθαι, τοὺς δὲ ἐκαστάτῳ οἰκεῖοντας ἀπὸ ἑοτῶν κακίστους εἶναί· ἐπὶ δὲ Μῆδων ἀρχότων καὶ ἄρχε τὰ ἐδεικνύτῳ ἄλληλοι συναπτάντων μὲν Μῆδοι, καὶ τῶν ἄρχιστα οἰκεῖοντος σφίζη, οὕτω δὲ καὶ τῶν ὁμοίων, οἱ δὲ, μάλιστα τῶν ἑρμῆνευτος. κατὰ τῶν αὐτῶν δὲ λόγον καὶ οἱ Πέρσαι τιμῶσι· προβάνθη μάρ δὴ τὸ ἐθνὸς ἄρχον τε καὶ ἐπιτροπέων. Ξεινικὰ δὲ νόμιμα Πέρσαι προσείναται ἀνδρόν μάλιστα· καὶ γὰρ δὴ τὴν Μηδικῶν ἐστίνθη νομίζοντες τῆς ἑωτῶν εἶναι καλλίων φορέουσι, καὶ ἐς τοὺς πολέμους τοὺς Ἀγυπτίους θώρηκας\(^{461}\). Καὶ εὐπαθείας τε παντοδαπᾶς πυρηναίμενου ἐπιτηθεύουσι\(^{462}\), καὶ δὴ καὶ ἢν Ἑλληνῶν μαθώτες πασί μίσουνται. γαμευόντες δὲ ἔκαστος αὐτῶν πολλὰς μὲν κουριδίας γυναίκας\(^{463}\), πολλὰ δὲ εἰς πλείνας παλλακᾶς κτῶνται. Ἀνδραγαθὴ δ’ αὐτὴ ἀποδεῖκται, μετὰ τὸ μίσχεσθαι εἶναι ἄγαθον, δὲ ἄν πολλῶς ἀποδέξη παιδῶς· τὸ δὲ τοὺς πλείστους ἀποδεικνύντι δόρα ἐκπέμπει ὁ βασιλεὺς ἀνὰ πᾶν ἔτος\(^{464}\), τὸ πολλὸν δ’ ἤγεται ἵππου ἔτει\(^{465}\). παιδεύοντες δὲ τοὺς παιδὰς ἀπὸ πενταέτεις ἀρξάμενοι μέχρι εἰκοσάετες, τρία μόνα, ἰππεὺς καὶ τοξευόν καὶ ἀληθείςσαν. πρὶν δὲ ἡ πενταέτης γένηται, οὐκ ἀπικνέται ἐς ὅψιν τῷ πατρὶ ἀλλὰ παρὰ τῇς γυναιξί διαίταν ἔχει· τοὺδε εἶνεκα τούτῳ ὁμών

\(^{460}\) τὸν λεγόμενον. This is a conjectural emendation adopted generally. The MSS have τὸ λεγόμενον. It is not easy to see how the corruption could have arisen.

\(^{461}\) τοὺς Ἀγυπτίους θώρηκας. These appear to have been made of linen, quilted so as to make a considerable substance, and covered with a surface of metallic scales. Such a one is described as having been worn by Mausolus (ix. 22), and by the Persians in Xerxes’s army (vii. 61). The skill of the Egyptians in workmanship appears from the ἱθοραξ which Amasis sent to Lindus, for an offering to Athene (ii. 47).

\(^{462}\) καὶ εὐπαθείας τε παντοδαπᾶς πυρηναίμενου ἐπιτηθεύουσι. The manuscripts S, V, b, and d have ἐπιτηθεύουσι δὲ καὶ εὐπαθείας παντοδαπᾶς πυρηναίμενοι, and then continue the text with the words παιδεύοντι δὲ τῶν παιδῶν, &c. (§ 136.)

\(^{463}\) κουριδίας γυναίκας. The same expression is used below (v. 18, and vi. 138), and in the same sense, i. e. “wedded wives.” The word κουριδίας is several times used by Homer, almost always in the conjunction κουριδίᾳ ἔλοχος: but, though its sense is plain, its origin has not yet been satisfactorily explained. See Butler (Lexilogus, sub r.) for an account of what has been hitherto proposed.

\(^{464}\) ἀνὰ πᾶν ἔτος. This would probably be on his birthday. See note on ix. 110.

\(^{465}\) τὸ πολλὸν δ’ ἤγεται ἵππου ἔτει. The same thought appears in Psalm cxxxvii. 5. It is the men of many children who will “not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.”
poietai, iva 6n upto6anv trophod0nous mndemian 6sqn465 tv 5patr5 5pro6blhy.

Ainev mev wv tv6de tov v6mov 6inov de kai tv6de, tv 6p mi6s aitq6s einya mpte autov tov basilea mndena fono6nyn, mpte tvov allgov Puerse6n mnde6a tov 6wntov oiket6n evpi mi6 aitq6
anqeskton gadoq erdeiv 6llq logism6nous467 h6n evriskoq pl6ov
tev kai mevo ta adikimata 6nta tov upourohmatov, ou6ov t6v
uthgo chratai. 6upokteivai de ou6nea kai leqonu tov 6wntov pa-
t6ra ou6de mhtera: allq okosa 6d6 tounata 6g6neto, p6san
anqeqh6s fasi6 anaqhte6mev auta6 anuqoth6n66 6nta 6po6holmaia
6nta 6 moqih6v: ou y6ar 6i faq6 oik6s evina tov 6e 6llq6s
6t6ke up6tv 6wntov paiq6s 6p6vth6sk6n. "Asqa de 6f6
poie6v onvc 6xe6stv, ta6nta ou6de l6gen6 6xe6stv. a6qxiq6ov de autov6t6 6v
peuiqdsai nev6m6stav deqnt6ra de 6to 6feilov6v xreov, pollov468
mev kai all6ov einya, m6l6sta de 6nqek6n6 fasi6 evina tov
6feilo6nta kai tv pevidos l6genv. 6s 6v de tv6tv 6stov6v l6pr6n6
6i leuq6n6 6g6v, ev p6l6n ouq6v ou kateq6nteta, ou6de 6muq6m6nteta tois6
allq6stv P6ro6qov fasi6 de mou 6s tov 6l6ov 6m6r6ntv 6ti
t6ta 6xe6nv 6xe6nov de p6nant tov 6m6baivm6nou up6tv 6to6ntov pollo6v
kai elavntov e6 tv 6q6rh6s, kai tvs leuq6s peristeqas470, tv 6n
aitq6n 6piqfreontes. 6s potamov de ou6te enuq6r6sou ou6te empy-
u6so, ou 6xe6ra 6napt6nivontv, ou6de all6ov ou66na perioq6s6i, allla

466 6sqn. The manuscripts S, V, b have blad6nq 6g6q, probably from a gloss of
the word 6sqn.
467 6llq logism6nous k. t. l. The para-
graph from these words to the end of
the section does not exist in the manu-
scripts S, V, b, and d.
468 pollov mev kai all6ov einya. In the
place of these words, and all that follows
to the end of § 177, the manuscripts S, V,
b, and d have only kai to 6 be potamov enou-
re6n6, 6 pevn6v, 6 6xe6ra 6napt6nivq6nt6i, 6
all6v6 potamov 6bevontv potamov p6-
tov6v mal6nta. tv 6to ouq6m6nta tv6vs
Per-
s66n pant6a 6pekt6ntov 6s tv6to 6q6ma,
tv 6sph6v mev 66a kal6nou, 6a6v 6e
6q6ma. tv 3pt6ntov 6e 8par autov6p 6pekt-
t6v, ne6q6v, 6piv ov 6v 6p br6n6o 6eki6n6q6v.
ta6nta mev wv ouq6v 6pekt6nta.
469 fasi6 de mev 6s tov 6l6ov 6m6r6nta
7. The leprosy is a punishment with
which 6eschylus makes Apollo threaten
Orestes and his sister, in the event of their
failing to revenge their father's death (Choeph. 279):

t6s di 6f6
v6n v6ntov,
sarknov 6epambat6ras 6qghq6s
leuq6s 6xiqdsontv 46q6l6nov 66v-
leuq6s di 3kopa tv6p 6pavt6l6bv v6nto.
470 tvs leuq6s peristeqas. It seems
doubtful whether the enmity of the Per-
sians to these birds was wholly directed
against their colour. The dove was a
symbol of the Semiramis-Astarte religion,
which undoubtedly would be an object of
hatred to the early Persians. Von Ham-
mer (Wiener Jahrbucher, ix. p. 17) main-
tains that the colour of white in itself
was highly regarded by them, being consid-
ered as a symbol of innocence. Still, all white
animals are regarded as lusus naturae
in India at this day.
I. 137—140.

139

Peculiarity of the Persian proper names, that all, without exception, end in S.

140

It is said the dead are exposed, before burial, to the dogs and the birds.

Peculiar habits of the Magians, as compared with Egyptian priests.

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472 τὸ Πέρσας μὲν αὐτοὺς λέληθε ἡμέας μέντοι οὐ. This is a passage which might readily induce the belief that the author had himself been in Persia, and had remarked not only the fact he asserts, but the inattention of the Persians to it. But it really goes to prove the reverse. For the Persian names, if the least confidence can be placed in Rawlinson's reading of the Behistun Inscription, did not generally end in 2, but were apparently analogous to the Λοικικ nominative case. Thus Cambyses, in the Persian of the Inscription, is Καμβης, Intaphernes is Ιτάφηρνε, &c., so that Herodotus's observation is true, not of the original words, but of their Hellenic representatives,—a decisive evidence of the nature of Herodotus's authorities in this instance.

473 εἰδὼς. This word is omitted in the manuscript K.

474 μάγοις μὲν ἄρα ἀτρεκέως οἶδα ποιεότας ταῦτα. These magians might have come under the cognizance of Herodotus (or his informant), far from the confines of Persia. Strabo speaks of magians in Cappadocia (xv. c. 3, p. 326). The Parsees of Bombay are said to have a similar custom. See HERBERT, Travels into Africa and Asia the Great, p. 54, ed. 1636.

474 μάγοι δὲ κεχωρίδαται κ.τ.λ. The paragraph of which these words are the beginning seems to be of the nature of a note, and I have therefore exhibited it as a parenthesis. The special reference to the Egyptian priests (which have not been mentioned before) is remarkable, as if Egypt were particularly familiar to the narrator. See notes 647, 651, 671, and the assertion in iii. 2: εἰ γὰρ τινὲς καὶ ἄλλοι, τὰ Περσῶν νόμα ὅρθος ἐπιστᾶται καὶ Ἀιγύπτιοι.

The practices referred to are to be explained on the principle, that, according to the dualistic theory of the Magian religion, serpents and poisonous reptiles would be regarded as manifestations of the evil influence of Ahriman. It is not so easy to say why the Magians should have held the dog as sacred. It could not be merely on the ground of his utility to man; for the same reason would have applied to the horse and the ox. Perhaps the bright star Sirius bore a name of the same significature with them that Bochart and others maintain it to have done in the ancient Egyptian language (Σῶσις = Σῆθ = Thoth = καυμ. (See IDELER, Handbuch der Chronologie, ii. p. 391.) There can be no question that this remarkable star would be regarded as a special manifestation of Ormuzd, the source of light. (See PLUTARCH, De Iside et Osiride, p. 370.)
THE IONIANS and Aiolians send an embassy to Cyrus, who answers them by a fable, induced Herodotus to omit all mention of their fate. See note 593.

475 ένεμι δέ ειπ’ τόν πρότερον λόγον. The narrative is continued from the end of § 94.

141 'Ioines ἔδε καὶ Αἰολεῖς, ὃς οἱ Λυδοὶ τάχιστα κατεστράφατο ὑπὸ Περσέων, ἐπέμπουν ἀγγέλους ἔς Σάμῳ διὰ πάρα Κύρου, ἐθέλοντες ἐπί τούτι αὐτοῦς εἶναι τοὺς καὶ Κροίσῳ ἦσαν κατήκουσιν ὃ δὲ ἀκούσας αὐτῶν τὰ προϊσχόντο, ἐλέγε οἱ λόγοι, ἀνδράς φας αὐληθὴν ιδόντα ἰχθύς ἐν τῇ θαλάσσῃ αὐλέως, δοκεότι σφαιρὲς ἐξελώσεσθαι ἐς γῆν ὡς δὲ πυενθήμηκε τῆς ἐπίδους, λαβεῖν ἀμφί-βληστρον καὶ περιβαλεῖν τοις πλήθοις πολλοῖς τῶν ἰχθυῶν καὶ ἐξειρύσσαι, ιδόντα δὲ παλλομένους εἰπεῖν ἁρὰ αὐτῶν πρὸς τοὺς ἰχθύνιας παύεσθε μοι ὀρχεόμενοι, ἐπεὶ οὐδ’ ἀμεῦ αὐλέωντος ἠθέλετε ἐκβαίνειν ὀρχεόμενοι. Κύρος μὲν τούτον τὸν λόγον τούτι 'Ιωσὶ καὶ τούς Αἰολεῖς τῶν ὑπὲρ αὐτός ἐλέγε, οτι δὴ οἱ 'Ιωνες πρότερος, αὐτοῦ Κύρου δειηθέντος δὲ ἄγγέλους ἀπίστασθαι σφαιρές ὑπὸ Κροίσου, οὐκ ἐπειθόντο τότε δὲ κατεργασμένοι τῶν πριγκιμάτων, ἦσαν ἐτοίμοι πείθεσθαι Κύρω. ο μὲν δὴ ὁργὴ ἐχόμενος ἐλέγε σφαι τάδε: "Ιωνες δὲ ὡς ἦκουσαν τούτων ἑμειχθέντων ἐς ταῖς πολίαις, τείχεα τε περιβάλλοντο ἐκαστού καὶ συνελέγοντο ἐς Πανί-λιονον οἱ ἄλλοι πλην Μιλησίων, πρὸς μοῦνοσ γὰρ τούτους ὄρκιον Κύρου ἐποίησατο, ἐπ’ οὗδ’ περ ὁ Λυδός τούσι δὲ λοιποῖσι

on which all but Miletus prepare for war, and apply to Sparta for aid.
The temple was of show vii.

Gratis (ii. Lampsacus since of

as its usual sense (i.e., as the regions farther to

Aegean, Aegae, or Aegean. The ex-

the Ionian people). The whole of Lampsacus on the coast

this country, as those authors (i.e., as the regions farther to

the Ionian people). The whole of Lampsacus as a centre, the expression be-

The Ionian people. The whole of Lampsacus on the coast

This form rests on the

authority of Homer, as indicated above (§ 40 and 164). The same

form occurs in the normal Ionic dialect of literary

language, i.e., in Homer, the word olympos is equivalent to

the word olympus. The Ionic and Aeolic

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the word olympus. The Ionic and Aeolic
the islanders feel safe from attack.

The above towns stood aloof from all other Ionians.

A similar inscription of the five Dorian towns.

'Apexaxisthsav 488 de apo twn allwn 'Iowon outoj kata allo men oudein, asteveos de eontos tou pantos tote 499 Elenhikon genoie, poullo de he astheventatou tou ethneon to 'Iovnikon kai logon elaxistou oti gar mu 'Atheiav 499, oudein allo polisma logimou oin mev ton allou 'Iones kai oi 'Atheiavoi efynvou to ounyma, ou boulmenoi 'Iones keklishiav alla kai wv faivontai moi ois poulloi auton epaischivevai tiv oinomav aij de dyodeka polies autai to te ounymati i gia llwv, kai iron idrousant evi sfwv auton, to ounyma ethento Panovinou euvleusantou de autou meta doinai mhdamosi alloi tou 'Iowon ouv oidehtsavan de oudamoi metascheiv, oti mu Smyrnaios. Katapere 491 oi ek tis Puentapolios vov xoris Dowriav, proteteron de 'Ezatolios tis autis tahtis kaleomh, fylasontai iww mhdamov esdeexathai tov prosoikov Dowriav ev to Triopikov iron 492, allva kai sfewv auton touv

488 apeaxisthsav, k.t.l. It has been thought that in the discussion which follows, relative to the cause of the separation of the Ionian confederates from other Ionian cities, Herodotus is criticizing the views of Heceleus the Milesian. It seems unnecessary to suppose that he is doing more than combating a current opinion. If any writer is specially referred to, the considerations offered in the note 482 would rather point to Charon of Lampscucus than any other.

491 to. This apparently refers to the time at which the confederation was constituted, of which the deputies met at the Panioniuem.

490 oti gar mu 'Atheiav. That an exception should be made in favour of Athens is perhaps due to the power of that city in the time of the writer. Long after the time he speaks of in the text it was extremely insignificant. See note on v. 73, epeirovata tines eonotes ephravoi.

491 katapere ois to tis Puentapolous vov xhresi Dowriav. It is to be remarked that what the author says of the Asiatic Dorians, as an aggregate, is introduced here only by way of illustration of the policy of the Panionian confederacy, and is not to be regarded as a continuation of the thread of the narrative. This removes the surprise one might otherwise feel at the irregular order in which he mentions the Greek confederacies on the main. Indeed, if we suppose him to be following an earlier author, it would seem likely that in that author's narrative the Dorians, as a united body, were not regarded. The conquest of a portion is alluded to (below, § 174) as that of the "Hellenic cities in Caria."

492 ev to Triopikov iron. The deities associated in this temple may be inferred from the offering of the Cnidian, which Pausanias saw at Delphi, which were Triopivm oikeiav tis Keidov parapatava yapov kal Atov kal 'Atollvnd te kal 'Arretvmen arionvav tovvelov evi Titov (v. 11, 1). But this Apollo-worship was rather that of the Achaean race than of the Dorians. (See note 507.) Judging, too, from the coins of Cnidus, one may be inclined to suspect that Leto was, either by the mistake of Pausanias or the choice of the artist, substituted for another divinity, perhaps Athene Polias. (See notes on ii. 59.) The Triopium built by Herodes Atticus near Rome was dedicated to Demeter and Core and the xhnomei theai; and the Scholiast on Theocr. xvii. 69 states that the games at the Cnidian Triopium were in honour of Apollo, Poseidon, and the Nymphs.
περὶ τὸ ἱρὸν ἀνομίςατας ἐξεκλύθασιν τῆς μετοχῆς. ἐν γὰρ τῷ ἀγώνι τοῦ Τρισπίτου Ἀτταλόνου ἐτίθεσαν τὸ τιτάρι τρίποδας χαλκέους τοίς νικώσι καὶ τούτους χρῆν τοὺς λαμβάνοντας ἐκ τοῦ ἱρὸν μὴ ἐκφέρειν, ἀλλὰ αὐτοῦ ἀνατιθέναι τῷ θεῷ. ἀνὴρ ὁν Ἀλικαρνησσεῖς, τῷ ὅνωμα ἦν Ἀγασικλέας, νικήσας, τὸν νόμον κατηλόγησε φέρων δὲ πρὸς τὰ ἐωστοῦ ὁίκα 493 προσεπασάλευσε τὸν τρίποδα. διὰ ταύτην τὴν αἰτιήν αἱ πάντες πόλεις, Δίνδος καὶ Ἰἱλυσσός τε καὶ Κάμειρος 494 καὶ Κώς τε καὶ Κνίδος 495, ἐξεκλύθασιν τῆς μετοχῆς τὴν ἔκτην πόλιν Ἀλικαρνησσόν. τούτοις μὲν νυν ὁ ὅστι ταύτην τὴν ἔρμην ἐπέθηκαν. Διόδεκα δὲ μοι δοκεόνσι πόλιαι ποιησάσθαι οἱ Ἰονεὶς καὶ οὐκ ἐθέλησαν πλείνας ἐσδέξασθαι τοῦ̃ς εἴνακε, ότι καὶ οὗτο ἐν Πελοποννήσῳ ὁἰκεῖν διοδέκα ὑπὸ αὐτῶν μέρεα· κατάπερ τῶν Ἀχαίων τῶν ἐξελασάνων Ἰονεῖς διόδεκα ἐστὶν μέρας. Πελλήνη μὲν γε 496 προῦ πρὸς Σικυόνον μετὰ δὲ, Ἀγείρα καὶ Ἀγαία (ἐν τῇ Κράθις ποταμὸς ἀειννοὶ ἔστιν, ἀπὸ τοῦ 497 ὧν ἦν Ἰταλίς ποταμὸς τὸ ὕδωρ ἐσχετεῖ) καὶ Βούρα καὶ Ἐλίκη (ἐς τὴν κατέφυγον Ἰονεῖς ὑπὸ Ἀχαίων μάχη ἐσσωθέντες) καὶ Ἀγίον, καὶ Ἀρίπτε, καὶ Πατρέας, καὶ Φαρέες 498, καὶ Ὀλευς (ἐν τῷ Πειρος ποταμὸς μέγας ἔστιν) καὶ Δύμη καὶ Τριταιάες· οὗ

493 φέρων δὲ πρὸς τὰ ἐωστοῦ ὁίκα. In this act the offender seems to have been regarded as setting up a shrine of the deity in his own house. See the legend related by Herodotus, iv. 170.

494 Δίνδος καὶ Ἰἱλυσσός τε καὶ Κάμειρος. These are the three cities which antecedently to the concentration of the population in the city Rhodes, divided the island Rhodes among themselves. The mythical accounts of their origin are very various, but all agree in deriving the foundation of them from Argos, and in times antecedent to the Heracle invasion of the Peloponnesse. Hence it was not to be expected that the Doric Apollo-worship should have been the predominant one there. And from various notices it appears that this was not the case. Herodotus relates that Amasis sent presents to the Athenaeum at Lindus (ii. 182), a temple which, according to tradition (Dionysus, v. 50), was founded by Danaus or his daughters. Gela in Sicily, a colony from Lindus (vii. 150), appears from its coins to have been under the protection of Poseidon and Demeter; and indeed its οἰκεῖατῆς, Geles, who was a native of the little island Telus just off Triopium, bequeathed the hereditary priesthood of the χθόνου θεῖος to his descendants (vii. 153). In Camirus and Ialyssus Heracleas was worshipped under the surname Τελεχία, a name which, whatever its derivation (see Biographical and Mythological Dictionary, v. Telchines), undoubtedly belongs to the earliest religious systems of the Peloponnesse.

495 καὶ Κώς τε καὶ Κνίδος. Cos was as little purely Doric as the cities mentioned in the last note. It was a colony from Epidaurus, and especially noted for the worship of Asclepius and Demeter. Of Cnidus, see note 507, below.

496 μὲν γε. The MSS have μὲν τε, which Gaisford retains. But see vi. 46; viii. 65.

497 ἀπὸ τοῦ. Gaisford ἀπ’ ὅστον. See note on v. 45, para τὸν ἦμον Κρατιστον. 498 Πατρές. By Herodotus using this expression, it seems as if the city Patrae did not exist in his time; Αἰγίμων and Dyme, on the other hand, seem to have done so. See the passage of Strabo cited in note on viii. 73, Αἰτωλῶν δὲ ᾿Ηαίας μοῦν.
The native Milesian traditions (Pausan. vii. 2, 3) related that the population found by the Ionian colonists consisted of a mixture of aboriginal Carians with Cretans, who had fled from Minos under the leadership of Miletus. This, with only the change of the leader's name, seems identical with the legend related below (§ 173) of the Lycians. The native legends of Miletus went on to say that the Ionians slaughtered all the male population and cohabited with the women, but there is no allusion to the custom of the latter eating alone. It is difficult to reconcile the known predominance of the worship of Apollo Didymaeus, which dated from times antecedent to the Ionic invasion (see note 461), with so entire an obliteration of the native race. Possibly there may have existed a practice among the descendants of the old population to name themselves after their mothers, which may have been perverted into the form, that the father of the family was never mentioned by his name. This certainly prevailed in Lycia (see Fellows, Second Excursion in Asia Minor), and, if we take the account of Ephorus (Ap. Strabon. xiv. p. 165), the ancient Lycian population is ethnically identical with the early population of Miletus. The custom of the women to eat alone may be a relic of Oriental harem life.
to the end, as to whether they were of Ionian descent and the observance of the Apaturia. Now the Athenians were notoriously a union of almost all races, and did not themselves care to be regarded as Ionian. Therefore, under no circumstances can a distinctive character belong to these twelve cities. With regard to the point at issue, see note on vii. 94.

502 τῆς ἤπειρος ἄκρης ... Σάμως, "a headland of the main trending westward, off Samos." This is just the description which would be given of the site by a mariner who passed between Samos and the main from the south. As he hugged the shore, the island would appear lunched by the promontory, till a sufficient westing was made to open out the channel.

503 κατάπερ τῶν Περσέων τὰ υἱόματα. See above, § 139.

148 The Panionian is on the headland of Mycale.

Names of Hellenic towns on the main formerly twelve, afterwards eleven.
150 by the loss of Smyrna.

151 Eolian towns in Ida and in the islands.

HKOUOANO ouk omous. SUMRVIH de oide apébalon 501 Aioles. Kolofoonious ándras stasú ésoathedánta kai ekpeouánta ek tis patri-
dos ispedeávaton metá de, oi phugádes tôn Kolofoonión khalávantes toûs SUMPIRNIOTOS ortiûn exo teixeis poieuménon DIONUSO, tás pýlas ápokleístantes ésochon tîn pólîn bophthávonton de pávton Aioleóv, òmologíh ëkhrístanto, tâ épetipla ápądóntov tôn 'Iwôn év klíseis SUMRVIH Aioleás. ptohipántov de taúta SUMPIRNIOS, eptidieíntov sfeas ai éndeka pólîs, kai epoíhántov sfeon autiôw polýntas. Aútai mév vnu ai òptepótides Aioles pólîs, exo tôn ev tî 'Iðh òikeménon 502, keqoiridáta gâr aútan ai de tás nîsous échoúan, pente mév pólîs tîn Désovon vémovant: tîn ãar ésthn ev tî Désovon òikeouménon 'Arísavan õndrapódísan Mythnmaiôn éontas Ómaîrnovn ev Tevédov de méia oikétei pólîs, kai ev tîs 'Ekatônumioin 503 kaleúmeri ìllh mía.

Aebersios 507 mév vnu kai Tevediosoi 509, kataúper 'Iwôv toûs tós tás

501 Eide apébalon. The date of this transaction is approximately fixed by He-
rodotus (i. 16). It must have happened before the reign of Halysantes,—at least if
we suppose that the accounts in these two passages belong to the same cycle of tradi-
tions. The history given by Strabo of the fortunes of this city is worth reading
as a specimen of a cento of diverse traditions. According to him, a part of the
city Ephesus was called 'Smyrna,' from the Amazon of that name who had occu-
pied it. Callinus, in his hymn to Zeus,
called its inhabitants SUMPIRNIOS, and
HIPPOAX defined the district called by
that name as lying between Désúp aðr and Tàraxia. The inhabitants of the dis-

502 exo tôn ev tî 'Iðh òikeménon. See
the note on v. 94, opîsa eis Sîgeion.

503 'Ekatônumioin. The Hecaton-nesi
are a group of small islands, from twenty
to forty in number, lying between Lesbos
and the main. The name is, according to
Strabo, equivalent to 'Aphaloiw-ýgos,
the whole of the Asiatic coast in this part
being full of the worship of Apollo, with
the different surnames of Smintheus, Cil-
heus, or Grynus (xiii. c. 2, p. 140). The
name Hecatus is the masculine of Hecate,
and is a name given to the sun-god in
H. i. 365. HENYCHIUS gives 'Evkàth
ýgos as the name of an island off the
coast of Lesbos. Probably the two heads
on the coins of Tenedos (see note 588)
were those of Hecatus and Hecate (Helios
and Selene). See note on vi. 97.

507 Aebersios. The thread of the narra-
tive interrupted in § 143 is here re-
sumed.

508 Tevediosoi... ãî òwôv oîdôv. The
distance of Tenedos from the main was,
however, so small (being only forty stades,
or about that of the Isle of Wight from
Portsmouth) as scarcely to constitute a
security. Accordingly, the Persians, when
they got a fleet, appear to have over-run
it without trouble (vi. 31). Its proximity
to the coast gave rise to the existence of a
large population employed as fer-
rmy, to such an extent as to impress a marked character on the Commons, just as the ναυτικὸς ὄλχος did in Athens, the fishermen in Tarentum and Byzantium, the traders in Ἑγέια and Χίος (Aristotle, Politic. iv. p. 1291, lin. 23), and the ἰαζαροί do in modern Naples. The landing-place on the main was a little south of Σίγειον (Strabo, xiii. c. 1, p. 116). The tutelary divinity of Τένεδος was Ἀπολλος-Σμινθεύς, and the image carried a πέλεκος in the hand. The coins of Τένεδος bore the πέλεκος on one side, and on the other a male and female head. Various reasons were assigned for this (Aristides and Aristot. ap. Steph. Byz. sub v. Τένεδος). But see note 506. 509 ἐδὲ κοῦρ. There is no trace of any confederacy among the Ἑλληνικὰ cities, by which opportunity for such a common deliberation as is here mentioned might be afforded. Neither in the issue does it appear that there was any combined action of the Ionians themselves,—far less any organization in which the Ἑλληνικά were united with them. See § 169, οἱ Ἀλλοι Ἰωνεὶς πᾶν τὸν Μιλησίαν κ.τ.λ. περὶ τῆς ἐως τοῦ ἐκκαστος μαχημάτων, and the advice of Thales, § 170.

510 καὶ Ἀιολῶν. See above, note 4.

511 τὸν Φωκαίαν. By the use of the article we may suppose that a delegate was sent from each of the members of the confederation. Thus ὁ Δαυς is "the Laconian delegate," vii. 161; ὁ Τεγεάτης, "the Tegean leader," ix. 27.

512 ἐς Φωκαίαν. The more convenient port for Sardis would have been Ephesus, the point where the Athenian expedition touched which subsequently invaded and burnt the town (v. 100), and where in latter times commercial travellers took ship for Europe (v. 54). But perhaps, before the destruction of Phocaea, the magnitude of that place may have made it the ordinary port for Asiatic traffic. Its importance seems proved by the fact of the Phoccean deputy being put forward to speak on behalf of the whole embassy. And this very importance suggests a suspicion that its ruin may not have been altogether unwelcome at the time to some of its Hellenic commercial rivals. See note 542, below.

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"έλεγχα, "matter of chit-chat," subjects for the λέσχη. For the exact sense of this word, which has been much mistaken, see note on ix. 71. In addition to what is there said, it may be observed that the word λέσχη appears to be especially Dorian. Its epithet ἐπάλης is nothing more than the Dorian form of ἐφήλιος, and the statement of the Scholiast on Hesiod, "Εργ. 401, "that there were regulations as to the subjects of conversation in the λέσχη, with a view to the improvement of the company," can only be true of Dorian states. Pausanias says that the building ornamented by Polygnotus at Delphi was called by the name οἱ λέσχη, ὡς οἱ προάθισ τό ἀρχαῖον τά τε σπουδαίτερα διελέγοντο καὶ ὑπόπα μονάδη (x. 25, 1). The Boeotians gave the name of λέσχη to the κώσα δεισπιγγέα (L. L. H. Claudian, sq. v.) Τίς τόν τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῶν τῶν Λυδῶν Λυδῶν. See note 321.

515 ἐς Αγγίστανα. See note on iii. 30, ἐς Πέρσας.

516 ὅν πρῶτην εἴη. It is not easy to understand this expression, and perhaps the true reading is ὅν πρώτην ἐλείην. In this case the ellipse would be of the word ὅδε. A somewhat similar phrase occurs in iii. 134: ἐς Σκύθας μέν τήν πρώτην ἐλείην ἐπανον.

517 καὶ ς τῶν Βακτρίων ζῆνος, καὶ Σάκαι τε καὶ Αἰγύπτιοι. In the continuation of Cyrus' history no mention is made of his campaigns against any of these nations. Perhaps they were omitted as not being well adapted for combination with the main narrative. But the mention of the Egyptians suggests another difficulty. According to the Egyptian accounts, the insult put upon the Persian king by Amasis, in sending a substitute for his own daughter, was one of which Cyrus was the subject, Cambyses being, according to their statement, the issue of this very connexion (iii. 2). It would almost seem that here the author is following the Egyptian tradition, although in the third book he rejects it, and adopts the Persian account. Certainly, in iii. 1—4, there is nothing to lead one to suppose that any hostilities had taken place between Persia and Egypt before the rupture with Cambyses.

Ctesias made the war against the Bactrians and the Saceae take place before the expedition into Lydia, but said nothing of the Egyptian war. (Ap. Photius, Biblioth. p. 36.)

518 ἔτειχες. The MSS and Gaisford have ἔτοιχες τε. The reading in the text is the conjecture of Battmann. It is defended by the analogy of ἔτειχες, § 118. For the ellipse see note 290, above.
Clio. I. 154, 155.

εμισθοῦτο καὶ τοὺς ἐπιβαλασθόντος ἀνθρώπους ἔστησε εἰν ἐσωτερικά στρατεύεσθαι· ἐκλάσας δὲ ἐπὶ τὰς Σάρδις ἐπολιόρκησε Τάβάλων ἀπεργείουν ἐν τῇ ἀκροπόλει. 

Πυθόμενος δὲ κατ’ ὀδὸν ταῦτα ὁ Κύρος, ἐπε τρός Κροίσου τάδε: "Κροίσε, τί ἐσται τὸ τέλος τῶν γυνομένων τοιῶν ἑμοί; 

οὗ παύσουται Λυδιοί, ὡς οἶκαστ, πρίγγαται παρέχουσι καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔχουσιν. 

Φροντίζων, μὴ ἀριστον ἡ ἐξαιρετικοποίησις φαινέται. Οὕτως ἤματι μοι νῦν γε φανόμεναι πεποίηκέναι, ὡς εἰ τις πατέρα ἀποκτείνας τῶν παιδῶν αὐτοῦ φείσατο. 

ὁς δὲ καὶ ἐγὼ Λυδιῶν τῶν μὲν πλεοῦσιν τῇ πατέρᾳ ἐσώτερον σε λαβὼν ἅγω, αὐτοῖς δὲ Ἀ νδοὺσι τὴν πόλιν παρέδωκα, καὶ ἠπέστησαν τῷ γερακίων εἰ μοι ἀπεστασίαν; δὸ μὲν δὴ τά περ νῦν ἔλεγεν: ὁ δὲ ἀμείβετο τούτῳ, 

δείγμα μὴ ἀναστάτους ποιήσῃ τὰς Σάρδις· ἃς δὲ ἄστηκε, τά μὲν οἰκότα ἑρήματα σὺ μέντοι μην πάντα θυμὸν χρέος, μηδὲ πόλιν ἀρχαίαν ἐξαιρετικής ἀναμάρτητον ἑυκαὶ καὶ τῶν πρότερον καὶ τῶν νῦν ἑστώτων τα μὲν ἄγαρ πρότερον ἐγὼ τέ ἐπηρρήσα, καὶ ἐγὼ ἐμὴν καθαρὰ ἀναμάζας φέρον τα δὲ νῦν παρεώντα, 

Πακτύς γὰρ ἐστὶν ὁ ἀδικεών τῷ σὺν ἐπέτρεψας Σάρδις, οὗτος δὲ τοῦ δικήμ. 

Λυδοίσι δὲ συγγνώμην ἔχων τάδε αὐτοῖς ἐπίταξαι, ὡς μήτε ἀποστέωσι μήτε δεινοὶ τοῦ ἐσοφον. ἀπείπε μὲν οἴς τείμας ὑπεράρμια μη ἐκτήσασθαι. κέλευς δὲ σφές κηθωνίας τε ὑποδύσεως τούς εἰμαστὶ καὶ κοθόρνους ὑποδέεσθαι, πρὸςετε δ’ αὐτοῖς κηθαρίζεσθε τα καὶ 

519 ὅς εἰ τις πατέρα ἀποκτείνας τῶν παιδῶν αὐτοῦ φείσατο. This is an allusion to the proverb, expressed in an hexameter verse, ascribed by later writers to Stasinus, but quoted by Aristotles (Rhet. i. p. 1376) merely as a current saw: 

νήπιος δὲ πατέρα κτείναι παιδὰς καταλείπει. 

See note on § 32, and on ii. 160, εἰ τοῦ τοῦ τῶν Φάμμων. 

520 ἄναμάζας. See Odys. xix. 92: ἐρδοῦνα μέγα ἐργον, ο σή καθαρῇ ἄναμάζεις. 

521 τῷ σὺ ἐπέτρεψας Σάρδις. This is not a perfectly accurate expression, if tested by what Herodotus says above, § 153. Pactyas appears in that passage to have been left in the capacity of commissioner, merely to collect and transmit the gold actually existing in Lydia. But it seems likely that the Persian monarch, under the circumstances of the case, would confiscate the property of the Lydian sove- 

reign, and impose a heavy mulct upon the population, and that the duty of Pactyas was to convert all this into money and transmit it to Agbatana. This function would require him to be invested with large judicial and executive powers, to determine (for instance) debts due to the exchequer, to assess the value of particular properties, and transfer confiscated lands. With all these duties on his hands, he might fitly be described as the ἐπιτρόπος of Cyrus: although one who, from any reason, looked upon the transaction as nothing else than the plunder of a country, would represent his office in the terms used above in § 153. 

522 κοθόρνους ὑποδέεσθαι. The cothurnus was a boot with a very thick sole,—an effectual protection against any injury to the foot from stones, thorns, or other annoyance. To wear the cothurnus would therefore be the opposite extreme to going bare-footed; and, as the one would be an
Cyrus asents, detaching Mazares with a military force to execute the plan, and secure Pactyas.

Pactyas takes refuge in Cuma; is demanded by Mazares.

He who does not sacrifice in his wrath.

"I went to Agbatana because I was spoken of as the seat of government of Cyrus and his son Cambyses (see iii. 64), but Susa as that of Darius and his son Xerxes. See vi. 119; iii. 129; vii. 3; iii. 108.

The infinitive mood of the aorist in place of the more usual "ανενεκαί. The verbal "ανεφοσίτω appears in vi. 66.

The division detached with Mazares; and therefore he uses the expression in the text. Similarly, the story related by him of Periander and his son did not contain the specification of the amount of fine to be levied on those who held converse with the young man, and hence he calls it "ανεφοσίτω." See i. 160; and iii. 52.

Cyrus demanded by Mazares.
The Cumaean oracles consult the oracle at Branchidai, which orders them to give up Paetys.

Aristodicus procure a different response.

antiquity of the oracle is further manifest from the peculiarly archaic style of the statues which ornamented the temple. A road led from it to the sea, bordered on each side with statues on chairs of a single block of stone, with the feet close together, and the hands upon the knees, the exact counterpart of the avenues leading up to the Egyptian temples (Leake, Asia Minor, p. 239). Necho, king of Egypt, was said to have made an offering to Apollo here (ii. 159). Perhaps enough remained of the Oriental character of the original ritual, to render the priests not averse to take part with the Persians at the time of Xerxes's invasion, as they were reported to have done. He is said to have carried them off with their own good-will, and established them on one of the high rocks of Bactriana (Strabo, xi. c. 11, p. 441). Alexander destroyed the Bactrian Branchidai two hundred years afterwards, to show his zeal against sacrilege and treason. Seleucus, with a better judgment, sent back to Greece the brazen statue of the god, which Xerxes had conveyed to Agbatana (Pausan. i. 16, 5). See note 327.

328 οικ Βραγχιδαι. This is the reading of all the MSS. In i. 92, the word is used, not to signify the college of priests, but the oracle itself, and is put in the feminine gender. So it is in ii. 159.
160 The Cuma-ans send Pactyas to Mydilea, and from thence to Chios.

The Chians sell him for Atarneus.

A ban rests upon the land thus gained.

161 Xíóu mév wov Πακτύνη εξέδωσαν. Μαζάρης δὲ μετὰ ταύτα

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629 ίνα γε ἄσεβήσατες βάσσον ἀπόλησθε. One might almost suspect that the response of the oracle terminated with this ambiguous phrase, and that what follows is the ingenious interpretation added by Aristodocus. See the note on v. 36: ἐν τῷ πρώτῳ τῶν λόγων.

530 ἐπὶ μισθῷ ὅσῳ δὴ, "for a certain price, whatever the sum was." See note 525.

531 Πακτύνη μὲν νῦν παραδεξάμενοι. Charon of Lampscus related the fate of Pactyas in very few and general terms: Πακτύνης δὲ ἂς ἐπέθετο προσελαύνοντα τῶν Περσικῶν αἷτε φεύγων ἐκρίνει μὲν εἰς Μυτιλήνην, ἐπείτα δὲ εἰς Χίων καὶ αὐτοῦ ἐκράτησε Κύρος. It is plain that there is no incompatibility between these accounts. In fact, as Cyrus at this time had no fleet, he could not have secured Pactyas but for his extradition by the Chians. All that follows from the comparison of the two passages is that Herodotus followed some authority besides Charon; not that he did not read him; much less that the two accounts are at variance with each other.

532 ήν δὲ χρόνος οὗτος οὐκ ἄλγος γενόμενος, ὅτε κ.τ.λ. It is very difficult to explain this phrase on the supposition that no corruption of the text has taken place. Herodotus appears to desire to say, that long after the extradition of Pactyas none of the produce of Atarneus was ever used by the Chians for sacred purposes, on the ground apparently of a curse being supposed to cleave to a territory purchased by so sinful an act. But the word ὀστὸς is, on this supposition, apparently superfluous, and it is not easy to account for its insertion by any error of transcription. If ὀστὸς be genuine, the word ἄτε must be taken in the sense of ἐκ ὄστων, and then there results the sense that "at this period a long time had elapsed since" the Chians had refused to use the produce of Atarneus as aforesaid. But no reason can be assigned why the place should be under ban, at the time the Chians bargained for it; or why, under such circumstances, they should at all desire to possess it. I have little doubt that the passage is corrupt, but can suggest no conjecture less violent than striking out the word ὀστὸς.
With the taking of finished walls, negotiators overtopped the ramparts and furnished the means of driving the besiegers from them, was early practised by the Assyrians (see £ Kings xix. 32), from whom the art probably passed to the Medes and Persians. It is an obvious mode of operation where a very large supply of labour is available, as was the case with the Oriental sovereigns, but was not applicable in the warfare of the Hellenic states, where the numbers of the invading force rarely exceeded that of the besieged by any considerable amount.

With the Greeks, the usual mode of taking a town was by an ἐπιστείχισμος, i.e. the fortifying and garrisoning of a stronghold in the neighbourhood, from whence continual annoyance was inflicted upon it, until at last the resources of the besieged were exhausted, or their patience gave way. The siege of Troy is an instance of this kind of proceeding.

It is to be remarked of the history in the text, that a scientific mode of attack does not take place until Harpagus, the Mede, takes the command of the Medo-Persian army. Cyrus carries Sardis by a coup-de-main, and Mazares, the Persian, overruns the territory of Magnesia and the valley of the Meander, merely as a plunderer. The town of the Prienians was so small and insignificant a place, that it was not likely to have offered any resistance, if it was attacked.

163 Adven-
turous spi-
rit of the Phocareans.
nearly equal proportions of the mercantile and the piratical character.  

339 ἀπίκομενοι δὲ ἐστὶν οὗν Ταρτησσών. The account given here seems to rest on a different foundation from the story related in iv. 152. Neither in the one case nor in the other, however, does it appear distinctly whether Tartessus is regarded as a town or a region. The same ambiguity occurs in the mention of it by Pherecydes (Fragm. 33). Stesichorus made it a river. The vagueness of the notices in the early Greek writers probably arises from the circumstance that the Phocicians got the trade with those parts into their hands even before the time of Homer, and held it until Carthage fell before the power of Rome (Strabo, iii. cap. 2). Hellenic enterprise in that direction must have been exceptional and highly hazardous.  

339 τῷ οὖν νῷ Ἐργανθώνιος. It seems not unlikely that this story is derived by Herodotus from Charon of Lampacus, one of whose works was a περίηλθος τῶν ἔθεων τῶν Ἱππελείων στηλῶν (Suidas, sub τ. Χάρων). According to this historian, the Hellenic population of Lampacus came from Phocaea as a colony, under two twin-brothers, Phobus and Blepus, Codrice by descent. And that the legend in the text should have grown up in the neighbourhood of Lampacus is rendered probable by the existence in My sia of a mountain named Ar- 

ganthonis (Steph. Byz. sub τ.), so called, it was said, after one Arganthonie, the wife of Rhesus. For the vagueness of the accounts of Tartessus, see the last note.  

340 πάντα. Hermann and Bekker alter the text to τὰ πάντα, which is certainly the proper expression if the author meant to say that Arganthonius lived “in the whole” 120 years. But the text, as it stands, means that he lived “the whole of” that time, i. e. “not less than” 120 years. The long life of the Tartessians was proverbial. Ανακλησίων (ap. Strabon. iii. cap. 2) says: ἐγὼ δ' οὖτ' ἦν Ἀμαλκής βουλομένην κέρας, οὐτ' ἔτη πεντηκοντά τε χάκατον Ταρτησσόν βασιλεύσα. Strabo himself considers that the being long-lived was ascribed to them as a part of their notorious εὐδαυμονία, which is not unlikely. See the notes on iii. 18, τὴν γὰρ αὐτὸν άναδιδὼν, and iii. 25, ἐσὲ δέλκου καὶ ἐκατόν.  

341 τὸν Μήδων. It is not necessary to consider that any particular sovereign is here alluded to. “The Mede” is nothing more than “the Median power,” so that the real transaction may be referred to a hundred years before the reign of Cyrus just as well as to that time. Wesseling and Larcher conjecture τὸν Δωδώ, which would, perhaps, be more historically cor- rect; but in the local traditions which prevailed in the time of Herodotus it is likely that “the Mede” would generally be represented as the enemy of the Hellenic settlements on the coast.
kaeves perimiketontes tY douloumyn, efasan "thleiv bouleusas-thai hemerh minan, kai epeita upokrinesthan en o de bouleusontai autoi, apagagein ekeinou ekelenou tin stratthi apò tou teichous;" o de "Arpaygos eph "eideina meta eiv th ekeinon melloiesn poieiws, onos de sfi parimenai bouleusas-thai." en o wv o "Arpaygos apò tou teichous apthaghe tin stratthi, oi Fowkairess en touto kata-spaianstes tas pentecontérous, eosthemenoi tekina kai xynaiakas kai epitple panta, pròs de kai tà agýlmata tà ek ton iron, kai tà alla anathmatata, xoris o ti xalkos o lidos o grafh hym, tà de alla panta eostntes kai autou eposatites epileon ev Xion tìn de Fowkaihn erptomheiasan androßon eschoi tin Pierai. Oi de Fowkaiesses, eptei te sfi Xia tais nísous tais Olunousas kaloménias oiv ebo- louto ónnoeménoi polleíes,542 deimainontes m'h ai men empòrinon géwntanai h de auton vphisos aptoklhísth tooutou einika, pròs taouta oí Fowkaiesses stéllonouto eis Kyrou,543. (en yàr tìn Kýrph eiKosi eitei pròteros toouton ék theopropión inephtasmato polw, tin óunoma hん 'Alalhn 'Arxaióthwnis de tinikauta thételeunthke) stelleménoi de epì tìn Kyrou,543, pròtata kantapleántantes eis tìn Fowkaihn katafóvenasan ton Pieres tìn filakíwn, h eforúa paradesaméni para 'Arpaygon tìn polw metab de, av toouto sfi éxérghasto, epoúsmato íschnas katáras tòd úpolýptomenis éswtwn toù stólon pròs de taútai, kai múdron stiðron kateíntwntan kai ómousan "m' prív en Fowkaihn ëxein, prív h tòn múdron tooutou ánafhímai.544" stelleménoi de auton epì tìn Kyrou, upér ëmi-

542 oiv eboálynto ónnoeménoi polleíes. The Chians and the Milesians, who were fast allies, had both made terms with the Persian power, and perhaps were not altogether guiltless of the ruin of Phoecea, although at the time at which Herodotus was writing such an act would have been accounted infamous. But see note 512, above, and the first one on iv. 133.

543 Diódorus (v. 13) gives Callaris as the name of the city founded by the Phoceans in Corsica, from which they were expelled by the Tyrrhenians. Callaris being really not in Corsica, but the principal town in Sardinia, this notice has given much trouble to the commentators, none of whom has hit on the true solution of the difficulty, viz. that the tradition varied in the early times. It is very doubtful whether in Eastern Hellas any distinct notion of the bearings or relative magnitude of the two islands was possessed till long after Herodotus. See the note on v. 106, vñoso tìn megísth.

544 ánafhrain. The readings ánafa-rhímai anáfhrain have been proposed. But neither these nor the ellipse of éswtò seems necessary. The Phoccean oath seems to have been "that they would not return till they had found and produced the mass of iron which they then threw into the sea." Horace's proposed oath (Epod. xvi. 25) does not profess to be that of the Phoceans, as is obvious from the way he continues it (vv. 27—34).
seas of which I shall speak another day. Their defeat of the 
Phocaeans, I have seen, was a most grievous misfortune to the 
Romans, and the latter, though they did not suffer much from 
this misfortune, were nevertheless affected by it in their com-
merce with the island of Chersonesus. In fact, the Phocaeans 
were to the Romans of that day what the Etruscans were to 
the Carthaginians, the latter being crushed to death, stoned 
and burned, 

"for they were not allowed to leave any of their remnant to 
return to their country." 

In commerce, these events have had a profound influence on 
the course of commerce. 

They are crushed by the Tyr-

rhenes and Carthag-

nians, and a small remnant 
takes refuge at Rhegium. 

The majority are 
stoned to death, for which 
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545 ἔγον γὰρ δὴ καὶ ἐφεροῦ. See notes 537, 538, above. It will be remembered that by a settlement either in Sardinia or Corsica,—if even purely for commercial purposes,—they interfered with the Tyrrhenian and Carthaginian trade with Spain. See note 565, below.

546 πολλῷ πλεῖον. This expression would seem to mean that the prisoners taken by the allied force much exceeded in number the small remnant which fled to Rhegium. It is unnecessary to suppose a lacuna.

547 ἔγινεστο διάστροφα. This would be the result of the vengeance of the χάνον 
that, angry at the blood which had been shed upon the earth. See MÜLLER, Aρ-
pendix to the Edition of the Enmenides, §§ 54—57.

548 εἰς Δελφοὺς ἐπεμπότων. The conn-
exion of the Agylians (Cerites) with Delphi appears from the fact, mentioned by STRABO, that there was an 'Αγγελλαίων καλομένων θησαυρὸς there (v. cap. 2, p. 356). They had great reputation, he says, among the Greeks both for their courage and for their justice, in abstaining from piracy.

549 ἔγον Ὀλυμπιακὸν. To this passage proba-
ably is to be referred the gloss of SUIDAS, ἔγον Ὀλυμπιακὸν τὰρ Ἡροδότος χρυσὸς φρέμα. The proper form of propitiating the dead was by libations (Soph. Elect. 406). It may be observed that there were hot mine-
168 The survivors build Velia, and The Triaus desert their town, and build Ab- dedora, The rest of the Ionians on the main, after resisting separately, submit.

169 while Poseidonia, as its name imports, had for its tutelary deity Poseidon, Elea was famous for its worship of Demeter, insomuch that the Romans anciently always fetched their priestesses of this goddess either from that city or Naples (Cicero, pro Balbo, § 21). Moreover, Poseidonia was a colony from Sybaris, which had a mixed population of Achaeans and Troe- cians, the former predominating (Austrot. Polit. v. p. 1303). The establishment of the fate of Cyamus, therefore, by the counsel of a Poseidonian, was probably the sealing of a compact between the two neighbouring towns, which possessed com- mon religious traditions and common blood, and had common enemies in the Etruscans. See notes 63 and 231, above. It may be remarked, that an account given by Scymnus Chius that Neapolis was founded by Cumans and Phocaeans harmonizes very well with the statement of Strabo that it was a colony of the former, if we understand that the Phocaeans he speaks of are really those of Velia,— and in its turn explains Cicero, in the passage above cited, coupling Neapolis and Velia together.

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The sur-

The tria-

The islanders are struck with panic.

170 Advice offered by Bias to the Ionians;

also by Thales.

They enter; they long to enter, yet they cannot. The Panionium appears to have been the ordinary place of meeting long afterwards. (See vi. 7, i.e. Panionium.) It will be remembered that, before the arrival of Harpagus, the Prienians had been made slaves of (§ 161). If, therefore, the following story belongs to the same historical account, Bias cannot have been at the congress in the character of a delegate from Priene,—but only in a private capacity.

653 i.e. Sarδω. There was excellent policy in this recommendation; for the resources of the island were one of the most important elements of the power of Carthage (see note on v. 106, νῆσον τὴν μεγαλύτερην). A footing once obtained there, the commerce with the interior of Africa and that with Spain might have been in a great measure transferred from the Phoenician to the Hellenic race, through Cyrene in the one case, and Massilia in the other. The fear of this no doubt stimulated the attack on the Phocian settlement in Corsica (§ 166); for from Corsica a formidable attack might easily have been made on Sardinia. Bias's project seems to have been entertained afterwards by Aristogoras (v. 124).

656 εῶτας Φωικός. It is singular that Herodotus, having mentioned Thales twice before as a well-known character, should now, for the first time, give his description and descent. It is possible that this paragraph belongs to an early draft of the work, in which those two passages did not exist. Or it may be that here Herodotus is closely following an earlier written authority, in which Thales was introduced to notice as in the text. It is also remarkable that a Milesian should take part in the congress, as Miletus had made a peace with Cyrus, (See above, note 481.) But perhaps Thales, who had been in the Lydian camp at the beginning of the war (§ 75), was personally compromised, and, like Bias, present only as a private person at the congress. Or the advice may have been given even before the outbreak of the war.
oikeoménas µηδέν ἡσσον 568 νοµίζεσθαι, κατάπερ εἰ δήμοι εἰεν.” οὕτω µὲν δὴ σφι εἰγώμας τοιάδει ἀπεδέξαντο.

"Ἀρσαγός δὲ καταστρεψάµενος Ἰωνίων, ἐποιεότατο στρατηγὴν ἐπὶ Κάρας καὶ Καυνίων καὶ Λυκίων, ἀµὰ ἀφόρµενοι καὶ Ἰωνίας καὶ Διολέας 569. εἰσὶ δὲ τούτων Κάρες µὲν ἀπεγέµενοι ἐς τὴν ἤπειρον ἐκ τῶν νῆσων. τὸ γὰρ παλαιὸν ἔοιντες Μίνω τε κατίκηκοι 570 καὶ καλέµενοι Δέλεγες 571, εἶχον τὰς νῆσους φόρον µὲν οὐδένεα ὑποτέλεστε, ὦσιν καὶ ἐκώ δυνατός εἵµι μακρότατον 572 εξικέσθαι ἄκο, οἱ δὲ, ὥς Μίνως δέοτο, ἐπιλήρουν οί τὰς νέας. ἀτε δὲ 573 Μίνω τε κατεστραµµένου γῆν πολλῆν καὶ εὐηυγέντος τῷ πολέµῳ, τὸ Καρικὸν ἐν ἔοινος λογιµότατον 574 τῶν εὐνέων ἀπάντων κατὰ τούτον ἁµα τῶν χρόνων μακρό µάλιστα: καὶ σφι τριξα εξευρήµατα ἐγένετο 575, τοῖς οἱ Ἐλληνες ἐχρήσαντο καὶ γὰρ ἐπὶ τὰ κράµανα λόφους εὑπέδεσθαι Κάρες εἰσὶ οἱ καταδέξαντες, καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς ἀσπίδας τὰ σηµεία ποιεόσθη, καὶ ἄχανα ἄσπισι οὐτοί εἰσὶ οἱ ποιη-

568 μηδέν ἡσσον. These two words appear to be a conjunction of two diverse readings taken up into the text, viz. μηδε νοµίζεσθαι and ἡσσον νοµίζεσθαι. Either the one or the other of these will give an appropriate sense, “but that the rest should not even be looked upon as inhabited cities, just as would be if they were demes;” or, “should be less regarded as inhabited cities,” &c. It should be remembered, that into the notion of a πόλις always entered that of self-government, in foreign relations as well as in domestic. By absolutely delegating the former of these, each member of the confederation would become a mere parish.

569 καὶ Ἰωνίας καὶ Διολέας. See above, note 476; and below, 593. See also note on iv. 138, ἤσσον δε οὕτω.

570 Μίνω τε κατίκηκοι. This must be taken as merely resting upon tradition, and not having the certainty of history. See the distinction drawn by Herodotus himself between the stories of Minos and others of the olden time, and genuine history (iii. 122). The most ancient authentic naval engagement took place 260 years before the end of the Peloponnesian war (Thucyd. i. 18).

571 καλέµενοι Δέλεγες. PHIL. of Thessalos, in an especial treatise on the relation between the Carians and Lelegians, considered the latter as standing in the same relation to the former as the Helots to the Lacedaemonians, or the Penestae to the Thessalians (op. Ath. vi. p. 271). Both Carians and Lelegians appear as equals in the Trojan army (Iliad x.x. 428), and the latter have the epithet φιλοπτόλεμωι applied to them (xxi. 86); but the Villisoeh Schol. says that they are the inhabitants of a Pedasus in Mount Ida, mentioned IIiad xx. 92. 96.

572 ἡσσον ... μακρότατον. The preposition is used in a similar phrase, ii. 34, ἄτε ἄσον μακρότατον, and iv. 16. 192, ἄσον ἀτε μα-

573 ἄτε δὲ. One MS has ἄτε δή, an-

574 ἄτε δὲ δή, which Gaisford adopts.

575 λογιµότατον. STEPH. BYZ. (v. Karía) has the variation δοκιµότατον.

576 καὶ σφι τριξα εξευρήµατα ἐγένετο. This seems to have been an inference (and a reasonable one) from the appearance of the armour found in the tombs of the Carians, whose remains were removed from the whole of Delos in the sixth year of the Peloponnesian war. This armour was identical with that used by the continental Carians (Thucyd. i. 6). Delos had been similarly purified, as much of it as was within sight of the temple, by Pisistratus (above, § 61), so that no argument can be drawn as to the date of the composition of this passage. The greater part of the islands of the Ægean were inhabited by “Carians and Phœnicians,” pirates by profession, before the seas were swept clear by Minos (Thucyd. i. 8).
they worship no foreign gods.

576 καὶ οὕτω ἐς τὴν ἥπειρον ἀπίκουτο. This would be a natural way of looking at the matter for the Cretans, if we suppose the islands and the main to have been originally covered with a Lelegian population, which in the former was exterminated by Dorian and Ionian invaders. If in the latter, it was overthrown by, and absorbed into, a Carian population (a kindred race to the Myrians and Lydians), the native legends of the Carians on the main would, as naturally, represent them to be autochthonous.

577 Νῦν Καρίων ἱὼν ἀρχαῖον. This Zeus Carius must not be confounded with the Zeus Στράτιος who was worshipped by the Carians alone (see note on v. 119). He belongs to an entirely distinct religious system, and is substantially identical with the Poseidon of Mantinea (PAUSANIAS, viii. 10. 4), with the Poseidon or Erechtheus associated with Athene Polias at Athens, with Triopas (see note 587), and with the primeval deity worshipped in the earliest times on the acropolis at Megara. (See the note on the family worship of Isagoras, v. 66, and that on the native legendary accounts of the early population of the Megarid, v. 76.) His native name seems to have been Ojcos. Possibly he is the Poseidon mentioned by THEOPHRASTUS (ap. Athen. ii. p. 42), whose temple stood by a river in Caria, the quality of whose water had been changed by volcanic action,—or, as Theophrastus expresses it, by thunderbolts entering the ground in its neighbourhood.

578 ἐνδύνεται τὰ ὅπλα. It may be presumed from this custom that the πάτριος θεὸς of the Carians was a war-god. Traces of something very similar appear in an old Westphalian saw, given by GRIMM (Deutsche Mythologie, p. 211), in which Ermin, the Teutonic Mars, is invoked to
The Lycians came from Crete under Sarpedon, the brother of Minos; they are called Lycians from Lycus, a son of Pandion.
They name themselves after their mothers.

2. In these inscriptions the parties are invariably named after their mothers, not after their fathers.

3. On the coins, with inscriptions in this language, appear the Triqueta (a triangle formed of three human legs)—like the device of the Isle of Man, and that which appears on some Sicilian coins), the Asiatic Sphinx, Bellerophon, Pegasus, and Pan.

4. There is a peculiar kind of pointed arch in the rock tombs; and on the base-reliefs the legends of Sarpedon, Glauce, and Europa, are common; also the figures of a lion and a bull.

Fellowes considers the country to have consisted of a northern and southern division, the metropolis of the former being, in old Lycian Tryonu, in Greek Trios; that of the latter, in old Lycian perhaps Kopalle perhaps Arina, but in Greek Naouthus. Other Lycian towns are Panaura, Movo (Gr. Myra), Gavaga (Gr. Gago), Trybala, Ereke, and Pedassis. Traces of Lycians are also found in the tombs of those cities which the Greeks called Calypna, Telmessus, Massicyclus, Aniliheulins, Limura, and Cadyanda, all lying within the district cut off by the range of Taurus running east and west.

Possibly there is a reference here to Halicarnassus. See above, § 144.

This colony was probably founded before the Heracleid invasion, while the Laconian territory was filled with an Achaeo-Minyan population (see note on v. 72), and on this supposition Herodotus's statement is reconcilable with the local traditions of the Cnidians, who considered Triopias as their founder (PAUSAN. x. 11. 1). Triopias undoubtedly belongs to the religious system which prevailed in the Peloponnese antecedently to the Heracleid invasion. His son Pelasgus was the reputed founder of the temple of Demeter Pelasgia at Argos (PAUSAN. ii. 22. 1). His daughter Messene, marrying a younger son of Lelex, king of Laconia, colonized and gave her name to Messenia (PAUSAN. iv. 1. 1), and the orgies of the megála theai were brought from Kleos to the newly-occupied territory in her time, although afterwards much extended by Lycus the son of Pandion (PAUSAN. iv. 1. 6). Under these circumstances the Apollo of the Triopian temple would be nearly identical with the Achaean deity worshipped at Thornax, and at Amyche (see note 236). The coins of Cnidus bear the impress of Aphirolite, Apollo, Dionysus, Athebe, and Poseidon; with which last undoubtedly Triopias has much affinity. See the myths relative to him given (sub voce) in Smith's Dictionary of Biography and Mythology, and the description of the offering of the Cnidians in note 492.

538 τῶν χόρης . . . τῶν βυθῶν καλέ-καζα. "Their domain looking seaward, and commencing from the Bubassian peninsula, that which goes by the name Triopian." I have transposed the clauses of the sentence. In the MSS which Gaisford follows, the words τῶν βυθῶν κ. come between πάντων and ἀρμένης, allowing of no adequate sense. In the peninsula in question there was a τέμενος of Artemis (called in Egyptian Bubasti, ii. 137, 156), possibly for the behoof of Egyptianized Greeks who traded to Cnidus, just as there was a temple at Naukratis, at which the Cnidians sacrificed (ii. 178). DIODORUS gives the legend by which the Greeks connected this Parthenos, as he calls her, with the Triopian
The Cnidians at first make an effort, but the Delphic oracle discourages them.

Apollo (v. 63). It seems therefore scarcely doubtful, that the same peninsula which the Cnidians called Triopium, the navigators, whose home was in Egypt, would call the Bubassian peninsula; and it becomes highly probable, under such circumstances, that Cnidus furnished one instance among many of the intercourse of Achæans and Egyptians, at least for the purposes of commerce, in very early times. See the note on ii. 154. It should be however remarked, that Buβaσσίς is a conjectural emendation of Voss’s (by the help of a passage in Pompônios Mela, i. 16), all the MSS having Buβaςσίς.

399 εγένετο. This is the conjectural emendation of Bekker, the MSS having the aorist εγένετο. It is equivalent to ἔμελλε γενέσθαι.

399 ήσον δὲ Πῆδαις. This phrase seems to indicate that, at the time Herodotus was writing, a town Πῆδαις no longer existed. These Pedasians were originally, according to some accounts, Leleges from Ida (see note on viii. 17, ἄνδρων τε Καλυκέων). Strabo says that in his time the region was called Pedasias, but that there were no traces of the town. Possibly when Miletus was taken (vi. 20), and the land round about it given to the Pedaeans, Pedas was razed to the ground. Strabo speaks of traces of Leleges remaining at Miletus, as well as throughout Caria (τάφοι καὶ ἐρμάτα καὶ ἱερὰ κατοικίας δείκνυται, xii. c. 1, p. 128). The remains at Miletus are perhaps due to the occupation mentioned by Herodotus (vi. 20).

391 τρὶς σφὶ τοῦτο εγένετο. See note on viii. 104; δὲ δὴ εγένετο.
176 Obstructive defence of Xanthus in Lycia.

Πηδασέες μὲν νυν χρόνῳ ἐξαιρέθησαν. Δύναιοι δὲ, ὡς ἐς τὸ ἔρειν τοῖς ἡλικοῖς ἀρετὰς ἀπεδείκνυτο τοῖς ἐσοβηθεῖτο δὲ καὶ κατειληθεῖτο ἐς τὸ ἀστὶ, συνήλισαν ἐς τὴν ἀκρόπολιν τὰς τε γυναῖκας καὶ τὰ τέκνα καὶ τὰ χρήματα καὶ τοὺς οἰκέτας, καὶ ἐπείτα ὑπῆρξαν τὴν ἀκρόπολιν πάσαν ταῦτῃ καίσβαι ταῦτα δὲ ποιήσαντες καὶ συνομόσαντες ὅρκους δεινοὺς, ὑπεξελθόντες ἀπε- ἔβαν τάντας Ἐάνθιοι μαχόμενοι· τῶν δὲ νῦν Δύναιον φαμένον Ἐανθίων εἶναι, οἱ πολλοὶ, πλὴν ὄγδοκοτά ἑσίεοι, εἰσὶ ἐπιλοιδεί- αὶ δὲ ὅγδοκοτα ἑσίαί αὐταὶ ἔτυχον τηνικαύτα ἐκδημεύουσα, καὶ οὐτω περιεγώντο· τὴν μὲν ὅπε Ἐάνθιον οὖτος ἐσχε ὁ Ἀρταγος, παραπλησίοις δὲ καὶ τὴν Καύνον ἐσχε. καὶ γὰρ οἱ Καύνοι τὸς Δυναίον ἐμμεθέσαντο τὰ πλέο. Τὰ μὲν νυν κάτω τῆς Ἀσίης Ἀρταγος ἀνάστατα ἐποίεσε, τὰ δὲ ἂν αὐτῆς αὐτὸς Κήρος, πάν ἐθνὸς καταστρεφόμενος καὶ οὐδὲν παρείς. τὰ μὲν νυν αὐτῶν πλέον παρήσομεν· τὰ δὲ οἱ παρέσαχε πόνον τε πλείστον καὶ ἀξιαπηγητο- τάτα ἐστι, τούτων ἐπιμνήσομαι.

177 Cyrus himself subdued Upper Asia.

178 Babylon, its size.

Κήρος ἐπεί τὰ πάντα τῆς ἰπείρου ὑποχείρα ἐποιήσατο, Ἀσσυρώσα ἐπετίθετο. τῆς δὲ Ἀσσυρίης ἐστὶ τὰ μὲν κοι καὶ ἀλλα πολίσματα μεγάλα πολλά, τὸ δὲ ἐνομαστότατον καὶ ἴχνο·

592 ἐς ἐς τὸ Ἐάνθιον τεδόν ἡλικε ὁ Ἀρταγος. In the monument discovered by Fellowes (a model of which is in the British Museum), which is supposed to represent the capture of Xanthus, it has been remarked that the costume both of the besiegers and defenders is the same, and is the ordinary Greek armour. Perhaps this may arise from the circumstance of the monument having been executed long after the event it commemorated,—Leake and Head conjecture 150 years;—but on the other hand it may have been by a force levied in Ionia and Άolis, under Persian command (see § 171, init.), that Xanthus was reduced, without Asiatic troops being employed in that part of the operations. And this may furnish a clue to the very strange fact noticed in the last note. Herodotus apparently has only Hellenic traditions to follow: and the Hellenic forces employed by Harpagus may have acted only against the particular places he mentions. Of what was done by the other corps of the grand army they would be ignorant; and therefore no memory of the transactions would be preserved. And also, as becoming early incorporated among the Persian auxiliaries, the circumstances of their own subjugation would die away in their recollections, and thus produce the similar omission noticed in the note 476. It may be also doubted whether, in some important instances, the vassalage of the Ionians and Άolians to the Persian king was altogether involuntary. See the note on iv. 138, ἢσαν δὲ οὖτοι.

593 Κήρος. S, V, b, and d here resume the thread of the history (see note 468) with the words Κήρος ἐς.
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ротатоν καὶ ἐνθα σφι Νίνον ἀναστάτου γενομένης τὰ βασιλεία κατεστήκε ήν Βασιλέων, ἐσόσα τοιαύτη δή τες πόλεις κέεται ἐν πεδίο μεγάλῳ, μέγαθος ἐσόσα μέτοποι έκαστον εἰκοσι καὶ ἐκατόν στάδιοι, ἐνύσης τετραγώνων οὕτωι στάδιοι τῆς περίοδου τῆς πόλεως γίνονται συνάσπαντες όγδώκοντα καὶ τετρακύκλοι το μέν νν μέγαθος τοσοῦτον ἐστὶ τού ἅστεως τοῦ Βασιλείων. ἐκ
κόσμητο 596 ὁς οὐδείς ἄλλο πόλισμα τῶν ἡμείς ίδρευ μία ὑφροι μὲν πρῶτα μὲν βαθείᾳ τε καὶ εὐφρα καὶ πλέν ύδατος περιβέθεν μετὰ δὲ, τείχος πεντήκοντα μὲν πηχεῖς βασιλείων ἐν το εὑρίον, ὕψος δὲ, διηκοσίων πηχείων (ὁ δὲ βασιλεύος πηχύς τοῦ μετρίου ἄτι πηχείων μέξι τρισὶ δακτύλοισι 593) Δεὶ δὴ με πρὸς τούτου ὑπετὶ φράσαι, ἢ ἣ τε ἐκ τῆς τάφρον ἡ γη ἀναισμοδή καὶ το τείχος ὄντων τρόπον ἔργαστο. ὄρυσσαντες ἀμα τήν τάφρον ἐπληθεκά την ἀνή την ἐκ τοῦ ὁρύματος ἐκφερομένῃ, ἐκκύοντες δὲ πλίνθους 599 ἱκανής ὁπτησάν αὐτὰς ἐν καμάκοις μετὰ δὲ, τέλματι χρεώμενοι ἀρσφαλθόν θερμῇ, καὶ διὰ τρήκουτα δόμων πλίνθου ταρσοῦ καλάμων διαστοιβάζοντες 599, ἐδειμαν πρώτα μὲν τῆς τάφρον τὰ χείλεα,

595 ήν Βασιλέων. Herodotus speaks of this city in the past tense, a form of speech appropriate to an extremely altered condition. Compare ἧν αὐτὸν δε Πρασαώες above, § 175, and ΘΥΣΥΠΙΔΕΣ, i. 10: ὅλ μὲν ἴναια μικρὸν ἦν, (Mycene having at the time he was written was dismissed by the Argives.) So, below, the expression ἐκκύομαι, and § 180, τετείχοντα ἐστι. Used here. 596 ἐκκόσμητο. Here again the tense used is such as to imply that the state of things described no longer existed. The dimensions assigned by Herodotus, if reduced to English measures, give in round numbers for the periphery of the rampart 55 miles, 340 feet for the height, and 85 feet for the thickness of the walls. Some idea may be formed of the magnitude of the work by conceiving a viaduct for five or six lines of railway of the height of St. Paul's Cathedral carried from the Shoreditch to the Cambridge Station of the Eastern Counties Railway. Supposing the wall to be at the summit only half the thickness of the base, the mere laying of the bricks above the level of the ditch would, at an extremely favourable computation, have employed the incessant labour of 178,000 men for eleven months. This does not include those employed in excavating the earth, making the bricks, preparing the mortar, overlooking the task-work, or any other service whatever.

597 μέζιον τρισὶ δακτύλοισι. There is a good deal of difficulty in understanding this notice if we suppose the ἀκτυλιος to be each the twenty-fourth part of the common πῆχυς, which would be the obvious way of taking the passage. BÖECKH (Metrológische Untersuchungen, pp. 212, seqq.) has shown very satisfactorily that the βασιλεύος πῆχυς stood to the common one in the relation of the cube-root of 3 to the cube-root of 2. He estimates the former at 23.4'654075 Paris lines (= 20.6397 inches), and the latter at 20.4390 lines. Now, if the "three dactyls" be common ones, the addition of them to the common cubit will give only 230'615 lines, which is 4'04 lines too little. If, however, they are royal ones, their addition will make the royal cubit 234.322 lines, which is only 3'305 of a line too small, quite an inconsiderable quantity in practice, being about the ⅛ of an inch. For a reason why the royal πῆχυς should have been tacitly adopted, see note on ii. 168. It was nearly coincident with the Egyptian and the Samian, i. e. with the measure familiar to merchants.

598 ἐλλάκταντες πτίλυδος. See below, ii. 136, πτίλυδος ἐρυσαν. 599 ταρσοῦ καλάμων διαστοιβάζοντες, s 2 — Use of asphalt for mortar;
The city is divided by the Euphrates.

whence procured.

The city is divided by the Euphrates.

"interposing layers of wattled reeds." According to Rennell, modern travellers find a layer of this description "at every sixth, seventh, or eighth course in Aggar-khy, apparently a Babylonish building; and M. Beauchamp found them at every course in some of the buildings in Babylon." (Geography of Herodotus, p. 353.) Rich (Memoir on Babylon) confirms this statement. The walls of Sais are built in a similar manner. See Wilkinson, quoted in note on ii. 169.

600 οἰκήματα μονώκολα. These appear to be a mere covered way along the summit of the wall, on each side of it, something like what is seen in the streets of Bern, and in parts of Chester. One great advantage would be the shade which it furnished to foot-passengers. It does not seem necessary to translate τεθρίπτωρ περιέλαιον, "room to turn a quadriga," the sense "room for a quadriga to drive round the walls" being as appropriate. Strabo's account is, that there is good room to pass: ώς τεθρίπτης ἐναντιοδομεῖ άλληλοις ῥαδίως (xvi. c. i. p. 335).

601 δικτῇ ἡμέρεων δδόν ἀπὸ Βαβυλῶνος. If these be reckoned as caravan journeys of sixteen miles a day, the site of Babylon may be very fairly determined. Taking the ruin now called the tower of Belus for the centre of the city, its latitude is 32° 31' N.; and 128 geographical miles above, reckoning along the bank of the Euphrates, is a town called Hill, near which are some bituminous fountains. These are no doubt the tokens of μέγας, and Hilt the "Is of Herodotus. (Rennell, Geography of Herodotus, p. 350.)

602 τετείχιστο. See note 595 and 596.

603 φάρσα. This is probably the Greek term of the Chaldæan word which signified a division. The root is apparently the same as that of the word Pharisee, and of the expressions upharëis and perës in Daniel (v. 25, 28).

604 ἐξεί. Schaefer writes this word, which is a present tense, ἐξεί. But Schweighäuser rightly argues that it must be regarded as derived from the full form ἐξεί, not by the contraction of the two last syllables into one, which would be alien from the genius of the Ionic dialect, but by the elision of the penultimate syllable for the sake of euphony. This proceeding would be analogous to the derivation of αἰτέo, ἐγγέα, φοβέα, ἀρνύμεα, ἤρακλεος, from αἰτέo, ἐγγέα, φοβέα, ἀρνύμεα, ἤρακλεος. See also notes 138 and 314, above.
πλήρες οικίεων τριωρόφων τε καὶ τετρωρόφων, κατατέμιται τάς ὁδοὺς ιδείας, τάς τε ἄλλας καὶ τάς ἑπικαρσίας τάς ἑτὶ τῶν ποταμῶν ἑχοῦσας. κατὰ δὲ ὅν ἐκάστην ὅδον ἐν τῇ ἄμασι τῇ παρὰ τῶν ποταμῶν πυλίδες ἐπῆσαν, ὥσιν περὶ αἱ λαύραι τοσαῦτα ἅρμιθῶν ἦσαν δὲ καὶ αὐτά καλλίκεια, φέροντα καὶ αὐτὰ ἐς αὐτῶν τῶν ποταμῶν. Τοῦτο μὲν δὴ τὸ τείχος θώρηξ ἐστὶ ἐτερον δὲ ἐσωθὲν τείχος περιθεί, οὐ πολλὸ τέω ψευδεστερον τοῦ ἐτέρου τείχεος στειώτερον δὲ, ἐν δὲ φάρσει ἐκατέρω τῆς πύλου τετείχιστο ἐν μέσῳ ἐν τῷ ἱεν τὰ βασιλεία, περιβόλῳ μεγάλῳ τε καὶ ἱσχυρῷ, ἐν δὲ τῷ ἐτέρῳ, Δίως Βήλου ἱρὸν χαλκόπυλου, καὶ ἐς ἐμὲ τοῦτο ἐτὶ ἐδο, δύο σταδίων πάντη, ἐν τετράγωνῳ. ἐν μέσῳ δὲ τοῦ ἱροῦ πύργων στερεός οἰκοδόμηται, σταδίου καὶ τὸ μήκος καὶ τὸ εὐρός· ἐπὶ τούτῳ τῷ πύργῳ ἄλλος πύργος ἐπιβεβηκε καὶ ἐτερος μάλα ἐπὶ τοῦτο, μέχρις οὖ ὁκτὼ πύργον ἀνάβασις δὲ ἐς αὐτοὺς ἐξωθεὶς κύκλῳ περὶ πάντας τῶν πύργων ἑχοῦσα πεποίηται μεσοῦτῃ δὲ κοι τῆς ἀναβασίας ἐστὶ καταγωγή τε καὶ ἀρκου ἀμπαυστήριοι, ἐν τοῖς κατίζοντες ἀμπαύονται οἱ ἄνω-

605 τριωρόφων τε καὶ τετρωρόφων. The MSS have τριωρόφων, which is probably a mere mistake. Dionysius (Art. Rhet. i. 3) seems to have found πεντωρόφων καὶ ξυρόφων, which is more likely to have been from a variation in the MS which he used, than from a slip of the memory. See note 392.

606 ἐπὶ ὁμίλων. The manuscript S has ἐστίκρισθαι. The passage from Strabo, quoted in note 607, Strabo's account of the original dimensions of the tomb (which he says had been a pyramid) makes each side one stade, and the height the same. He makes no mention of a precinct, probably because the space between it and the central monument was covered with the ruins of the latter, and the whole area was reckoned as the base of the tomb. The dimensions which he gives of the walls of the city are very much below those of Herodotus. See the note on iv. 124, τῶν ἑτὶ ἐς ἑμὶ τὰ ἑρείπια ἑδὲ ἡνν.
and ritual on the summit, superintended by Chaldean priests.

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Similar customs at Egyptian Thebes and Patara.

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Another temple on the same site, below, with a golden statue of Zeus, and an altar.

Another large altar.

A colossal of solid gold once existed, carried off by Xerxes.

611 Ὄθηβαίως. The MSS which have this form here have in ii. 52 the more common one, Ὄθηβαῖον. In ii. 54, all agree in this form. So little constancy is there in the existing MSS of this author.

612 οὐ γὰρ ἐκαὶ ἐστὶ χρυσάριον αὐτόθι. The tradition ran, that the deity divided his time between Delos and Patara, passing the summer in the former, and the winter in the latter (Servius, ad Ἱερ. iv. 143). Hence Horace uses the title “Delius et Patareus Apollo.” (3 Od. iv. 64.)

613 ἄλλος κάτω θυρίς. This seems to have been a crypt.”

614 ταλάντων. The talent here spoken of will no doubt be the Babylonian; for the magnitude of which see the note on iii. 31, ὃντατι Ἐβδομήκοντα μύκας.

615 χιλιά τάλαντα. See the last note.

616 τῶν χρόνων ἔκεινον. It is not very easy to explain this phrase, if we suppose it to have come from the hand of Herodotus. I should be almost inclined to suspect the passage ῃς ἔκειν ἐν τῷ τέμενει ... τῶν ἀνδρίατα, a subsequent annotation, and then τ. χρ. ἔκειν, might mean “that time of which Herodotus was just speaking,” in the present tense. See note 532.
βουλέωσα, οὐκ ἐτύλμησε λαβέων Ἑρέψις δὲ ὁ Δαρείου ἠλαβέ 617, καὶ τὸν ἱρέα ἀπέκτεινε ἀπαγορεύοντα μὴ κινεῖν τὸν ἀυδώματα. τὸ μὲν δὴ ἱρὸν τοῦτο οὖτω κεκόσμητο 618, ἐστὶ δὲ καὶ ίδια ἀναθήματα πολλά.

Τῆς δὲ Βαβυλῶνος ταύτης 619 πολλοὶ μὲν καὶ ἄλλοι ἐγένοντο βασιλέες, τῶν ἐν τοῖς Ἀσσυρίοις λόγοις 620 μὴμήν ποιήσομαι, οὐ τὰ τείχεα τα ἐπεκόσμησαν καὶ τὰ ἱρά ἐν δὲ δὴ καὶ γυναῖκες δύο. ἡ μὲν πρότερον ἀρξασα τῆς ὄστερον γενέσθη πέντε πρότερον γενομένη, τῇ οὖν τα Ἔμερμας 621, αὕτη μὲν ἀπεδείξατο χώραμα ἀνα τὸ πεδιον ἐώστα ἄξιοθέτα: πρότερον δὲ ἐδώθε ὁ ποταμὸς ἀνα τὸ πεδιον πάν τελαγίζειν. Ἡ δὲ δὴ δεύτερον γενομένη ταύτης βασιλεία τῇ οὖν ἡ Νίτωκρις, (αὕτη δὲ συνεπτέρε γενομένη τῆς πρότερον ἀρξάσας,) τούτο μὲν μημήσανε εἴλπετο τὰ ἐνρί ἀπογράφωμαι τοῦτο δὲ τὴν Μήδου ὄροσα ἀρξάχις μεγάλην τε καὶ οὐκ ἀπεμικύσαν, ἀλλὰ τὰ ἀραιημένα ἀστεα αὐτοῦ ἐν δὲ δὴ καὶ τὴν Νίνον 622, προεφυλάξατο ὥσα ἐδώνατο μάλιστα, πρῶτα μὲν τὸν Εὐφρατην ποταμὸν βένυτα πρότερον ἰδίων, ὃς σφι διὰ τῆς πολικῆς μέσης ῥεε, τούτου ἀνοθεν διάφορα ύρύξασα οὖτω δὴ τε ἐποίησε σκολιῶν, ὥστε δὴ τρὶς ἐς τῶν τινα κομίων τῶν ἐν τῇ Ἀσσυρί
The water-passage of the Euphrates vicinity of Babylon.

of the formation of the canal. It was made to equalize the variable supply by the river, which rendered navigation impossible. The pool too, besides its uses as a reservoir, probably formed a dock for the barges to lie in, which, before Babylon was depopulated, must have brought provisions for the use of the population within the walls. The kryptis was a stone quay which ran round the margin. But the Greeks, quite unfamiliar with artificial navigation, viewed all the works as parts of a system of defence. See the next note.

624 *Αρδέρικα. The σταθμός in the neighbourhood of Susa, where Darius located the captive Eretrians (vi. 119), was called by the same name, which was doubtless significant in Chaldaic. See the note on that passage.

625 [e]ταπαλέωντες έτσι τήν Ευφράτην πο- ταμόν. This is a very strange phrase, and seems to indicate a belief on the part of the narrator, that a water-passage existed from the Mediterranean (τής θαλάσσης) into the Euphrates; a notion which may possibly have arisen from an indistinct knowledge of the line of traffic passing up the Orontes, and after a land-portage meeting the Euphrates, a course analogous to that by the Phasis and Cyrus, described above in note 363.

625 ēλυτρον λίμνην, "a reservoir for a pool." Thus ēλυτρα ιώδητων (iv. 173) are "tanks" to hold the potable water.

626 έτσι τή υδάρα άεί ορύσσουσα, "digging till she came to water." This is not stagn-ant, but spring water, that which rose up from a pervious stratum, after the alluvium of the surface had been removed. I believe that Herodotus never uses the word υδάρα except where potable water is meant.

627 ἐν τῇ ποταμῷ βραδύτερος εἶν. Here no doubt we have the real reason
ing whirlpools by an artificial barrier built across the stream. On the eastern bank the soil had been washed away by the current, but a solid mass of masonry still withstood its impetuosity. The Arab who guided my small raft gave himself up to religious ejaculations as we approached this formidable cataract, over which we were carried with some violence. Once safely through the danger, he explained to me that this unusual change in the quiet face of the river was caused by a great dam which had been built by Nimrod, and that in the autumn, before the winter rains, the huge stones of which it was constructed, squared and united by cramps of iron, were frequently visible above the surface of the stream. It was, in fact, one of those monuments of a great people, to be found in all the rivers of Mesopotamia, which were undertaken to ensure a constant supply of water to the innumerable canals spreading like network over the surrounding country, and which, even in the days of Alexander, were looked upon as the works of an ancient nation. No wonder that the traditions of the present inhabitants of the land should assign them to one of the founders of the human race! The Arab explained the connexion between the dam and the city built by Athur, the lieutenant of Ninrod, the vast ruins of which were then before us, and of its purpose as a causeway for the mighty hunter to cross to the opposite palace now represented by the mound of Hammuman A'l.

(Chap. i. p. 9.)

649 τῆς πόλεως ἐνόσης δύο φαρσέων, "the city being one composed of two divisions;" an uncommon construction. There is said to be an ample supply of stone a little above Hit, where the bitumen springs were (see note 601), and from hence probably the masses used in the works near Babylon were floated down. That they came from a distance seems implied in the expression λίθος ἀγαλμάτις, § 135.

650 κατὰ μέσην κοιπαλίστα τὴν πόλιν. It is not easy to conceive the operations described by Herodotus as taking place in the order in which he represents. The natural course would be, first to dig the basin, then to form a dam across the river just below the intended entrance, and, finally, to open this. If the last operation took place just when the river began to fall, a considerable time would elapse before the basin filled, and in the meanwhile the bed below the dam would be left dry, and the χειλεα τοῦ ποταμοῦ κατὰ τὴν πόλιν might be built up with bricks. But such a dam would not be
'Hδ' αὕτη αὐτὴ βασίλεια καὶ ἀπάτην τοιάδήπερ τινὰ ἐμηχανήσατο· ὑπὲρ τῶν μάλιστα λεωφόρων πυλέων τοῦ ἁστεος τάφων ἐσούτῃ κατεσκευάσατο μετέωρον ἐπιπολήν αὐτῶν τῶν πυλέων· ἐνεκάλαψε δὲ ἐς τὸν τάφον ἡγάματα λέγοντα τιάδε· ΤΩΝ ΤΙΣ ΕΜΕΤ ῬΤΣΕΡΟΝ ΤΙΝΟΜΕΝΩΝ ΒΑΒΥΛΩΝΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΗΝ ΣΠΑΝΙΣΘΙ ΧΡΗΜΑΤΩΝ, ΑΝΟΙΞΑΣ ΤΟΝ ΤΑΦΟΝ ΛΑΒΕΤΩ· ΟΚΟΣΑ ΒΟΥΛΕΤΑΙ ΧΡΗΜΑΤΑ. ΜΗ ΜΕΝΟΙ ΓΕ ΜΗ ΣΠΑΝΙΣΑΣ ΓΕ, ΑΛΛΟΣ ΑΝΟΙΞΗ· ΟΥ ΓΑΡ ΑΜΕΙΝΟΝ. οὕτος ο ὁ τάφος ἦν ἀκίνητος μέχρι οὐ ἐς Δαρείων περιήλθη ἢ βασιληγῆ· Δαρείω 631 δὲ καὶ δεινὸν εδόκεε εἶναι τήσι πύλησι ταυτήσι μηδὲν χρεόσθαι, καὶ χρημάτων κειμένων καὶ αὐτῶν [τῶν χρημάτων] ἐπικαλεομένων, μὴ οὐ λαβεῖν αὐτὰ· τῆςι

in the middle of the city, but above it. Possibly a second one was built, the γέφυρα spoken of by Herodotus, in order to head up the water and keep a constant level in the neighbourhood of the palace; an effect which would be produced if a supply was furnished by sluices, some communicating between the “pool” and the “old bed,” and the others in the upper dam. This supply would take place only when the river was low, so that its level became inferior to that of “the pool,” and the latter, by letting the water out of it, would become a swamp, and oblige those who came down the Euphrates to make a great circuit, thus giving a colour to the notion expressed above (see note 627). It will be seen that all the particular operations spoken of by Herodotus may have taken place, but not in the manner or with the object he represents. Nothing is more likely than that he was unaware of the existence of the upper dam, which, if it existed in his time, was κατούπερθε παλλάδι Βαβυλώνοις (§ 185). 631 Δαρείω. Ctesias does not appear to have related any expedition of Darius against Babylon, nor any profanation of the tomb by him. But he does make Xerxes open the sarcophagus (πύελος) of Belitana (Βελησ) there, which was religiously preserved, and fail in the attempt to fill it with oil, as, says Ctesias, καὶ ὑπεγέρματο (op. Photinn, Bill. p. 39, ed. Bekker). Aelian (Var. Hist. xiii. 3) gives the same account, with fuller particulars, one of which is that the sarcophagus was of glass,—a circumstance which derives some plausibility from the discoveries recently made at Nineveh. Strabo (xvi. c. 1, p. 336) likewise says that the tomb of Belus was in ruins,—“destroyed, as they say, by Xerxes.”
'O de de Kýroς épti taúthi tis' gnwaiκον toû paîda éstropatên, éxontá te toû patrôs toû éwontô toûνôma Lαβυνίτου καὶ tîn 'Aσσυρίων ἀρχίν. (στρατευέται de δή βασιλεύς ὁ μέγας καὶ στιτίοι εὐ ἐκενασμένοι εξ οἶκον καὶ προβάτους καὶ δὴ καὶ ὑδωρ ἀπὸ τοῦ Χοάσπεω ποταμοῦ ἀμα ἡγετάται τοῦ παρὰ Σοῦσα ἰένων, τοῦ μοῦνον πῖνε βασιλεύς καὶ ἀλλον οὐδενὸς ποταμού τοῦτον de τοῦ Χοάσπεω τοῦ ὑδάτος ἀπενερωμένοι πολλαὶ κάρτα ἀμαξαὶ τετράκυκλοι ἡμίονεια κομίζουσιν ἐν ἀγγείοις ἀργυρέωις, ἐποντο ὧν ἄν ἐλάϊνησε ἐκιστοτε.) 'Ἐπεὶ τε de ὁ Kýroς πορευόμενος ἐπὶ τὴν Βαβυλῶνα ἐγινετο ἐπὶ Γύνδη ποταμοῦ, τοῦ αἱ μὲν

632 ἔα. The form ἔα is used ii. 19.
633 Lαβυνίτων. It is questionable whether this name, like the Etruscan Lars, is not a title of honour or dignity rather than a proper name. "Labyrinthus the Babylonian" is mentioned in conjunction with "Syemnesis the Cilician" (above, § 74), as mediating a peace between the Lydians and Medes in the year 610 n.c. A Labyrinthus is also represented as king of the Babylonians, and an ally of Croesus in § 77. It is natural to presume that this latter Labyrinthus is the same with the one in the text, according to the view of Herodotus; but it does not, from Herodotus, appear in what exact relation he stood to the Labyrinthus mentioned § 74. Neither does it seem certain that the historical cycle to which the account of Babylon (§§ 178—191) belongs, contained the account of the Lydian and Median war (§§ 73, 74).
634 τοῦ Χοάσπεω ποταμοῦ. See note on v. 49.
635 τοῦ μοῦνον πῖνε βασιλεύς. Rennell remarks on the much greater importance attached by Asiatics than by Europeans to the quality of water. It may also be observed that some waters travel much better than others; and that this property was considered in the regulation in question seems evident from the boiling the water before bottling it. When

Mountstuart Elphinstone went on his embassy to Caubul, Bahawul Khan sent him four brazen jars of pure water from the Hyphasis, sealed with his own seal, several days' journey into the desert east of the Indus (Caubul, p. 15). See too the commendation of the Teuris (iv. 91). For the extremely unusual form ἐλάϊνησι in the next sentence, several MSS have ἐλαϊφῆς.
636 ἐγινετο ἐπὶ Γύνδη ποταμοῖ. It must be remembered that the march of Cyrus upon Babylon takes place from Aghanata, not from Susa. (See above, § 153.) This would make it not unreasonable to suppose the Gyndes the Diyelkh, which falls into the Tigris from the East a little below Baghdad,—a site which appears to be required by the route of Aristogoras (v. 52). But Rennell remarks that there is great inaccuracy in the topography, as the language of the author suggests that Opis lies on the Tigris below the junction of the Gyndes; whereas it appears from the Anabasis of Xenophon (ii. 4. 23) that Opis was twenty parasangs higher up the stream than Sitace, and Sitace above the junction of the Diyelkh. (Geography of Herodotus, p. 202.) Certainly the vagueness is against the supposition of Herodotus having himself seen the site of Cyrus's exploit, the story of which appears to be a later legend.
to account for certain works of irrigation. (See note 621.) The city Opis was, according to Xenophon, one of importance; and the especial particulars which a Greek merchant would know of it would be that it was in the vicinity of an important water communication with the Eastern markets. As to whether it was higher or lower than the natural mouth of the Gynedes he would neither know nor care. The importance of the site for a commercial city is evident from the fact that it was the point by which Alexander made the Tigris navigable from the sea (Strabo, xvi, cap. i. p. 338).

637 Ἐν Ματινοῦσι οἴρεσι. See note 681.

638 Ἰδιὰ Δαρδανέων. One MS (K) has Δαρδανέων. Rawlinson (Geogr. Journal, vol. ix. p. 28), with great plausibility, proposes to read Ἰδιὰ Δαράνιων. The Diyleh in its upper course flows through a remarkable defile called Darnigh (lat. 35° 10', long. 46° 30'), which he identifies with the Darna of Prolemus, and supposed to be alluded to here.

639 ἕντα νήσιπερτον, "being a river crossed by a ferry," or possibly "by a bridge of boats." The Diyleh "is crossed by a bridge of boats a little above its mouth, and its breadth is there sixty yards." (Penny Cyclopaedia, vol. iii. p. 267.) The same writer, speaking from personal observation, says, "at Bakoooba, about forty miles above its mouth, it may, during the summer, be forded on horseback, although its stream is very rapid."

640 τῶν τις ἱδρῶν ἱππων τῶν λευκῶν. This feature in the narrative, like that of the transport of the Choaspes water, bespeaks a pomp and state proper to the Persian kings after the time of Darins (see vii. 40), but hardly before. It implies a high development of the worship of the Sun-god (see vii. 54, 55); and this circumstance, combined with the number 360 (that of the days in the Babylonian and Egyptian year), leads me to think that the temple of Belus at Babylon is probably the locality where this story originated. The number 360 entered so much into Persian ideas in after-times, that Strabo speaks of a popular song, of which the subject is the useful qualities of the date-palm, and of these that number is enumerated (xvi. c. i. p. 343).

641 κατέτεινε σχυοντενεά...διώρυχας. There seems little doubt this work was entirely one of irrigation, by which the neighbourhood both of the Euphrates and the Tigris was brought into a state of garden cultivation. The Greeks probably became generally familiar, for the first time, with this process, by the expedition of the 10,000. Xenophon (Anab. ii. 4. 13) describes very graphically two canals running out of the Tigris, which the army passed, the one on a bridge, the other on a raft of seven boats: κατετέθηντο δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν καὶ τάφροι ἐτί τὴν χώραν αὶ μὲν πρώτα μεγάλαι, ἐπετα δὲ ἐλάττουσ, τέλος δὲ καὶ μακρὸ ὀχέτοι, διότερ ἐν τῇ Σαλαίτῃ ἐτί τὰς μελίνας. And, if the Gynedes be the Diyleh, that river actually formed the principal feeder of a system of irrigation on the east bank of the Tigris. "The most important of these canals," says an eye-witness, "is the Naharawan, which commenced near
Samara on the east bank of the Tigris, from whence its remains may be traced to below Koote; and, although all further traces are lost in the marshes of Susiana, it appears that it originally extended to the Kerak. It received the Diyleleh in its course, and it is a fact notorious in the neighbourhood, that the existing channel of that river, from the Naharawan to the Tigris, is of comparatively recent formation.7 (Penny Cyclopaedia, vol. iii. p. 267.) See notes 621 and 636.

612 dialabów. See note 402.

613 κατὰ τὸ τοῦτο ἐσήμαν ἐς τὴν Βαβυ-
λώνα. That the coup-de-main of Cyrus could have been executed in the way described is impossible to conceive. The pool into which he is said to have turned

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190 He advances upon Baby-
lon in the second
spring, and shuts the
enemy up in their
walls.

191 He succeeds in taking
the city by a stra-
tagem.
Immense resources of Babylonia.

to Κύρου ποιεύμενον, οὐδ' ἂν περιώδνεις τοὺς Πέρσας ἐσελθεῖν ἐς τὴν πόλιν διέφθειραν κάκιστα· κατακλῆσαντες γὰρ ἀν πᾶσας τὰς ἕως τὸν ποταμὸν ππιδᾶσα ἐχόμενας, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐπὶ τὰς αἰμασίας ἀναβάντες τὰς παρὰ τὰ χεῖλα τοῦ ποταμοῦ ἐξηλαμένας, ἔλαβον ἀν σφαῖρα ὡς ἐν κύρτῃ 641. ὑπὸ δὲ εξ ἀπροσδοκίατου σφι παρεστησάν οἱ Πέρσαι. ὑπὸ δὲ μεγάλους τῆς πόλεως, ὅς λέγεται ὑπὸ τῶν ταύτης οἰκίμενως, τῶν περὶ τὰ ἐσχάτα τῆς πόλεως ἐλακότων, τοὺς τὸ μέσον οἰκεύοντας τῶν Βαβυλωνίων οὐ μανθαίνειν ἐλακότασ 645. ἀλλὰ (τυχεῖν γὰρ σφι ἔσσαν ὅρθη) χρονεῖν τε τοῦτον τὸν χρόνον καὶ ἐν εὐπαθείᾳ εἶναι, ὡς δὴ καὶ τὸ κάρτα ἐπιθύμητο.

Καὶ Βαβυλὼν μὲν οὔτω τὸτε πρῶτον ἀραίρητο. τὴν δὲ δύναμιν τῶν Βαβυλωνίων πολλοῦσι μὲν καὶ ἀλλοισι δηλώσω ὅση τίς ἐστιν, ἐν δὲ δὴ καὶ τόδε βασιλεῖ τὸν μεγάλον ἐς τροφὴν αὐτοῦ τε καὶ τῆς στρατηγίας διαράφησαι, πάρεξ τοῦ φόρου, γῆ πάσα ὅσης ἀρχεῖν δυνάσθαι ὅν μηνῶν ἐόντων ἐς τὸν ἐναυτὸν, τοὺς τέσσαρας μήνας τρέφει μὲν ἡ Βαβυλωνία χόρη, τοὺς δὲ ὀκτὼ τῶν μηνῶν ἡ λοιπὴ

the river was far above the city, and was already empty. As it was the summer time, its bottom would (if the theory in the note 630 be well founded) be little, if at all, below the level of the neighbouring river. The water therefore would have had to run up hill in order to get into it from the centre of Babylon. But, if the level of the pool be supposed such as to admit of the operation as described by Herodotus, it could not have been a swamp at the time, as he states it to have been,—nor could the operation of Nitocris ever have taken place.

The whole of the proceeding is very intelligible however, if the works were such as imagined in the note above referred to, and the siege was laid not to the whole town but to the palace-fortress,—no longer standing, apparently, in the time of Herodotus, but which Diodorus (ii. 8 and 11), probably from Ctesias, and Strabo (xvi. p. 335), describe as built on the bank of the river, with well-watered ornamental gardens. These could not have been kept up in the dry season without damming up the water, as suggested in the above note. The destruction of this dam would readily and rapidly effect the lowering of the water, and a scaling party being directed upon the wall at the farthest part from the dam, where of course the water would first be sufficiently low, would meet but little opposition. The scientific Babylonians probably looked upon the Persians as the generals of 1745 might on the Highland invaders of England, and, when Cyrus appeared to withdraw his army, thought the risk was over. From the suggestion of Herodotus, έστε ἄλλοις οἱ ἀνορθώσαν ἄπειθησα, one may conjecture that a Babylonian deserter, or some other person, might have pointed out to him the mode of striking a fatal blow.

641 κύρτη. The MS S has the reading κυρτῆς, from an incorporation of the marginal reading κυρτῆς with the textual κύρτη, or the converse.

645 οἱ μανθάνειν ἐλακότας. Aristotle, speaking of the magnitude of the city, says, ὡς γὰρ ἔσται ἐλακόνια τρῖτην ἡμέραν. In our version seems to result from a blending of this fact together with the other well-known one, that a festival was going on in the palace. It may be observed in reference to the explanation given in note 643, that a passage of the Old Testament (Jeremiah ii. 31), which in our version appears opposed to it, is not at all so in Dathe's translation. In the LXX it does not exist.
The MSS vary between this form, Τριτανταίχμη and Τριτανταίχμων. But all have the form in the text in vii. 82. At the same time it will be observed that the name of the father is in that place Artabazus.

It is more especially applied to the territorial divisions of Egypt, as appears from many passages in book ii. See note 474.

This would lead one to suppose that the name is either Egyptian or Babylonian. But the dimensions given in the text are different from those of the Egyptian artabae. This, according to Boeckh (Metrologische Untersuchungen, pp. 242, 3) was equal to seventy-two Roman sextarii, and identical with the Hebrew Bath or Ephah, and the Attic Metreles. But there was also a more modern Egyptian artabae, which stood to the other in the relation 20 : 27. The measure in the text is much more than the greater of these, as it = 72 + 24 + 3.2 (= 102) sextarii, and it bears no relation to any known system of measurement. Perhaps the true explanation is, that the unit of measurement in which the tribute was paid entered into the metrological system of the Persian mountaineers, somewhat as the artabae entered into the more scientific scale of the Egyptians and the Chaldeans, and was therefore called by that name. On the eastern coast of England, when the fishing boats come in, the herrings are sold by "the hundred,"—which however means 140 in practice. A foreigner, who witnessed this transaction, might naturally speak of "a hundred" as a Lowestoft word of number meaning seven score. It is by just the converse process that the common people ordinarily speak of a 4lb. loaf as a quarter.

This is the reading of S, V, b, and d. Other MSS have πολεμιστηρίων, which Gaisford adopts. The well-known passage in Theocritus (xv. 51),

τοι πολεμισταί ἵπποι τῷ βασιλῆς,

favours the reading in the text. Similarly Buccephalus is called πολεμιστής ἄγαθος by Strabo; and Diodorus (ii. 41) speaks of πολεμισταί ἵπποι in India.

The writer quoted in note 630, says that at Baghdad it is very rare for rain to fall between the beginning of May and the middle of September. A considerable amount of water, he says, falls in the autumn, but the whole number of days on which it rains is probably not more than twenty-five in the year. Lavyard (Nivenec, p. 7) describes the luxuriant vegetation of the plains after the spring rains, which appear to fall in January (p. 53).
Irrigation of the plain of Babylon unlike that of Egypt.

The soil excellent for cereals, but producing nothing else.

651 οὗ, κατάπερ ἐν Ἀἰγύπτῳ, αὐτῶν τοῦ ποταμοῦ ἀναβαίνοντος. In the present state of the country, the canals and sluices not being kept up, inundations are very common after the melting of the Armenian snows. But the arrangements mentioned by Herodotus in the text both saved the surplus water brought down for summer irrigation, and prevented the overflow in April and May. The reference to Egypt as a standard of comparison is to be remarked. (See note 474.)

652 κηλωνησία. The sinking of the level of the water in the dry season would render machinery requisite for raising it from the ditches to the land.

653 πρὸς ἴλιον τετραμμένη τῶν χειμερινῶν, i.e. turned towards the point of the horizon where the sun rises at the winter solstice.

654 οἴκηστο. This reading is preserved in a single Ms. Three others have οἷς ὀίκηστο, one οἴκηστο, and three οἰκάκεστο. These variations are curious, as all arising primarily out of marginal alternative readings, οἷς ὀίκηστο. The last, which apparently proceeded from alternative readings connected by the letter κ (καί), perhaps became modified by the copyist imagining the word to be compounded from οἶκος and οἰκέων.

655 οἷς πειρᾶται ἀρχὴν φέρειν, "there is not even a pretence at its producing them." By τὰ ἄλλα δ. the writer would doubtless mean only those familiar to the Greeks, the ἀτελεία abounding throughout the whole region to such an extent that Στράτιος (xvi. c. 1, p. 343) says, that, with the exception of barley, the Babylonians get every thing from the palm, καὶ γὰρ ἄρτος καὶ οἶνος καὶ δῶρα καὶ κληρονομικὰ καὶ ἄλλα μέρα. It was the only wood too which they used in building. (1D. iβ. p. 336.) See too the song described in note 610. Also the observation relative to the olive and vine must be taken as confined to the plains watered by the rivers, that is, to the vicinity of the commercial track; for the vine and olive are cultivated largely in the hills, and not only appear on the Niniveh sculptures, but in the speech of Rabshakeh describing the attractions of the country (2 Kings xviii. 32).
Τὸ δὲ ἀπάντων θόμμα μέγιστὸν μοι ἐστὶ τῶν ταύτης, μετὰ γε αὐτὴν τὴν πόλιν, ἔρχομαι φράσων. τὰ πλοῖα αὐτοῖς ἐστὶ τῷ κατὰ τὸν ποταμὸν πορεύομενα ἐς τὴν Βαβυλῶνα, ἐόντα κυκλοτερέα, πάντα σκύτειν ἔπειτα ἃρα ἐν τούτῳ Ἀρμενίων τοῖς κατὰ ἕπερθε Ἀσσυρίων οἰκήμενοις νομέας ἴτερας ἐκμεταλλάκτων, ἐπιτείνουσι τούτους διοικήσει στεγαστρίδες ἐξωθεὶν ἐδάφεος τρόπων, οὔτε πρόμην ἀποκρίνοντες οὔτε πρόρρην συνάγοντες, ἀλλ᾿ ἀσπίδος τρόπων κυκλοτερεία ποιήσαντες καὶ καλάμης πλήσαντες πᾶν τὸ πλοῖον τοῦτο, ἀπάσχιστα κατὰ τὸν ποταμὸν φέρεσθαι φορτίον πλήσαντες· μάλιστα δὲ βίκους φωικηήσαν κατάγοντες οἶνον πλέων· ἰδυνέα δὲ ὑπὸ τε δύο πλήκτρων, καὶ δύο ἀμερῶν ὀρθῶν ἑστεκότων καὶ ὁ μὲν ἐσοὶ ἐλκεῖ τὸ πλήκτρον ὁ δὲ ἐξω ὀδεῖνε 660.
moving power of the vessel being the force of the stream, and the hands being only required for guidance.

661 ἀλώτων. Doubtless Babylonian talents (see note on iii. 89), which would give about 250 tons.

662 ἀπεκτέρχεται, "their habitat is to sell by auction." This is the frequent use of the norist.

663 ἀνὰ τὸν ποταμὸν ἄρα δὴ οὐκ οἷά τε ἐστὶ πλέον. Shiel (Geogr. Journal, viii. p. 89) says that at the present time boats do not go up and down the Tigris above Mosul, but that keleeks, or floats of inflated sheepskins, descend from Diarbekir to Mosul, where the skins are sold. 664 χλαμίδιον λευκὸν περιβαλλόμενος, "a white shawl, wrapping it about him," i.e. for a girdle, which serves the Orientals as a parse. The linen dress was doubtless worn next to the skin from motives of cleanliness. Compare the Egyptian garb (ii. 81).

665 παραπλῆσια τῷ Βαβυλώνις ἐμβάσα. Layard (Nineveh, ii. p. 324) gives a representation of these slippers, which are very peculiar. They cover the heel, but leave the fore-part of the foot quite exposed, and the toes only protected by a sole laced over the instep, without any return over the points. This exactly answers to the description of the Theban women's shoe (Dioscorides, quoted by Bayer ad loc.) ; and it may be remarked that the whole Assyrian dress has an effeminate character, which is explained by Diodes (ii. 6) as arising from the circumstance of its having been adopted first by the Medes and afterwards by the Persians in the costume of Semiramis.

666 ἀνεν ἐπισήμου. Probably these devices were sacred emblems; and perhaps the deity under whose especial protection each individual was determined the particular symbol adopted. The eagle seems rather a Persian than a Babylonian symbol, which the dove perhaps was (see note 306). The lily was probably the lotus. The apple and the rose may have been parts of the lily called Nelumbium speciosum (see note on ii. 92), a plant
which throughout the whole of the East, from Egypt to China, has been adopted as a symbol of the reproductive principle.

667 ταύτας ἵκες συναγάγουσιν πάσας. These words are nearly identical in sense with the clause which follows them, συναγάγουσιν πάσας being scarcely distinguishable from εἰς ἐν χρόνιον ἐσάγων ἄλλας, unless on the supposition of the first collection being from the surrounding country into a village, and the second the assemblage of the girls thus selected at the auction-mart. But, as the author states that the sale took place in every village, the first step in this proceeding seems precluded. It seems not impossible that here the text has again been rendered turbid by the mixture of different MSS.

668 ἀπάγεσθαι. The MSS vary between this form, ἀγάγεσθαι, ἀπάγεσθαι and ἐν ἀγέσθαι. Gaisford adopts the last. For the use of οὕτω, see note 22, above.

669 ὁ μὲν νῦν κάλλιστος νόμος. From hence to the end of the paragraph appears to be a kind of note, perhaps added by the author himself.
мю́ д' э́ стерпн по́ лин а́ гунта́ в' етепи те ѓ ар а́ ловте эка́ ковсъ сна́ в' ве ид' мов си́ ново́ с касте́ тикьес тов' ками́ нантас э тыв' а́ горнн э́ форо́ ну́ 670. оу' га́р д' я́ хрео́ нуты́ и́ троу́ в' п р о си́ о н ты́ ов' пров' тов' ками́ ната, сю́ мбвоу́ леоно́ п ер тыв' носу́ в э́ и тис' кай' ау́ тов' тоиоутон ешабе окоо́ нъ э́ кий ом нъ н' алло в э́ дие пато́ нта' тау́ та проси́ о н ты́ сю́ мбв оу́ леоно́ сь, кай' па риа нео́ ну́ тов' ау́ тов' п о у ш а сь э́ фро́ ну́ я́ мо овъ нъ носу́ в н' аллож э́ дие э́ фро́ ну́ нт я́ сну́ ть д' па ре́ к а д е вь тов' ками́ нанта, оу' сфи́ эшее́ ты' прив' ау́ н эп е ри н та́ та ы́ мт ина носу́ в э́ кий. тауфе́ д' сфи' эв' мелиту́ ыхро́ ну д' па ра п лйс иов' тои в' эв' гу́ пттв 671. оу́ сакис' д' ау ми́ хь д' г нва к и ть ёу о у тов' ай нир Б а въ лу́ в ио́ сь, п ер ти́ мийка́ к а т а г р и з м е н о нъ э́ кий э́ терь вт д' э́ ю н' товт' товт' п о и н е сь ы́ тро ну д' д' гемо н е н о нъ ло у нт а кай' а м фо то р ен а́ гг ес ы́ м ар оуд е н о нъ а гу нта́ в прив' ау́ н лоу́ нт а сь' тау́ та д' тау́ та кай' ' а р а б и о н' п о у ш а сь.

' о д' д' дя ы́ вкй стос 672 тов' ном н' эст тов' Б а въ лу́ в ио́ сь' д' д' п у с а в' г нва к иа́ е т и к войн' е́ зом е нъ ес' и ров' А ф р о д и т и с' а п а з' э в' ть ё н' м и х д' и м а ы́ н и сь е́ п и р е ф у т д' д' д' гемо н е н о нъ ло у нт а кай' а м фо то р ен а́ гг ес ы́ м ар оуд е н о нъ а гу нт а в прив' ау́ н лоу́ нт а сь' тау́ та д' тау́ та кай' ' а р а б и о н' п о у ш а сь.

670 тов' ками́ нантас еи тыв' а́ горнн э́ форо́ ну́ 670. стр а б о (iii. c. 3, p. 240) саи сь о ф и ш п я н с к и м у н т а и н е р с : тов' а́ ро в с т а в, д' е п е р о Б а въ гу́ пттв 671 тов' п а ла и в, проп и тые́ н у д' д' д' гемо н е н о нъ тов' п а д у с у н т о п н ы сх' да́ ръ. п о л' дь о сь д' кай' о ик' а д и э к иа́ м и о с г е т а в' ть д' а л л е р сь оиа п лу́ т о у н п е ре р ф р о н у н т я, этп' зевь́ ге нъ ев' к а м а р и с. 673 д' л а с с а в' пр о в' т яр о ' эст а сь' п э с а т п и т я' д' л а с с а в' е д' п с дя ы́ вкй стос.

Custom arising out of the My- litta-wor- ship.

670 tois kaimonatas eis tis agorhn ekfroewnai. Strabo (iii. c. 3, p. 240) says of the Spanish mountaineers: tois arbobasoun, eis peper oi Agupttioi to palaiiv, proswdean eis tas idous tois petsferamouen tov padou upothenkhs xarwn. It is possible that he may by a slip of memory have this passage in his mind. But the words to palaiow are remarkable, and perhaps a tradition may have re- mained of the early practice of Egyptian physicians, the first rude approximation to the collection of medical observations. If so, here will be another point of ac- cordance between Babylon and Egypt.

671 parapthsisio tois ein Agupttio. See note 651.

672 o de die aixchias. This paragraph does not exist in the manuscripts S, V, b, d, and it seems very questionable whether it does not rest on a different authority from the rest of the Babylonian customs, the account of which appears naturally concluded. It is also difficult to reconcile the practice related in it with that of selling the young maidens, except we suppose that it applies to the wealthy town population, and the other only to the common people who lived kata kawas (§ 196). It is impossible to believe that it is a practice which, under the compulsion of necessity, succeeded to the other.

673 en kaimarisi. The word kaimar is etymologically equivalent to the Latin camera and the Teutonic kammer, and seems to mean a semi-cylindrical covering, like the tilted head of a wagon (see note on iv. 60, aimaon). In Isaiah (xi. 22), the LXX have o sthias ws kaimaron tov ophavon, and it seems likely that the word is equivalent to schen which Xenophon (Cyrop. vi. ult.) uses to express the closing head of a Persian armdama. Under these circumstances it may be sup- posed that the kaimara were not merely the accessory of the chariots in which these females drove, but that the pre- sence of them gave an especial character to the proceeding, they representing as it were the shrines of Aphrodite. Hence it is easy to understand how the name of
"Succoth Benoth" (tabernaculum Veneris) should have been given to similar orgies (2 Kings xvii. 30) established in Samaria by the Babylonians. The Carthaginians too had a colony Latinized by the name Sicca, which Valerius Maximus describes as "suum Veneris, in quod se matronae conferebant, atque inde procedentes ad questum, dotes corporis injuriā contrahebant, honesta minimuram tam inhonesto vinculo conjunctor intercurret." (ii. c. 6). It may be conjectured that the root of the name Sicca is the same as that of the Carthaginian Sicae, and that the Samarian Succoth, and that the origin of that city (of whose Aphrodite-worship there can be no doubt) is due to a very ancient commercial intercourse with the East.

674 Πάνης. Gaisford, with the MSS, has πάντη.

675 Μύλιττα δὲ καλέοντι τὴν Ἀφροδίτην. This he has said before, § 131, in a passage, where the present, like the deific, is deficient in S, V, b, and d. The third passage in which Herodotus mentions an oriental name of Aphrodite Urania (iii. 8) is found in these MSS.

676 ὁμιθὸν μέγα τί οἱ δῶσις ὃς μὴν ἀλλαγεῖ. This proves decisively that the custom in question was not the result of individual licentiousness. It arose apparently from the principle that the deity, whatever the department of human existence under his control, always required to be propitiated with the best thing the votary had to bestow. Hence the Phoenician Moloch demanded the first-born child, and the Assyrian Mylitta the virginity of the woman about to become a wife. The dedication of the zone to Here is nothing else than the symbolic representation, under the influence of civilization, of the sacrifice which was made in its coarsest form by the barbarous Orientals. In their view, the βάριν φθόνοι could be propitiated only by the most precious possession, and no commutation was permitted. Thus, when the Carthaginians suffered important reverses in their war with Agathocles, they imagined Moloch had taken part against them, because, instead of sacrificing their own children to him, they had been in the habit of purchasing substitutes. Accordingly, by way of expiation, they burnt two hundred infants of the most illustrious families (Diod. Sic. xx. 14). The same feeling influenced the King of Moab to offer the heir of his kingdom (2 Kings iii. 27). Compare Micah vi. 7.
Three tribes are ichthyophagous.

After the Babyloni-anus, Cyrus attacks the Massagetae.

The Araxes contains islands as

There has been great difficulty in assigning the geographical position of the Araxes, even according to the notions of Herodotus; and indeed it is impossible to doubt that he has combined accounts which belong to two different rivers, and that the solution of the puzzle is only to be found by endeavouring to refer the statements to their several sources. I believe the fact to be that the Araxes of Cyrus is the Jihon, and that the narrative followed by Herodotus made that prince invade the Massagetae by crossing that river, thereby placing them in Bokhara. This cycle of traditions would exist at Phasis, which was the termination of the route connecting Greece with the East, *vide* the Colchians, Saspares, and Caspian Sea. See note 363.

On the other hand, the Araxes over which the Massagetae drove the Scythians, who in their turn expelled the Cimme-rians from the Scythia of Herodotus (iv. 11), seems undoubtedly to be the Wolga or Ural, or rather a hypothetical river made up by confounding the two. This would bring the Massagetae into the site of the Kirghis Tartars, and here they would be *Iosephonon* aντίων. See note on iv. 23, ὑπὸ *Ἰσαχδόνων* οἰκείων. It is an important fact with reference to this question, that Callisthenes, the pupil of Aristotle (who by his recommendation attended Alexander in his expedition), adopted Herodotus’s account of the Araxes which is contained in this passage, making the river to be the boundary be-tween Bactria and Scythia, and to have forty mouths. (Strabo, xi. c. 14, p. 464.) Both these two positions, however, as-signed to the Massagetae, would make them different portions of one and the same barbarous race, which overspread the whole of the basin of the Caspian Sea, leading a nomad life, and considered by some to be Scythians. Having less intercourse with the Greeks, their manners would be more barbarous even than those of the other Scythians. See § 216, and note on iv. 26, ἀναξιέστες πάντα τὰ κρέα.

καὶ μέγαν καὶ ἔλασσων εἶναι τοῦ Ἰστρον. They who took the Wolga for it would describe it as larger than the Ister, while those who understood by it the Jihon would call it smaller.
The change of construction here from the indicative, expressing an observed fact, to the infinitive, denoting a matter of hearsay, is to be remarked. The word φασὶ is of course to be supplied from the last sentence.

679 κατατίθεσθαι. The change of construction here from the indicative, expressing an observed fact, to the infinitive, denoting a matter of hearsay, is to be remarked. The word φασὶ is of course to be supplied from the last sentence.

680 ἐπιβάλλειν ἐπὶ τὸ πῦρ. Herodotus relates a similar use of hemp-seed among the Scythians (ix. 75).

681 ἐκ Ματινῶν, ὅθεν πέρ ὁ Γόνδης τὸν ἐς τὰς διόρθας τὰς ἕξικουτα τε καὶ τρικοσίας διέλαβε ὁ Κύρος, στόμασι δὲ ἐξερέγηται τεσσαράκοντα, τὸν τὰ πάντα πλὴν ἐνὸς ἐλεία τε καὶ πενήνεα ἐκκινοῦ ἐν τοῖς ἀνθρώπουσι κατοικεῖσθαι λέγουσι ἰχθύν ὁμοίου στερεόμενοι, ἐσθήτι δε νομιζόντας χράσθαι φωκέων δέρμασι τὸ δὲ ἐν τοῖς στομάτοι τοῦ Ἄράξεω ρέει διὰ καθαροῦ ἀπὸ τὴν Κασπίην βῆλασσαν.

The Araxes flows from the Matieni. Only one mouth out of forty enters the Caspian.

682 διέλαβε ὁ Κύρος. See above, § 169.

683 τὸ δὲ ἐν τῶν στομάτων ... βέει διὰ καθαροῦ. The Jihon now falls into the Sea of Aral, and it is a disputed point whether formerly the bed took a different course, and fell into the Caspian, or whether a navigable communication with that sea was effected by a canal. But there seems no doubt that one or the other was the case from the time of the Seleucid age to comparatively modern times.
The Caspian an inland sea, its dimensions.

Herodotus

Caucasus the most extensive and highest of mountain ranges.

Manufactures and habits of its inhabitants.

The Massagetas occupy the greatest part of the central plain of Asia.

See HÜLLMANN, Handelsgeschichte der Griechen, p. 249.

Inexact as Herodotus's notions may be with regard to the Caspian, he does not fall into the error which was adopted by the scientific geographer Eratosthenes, and accepted without question by Strabo (vii. c. 3, p. 70, and xi. c. 1, p. 397) that it was in fact a gulf from the Northern Ocean.

a πληθεί μεγιστον. See note on iv. 123.

b πολλα και παντοια. Perhaps including the mountaineers about the sources of the Jaxartes and Oxus. See note 655.

c τα πολλα παντα ἀπ' θλης ἀγριης ϖωντα. The words τα πολλα and παντα are not to be taken together. Translate, "the whole of them subsisting mainly from the produce of uncultivated plants." See the note on ii. 33.

655 ου διαπεσαν μοην μετέχουσι. The articles of dress which are here described are (I cannot doubt) printed goods, which are considered by Herodotus to have been figured by the hand, though dyeing in uniform colours was a familiar process in his time. The marvel to him is how patterns thus laid on by the hand (as he supposes) can stand. And he attributes it not to the real cause, but to the peculiar quality of the dyes grown in the Caucasus. Considering the indefinite extent which Herodotus assigns to the Caucasus, one may conjecture that the articles in question came even from India by the way of the Caspian, and that they were, in fact, printed muslins. Strabo attributes the manufacture to those of the Massagetas who are mountaineers; and, from the site which he assigns to these, we should look for them no nearer the west than the flanks of the mountains in which the Sihon (Jaxartes) and the Jihon (Oxus) take their rise (xi. c. 8, p. 433).

656 ουδ' ἐλαχιστην μοην μετέχουσι. See note 238. The word μετέχουσι implies a joint possession, and is equivalent to μετα έλλην εχουσι. It is therefore put in an appropriate regimen, governing an accusative, and not a genitive case. Translate, "Of
Mr. 206. 205 Cyrus proposes marriage to Tomyris their queen.
Being rejected, he prepares to cross the Araxes in force.

206 Tomyris challenges him to a pitched battle. He calls a council.

this great plain, now, the Massagetae occupy the greatest share in commonage." The word μεταλαβεῖν is used in an exactly analogous manner vi. 23, where see the note.
567 στρατεύεσθαι. The manuscript S has στρατεύειν, a form which all the MSS have in i. 77; whereas, in vi. 7, the codices are equally divided, and S has the middle form; so entirely uncertain is the use.
568 πύργους ἐπὶ πλοίων. The real operation probably was the building a fortification to protect the head of a pontoon-bridge. But the Greeks, entirely unaccustomed to strategies on the oriental scale, appear to have conceived the towers as built in the ships. The use of pontoon-bridges must have been familiar to the Mesopotamians.
569 οἴκων ἐνθλῆσεις ... εἶναι; "Will you not choose to act on this suggestion, but any thing rather than be still? then,"
&c. This seems a better mode of constructing this passage, by a common Greek idiom, than to put a comma after εἶναι, and add it to the list of the cases illustrated in note on v. 39. The same may be said of iv. 118, οἴκων ποιήσετε ταύτα.
569 ποιθυμέα. See note 604.

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Cyrus advises that he should invade the enemy,

"...for his enemies, in 207,Herodotus in 107, but for his speech, of 154..."

691 οτι. This word sometimes is used to introduce the very words which have been employed on any occasion alluded to; in which case, as here, it is not taken into account in the construction. In this instance, Cyrus may be conceived to refer to a saying which he was constantly in the habit of employing, and which Cyrus would recognize. It is therefore not correct to regard the word οτι as simply pleonastic. In the next few sentences the same character prevails. The remarks are some of those often-repeated "wise sayings" of which Cyrus is made by Herodotus the especial channel.

692 τούτο. Gaisford, with the MSS, τώτα. 693 Κυρόν γε τον Καμβόσεω. The speaker is here taking a different tone from that which characterized the traditions which related the birth and infancy of Cyrus. Here the being the son of Cambyses is made a matter of pride to Cyrus; whereas in those all his nobility is derived from his mother. (See § 107, πολέω ἐνεργεῖ ἔργον αὐτῶν μέσον ἄνθρωπος Μήδον, and § 91, μητρὸς ἐμείνουσα πατρὸς δέ ἐποδεκτέρων.) A similar change may be seen in the enumeration by Xerxes of his ancestors, among whom he places Cambyses (vii. 11). Now this change may well have been effected after the Achaemenids had reigned for some time over the whole Medo-Persian empire; but scarcely before. Herodotus therefore here appears to commit an anachronism, and so also in speaking of the ἀγαθὰ Περσακά in the next sentence: for the habits of the Persians could hardly have changed so much as to make their luxury proverbial, while Cyrus was going on with his conquests. (See the story of Artembares and Cyrus below, ix. 122.) These considerations will add weight to the remarks in note 763, and prevent us from attaching implicit credit to the account of Herodotus as to the
part taken by Cyrus against the Massagete; since the story cannot, in its details, come from contemporaneous authorities. Compare note 640, above.

691 συνεπέτασαν. For the force of this word see the note on vii. 142, συνεπικύναι μάλιστα.

692 τῷ περὶ τὴν βασιλείαν ἐδίδον. See note on vii. 2, κατὰ τῶν Περσέων νόμων.

693 τῶν Τοστάστεων παῖδων. It is not impossible that Hystaspes was his cousin-german. See note on vii. 11.

208 Cyrus acts on his advice, and passes the Araxes.

209 In consequence of an evil dream, he sends home Hystaspes, the father of Darius,
tauta & trekeos oida, eyo sylmavos, eyue theo khyeautai 697, kai moi panta prodeiwnoun ta eiphefroymena. 'Idha oin eu ti paroxomhe nukti eyoun, oioo ton ton pai'don ton proe'tyrion exonta epi tov omou petynasa kai toutetov tu mhn tuv 'Asyn, tju de tnu Euvryniv eipexiazeiv oukew esti mykavvi apto tis omios tauntis oivedia, to mu keinon eipisouleiv e'moi 698. su toivn tnu taixsthn poro'evo ouitwv es Peiras, kai poiee okos epetaiv eyo tade kata-strefai'menos elxw ekie, ws 699 moj katastjthj tov pai'da es elygevov.


Kuros de proelthov apto tuv 'Araxeia hmerhs odo, epoiee tais Kroisou ypothikas. mete de tauta, Kuyro te kai Perseov tuv katharov stratov 702 apotelasanto otiwv epi tuv 'Araxeia leipheveto de tuv akrhiou, eptelhousa tuv Messageteon trjimorhj tuv stratov tuv te leipheveta tis Kuyro stratov elvomeve ulxev- mewnou, kai tnu prokeimjnon idontes daita wos eixeirwanto tuv enantios klybentes daivnnto, plirothentes de fornys kai 'inou'

697 khyeautai. Gaisford has khyoountai. See note on ii. 67, apayxetai.

698 oukew esti mykavvi apto tis omios tauntis oivedia, to mu keinon eipisouleiv e'moi. This idiom is a very remarkable one. Literally, "there is no way out of this vision for him not to be plotting treason against me." It expresses a logical necessity in terms of physical necessity. See note 129, above.

699 eyu. The interposition of so short a sentence after okos seems scarcely a sufficient justification of the use of this word, which is manifestly superfluous. Perhaps eriodos wrote eyu tachista.

700 afiezetai dey oiv. Gaisford reads afiezetai ol dey, on the authority of the manuscripts M, K, S, F, and a, but the word afiezetai is not found elsewhere with a dative of the person, and R and V have the reading in the text, which is adopted by Schweighauser.

701 arxhsevai. The article tuv might have been expected before this word. But its absence is defended by vi. 32, ati elvai evychas, and vii. 170, ati de elvai myxastas.

702 tuv katharov stratov. See iv. 135, oiv tuv katharou tuv stratov,
οι δὲ Πέρσαι ἐπελθόντες πολλοὺς μὲν σφεων ἐφόνευσαν 703, πολλῷ δ᾽ ἐτι πλεύνας ἐξωγηρησαν καὶ ἄλλους καὶ τὸν τῆς βασιλείας Τομήριος παῖδα στρατηγεώντα Μασσαγέτεων, τῷ ὤνομα ἦν Σπαργατίους. 'Ἡ δὲ, πυθομένη τὰ τε περὶ τὴν στρατινή γεγονότα καὶ τὰ περὶ τὸν παῖδα, πέμπουσα κύρικα παρὰ Κύρου ἔλεγε τάδε: "ἀπληστε αἴματος Κύρε, μηδὲν ἐπαρβῆς τῷ γεγονότι τόδε πρήγματι, εἰ ἀμπελύνη καρπῷ, τῶπερ αὐτοὶ ἐμπτυπλάμενοι μαίνεσθε οὕτω 704 ὥστε κατιόντος τοῦ οὖνος ἐς τὸ σῶμα ἑπαινατλῶειν ὕμιν ἐπεα κακά, τοιούτῳ φαρμάκῳ δολώσας ἑκράτησας παιδὸς τοῦ ἐμοῦ, ἀλλ' οὐ μάχῃ κατὰ τὸ καρτέρον. νῦν ὅν μὲν εὖ παραίνεούσης ὑπόλαβε τὸν λόγον ἀποδοὺς μοι τὸν παῖδα ἄπιθι ἐκ τῆς ἁφής τῆς χώρης ἄζιμος, Μασσαγέτεων πρωτομορίδι τοῦ στρατοῦ κατυβρίσας; εἰ δὲ μὴ ταῦτα σὺ ποιήσεις, ἧλιον ἑπόμυνυ τοῖς τὸν Μασσαγέτεων δεσποτὴν ἢ μὴ σὲ ἐγὼ καὶ ἀπληστον ἐόντα αἴματος κορέσω."
Kūros mēn tōn ेptēōn ondēna toūtōn ānevekheveinōn ēpōiēto lógon. ō de tēs bāsalieis Tōmēiros pāsēs Šтарγαpśisēs, ōs mēn ō te oinōs ānēke kai ēmēthe īna īn kakōy, dēgelēs Kūroν ēk tōn deēmōn lυvīnai ētvuxe; ōs de ēlūθi te tāχiosta kai tōn ēxeiroν ēkraτišēs, dievγaζēta éwōtōn kai dē oútōs mēn trōπo toīovou telēvτi. Tōmēris de, ōs oī ὁ Kūros ouk ēshkouke, sυllēξeasa tāvταν tīn ēwōtīs dūnämim suneβaλε Kūroφ. tāunti tīn māχiν, ōsaı dē bαrβaɾiōn ōndρōn māxai ēγένουτο, krīνo iσχυριστατην γενεθαν kai dē kai pυθωνομαι oútō tōto γενώμενoν πρότα tōn gαρ lēγεται aυτous diaisτάνταs ēs ἀλλήλους tōδενευν μετά dē, ōs σφι tā bέλεα ēxetēvτυν, συμπεσώταs tῆs aίκηmηs te kai toīs ēγχειριδιούι sυνεχεθαν χρόνoν tē dē ēpī pολλόν sυνεστάναι mαχομένουs kai oυδέτερούs ἐθέλειν φευγέν, tέλοs dē, oī Mαssagētai pεριεγενέατο ἢ tē dē pολλή tīs Pεr- σικῆs sτρατηs aυτοῦ tāuτi 775 dιeβθαρί, kai dē kai aυτόs Kūros tēleυτα bασιλεύειs tā πάvτα ēνοs δέοντα tριήκοντα ēτεa- ἀσκόν dē pλήσαsα aίματοs aντροπτηνōn Tōmēris ἔξεδη tēν tοis tελεωνi tōn Pερσέων tōn Kūroν vέκυν ὡs dē eυρέ, ἐνατηπτε aυτοῦ tīn κεφαλήν ἐs tōn ἀσκόν, λυμανομένη ἴs τῶν vεκραδ ἐπέλεγε tάδε: "Σῦ μὲν εμὲ ἥσουσάν τε καὶ νικώσαν σε μάχη ἀπώλεσας παῖδα τῶν ἐμῶν ἐκῶν ὄνομ, σὲ δ’ εγὼ, κατάπερ ἦπειλησα, αἴματος κορέσο." tā mên dē kατὰ tīn Kūrōn tēleυτην τōu βίου, pολλόν lόγων λεγομένων 776, ōdē māi o πανανώτατοs εἰρηται.

75 ταύτη. See note on iii. 25. 776 pολλὸν lόγων λεγομένων. CTEΣIΑS made Cyrus die in consequence of a wound received in action with the Derbicides, under a king Amoraecus. They are assisted by Indians with elephants, which frighten the horses of Cyrus's cavalry. He is rescued from impending defeat by Amorges, who comes up with an army of Sace, but dies on the third day after receiving his wound (ap. Phoκiων, p. 37). ARIΣTΟBULUS (ap. ArriAN, vi. 29) professed to have visited the tomb of Cyrus at Pasargadie, which had been plundered during the absence of Alexander in India, and to have replaced some fragments of the body in a golden sarcophagus, which the robbers had opened and vainly attempted to break up. A college of Magi were, as he says, appointed by Cambyses to watch this tomb, and allowed a sheep per day for maintenance, and a horse every month to offer to Cyrus: and their office was hereditary. DIODORUS, however (following some other author than his general authority, CTEΣIΑS), incidentally mentions that Cyrus was killed in action by a queen of the Massagetes, and his body crucified: and ONESIΚRΙTUS, pilot of Alexander's fleet (ap. Straboν. x. с. 3, p. 321), describes the so-called tomb in a very different way from Aristobulus,— making it ten stories high instead of two, and stating that the inscription on it was a Greek hexameter verse in Persian characters; in which case it could hardly have been more than a cenotaph, erected not earlier than the time of Darius. ΧΕΝΟ- ΦΩΝ, in the Cyropedia, makes Cyrus die in his bed of old age: but this work can only be regarded as a kind of novel,—of authority for manners but not for facts,—although in this particular instance
he is confirmed by Dinon (op. Ciceron, De Divinat. i. 23), who makes Cyrus come to the empire at the age of forty, and die at that of seventy.

707 ὁμοίην τῇ Σκυθικῇ. See note 677 above, and that on iv. 26, ἀναμένεται πάντα τὰ κρέα.

708 ἀμφότεροι γὰρ μετέχοντο, "For of both are there tribes occupying parts [of the great waste]." Understand τοὺς. Some of the race which inhabited the flanks of the mountains (see Strabo, quoted in note 665) would be ἀναπόστα, while the nomads of the westernmost part of the plains would doubtless be ἰππόστα. For the use of the word μετέχοντο, see note 666.

709 σαγάριον νομίζοντες ἐχειν. See note on vii. 64.

710 ὅ δὲ χρυσὸς καὶ ὁ χαλκὸς ἄπλετος. The gold might be obtained from the sand of the streams in the Altai Mountains, from whence it would be carried by traffic far and wide. The Ural range is much nearer to the plains which Herodotus had in his mind; but it is only recently that those mountains have been known to yield gold. With regard to the brass, it has been found that the arms discovered on opening any of the ancient barrows in Northern Asia have been invariably of that metal (Ritter, Erdkunde, ii. p. 796).

711 οὐ Σκύθαι εἰσὶ οἱ ποιότες ἀλλὰ Μασσαγέται. See note 677.

712 ἐπεάν δὲ γέρων γένηται κάρτα. A similar practice is attributed to the Issedones, the neighbours of the Massagetes, iv. 26, where see the note, and to another people, iii. 99.

713 τῷ θυσίαν ἦπειος. That the sacrifice of horses was commonly practised by
vόμος δὲ οὗτος τῆς θυσίης τῶν θεῶν τῷ ταχίστῳ πάντων τῶν θυητῶν τῷ τάχιστῳ δατέονται.

the Persians seems to follow from the statement of Aristobulus given in the note 706, above. Possibly the "sacred horses" mentioned in § 189 may have been intended for this purpose (see vii. 114), although it seems more likely that they were a relief for drawing the chariot of the sun. But all nomad tribes feed upon the flesh of the animals which they employ for the purposes of locomotion; and the sacrifice was probably a never-failing preliminary of a flesh-meal. Hence apparently the origin of the Persians eating the camel and the ass (§ 133). The custom doubtless grew up in the times when they were nomads.
IN the ancient calendars there were two distinct points which required attention; the one, the adjustment of the civil month to the motions of the moon; the other, that of the civil year to the motions of the sun. Of these two there can be no doubt that the former was in early times regarded as by far the more important. It was the lunar month by which the religious festivals were regulated; and the inconvenience occasioned by the discrepancy between the conventional new moon and the natural one would make itself felt more strongly from the circumstance, that the neglect, however involuntary, of public religious rites in any particular was conceived to draw down the wrath of Heaven upon the land. Aristophanes puts this superstition in his jesting way in the "Clouds" (vv. 558—68) making the Moon send a message to the spectators by the Chorus, complaining of the irritation of the gods at finding nothing provided for them on days when, according to her reckoning (on which alone they could depend), they had a right to expect a feast; and, on the other hand, at having their times of fasting or mourning for Memnon or Sarpedon, or some other hero, indecently disturbed by the riotous festivities of mortals. Not only religious festivals, however, but commercial proceedings also, were regulated by the lunar month,—or rather by the civil month founded upon it. Money was lent at interest by the month, and accounts settled at the end of it. Agricultural operations meanwhile, and navigation (which depend upon the seasons of the year), were determined not by any reference to the civil kalendar, but by the rising or setting of certain constellations; or by the appearance
or the cries of birds, such as the swallow, the cuckoo, the crane, or the kite. Allusions to this habit abound in Aristophanes, showing decisively that the rude methods of determining the season of the year which Hesiod gives prevailed generally in the time of the Peloponnesian war, although just before its commencement the foundation of a better system had been already laid.

The determination of a civil lunar month which shall agree at first pretty closely with the natural lunations is not at all a difficult matter. If twelve months be taken alternately of 30 and 29 days, twelve of them will amount to 354 days; and this was the Athenian civil year for some time after Solon. Twelve lunations amount to 354 days, 8 hours, 48 minutes, and 34 seconds; so that it would be nearly three years before the difference of a day would arise between the natural and the conventional new moon. But this difference would continually increase, the system having no principle of correction within itself; and in the course of little more than forty years the νομονία κατὰ σελήνην (as Thucydides calls the natural new moon, ii. 28) would fall upon the fifteenth day of the civil lunar month.

The discordance between a civil year consisting of 354 days and the solar year, consisting of 365\(\frac{1}{4}\), would very early force itself into attention; and a system called the octaeteris, or cycle of eight years, was invented for the purpose of correcting it. This object was effected by intercalating a month of 30 days, a second Posideon, three times in the course of the eight years,—generally in such a way as to make the third, the fifth, and the eighth consist of thirteen months. This would give \(8 \times 354 + 90 = 2922\) days for the cycle, which is the exact amount of eight years of 365\(\frac{1}{4}\) days each, and consequently the civil lunar year would every eight years be brought into agreement with the solar year.

But this advantage would be purchased at the expense of one which, according to ancient habits of thinking, was even more important,—the approximation of the civil to the natural lunar month. The octaeteris of 2922 days is not equivalent to 99 lunations, which amount to nearly 2923\(\frac{1}{2}\) days; and consequently a kalendar regulated on such a principle would neither correct, nor to any important extent retard, the continually increasing difference between the civil and the natural lunar month. The obvious course would be to interpolate three days in the course of 16 years,—and this, it is said, was
attempted,—but, as such a proceeding would at once derange the adjustment between the civil lunar year and the solar year, it seems very questionable whether it was ever adopted.

A plan for uniting the advantage both of a solar and lunar adjust-
ment was proposed by Meton in the archonship of Apseudes, a year before the commencement of the Peloponnesian war. So much as this follows from the notice of Diodorus (xii. 36), but there seems no authority to assume, as some have done, that this famous cycle of nineteen years, the Enneadecaeteris, which has continued in use for some purposes to the present day, was formally adopted by public authority at once. In the year 432 B.C., the summer solstice fell on the 13th day of the Attic month Scirophion (the 27th of June), and, the new-moon synchronizing with it, there was an error of 13 days between the natural and the conventional commencement of the month Hecatombaeon, the first of the Attic year. This point of time Meton proposed to make the epoch of his cycle. Instead of the previous methods of intercalation, he suggested as the basis of his scheme a series of 235 months of 30 days each, the result of intercalating a second Poseidon seven times, viz. in the third, fifth, eighth, eleventh, thirteenth, sixteenth, and nineteenth years of the Enneadecaeteris. This would give 7050 days, i.e. 110 days too much; as the number of days in nineteen years, according to his computation, amounted to 6940, reckoning the solar year at 365 days, 6 hours, 18 minutes, and 57 seconds. Now, according to the old method of striking out one day from every alternate month, 117 or 118 days would have had to be struck out, which would make the cycle 7 or 8 days too short. Meton therefore struck out every 63rd day throughout the period, which days were called ἡμέραι ἐξαιρέσιμοι, and the months which by their extrusion were shortened were denominated κοῖλαι, to distinguish them from the others, which were designated πλήρεις as containing their full complement of 30 days. The following table, which is taken from the Appendix to Clinton's "Fasti Hellenici," vol. ii. p. 338, will exhibit to the eye the Metonic scheme, and it is not unlikely that what was really done by Meton in the archonship of Apseudes was to set up some such table engraved on stone or brass, in a frequented part of the city or the vicinity, for public criticism.
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The utility of this table is very great. It contains within itself a correction of the difference between the conventional and the natural new moon, which at no time in the whole nineteen years can exceed twenty-six hours, and at the expiration of the cycle is only about seven hours and a half. But, although it thus commends itself to understanding critics, the apparent irregularity of the length of the months (no one of which in the course of the nineteen years was always of the same magnitude) no doubt gave dissatisfaction to those citizens who were accustomed to the old "rule of thumb," which made the months alternately πλῆρος and κοιλια. And although the inequality of the civil and lunar months was, as has been said, limited by it, yet within this limit it increased much more rapidly than under the old system. Thus, in the very first year of the cycle, at the beginning of the month Boëdromion, the civil new moon would be nearly a day (i. e. 22h. 32m.) behind the natural new moon, reckoning a lunation at 29d. 12h. and 44m.; it is really
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nearly three seconds longer. At the beginning of Mæmacterion, the difference would be only diminished by 1h. 28m., but this correction would continue steadily till the beginning of Elaphebolion in the second year, when the inequality would have diminished to 9h. 20m. But, Munychion and Thargelion being full months in that year, the inequality would be increased again by the beginning of Scirophorion to 19h. 8m. Then the diminution would again recommence, and at the beginning of Mæmacterion in the fourth year, the inequality would be reduced to 7h. 51m. Again, it would receive a sudden addition from the circumstance of Posideon and Gamelion in that year being full months, and at the beginning of Anthesterion would amount to 17h. 42m., from which point the reduction would recommence afresh.

If the two first months, and also the two last of the Enneadecaeteris be abstracted, the remainder is made up of eleven cyclical periods of twenty-one months each, in every one of which the first twenty are alternately καλκα and πλήρες, while the twenty-first is always πληρός. The operation, therefore, of Meton’s corrective system may be easily conceived by observing that the inequality of 22h. 32m., existing at the beginning of Boëdromion in the first year, is corrected by a bimestral amount of 1h. 28m. during the first twenty months of these smaller cycles, while every twenty-first month the aggregate correction of the twenty months is suddenly diminished by 11h. 16m., or more than seven-tenths of its amount. Nevertheless the balance tends to diminish the inequality, and in the seventh of the smaller cycles the civil month, instead of being behind the natural month, slightly precedes it, so that, at the commencement of Metagitnion in the thirteenth year, the conventional new moon would be 1h. 16m. before the natural one, in spite of the retardation. The mechanism which had hitherto served to correct the inequality would now begin to increase it at a more rapid rate. The civil new moon of Elaphebolion in the fourteenth year would be 1h. 28m. +14h. 40m. (≈ 16h. 8m.) before its proper time, that of Poseideon in the sixteenth would be 19h. 32m. too early, that of Metagitnion in the eighteenth would be 22h. 56m., and that of Munychion in the last year of the cycle would come 26h. 20m. too soon. Here, however, a change would again take place. Thargelion in the nineteenth year was made by Meton a full month, the whole number of 110
days having been already excluded, and therefore the third day in it was not taken as a ἡμέρα ἐπαρέσμης. By this means a rapid retardation took place, so that the civil new moon of Scirophorion, the last month in the Enneadecaeteris, came only 3h. 48m. too soon, and that of Hecatombæon at the beginning of the second cycle of nineteen years only 7h. 28m. too late.
ΤΕΛΕΥΤΗΣ ΑΝΤΟΣ δὲ Κύρον παρέλαβε τὴν βασιλικήν Καμβύσης. Κύρον ἐὼν παῖς καὶ Κασσανδρᾶς τῆς Φαρνάππης θυγατέρος· τῆς προσποθανούσης, Κύρος αὐτὸς τε μέγα πένθος ἐποιήσατο καὶ τοὺς ἀλλοις προεῖπε πάσιν, τῶν ἥριχε, πένθος ποιεῖσθαι· ταύτης δὲ τῆς γυναικὸς ἐὼν παῖς καὶ Κύρου Καμβύσης, "Ἰωνᾶς μὲν καὶ Αἰολέας ὡς δούλους πατρωίων ἐόντας ἐνόμιζε, ἐπὶ δὲ Ἀἴγυπτον ἐποιεῖστο στρατηγισίν, ἀλλοις τε παραλαβῶν τῶν ἥριχε καὶ δὴ καὶ Ἑλλήνων τῶν ἐπεκράτεσιν.

Οἱ δὲ Ἀἴγυπτοι, πρὶν μὲν ἡ Ψαμμίτιχος οἱ θάνατος βασιλεύσαι, ἐνόμιζον ἀνθρώπων πρῶτος γενέσθαι πάντων ἀνθρώπων ἐπειδὴ δὲ Ψαμμίτιχος βασιλεύσας ἡδέλθη εἰδέναι ὡτὶ γενεὰς πρῶτοι, ἀπὸ τούτου νομίζοντες Φάρυας προτέρους γενέσθαι ἀνθρώπων, τῶν δὲ ἀλλοι ἐνυώτους· Ψαμμίτιχος γὰρ ὡς ὦκ ἐδύνατο πνευματίμους πόρον οὐδένα τούτον ἀνευρεῖν, οἱ γενεάς πρῶτος ἀνθρώπων, ἐπιτεχνᾶται τοιόνδε· παίδια δύο νεογνή ἀνθρώπων τῶν ἐπιτυχόντων

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1 δούλους πατρωίων. See note 476 on i. 141.
2 ἐπὶ δὲ Ἀἴγυπτον. The thread of the narrative is resumed in the beginning of Book III., the whole of this one being taken up with a description of Egypt, and a history of the dynasties down to the invasion of Cambyses.
3 καὶ δὴ καὶ Ἑλλήνων τῶν ἐπεκράτεσιν. These were Ionians and Aeolians, as appears from iii. 1.
4 Ψαμμίτιχος. The MSS vary between the forms Ψαμμήτιχος, Ψαμμίτιχος, and that in the text. S and V have Ψαμ-μήτιχος.
5 γὰρ. Gaisford, with the majority of the MSS, has δὲ. But these words are continually interchanged by transcribers.
The author heard many stories from the priests of Memphis, Thebes, and Heliopolis, both of divine and human matters.

6 didoī ποιμένι τρέφειν ἐστὶ ποίμνια, "gives them to a shepherd to take to his flocks and bring up."

7 ἀπαλλαχθέντων τῶν ἁσίμων κυνηγομάτων, "after the unmeaning whimperings [of infancy] had past away." The exact meaning of κυνηγομάτων appears best from the beautiful expression of Theocratus:—

οἶδα τι φωνᾶσαι δύναμαι, οὗτος ὑπὸ σοῦ ἐν ὑπνῷ κυνηγότα φωνεύντα φιλάν ποτὶ ματέρα τέκνα. (ii. 108.)

8 διήρεξε χρόνος. Suidas (sub v. ἑκέκεστέλπης) appears to have read τρίτης χρόνος. And Pollux (v. 88) seems to have had a MS varying in some respects from any existing one; for he says, with reference to this passage: ὅλη Ἡρόδωτος ἐσφαλτί ἐπὶ τῶν βρεφῶν τῶν φυγῶν λόγη, βληθάσθαι τὰς αἰγάς αἰδέμονες.

9 ἑκόνος. It seems likely that this is a dialectal variety of φακὸς (see note on vii. 73, ἀκάλουστο Brīges), which is no doubt etymologically connected with φάγω, and, possibly, meant originally food, although in subsequent times it was confined to that species of aliment most accessible to the common people. Hieronax used the word in a trochaic tetrameter (preserved by Strato, viii. c. 3, p. 150), Κυπρίων ἑκόνος φαγουσὶ καρα- ὠθούσιν πυρὸν, from which it would seem to have been a provincial term in some part of Cyprus. The Semitic root ḫk is said to have the meaning of food, and the form ἑκόνος probably was brought to Cyprus from Phenicia, and there remained. Some of the MSS have ἑκόνος, a form which appears in the word ἑκέκεστέλπης used by Aristophanes (Nub. 396).
καὶ ἐς Ῥήμας. It would seem a fair inference from these words (which exist in all the MSS), that Herodotus made a special expedition to Thebes, and there remained. The way in which he quotes the Theban priests, too, in i. 182, is quite in accordance with such a notion. But see note on § 16, below. Is it possible that he only went as far as Coptus on the river (see note on § 17), or to the place which served the same purpose that Coptus did in the time of the Ptolemies, and made a mere excursion to one temple at Thebes?

11 λογιστάτω, "the richest in legendary lore." See note 5 on i. 1. Several of the MSS, however, have λογιστάτα, which may be defended, although the reading of the rest appears preferable.

12 τῶν ἀρέων. The use of this word is not to be overlooked. The duodenary division, which the Egyptians made, was not a division of seasons, but of space proportional (or nearly so) to a division of time. It was a division of the zodiac into twelve parts, rudely defined to the eye by certain combinations of constellations, through which the path of the sun lay. But Herodotus was obviously not an astronomer. "The year" was to him the succession of certain seasons, and he uses the term which was familiar to himself. The confusion of thought which gives rise to the expression is also observable in § 26, below, εἰ δὲ ἡ στάσις ἠλάκτω τῶν ἀρέων, κ.τ.λ., where "the seasons" are localized as meteorological phenomena, without any reference to the motion of the sun, which, indeed, is regarded as influenced by them. See also ii. 11, ἰποκλειομένης μεσαύρπις, and the note there.

13 ταύτα δὲ ἐξευρέωσε ἐκ τῶν ἀστρων ἐλεγον. The mode in which the length of the year is fixed, is by observing the number of days which elapse between two consecutive first risings, or last settings of any conspicuous star; phenomena which, in a country where the sky is habitually clear and the horizon uninterrupted, and where the habits of the people keep them much in the open air, are quite as striking as the changes of the moon in our own latitude. In Egypt, the star which first attracted observation for this purpose was, probably, Sirius, which the Egyptians called Thoth (or Seth = Σάδυς), a name which they also gave to the first month of their year. If the sun happens to be in a part of the heavens a little to the west of this star, it cannot fail to strike the eye of a spectator who watches the setting of the former, as it will come out on the western horizon apparently alone (like a spark of fire struck out from the larger body), in the midst of the growing darkness, and this the more conspicuously as the twilight is briefer. The next day he will again look for it and see it, but it will follow the setting sun more closely, and the last time he observes it it will be scarcely perceptible, from its proximity to the greater luminary. This is the technical δόσις of the early Hellenic astronomy, to which Ἀσκήλυπος gives the appropriate epithet of δόσκερτος (Prom. 438). After this disappearance of Sirius as an evening star, it would be invisible for the space of about thirty days, after which time the sun would have past from the west to the east of it, for a sufficient space to allow it to be just visible on the eastern horizon before all the stars disap-
Herodotus, 4, 10.

Their calendar superiors to that of the Hellenes.

They first gave names to the twelve gods, and established altars, images, and temples.

Men the first king of Egypt, in whose time all the

peared under the influence of the dawn day. Such a rising, as a morning star, was the anastolē of the primitive astronomy; and it is plain that either the anastolē (sometimes called ἐπιστολή, because of its being a rising observed after an observed setting) or the ἵδως formed an equally good fixed point for an epoch. During the interval between two consecutive phenomena (of either class) the sun would have passed through the whole circle of the heavens;—in other words, a year would have been completed.

14 διὰ τρίτου ἔτους ἐμβολίου ἐπεμβάλλουσα. This is not a perfectly exact description of the method of intercalation practised at Athens before the introduction of the Metonic cycle; but it probably refers to the so-called octaeteris. (See Excursus on i. 32.) But note 12 shows that the astronomical knowledge of the writer was very vague.


16 δυνάδεκα τε θεῶν ἐπωνυμίας ἐλεγον πρώτους Ἀιγυπτίους νομίσα. The allusion, probably, is to the twelve gods to whom an altar was erected in the agora at Athens by a grandson of Pisistratus, while filling the office of archon, before the expulsion of his family. (Thucyd. vi. 54). A reference is made to it again below (vi. 82). It is not easy to say what determined the number of deities here united, but the duodecennial division was early familiar to the Ionic race. See what the author says in i. 146. It may be remarked that the altar of "the twelve gods" being in the agora, seems to indicate that the commercial relations of the state were specially under the guardianship of these corporate deities. Hence, perhaps, Aristophanes makes Euclides swear by "the twelve gods" when struck by the strange appearance of the Epops, whom he regards as a foreigner. (Ares, 95). See also note on vi. 106. Hence, too, they would be familiar to travelling merchants, to whom the remark in the text would naturally be made.

17 έβα εν Αθήναις εὐγλυφα. See note 238 on i. 70.

18 τῶν νῦν ἔφεσθε λίμνης τῆς Μοίρας ἐνωτών, "of the places which are now further down the river than the lake Morris." The statement of the Egyptians to Herodotus is deserving of attention, as an example of the way in which, in early times, physical theories are put forward as historical facts. The surface soil of lower Egypt is alluvial, but the period of time which must have elapsed for the deposit being made may be gathered from the amount of that which has taken place in the last 1700 years. This is, according to Wilkinson (Journal of the Geog. Soc. ix. p. 432), about nine feet
just below the first cataract, lat. 24° 5';
about seven feet at Thebes, lat. 25° 43';
about five feet ten inches at Cairo, lat.
30°. At Rosetta, and the mouths of the Nile
(lat. 31° 30'), the diminutions in the
perpendicular thickness of the deposit is
lessened in a much greater decreasing
ratio than in the straitened valley of
Central and Upper Egypt, owing to the
much greater extent, east and west, over
which the inundation spreads, and there
the elevation of the land in the same
period of 1700 years has been compara-
tively imperceptible. In point of fact,
limestone rock lies throughout at no great
distance below the surface, and it is an
elevated portion of this formation which
constitutes the Isle of Pharos.

19 δόρον τοῦ ποταμοῦ. This is the
actual phrase which Hecataeus used in
speaking of Egypt. (Arrian, Exped.
Alex. v. 6.)

20 τοίονδε. This word is omitted by
the manuscripts S, V, b, and d, and cer-
tainly seems to be a gloss.

21 εὖ ἐνδέκα. Some MSS have εὖ δέκα.

22 ἀπὸ τοῦ Πλινθίνητεο κόλπου. This
is the bay of which the eastern extremity
ran up to the immediate neighbourhood
of what was afterwards Alexandria. It
was so called from a town Plinthine,
where, probably, before Alexandria was
built, the wine which was produced in
abundance on the banks of the lake
Marea, or Mareolis, used to be shipped.
The coast was full of small ports as far as
Paratonium, which was to the west of
Alexandria, a run of 1300 stades. Among
them was a village called Apis, from which
caravans reached the oasis of Ammon in
five days (Strabo, xvii. p. 435). Compare
Sculax, cited in note 63, below. It is
obvious that the description in the text
proceeds from a commercial navigator.

23 παρ' ἵν τοῦ Κάσιον ὄρος τείνει. The
Casan promontory is especially mentioned
from its importance as a landmark to the
mariner. On it and the Serbonian Marsh,
see notes on iii. 5.

24 ἐξήκοντα στάδια. This cannot be
χίλιοι, τὸ παρὰ θάλασσαν. Ἑνθετευν μὲν καὶ μέχρι Ἡλιούπολιος 25 ἐστὶ τῶν μεσογάιων ἐστὶ εὐρέα Δίνυτος, ἐνοῦσα πᾶσα ὑπότη τε καὶ ἄνυδρος, καὶ ἱλὺς. ἐστὶ δὲ ὠδὸς. 26 ἐστὶ τῷ Ἡλιούπολιν ὑπὸ θαλάσσης ἄνο ὀντὶ παραπλησίη τὸ μῖκρος τῷ ἐξ Ἀθηνῶν ὠδῷ, τῇ

From the coast to Heliopolis the road is nearly the same length considered as an accurate measure. Strabo says, that in boating up the river to Memphis, he had very different dimensions of the σχεῖνας given him in different places. Artemidorus made it vary as much as from 30 to 120 stades (ap. Strabo. xvii. cap. i. p. 443). It is observable that the word is not applied by Herodotus or Strabo to pure land-measurement, but only to those cases in which the extent of land is determined by the run of a vessel, or the course of a tow-boat (see note on iii. 5). This may in some degree account for the different magnitude of the σχεῖνας, which, like the stānle in modern Switzerland, or, in some cases, the mile of the Roman Itineraries, might have had respect to the time of performing the space as much as to the space performed. Hence, in Egypt, the rapidity of the river and the condition of the towing-path, would, probably, have modified its magnitude. Jerome (Comm. in Joit, iii. 18), whom Kenrick quotes, seems to show that these considerations might even have been the principal ones. "In Nilò flumine, sive in rivis ejus, solent naves funibus trahere, certa habentes spatia que appellant 'funiculos,' ut labòri defensorum recentia trahentium colla succedant." Strabo says that the variety in the length of the σχεῖνας was οὕτως ἐξ ἀρχῆς παραδεδομένων καὶ φυλαττόμενων μέχρι τοῦ νῦν (xi. c. 11, p. 442). For a similar inequality in the parasang, see note on vi. 42.

25 μέχρι Ἡλιούπολιος. Heliopolis, the On of the Scriptures, is situated on the eastern side of the Pelusiac branch of the Nile. A fountain of fresh water which springs up there, goes by the name of Aiu Schans (the fountain of the sun). The ruins, which bear the modern name of Matarieh, occupy a rectangular space of about three miles in circuit. Heliopolis is in the Antonine Itinerary placed at twelve Roman miles from Babylon, from which to Memphis was twelve more. The ruins are in direct distance about eight and a half geographical miles from Fustat, the presumed site of Babylon, the difference being probably owing to the windings of the road. (Rennell, Geog. of Herodotus, p. 405.)
It is not necessary to suppose that in fixing upon two sanctuaries as the termination of a route, the writer was actuated by any especially religious motive. The great cyclical religious festivals of the ancients were the occasion of merchants assembling from all parts. Strabo excellently remarks: οὐ πανηγυρίς ἐμφασιμοι τι πράγμα ἐστι. Hence it was that, after the destruction of Corinth by the Romans, Delos more than recovered the importance which it possessed in the early times, as it became the centre of the traffic between Europe and Asia (x. c. 5, p. 308). The caravans to Mecca, and the fairs of the middle ages, which were all connected with religious festivals, serve to illustrate the nature of the proceeding. It also appears an assumption to infer from this passage that the altar of the twelve gods was, like the Meta Sudans at Rome, “a centre from which the roads of Attica were measured.” See above, note 16.

8

The plain of Egypt contracts above Helipolis.
where ὣς ἐνω is "of such a wretch as me."

Antig. 62: ἀλλ᾽ ἐννοεῖν χρὴ τούτῳ μὲν, γυναῖκ᾽ ὅτι ἔφεκεν ὣς πρὸς ἄνδρας οὐ μαχουμένα. 53 ἐδόκειν μοι ἦναι. The writer apparently speaks of the estimate he formed by the eye as his boat ascended the river. The expression ἀνάπλοος ἐννεά ἡμερῶν, which presently follows, would give 540 stades as the day's voyage. From the sea to Heliopolis being 6120 - 4880 (= 1260) stades would take only about two days and a third. This harmonizes very well with what is known of the ancient navigation of the Nile. (See note on § 17.) Herodotus here is bringing his auditors up the Sebennytic branch, the straight line of the river's course. Hence two-thirds of a day might well be saved in comparison of the voyage up the Canopic branch, under similar circumstances, viz. with a full river and Etesian winds.

For an attempt to explain the difference of the numbers in this section and § 7, above, see note 26.

34 ἄγονων ἔνδο καὶ ὀγδάκοιτα ἐώνων. The datum is the number of sekas, which the author reduces to stades. See note 24, above.

35 εἰς μεσογαίαν. Several MSS have μεσογγαίαν. For an explanation of the numbers ἔκοσι καὶ ἔκατω καὶ ἐξακα-χίλια, see above, note 26.

36 ἀπὸ Θηβέων ἐς Ἑλεφαντίνην. The difference of latitude is something under 2ο, whereas from Thebes to Heliopolis it is more than 4ο. It is a remarkable circumstance that, wherever Elephantine is mentioned by Herodotus, there is nothing to indicate any suspicion that it is an island; but on the contrary it appears in one passage to be considered on the main. See note on § 28, below. And yet the writer professes to have visited Elephantine himself (§ 29).

37 ὡς γε ἐναί. The MSS vary between οὗτε ἐναί, which Gaisford adopts, and ὃς ἐναί.
EUTERPE II. 9—11.

Among them the Achetons, the Arabian gulf described.

11

Other rivers have formed deposits.

tα χωρία προσχωσάντων ποταμῶν, εἵν τῶν στομάτων τοῦ Νείλου ἐόντως πεισταστόμου 38, οὐδεὶς αὐτῶν πλήθεος πέρι ἄξιος συμβληθήναι ἐστὶ. εἰσὶ δὲ καὶ ἄλλοι ποταμοὶ 39 οὐ κατὰ τὸν Νείλον ἐόντες μεγάθεα, οἳ τινες ἔργα ἀποδεξάμενοι μεγάλα εἰσὶν; τῶν ἐγώ ρυάται ἔχων οὐνόματα, καὶ ἄλλων καὶ οὐκ ἦκαστα Ἀχελώων δὲ ῥέον ἔτο 'Ἀκαρνανίης καὶ ἔξεις ἢ βάλασαν τῶν 'Ἐκμάδων νῆσον τὰς ἧμίσεις ἤδη ἤπειρον πεποίηκε 40. Ἕστι δὲ τῆς Ἀραβίης χώρης, Ἀγιύπτου δὲ οὐ πρόσω, κόλπος θαλάσσης ἑσέχων ἐκ τῆς Ἐρυθρῆς καλομείνης θαλάσσης, μακρὸς οὗτος δὴ τι καὶ στενῶς ὡς ἐρχομαι ρυάτων μήκος μὲν πλάκοι, ἀρβαμένως ἐκ μυχοῦ διεκ-πλώσαι ἐς τὴν εὑρέων θάλασσαν, ἠμέραι ἀναστηλοῦνται τεσσερά-κοντα εἰρεσίη χρεωμένως εὗρος δὲ, τῇ εὐρύτατος ἐστὶν ὁ κόλπος 41, ἤμισον ἠμέρης πλάκος ῥήχη 4 ἐν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀμπωτείς ἀνὰ πάσαν ἠμέρην γίνεται. ἔτερον τοιούτον κόλπον καὶ τὴν Ἀγιύπτου δοκέω γενέσθαι κοινὸ τὸν μὲν ἐκ τῆς Βορράς θαλάσσης κόλπων ἑσέχων ἐπὶ Αἰθιοπίας τὸν δὲ [Ἀράβιον, τὸν ἐρχομαί λέξων 41] ἐκ τῆς

38 πεισταστόμου. This is Gaisford's reading. The MSS are pretty equally divided between it and ἐπισταστόμου. The two terms would be appropriate according as the two artificial outlets were or were not considered as mouths. See below, § 17. That they were popularly regarded in that light seems to follow from the description of the river in Isaiah (xi. 16).

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43 a τῇ εὐρύτατος ἐστὶν ὁ κόλπος. The "gulf" here is apparently, as respects its dimensions, generalized from the appearance of one of the two upper branches of the Red Sea, and there is nothing from the text to show which the author had in his mind. I incline to the belief that it was the Easternmost one, Bahr el Akabah. The merchandise coming up the Red Sea passed up this and was transported by land to Petra. From thence there was a caravan route to Rhinoceraura on the borders of Egypt. The transit by the other branch to Suez seems never to have succeeded. In the time of the Ptolemies, when the Eastern traffic passed through Egypt, the navigation of the Red Sea was not continued above Mouse Roads (see note 59), Strabo, xvi. p. 406. It will be remarked that the direction of the Bahar el Akabah, and that of the Nile for about two degrees of latitude above Memphis, are nearly opposite to each other, which is very far from the case with those of the Nile and the Gulf of Suez.

44 [Ἀράβιον, τὸν ἐρχομαί λέξων]. Gaisford, following Schweighauser, includes these words between brackets. They are found in all the MSS.
Evidence of the formation of Egypt drawn from the shells on the mountains and the efflorescence of salt from the limestone.

12

This would probably be filled up in 20,000 years by such a river as the Nile.

νοτίχς φέροντα ἐπὶ Σύρις· σχέδον μὲν ἀλλήλους συντεταίριστας τοὺς μυκίους 42, ὀλέγοι δὲ τι παραλλασσομένοι τῆς χώρης· εἰ δὲν δὴ ἐθελήσει ἐκτρέψαι τὸ ἱέθρων ὁ Νεῖλος ἐς τοῦτον τὸν Ἀράβιου κόλπον, τί μὲν κολλήσι ῥέωντος τοῦτον ἐκχωσθήσαντον ἐντός γε δισμυρίων ἑτέοι; ἡ γὰρ ἐπὶ ἰδία ἐπικοίμασέναι καὶ μυρίων ἑντός χωσθήσασαν ἂν καὶ γε δὴ ἐν τῷ προαναστωμένῳ χρόνῳ πρότερον ἢ ἐμὲ γενέθησαι οὐκ ἀν χωσθεῖν κόλπον καὶ πολλὸ χέδων ἐτί τοῦτον, ὑπὸ τοιοῦτον τε τοπαμοῦ καὶ οὕτως ἐργατικοῦ· Τὰ περὶ Ἁγνύπτου δὲν καὶ τοῦτο λέγουσι αὐτὰ πεἰθομαί, καὶ αὐτὸς οὕτω κάρτα δοκεῖ εἶναι, ἱδὼν τῇ Ἁγνύπτῳ προκειμένην τής ἐχομένης γῆς, κογχύλια τε φαινόμενα ἐπὶ τοῖς οὐρεσὶ 43, καὶ ἄλμην ἐπανθέουσαν ὡστε καὶ τὰς πυραμίδας δηλέοσθαι, καὶ ψάμμων μοῦνον Ἁγνύπτου ὄρος τοῦτο ὑπὲρ Μέμφιος ἔχουν· πρὸς δὲ, τῇ χώρῃ οὕτε τῇ Ἀραβίᾳ προσώρῳ ἐνοῦση τῆς Ἁγνύπτου προσεκληρύνατο, οὔτε τῇ Ἀιβίᾳ, οὗ μὴν οὐδὲ τῇ Σύρῃ, (τῆς γὰρ Ἀραβίης τὰ παρὰ θάλασσαν Σύριοι νέμονται 44,) ἀλλὰ μελῶργαμὼν τε καὶ κατερρηγυμένην 45, ὡστε ἐνοῦσαν ἰῶν τε καὶ πρόχυσιν ἐξ Λιδιστίης.

42 σχέδον ἀλλήλους συντεταίριστας τοὺς μυκίους. The κόλπος is regarded as standing in the same relation to the μυκίς that a gimlet does to the hole which it produces. Translate “very nearly running the head of their beds into each other, passing however by a small interval of land.” The metaphor appears to be taken from the operation of mining and countermining. (See the passages quoted by Liddell and Scott in their Lexicon, v. συντεταίρω.) But this operation was certainly not familiar to Herodotus. (See note on iv. 200.) And the notice of the Arabian gulf in iv. 39 could hardly have been so vague if this passage had been standing when it was written.

43 κογχύλια τε φαινόμενα ἐπὶ τοῖς οὐρεσὶ. This observation is not of a piece with his former argument. These mountains are there supposed to be the shore of a former sea, not to have lain at the bottom of it (§ 10). The argument here is of the kind followed by Strabo (i. c. 3), where his object is to prove the numerous instances of the change of sea and land. These speculations appear to have been first entered upon to any great extent by Straton, the successor of Theophrastus in his school, and no doubt the phenomena brought to light in the expedition of Alexander gave an impulse to them. (Eratosthenes op. Strabon. i. p. 78.)

44 τῆς γὰρ Ἀραβίης τὰ παρὰ θάλασσαν Σύριοι νέμονται. This phrase has generally been taken to refer to inhabitants of the sea-coast between Tyreus and the Syrian lake, owing to what I believe to be a corruption in the text of a passage in the third book. (See note on iii. 5, ἐς θάλασσαν.) But the whole of that region was desert and contained no towns at all. The Syrians spoken of here are unquestionably the Syro-Phoenicians and Syrophilistines, i.e. the inhabitants of the coast west of the water-sheds formed by Libanus, and the range running south from Carmel. East of this would be a nomad or semi-nomad population, especially east of the latter range,—a district through which the caravan road from Petra to Joppa ran.

45 κατερρηγυμένην, “comminuted,” i.e. the silt brought down by the river. The black appearance of the alluvium in Egypt must have been the more striking when compared with the soil of the surrounding desert, and the luxuriance of its vegetation must in a similar manner have contrasted with the arid ground. The two points are united by Virgil (Georg. iv. 291):

“Viridem Epyetrum nigrae fecundat arenam
Usque coloratis annis devexus ab Indis.”

The black appearance of the ground no doubt procured Egypt its native name Chemi (black).
katephnevménn  ὑπὸ τοῦ ποταμοῦ τὴν δὲ Διβύνην ἵδον ἐρυθρο-
térrn τε γῆν καὶ ὑποψαμμοτέρρn, τὴν δὲ 'Ἀραβίνη τε καὶ Συρίηn
ἀργυλοδεστέρρn τε καὶ ὑπόπτερον εὐόσαν.

"Ελεγον δὲ καὶ τόδε μοι μέγα τεκμήριον περὶ τῆς χώρης ταύτης
οἱ ἱρές, ὡς ἐπὶ Μοιρίοις Βασιλέως, ἀκας ἐλθοὶ ὁ ποταμὸς ἐπὶ ὀκτώ
πῆχες τὸ ἐλάχιστον, ἀρδευκε Αἴγυπτος τὴν ἑνερθε Μέμφιος καὶ
Μοῖρι  ὡς κω ἦν ἐνικάσια τετελευτηκότι ὑπὸ τῶν ἱρέων
ταύτα ἕω ἦκουν υῶν δὲ, ἦν μὴ ἐπ τέ ἐκκαίδεκα ὁ πεντεκαίδεκα
πῆχες ἀναβῆ τὸ ἐλάχιστον ὁ ποταμὸς, ὥς ὑπερβαίνει ὑπὸ τὴν
χώρην. δοκεοῦσι τε μοι Αἴγυπτιώ τοι ἐνερθὲ τῆς Αἰμης τῆς
Μοίριοις οἰκέοντες τα τὰ ἄλλα χωρία καὶ τὸ καλεόμενον Δέλτα, ἦν
οὗτο ἡ χώρη αὕτη κατὰ λόγον ἐπιδίδοτι ἢ υφὸ καὶ τὸ ὦμοιον
ἀποδίδοτι ἢ ἄξησον, μὴ κατακλύζοντος αὐτην τοῦ Νείλου, πείσεσθαι
τὸν πάντα χρόνον τὸν ἐπίλουτον Αἴγυπτιοι τὸ κοτε αὐτοῖ." Ἐλληνας
ἐξασθαν πείσεσθαι: πυθόμενου γὰρ ὤς ὄστα ἡ χώρη τῶν
'Ελλήνων, ἄλλ' ὃν ποταμώια ἀρδεῖται κατάπτερ ἡ σφετέρε, ἐφασα
""Ἐλληνας ψευσθέντας κοτε ἐπίδοσ μεγάλης κακώς πεινήσεων"
τὸ δὲ ἕτος ταῦτο ἐθέλει λέγειν, ὦς " εἰ μὴ ἐθέλησε σφι ὑπὸ ὁ θεὸς
ἀλλ' αὐχμω διαχράσθαι, λμοὶ οἱ "Ἐλληνες αἰρεθήσονται ὦ γὰρ

46 Μοῖρι. See note 132 on i. 41.
47 ἦν μὴ ἐπ ἐκκαίδεκα ἢ πεντεκαίδεκα
πῆχες ἀναβῆ τὸ ἐλάχιστον ὁ ποταμός.
This assertion can only be taken as pro-
cceeding from that disposition common to
all ages, to magnify "the good old times"
at the expense of the present. The priests
forget that the river would raise its bed
by the deposits it left quite as much, and in
fact a little more than it would the soil at
the side, so that the inundation (with an
equal body of water) must take place a little
earlier every year, and consequently cele-
tris paribus a greater surface of land be
overflowed. This has been actually proved
to be the case. In the plain of Thebes are
two colossi,—one of them the celebrated
vocal Memnon,—standing at the end of
what was once an avenue of statues leading
up to a temple. The alluvial soil now
extends to about 600 feet beyond this last.
But when built, not only the temple, but
the whole avenue, and the colossi at the
end of it, were beyond the reach of the
inundation. Wilkinson found, on ex-
cavating, a paved road resting on the soil
of the desert, leading up to the temple.
Above this, at the colossi, were 6 feet
10 inches of alluvium, and 300 feet fur-
ther inland 5 feet 3 inches, the depth
gradually diminishing at the rate of about
one inch in fifteen feet horizontal distance.
The temple is supposed to have been built
about 1420 n.c., and it is plain that the
alluvium could not then have reached to
the colossi. It now extends 1900 feet
435.)
48 ἦν οὗτο ἡ χώρη αὕτη κατὰ λόγον
κ.τ.λ. I have adopted the reading of
Bekker ἐπιδίωκα and ἀποδίωκα, though all the
MSS have ἐπιδίωκα and ἀποδίωκα. Trans-
late: "If this country thus goes on propor-
tionally increasing in elevation, and in the
same degree diminishing in crops." This
use of ἐπιδ. and ἀποδ. exactly an-
wers to the German "zugeben" and
"abgeben." ἀξησο is the increase from
the grain sown, which, in the notion of
the author, would diminish from the dimi-
nished depth of water in the inundations.
δή σφι ἑστι ὕδατος οὐδεμία ἅλλη ἀποστροφή ΚΑΙ ἑτεραν ἑσταν ἑντάθηνεν φέρε δὲ νῦν καὶ αὐτῶσι Ἀιγυπτίωσι 58 ὎σ ἔχει φράσω. εἰ σφι θέλω, ώσ καὶ πρότερον ἔσθον, ἡ χώρη ἡ ἐνερήθε Μέμφιος (αὐτή γὰρ ἑστὶ ἡ αἰγανομένη) κατὰ λόγον τοῦ παροιχομένου χρόνου ἐν ύψος αὐξώνεται, ἀλλο τι ἢ ἦ ταύτῃ οἰκείοντες Ἀιγυπτίων πενήσουσι; εἰ μήτε γε ὑπεταί σφι ἡ χώρη, μήτε ὁ ποταμός οὗ τ' ἐσται ἐς τὰς ἀροῦρας ὑπερβαινεῖ. ἡ γὰρ δὴ νῦν γε οὕτω ἀποντότατα καρτῶν κομίζοται ἐκ γῆς, τῶν τε ἄλλων ἀνθρώπων ἀπάντων καὶ τῶν λοιπῶν Ἀιγυπτίων οὐ οὕτω ἀρότρῳ ἀναρρηγνύστες αἰθάκας ἔχουσι πόσιν, οὗτε σκάλλουσε, οὗτε ἀλλο ἐργαζόμενοι οὐδὲν τῶν ἄλλων ἀνθρώπων περὶ λόγιον ποιέσουσιν ἀλλ ἐπεάν σφι ὁ ποταμός αὐτόματος ἐπελθὼν ἀρώσα τὰς ἀροῦρας, ἀργας δὲ ἀπολείπῃ ὑπίσω, τότε σπείρας ἐκατοστὸ τὴν ἑωτοῦ ἄρουραν ἐσβάλλει εἰς αὐτὴν ὑπ᾽ ἐπαινεὶ δὲ καταπατήσῃ τῆς ὑπὶ τὸ σπέρμα, ἀμφιαν τὸ ἀπὸ τούτου μένεν ἀποδινήσας δὲ τῆς ὑπὶ τῶν οὕτων 52, οὕτω κομίζεται.

49 ὕδατος οὐδεμία ἅλλη ἀποστροφή. This phrase is a very singular one. What we should rather have expected would be κακῶν ἀποστροφή. But the original meaning of ἀποστροφή, “averting of an evil,” seems to have entirely given way to the secondary one of “a resource by which evil is averted.” Hence ὕδατος ἀποστροφή is “a water supply by which the evil of drought is averted.”

50 ὅρθως ... Ἀιγυπτίως. These words are omitted in S and V, doubtless from the eye of the transcriber of their common archtype being deceived by the homoeoteleuton.

51 εἰ σφι θέλω. See note 385 on i. 109.

52 ἀποδινήσας δὲ τῇς ὑπὶ τῶν οὐτὸν. The word ἀποδινεῖν, “to thresh out,” which is nowhere else used, is connected with the word δινός in the sense of “a threshing-floor” (ἄλως). This term was used by ΤΕΛΕΣΙΛΛΑ, the Argive poetess (ap. Athen. xi. p. 467), and it was therefore probably a local phrase at Argos in the sixth century B.C. But, as relating to the culture of the soil, it would be a phrase belonging to the Achaei periecaeci, rather

than the Cadmeo-dorian citizens of the town Argos. Now the Heraeas at Samos and Mycenae are a clear indication that a considerable portion of the Samian population was ethnically identical with these periecaeci. (See note on vi. 81.) They therefore might very well have brought the word ἀποδινεῖν with them and preserved it; and in Samos Herodotus would learn to use it. The term δινός would be appropriate when it applied to the operation of treading out corn by a string of oxen, who are made to go round and round,—the driver generally sitting in the middle and holding the reins which confine them. This according to Wilkinson was not always the case with the ancient Egyptians, although there are instances of it; but this is no objection to the application of the Hellenic term to the operation. Wilkinson (Second Series, i. p. 92) reads βουραί for υμή in this passage. But all the MSS have υμή, and, although it is impossible to conceive swine employed for the purpose, it is not unlikely that the reading is genuine, and that Herodotus merely misunderstood his informant. The swine were probably turned upon the land
as the inundation subsided to consume the water-plants which would be left by the river.

It may be remarked that this section can hardly have stood at the same time with some other parts of the book. (See below, § 47.) Here there is no distinction between the συβάστα and the other agriculturists (which Wilkinson fruitlessly endeavours to establish with a reference to § 47). Each individual ryot is represented as cultivating his own plot of land in the way described.

33 **άπο Περσίων καλεομένης σκοπίης.** Strabo puts the Περσίων σκοπία together with the Μαγαλίων τεῖχος, and places the two apparently just east of the Βοιδιτίων στόμα, which he makes next to the Canopic (xvi. p. 439.)

34 **Ταριχεῖων.** The MS8 here vary between Ταριχεῖων (which S has, and Gaisford adopts), Ταρικέων, and Ταριχεῖων. In § 113 all without any exception have the common form, as the majority have here. This was apparently a factory for salting fish. Wesseling makes the extraordinary mistake of supposing that the place received its name from its being a necropolis of embalmed animals. The term ταριχεῖων no doubt is the proper one for embalming; but its more common, and perhaps its original, use, is in the preparation of salt provisions, chiefly fish. Strabo (xvi. p. 379) speaks of αἱ καλοκαλομέναι Ταριχεῖα, where it is quite certain he must mean an establishment for salting fish. There was a similar factory at the Canobic mouth of the Nile (below, § 113). So there was on some small islands off the coast, about 100 miles south of Carthage. (Strabo, xvi. c. 3, p. 492.) Julius Pollux (vi. 48) enumerates ταριχή Πόντια, ταριχή Φρύγια, ταριχή Αἰγυπτια, ταριχή Σάρδων, and ταριχή Γαδείρικα. The Pontic is called Byzantine by Antiphanes and Nicostratus (or Philaterus) the comic poets (op. Athenaeum, iii. p. 118).
ai Θήβαι Διός πυτος ἐκαλέστο τῆς τὸ περὶμέτρον στάδιοι εἰσί ἐκοσι καὶ ἐκατον καὶ ἕξακασχίλιοι.  

68 στάδιοι εἰσί ἐκοσι καὶ ἐκατον καὶ ἕξακασχίλιοι. Herodotus's informant perhaps meant by Thebes the Theban nome: for, vast as the city doubtless was, he could never have so much exaggerated its dimensions. But it is very strange that the author should not say more upon the subject, the ruins of the temples of Luxor and Karnac (which would both be included within the circuit of the city of Thebes), being even at the present day more striking than the pyramids themselves; and the more strange, as “the hundred-gated Thebes” was proverbial for magnificence in the days of the Iliad (ix. 383). If this passage stood alone, we might suppose that he did not land at Thebes, but passed up the river in a boat, and, struck by the enormous extent of building on each bank, interpreted the assertion of his dragoman to apply merely to it. But see note 10, above.

69 ἀρξαμένην ἀπὸ Καταδότων τε καὶ Ἑλεφαντίνης τόλμου. Up to this point the course of the river is uninterrupted by rapids, and a commercial communication could be carried on by the tow-boat. This would be not so great above Thebes; for there seems little doubt that all the thorough trade from the Arabian gulf met the Nile (or rather a canal run from the Nile) a little below Thebes, at Copitis, from which in the time of the Ptolemies there was a regular caravan route to Mouse Roads (Myos Hormos). Nevertheless, a large camp existing at Elephantine both in the time of the Egyptian and Persian dynasties (§ 30) would undoubtedly occasion considerable intercourse with Lower Egypt. The force of the Etesian winds was felt for about forty days, from the latter end of July, as high up the river as that islaud, and, the waters being out, no doubt advantage was taken of them. They blew so strong that it took only twelve days to get from Alexandria to Copitis. (Vincent, Commerce of the Ancients in the Indian Ocean, vol. ii. pp. 83—5.) By the Sebennytic branch the time was probably rather less. See note on § 8, above.
for the visiting ancients. Aristotle, for example, says that the Nile is given to the locality as a retreat.

Both (Achilles Tatius, iii. 9) and Strabo's accounts reflect a Hellenic rendering of an Egyptian word; for it seems clear that the phrase was derived from the inhabitants of the region, a horde of piratical herdsmen, apparently of different race from the agricultural Egyptians (Achilles Tatius, iii. 9). They haunted the most marshy part of the Delta, where the papyrus reeds effectually masked their retreats. A very graphic account of the locality and of the habits of the race is given by Heliodorus, i. 3, and Achilles Tatius, iv. 12.

And see note 38, above. Aristotle (Meteorologica, i. p. 301, B. lin. 33) says that all the mouths of the Nile, with the exception of the Canobic, are plainly artificial. The genuineness of this book, however, was doubted by the ancients.

It seems from this expression, that in visiting Egypt the author did not enter the Nile by the Canobic mouth, otherwise he could hardly have failed to learn the answer which the Mareotes had received on a point which obviously interested him. The distances given above confirm this view.

For the site of Marea see note on iii. 12. Its importance as a key to the western entrance of Egypt caused a large body of troops to be habitually maintained there (§ 30), and intercourse with the tribes of the desert (see Scylax, in note on iv. 163), and the commercial traders who resorted to the Canobic mouth of the Nile, added to the natural tendency of a soliarity to indulgence, would doubtless much modify the habits of the inhabitants. The banks of the adjoining lake were almost the only part of Egypt where wine was produced; and by Strabo's description it would seem that the whole neighbourhood was full of places of public entertainment, such as might be expected in the vicinity of a camp (xvii. p. 438). What existed in his time, doubtless, under similar circumstances, existed a thousand years before. Hence it is not surprising that revolts should break out in this locality, as seems more than once to have been the case (see notes on ii. 161 and iii. 12. 99), and that...
Aigupton tα πρόσουρα Διβυς, αυτοί τε δοκεόντες είναι Διβυς καὶ οὐκ Aiguptioi καὶ ἄχθομενοι τῇ περὶ τὰ ἱππαθρικαὶ, βουλόμενοι θηλέων βοῶν μή ἐγρεθαίε, ἐπεμψαν ἡμ "Ἀμμώνα φάμενοι" οὐδὲν σφίασε τε καὶ Aiguptioi κοινών είναι οἰκείων τε γιὰ εξω τοῦ Δέλτα καὶ οὐκ ὠμολογεῖν αὐτοὶς, βουλεσθαὶ τε πάντων σφίσι εξείναι γενέσθαι" ὁ δὲ θεὸς σφεάς οὐκ ἐὰν ποιεῖν ταῦτα, φασὶ "Aigupton εἶναι ταύτην τὴν ὁ Νείλος ἐπὶ πόρῳ ἄρδεν καὶ Aiguptioi εἶναι τοὺς οὗ ἐνερεῖ Ἐλεφαντίνης τόλμοις οἰκεύοντες ἀπὸ τοῦ ποταμοῦ τοῦτον πῖνουσιν." οὐτω σφί ταῦτα ἐχρήσθη. ἑπερχεῖται δὲ ὁ Νείλος, ἑπίαν πληθὺς, οὗ μόνον τὸ Δέλτα, ἀλλὰ καὶ τοῦ Διβυκοῦ τε λεγομένου χώρου εἶναι καὶ τοῦ 'Αραβίου, ἑναχῇ καὶ ἐπὶ δύο ἡμερέων ἐκατέρωθι ὁδῷ, καὶ πλεῦν ἐτι τοῦτον, καὶ ἑλασσόν.

Τοῦ ποταμοῦ δὲ φύσις πέρι, οὔτε τι τῶν ἱέρεων οὔτε ἄλλου οὐδενὸς παραλαβεῖν ἐδυνάσθην. πρόθυμος δὲ ἐὰ 66 τάδε παρ' αὐτῶν πυθέσθαι, ὃ τι κατέρχεται μὲν ὁ Νέιλος πληθυσμῶν ἀπὸ τροπεῶν τῶν θερινῶν ἀρξάμενος ἐπὶ ἐκατον ἡμέρας, πελάσας δ' ἐς τῶν ἄρημῳ τοιτέων τῶν ἡμερῶν ὀπίσω ἀπέρχεται ἀπολεῖτων τὸ μέσθρον ὡστε βραχὺς τῶν χειμώνα ἀπαντα διατελεῖ ἑών, μέχρι ὃ αὐτίς τροπεῶν τῶν θερινῶν67. τοῦτον ὦν πέρι οὐδενὸς οὐδὲν οἶός τ' ἐγενόμην παραλαβεῖν παρὰ τῶν Aiguptiōn, ἱστορέων αὐτῶς ἴμητα δύναμιν ἔχει οἱ Νείλος τὰ ἐμπαλίν περικείναι τῶν ἄλλων ποταμῶν. ταῦτα τε δὴ τὰ λεξεμένα βουλόμενου εἰδέναι, ἱστορέων, καὶ ὁ τι αὕρας 68 ἀποτευοῦσαν μοῦνοι ποταμῶν πάντων

an impiatience of the strict sacerdotal régime should endeavour to find a religious sanction for itself.

63 καὶ 'Απολ. Herodotus does not mention this place elsewhere. Scylax puts it in the immediate vicinity of Paratonium, to which he gives the following distances. From Thonis to Pharos 150 stades; from Pharos to the port of the Chersonese 200 stades; thence across the gulph of Phintchne to Leuce Acte a day and night's run; from thence to Laodomantian half a day; and finally to Paratonium another half day. Apis is, he says, the frontier of Egypt (p. 44, ed. Hudson). I do not imagine Herodotus to have any other place in his eye than the Apis of Scylax and Strabo, but I do not suppose him to have seen it, or to have any distinct notion of its size. See note 22, above.

66 ἐα. The second person singular ἐα is used in i. 167.

67 μέχρι οὗ αὐτίς τροπεῶν τῶν θερινῶν. A similar phrase is used below, § 173, μέχρι ὧν τοῦ πληθοῦς ἐστάθη. The idiom apparently arises from the use of ἔμπρι οὗ ἄρη or μέχρι ὧν so habitually with a verb as to cause the two words to be regarded as a single one. Kenrick well illustrates the expression by the common use of ὑνεκα (which is in fact ὑν ὑνεκα) for ὑνεκα.

68 αὕρας. The remark seems suggested by a notion that the pestilential miasma (βορβοράτις ἱματι) conveyed from the marshy banks of rivers, was identical with the breeze which is its vehicle. The healthiness of Egypt has always been notorius. Strabo expressly accounts for the freedom of Alexandria (although in
Three Hellenic theories of the cause of the inundations are refuted.

The immediate vicinity of the lake Mareotis) from fevers, by the fact, that at the season of the year when the power of the sun would lay the banks bare under ordinary circumstances, the inundation of the Nile counterbalances the evaporation, and keeps the lake full (xvii. c. i. p. 426).

a tois etheias anemos. See note 59, above.

69 etheiai men ouv ov etpeunwan. He does not mean that they do not blow at all, but that they do not begin to blow before the beginning of the rise of the river; and that this was observed often to occur.

70 pollai men ev tisuiv petamoi. Some exception has been taken to this argument, from the fact that the course of the Syrian rivers is not in the opposite direction to the Etesian winds, which were nearly north-western in that part of the Mediterranean. But, in fact, the name Etesian wind came to be applied to every strong wind continuing long in the same quarter, especially if of a periodical character. Dionorus expressly says that the winds called tgristai (the "albus Iapyx" of Horace) had the term Etesian applied to them (i. 39). And these blew from a part somewhat south of the west.

71 apd tou "Ekeanoun reonta. The writer doubtless alludes to the composers of the 7yias periodon, of whom he speaks contemptuously below (iv. 36). Among them, possibly, Hecateus is to be reckoned. See below, § 23, o peri tou xon. ljevai.

72 ev liuvui. From this phrase it may be gathered that, in the mind of the writer, the westernmost branch of the Nile, or White River, was regarded as the main channel. See also bel x, § 31, tei de apd epteirai te kai hli; koumen. There now remains no doubt that this view is quite erroneous.

73 toun ta pollai esti. I have little
eikòs àπò χίόνος μιν ῥέειν πρῶτον μὲν καὶ μέγιστον μαρτύριον οἱ ἀνέμοι παρέχονται πνεύματες ἀπὸ τῶν χιορέων τούτων θερμοὶ δεύτερον δὲ, ὅτι ἀνομίβρος ἡ χώρα καὶ ἀκρύσταλλος διατελεῖ εὕσα· ἐπὶ δὲ χιόνι πεσοῦσα πᾶσα ἀνάγκη ἐστὶ οὕσα εἰ πνέιτε ἁμέρησι· ὥστε εἰ ἐξίσκει, ὅτα ἀν ταῦτα τὰ χωρία τρίτα δὲ, οἱ ἀντρωποὶ ὑπὸ τοῦ καύματος μέλανες ἐόντες. ἰκτίνοι δὲ καὶ κελιδόνες δὲ ἐτεοὶ ἐόντες οὐκ ἀπολείπονται, γέρανοι δὲ φεύγουσιν τοῖς χειμώνα τοῖς ἐν τῇ Σκυθικῇ χώρᾳ γυμνούς φοιτεώσι εἰς χειμασίην ἐς τοὺς τόπους τούτους· εἰ τοίνυν ἐξίσκει καὶ ὀσοῦν ταῦτα τῆς χώρας, δὴ ἢς τε ῥέει καὶ ἐκ τῆς ἄρχεται ρέων ὁ Νεῖλος, ἢν ἀν τοῦτων οὐδὲν, ἡς ἡ ἀνάγκη ἔληξει. "Ὁ δὲ περὶ τοῦ Ὦκεανοῦ λέξας, ἐς ἀφανές τῶν μῦθον ἀνειφακάς οὐκ ἔχει ἔξειξιν· οὐ γάρ τινα ἐγγυμνάζει τοιοῦτον ἔσσιν· ὁ δὲ περὶ τοῦ πρότερον γενομένων ποιητῶν, δοκεῖ τούνομα εὑρόντα· τῆς τούχησιν ἐσεινικασθαί.

23 The author's own theory.

El δὲ δὲ μεμφώμενον γυμνὰς τὰς προκειμένας αὐτὸν περὶ τῶν ἀφανέων γυμνάς ἀποδεξαθάται, φράσω διότι μοι δοκεῖε πληθυσθαί ὁ Νεῖλος τοῦ θέρεως· τῆς χειμερινῆς δόρων ἀπελαυνόμενος ὁ ἢμιος ἐκ τῆς ἄρχαις διεξόδου ὑπὸ τῶν χειμώνων, ἔρχεται τῆς Λιβυῆς τὰ ἀνώ. ὥς μὲν νυν ἐν ἐλαχίστῳ δηλώσαι, πάν ἐρηταί· τῆς γὰρ ἄν ἀγχοτάτω ἡ χώρης οὕτως ὁ θεός, καὶ κατὰ ἤμισαι, ταύταν οἶδος διψήν τε ὑδάτων μάλιστα καὶ τὰ ἐγχώρια ρέωμα μαραίνεσθαι τῶν ποταμῶν. Ὅς δὲ ἐν πλέονι λόγῳ δηλώσαι, δὴς ἔχει· διεξίων τῆς Λιβυῆς τὰ ἀνώ ὁ ἢμιος, τάδε ποιεῖ· ἀτέ διὰ παντὸς τοῦ χρόνου αἰθρίου τε ἐόντος τοῦ ἥρου τοῦ κατὰ ταῦτα τὰ χωρία καὶ ἀλε-

doubt that in the article here is a relic of the word τεκμήρια, by the adoption of which all difficulty will be removed from the passage. The plural τῶν is used because the point which Herodotus wants to prove is, "that the course of the Nile is from a very warm region to a colder one." But this position is only to lead to the more particular one, "that the inundation is not due to melting snow," and accordingly, after his usual manner, he limits the question at issue by the clause, ὡς οὔτε εἰκὸς ἀπὸ χίόνος μιν ῥέει. Without some emendation, no sense can be given to the passage.

α πάσα ἀνάγκη ἐστὶ οὕσα εἰ πνέιτε ἁμέρησι. It is strange that this notion should be entertained by a traveller in Scythia, Armenia, or Media. Even Mount Argeus has snow on it during the whole year,—a fact which must have been known to the natives of all the country from which it could be seen, including the high road to Susa.

24 μέλανες ἐόντες. This must be "coal-black," something much stronger than would be expressed by the phrase μελανοχροῖς, which he applies to the Colchians and Egyptians (§ 104).

25 δὲ περὶ τοῦ Ὦκεανοῦ λέξας. See above, note 71.

71 μέλανες ἐόντες.
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εἰνής 16 τῆς χώρης έσωσθή, οὕτω εώστων ἄνεμων ψυχρῶν, διεξώ

ποιεῖ οἶνον περ καὶ τὸ θέρος ἔωθε ποιεῖν οἶνον τὸ μέσον τοῦ

οὐρανοῦ ἔλκει γὰρ ἐπὶ ἑώτυτον τὸ ύδωρ, ἐλκύσας δὲ ἀποθέει ἐς

τὰ ἄνω χώρια, υπολαμβάνοντες δὲ οἱ ἄνεμοι καὶ διασκανίαντες

τήκουσι καὶ εἰσὶ οἰκότοι οἱ ἄπο ταύτης τῆς χώρης πνεύματε, ὁ τε

νότος καὶ ὁ θεα, ἄνεμων πολλῶν τῶν πάντων ὑπότατον (δοκεῖε

δὲ μοι οὐδὲ πάν τὸ ύδωρ τὸ ἐπέτειον ἐκάστοτε ἀποσπάμεθεν τοῦ

Νείλου ὁ ἡλίος, ἀλλὰ καὶ ὑπολείπεσθαι περὶ ἑώστων) πρηνύμοην

dὲ τοῦ χειμώνος, ἀπέρχεται ὁ ἡλίος ἐς μέσον τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ὑπίσω, καὶ τὸ ἐπέτειεν ἡδὴ ὑμῶν ἀπὸ πάντων ἔλκει τῶν ποταμῶν τέως
dὲ οἱ μὲν ὄμβριον ὕδατος συμμισσόμενον πολλοῦ αὐτοῦ αὑτοῦ, ἀτε

ὑμένες τε τῆς χώρης καὶ κεφαραδρομένης, ρέουσι μεγάλων τὸ δὲ

θέρεος, τῶν τε ὄμβρων ἐπιλειτοῦντων αὐτοὺς καὶ ὑπὸ τοῦ ἡλίου

ἐλκόμενου, ἀσθενεῖς εἶστι ὁ δὲ Νείλος ἐως ἀνομβρός, ἐλκόμενοι
dὲ ὑπὸ τοῦ ἡλίου, μοῦνοι ποταμῶν τοῦτον τῶν χρόνων οἰκότων αὐτὸς

ἔωστοι ρέει πολλῷ ὑποδέεστερος ὁ τὸ βέρεος· τότε μὲν ἡδὰ μετὰ

πάντων τῶν ὕδατος ἐσον ἔλκεται, τὸν δὲ χειμώνα μοῦνος πιέζε-

tαι 17. οὕτω τὸν ἡλίον ηνίόμακα τοῦτον ἀυτοῦ εἶναι. Ἀίτιος δὲ

οὕτω [οὕτως] κατὰ γραμμῆν τὴν ἑμῖν, καὶ τὸν ἑρα ξηρὸν τὸν
tαύτη εἶναι, διακαίων τὴν διέξοδον αὐτοῦ 78. οὕτω τῆς Διβύνης τὰ

16 ἀλευνῆς, "lying open to the sun." This word (the aprioric of the Latin) is connected with ἀλη, and apparently belongs (in the sense in which it is here used) to Ionia. ἀλη is found once in the same sense in the Homeric poems, in a passage remarkable also for another circumstance (θερέω, in the sense of "to get warm"). αὐτικ ὑπὲi καὶ νυφὸς θερέω, ἀλη τε γένηθαι (Odys. xii. 23). In that passage, a various reading, ἀλη, is found, and the word is interpreted by the Scholiast as ψευδία, κυρίως ὡς τοῦ ἡλίου. Περιπτοματες uses the expression τῶν περιπτῶν ποιεῖσθαι ἐν ἀλη. Perhaps the two forms, ἀλη and ἀλη, are local varieties of an original form, ἀλη, of which traces remain in the epithet ἑπαλῆς, coupled by Hesiod with ἀλήα (see note 513 on i. 153). Νεονπόν, in several passages, uses the word ἀλευνός as applied to a region, and opposed to ψυχρός, which may be explained from his Asiatic experiences. But through the traffic with Ionia it would come to Athens, and be used in popular language without any reference to its original meaning, as it is by Λκίστορανθας, simply in the sense of "warm." 17 τότε μὲν γὰρ ἐώτως πείξεται. In other words, Herodotus considers the Nile during the inundation to be in its normal condition, the height of the water then being the result of the balance between the supply of its sources and the evaporating power of the sun in the lower part of its course. During the winter, he conceives this last agency to be exerted at the sources, thus cutting off the supplies from the lower parts, which, no rain falling in Egypt, have no means of recruiting themselves. 78 αὐτις δὲ ἀυτός τὴν διέξοδον αὐτοῦ, "and this same [sun], in my judg-
ment, is the cause of the air too in this region being dry, in scourching up the path he takes through it.” Gaisford reads, with some MSS, ἀντὶ. S omits the word. In the next sentence, the expression, ἡ στάσις τῶν ἄρεων, “the position of the seasons,” instead of τοῦ ἀλέον κατὰ τὰς ἄρας, is illustrated by what has been said in note 12.

The extreme incorrectness of this statement is remarkable, as ἰγκέναι (Ἀσσουα, placed by Wilkinson in lat. 24° 5' 30") is on the east bank of the river, immediately opposite to the island Elephantine, at a distance of half a stade (Στράβον, xii. p. 404). See above, note on § 9.

These two names have been interpreted by Champollion as significant of “good” and “evil.” If this be so, perhaps some allegory may lie at the bottom of the statement; possibly, a symbolical account of the origin of mixed good and evil in the world. But, whatever the Saitan may have meant, it is plain that his auditor took him literally.
Beyond Elephantine the writer did not go; but he describes from hearsay the rapids, the mode of towing, and the island Tachompo.

82 οὕτω μὲν δὴ...παλιρροίη, “the muniment-keeper now so put the matter to me—if indeed these things which he mentioned really happened—as to produce the notion on my part of certain strong eddies with a cross current existing in this locality.”

83 οἷα δὲ ἐμβάλλοντο τοῦ ἔθατος τοῖς αὐτῆς. It seems impossible to reconcile this phrase with any mode of the operation of water rising out of springs, even in a way which might suit the vague notions of the time of Herodotus. Perhaps the real origin of the statement is to be looked for in some misunderstanding of the Saian, who, possibly, was thinking of the rapids and eddies of the river itself at that part, i.e. just below the first cataract. At Syene there was in later times a “well,” the bottom of which the sun was believed to illuminate at one time of the year, it being supposed that Syene was under the tropic. Strabo (xvii. p. 464) mentions this, but neither that the well was used “as an observatory,” nor that he “saw the sun in the well,” nor, indeed, that he saw the well at all.

84 μέχρι μὲν Ἐλεφαντινής πόλεως αὐτώτης ἔλθων. This phrase occasions very great difficulty. Is the author himself the αὐτώτης spoken of here? If so, how comes the fact of the insular position of Elephantine, and its bearing from Assouan, to be so strangely ignored? See notes 36 and 80, above.

85 κατάπερ βοῶν, “just like an ox,” i.e. with a rope tied to each horn, to prevent the animal from suddenly bolting when led to sacrifice. Euripides perhaps had the Egyptian mode of towing in his mind when he wrote of the drawing the wooden horse into Troy (Ipol. 537): καλωτοῦ δ' ἀμφιβολοῖς λίγησι, μᾶς ἄσει σκάφους κελαίνου, εἰς ἔδραν λαίνα δάπεδα τε φώνα πατρίδι. Παλλάδος θέσαν θέασ.

86 τὸ δὲ χωρίον...πλόος. The author does not say from what points the reckoning is to be made, but one may presume he intends Elephantine, and that the ἀνατε χωριόν denotes the rapids at the second cataract. This is described by Wilkinson (Modern Egyptians, ii. p. 332) as less interesting than the cataract of Syene, but more extensive, being a succession of rapids which occupy a space of several miles, called Batn el Hagar, “the belly of stone,” a locality suggesting such a mode of tracking (i.e. simultaneously from both banks) as the author describes. But the actual distances disagree very much with the other estimates of Herodotus. In § 9, he lays the distance between Elephantine and Thebes at 1300 stades. Now the real distance (as estimated by Wilkinson) is 124 miles, which gives about 14-5 stades to a mile. An excess, though much smaller in extent, likewise appears between Thebes and the sea, which Herodotus puts at 6120 stades; and, its real distance being 566 miles and a half, about 10-8 stades must be reckoned to the mile. But the
The Deserter's an Egyptian colony four months above Syene.

distance from Elephantine to the second cataract is 232 miles, and, if the day's sail be reckoned at 9 schoeni of 60 stades each (as in § 9), the result will be less than 9½ stades to a mile. As the difficulties of progress would be much increased above Syene, one would expect the variation to be exactly in the opposite direction. Wadi Haffa, which is in the immediate proximity of the second cataract, is said to be in lat. 21° 50'.

77 Ταχομασφ. Modern travellers have found nothing at all resembling the description given in the text of this island or the lake in its vicinity.

a τήν διεκπλάσαι... ταύτην εκδω. The manuscript S has τήν δὴ εκπλάσαι ἐκ τοῦ Νείλου τὸ ῥέθρων ἥξεις τὸ εκδιδότι ἐς τήν λάμνην ταύτην.

88 παρὰ τοῦ ποταμοῦ. This can scarcely be the description of a person who himself made the journey. The road through the desert saves the great bend which the river makes to the westward, and in that part is many days' journey from the bank. The rapids last for about 129 miles above Maharraka (in the neighbourhood of which Tachompos ought to be) to Wadi Haffa; but above that point the river is again available for navigation.

89 εἰς ὅποι περ ἐς Ἐλεφαντῖνης ἤλθες. The time to Merove would be 4 + 40 + 12 days, besides the time (whatever it might be) occupied in passing from Tachompos to the point where the land-journey commenced, and also that consumed in passing the rapids, a distance of twelve schoeni (§ 29). It seems clear, therefore, that the time to be occupied in reaching the Antomoli was conceived as not less than four months from Elephantine; i.e. they were simply placed at the extremity of the country of which there was any knowledge. See § 31.

90 Ασμάχ. This word in the Ethiopic language signifies "soldats choisis ou distingués" (Lacroze, ap. Jablonsky, Opuscula, i. p. 42). If in the Egyptian language it meant what Herodotus says, the secondary meaning would probably be, "the despised," or "the neglected:" (compare the interpretation of "Ben-
The tale of the deserters agrees with these two etymologies; in Egypt, they are Asmack in the Egyptian sense of the word; in Ethiopia, the same in the Ethiopic. Diodorus Siculus, writing at a time when Egypt had become thoroughly Hellenized, gives a Hellenic version of the etymology. According to him, Psammitichus, in an expedition against Syria, had given the right wing in his army to his Hellenic mercenaries, and put the native troops on the left: an indignity which caused the secession (i. 67).

a ἄλη ἂν. Bekker omits the last of these two words as an interpolation. But, alone, its entrance into the text cannot be accounted for. The two words together seem to have crept in from the margin, where they were written by some one who thought it necessary to point out that the corps in Daphnae was a different one from that in Elephantine.

91 καὶ ἐν Δάφνῃ. It seems strange that he should not also have mentioned the corps d'armée at Mareia. Is it conceivable that this was annihilated in the successes of Inarus, when he destroyed Achæmenes (see note on iii. 12), and that the visit of the writer to Egypt took place between that time (b.c. 460) and the complete re-establishment of the Persian power in the western angle of the Delta? 92 Ψαμμήτης δὲ πυθόμενος εἴδωκε. At Abun-gisbhal in Nubia, an inscription was found in the Greek language on a temple, beginning with the line βασιλείας ἐδόθη ἄλη τὸ Ἑλεφαντίνων Ψαμμήτης. This is described by Wilkinson (Moderna Egy- ptia, ii. p. 329), who gives a copy, as "the curious Greek inscription of the Ionian and Carian soldiers of Psammetichus sent by the Egyptian king after the deserters." The inscription mentions neither deserters nor soldiers, either Ionian, Carian, or of any other nation; but merely that certain individuals (two of whom were Damarchus the son of Amabichus, and Pelephus [q.y. Telephus] the son of Udamus (?)), in the company of one Psammatichus the son of Theocles, sailed up the river beyond a place called Cercis. To say nothing of the Doric forms, Elephantia, Psammatichus, and Damarchus, which indicate no Ionic writer, or of the use of the letters ψ, χ, ϕ, ω, and η, which were probably not written in the time of the monarch Psammatichus, it is plain that no real "illustration of Herodotus" is to be looked for here.
λέι: ο δέ σφεας τῶδε ἀντιδωρεῖται ἥσαν οἱ διάφοροι τινες γεγονότες τῶν Αἰθιόπων τοῦτοι έκέλευε ἐξελώντας τὴν ἐκείνην γῆν οἰκεένιν τοῦτον δὲ ἐσοκισθέντων ἐς τοὺς Αἰθιόπας, ἤμερώτεροι γεγονασί Αἰθιόπας, ΰῆδα μαθώτες Ἀιγύπτια.

Μέχρι μὲν νυν τεσσέρων μηρῶν πλόου καὶ ὁδὸν γνωσκεται ὁ Νεῖλος, πάρεξ τοῦ ἐν Ἀιγύπτῳ ῥέματος: (τοσούτοι γὰρ συμβαλ- λομένῳ μῆνες εὐρίσκονται ἀναισιμομένου εἰς Ἐλεφαντίνης πορευο- μένῳ ἐς τοὺς Αὐτομόλους τούτους) ῥέει δὲ ἀπὸ ἐσπέρης τοῦ Η. πάλαι δὲ τοῦτο, οὐδεὶς ἔχει σαφέως φράσαν, έρήμος γὰρ έστιν ἡ χώρα αὐτὴ ὑπὸ καύματος. ἂλλα τάδε μὲν ἰκούσα ἀνδρῶν Κυρηναίων, φαμένων ἐθέλειν τε ἐπὶ τὸ "Ἀμμονος χρηστήριοι καὶ ἀπίκεσθαι ἐς λόγους Ἕτεαρχος τῷ Ἀμμονιον βασιλεῖ" ἀπόρριψαν 'τὸν Ἑθέαρχον, ὡς οὐδεὶς αὐτοῦ οὐδὲ τὰς πηγὰς καὶ τὸν Ἕτεαρχον φαναι ἐθέλειν κοτε παρ' αὐτῶν Νασαμώνας ἀνδρᾶς: (τὸ δὲ ἐθνὸς τοῦτο ἐστι μὲν Δισκοῦν, νεμέσται δὲ τὴν Σύρτιν τε καὶ τὴν πρὸς ἱδο χάρην τής Σύρτιος οὐκ ἐπὶ πολλῶν) ἀπικομένους δὲ τοὺς Νασαμώνας, καὶ εἰρεωσκέομενους ἐπὶ τὰ ἐχούσα πλέον λέγειν περὶ τῶν ἐρήμων τής Διβύνης, φάναι παρὰ σφίσι γενέσθαι ἀνδρῶν δυνα- στεῶν παῖδας ύβριστάς τους ἄλλα τε μηχανάσθαι ἀνεφοδιάτας περισσά, καὶ δὴ καὶ ἀποκληρώσα τεντέ ἐωτῶν ὀφειμένου τὰ ἐρήμα τής Διβύνης, καὶ εἰ τὰ πλέον ἐδοες τῶν τὰ μακρότατα ἐδο- μένων. (τῆς γὰρ Διβύνης τὰ μὲν κατὰ τὴν βορηνήν θαλασσαν, ἀπ' Ἀιγύπτου ἀρξάμενοι μέχρι Σολόντος ἄκρης, ᾗ τελευταὶ τῆς Δι- βύνης, παρίκουσιν παρὰ πᾶσαν Διβύνε—καὶ Διβύνων ἔθνεα πολλὰ,—πλὴν ὅσον Ἐλληνες καὶ Φοίνικες ἢχουσι τὸ δὲ ὑπὸς θαλάσσης τε καὶ τῶν ἐπὶ θαλάσσαν κατηκώντων ἀνθρώπων, τὰ κατάπερθε

93 ἔδει δὲ ἀπὸ ἐσπέρης. See note 72, above.
94 Ἕτεαρχος τῷ Ἀμμονιον βασιλεί. The Hellenic name of this chief is perhaps the translation of a significant native word. Besides the intercourse of the Cyrenaeans with Ammon, the fact of the Oasis (El Wæh) being tenanted by Samians (ii. 26) shows the vigour with which, in very early times, the Hellenic towns extended their commercial enterprises.
95 Ἀπικόστα ἐς λέσχην, "got into a conversation." See note on ix. 71.
96 ᾗ τελευταὶ τῆς Διβύνης. The promontory Solibis is mentioned again iv. 43, where it seems to be regarded as the last landmark known to the Phoenicians. In the Peripitus of Hanno it is described as covered with trees, and as lying east of Thymbierium, which latter again is two days' sail outside the straits. Scylax makes it two days from the straits to the promontory of Hermes; from thence to Solisbeis three more; and to Cerne the island seven further still.
They probably reached the upper Nile.

97 ἵνα τὰ πρῶτα. These words and those which follow are to be taken after ἐτει as the prothesis of the construction, of which the apodosis begins with διεξελθόντας δὲ, "then, after having passed through an enormous extent of country, and having taken a long time about it, they at length saw (δεῖν δὲ ποτὲ) trees growing in a plain."

98 ἀνάρας μικροίς. It would seem not unlikely that, in the times of which Herodotus is speaking, that diminutive race, the Bosjemans, which still exist here and there in Southern Africa, was more widely extended.
IKONTO ANBROPOUS YONTAS EINAI PAMTAES,” TON DE DEI TOTAMON TOUY ON TON PAPRIEROUSA KAI “ESTEARCHOS SYNEBIALKEPO EINAI TON NEILON, KAL DEI KAI O LOGOS OIYTO AIPEEY RHEE YAR EK LAIHNIS O NEILON, KAL MESEI TAIMNOW LAIHNIS KAI (OIS EIDYO SYMBALLOMAI, TOUSI EMFAINEI TA MI YNOVSOKOMENA TEKMAIRYMENOS) TO “ISTRPH EK TON YSON METRON ORMATAI. 106 “ISTRP TON YAR POTAMOS ARXIMEUS KAL KELETON KAL PYPHISILOS TOLIOUS 107, RHEE MESEI SXHISH TIN YUPRISPHT (OI DE KELETON EISI EIXO ‘HERAKLHNOI STYPHELW, DUMPYROUSI DE KONPISIOI 108, OI ESXATOI PROS DUSMEW OIKEOUSI TON ENI TIN YUPRISPHT KATOUKHMENON) TELEUTA DEI “O ISTRPH EIS THALASSAN RHEW TIN OI YUHXNOW PONTON DIA PASYHS YUPRISPHTES, T ‘ISTRPHN OI MELIHNWN OIKEOUSA APOTIOU.

34 OI NEIHPON KAL YATXEOUS OIDEWSES EKINWOKHETE, PROS PULLAON YMINOSKETE PERIDE TON OWNEILO YNEMWOS OIDEWSES EKHEI LGEIN AIODIPTOS TON YAR ESETI KAI ERHIMOY ‘LAIHNIS, DEI HETE RHEEY PERI DEI TON REUMATOS AUTONO EPI OSWON MAKRHTATON ISTOROYHTA YWNI EXIKESTHAI EYRGHTAI EKIDIOS DEI EIS AIHWHTON H DEI AIHWHTOS TIS ‘HREIHIS KILIKIS MAELISTA KI ANTIIT KEETAAN [ENTHITEIN DEI, EIS XNOSHTH TIN ENI YUHXNOW PONTY PENTE YMEREWOS YTHIES ODOS EUWYNOI ANOYRI 109] H DEI XNOSHTH TO “ISTRPH EKIDHTYI EIS THALASSAN ANTINO KEETAAN 110, OIYTO TON NEILON DOKEO DIA PASYHS TIS ‘LAIHNIS DIOEWTANA EXIOSUTHAI TO “ISTRPH. NEILON MEX ONN PERI YSOSAATA EYRPHTH.

35 EROXAMAI DEI PERI AIHWHTON MUKNEWON TON LOGOU, QT WLEISTTA YNOVAAMA EKHEI ‘ALHII PASAA CHORH, KAI ERGA LOGOY MEKO PAREXETAI PROS PASYAN CHORHN TOUYN EINeka PLEO PERI ANTHTS EYRPHTETAI.


107 ΠΥΡΗΝΗΣ ΠΟΛΙΟΣ. THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE IN WHICH HERODOTUS SPEAKS OF THIS CITY. IT IS plain THAT HE HAS THE VAGUEST NOTIONS OF THE LOCALITIES HE MENTIONS. THE CELTS OF WHICH HE SPEAKS MUST BE LOOKED FOR IN LUSTANIA, IF ANY WHERE ELSE.

108 ΚΟΝΠΙΟΙ. SEE NOTE ON IV. 49, META KONYGAS.

109 ΔΗΣΝΟΤΗΝ ΕΙ ΕΙ ΥΣΟΝ ΠΟΛΗΝ ΕΡΜΗΤ. THIS PASSAGE APPEARS TO MEAN AN INTERPOLATION. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PARTICULAR POINT THE AUTHOR HAS IN HAND, VIZ. TO SHOW A KIND OF ANALOGY BETWEEN THE ISTER AND THE NILE. IT IS ALSO QUITE CONTRARY TO FACTS; AND PERHAPS IS DERIVED FROM A MISUNDERSTANDING OF I. 72, WHERE SEEN NOTE 246.

110 Η ΔΗ ΞΝΟΣΗ ΤΟ “ISTRPH EKIDHTYI EIS THALASSAN ANTIIT KEETAAN. PROBABLY A MERCHANT-VESSEL GOING FROM THE ISTER TO PHASIS (SEE NOTE 363 ON I. 104) WOULD TAKE HER COURSE FOR SINOPH, OR ON THE OPPOSITE COURSE RUN FOR THE ISTER FROM SINOPH.
Strange contrariety between the Egyptians and other nations.

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105 τὰ πολλὰ πάντα ἐξαπαλίων τοῖς ἀλ- λοίοις ἀνθρώποις ἐστήσαμεν ήθεα τε καὶ τὸν εὐρανῶν τὸ κατὰ σφέας ἐόντι ἐπερόω, καὶ τὸ ποταμὸν φύσιν ἠλλοχνὴν παρεχομένῳ ἵνα ὁ ἄλλοι ποταμοί, τὰ πολλὰ πάντα ἐμπεδοῦν τοίς ἄλλοις ἀνθρώποις ἐστήσαμεν ήθεα τε καὶ νόμους, εἰν τούτων αἱ μὲν γυναῖκες ἀγοράζουσι καὶ κατηγοῦντον τοῖς ἀλλοίοις ἄνδρες κατ’ οἴκους ἐόντες ὑφαίνουσιν, ὑφαίνουσιν δὲ τοῖς μὲν ἄλλοις ἄνδρες ἤρεσιν τὴν κρόκην ὀθένοντες, Αἰγύπτιοι δὲ κατὰ τὰ ἀγχῶνα ἄνδρες ἐπὶ τῶν κεφαλῶν φορέουσιν, αἱ δὲ γυναῖκες ἐπὶ τῶν ὄμοιον, ὑφαίνουσιν, αἱ μὲν γυναῖκες ὑπάρχουσιν, τοῖς ἀδρές κατηγοῦντον εὐμαρέτες ἔχουσιν τοῖς ὀίκοις, ἐσοθίουσιν δὲ έξω εἰς τῇς ὁδοῖς, ἐπιλέγουντες, ὅς τὰ μὲν ἀδοχρὰ ἀναγκαία δὲ ἐν ἀποκρύφῳ ἐστὶν ὑπείρας χρεων, τὰ δὲ μὴ ἀδοχρὰ ἀναφαινοῦν. ἱράται γυνὴ μὲν οὐδεμία ὑπερ ἢς ἀρχηγὲς ἄνδρες δὲ πάντων τε καὶ πασέων. τρέφειν τοὺς τοκεῖς τοίς μὲν παίσι οὐδεμία ἄναγκη μη βουλομένου, τῇς δὲ ὑγείας πάσα ἀνάγκη καὶ μη βουλομένῃσι. Ὠι οἱ ἐς τὸν ὁδόν τῇ μὲν ἄλλῃ κοινότητι, εἰν Αἰγύπτιος δὲ ἔξυρενται. τοίς ἄλλοις ἀνθρώποις νόμοις ἀριστερὰ ἐκείνης κατὰ τὰς κεφαλάς τῶν μαλακτά κεκυκτᾶται, Αἰγύπτιοι δὲ ύπο τοὺς θανάτους ἀνείσιν τὰς τρίχας αὐξεῖσθαι, τὰς τὴν τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ τῷ γενελίᾳ, τέως ἐξυμείνου. τοίς μὲν ἄλλοις ἀνθρώποις χωρίς ἡρώων διαίτα ἀποκέκριτα, Ἀγυπτιόι δὲ ἐν ὁμοί θηρίου τῇ διαίτης ἐστὶ. ἀπὸ πυρέων καὶ κρίθεων ἀλλοὶ τούς φύσις, Ἀγυπτιῶν δὲ τῷ πολεμείμενῳ ἀπὸ τούτων την ἡμᾶς ὀνειδος μέγιστον ἔστί: ἄλλα ἀπὸ

106 ἀγαρίζουσιν, "frequent the agora."

107 ὑφαίνουσιν. These were doubtless the manufacturers of the linen for which Egypt was famous. (See the first note on § 164.) A state of civilization implying a division of labour would induce the practice which so forcibly struck a Greek visitor, in whose country the clothes of the household would be manufactured by the industry of the female members of the family. Sophocles alludes to it (Edip. Col. 337):

ὁ πάντ᾽ ἐκεῖνος τοῖς έν Αἰγύπτω νομοῖς φῶναι κατεικαθεῖντι καὶ βίου τροφάς ἐκεί γὰρ οἱ μὲν ἁρεπες κατὰ στύγας βακκοινίν ἴστοργυνοιες, αἱ δὲ σύννοι τέξαν μοι τροφεία παρόνουσιν ἵνα.

Nymphodorus (i. c.) gives several other particulars, and adds that these habits were introduced by Sesostris with the intention of rendering his subjects effeminate, —the same policy which Croesus recommends Cyrus to pursue towards the Lydians (i. 155).

108 ἱράτα. Unless this word be taken in a very restricted sense, as referring only to the office of a sacrificial priest, some difficulty arises. See note on § 54.
THESE THEOSEBBES DE PERISSOOS EEONTES MALISTSA PANTOWN ANTHROPOON, NOIMOS KOU TOIOTSIDEE XREONTAI. EE XALKEION POTHIERION PIONOSI, DIASMEONOTES ANA PASTAN HMEERRYN, OUK OE MEIN OE OE OUB, ALLA PANTES. EEIMATA DE LINEA FOPROUNOUL AIEI NEPTUTA, EPIXHIDEVONTES TOUTO MALISTSA. TAE TE AIlda PERITAMNOTN KABARIOTHTOS EINKE PROTIMONTES KABAROF EINAI EE EIANTRIPESTEROI. OI DE IREES XRHEUNAI PAV TAO SYNMA DIAL TRITETA HMEERRYN, IWA MIITE PHIEIR MIITE ALLO

109 TOUS KRITOUS KAI KALOUS. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT IS HERE MEANT. THE WRITER ALLUDES TO SOME ARRANGEMENT WHICH WAS FAMILIAR TO HIS HEARS, AND FROM THIS VERY CIRCUMSTANCE ABSTAINS FROM THE EXPLANATION WHICH WOULD BE WELCOME TO A MODERN READER. I AM DISPOSED TO THINK THAT THE KRIKO KAI KALOS IS THE APPARATUS FOR REEFING THE SAILS; VIZ. A ROW OF EYLET HOLES PARALLEL TO THE SEAM OF THE SAIL, THROUGH EACH OF WHICH A SHORT LINE IS RUN, AND PREVENTED FROM COMING OUT BY A KNOT AT EACH EXTREMITY. IN THE ACT OF REEFING, THE PORTION OF THE SAIL WHICH LIES BELOW THIS ROW IS ROLLED UP AND SECURED BY THE SHORT LINES IN QUESTION. IT WOULD SEEM FROM THE TEXT THAT THE OPERATION WAS IN EGYPT EFFECTED BY DRAWING HOME THE KNOT ON THE INSIDE OF THE SAIL, BUT IN GREECE BY DOING THE SAME WITH THAT ON THE OUTSIDE. ACCORDINGLY THEY WOULD MAKE FAST THE REEF-POINTS IN THE ONE CASE ON THE INSIDE (OR WEATHERLY SIDE) OF THE SAIL, AND IN THE OTHER ON THE OUTSIDE (OR lee SIDE). IN BOTH INSTANCES THE KNOT DRAWN HOME WOULD BE THE LARGER OF THE TWO, AND WOULD BE, LIKE A BUTTON, OVER THE TWIST WHICH WOULD BE TAKEN BY THE OTHER END ROUND IT.

In Liddell and Scott's Lexicon (v. kalaos) the true explanation of Euripides, Trood. 113, paraBdei "OHTAN STRAITEI ΑΡΓΕΙΟΝ ΕΞΙΤΗ ΚΑΛΑΣ IS MISSED, FROM A MISTAKEN APPREHENSION THAT ΕΞΙΝΑΙ ΚΑΛΑΣ MEANS THE SAME THING AS ΧΑΛΑΣΑΙ ΝΟΣΑ. BUT THE FORMER MEANS TO "SHAKE OUT THE REEFS,"—A PROCEEDING APPROPRIATE TO FINE SETTLED WEATHER AND A STEADY LIGHT BREEZE. Poseidon accordingly, who is meditating the destruction of the Greeks, watches the opportunity when the fleet shall be carrying as much canvas as possible. The latter expression, on the contrary, means to "case off the sheet," the word pouos signifying the line which secures the leeward extremity of the bottom of a sail. To let this go is, as the Athenians knew well from their experience of the ferry between the Pireus and Salamin, the only way to save a boat from capsizing when a squall suddenly strikes her.
a δις. Chieremon (op. Porphyri. De Abstinent. iv. 7) makes their daily ablutions to be three in number, one on rising, one before dinner, and one before going to sleep.

119 οὔτε τι τῶν οἰκημῶν τρίβουσι. The priests apparently had a common domain, free from taxes, and held by them as a corporation. On the other hand, the individual cultivators, the ryots, were regarded as the tenant's at will of the sovereign. Compare Genesis xxvii. 16—26 with § 109, below.

117 οὕτως ἀμπέλιων. It is a question from whence this wine must have come. Since the time of Psammitichus doubtless the commodity formed a large part of the imports from Hellas; and it was from hence probably that the bulk of the wine consumed at the festival of Butapasia (described below, § 60) was derived. In later times it was said that antecedently to the days of Psammitichus the Egyptians abstained from wine on religious grounds, believing the juice of the grape to be the blood of the gods which warred against the gods, from whose buried bodies the vine had sprung (Eudoxus, op. Plutarch. De Isid. et Osiride, p. 353). But the mention of "the chief butler," as a high officer of state in the court of a Pharaoh (Genesis xl.), seems quite opposed to this view; and as there is no early authority for it, but on the contrary Hecateus related that the kings used to drink a metretes of wine by the special order of the sacred writings, I should rather be disposed to consider it as referring to a dogma of later growth than the time of Herodotus. That the bulk of the population did not drink wine habitually seems clear from the scoff of the Aeolian king Pelasgin in Eschylus:

"All' ἄρσενα τοῦ τίσιδε γῆς οἰκήτωρας ἐφησεν' οὐ πίνοντας ἐκ κριθῶν μὲνον (Suppl. 953)."

But this circumstance probably arose from the cultivation of the vine being possible in very few parts of Egypt (see note on § 77), while the country was especially favourable to the growth of cereals. So little general belief attached to the superstition mentioned by Eudoxus, that Themuclus identifies Osiris even with the wine-god Dionysus, and attributes to him the invention of vine-culture. (Lib. i. Eleg. vii. 33):

"Hie docinit teneram palis adjungere vitem,
Hic viridem durum cedere falce comam."

112 ἀρχίσεως. This is the reading of Gaisford on the authority of several MSS, and it is defended by the use of the same form by Dio Cassius. But it is contrary to analogy, and other MSS (among which is S) have the common form ἀρχισεως.

113 τοῦ Ἐπάφου εἶναι νομίζουσι, "they consider as belonging to Epaphus."
to be observed that the writer here simply substitutes the Hellenic equivalent for the Egyptian deity Apis. In § 153 he explains that they are identical. There can be no doubt that the Egyptian deity is the original one; but the Greeks, after their usual wont to account for all the legends they found by a reference to their own mythology and language, derived Epaphus from ἔπαφειν. 

Aeschylus, Prom. 848:

ἔπαιν' ἰδὸν τιθέσιν ἐμφορεῖ ἔπαφειν ἀπαρβεί χειρὶ καὶ βίου μόνον ἐπόνυμον δὲ τῶν Δίων γεννημάτων τέξεις κελανον' ἔπαφος.

a ἐν ἄλλῳ λόγῳ. See iii. 28.

Herodotus, if marked with any black.

Others may be sacrificed.

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Mode of sacrifice.

Curses are heaped on the head of the victim.

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a ἐν ἄλλῳ λόγῳ. See iii. 28. 114 ἐπ' αὐτοῦ, i.e. τοῦ βασιλέω. The wine was so poured as to fall in a jet on the crest of the victim, and from thence on to the altar.

113 πολλὰ κατηρχόμενοι. The analogous practice of the scapegoat sent into the wilderness prevailed among the pastoral Israelites (Leviticus xvi. 21). Wilkinson (Ancient Egypt, ii. p. 351) denies on the negative evidence of the sculptures that this practice was more than occasional and exceptional.

115 ἦν ἐν ἱδοντα. This thesis of the preposition from the verb with which it is compounded and the introposition of the particle ἦν is exceedingly common in Herodotus, although it seems to be confined to the aorist. Attempts have been made to explain the usage,—some on the principle that it implies an habitual practice, some on the ground that it is appropriate to a sudden action. But, to go no further than the present Book, the passage, § 172, καὶ ἦν κόφας, refutes the former of these views, and the passage in the text the latter. Perhaps if the antecedent prose writings still existed, the origin of the idiom might have been plain; but all that can now be said of it is that it has a peculiarity of the author's style which has survived the reasons of its use. The use of the word halt in the spoken dialect and popular literature of the Austrian Germans is a somewhat parallel case. That provincialism is doubtless the relic of ich halte dafür, 'I guess;'—but it is habitually used in cases where it would be impossible to substitute the full phrase for it with any shadow of propriety.
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τοίς θύσιν ἦ Ἀγρύπτης τῇ συναπάσῃ κακῶν γενέσθαι, ἐς κεφαλήν ταύτην τραπέσθαι."

κατὰ μὲν υἱὸν τὰς κεφαλὰς τῶν θυμείων κτερέων καὶ τὴν ἐπίστευσιν τοῦ οἴου, πάντες Ἀγρύπτηιό νόμοισι τούς αὐτούς χρέωναι ὁμοίως ἐς πάντα τὰ ἴρα καὶ ἀπὸ τούτοιν τοῦ νόμον, οὐδὲ ἄλλου οὐδενὸς ἐμψύχου κεφάλης γεύσεται Ἀγρύπτων οὐδείς.

Ἡ δὲ δὴ ἐξαιρεσις τῶν ἱρῶν καὶ ἡ καθισὶς ἄλλη περὶ ἄλλο ἱρόν σφί κατέστηκεν. τὴν δὲ δὲ μεγίστην τε δαίμονα ἤρηνται εἰναί, καὶ μεγίστην οἱ ὀρτὴν ἀνάγοντι, ταύτην ἔρχομαι ἐπέων ἀποδείρωσι τῶν βοῶν, κατευξάμενοι, κοιλὴν μὲν κεῖταν πᾶσαν εὖ ὀν ἐλεύν {117}, σπλάγχνα δὲ αὐτοῦ λείπουσα εἰν τῷ σώματι καὶ τὴν πιμελὴν σκέλεα δὲ ἀποτάμουσι, καὶ τὴν ὁσφύν ἀκρην, καὶ τοὺς ὀμόσι τε καὶ τὸν τραχύλλον τάντα δὲ πούσαστεν, τὸ ἄλλο σώμα τοῦ βοῶς πιμπλάσα άρτων καθαρῶν καὶ μέλιτος καὶ αὐσταφίδος καὶ σύκων καὶ λιβαντωτό καὶ σμύρνης καὶ τῶν ἄλλων θυωμάτων πλῆσαστε δὲ τούτων, καταγίζουσι ἔλαιον ἀφθονον καταχέουσες. προφητεύσαστες δὲ θύσιν. καιομένων δὲ τῶν ἱρῶν τύπτονται πάντες· ἐπέων δὲ ἀποτύψωνται, δαίτα προτίθενται τὰ ἐλπίστον τῶν ἱρῶν.

Τοὺς μὲν υἱὸν καθαροὺς βοῦς τοὺς ἐρεσιν καὶ τοὺς μόσχους οἱ πάντες Ἀγρύπτωι θύσουν τὰς δὲ θηλέας οὐ ςφί ἔξεστι θύειν, ἀλλὰ ἰραὶ εἰσὶ τῆς Ἰσίους. τὸ γὰρ τῆς Ἰσίους ἀγαλμα ἐν ἡμιακισίμῳ βούκερον ἐστὶ, κατάπερ Ἔλληνες τῆς Ιώ̂νης ἡμάρανσι {118} καὶ τὰς βοῦς τὰς θηλέας Ἀγρύπτωι πάντες ὁμοίως σέβονται προ-

{117} ἐπέων . . . εἰλον. Here is a considerable variation of the MSS. Gaisford follows M, K, P, F, a. But V, B, b, c, d have ἐπέων προφητεύσαντι τῇ Ἰσίῳ καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κατέβαιναν ὀμόσι τοῦ βοῶς καὶ ἀποδείρωσι κοιλὴν μὲν ἔκειν (Ald. κείνην) πᾶσαν εὖ ὀν εἰλον. The manuscript S appears to agree with these, except in having the future, προφητεύσαμεν καὶ κατεβομεν, instead of the subjunctive of the aorist. It is quite certain that these variations cannot have arisen the one from the other.

{118} προφητεύσατες. See note 163, below.

a ἐπέων δὲ ἀποτύψωνται. See first note on ix. 31.

{119} κατάπερ Ἔλληνες τῆς Ιώ̂νης γράφουσι. There seems little question that Ἰσίς delineation of Isis represented her in her character of the moon, whose phases are indicated by the symbol of horns. JANOLSKY (De vocibus Aegyptiacis, v. Isis) says that the Coptic Ioh was the proper word to denote the moon, considered merely as a physical object. He regards Isis as the mere symbolical personification of the simple Io, and the Hellenic legend to have arisen from the union of the name Io with the delineation of Isis. The word Io is said to have been, in the Argive dialect, equivalent to σε-λήνη (Eustath. ad Dionys. Periegy, cited by Jololsky). If this be true, the word itself no doubt came from Egypt in the way of commerce, in those times to which Herodotus alludes above (i. 1), and the legend must of necessity be later. The milch-cow itself, if a symbol of Isis (which seems likely from § 132), was so in her capacity of Aphrodite Urania, i. e. as the impersonation of the productive power of nature. See note 121, below.
The dead, they are thrown into the river, at the same time animals are buried.

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βάτων πάντων μίλιστα μακρῷ. τῶν εἰνεκα οὐτ' ἀνήρ Ἀγρίππιος οὔτε γυνὴ ἄνδρα Ἐλληνα φιλοῦεται ἀν τό στοματι, οὐδὲ μαχαίρη ἄνδρος Ἐλληνος χρίσεται, οὐδ' ὀβελοῦσι, οὐδὲ λέβητι, οὐδὲ κρέος κακαροῦ βοῦς διατημημένου Ἐλληνικὴ μαχαίρη γεύσεται. θά-
πτουσι δὲ τοὺς ἀποθηκεύουσι βοῦς τρόπον τόνδε· τὰς μὲν ἤθελας ἐς τὸν ποταμῶν ἀπίασι, τοὺς δὲ ἔρεσας καταρύσουσι ἐκαστὸι ἐν τοῖς προστείοις, τὸ κέρας τὸ ἔτερον ἢ καὶ ἀμφότερα ὑπερέχουσα, σημιτοῦ εἰνεκεν. ἐπεάν δὲ σαπή, καὶ προσίζ ὁ τεταγμένους χρόνος, ἀπικνεῖται ἐς ἐκάστην πόλιν βάρις. εἰκ τῆς Προσωπίτιδος καλε-
μένης νήσου ὑπ' ὑδατωρίσθη τῇ ἄνδρᾳ μὲν ἐν τῷ Δέλτα, περίμετρον δὲ αὐτῆς εἰσὶ σχεῖν ἐνεών· ἐν ταύτῃ διν τῇ Προσωπίτιδι νήσῳ ἐνεισὶ μὲν καὶ ἄλλα πόλεις συχναί, ἐκ τῆς δὲ αἱ βάρις παραγίνουσαν ἀναρ-
σὸμενα τὰ ὡστά τῶν βοῶν οὐνομα τῇ πόλιν Ἀτάρβηχις. εἰκ ὑπ' αἰ-

βάρις. This is a local Egyptian term, as appears from § 96, where the mode of constructing these vessels is de-
scribed. Hence the Egyptian herald in Aeschylus most appropriately adopts it: βάλινες κελέων βάριν εἰς ἀμφίστρωφον (Suppl. 832). Jablonsky connects the word etymologically with the Coptic Ber, or Bar, which is equivalent to πλέκειν. Bir is, he says, the translation of σφιβάς in Mark viii. 8.

a ἐκ τῆς Προσωπίτιδος καλεμένης νήσου. The site of this island, Prono-
pitile, is by no means, to me, satisfactorily made out. It has been considered to be bounded by the Canopic and the Seben-
nytic branches of the Nile, and on the north by a canal joining the two. But if it is identical with the Προσωπίτις νομὸς of Strabo (xxii. p. 410), it ought, appa-
rently, rather to be put to the south than the north of the Αἰθριβῆς νομὸς, and the site of this last seems decided by the ruins (still bearing the name Alrev) which are the remains of the ancient Athribis. These are on the eastern side of the Sebennytic channel. It seems not impossible that Athribis and Althribis are, as seems probable, the same places, perhaps the original notion of Athor may be ex-
plained by considering her as uniting the characteristics of the Derecto (or Ater-
gatis) of Syria, the Here of ante-Dorian Mycene, the Artemis of Ephesus, and the Νίξ of the mythology developed in the parabasis of Aristophanes's Birds, vv. 665—666. Compare the description of the Sardian goddess in the note on v. 102, and see notes on § 67 and § 141, below. Plutarch (De Is. et Os. p. 374) says that Athyr is one of the Egyptian names of Isis, and signifies οἶκος Ἄρου κόσμου. This notion is quite in harmony with Athor, "the sacred cow." See note on iii. 28, and note 119, above.
aũṭh 'Αφροδίτης ιρόν άγιον ἰδρυται. ἐκ ταύτης τής πόλιος πλα-νέονται πολλοί, ἁλλοι ἐς ἅλλας πόλις, ἀνόρυζαντες δὲ τὰ ὠστεὰ ἀπώγουσι καὶ θάπτουσι ἐς ἕνα χόρον πάντες. κατὰ ταύτα δὲ τούσι βουσὶ καὶ τάλλα κτήμα ϊάπτουσι ἀποθήσκονται καὶ γὰρ περὶ ταύτα οὔτω σφι νεομοβιθητηται κτείνουσι γὰρ δὴ οὐδὲ ταύτα.

"Οσοι μὲν δὴ Διὸς Ἡθβαιὸν ὁ μοῦρο τοῦ Θηβαίου εἰσι, οὕτως μὲν μνα πάντες ὁποιοῦ ἀπεχόμενοι ἀγίας θύουσι. (θεόσ, γὰρ δὴ οὐ τοὺς αὐτοὺς ἀπαντεῖς ὡμοίοις Ἀγάπτειοι σέβονται, πλὴν ὁ Ῥεῖσι τε καὶ Ὄσιριοι, τὸν δὴ Διώνυσον εἶναι λέγουσι, τούτους δὲ ὡμοίος ἀπαντεῖς σέβονται.) ὁσοὶ δὲ τοῦ Μένδητος ἐκτητηριά ἵππον, ἦ νομοὶ τοῦ Μενδησίου εἰσὶ, οὕτως δὲ ἄγριον ἀπεχόμενοι δίς θύουσι. Ἡθβαιοί μὲν νυν, καὶ οὕτως διὰ τούτους ὁποῖον ἀπέχουσι, διὰ τάδε λέγουσι τοῦ νύμφου τούδε σφι τεθήναι "Ἡρα-κλέα θελήσαι πάντως ἱδέσθαι τοῦ Δία, καὶ τὸν οὐκ ἔθελεν ὀφθαλν ἦπ' αὐτοῦ τέλος δὲ, ἐπεὶ τε λυπαρέει τὸν Ἡρακλέα, τὸν Δία μηχανήσασθαι κριῶν ἐκείραντα, προεέχεθαι τοῖς τῆς κεφαλῆς ἀποταμώντα τοῦ κριῶν καὶ ἐνδυόντα τὸ νάκος οὔτω οἱ ἐνωτῶν ἐπι-δέξαι." ἀπὶ τούτου κριόπρόσωτον τοῦ Δίως τογαλμα ποιεῖσθαι Ἀγάπτειον ἀπὸ δὲ Ἀιγαπτίων Ἀμμών, ἐοντεῖ Ἀγαπτίων τε καὶ Αἰθίωπων ἀποικοι, καὶ φωνὴν μεταξὺ ἀμφότερον νοµίζοντες· δικεῖν δ' ἐμοί, καὶ τὸ οὐομα Ἀμμώνωι ἄπὸ τοῖς σφι τὴν ἐπωνυμίην ἐποιήσαντο Ἀμοῦν ἣμ' Ἀγαπτίων καλέουσι τὸν

122 Ἡθβαιόν. The manuscripts S, V, a, b, c, d have this form; others, Ἡθβαίον. See above, note 611 on i. 182.

123 τῶν δὴ Διόνυσον εἶναι λέγουσι. This Dionysus, who, as Osiris, was the common object of worship to all the Egyptians, was not the god of the vine-dressers, but the deity corresponding to the Zagreus of the Cretan mythology, or the Adonis of Cyprus (see PLUTARCH, Sympos. iv. 5). But, in another relation, Osiris was the wandering Sun (see J. BLONSKY, Pantheon Egypt. ii. 1, § 8). In this Herodotus appears to refer to him below (§ 132). Subsequently to the formation of Alexandria, a purely astronomical interpretation was given to the legend of Adonis; and in later times still almost every deity of the old mythology was referred to either sun or moon (see MACROBIUS, Saturnal. i. 21).

124 διὰ τούτων. S and b have διὰ τούτων. These words should not be translated by so definite a phrase as "after the example of these," but "through these." They would include the case of a colony which brought its religious ritual with it like any other of its customs. It seems uncertain whether Herodotus heard the tradition he relates at first-hand from the Thebans themselves; and hence, perhaps, the reason for adding the second clause, δὸς . . . ἀπεχόνται. See note 88, above.

125 προεέχεθαι. S, V, b, d have προεκθέσαται. The clause προεέχεθαι . . . ἐπιδέξαι is to be considered as an orerexesis of μηχανήσασθαι.

126 τὴν ἐπωνυμίην. These words seem superfluous, but perhaps may be explained by considering ἐπωνυμίαι ποιήσασθαι as nearly equivalent to ἐπωνυμίασαν. See note 132, below.

127 Ἀμοῦν. By the way in which the
Heraclas of the twelve deities.

His name passed over into Hellas from Egypt, not to Egypt from Hellas.

Author puts it, one might suppose that the Egyptian word in the nominative case was Ἀμών. But Amōn is the real form, which, indeed, is evidenced by the Hellenic equivalent Ἀμών.

ἡρακλεός τοῦ Ἡρακλεός. This expression is a striking evidence of the colour which Hellenic channels gave to the facts received by the author. There is no Egyptian name which in the least degree corresponds to Heracles; those of the deities which are identified with him being Seum or Sωμ, and Chon (J. B. L. J. 2. 3, §§ 3, 4). The only way, therefore, in which a sense can be attached to the author’s remark, is to consider that he looks upon the form in which the Egyptian mythology was cast by the naturalized Greeks of his time as genuine Egyptian, losing sight (except in a few instances) of the fact of this being a mere adapted translation. See note 333 on i. 95, and note 129, below.

a ἐξέρχετο. The subject of this word would be Ἐλληνων. There is no reason whatever to believe that the Egyptians themselves ever were maritime, but see note 566 on i. 174.

ἀὔτός. If these were the real aboriginal Egyptians, it would be strange that they should select the reign of Amasis as a kind of epoch; but if we look upon them as naturalized foreigners, this is not wonderful, that reign being the one in which these first formed an important class (ii. 178). See note 134, below.
The writer's visits to the Heracleum at Tyre, and at Thasos, induce him to believe both in a god and a hero called Heracles.

The native name of the Tyrian Heracles was Melkart, of which word the two elements are Mele, or Moloch (dominus), and Keria, or Karta (urbs), which latter appears in Carthago and in Carteia, the Carthaginian colony in Spain. It seems likely that the Phoenician Melkart (dominus urbis) the tutelary deity of Tyre, being transported as the guardian of the trading vessels of his subjects to Corinth, there became the local Melicerta,—who betrays his origin by his character as the patron of navigators, the light in which the people of the country to which he came would naturally view him.

This is the reading of all the MSS, but must certainly be corrupt.

This is considered as an instance of the pleonastic use of elain, but I should rather be disposed to explain the construction in a different way, and to call elain the infinitive after the composite particle ἐπωνυμήν ἐχοντος. If for these two words λεγομένου were substituted, the construction would run perfectly regular, and ἐπωνυμήν ἐχειν is in fact a mere special case of λέγειν. The Tyrian Heracles was said (a fact appearing from his surname) to be a Thasian. This is a species of the so-called construction πρός τὸ σημαρφόμενον, which may be described as the using a combination of words which in the aggregate are the equivalent of one verb, in the regimen that verb would require. See note 126, above. Several examples from the Tragedians are given by Seidler (ad Troad. 330). The following passage from Plato is an example of the converse procedure, ἐπωνομάζειν being used in the regimen of ὁμοια ἐκείνη. "Ἐπιθυμίας δὲ ἀληθῶς ἀλλούσην ἐκ τὸ ἑαυτόν καὶ ἀρξάσην ἐν ἑαυτῷ τῷ ἀρχῷ "ΤΒΡΙΣ ἐπωνομάζει. "But when desire drags us against our reason after pleasure, and has become the master-principle within us, to this domination has been attached the name "ΤΒΡΙΣ." (Phaedr. § 30.)

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a πάντε γενεήσαι. See note on § 145, below.
Many foolish legends current among the Greeks: one of Hercules in Egypt.

The Menides consider the goat a sacred animal.

This is a conjectural emendation of Valcknaer's. One MS has οὐ, and all the rest οὐ.

a κός ἄν οὕτων ἄνθρωποι θύειν: In spite of this argument, Manetho (whose antiquarian knowledge was very great) positively declared that the Egyptians had in the habit of sacrificing such men as were of a red complexion to "Ilithyia:" that they called them ἄνδρας Τυφώνιους, it being the colour they attributed to Typhon; and that they were marked beforehand like the oxen described above (§ 38). This custom prevailed in Heliopolis, and was put a stop to by King Amosis. (Plutarch. et Porphyry, quoted by Jablonsky, Panth. Egypt. iii. 3, § 7.) Diodorus Siculus (i. 23) says that these victims were offered on "the tomb of Osiris," which being called Busiris in the Egyptian language gave rise to the Hellenic legend of the tyrant slain by Hercules, a legend of which that in the text is a slight variation. It seems probable that the Ilithyia of Manetho is the Isis worshipped at Busiris (below, § 59), and that in identifying her with Demeter we must conceive a Demeter-Erinyes or Persophone, to whom such offerings would not be inappropiate. Nevertheless, it is not impossible that Manetho's statement was founded on a misinterpretation of certain pictorial groups, which are said by Wilkinson to symbolize conquest.

134 θαύματος... τραγοκέλα. Wilkinson (Ancient Egyptians, i. p. 260) denies that this can be said of the representations of any one of the Egyptian gods whatever. The Priapecian Osiris was called Chemno or Kheon, and from the description given of the image of Pan by Stephanus Byzantinus (sub v. Πᾶςς πόλις), Wilkinson conceives that he had this deity in his eye. Wilkinson also denies the truth of the aspersion contained in the latter part of the paragraph; but the allusion in the Mosaic law (Levit. xviii. 23) taken together with a fragment of Pindar (ap. Strabon. xvii. p. 440) confirms Herodotus's statement. Nevertheless, it is possible that the Egyptians here bear the burden of exotic vices. Compare i. 135, and see notes 128 and 129 on § 43, above.
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mun, ἀλλ' ὤμοιον τοσὶ ἄλλοις θεωτὶν ὑπὲν δὲ εἰνεκά τοιοῦτον γράφομεν αὐτὸν, οὗ μοι ἣδουν ἐστὶ λέγειν σέβονται δὲ πάντας τοὺς ἄγας οἱ Μενδήσιοι, καὶ μᾶλλον τοὺς ἐρσενας τῶν θηλέων, καὶ τούτοι οἱ αἰτίλοι 133 τιμᾶς μέζοναν ἔχουσιν έκ δὲ τοιοῦτον ἐκ μάλιστα, ὡστὶς ἐπέω ἀποθάνη, πένθος μέγα παντὶ τῷ Μενδησίῳ νομὸ τίθεται. 

καλεῖται δὲ ὁ τε τράγος καὶ ὁ Πᾶν Αἰγύπτιστι Μένδης 134. ἐγένετο δ' ἐν τῷ νομῷ τούτῳ ἐπ' ἐμεὶ τούτῳ τὸ τέρας γυναικεὶ τράγος ἐμίσητο ἁναφανδιν ϊτοτο ἐς ἐπίδειξιν 135 ἀνθρώπων ἀπίκετο.

"Τι δὲ Αἰγύπτιοι μιρὰν ἠγμαται θηρίον εἶναι καὶ τοῦτο μὲν ἦν τις θαύση αὐτῶν παριῶν ὕδω, αὐτοὶ ἴματοις ἀπ' ὄν ἔβαψε ἐωτὸν, βασὶ ἐπὶ τὸν ποταμὸν τούτῳ δὲ οἱ συβδοται, ένωτες Αἰγύπτιοι ἐγγενεῖς, ἐς ἵνα ὀνύδε τῶν εἰ Αἰγύπτῳ ἐστέρχονται μονοῦ πάντων ὀνύδε σφικέκειοσθαί θυγατέρα ὀνύδε ἔθελεν ὀνύδε ἀγεσθάι εξ αὐτῶν ἄλλ' ἐκδιδόσαταί τε οἱ συβδοται καὶ ἀγέσαταί εξ ἄλληλων 136.

τοις μὲν νῦν ἄλλοις θεοῖς θύειν ὡς οὖ δικαιοῦσι Αἰγύπτιοι, Σελήνη δ' καὶ Διονύσῳ μούνοις, τοῦ αὐτῶν χρώμου, τῇ αὐτῇ παν-

σελήνῳ, τοὺς ὅσταντες πατέονται τῶν κρεῶν. διότι δὲ τούτος ἦν εἰ μὲν τῆς ἄλλης ὀρθής ἀποστυνγήσει εἰ δὲ ταύτῃ θύουσι, ἐστὶ,

μὲν λόγος περὶ αὐτοῦ ὑπ' Ἀιγύπτιων λεγόμενος: ἐμοὶ μείνει ἐπι-

σταμένων οὐκ εὑρεπεστερός ἑστι λέγεσθαι. δυσίν δὲ ἣδε τῶν ὅν 

τῇ Σελήνῃ ποιεῖται ἐπέαν θύσῃ, τὴν οὐρήν ἄκρην καὶ τοῦ σπλήνα 

καὶ τὸν ἐπίπλουν συνθεῖς ὤμοι, καὶ ὧν ἐκάλυψε πάση τῆς κτήνου 

τῇ πιμέλῃ τῇ περὶ τὴν νηρὰν γυμἀθήνῃ, καὶ ὁπεῖτα καταγίζει πυρὶ

133 οἱ αἰτίλοι. This expression has caused much perplexity, and Schaefer alters it from conjecture into οἱ κόλαι. I am inclined to think that the leading goats of the several flocks are intended by the term, which is perhaps a literal translation of an Egyptian word used in the sense of Virgil's Vir gregis (Bucol. vii. 7). Nor would it be wonderful that, in a locality where the deity was symbolized by this creature, there should be a kind of animal hierarchy culminating in that individual which was preserved as the image of the god. See § 69, below.

134 Aἰγύπτιστι Μένδης. It is said that there is nothing in the Coptic to confirm this assertion.

135 εἰκεδίοδαταί τε ... καὶ ἀγέσται εξ ἄλληλων. The more correct and technical expression for a father who gives his daughter in marriage is εἰκεδίοδαι, in the active voice. Thus Thucydides (viii. 21) has τοῖς γεωργοῖς μετεδίδοσαν οὕτω ἄλλων οὐδείς, οὕτω εἰκεδίοδαν οὕτω ἀγα-

γέσαν τι' ἐκείνων, and our author (v. 92), ἐδίδοσαν δὲ καὶ ἡγοῦτο εξ ἄλληλων. But εἰκεδίοσθαι, meaning "to procure the making of the marriage," may be fitly used where, as here, the general custom, and not the act of a particular individual, is referred to. For the form εἰκεδίοδαται, see note 177, below.
and 48 is a pig to Dionysus on the eve of his festival, which in most other respects is like the Hellenic.

Melampus not unacquainted with the Egyptian rites, from which he adopted the Hellenic.

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ta de alla krea sittontai en tη paseiλiνω en tη an tα ira thusan en alla de hmeri ouk an eti geusalato o de penites autou up asthenei bion staitwia plasiastes en kai opthiastes tautas thunosi. To de Dionysō, tis orthis tη dorpithi, xoiron pro ton thureōn sφιξas ekastos, didoi upoferesth ton xoiron autō to apodomeiiv ton sywstetωn. Tηn de allin anagouni orthis to Dionysō oii Aiguptiou, plēn xoroun, kata tauta schedou pantà "Ellas 137. auti de falloiv, alla sphi estiexeurhmeva σosν te pithnaià ιγάλματα nevosppastata tα periforeon kata kōmas γνωικε, neou to aidoion ou pollo τέω ἑλασσου ένω τον ἄλλον σάματος προηγεται de aulδs, ai de ēpountai wēiounai ton Dionunos. dioti de mézon te ēxei to aidoion, kai kinei moouv ton σάματos, esti logos peri autou ἱρως λεγόμενος. "Hē dōn doksēi moi Melàμpous o Ἀυμβένων τῆς θυσίας ταύτης ouk είναι ιδαιψ, ἀλλ' εμπειρος. "Ellas γὰρ δη Μελάμπους εστί ο εξηθησα- μενος 138 τοῦ Διονύσου τὸ τε οὐνομα καὶ τὴν θυσίαν καὶ τὴν πομ- πῆν τον φαλλοῦ. ātrepēs, mēn ou pantà sullabδων τὸν έλγον ύφημε 139, ἀλλ' οi επιγενόμενοι τοιτω σοφιστai 140 mevōnos exēph-

137 kata tauta schedou pantat Ellasi. The kōmos, or the riotous procession afterwards called κωμασία by the Alexandrine Greeks, differed in no respect from the parallel proceedings in Europe. Synesius (quoted by Sturz, De Dialecto Egyiptiacae, p. 103) describes some of these proceedings in which the attendants of the deities went moping and mowing with masks of hawks, ibises, or dogs, just like what may be seen in modern Rome at the Carnival. It seems not unlikely that this practice was the origin of the animal choruses in the old Attic comedy (kōmos ἡδή). See note 73 on i. 21.

138 δεξηθησαμενος, "he who set forth." The ἐξηθησάμενος set forth the prescribed form of ritual, the "way" in which the deity was to be invoked, and the essential ob- servances which were necessary in order to render him propitious. It was the consciousness of not knowing this which induced the Samaritans to send to Babylon for a Jewish priest "to teach them the manner of the God of the land" (2 Kings xvii. 27). In Acts xvii. 18 our Version renders καταγγελει αs if it had been ἐξηθησѧς, "a setter forth," which would have been a proper phrase had the apostle prescribed a ritual, instead of relating a history.

139 ἀφήμη, "revealed." See the note on vi. 135.

140 σοφισταί. See notes 95 and 99 on i. 29 and 30. The σοφος or σοφίστης of the early times was in many cases a hierophant; or, to speak more accurately, σοφία was considered to include the know- ledge both of human and divine things. Thus Isocrates (Land, Busir. § 28) says of Pythagoras, who may be considered as the representative of ethico-political science in its earliest form, that he ἄριστον eis Aignpton kal λαβηθης ἕκεινων (i. e. τῶν ιερῶν) γενέμενος τὴν τέ ἄλλην φιλο- σοφίαν πρῶτος εἰς τοὺς Ἕλληνας ἑκόμιας, καὶ τὰ περὶ τὰς θυσίας καὶ τὰς ἀγι- στειας τάς ἐν τοῖς ιεροῖς ἐπιφανεστη- ρῶν τῶν ἄλλων ἐπιστόλαις. See too what Herodotus (iv. 95) relates of Zamolxis to have done after having been in the society of Pythagoras. Chilo the Lacedemonian, one of the seven sages, is also represented by him as advising Hippocrates, the father of Pisistratus, in a question of hieromancy (i. 54). And Epimenides the Cretan, who was especially notorious as a mystagogue, was placed by some, instead of Priander,
among the number of the seven sages. (Plutarch, Solon. § 12.) Hence it is not surprising that the mythical ritual of a state was a most important point of public policy. See the remarks of Strabo on the subject (i. c. 2, pp. 26—29), and compare the account of what Clisthenes did at Sicyon (v. 67) and his relative at Athens (v. 69), with the notes on those passages.

141 ο κατηγοράμενος. The MSS vary between this word, ἀπηγογάμενος, and ἐγγυγώσαμεν, but the majority support the text. The difference between κατηγοράμενος and ἀπηγογάμενος is that between directing the ceremony in question personally and doing it by a general description. See note on vii. 183.

142 ὅ γάρ δὴ συμπεσόμενο γε φύσις. "For undoubtedly I will not allow that there was a mere coincidence between," &c. &c.

143 ὅμορποτα. This word seems to be used in the sense of "uniform." The argument of the writer appears to be that an accidental coincidence would have produced a uniformity in the Hellenic Dionysiac ritual; and on that hypothesis there would be no trace of any portion of it anywhere having been recently introduced. But the sentence is very obscure, and slovenly if not corrupt.

144 πάντα τὰ οὐνόματα. See notes on § 43. The manuscripts S and V have πάντων τῶν θεῶν τὰ οὐνόματα.

145 καὶ "Ἡρης. Μανέθιο, in the syncretism of Hellenic and Egyptian deities which was attempted in the time of the Ptolemies, identified the Egyptian Athis with the Hellenic Hēre,—which she seems to have been in some respects. See note 121, above.

146 καὶ Θέμιος. This is not at all in accordance with facts, if the Egyptian word THME be, as Wilkinson asserts, the root both of the Hebrew Thumim and the Hellenic θέμιος. But I doubt the truth of the remark in the latter case.
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117 τούτον δὲ τὸν θεόν παρὰ Δίβων ἐπέθεντο. It seems quite impossible to reconcile this view with the account given in iv. 151 of the absence of all intercourse with this part of the world until comparatively recent times. It is perfectly certain that long before these both the name and the office of Poseidon were familiar to the Hellenic race.

118 οὕτω προκάτω ἢ Ἑλληνας τελέοντες, "just then growing into Greeks." See the note on iii. 34. The change conceived by the writer is the same with that which he calls (i. 57) τὴν ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ μεταβολὴν.

119 σύνωνοι ἐγένοντο. This expression seems to indicate an immigration of Pelasgians into Attica, mixing with a race in which Pelasgian characteristics had given way in a great measure to Hellenic. That, in the view of Herodotus, the Athenians in the earliest times were Pelasgians, and called Crabai, appears from viii. 44. See note 179 on i. 56.

137—140 Herodotus relates that the Pelasgians who were neighbours of the Athenians were expelled by them and migrated to Lemnos. These two statements may no doubt be combined by considering that the Samothracian Pelasgians migrated to Attica, and from thence to Lemnos. But to me it seems more likely that different traditions are followed in the two passages. The Dodonean legend (which Herodotus here follows) is based upon the ritualistic similarity of the Cabiric worship in Samothrace to the Hermo-symbolism and religious ideas connected therewith, at Athens. The popular Attic tradition (which is followed by him in the other passage) is one explanation (for Herodotus himself gives another) of the current proverb Ἀθήνη Πηγή, so worked up as to furnish a justification for the bucaniering expedition of Milityades. For another statement which makes the immigrants into Attica to be Pelasgians from Placie and Scylace, see note 185 on i. 57.
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οἶδα ἀκούςας, ἐπωνυμίην δὲ οὖν οὖνομα ἐποιεῖτο οὐδεὶς αὐτῶν οὐ γὰρ ἀκηκόσειν κω. Θεοὺς δὲ προσωνόμασθαν σφαίρα ἀπὸ τοῦ τοιοῦτον, ὅτι κόσμοι θέντες τὰ πάντα πρῆγματα καὶ πάσας νομαῖς εἶχον ἐπειτα δὲ 151, χρόνου πολλοῦ διεξελθόντος, ἐπύδηντο ἐκ τῆς Ἀγάπου τοῖς ἀπικόμεια τὰ οὖνοματα τῶν θεῶν τῶν ἄλλων Διονύσου δὲ ὡστερον πολλοῦ ἐπύδηντο. καὶ μετὰ χρόνον ἑκρηστηριάζοντο περὶ τῶν οὖνομάτων ἐν Δωδώνῃ τὸ γὰρ δὴ μαυτίζον τοῦτο νεώμασται ἀρχαϊότατον τῶν ἐν"Ἑλληνες χρηστηριῶν εἶμαι, καὶ ἣν τῶν χρόνον τοῦτον μαυτίζον ἐπεὶ δὴν ἑκρηστηριάζοντο ἐν τῇ Δωδώνῃ οἱ Πελασγοὶ "εἰ ἀνέλονται 152 τὰ οὖνοματα τα ἀπὸ τῶν βασιλέων ἥκουν." ἀνεάλ ἡ μαυτίζον "χρᾶσθαι" ἀπὸ μὲν δὴ τοῦτον τοῦ χρόνου ἔθουν τοίς οὖνοματι τῶν θεῶν χρεώμενον παρὰ δὲ Πελασγοῖς Ἑλληνες ἑξεξεῖλοντο ὡστερον. "Εὐθεῖα δὲ ἐγένετο ἐκαστὸς τῶν θεῶν, εἰ τε δ' αἰεὶ ἦσαν πάντες, οὐκοίοι τε τίνες τὰ εἶδεα, οὐκ ἤπειστέατο μὲχρι οὐ πρώην τε καὶ χθές, ὡς εἰπεῖν λόγον 153. Ἡσιόδος γὰρ καὶ "Οµηρον ἥλικιν πετακοσίοις ἑτείς δοκεῖ μεν πρεσβυτέρους γενεσθαί, καὶ οὐ πλέον οὔτοι δὲ εἰς οἱ ποιήσαντες θεογονίνα Ἑλληνες, καὶ τοῖς θεοῖς τὰς ἐπωνυμίας δόντες, καὶ τιμᾶς τε καὶ τέχνας διελόντες καὶ εἰδεα αὐτῶν σμηνιῶτας 153. οὶ δὲ πρότερον

151 ἐπειτα δὲ. So S. Gaisford, with the majority of the MSS, reads ἐπει τε δὲ.
152 μέχρι οὐ ... λόγον. The sentence is constructed as if the writer had intended to continue it with the words Ἡσιόδος καὶ Ὅμηρος τὴν θεογονίν Ἑλληνες ἑπόταν. But, if this had been written, the objection would not have been met, that Orpheus, Linus, and others had given a mythology professedly on a much earlier date. To forestall this objection, the writer begins a fuller explanation of the state of the case.
153 οὔτοι δὲ εἰσὶν ... σμηνιῶτας. In this passage, Herodotus has been described as recognizing Homer and Hesiod as the prime authors of Greek belief respecting the names and generations, the attributes and agency, the forms and the worship of the gods." (Grose, History of Greece, i. p. 463.) But this seems an undue straining of the text. The writer scarcely conceived the poets in question as inventing the mythology of their countrymen in the modern sense of the word. His words are quite compatible with a process such as that suggested in notes 164 and 366 on Book I. By giving a symmetry and consolidation to the popular creed, and clothing it in the vesture of poetry, they satisfied the imagination of their countrymen; and gradually, as their works were the chief food upon which the national intellect was nourished, they became invested with a kind of sacred character, as the universally received teachers of youth. It is from this point of view that Plato criticizes them (see, for instance, Repub. ii. pp. 378—80), and the same feeling, only exaggerated a hundredfold, gave rise to the misplaced ingenuity of the Alexandrines to endeavour to discover in them (especially in Homer) the germ of those sciences which had by that time grown up. The great bulk of these productions have perished, but traces of their theories remain in Strabo (passim) and elsewhere. The Alexandrine Jews, from the time of Ptolemy Philometor, attempted the same thing with their sacred books, and the unfortunate results may be seen in the extant writings of Philo-Judeus.
towards the oracle of Dodona, that of Delphi (see tov thn 'Ellaivov, i. 90, i.e. Apollo). But Dodona is the oracle, kat' eoxhyn, of the old Pelasgian population. Hence Achilles is made to invoke Zeus by the title, "King Zeus, Dodonian, Pelasgic!" (Iliad xvi. 223.) If Herodotus is here following, without alteration, the story of a traveller belonging to a country in which the national ritual belonged to the Pelasgian family, the expression in the text may be explained; and probably it is the same person who calls the oracle at Bula, "the oracle in Egypt" (§ 155).

54 tov te ev "Ellaivov. See note 611 on i. 192.

55 tov Oeiv.

55 Ἐλληστερίου δὲ πέρι, τοῦ τε ἐν "Ελληστι 154 καὶ τοῦ ἐν Διβύης, τούδε Ἀιγίπτιον λόγου λέγουσι ἐφάσαν οἱ ἱρέες τοῦ Θηβαίους 155 Δίως "δύο γυναῖκας ἱρίτιας" 156 ἐκ Θηβείων ἔξωθομοι ὑπὸ Φωυίκων καὶ τὴν μὲν αὐτέων πυθέσαν ἔς Διβύην πρηθεῖσαν, τὴν δὲ ἐς τοὺς "Ελληνας ταύτας δὲ τὰς γυναῖκας ἐναι τὰς ἱδρυσμένας τὰ μαντήματα πρώτας ἐν τούτῳ εἰρήμενοι ἔνθησαν." εἰρομένου ἐκ μεν 157, ὀκηθέν οὖν ἀπρεκεῖς ἐπιστάμενοι λέγουσι; ἐφάσαν πρὸς ταύτα, "ζήτησιν μεγάλην ἀπὸ σφέων γενέσθαι τῶν γυναικῶν τουτέων καὶ ἀνεφεῖν μὲν σφέας οὐ δυνατοὶ γενέσθαι, πυθέσαν δὲ ὑστερον ταύτα περὶ αὐτέων τάπερ δὴ ἔλεγον." Ταύτα μὲν νυν τῶν ἐν Θῆβαι ιρέων ἰκονούν τάδε δὲ Δωδωναίων φασὶ αἱ προμάντεις 158.

154 τοῦ τε ἐν "Ελληστι. These words would at first sight suggest not the oracle of Dodona, but that of Delphi (see tov thn 'Ellaivov, i. 90, i.e. Apollo). But Dodona is the oracle, kat' eoxhyn, of the old Pelasgian population. Hence Achilles is made to invoke Zeus by the title, "King Zeus, Dodonian, Pelasgic!" (Iliad xvi. 223.) If Herodotus is here following, without alteration, the story of a traveller belonging to a country in which the national ritual belonged to the Pelasgian family, the expression in the text may be explained; and probably it is the same person who calls the oracle at Bula, "the oracle in Egypt" (§ 155).

155 tov Oeiv. See note 611 on i. 192.

156 ἱρίτια. The dissonance of this passage with that above (§ 35), ἱρίται γονὴ οὔθεμα, is not satisfactorily explained by considering the women as inferior attendants, for in Dodona this does not at all answer to their description. It is easier to suppose either that the custom had been changed in Egypt, or that the two passages rest on different authorities.

157 εἰρομένου δὲ μεν. See note 10, above.

158 Δωδωναίων φασὶ αἱ προμάντεις. There is some difficulty in reconciling this expression with the notices of Dodona in Homer. He represents the

Σέλλοι (whom Pindar calls Ἑλλοί) as the συνοικία of the deity. They are a set of rude ascetics (ἀνιστάμενοι, χαμαίνοντα) living round about the oracle, as the Delphi did round about Pytho in the early times (Iliad xvi. 23). In the Odyssey (xvi. 403), εἰ μὲν κ' αἰνήσας Δίως μεγάλου θέμιστοι (a passage which refers to the oracle of Dodona) there formerly existed the variation Τομώρας for θέμιστοι, and it was said that this name applied to the same persons who in the Iliad are called Σέλλαι. The mountain under which the temple lay was called Τομώρας or Τομώρας (Strabo, vii. p. 126). But it seems not impossible that θέμιστοι in this passage are the same as the προμάντεις spoken of by Herodotus, the same word being, perhaps, used to designate both the deity and the sacred minister, as was the case with Βάσσος, Μέλασσα, and Σέλλοι. (See note 216 below.) The alternative reading Τομώρας has a feminine termination, and therefore is not unfavourable to this hypothesis. Strabo (i.e. c.) says that the female prophetesses came in at the time when the worship of Δίως was associated with that of Ζεὺς. If this be true, the state of things at Dodona may be illustrated by that at Pytho. The Selli and the Delphi are several perioeciwm, perhaps originally hierodules, living around spots where oracles are delivered, the religion being
"δύο πελειάδας μελαίνας ἐκ Θηβέων τῶν Δηνυπτίεων ἀναπτά-
μένας, τήν μὲν αὐτέων ἐς Διβύνην, τήν ἄρα σφαῖς ἀπικέσθαι: ζωμένην δὲ μιν ἐπὶ φηγὸν αὐτάδεσθαι φωνὴ ἄνθρωπης, ὡς χρεὼν εἶη μαυτίην αὐτὸθε Δίως γενέσθαι καὶ αὐτοὺς ὑπολαβεῖν θείου εἶναι τὸ ἐπαγγελλόμενον αὐτοῖς, καὶ σφαῖς ὑπὸ τούτου ποιήσαι: τήν δὲ ἐς τοὺς Δίβυνας οἰχομένην πελειάδα λέγοι τὸ "Ἀμμωνὸς 
χρηστήριον κελεύσαι τοὺς Δίβυνας ποιεῖν" εἵτε δὲ καὶ τοῦτο Δίως. Δωδώναίοι δὲ αἱ ἱρήναι (τῶν τῇ προσβυτάτῃ οὐνόμα ἦν 
Προμένεα, τῇ δὲ μετὰ ταῦτην Τιμαρέτη, τῇ δὲ νεωτάτῃ Νικίάνδρη,) 
ἐλέγον ταῦτα: συνισκολόγεναι δὲ σφι καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι Δωδώναιοι οἱ 
περὶ τὸ ἱρόν. 'Εγὼ δὲ ἔχω περὶ αὐτέων ῥωμήν τινδέ· εἰ ἀληθεῖς 
οἱ Φοίνικες ἔξηγαν τάς ἱδας ῥημαίας, καὶ τήν μέν αὐτέων ἐς 
Διβύνην τὴν δὲ ἐς τὴν 'Ελλάδα ἀπέδουτο, δοκεῖ εἰμὶ ἡ γυνὴ αὐτῆς 
τῆς ὑπὸ 'Ελλάδος πρῶτερον δὲ Πελειάγης 159 καλεμένης τῆς αὐτῆς 
ταῦτης πρηθῆναι ἐς Θεσπρωτοῦς, ἐπείτη δουλεύουσα αὐτοθέ 
ιδρύσαται ὑπὸ φηγοῦ πεφυκήν Δίος ἱρόν ὡστερ ἡν οἰκός ἄμφι-
λενοῦσαν ἐν Θῆβαι ἱρόν Δίως, ἔσθα ἀπικέτο ἑνδαύτα μινήμ 
αὐτοῦ ἕχειν ἐκ δὲ τούτου, χρηστήριον καταγιγματο, ἐπεὶ τε 
συνελάβη τὴν 'Ελλάδα γλῶσσαν 2, φάναι εἰ οἱ ἀδελφεῖς ἐν Διβύ 
περιστήσατο ὑπὸ τῶν αὐτῶν Φοίνικον, ὑπὸ τὸν καὶ αὐτῆ 
περιῆθη. 
Πελειάδες 160 δὲ μοι δοκέουσι κληθῆναι πρὸς Δωδώναίοι ἐπὶ 
tοῦτο ἐπει

an elemental one, and the sacred symbol 
an oak in the one case, a strangely shaped 
rock (ἡς βωμασίας) in the other. The 
original deity at Dodona was apparently 
considered a male one, and to this was 
superadded a female (Dione). The 
original at Pytho was female (ESCHYLUS, 
Eumenid. 2), and to this was superadded 
a male (Zeus, represented by his προφῆ-
τας, Apollo Loxias, Eumenid. 19). But 
The Apollo-worship of the Delphians gave a 
marked anthropomorphic character to their 
traditions, which, in its results, produced 
a strong contrast with those of Dodona in 
later times, although at first there was ap-
parently a great affinity between the re-
ligions of the two places.

159 Πελειάγης. It is to be observed 
that the author here makes the name 
Pelasgia co-extensive with what in his 
time was called Hellas, perhaps from an 
inaccuracy of language. For the phrase 
τῆς αὐτῆς ταύτης, compare § 158: ἐκ τῆς 
βορείης βαλάντων ἐπερβήναι ἐς τὴν νοτίην 
καὶ ἐρωθην τὴν αὐτῆς ταύτης καλε-
μενην.

160 Πελειάδες. Servius (ad Virgili. 
Ec. ix. 13) says that in the Thessalian 
tongue the word Peliaides signified both 
"doves" and "prophetesses." The parallel 
case of Melissa (see note on v. 92) some-
what confirms this. But, if this is true, 
the origin of the synonym seems rather to 
be looked for in the pantheistic views which 
regarded the motions of animals as 
ominous, and as directed spontaneously 
towards sacred places. A relic of this 
superstition exists in the habit of the 
Indian Mohammedans to conceal the

The author's criticism of 
the story.
magnetic needle of their compasses under the wings of the figure of a bird, so placed that its flight appears to be in the direction of Mecca. See Pashley, Crete, ii. p. 36.

161 [Λέγοντα.] This word is found in all the MSS, but it appears to me to have been introduced to render the construction more apparently easy. αὐδάξασθαι is governed by εὖνείν (or some such word) gathered by inference from the εἴδοκεν σφι of the preceding sentence.

162 ἡ μαντή... ἐννασα. That the mode of divination at Thebes and Dodona may have been similar in the time of the writer is possible; but it seems certain that in the early times the divination at Dodona was from the sound of the leaves of "the talking oaks" (αἱ προφθήροι δρέα, Ἀσκ. Pron. 632). Odysseus went to Dodona "to learn the counsel of Zeus from a divine oak of lofty boughs" (Odys. xiv. 323). In later times an anury appears to have been sought from the sound of certain gongs. The first of these was made to vibrate by being struck with a scourge of brass by a figure rotating (as the wind blew) upon a fixed axis, upon which, either from juxtaposition, or from being properly harmonized, the rest sounded too, and continued so long that τὸ Δαδώνειον χαλλίον became a proverbial expression. M-<nander applies the phrase to a female whom, once when set a-talking, it was impossible to stop (Steph. Byzant. ν. Δαδώνη).—If this is the mode of divination to which the author alludes in the text, it might well be resorted to where the original conception of the deity was very different; and the identity of religion may be only a later inference from similarity of ritual. It seems pretty certain that originally the Zeus of Thebes and of Lānmon were θεοὶ οἴνανοι, and that the Zeus of Dodona was a θεὸς χαλλίως.

163 καὶ τῶν ἱδρῶν ἡ μαντίς, "the method of divining from victims also."

a προσαγωγάς. This word is apparently used to denote the introduction of the worshipper into a sanctuary in which the idol or some sacred relic of the deity was preserved, which was exhibited to him by the hierophant.

164 Βοῦβαστι. Several MSS have Βοῦβαστον. But below (§ 67) all but one have Βοῦβαστι, and that one Βοῦβαστρυ; and in § 137 all have Βοῦβαστί. The name of the town is, according to another passage (§ 156), the same as the name of the deity. For its site, see note on § 158.

165 μέγιστον Ἰσίων ἱδρών. Eudoxus
considered that Busiris had, above all other places in Egypt, the best claim to be the birthplace of Osiris (ap. Plutarch. De Is. et Os. p. 359). Diodorus (i. 88) says that the word means in the Egyptian language, "the tomb of Osiris" (see note on § 45). The ruins at Bahbeit are supposed to be on the site of the temple of Isis.

In Plutarch's time this deity was identified with Isis. (De Is. et Os. p. 354.)

is under the name of that deity whose worship predominated in this city would lead one to conceive that possibly a camp was formed in it, or near it. And this supposition accords with its probable site, which was in the western part of the Delta (see note on iii. 12), not far from the head-quarters of the army which observed the north-west entrance into the country.

This seems to refer to § 40, but it is a singular thing that there the name of the deity should not be mentioned, and also that in that passage the mournful ritual should be described as preceding, and here as following the festival. The MSS bear marks of having varied considerably in that passage; and, perhaps, the variation was once much greater than now can be traced. See note 117, above.

οὐ μοι διὸν. See note on § 132, τὸν οὐκ ὄνομαζόμενον θεόν, κ.τ.λ.
μέτωπα κόπτονται μαχαίρισιν. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰσὶ δήλοι ὅτι εἰσὶ
ξείων καὶ οὐκ Αἰγύπτιοι. 'Εσ Σαῦν δὲ πόλιν ἐπεάν συλλεχθέωσι
τρία θυσίαν, ἐν τινι νυκτὶ λύχνα καίουσι πάντες πολλά ἵππαιρμα
περὶ τὰ δόματα κόκλως· τὰ δὲ λύχνα ἑστὶ ἐμβαφαὶ ἐμπλεα ἁλὸς
καὶ ἐλαίον ἐπιπολής δὲ ἐπεστὶ αὐτὸ τὸ ἐλλύχνων. καὶ τοῦτο
καλεῖται παυνύχιαν καὶ τῇ ὀρθῇ οἴνομα κέεται Ἀλυκοκάθην. οἱ
δὲ ἀν μὴ ἔλθοι τῶν Αἰγυπτίων ἐς τὴν πανήγυριν ταύτην, φυλάσ-
σουσε τὴν νύκτα τῆς θυσίας καίουσι καὶ αὐτοὶ πάντες τὰ λύχνα.
καὶ οὕτω οὐκ ἐν Σαῦν μούνῃ καλεῖται, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἀνὰ πᾶσαν Ἀἰγύπτων.
ὅτεν δὲ εὐεκά φῶς ἐλαχίς καὶ τιμῆν ἡ νύξ αὐτῆ, ἐστὶ ἱδρὸι περὶ
αὐτοῦ λόγος λεγόμενος. 'Εσ δὲ Ἡλίου πόλιν καὶ Βουτών θυσίας
μούνας ἐπιτελέουσι φοίτουσε. ἐν δὲ Πατρήμι, ἡθικὰς μὲν καὶ
ίρα, κατάπτερ καὶ τῇ ἀλλή, ποιεύσει: εὔρ' ἃν δὲ γίνεται καταφερής
ὁ ἴλος, ὄλγοι μὲν τινες τῶν ἱερῶν περὶ τόγαλμα πεπονεύσαται· οἱ
δὲ πολλοὶ αὐτῶν ξύλων κορύνας ἐχούσες ἐστάσει τοῦ ἱρὸν ἐν τῇ
ἐσώδρα, ἀλλοι δὲ εὐχωλίας ἐπιτελεύσατος, πλεῖστως χιλίων ἄνθρωπον
ἐκαστοι, ἐχοὺσι πάντες καὶ οὕτω, ἐπὶ τὰ ἐτέρα ἄλλες ἐστάσει· τὸ δὲ
Ἀγαλμα οὖν ἐν νηρό μικροῦ ξύλων κατακεχμασμένῳ προεκκομί-
ζοντι τῇ πρωτεριῇ ἐς ἄλλο οἴκημα ἵρον· οἱ μὲν δὴ ὄλγοι οἱ περὶ
tόγαλμα λελειμμένοι ἐλκοῦσι τετράκυκλον ἁμαξαν, ἀγοῦσαν τὸν
νηὸν τε καὶ τὸ ἐν τῷ νηρῷ ἁμαξαν· οἱ δὲ οὐκ ἑσώμει, ἐν τοῖς
προπυλαιόμενοι ἐστεώτεις, ἑστίγαν· οἱ δὲ εὐχωλίαιοι, τιμωρέμενες
τῷ θεῷ, παίουσι αὐτοὺς ἄλεξομένους. ἐνθαῦτα μάχῃ ξύλωσι
καρπηρῇ γίνεται κεφαλὰς τε συναράσσονται, καὶ ὁ ἐγὼ δοκεῖω,
pολλοὶ καὶ ἀποθνῄσκουσι ἐκ τῶν τρομάτων· οὐ μέντοι οὐ γένεις
εἰς τὸν κόσμον, καὶ στῆτε καὶ Λιοῦ

62 Illumination of lanterns at Saïs.

63 Feasts at Helopolis and Buto, Mock fight at Paprēmís.

170 άσφ καὶ τὰ μέτωπα κόπτονται μα-
χαίρησι. Compare the conduct of
the priests of Baal described in I Kings
xviii. 28. As the circumstance of their
being foreigners is regarded as being
evidenced by this proceeding, it seems likely
that they were settlers in the country,
mixed up with the population, not mer-
cenary troops, whom no one would for an
instant think of confounding with the
native population. And, if settlers, they
would not improbably be Phoenicians—
whom, in fact, Corinna and Bacchylides
identified with Carians (ap. Athen. p. 174)—a people which, from their proxi-
mity to Egypt, as well as from their com-
mercial habits, would naturally spread

171 Ἀλυκοκάθην. In the temple of
Athena Polias at Athens, a lamp used
to be kept burning before the idol, which
was said to be replenished with oil and
supplied with a new wick only once a
year, on a special day. (Strabo, ix. p. 240,
and Pausanias, i. 26. 7.) Although
the perennial character of this lamp is
probably a later fiction, yet the burning
lamp itself, as an appropriate emblem of
the goddess, is doubtless very ancient.
In the Odyssey (xix. 34) she holds it to
Telemachus and his father while arming
themselves.

172 Παπρήμι. See note on iii. 12.
EUTERPE. II. 62—65.

64 Popular legend to account for the ritual.

65 Animal idolatry of the Egyptians.

πτωι ἐφασαν ἀποθνήσκειν οὐδένα. Τὴν δὲ πανήγυριν ταύτην ἐκ τοῦδε νομίσαί φασὶ οἱ ἐπιχώριοι οἰκεῖοι ἐν τῷ ἱρῷ τοῦτο τοῦ "Ἀρεος τὴν μητέρα" καὶ τὸν "Ἀρεὰ ἀπόστροφον" 173 γενόμενοι, ἔθεναν ἐξαιρετικώς ἐθέλοντα τῇ μητρὶ συμμίβαν καὶ τούς προτόλους τῆς μητρὸς, οὐκ οὐκ ὄπωστότας αὐτῶν πρότερον, οὐ περιορισμένοι παρείναι ἀλλὰ ἀπερικτεῖς τὸν ὅ ἐξ ἀλλης πόλιος ἀγαγόμενον ἀνθρώπους τοὺς τε προτόλους τρηχέως περιστείν, καὶ ἐσελθεῖν παρὰ τὴν μητέραν ἀπὸ τοῦτον τῷ "Ἀρεὶ ταύτῃ τὴν πληγήν ἐν τῇ ὀργῇ νευμακέναι φασὶ.

Καὶ τὸ μὴ μισθεσθαί ἡμαῖς ἐν ἱροῖς μηδὲ ἀλώτους ἀπὸ γυναικῶν ἐς ἱρὰ ἔσεισαι, οὐτοί ἐσι οἱ πρῶτοι θερησκεύσατες. οἱ μὲν γὰρ ἀλλοι σχεδὸν πάντες ἀνθρώποι, πλὴν Ἀγνυπτίων καὶ Ἑλλήνων, μισθοῦντα ἐν ἱροῖς καὶ ἀπὸ γυναικῶν ἀναστάμενοι ἀλώτους ἐσέρχονται ἐς ἱρόν, νομίζοντες ἀνθρώπους εἶναι κατὰ περὶ τὰ ἀλλα κτήρεα καὶ γὰρ τὰ ἀλλα κτήρεα ὅραν καὶ ὀριθῶν γένει ὁχεύμενα ἐν τε τοὺς υποί τῶν θεῶν καὶ ἐν τοῖς τεμένεσι οἱ ἄπων ἐναὶ τῷ θεῷ τοῦτο μὴ φίλους, οὐκ ἄν οὐδὲ τὰ κτήρεα ποιεῖσιν. οὔτοι μὲν νυν τοιαύτα ἐπιλέγοντες, ποιεῦσι ἐμοὶ ἐκ οὐκ ἄρσετώς Ἀγνυπτίοι δὲ θερησκεύσους περισσώς τὰ τέ ἀλλα περὶ τὰ ἱρὰ καὶ ἰδὶ τάδε.

Ἐσῦσα δὲ Ἀγνυπτός ὄμουρος τῇ Διβύῃ ὦ μάλα θηριώδης ἐστὶ τὰ τὰ ἐστὶ σφί ἀπαύγα τὰ νεύματα καὶ τὰ μὲν σύντροφα αὐτοῖς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, τὰ δὲ οὐ, τῶν δὲ ἐφεκκὴ ἀνείτα τὰ ἵρα. 174 εἰ λέγομι, καταβάινῃ ἀν τὸ λόγον ἐς τὰ θεῖα πρίγγατα, τὰ ἐγὼ φεῦγω μάλιστα ἀπηγέεσθαί τὰ δὲ καὶ εἰρήκα αὐτῶν ἐπιψαύ-

173 ἀπόστροφον, "brought up away from home," συμμείκα, "to communicate with," See i. 123, συμμείκας ἐπὶ ἐκάστῳ ὅ ἀρσετός τῶν πρῶτων Μάθων.
174 τῶν δὲ ἐφεκκὴ ἀνείτα τὰ ἵρα, "but the reasons for which the sacred animals are held sacred." The word ἀνείτα would properly denote the being let go free, and would originally apply to such a case as an ox or horse turned out to enjoy a holiday for the remainder of life. Such an indulgence, if granted on religious grounds, would be a species of dedication; and the description which Strabo gives of the Apis-bull at Memphis answers to this. Julius Caesar, when he passed the Rubicon, turned loose, by way of consecration, several troops of horses ("consecravit ac vagos sine custode dimisit,") Suetonius, Julius Cæs. c. 81). The Calmucks are said to turn camels loose in the same way. The term probably passed from cattle to animals where it was inappropriate, and, they being feræ naturæ, all that remained of its original meaning was the dedication to this or that deity. After undergoing this change, there was no reason the word should not be applied to the dedication even of land, espec ially if let go out of cultivation, and devoted to pasturage or the growing timber. Callimachus, Hymn. Demet. 47, τέκνον, ὅτι τὰ θεοῖς ἀνείτα διάδεα ἱερὰ κόπτεις.
Hereditary conservators of animals.

66 Peculiarity in the habits of the Cat.

\[\text{\textit{Herodotus}}\]

\[\text{\textit{Meladeon}}\]. As the conservators of the sacred animals were of both sexes, it seems strange that the feminine gender should here be used. Possibly, in the particular case that the author had in his eye, the functionary was a woman. And the sacred animal, too, must have been of an ichthyophagous character, such as an ichneumon or cat. Such an offering as fish would have been unacceptable to a cow, sheep, goat, or asp. For a crocodile it would have been unnecessary to chop the fish in pieces. Perhaps it was in the city Bubastis that the information was gained. In the neighbourhood of that city was a very ancient Hellenic trading settlement (see note on § 154), and it appears from § 67 that there were the head-quarters of the \textit{cat-mummies}.
The Crocodile: its description and habits.

The ibis-mummies are laid up at Bubastis. Others at other places.

The story ran in later times that Latona, when nursing Horus, changed herself into one of these animals to escape the pursuit of Typhon, by burrowing in the earth (Antoninus Liberalis, Fab. 28). Plutarch (Sympos. iv. 5, p. 670) says that the animal being regarded as blind was considered an emblem of primeval darkness. The mummies of the shrew-mouse are said to be found at Thebes, Buto, and Athribis, probably the Atarbechis of Herodotus (§ 41). (Wilkinson, Ancient Egyptians, ii. p. 135, 2nd Series.) See notes on § 41 and § 141.

177 Ἀπαγέαται. This is the reading of F, the others having the common form Ἀπάγωνται. There is the same variation above, § 47, where all the MSS but F have ἑκέδειται and Ἀγώνται, and in i. 209, where F has ἑκάδεσταί, and the rest (with one exception, which has ἑκαδέστα) the common form ἑκόδειται.

178 τὰς μυγαλάς, "shrewmice." The story ran in later times that Latona, when nursing Horus, changed herself into one of these animals to escape the pursuit of Typhon, by burrowing in the earth (Antoninus Liberalis, Fab. 28). Plutarch (Sympos. iv. 5, p. 670) says that the animal being regarded as blind was considered an emblem of primeval darkness. The mummies of the shrew-mouse are said to be found at Thebes, Buto, and Athribis, probably the Atarbechis of Herodotus (§ 41). (Wilkinson, Ancient Egyptians, ii. p. 135, 2nd Series.) See notes on § 41 and § 141.

180 ἐς Βουτῶν πόλιν. See §§ 155, 6.

181 τὰς ἐς Ἑρμέων πόλιν. The ibis-mummies are found in abundance at Thebes and Memphis, as well as at Hermopolis. There were three towns in Egypt which went by the last name, and there is nothing to show which Herodotus meant, or indeed whether he had any one especially in his eye, as he appears to be speaking at second-hand.

182 τὰς ἄρκτους ἑόσας σπανίες. Wilkinson (ii. p. 136) says that there is little doubt of the bear having been always unknown in Egypt. The only way in which it appears in the paintings or sculptures is among the presents brought by foreigners to the Egyptian sovereign.

183 χαλκόδοντας, "tusks." This description is quite false. Porphyry (ap. Enseb. Prep. Ev. x. 3) says that the account of the mode of capturing the crocodile, as well as the descriptions of the phoenix and the river-horse, are, with
very slight changes, taken verbally from Hecataeus. It seems likely that here also the writer is speaking at second-hand. See note 19, above.

181 τυφλόν δὲ ἐν ῥόντω. This notion probably arose from the appearance of the so-called "nictitating membrane," a horny substance which the animal has the power of drawing over its eye. The crocodile was, like the tiger in some parts of India, the impersonation of the Evil principle, and received at an early period divine honours, doubtless by way of propitiation. The silly syncretism of the neo-platonists, missing the original conception of the creature as a symbol of a destructive power, fixed upon this organ as the cause of the animal's deification.

Like the Supreme Deity, it saw all things while not observed to see them! (Plutarch, De Isid. et Os. p. 381.)

183 μεστὸν βδελλέων. It is said that no leeches are to be found in the Nile.

186 ἢθε. The manuscripts S and V have ἀείθε, all the others warranting the form in the text. In iii. 33, exactly the converse is the case.

187 κάμψα. Wilkinson says that this word is "a corruption of the Coptic or Egyptian Msah or Emsoth, from which the Arabs have derived their modern appellation tensah." (Ancient Egyptians, ii. p. 231.)

188 κροκόδειλος δὲ ἰῶνος ὄνομασαν. See above, note 128.
'Esti de kai álllos órnis 191 ἵδος, tó oúnomà foínix: ἔγω μὲν μν ήικ έίδον εἰ μῇ ὅσον γραφή· καὶ γάρ δὴ καὶ σπάνιος ἐπιφοιτά·

192 οἵμοι Παπρημάτη. See note on iii. 12. 194 [ὁπαλ βοῦς.] These words seem undoubtedly to have crept into the text from the margin, after having been written there as an explanation of the word ὀξύλαυς. The description is entirely false, for the foot of the animal is divided into toes like that of the elephant. Neither has it the tail of a horse. Herodotus, therefore (or his authority, see Pope-Heyne, cited in note 193), could never have seen the real animal, which, indeed, is not found in the river below Thebes. But at Hermopolis, in the lower Delta, there was an image of Typhon, under the form of a river-horse, having a hawk, with a serpent in its talons, perched on its back; and on the seventh day of the month Tybi there was a festival at which the inhabitants used to eat cakes made into the form of the animal (Plutarch, De Is. et Os, p. 371). There was, therefore, probably, a traditional shape, which, in the course of years, had doubtless deviated considerably from its archetype, and from this the description may have been originally drawn. It is a curious circumstance that now in some of the representations in the temples the animal is found depicted with cloven hooves and with huge projecting tusks, as described by Herodotus (Hamilton, Egyptian, pl. 22); and it is a remarkable proof of the carelessness of the Greeks for the sciences of observation, that 700 years later Achilles Tatius, himself an Alexandrine, gives a description of the animal scarcely less incorrect than that in the text. He makes it have cloven hooves and large crooked incisors (iv. 2).

191 ένδριες. The otter is unknown in Egypt, but Wilkinson says that he has known modern travellers mistake the ichneumon, when in the water, for it; and he considers that Herodotus may have been led into the error in the text by seeing this animal swimming. Another view is that he mistook the large monitor-lizard of the Nile for the otter.

α τῶν χαναλώσκες. These animals are the geese of the Nile, which obtained their name from living in holes on the bank, like foxes. They appear continually in Egyptian monuments.
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σφι, διὰ ἐτέων (ὡς Ἡλιοσπολίται λέγουσι) πεντακοσίων 192. φοιτῶν
dὲ τότε φασὶ, ἐπείν οἱ ἀποθανέν ὁ πατήρ. ἔστι δὲ, εἰ τῇ γραφῇ
παρόμοιος, τοσόσδε καὶ τοιόσδε τὰ μὲν αὐτοῦ χρυσόκομα τῶν
πτερῶν, τὰ δὲ ἐρυθρά: ἓς τὰ μάλιστα αιετῶ περιήγησιν ὁμοίωτατος,
cαὶ τὸ μέγαθος. τοῦτον δὲ λέγουσι μυθανάσθαι τάδε, ἐμοὶ μὲν ὦν
πιστὰ λέγοντες ἐξ Ἀραβίας ὁρμεώμενον, ἐς τὸ ἱρών τοῦ Ἡλίου
κομίζειν τὸν πατέρα ἐν σμύρυν ἐμπλάσοντα, καὶ θάπτειν ἐν τοῦ
Ἦλίου τὸ ἱρώ κομίζειν δὲ οὔτω πρῶτον, τῆς σμύρυνς ὄνον πλάσ-
σειν ὅσον τε δυνάτος ἐστι φέρειν μετὰ δὲ, πειράσθαι αὐτὸ φορέ-
οντα: ἐπειν δὲ ἀποπειρηθή 193, οὔτω δὴ κολλήμαντα τὸ ὄνον τοῦ
πατέρα ἐς αὐτῷ ἐντιθεναν σμύρυν ἐς ἀλλή ἐμπλάσεων τοῦτο κατ'
ὁ τι τοῦ ὄνο ἐγκολήμας ἐνέθηκε τὸν πατέρα: ἐσκειμένου δὲ τοῦ
πατρός, γίνεσθαι τῶντο βάρος ἐμπλάσαντα δὲ κομίζειν μιν ἑπ'
Αἰγύπτου ἐς τοῦ Ἡλίου τὸ ἱρών. τάπτα μὲν τοῦτον τῶν ὄρνων
λέγουσι ποιείν.

Εἶς δὲ περὶ Θῆβας ἱρόν ὄψεις ἀνθρώπων οὐδαμῶς δηλήμονες
οἱ μεγάθει ἔσυντες μικροὶ 194 δύο κέρατα φορέουσι πεφυκότα ἐξ ἄκρης
τῆς κεφαλῆς τοὺς θάπτουσι ἀποθανόντας ἐν τῷ ἱρῷ τοῦ Διός.

192 διὰ ἐτέων πεντακοσίων. SCHOLZ (Lex. Egypt.) supposes that the word
φοινίξ is derived from the Egyptian fench, "a secular period," a conjecture
which is confirmed by the circumstance that some accounts made the interval be-
tween two consecutive apparitions of the bird 1461 years, which is undoubtedly
the "amnis canicularis" or Sothic period (see note on § 142). But it is not
easy to see what cyclical period would coincide even roughly with 500 years.
IDELE. (Handbuch der Chronologie, i. pp. 126, seqq.) discusses the question at
length, and gives solutions by himself and others. The real cycle, which approaches
the nearest to the number in the text, is
that which would arise from taking the
year without its intercalated days. For
487 years of 360 days equal 430 Julian
years, so that in this time a civil year of
that length would adjust itself to its
proper place in the natural year. During
this period, too, the heliacal rising of
Sirius (see note 13, above) would seven
times coincide with the first day of the
month Thoth. The opinion of DES
VIGNOLES is, that it is really this cycle
expressed in round numbers to which the
number 500 in the text refers. It must
be said, however, on the other side, that
there is no positive evidence of the re-
cognition of such a year or such a cycle
in Egypt. Idele. himself considers that
500 is merely a round number for one-
third of the Sothic period of 1461 inter-
calated years. It seems not impossible
that it is one-third of the Sothic period,
regarded as the representative of an
early cycle of 487 non-intercalated years.
If stated itself in terms of non-inter-
calated years, it would be nearly 494
years, which comes closer to 500.

193 ἀποπειρηθή. See the first note on
ix. 31.

194 μεγάθει ἔσυντες μικροί, "being small
in size." See note 137 on i. 51. WIL-
KINSON (A. E. ii. p. 246) says that these
horned snakes are very common in Upper
Egypt, but that there is no evidence from
the sculptures of their having been sacred
to the Theban deity. They are exceed-
ingly venomous, and very dangerous, as
they bury themselves in the sand, which
is of the same colour.
Bones of snakes in the neighbourhood of Buto.

The Ibis destroys the snakes.

Description of the bird.

to the same sense as that mentioned in § 50, and described in § 153, it is very difficult to give any other sense to the expression than that it is on the same line (in this case on the same parallel of latitude) as that city. It is very conceivable that a navigator would refer all the places inland to their projections (so to speak) on the course which he himself was taking,—which here would be up the river. In this way, perhaps, κατὰ Σινοπὴν is to be understood in l. 76. Pterie is there regarded as lying in the line which, drawn directly to the line of coast, would pass through Sinope, but without any reference to its distance.

195 κατὰ Βουτόν τὸλιν. If this Buto is the same as that mentioned in § 50, and described in § 153, it is very difficult to give any other sense to the expression than that it is on the same line (in this case on the same parallel of latitude) as that city. It is very conceivable that a navigator would refer all the places inland to their projections (so to speak) on the course which he himself was taking,—which here would be up the river. In this way, perhaps, κατὰ Σινοπὴν is to be understood in l. 76. Pterie is there regarded as lying in the line which, drawn directly to the line of coast, would pass through Sinope, but without any reference to its distance.

196 ὅλη περὶ τῶν ὀνείρων. This statement must be second-hand, as the writer only professes to have seen the bones of the Arabian snakes. In a description of some others which he identifies with these, he calls them μυκροὶ τὰ μεγάλα (iii. 107). Wilkinson ( Anc. Egypt. ii. p. 213) considers that what the author saw was the remains of bats, which are found in large quantities in some parts of Egypt. The conjecture is somewhat confirmed by the description of the wings

have ή. The rest omit the word. I have introduced ἣ, which is the conjecture of Schweighäuser. Gaisford follows the majority of the MSS in omitting the word; but the resulting text could not have been written by Herodotus even as a memorandum.

c Αὐχένος. Gaisford, with the majority of MSS, has τοῦ Αὐχένος.

a τὰς ἡ Ἰβίς. The Ibis is a bird of a weak bill, like a curlew, and could not by any possibility destroy real snakes.

b ἡ. The manuscripts M, K, P, F
Habits of the population of the arable part of Egypt.

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Herodotus, ἀλλὰ τοῖς τῆς νυκτερίδος πτεροῦσι μᾶλλιστά κε ἐμφερε- σταταί τοσάντα μὲν θηρίων πέρι ἵρων εἰρήσθω.

Ἀυτῶν δὲ δὴ Ἀἰγυπτίων οὐ μὲν περὶ τὴν σπειρομένην Ἀἰγυπτον οἰκέουσι, μυνίμην ἀνθρώπων πάντων ἐπισκέοντες μᾶλλιστα, λογοφ- τατοι ἔστι μακρῷ τῶν ἐγὼ ἐς διάπεραν ἀπίκημεν. τρόπῳ δὲ ἥγης τοιώδες διαχρέωνται συμμαζίζουσι τρεῖς ἡμέρας ἐπιζησθις μηνός ἐκάστου ἐμέτους θηρώμενοι τὴν ἱγιείαν καὶ κλύσματι, νομίζοντες ἀπὸ τῶν τρεφόντων συτῶν πάσας τὰς νοῦσους τοὺς ἀνθρώπους γίνεσθαι. εἰσὶ μὲν γὰρ καὶ ἄλλας Ἀἰγυπτίων μετὰ Δίβνας ῥητρε- στατοι πάντων ἀνθρώπων, τῶν ὀρέων (δοκεέν ἐµοι) εἴνεκεν, ὡς οὐ μεταλάσσουσι αἱ ὀραῖ ἐν γὰρ τῆς μεταβολῆς τοὺς ἀνθρώ- πους αἱ νοῦσοι μᾶλλιστα γίνονται, τῶν τὲ ἄλλων πάντων καὶ δὴ καὶ τῶν ὀρέων μᾶλλιστα. ἀρτοφαγεόνται δὲ ἐκ τῶν ὀλιβρῶν ποιεύτων ἄρτους, τοὺς ἐκεῖνοι κυλλήστις ὀνομάζουσι. οὕνω δ’ ἐκ κριθεόν πεποιημένα διαχρέωνται οὐ γὰρ σφῆ εἰσὶ ἐν τῇ χώρῃ

(πτίλα οὐ πτερωτᾶ), which agree with the membrane which enables the bat to fly; and these remains the writer may have considered to belong to the winged serpents which appear in the paintings.

127 λογοφτατοί, "the richest in legendary lore." See above, § 3. The abundance of monuments, to each of which a tradition attached, was singularly favourable to the cultivation of this talent. Westcork quotes a passage from Proclus, which will illustrates the Egyptian practice, and shows the foundation which existed for many of their narrations: Ἀγγυπτιος δὲ ἐτὶ καὶ τὰ γεγονότα διὰ τῆς μῆμης ἀλὶ νὰ πάρεστον, ἢ δὲ μῆμη διὰ τῆς ἵστοριας, αὕτη δὲ ἀπὸ τῶν στηριῶν. The Pseudo-Sanchoniathon professed to derive his information ἐκ τῶν κατὰ πόλιν θρομημάτων καὶ τῶν ἐν τοῖς ἱερῶν ἁγαρφαῖν (Eusebius, Prep. Evang. l. 10). These ἁγαρφαῖα, however, were undoubtedly in many instances not contemporaneous, but the result of a previously calculated chronology. Of this the Parian Chronicle is one obvious example, and the synchronism of Semiramis with the siege of Troy (Eusebius, l. c.) another.

154 ὑγρέστατος. So Gaisford reads, with the majority of manuscripts. S, V, b, d have ὑγρέστερον. The form ὑγρέστατος is used in iv. 187. A proof of the fact stated in the case is the extremely small number of infant mummies which are found, as compared with those of adults.

155 τῶν τὲ ἄλλων... μᾶλλιστα. These words are omitted in S, V, and d.

206 κυλλήστις. This was the local name given to loaves twisted into a point (Pollux and Athenæus, cited by Larcher). Possibly this shape had a reference originally to the same idea which dictated the pyramidal figure. The display of religious symbolism in articles of food is found every where. See Plutarch, cited in note 190. Varro (De lingua Lat. iv. p. 30) has a fanciful derivation of the word "panis" from the god Pan, whose shape, he says, was originally given to loaves. This figure may very likely have been only a symbol something like a sugar-loaf (see note 367 on i. 105). Cakes called πυραμίδες, or πυραμωνίτες, were eaten in the nightly festivals (Latrocles, ap. Athen. xiv. p. 647), and the word panis was one of the surnames under which Ceres was worshipped in Italy.

The word was notorious as coming from Egypt, and was used as such by Aristophanes in his play of the Da- naiides. But it has no affinity with any known Egyptian word (Jablonsky, Vocab. Egypt. p. 117), so that possibly it belongs to the naturalized foreigners whom Herodotus elsewhere appears to treat as Egyptians. (See notes on § 43 and § 46.)
there were no vines in that part of Egypt which was overflowed by the Nile, but there were on the banks of the lake Marotis, and also in the Faoum, or the neighbourhood of the lake Moeris (Strabo, xvii. p. 452). See note 111, above.

202 ἵχθων. The priests never ate any of these. See above, § 37.

203 δέ ἄλμης τεταρτιχευμένους. See note 54, above.

204 χωρίς ἡ ὁκόστα. The change of gender to the masculine may perhaps be accounted for in the following manner. In the notion of the Egyptians, it was not the whole species of any animal which was primarily held sacred. At first, certain individuals, selected as the symbolic ἡγάλαμα of particular deities, were dedicated; and the veneration attaching to these gradually extended itself, first of all to those which resembled the sacred animal (a stage of the process which appears in the custom described above, § 38), and afterwards, after a long course of time, to the entire species.

205 πάντη. This word when applied to measurements always means “in every dimension.” Here, therefore, it would imply that the mummy was of a cubical figure, which there seems no reason to suppose. I suspect the word has shifted out of its place, and that originally it occupied the site of the words καὶ γραφῆ καὶ ἐργῷ, which crept in from the margin as an interpretation of it.

206 τῶν Δίων, “the Linus.” Compare νόμον τῶν ὑπ婼δων, “the reveille,” i. 24. The article is used from the well-known character of the melody. So below, § 92, τῇ μῆκῳ.

207 ἦστι δὲ Αἰγύπτιστι . . . Μανέρως. According to Jaklonsky (Voce. Αγγυλ. p. 128) the word “Maneros” is equivalent to “let us sing.” He conceives the
phrase to have been the beginning of the song referred to in the text, which was accordingly known by that name. Compare Aristophanes, Nub. 967: Ἰνοπέδα Περσάρχων δεινάν ἢ Τηλέπορον τι βοώμα.” In all probability this chant was used on the occasion described in § 132, and in all cognate rituals, viz. all such symbolized the temporary suspension of the vital powers of nature, whether these were represented by the decadent sun (as in the case of Osiris), or the sown seed (as in the Eleusinia), or the fertilizing showers (as in the Hyacinthia of Amycle). Adonis, Grigas, Linus, Zagreus, and others, are all so many different local variations, with more or fewer adventitious features, of the same myth. The song of Bion, Αἴδω τῶν Ἄδωνις, is, probably, only a Hellenic version of the ancient “Maneros” adapted to the taste of the Ptolemaic times. That of the female in Theocratus (XV. 100) is another specimen, only much altered from its original style for the purpose of courtly compliment.

If Jablonsky be right, the mistake of the word “Maneros” for a proper name is another instance of the turbid nature of the sources from which Herodotus drew. In the time of Plutarch a place had been found for this personage in the Osiris-cycle.

208 Ἐλλήνων μούνοισι. In Lacedemon the respect to the aged was most conspicuous; though the customs mentioned in the text seem to have existed universally throughout Hellas (Xenophon, Memorab. ii. 3, 16). But the new style of education introduced by the sophists was hostile to the traditional forms of reverence as well as to most others, and hence Aristophanes makes the δίκαιος λόγος exhort the young Athenians τῶν θάκων τοῖς προσβητέως ἐπιαναιστήσασα προσούον (Nub. 993). As the Lacedemonians were the most conservative of ancient usages, the difference might appear so strongly marked between them and others to a casual observer as to warrant the observation in the text.

210 Ορφικώς καὶ Βακχικώς. The two are united in the phraseology of Euripides, Hippolyt. 952: ἢδη νῦν ἀδήξει καὶ δε' ἄφωνοι βοβάζουσιν σίτους κατήλλην, 'Ὅρφεα τ' ἀνακτή ἐχων βάκχευς, πολλάκις γραμμάτων τιμᾶν κατ- νοῦς. The ascetic character of the orgies, or rather of the preparation for them, as well as their substantial identity with those of the Idaean deities, may be seen in the second fragment from the Κρήτες of Euripides (p. 98, Dindorf).
The transfer of these ceremonies from Egypt to European Hellas probably took place through the intercourse which was established between the two countries in the time of Amasis. It seems to have been effected mainly through the agency of Onomacritus, of whom Herodotus speaks, vii. 6. Such ὠργα τοιτελεσβον must not, either in the case of Dionysus or any other deity, be confounded with the public ritual of the same deity, although doubtless there was a connexion between the two. They were the vehicle for which may be called the personal religion of antiquity, as the public ceremonies were for the state religion. The latter are what Varro calls "Theologica genus civile, quod maxime sacerdotes nosse atque administrare debeat; in quo est, quos deos colere, quas sacra et sacrificia facere quonquam par sit." The former are referred to by Plato, ἄγνωστα καὶ μάρτια ἐπὶ πλουσίων θύμα τῶν πειθαρχῶν, ὡς ἔστι παρὰ φύσιν δύναμιν ἐκ θεῶν παραδόμενη θυσίας τε καὶ ἐπιθαύματι εἶστε τι ἄλλως, γέγονεν αὐτοῦ ἡ προφύλακας ἀκίδεθα (Rep. ii. p. 364). See Hesychius, sub v. Δόσιοι τελεσβον, and Euphrines (Bocch. 72—81). In the time of Demosthenes, the active management of these ceremonies had become a subject for contemptuous ridicule (see Orat. c. Cleisiph. p. 313), and the participation in them indicated extreme superstition (Theophrastus, Charact. 25, 4) although at the same time Aristotle could be successfully charged with blasphemy against the state religion for his seclomia to Hermes. Possibly the real origin of the practice of burying in linen was the same as that of burying in woollen in England, the desire to encourage the staple manufacture of the country.
Three different methods.

Funerals. Lamentation in public of female mourners.

214 ἔπεζωσμέναι ... μαζώ. The girdle prevented the tunic from falling lower than the waist, which, when loosened for the purpose of beating the breast, it would otherwise have done.

215 κατατέαται. The Sancerfo MS has κατατετάχται, which seems to be a gloss.

216 ἔτι τοιούτο πρόγναται. See note on § 132. Wilkinson says that Herodotus is wrong in stating that there were three distinct modes of finishing the decoration of the mummies, there being really an indefinite variety. Also that the imitation of the form attributed to Osiris was not confined to the first class of them (A. E. ii. p. 455, 2nd Series). It would appear that every individual who was considered worthy of admission to the presence of Osiris after death was allowed to assume his name and form. A parallel to this appears in the Dionysiac mysteries, the worthy participator in which was himself termed Bacchos: (Βάκχος ἐκλήθην ἄνθρωπος, Εὐριφίδης, frang. 2 of the Krêtes). Hence the proverb: πάλαι μὲν παρθήκατοι παῖδες ἔτι τέ Βάκχου. See note 158, above.

217 ἐγκέφαλοι, fārmaka. 4 "by infusing drugs," i.e. for the purpose of decomposing the brain, which otherwise it would have been impossible to extract by the nostrils.

218 ἅθε Αἰθιοπικός. Kenrick well remarks on the antiquity of the practice of embalming, as shown by the retention of this primitive instrument in the process. He points out a similar case in the sacrifice of a swine by the fetialis at Rome, which was done with a flint.
219 λίτρο. So Gaisford reads, with several MSS. Others have λίτρα. The substance meant is no doubt the ιτων of commerce (hydro-carbonate of soda), which was obtained from the so-called Natron lakes to the south of Alexandria. The words λίτρα κρύφαντες are to be taken together. The body was immersed in a bath of brine.

a ἡμέρα ἐβδομῆκοντα. Diodorus Siculus (i. 72) sets down seventy-two days as the time occupied, not indeed in embalming, but in mourning for the deceased, a part of which only was taken up by the actual process. (See Genesis l. 3.) That the number seventy-two should be expressed roundly as seventy may be illustrated by the parallel case of the supposed seventy-two translators of the Old Testament into Greek being habitually called the seventy.

b σωδόνος βασίσσης τελαμών. These words have occasioned a good deal of difficulty, as the writer appears to speak of something other than linen. Yet it is ascertained that the bandages of the mummies are of that substance. Cotton was indeed in after-times cultivated in Egypt, and the dresses of the priests made of it; but, when Herodotus speaks of cotton, he calls it εἴρων ἀπὸ ἔξολον (iii. 47, 106), and in the latter passage he speaks of the tree as growing in India, and does not mention it in a way to induce the belief that he saw it either in Egypt or elsewhere. Perhaps it was introduced into Egypt from India after the conquests of Alexander. The substance of which he here speaks is (I believe) a linen made from an imported flax (ḫyyssus). The Elean ὑσσός was, according to Pausanias (v. 5, 2), of a pale yellow colour (somewhat perhaps resembling raw silk). Pausanias notices that Else is the only place in Hellas where this grows; and on this coast there was in very early times a town Samos, which undoubtedly was a settlement for commercial purposes, and probably made from the island of the same name. It existed apparently in the time of Stesichorus, and its name survived in the Σα-μίκου πέθανον to that of Pausanias (Pausa- nias, i.e., and Strabo, viii. 3, pp. 160, 1). It seems to me likely that the commodity began to be brought to Egypt in Psammitichus' reign from Else by Samians; and that previously it came from Syro-Phoe- nicia. See notes on § 154, below. Pausanias compares the colour of the "Hebrew" ὑσσός with that of the Elean.

210 ἐν οἴκηματι . . . νεκροῖς. These words are omitted from the manuscripts S, V, d. They can hardly have dropped out; but on the other hand there is no reason to suppose them an interpolation. I look upon this as another evidence of a twofold recension.

221 τοὺς δὲ τὰ μέσα . . . σκευάζουσιν ὅδε. This is rather a loose expression at
Herodotus

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Women of distinction are not immediately embalmed.

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Bodies of persons

first sight, but it really admits of a most satisfactory explanation. There is, in fact, no accusative case after the verb; for, if τοὺς βουλομένους, &c., were to be taken with σκευάσωσι, it would be implied that every person determined beforehand for himself how he should be embalmed. On the other hand, if the dative had been used, together with such a phrase as τὸν προσήκοντα νεκρὸν for the object of σκευάσωσι, that case (which doubtless often happened) would be excluded. The existing expression includes both cases, and τῶν νεκρῶν in the next sentence is equally applicable to the one and the other.

222 τοὺς κλυστήρας, "their injecting instruments." The article is used as if the reader were familiar with the fact that such things were employed, — a feature which indicates that the writer took down words of a native authority, or of one who habitually saw the proceeding described.

223 κατὰ τὴν ἔθρην, "in situ," "in its natural position."

224 ἐπιβλέποντες τὸ κλύσμα τῆς ὀπίσω ὀδοῦ, "after keeping the injection from returning by the vent behind." This was no doubt effected by means of a plug, and I should almost be inclined to adopt a proposed conjecture, ἐπιβλέποντες τὸ κλύσμα, if there were any authority for the use of the last word. But the text will undoubtedly give a good sense.

225 οὖν ἐτί προγεματευόμενες. This expression, if it is to be taken literally, implies that the corpse was not even swathed in linen, but left in the state in which the aboriginal races of the island of Madeira (of which a specimen exists at Cambridge, in Trinity College Library) were piled up in caves.
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tous ἀκάστα ἀνάγκη ἐστὶ ταραχεύσασαι αὐτῶν καὶ περιστελλαίται ὡς κάλλιστα θύερα εὐ ἰ ῥησι θῆκεν εὐδὲ μαύσαι ἐξέστη αὐτῶν ἄλλον οὐδένα, οὔτε τὸν προσηκόντων οὔτε τὸν φίλων ἄλλα μὲν οἱ ἱρέες αὐτοὶ οἱ τοῦ Νείλου, ἀτε πλέον τι ἡ ἀνθρώπων νεκρῶν, χειραπτάζουντες θάπτουσι.

'Ελληνικοῦσι δὲ νομαίοις φεύγουσι χράσθαι, τὸ δὲ σύμπαν εἰπεῖν, μήδὲ ἄλλων μηδαμᾶ μηδαμῶν ἀνθρώπων νομαίοις. (οἱ μὲν νον ἄλλοι Αἰγύπτιοι οὕτω τούτῳ φυλάσσουσι ἐστι δὲ Χέμμις πόλις μεγάλη νομοῦ τοῦ Θηβαίου, ἐγγὺς Νέης πόλιος ἐν ταύτῃ τῇ πόλι ἐστὶ Περσέως τοῦ Δανίης ἱρὸν πετράγωνον πέριξ δὲ αὐτοῦ φοινικες φεύγας τὰ δὲ πρόπυλα τοῦ ἵρου λίθων ἐστὶ, κάρτα μεγάλα ἐπὶ δὲ αὐτοῦ ἀνδριάντες δύο ἐστάσι λίθων μεγάλον ἐν δὲ τῷ περιβεβλημένῳ τούτῳ νησὶ τε ἐν, καὶ ἀγαλμα ἐν αὐτῷ ἐνέστηκε τοῦ Περσέως. οὗτοι οἱ Χεμμίται λέγουσι τὸν Περσέα πολλάκι μὲν ἀνὰ τὴν γῆν φαίνεσθαι σφι, πολλάκι δὲ ἐστὶ τοῦ ἱροῦ σανδάλιον τε αὐτοῦ πεφορημένον εὐρίσκεσθαι, ἐω τὸ μέγαθος διπτηχον τὸ ἐπέαν φανή, εὐθυνειν ἐπὶ ἀπασαν Ἀιγυπτίων. ταῦτα μὲν λέγουσι ποιεῖσθι δὲ τάδε 'Ελληνικά τῷ Περσέῃ ἀγώνα γυμνίκων τιθεσί διὰ πάσης ἁγινής ἔχουσα, παρέχουσε ἀθέλα κτίρεα καὶ χλαίνας καὶ δέρματα. εἰρομένου δὲ μεν ὁ τι σφι μοῦνος ἐωθε ὁ Περσεὺς ἐπιφαίνεσθαι, καὶ ὁ τι κεχωρίδαται Αἰγυπτίων τῶν ἄλλων ἁγώνα γυμνίκων

226 Ἐλληνικοῦσι . . . ἀνθρώπων νομαίοις. This sentence is unintelligible as it stands. It is not to be explained on the hypothesis that φεύγουσι χράσθαι is equivalent to οὐ χράσται, for in that case we should have οὐδὲ . . . οὐδαμὰ . . . οὐδαμῶν in the following clause of the sentence. And the manuscripts S and V leave out the words φεύγουσι καὶ μηδαμά. I am disposed to think a deep corruption exists, arising probably from the combination of two different recensions. The words are as incoherent as those contained in S and V in some places where there is a great deficiency in them compared with the other MSS. See note 136 on i. 45.

227 Χέμμις πόλις μεγάλη νομοῦ τοῦ Θηβαίου. Besides the city in the Thebaic nome, there was an island named Chemmis (of which Herodotus speaks below, § 166) in a lake near the city Buto, and also a Χεμμίτης νομός (§ 165). The root of the word is probably Cham (= Ham), which in Coptic is said to denote the name of the country. Dio- dorus (i. 18) says that Χέμμις is the name of the city, and that its meaning is Πάρος πάλις. If it be identical with the modern Akhaim, it is on the eastern branch of the Nile, in lat. 26° 40'.

228 σανδάλιον. It is a curious circumstance that one of the colleges of wishes at Cairo shows the shoe of their founder, which is of immense size. (Wilkinson, Modern Egyptians, i. p. 287.) Probably here is an instance of an old Coptic superstition mahometanized. The footstep of Hercules, of similar dimensions, was shown in Scythia (see iv. 82), and a sculptured impression of a human foot, about sixteen inches long, found in front of the Sphinx, is in the British Museum.

229 εἰρομένου δὲ μεν. See above, note 84.

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Habits of the dwellers in the marshes. Their monogamy.

Their diet.

The lotus.

The lily.

It is not easy to say to what these words exactly refer, but it seems plain that they do not to what has immediately preceded. I should be inclined to think that once they stood next to the word ἔθπουσι, which closes the nineteenth section. Οἱ καταυπέρθε τῶν ἐλέων as opposed to οἱ ἐν τοῖς ἐλείαι are not the inhabitants of Upper Egypt exclusively, but include the dwellers in the Delta, with the exception of those who lived about the region of the Sebennytic mouth, and the two false channels derived from that branch (see note 61, above), and, perhaps, also of those who inhabited the islands in the lake of Buto, if Wilkinson is right in assigning Elbo (the refuge of Amyrteus and the blind Anysis) to that locality. See note on § 140.

καὶ τὰ ἄλλα καὶ γυναικὶ μή ἐκαστὸς αὐτῶν συνοικεῖ. This has been supposed equivalent to the English "in all other respects, except that each man cohabits with only one wife." But no slovenliness of style will warrant the supposition that a specially copulative conjunction is used in a specially disjunctive sense. The difficulty arises mainly from the circumstance of Dioneus affirming that polygamy, except for the priests, was customary in Egypt (i. 30), and the consequent theory that Herodotus here wishes to note the difference in this respect among the marshmen. But it does not seem at all certain that Herodotus took the same view as Diodorus of this very point. If his notion of Egyptians was derived mainly from naturalized Ionians and Carrians, the case might well be quite otherwise. If the two authorities are to be reconciled with one another, the least violent method would be to erase the word Ἀἰγύπτιοι after ἄλλοι, considering it to be a gloss of the latter word misunderstood.

τῇ μῆκος. The article is used from the notoriety of the μῆκος or poppy-head. See notes 206 and 222, above.

ἐγγλύσει, "gives a sweet taste." The word is explained in Hesychius by the phrase ἐγγλυκάζει.
The fish of Egypt only gregarious in their transit to the sea, and in their course up

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236 *ἐν ἀλλῃ τι τράπουν*. See § 96.

237 *οὶ δὲ ἐκ ... τράπουν*, "but those who wish to have the byblus in thorough perfection stop till they have baked it in a piping-hot oven, and then eat it." The word *διαφανής*, perhaps, was originally applied in this sense to stones, which with increase of heat appeared bright to

241 *ἀνακάπτουσιν*. ARISTOTLE (De ge-
Oil in use drawn from

...
kiki 246. pouēsio dé oðde' para tā χεῖλεα τῶν τε ποταμῶν καὶ τῶν λιμνῶν σπεῖρουσι τὰ αιλλοκύττρια ταῦτα, τὰ ἐν "Ελληνικεῖ 247 αὐτό- ματα ἁγία φύεται ταῦτα ἐν τῇ Ἀγνύττῳ σπειρόμενα, καρπὸν φέρει τολλὸν μὲν δυσώδεα 248 δὲ τοῦτον ἐπελαυνούσα, οἱ μὲν κόφαντες ἀπιτούσι 249, οἱ δὲ καὶ φρύζαντες ἀπέγουσι, καὶ τὸ ἀπορρέον ἀπ' αὐτοῦ συγκομίζονται. ἔστι δὲ πῶν καὶ οὐδὲν ἤσον τοῦ ἑξαίρετον πρὸς τὴν ὁμὴν, ὁμάην δὲ βαρέαν παρέχεται. Πρὸς δὲ τῶν κόκωντας ἁρφώνους ἔνωσα τάδε σφί ἐστι μεμιχανή- μένα' τους μὲν τὰ ἀνω τῶν ἑλέων οἰκέονται οἱ πῦργοι οφέλουσιν, ἓς οὖς ἀναβαίνοντες κομίζονται οἱ γαρ κόκωτοι ὑπὸ τῶν ἀνέμων οὐκ οἷοι τε εἰσὶ ὑψοὺ πέτεσθαι τοῖς δὲ περὶ τὰ ἔλεα οἰκέονται τάδε ἀντὶ τῶν πῦργων ἄλλα μεμιχάνηται. τὰς ἄνηρ αὐτῶν ἀμφιβληστρον ἐκτηται, τῷ τῆς μὲν ἡμέρας ἒχόος ἄγρευει 250, τὴν δὲ νῦκτα τάδε αὐτὸ χράται ἐν τῇ ἀναπαυτῆς κοίλῃ περὶ ταύτην ὑστησι τὸ ἀμφιβληστρον, καὶ ἔπειτα ἐνδὺς υπ' αὐτῷ καθέδωρ οἱ δὲ κόκωτες, ἥν μὲν ἐν ἰματίῳ ἐνελιξάμενος εὐθὺ ή σινδών, διὰ τοῦτων διάκοσμεν διὰ δὲ τοῦ δικτύου οὐδὲ πειρόμεναι ἄρχην 251.

Τὰ δὲ δὴ πλοῦτι σφί, τοῖς φορτηγόντοι, ἔστι ἐκ τῆς ἁκάνθης ποιεύμενα τῆς ἡ μορφή μὲν ἐστὶ ὁμοοιότάτη τῷ Κυρηναῖο λωτῷ 252.  

95 Protection from mosquitoes, how obtained.

96 Description of the river-craft.

246 kiki. The Hellenic name of this plant was, according to Hesychius, κρέσταν, being it in fact that from which the seeds of which the modern "Croton oil" is derived. It is the same which, in the English version of Josiah iv. 6, is called "a gourd," the old ante-hieronymian Latin versions having rendered the κολακεϕόντις of the LXX by "cucurbita." A very curious dispute, not unaccompanied with bitterness, took place between S. Jerome and S. Augustine on occasion of the former having adopted the word "horda" in his new translation from the Hebrew as a more analogous plant to the kiki. A tumult was occasioned in one of the African churches by the change, and to allay it a compromise had to be made. See Augustine, Ep. lxxv. 247 κλασικεῖ. 248 δυσώδεα. On this account the kiki ointment was used chiefly by the lower classes, and the olive oil fetched a high price. 249 ἀπιτοῦσι, "squeeze out the juice." 250 ψιρείκανος makes Cleon use this word in threatening the Sausage-seller that he will "drain him dry as hay" with property-taxes: δάσεις ἔμιοι καλὴν δίκην ἵπτομενος ταῖς εἰσοφόραις. (Equit. 923.) 251 ἀρχήν. See note 42 on i. 9. 252 ὁμοοιότάτη τῷ Κυρηναίῳ λωτῷ, "the Cyrenean lotus," i.e. that which is called "the lotus" at Cyrene. The epi-
the is used distinctively, because the author has just before been speaking of the Egyptian lotus (§ 92) without any distinctive epithet. The two plants were of totally different kinds, the Egyptian lotus being a bulbous water-plant, the Cyrenean a kind of thorn (Zizyphus napeica). The tree is called in Arabic sidr, and its fruit nabk, whence the botanical " napeca." This latter is said to be a kind of berry about the size of a wild plum, containing a nut of a sweetish taste like that of a date. In Barbary it is sold in the markets, and a liquor analogous to date wine made from it. Cattle, too, are fed with it. There can be no doubt that this is the food of the Lophagi (iv. 177), and probably the foundation for the story in the Odyssey (ix. 94).

ναυπηγεύμενοι τρόπον τοιόνδε. The great distinction between the ordinary ship-building and that of the Egyptian river-craft seems to have arisen from the circumstance that the latter were flat-bottomed, with vertical sides, and the former built with a framework, of which the several pieces were curved ribs (σωρεῖς), set in a keel. The first step in making the Nile boats apparently was to set up a number of long vertical stakes near to each other, thus tracing out the outline of the sides of the barge. These are the γόμφροι of the text. Round them were carried strings of acacia plank, one course above the other (πλαυσθρά), thus producing a kind of thin bulwark. When this had been carried up a sufficient height, cross-beams (γρα) were laid on to preserve it in shape; and, this being completed for the whole length, the result was a rude flat-bottomed lighter lying bottom upwards. It does not appear to me necessary to suppose that the passing the courses of acacia plank inside and out of the stakes is involved in the word περιέρωσι. It may be observed that, in navigation like that of the Nile, no inconvenience would follow from the want of a keel, and no convexity of the sides would be required to resist a sea, while for a given draft of water a larger freight could be carried in such a build than in an ordinary vessel. 

τὰς ἀρμονίας, " the seams." Lat. commissvras. These were caulked from the inside with tow made of the byblus plant, — an operation which must have been effected after the barge was turned by the help of levers from the position in which it had been built. 

διὰ τῆς τρόπιος, "through the cut-water." The Lexicon Gudianum interprets this word τρόπιος by τὸ κατατατάν μέρος τῆς νησός περί ὁ σχίζεται τὸ κύμα. Where the vessel was built with a keel, the τρόπιος would be continued all along it, and hence the word might be applicable to the whole extent. But the word δέρχον seems (see Pollux, i. 89) to be the specially appropriate term for the keel, properly so called, i.e. the backbone (as it were) in which the ribs of the vessel are set. The point which Herodotus puts prominently forward in his description is, not that the rudder is carried through the keel, but that, instead of being lashed by the side of the cut-water, it pierces it. Vessels such as the βάρη would have stem and stern alike, and would, when floating down the stream, be steered forward, the stone towing aft. See note 250. 

διαβουλέωται. This is the reading of the majority of the MSS. But S and V have διαβιβασται. The form διαβιβασται is found, however, in all the copies in iv. 71: διὰ τῆς ἀρωτερῆς χερός ὄστος δια-βινεόταται.
"A door-shaped board lashed to a crate of reeds." I conceive the machine to have acted on the principle of a ship's log, and when in operation to have presented the same appearance that the log would if thrown out from a vessel at anchor in a stream. It was probably a considerable surface of wattled work, strengthened by the parallelgram of tamarisk wood in the middle. From the centre of the whole a rope would proceed, made fast to the cut-water of the barge, and probably under water. When the barge dropped down with the stream, this machine would assume a vertical position in the water, and would be acted upon over its whole surface by the stream at a velocity equal to the difference between the velocity of the Nile current and that of the artificially retarded barge. This in some cases would be very considerable, and would be most so where an additional force would be most requisite. See note 259.

257 τόρη κατερραμένη ῥήσει καλάμων, "a door-shaped board lashed to a crate of reeds." 258 τοπομενος, which would mean (if genuine) a rubbed stone or boulder, a kind very likely to be employed. But τοπομενος is more likely to be the true reading. 259 κατατίνων τον πλοῖον. If the barge had floated freely in the stream, she would of course not have answered the helm. But the friction of the stone towing astern on the bottom of the river would cause her velocity to be slightly less than that of the stream, and thereby allow her to be steered. In this way, therefore, the weight may be said "to guide the course," although it did not really do so, but merely supplied the necessary conditions for enabling the helm to do it. Captain Basil Hall, in descending the river Guayaquil in South America by the force of the stream, found the same method employed for the same object. Occasionally this stone might lodge in the weeds, and the force of the stream upon the barge scarcely be sufficient to overcome the obstacle, and it seems to be for this case that the pilot-cr after was intended. If it were floating in front of the barge, any sudden check received by the latter would be partially counteracted by the momentum of the stream upon the flat surface of the machine.

257. 258. 259. 260. 261.
Memphis
by the side of the pyra-
98
mids, and
from Cano-
bos to Nauc-
cratis, com-
ing off An-
thylla and
Archand-
ropolis.
99
Stories re-
lated by the
Egyptians
for which the
writer does not
vouch.
Men the
first king.

Áelta, καὶ παρὰ Κερκάσαρον πόλιν. Ἐς ἔδε Ναύκρατιν ἀπὸ
θαλάσσης καὶ Κανοβίου δίᾳ πεδίου πλέων, ἦς εἰς κατ' "Ἀνθυλλάν
τε πόλιν, καὶ τὴν Ἀρχάνδρου καλεμένην. Τούτῳ δε ἤ μὲν
"Ἀνθυλλα, ἐόσα λογίμη πόλις, ἐς ὑπόδημα ἐξαίρετος διέστα
tοῦ αἰεὶ βασιλεύσαντος Ἀιγύπτου τῇ γυναικί. (τούτῳ δὲ γίνεται εἰς
οὕς ὑπὸ Πέρσης ἔστι Ἀιγύπτως.) ἦ δὲ ἐτέρῃ πόλις δοκεῖ μοι
τὸ οὖνομα ἔχειν ἀπὸ τοῦ Δαιανοῦ γαμβροῦ, Ἀρχάνδρου τοῦ Φθίου,
tου Ἀχαιοῦ καλέσται γὰρ δὴ Ἀρχάνδρου πόλις. εἰγ δ' ἂν καὶ
ἀλλος τίς "Ἀρχάνδρος" οὐ μέντοι γε Ἀιγύπτιον τὸ οὖνομα.
Μέχρι μὲν τούτων ὄψις τε ἐμὴ καὶ γνώμη καὶ ἱστορίη ταῦτα
λέγουσά ἐστιν τὸ δὲ ἀπὸ τούθε, Ἀιγύπτιοι ἔρχομαι λόγους ἐρέως
cατὰ τὰ ἡκούον πρὸσέσται δὲ αὐτοῦ τι καὶ τῆς ἐμῆς ὅψιος.
tὸν Μήνα τὼν πρῶτων βασιλεύσαντα Ἀιγύπτου, οἱ ἵρες ἐλέγον
tούτο μὲν ἀπογειφρῶσαί καὶ τὴν Μέμφιν—τὸν ἱάρ ποταμὸν

writer's statement. To take ἐστὶ δὲ ὄνικ (or ὄδι) ὄντος to mean "this is not the usual course," which Schweighäuser un-
scrupulously does, appears to me quite unwarranted.

262 παρὰ Κερκάσαρον πόλιν. See above, §§ 15. 17.
263 κατὰ τὰ ἡκούουν. Just below a town
called e' Rameneh, the bed of an old canal
is visible, which formerly ran into the Nile
there; and this is supposed by some to be
the proper emplacement of Naucratins, and
the canal taken to be the representative
of the Canobic branch of the Nile. (Wilkin-
son, Modern Egyptians, p. 181.) But in
Wilkinson's map e' Rameneh is placed on
the western bank, whereas it is clear from
Strabo (quoted in note on ii. 163) that
Naucratins was on the eastern. The site of
e' Rameneh corresponds far better with the
Memnonph of Strabo. (See note on
ii. 163.) Wilkinson does not give its dis-
tance from Asfah, but from the map one
may judge it is only four or five miles
higher up the Nile. Asfah is from Rosetta
by the river 22½ miles, and from Cairo
123. From Asfah to Alexandria by the
canals is about 49 miles.

264 ἦς εἰς κατ' "Ἀνθυλλάν τε πόλιν, καὶ
tὴν Ἀρχάνδρον καλεμένην, "you will
come off the city Anthylla and what is
called Archandrus's town." (See note
195, above.) It will appear in the Exe-
phins on § 140, that at the time Herodotus,
or his authority, visited the Labyrinth,
the water of the Nile was in all pro-
bability out. This state of things syn-
chronized with the prevalence of the Etec-
sian winds, which allowed of a southward
course under sail. See note 59, above.
Strabo, on the other hand, seems to have
visited Egypt when the waters were con-
fined to their bed. Hence Anthylla is
less likely to be his Gymnopolis, as has
been thought.

265 ὄψις τε ἐμή. These words must be
taken as considerably qualified by the
word γνώμη which follows them. It is
impossible to suppose that the author saw
any one covering himself when asleep with
a fishing-net (§ 94) to keep out the mos-
quitoes, or live winged snakes (§ 76), or
a river-horse with cloven hooves (§ 71), or
a crocodile with tusks (§ 68). It is
difficult to conceive that he was at Ele-
phantine (see note 94, above), or saw
swine employed in threshing (see note 52,
above), or even was at Thebes itself (see
note 10, above).

266 Αἰγύπτιοι ἔρχομαι λόγους ἐρέως.
What follows until § 147, must be re-
garded as pure Egyptian legends, in the
shape retailed by the ἔξηγησι (especially
at Memphis) to those who visited the
temples.

267 κατὰ τὰ ἡκούουν. See note on tv.
76, κατὰ τὰ ὤρα.

268 τοῦτο μὲν. See note 276, below.

269 ἀπογειφρῶσαί. This word properly
means to "dyke off," i. e. by means of
a dam to recover land which would be otherwise overflowed, like the polders of Holland. But, as the phrase ἀπογεφύρωσα τὴν Μέμφιν is rather vague, the writer interposes a description of the operation which was effected.

270 πρὸς Λιβύην, "on the Libyan side [of its present course]," τὴν πρὸς μεσαμβρίης ἀγκώνα is "the reach southward [of Memphis]".

271 τὸ μὲν ἄρχαιον ἑδέθρον ἀποξενάγα. RENNELL (Geography of Herodotus, p. 501) considers that the operation here described consisted in assisting the natural tendency of the river to change its bed by filling up the existing one. He supposes that this process had gone on so long while the stream ran under the ridge which extends on the western bank of the river in a parallel direction to it, that a considerable portion of the water must have deviated into another channel, and that by the dam Herodotus mentions this secondary channel was made the primary one. If the operation really was such as this, the old bed of the river might be converted into a canal for the purpose of receiving the overflow of the Nile at the time of inundation, and husbanding it for use in the dry season; and it is not improbable that this was a use it was put to by the aid of sluices, and that it formed a portion of a canal-system communicating with the lake Meris. See note on § 149.

272 τὸν ποταμὸν ἵπτεσσα, "conveyed the river through a made channel."

273 τὸ μέσον τῶν ὀδύρων ἤετε, "so as to flow midway between the mountains," i.e. the Libyan and the Arabian. See above, § 8.

274 ὃ ἀγκάν ὄντος τοῦ Νείλου ὃς ἀπεργμένον ἤετε. This phrase is a very remarkable one. If the words ὃς ἀπεργμένον ἤετε be applied to the single substantive Νείλου, they are a mere platitude, "a river which flows in a made channel." If they be applied to the composite substantive ἀγκῶν τοῦ Νείλου, it seems unusual that the word ἀγκῶν, which is appropriate to the windings of a land-valley, should have the term ἤετε coupled with it. Nevertheless I believe this to be the true way of pointing and constructing the passage. The rivers of European Hellas, with very few exceptions, were mere brooks, no where presenting that appearance of one long "reach" after another which is so striking in a large navigable river. When, therefore, this phenomenon first came under notice in the Nile, a new term had to be invented; and analogy could certainly suggest nothing more appropriate than ἀγκάν. I would therefore translate this passage: "This reach of the Nile which runs in a made channel." Memphis being situated in the narrow part of the Nile valley, a spectator from thence would see two distinct lines of river, according as he looked upwards or downwards, their continuity being broken to the eye by the city and its traffic, even if there was no obvious change of direction. Nothing would under such circumstances be more natural than to call the one "the southern reach" (ὁ πρὸς μεσαμβρίης ἀγκάν) and the other "the northern one."

275 τὸ ἀπεργμένον, "the space gained by damming."

276 τοῦτο μὲν. These words, which had been used before the parenthetical account of the diversion of the Nile channel, are again repeated upon the recurrence to the primary matter of the story. The length
of the parenthetical narrative is the cause of this; and on the same principle are repeated τῷ πρώτῳ γενοµένῳ βασιλεί. 277 ἐκ βυζαντίου. This papyrus document was probably a kind of genealogical table, connecting in one system all the various historical or legendary data at the command of the priests of the Hephasteum. It may have been analogous to the West Saxou pedigree preserved at Cambridge on a roll in the library of Trinity College, which proceeds from Adam to Japheth according to the Scriptural account, but connects this point with the royal family of England (Henry VII. being the last link in the chain) by a farrago of traditions partly classical, partly Scandinavian, partly British, and partly Anglo-Saxon. To attach value to such a production of a kind as that to allow it to enter into a chronological system, is indirectly to destroy all confidence in genuine history.

278 καὶ δὲ γενῆ ἐπηχωρήθη. That the patriotism of the Egyptians should not allow them to consider Nitocris a foreigner is not to be wondered at. They laid claim to Cambyses in the face (according to Herodotus) of facts of which they could not possibly be ignorant. See iii. 2. The name Nitocris is only the hellenized form of Neit-okr, a name which, according to Champollion and others, appears on the monuments, and is equivalent to Ἀθηνή Νική, an interpretation which was actually given to the word by Eratothenes. The identity of the Egyptian Νική with the Hellenic Ἀθηνή had been remarked by Plato (Timæus, p. 21). And the etymological connexion of Neith with Amaltheis is the same as that of Dereco with Atergatis, Cyphias with Acryphas, στάξιος with ἄσταξος, λαπάος with ἀλαπάος, τέινας with ταῖνας; or of υἷς with the Latin unus, πολς with αὐνίς, τραχυς and true with αὐτραχους, βάξος with βάξα, κράτεα with κράτωσα, ἀκάλπη and ἀγάλαπνος. The interchange of the elementary structure αὐν- with ὀθ- may be illustrated by the pairs ἄσταξος and κυναδος, σύνεας and νοῦθεας, ἀγάλπη and αὐτραχους, and the English ask and its archaica but now vulgar form are. It may be observed that the Egyptian name remained at Thebes of Boeotia in the Νικταῖ πόλις (Eschylus, Theb. 460).

279 καὶ οὗ τῷ λόγῳ, "pretended to h槼ed it." The more usual term would be καυσίζειν or ἐγκαυσίζειν. Callimachus says of Perillus, the inventor of Phalaris's brazen bull, whom the tyrant shut up in it as the first victim, πρώτος ἔπει τῶν ταύρων ἐκαύσει (fr. 119).

280 ἔδει. S has ἔδε.
The last king Morris the only one of note. His works.

202 To Morris succeeded Sesostris, who made a warlike expedition with a fleet.
103

Passing over into Europe he subdued the Scythians and Thracians, which constitute the limit of his expedition.

...
Evidence that these Cœlebians were Egyptian.

Circumcision is a native custom with both, but not with the Phoenicians and Syrians either of Palestine or Pontus.

**232 εἰρήμην ἀμφοτέροις.** This expression goes to prove the fact of the author, or the individual whom he impersonates, having been on the Phasis; and indeed it seems certain that some of his statements must be derived from Phasin merchants. Yet it is very strange that in this case he should not even mention the name of the town (which was the same as that of the river), nor give any of the curious particulars relating to the trade there (see note 363 on i. 104). It is even stranger that he should say nothing of Dioscurias, which was in the actual μυχὸς of the Euxine. (See note on vi. 9.)

**233 μελαχροις καὶ οὐλότριχες.** These mummies have always been found to possess straight hair, and an European, not African, configuration of skull. And in the paintings the Egyptians are represented as red, not black. Is it possible that the Egyptians here alluded to are of the same race as those pirates (apparently the relic of an African tribe) which haunted the marshes of the Bucoel branch of the Nile? See above, note 61 on § 17. They are described as φαοβροι καὶ ἄγριοι ἀνθρωποι, μεγάλοι μὲν πάντες, μέλανες δὲ τὴν χρώμαν οὗ κατὰ τὴν Ἰδὼν τὴν ἄκρατον, ἄλλοι οὗν ἐν γένοιτο νόθος Αἴθλοψ. (Achilles Tatius, iii. 9.) The novelist, however, goes on to say that they are ἅλια τὰς κεφαλὰς καὶ λεπτὸν τῶν πόδων, which are not negro characteristics.

**234 Σύριοι ὃι εἰν τῇ Παλαιστίνῃ.** This phrase has occasioned some difficulty from Herodotus's notice being supposed to militate against the passages of the Old Testament (1 Sam. xviii. 25; 2 Sam. i. 20, &c.) in which the Philistines are distinguished as "the uncircumcised"; and occasion has been taken to argue that the interior of the country (the Holy Land) was regarded by him as part of Palestine. But it has been overlooked that subsequently to the time of Saul a great change took place in the population of the Philistine cities (see note on § 157, below), and that a considerable Egyptian element had probably been introduced. I do not believe that Herodotus has here any thing but the coass in his mind.

**235 οἱ περπατομόντες ἀνθρώπων μοῦνω.** It is remarkable that here no mention should be made of the Jews or the Arabs, as practising this same rite, and that the narrator should pass at once from
The mode of manufacturing linen is similar, and so is the language, and the whole mode of life.

The seaboard of Palestine to that of Pontus. The Syrians of Pontus are the Cappadoceans, i.e. the inhabitants of that large portion of Asia Minor which lies east of the Halys (see note 27 on i. 6). Is it to be supposed that only those who dwelt immediately in the neighbourhood of the Thermodon had the custom he speaks of, or was he unacquainted with any others than these? If the latter be the true solution, it becomes easy to understand that his knowledge must have gained as a trader in the maritime ports, and that the information obtained was limited by this condition. See note 363 on i. 104, and note 26 on ii. 7.

296 κατὰ τὰ αὐτὰ. See above, § 35. STRAHO (xi. 2) mentions this circumstance of the similar manufacture as being the principal ground of the opinion held by some that the Colchians were of Egyptian origin, but he does not make any special reference to Herodotus.

a ἡ γλώσσα ἐμφερῆς ἐστὶ ἀλλήλωσιν. This expression probably refers to the effect produced on the ear of a traveller who understood neither language, and must not be regarded as in itself a proof of any near etymological affinity. Such a similarity may be remarked between Italian and Bohemian, especially by a person who has been for a considerable time accustomed to the sounds of any dialect of the German just before visiting Bohemia. There can be no doubt that Herodotus employed a Greek interpreter in Egypt, and probably also at Piasis. See note 333 on i. 195, and note 126, above.

297 Σάρδανοκ. The manuscripts 8, F, α have the variation Σάρδωνικ. Whichever reading be adopted, the reference appears to be to the island Sardinia (Σαρδῆ), and it is not easy to say how a Colchian product should have acquired such a name. The island Sardinia itself was very little known to the Greeks (see note on v. 106), although its repute for abundant resources was very great. But its produce appears to have been simply agricultural. RITTER (Vorhalle Europaischer Volkergeschichten, p. 48) supposes the word to have no connexion with Sardinia at all, but to be synonymous with Σάρδωνικ, and denote the muslins brought from the Σάρδος. But unless the text be altered very violently, and without any external ground, this view seems utterly untenable. As a mere stop-gap, I am disposed to propose the following explanation. It is well known that the Carthaginians had manufactures of linen in the island of Malta, the produce of which was remarkable for its extreme fineness and softness (λεπτότης καὶ μαλακότης). DIODORUS, v. 12. The effeminate Verres kept the whole population of the town (Melita) employed for three years in supplying him with the article (CICERO inVerr.ii.4.30). From the deficient knowledge which the Greeks had of the places to which the Phoenicians and their colonies traded, it seems very possible that they should believe these manufactured articles to have come from Sardinia itself, just as the spices produced in the islands under the line may now be called Indian. If now the articles which came from India by way of the Colchians were similarly distinguished by their texture from the Egyptian linen (which was undoubtedly, for the most part,
The rock on which the figure is cut is represented as being near Ñymphli (the ancient Ñympheum), close to which one of the great roads from Mysia to Lydia ran. Professor Welcker says that an attentive traveller cannot fail to perceive the monument. But its distance from the road is such that no details can have been discernible; and these it seems likely that Herodotus obtained at second-hand. (See notes 329 and 331 on p. 93.) The figure really has a lance in its left hand, and in its right the string of a bow which hangs over its back. The bird in the frame is far too important an object to have been overlooked by an eyewitness. It is remarkable too, that although the writer speaks of having himself seen the Sesostris monuments in Palestine, he alters the form of his expression in describing these Ionian reliefs. If we suppose that in passing along the road his attention was caught by the remarkable appearance of the rock, and that his informant as to the details was a fellow-traveller, or one of the country-people at the next halting-place, we shall have no occasion either to question his accuracy or to fetter our judgment as to the origin of the existing monument by what he says respecting it. Taking into account all circumstances connected with it, the costume, the rudeness of workmanship, and the similarity to some rock reliefs found near the ruins of an ancient town east of the Halys, which are undoubtedly neither Persian, Lydian, Phrygian, Egyptian, nor Hellenic, the most plausible hypothesis
 mente in the road-
side in Asia

107 On the return of
Sesostris he narrowly
escapes death by
fire at the hands of
his brother at Daphne, near Pel-

108 After pu-
ishing his
brother, he em-

seems to be that the monument described in the text comes down from the time of
some Cimmerian or Scythian conquest, and was the work of a barbarous race.

According to him (i. 57) Sesostris, after offering up
a prayer to Hephaestus, dashes through
the fire and escapes. He also accounts
for the fire not being extinguished by
the king's retinue. They were unable to
exert themselves effectually from the quantity
of wine they had drunk at the banquet!
But this toning down of the story to make
it harmonize with ordinary history really
destroys the historical value which it in-
trinsically possesses, viz. as an indication
of the Moloch-worship (in which parents
"made their children pass through the
fire") having formerly existed at Daphne.
See note on iii. 11, ἐς ὑπὸ τοῦ πατρὸς.
The land-tax, which usually consists of a certain proportion of the produce, is considered to be the acknowledgment of this right. The narrative in Genesis (c. xlvii.) gives the circumstances under which it was acquired in Egypt. According to the account followed by Herodotus, Se- sostris is represented as parceling out the land, and as exercising a discretionary power in exacting the tax under peculiar circumstances. But there is nothing to indicate an actual census of the available property, to serve as a basis for the com- mutation of the produce-rents; something like which seems afterwards to have been effected by Anasis. See note on § 177, below.

This is explained by the Herodotean glossographer as τὸ ὅπου τῶν ἐπικόων τῶν ἄρχουσιν ὑποτελομέ- ρον. This is true if by the ἐπικόων are meant the subjects of an absolute prince; but it would be inapplicable to the tribute rendered by foreign states, for which the term φόρος is the appropriate one. The ἀποφορὰ is a rent paid out of the fruits of the holding.
110

Ethiopia was under his dominion. He erected six colossal figures in front of the Hephaesteum, which occasion a rebuke of Darius by the priest of the deity.

306 parâ Βαβυλωνίων ἐμαθον. It does not seem necessary so to press these words as to make them mean that the Hellenic race got this knowledge direct from Babylon, but only that it was from that quarter, and not from Egypt, that it was originally derived. Still it is far from impossible that it came with the worship of the Sun-god from Babylon to Patara in Lycia, and from thence to the coast of Asia Minor and Delos. See i. 182.

As for the instrument which is here described, it is an error to suppose that Herodotus meant the πάλος and the γνώμων to be regarded as different instruments. They were originally parts of the same instrument, which was, in fact, a kind of model of the path of the sun in the heavens, by which not only his daily, but his annual motions might be explained. The πάλος was a hemispherical basin of any material (but most naturally of brass), from the centre of which a vertical pin (the γνώμων) was carried up to a level with the rim of the basin. It is obvious that the extremity of the gnomon would trace, by the shadow falling upon the side of the basin, the variation of the sun’s position in the heavens, and thus serve as a dial. Then if the locus of the extremity of the shadow were marked (by a piece of chalk for instance) upon the πάλος, and the instrument reversed, the mark remaining would show the actual path of the sun in the heavens (on the hypothesis of the declination being constant through the day), and the basin in fact become a representative of the hemisphere. This was the cause of both being called by the same name. Both the term and the instrument were probably introduced at Athens in the time of Pericles’s administration, when every branch of art and science received so strong an impulse. At the time the Birds of Aristophanes was acted, the nomenclature had become sufficiently familiar to the public to furnish material for comedy. Peishteterus gives the Eopps a lesson on the use of the celestial sphere (175—183), as Meton in the sequel lectures him on civil engineering:

PELLΣ, βλέψων κάτω: ΕΠ. καὶ δὴ βλέπω. ΠΕΙΣ. βλέπε νῦν ἄνω. ΕΠ. βλέπων. ΠΕΙΣ. πείρας τῶν τραχύων. ΕΠ. ὦ δῆλον ἰσότατα ἀπολακόμισα τί δ’; εἰ διαστραφήσαμεν: ΠΕΙΣ. εἶδες τί. ΕΠ. τὰς μεθέλας γε καὶ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν. ΠΕΙΣ. οὖς οὕτως οὖν δῆσυ τοῦτιν ὑπὸ νοῦτιν πάλοις: ΕΠ. πάλοις τίνα τράπον; ΠΕΙΣ. ὦ παρθενε εἴτε τότε εἴτ’ τότε. δι’ ὑπὸ δολείται τούτο καὶ διέρχεται ἀπαντα, διὰ τούτο γε καλεῖται νῦν πάλοις.

307 καὶ δὴ καὶ Χειμαῆς. The manuscripts S and V add the word ἐλεῖν, leaving out the words Δαρείων δὲ οὐ δυσαγαθήσεται. Οὐ δυσαγαθήσεται Χειμαῆς ἐλεῖν. This feature in the anecdote occasions some difficulty, if the anecdote itself belongs to the same historical cycle which Herodotus follows in the continuous narrative.
of Darius; for there is no time subsequent to the return from Scythia in that narrative in which he can be supposed to have visited Egypt. He seems to have intended to go in person to quell the revolt which broke out there in the fourth year after the battle of Marathon, but his intentions were defeated by death (see vii. 1—3).

Aristotle, however, followed an account which made Darius conquer Egypt antecedently to the expedition being sent against Hellas (Rhet. ii. 20, p. 1353). This would not be the only instance of heterogeneous materials being made use of by Herodotus. See note 517 on i. 153.

He was succeeded by his son Phraor, who brought a judgment of blindness upon himself by an act of blasphemous arrogance. After ten years he recovered, by following the advice of the oracle at Buto; which leads to his making a holocaust of unfaithful wives.

After recovery, he set up, among other offerings, two monolith obelisks at...
the temple of the sun.

112

He was succeeded by Proteus, a Memphite, who now possesses a sanctuary south of the Hephaestum, in which stands a temple of Aphrodite Xene, a deity probably identified with Helen. Round about the sanctuary is the Tyrian quarter, and the whole district is called "the Tyrians' camp."

113

The temple of the sun.

For Proteus, the Memphite sanctuary was called the Tyrian temple. Aphrodite Xene, a deity probably identified with Helen, and the whole district was called "the Tyrians' camp."

TACITUS, the city Canopus was said to have been founded by the Spartans returning from Troy with Menelaus, and so called after his pilot, who was there buried (Annals ii. 60). This is a precise parallel to Virgil's story of Palinurus, "a slave belonging to any man whatever." The preference of the dative to the more common genitive does not, in my opinion, arise from any connexion of επιβάλλων with άνθρωπος, but rather from the fact that the master's interests are affected by the loss of the slave. Thus, if the form of the sentence be changed, the sense would be adequately given by the English, "If any man whatever should have a slave take sanctuary," &c. The genitive άνθρωπον would merely express that the rank of the slave's master did not affect the question, but would not imply (as the dative does) that the rights of property were affected. The so-called pleonastic use of the dative case of the personal pronouns is derived from the temple of the sun."
from a similar usage. See note 120 on i. 34, and that on iv. 162, ἡ δὲ μίθρα οὐ εἰς ζαλαμά κέρνην. No doubt this delicate shade of meaning continually disappeared, and the pronouns became strictly pleonastic. Where Petrechius says,

"Knock me at this gate, And rap me well, or I'll knock your knave's pate,"

the original use of the pronoun is plain. It is less so, when he bids the tailor,

"Go hop me over every kennel home: For you shall hop without my custom, Sir;"

and the merely pleonastic usage appears in Shylock's account of Jacob's artifice:

"The skilful shepherd peeled me certain wands."

This practice of escaping from the oppression of a master by means of a religious dedication, is beautifully applied by St. Paul to his own escape from the bondage of the law to that service which was perfect freedom: τοῦ λαοῦ κόσμου μοι μηδέσ παρεξήκοντος ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ σύμβασια τοῦ τοσοῦ ἐν τῷ σωματικῷ μοι βασάνῳ (Gal. vi. 17).

320 τῶν οὖν ἥρων Ἡθών. In the Odyssey (iv. 238) Thoû is the husband of Polydamna, from whom Helen is represented as receiving a present of drugs. Herodotus does not, any more than Homer, mention the city Thônis on the Canopic branch of the Nile, or the place called Helenus, then existing in the same region. (Πελαγεύς, op. Steph. Byzant. sub v.)

κόσμερα . . . ἐκέντρως ἡ ἀφελωμένα;

"Which must we do, let him sail away unharmed, or strip him of the wealth he brought with him?" This is the direct form, corresponding to the oblique εἰ with the subjunctive. See note 170 on i. 53.
that the Egyptians charge of human sacrifices is made against the Greeks. See § 119. In the Hellenic legends the blame was shifted on to the other side. “Quis illudati nescit Busiris aras?” (Virgil, Georg. iii. 6.) It can scarcely be doubted that at one time the practice prevailed with both.

323 parα τοις σεωντοι εξειον την γυναικα ἡλθες. Compare above, § 66, φωτεύοις παρα τοις ἔρημοις. § 111, παρα τοις ενωτις ἄνδρα μούνον περιελικτε. 324 αναστερώσας αὐτήν. The use of the word in this passage where the seducer is represented as turning the head of his victim so as to make her forgetful of all the bonds which held her, is excellently illustrated by Aristophanes in the dialogue between Peisthetaerus and the In-former, who had wanted a pair of actual wings for his own purposes (Av. 1436): 325 ΣΥΚ. διαμόνη, μὴ νοθέτηι μ' ἄλλα πτέρων. ΠΕΙΣ. γινι τοι λέγον πτερω σε. ΣΥΚ. καὶ πᾶς ἄν λόγος ἄνδρα πτερόσεισαν σοι; ΠΕΙΣ. πάντες τοῖς λόγοις ἀναστεροῦται. ΣΥΚ. πάντες; ΠΕΙΣ. οὐκ ἄκηκος; ὅταν λέγωσιν οἱ πατέρες ἐκάστοτε τοῖς μειράκιοις ἐν τοῖς κουρείοις ταξίθι δεινοὺς γε μοῦ τὸ μειράκιον Διατρήστη λέγων ἀπετέρωσεν ὅθεν ἰππιστέων. 326 ὅτι γὰρ λόγοις ὦ νοῦς τι μετεωριζέτα στα ἐπαίρεται τ' ἀνήθρωπος.
\[\text{EUTERPE. II. 116.}\]

εὑρήσατο, ἐς \(\text{δ}^{225}\) μετῆκε αὐτὸν δηλώσας ὡς καὶ τοῦτον ἐπίσταται τὸν λόγον. δὴ δὲ κατὰ γὰρ ἐποίησε ἐν Ἰλιάδι (καὶ οὖν διὰ \(\text{άλλῃ} \) ἑνετόδις ἑωτὸν) πλάνην τὴν Ἀλεξάνδρου \(\text{δ}^{326}\), ὃς ἀπηνεῖχθη ἁγιόν Ελένην τῇ τε δὴ ἁλλῃ πλαζόμενοι καὶ ὡς ἐς Σιδώνα τῆς Φοινίκης ἀπίκετο \(\text{δ}^{327}\).

'Επιμέμηνται δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐν Διομήδεω ἀριστείᾳ \(\text{δ}^{328}\). λέγει δὲ τὰ ἔπεα ὦντων:

'Ενθ' ἦσαν οἱ πέπλοι παμπώκικοι, ἥγα γυναῖκών Σιδώνων, τὰς αὐτῶς Ἀλεξάνδρου θεοκήθη

ἔγαγε Σιδώνησθιον, ἐπιπλάνοι εὐρέα πῦντον,

τὴν διδά τιν Ελένην περ ἀνήγαγεν εὐπατρείας.

\(\text{δ}^{225}\) ἐς \(\text{δ}^{25}\). These words are included between brackets by Bekker, and they certainly appear entirely superfluous. But no conceivable cause seems assignable for their introduction; and therefore the corruption probably lies deeper, and would not be removed by simply striking them out, although by this means a good sense would result.

\(\text{δ}^{226}\) κατὰ γὰρ ἐποίησε ... πλάνην τὴν Ἀλεξάνδρου. The word κατὰ is not the Ionic form of κατά, as has been supposed, but is the preposition separated from the last part of the compound verb καταποίησις. It is very true that this compound is never found; but it is regularly formed, and the reason of its not elsewhere appearing is that the simple verb very rarely has a sense admitting of that modification which results from the prefixing the preposition κατὰ. But in this passage the original meaning of "create" (from which the word ποιησις is derived) is entirely lost sight of in the secondary sense "to embody in language;" and the preposition κατὰ admits of composition with a word denoting this, just as appropriately as one signifying "to speak" or "to write," κατα-ποιης therefore would mean "to notice in the course of making a poem," as καταλέγεις is "to notice in an oral narrative," καταγράφειν "to set down in a draught." Hence the expression κατὰ γὰρ ἐποίησε ἐν Ἰλιάδι is to be rendered "for he notices in his poem, the Iliad." But, as the passage alluded to is somewhat vague, it was natural that a reader should look for some other in which the poet might return to the subject,—in which case something might be said to modify the inference that otherwise would be drawn from the mention made of Alexandrus, εἰς. that the poet recognized the account which took him to Egypt. But this, Herodotus observes, is not the case; in no other passage does Homer return to the subject (ἀνεφάρ-" δις εὑρότων, " bring himself back on his own track:" see note on v. 92). Hence, Herodotus argues, as Homer alludes to Alexandrus in a way which seems to point to the Egyptian legend, and, as he to where else qualifies this allusion, we may presume that the Egyptian legend was known to him, and that he only rejected it because it was less manageable for his purpose.

\(\text{δ}^{227}\) καλ ἐς Σιδώνα τῆς Φοινίκης ἀπίκετο. The normal structure of the sentence would require καλ ἐς Σιδώνα ἀποίκειαν. But if Herodotus had terminated it in this manner he would have connected the clause with ἀπηνεῖχθη, and thus have implied that the arrival of Alexandrus at Sidon was an involuntary act, he being carried thither, as Odysseus was to Pheae- cia, by the winds and waves. This, however, would be a glaring misrepresentation of the Homeric passage, and accordingly he modifies the form of his sentence as in the text.

\(\text{δ}^{328}\) ἐν Διομήδεω ἀριστείᾳ. This name is given by the Alexandrine grammarians to the fifth book of the Iliad, whereas the passage quoted in the text is in vi. 289, seqq. In defence of the accuracy of the citation it has been rightly observed that there is no reason to suppose the present division into twenty-four books to be so ancient as the time of Herodotus; and it has been argued, that under these circumstances the Διομήδεως ἀριστείᾳ may have included this passage. But it seems scarcely possible to believe that, if that subject extended into Book VI., which is far from improbable, it went beyond v. 236. After this the scene changes to the interior of Troy, and Diomedes is not named.
[ἐπιμέμψηται 329 δὲ καὶ ἐν 'Ωδυσσεία, ἐν τούσδε τούτι ἔπεσιν'

Τοῖς Διός θυγάτηρ ἔχει φάρμακα μητίσκετα, ἐσθλὰ, τὰ οἱ Πολύδαμνα πόρεν, Θόνος παράκοιτος Ἀγινπτίνῃ τῇ πλεύσσα φέρει ζεύδωρος ἀρωρά φάρμακα, πολλὰ μὲν ἐσθλὰ μεμημένα, πολλὰ δὲ λυγρά.

καὶ τάδε ἔτερα πρὸς Τῆλεμαχον Μενέλεως λέγειν

Ἀγιστῆρ μὲν ἐτι δεύτερ θεοῖ μεμαρτά νέεσθαι ἱκανον, ἐτει οὐ σφιν ἐρέα τελησθαν ἐκατόμβας.]

ἐν τούτοις τούτι ἔπεσι δηλοὶ ὧν ἢπιστάτο τὴν ἐς Ἀγινπτον ἂλεξάνδρῳ πλάνην ὀμορρείε γαρ ἡ Συρὶ Αἰγύπτῳ, οἴ δὲ Φοίνικες, τῶν ἐστὶ ἡ Σίδῶν, ἐν τῇ Συρίᾳ οἰκέουσι. Κατὰ ταῦτα δὲ τὰ ἔπεα καὶ τάδε τὸ χαρίζον 330 οὐκ ἦκεστα ἀλλὰ μᾶλιστα, δηλοὶ ὧν ὅρμην τὰ Κύπρια ἔπεα ἐστὶ ἀλλ᾽ ἄλλον τινός. ἐν μὲν γὰρ τούσι Κυπρίωσι εἰρήται, ὡς τριταῖος ἐκ Σπάρτης ἄλεξανδρος ἀπίκετο εἰς τὸ Ἰλιον ἄγον τὴν Ἐλένην, ευαίτε τε πνεύματι χρησάμενος καὶ θαλάσσῃ λείη, ἐν δὲ Ἰλιάδι λέγει ὡς ἐπλάζετο ἄγων αὐτήν 331. Ὄμηρος μὲν νυν καὶ τὰ Κύπρια ἔπεα χαιρέτω.

Εἰρομένου δὲ μεν τούς ἱρέας, εἰ μάταιον λόγου λέγοναι οἱ Ἑλληνες τὰ περὶ Ἱλιον γενέσθαι, ἢ οὐ; ἠφανεν πρὸς ταῦτα τάδε, ἱστορίσαν φάμενοι εἰδέναι παρ᾽ αὐτοῦ Μενέλεως ἐλθέων μὲν γαρ μετὰ τὴν Ἐλένην ἄρπαγήν ἐς τὴν Τευκρίδα γῆν 329 Ἑλληνον

329 ἐπιμέμψηται. Schnefer includes the text from this word to the end of the second quotation from the Odyssey between brackets as a later addition. The quotations certainly do not bear on the question at issue, for they relate to Menelaus’s return from Troy.

330 τάδε τὸ χαρίζον. This expression for “a passage” in a writing is unparalleled, and has excited great suspicion of the whole section, which is, however, found in all the MSS.

331 ἐν δὲ Ἰλιάδι λέγει ὡς ἐπλάζετο ἄγων αὐτήν. The present text has not this phrase. Perhaps all that the writer means is that such a description of the transit of Alexander may be inferred from what is said in the Iliad: ἐπισάλος εὕρεα πάντων. But such a deduction is scarcely warranted. In the description of the passage from the Κύπρια the poetical phraseology of the original can hardly be missed, and an attempt has been made to restore the actual lines: Ἐπισάλος δὲ τριταῖος ἂλεξανδρός [θεοεῖν ἔπεα]

But it may be remarked that, if Proclus (quoted by Clinton, Fasti Hellenici, i. p. 353, note z) is to be depended upon, this passage does not give a true account of the way in which Alexander was, in the Cyprius, made to come from Sparta to Ilion; for he is said to have captured Tyre on his voyage thither.

329 ἐν τῷ Τευκρίδα γῆν. This is obviously, in the view of the writer, the same as the Troad of the Homeric poems. But the first poet who brought the Tencri to Asia was Callinus (ap. Strabon, xiii. p. 117). He made them come from Crete,
Menelaus was hospitably received in Egypt, and recovered his wife and property, but afterwards incurred hatred by sacrificing two children of the country, and was forced to

and made them call Ida by that name after the Cretan mountain. Strabo says that, though the first who adopted this tradition, he was followed by many. If Callinus really did originate the legend, it follows that his time furnishes the superior limit (chronologically) to all stories in which the Teucrid appear as located in Mysia; for instance to that in the text, and to the expedition into Europe spoken of in vii, 20, notwithstanding that is assigned to a time before the Trojan war.

333 μη μεν ἔχειν Ἑλενην. This passage is quoted by Gregorius, De dialectis, as an example of the rule he lays down, that where the common dialect employs μην the Ionic has μεν. But in the case of Herodotus the MSS vary so arbitrarily between μην and μεν, ου μην and ου μεν, that it is impossible to lay down any such definite rule for his usage from existing data.

334 ὑπέχειν, "to be sued." The accusative δι which follows is governed by these words, which are nearly equivalent to ἀπαίτεσθαι, and therefore used in the same regimen.

335 ὀυτω δη. See note 22 on l. 5.

336 ἐπὶ Διβώνη. This is the reading of all the MSS. Plutarch, who quotes the passage (De Malig. Herod. p. 857), seems to have found ὄντι ἐπὶ Διβώνη. This would probably be a combination of two readings, ὄντι Διβώνη and ἐπὶ Διβώνη, and some of the editors have wished to substitute the former of these in the text here. But there seems no reason for setting aside the testimony of the MSS. As for the particular direction of the course which Menelaus was stated to
fly towards Libya.

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Herodotus agrees with the Egyptian legend of Helen, and gives his reasons.

have taken, it seems to have been determined by the existence of the Mevleidios λιμηρ very near the site of the first settlement of the colonists of Cyrene. See iv. 169.

337 ἐβούλωντο. This use of the word ἐβούλωντο after ὡστε is not a mere substitution of the indicative for the infinitive, which the normal form of construction would require. It implies more than would be meant by the infinitive, viz. that Priam and the rest of Alexander's relatives did choose to risk their lives. It is, in fact, a compression of two clauses (each involving a distinct proposition) into one. The sense is the same as if Herodotus, instead of ἐβούλωντο, had written ὑπολείπομαι (ὅ καί ἐπιδείησαν). Very analogous to it is an expression in Iliad x. 244:

"ἔφα ἐδομένει ἐκείν "Ἀχιλλέας νῦν κατακτήτην, ἐναφροσύνῃ ἔμφασις ἔποιη γλαυφράς, ὡς κεν σύ δευρὶ δαμεῖν,

where the optative δαμεῖν is not an arbitrary substitution for the normal subjunctive, but contains the wish of the speaker for the contemplated result, over and above the sense which would follow from the subjunctive; "or fall (as the gods grant he may!) under thy spear." This peculiar idiom is one remarkably common in Theocritus. Thus:

"Ἀβίον, ὥς ποιμάν, τὸ τεῦχ μέλας ὡς καταχέοι τὴν ἄρτο τὰς πετρᾶς καταλέιβεται ὕψοιν ὑδάρ.

(Idyll. i. 8.)

See also Idyll. ii. 45 ; iii. 54 ; viii. 154. In the same way Aschylus makes Clytemnaestra say of her husband on his return:

καὶ τριμάτων μὲν εἰ τῶν ἔτη τὴν ἀνὴρ ὅδ' ὡς πρὸς οἴκων ὀξεῖτεν τὸ φάτις, τέρποτα διήκον πλέω λέγειν

(Agam. 866),

where the sense is ὡς ἐφερε φάτις πρὸς οἴκων ὀξεῖενμένη. And on the same principle may be explained a passage in Sophocles which has given a great deal of trouble to commentators:

τι δ' ἐννέακται τῆς ἄμερας [σειλ. ὧρας] νῦ ὑδε βάρος:

(Aj. 207.)

This expression is, in fact, equivalent to τι δ' βάρος ἤσηκε νῦ ὡς ἐννέακται τῆς ἄμερας ὧρας, the two ideas being implied in the compressed proposition.
au'th tois 'Achaisi melionta ge de tov paroeontov kakon wapallaghesias. Ov m'en oude h basileiai es 'Aleixandrou peri-
hi' 338, woste geirontos Prima'mou e'tos, et' ekinei tv parigmata einai alla 'Ekto, kai prebou'teros kai anhre ekinei mallon e'n, emelle au'thn Prima'mon apodainontos paralmyfhesai tov ou
prosikei adikoutri tv adelheioi epitrpein, kai tahta megallon
kakon de au'ton sumbainonton idiei te kai au'to kai tois alleis taoi Trosi. All' ou gar e'xou 'Elveni apodounai, oude legousi
au'tousi tv dion alhthieni epistenein oi 'Ellines, ov m'en egw oikromi apofoinomai, tov daimonoiv parakatuvaxanton 339 oikos panothebrei
apollomeno katafaivnato tovoi toisi anthetaipoisi poieisosi, ov tov
megallon adikeimaton megalian ei&i kai ai timitria parov tov theon,

kai tahta m'en, tv hmoi dokei, eirfetai.

Proteos de ekdeexasai tvn basilei'n 'Ramafin ton 'Elegon ov
mnikousa elipeto ta proplalaiata ta pros esperei testrama'mena
tov 'Hfaiasteiou, antious de tov proplaiaino esteiwe anbriantas
duo e'ntus tv meghados pantai kai e'kikoiu thekous tvn Aiguptiou
tov men pros borov esteouta kalousoi theros, tov de pros voto
cheimona kai tov men kalousoi theros 318, tovton men proskineousi
te kai ev poieousv tov de cheimona 341 kaleumenuv ta empal


touton erousi. Ploutou de tovov tv basilei gevesh th argiro
megan, tov oudeina tvn osteron epitristeiton basileion douxai
uperbaliesai, oude egyni othevvan vouli'menov de au'tov en asfa-
lh' tv chr'mata thesanirizei, oikodomesei oikima litwov tov

338 perhie. This expression is equivalent to emelle perilevesthainai, which shows
that it must be considered as having the force of an imperfect. It is
conjoined with the imperfect apelilneta in iii. 51.

339 tov daimonoiv parakatuvaxanton. By
the way in which Herodotus argues in
this section, it would appear that he was
not disposed to recognize the legend
(Stesichorus, op. Plat. Repub. ix.
p. 586) in which Paris was made to carry
off a phantasm of Helen and take her
to Troy with him in mistake for the real
queen of Lacedemon, who in the
mean-time was detained in Egypt. This legend
is the foundation of the play of Euri-
pides. It is itself a poetic fiction to re-
conile two independent accounts (that of
the Homeric poems and that of the
Egyptian traditions) with one another.
Herodotus connects them in a more
matter-of-fact manner, by the scepticism
of the Hellenic army as to the protestations
of the Trojans.

318 tov de . . . theros. These words
are omitted in the manuscripts a and c.
Also S and V, which contain them, con-
tinue the text tov de pro voto cheimona
caleumemon, leaving out a line and a half,
obviously from an error of the eye.

341 tov de cheimona. The manuscripts
which omit tov de . . . theros, just above,
here have tov de pro voto cheimona,
which shows that the omission did not
arise from an error of the eye, like the
variation of S and V, mentioned in the
last note.
τών τοίχων ἐνα ἐστι ἢ τὸ ἐξω μέρος τῆς οἰκίης ἢ ἔχειν. 342. τὸν δὲ ἐργα-ξομένου, ἐπιβουλεύοντα, τάδε μηχανάσθαι τῶν λιθῶν παρασκευά-σασθαι ἐνα ἐξαιρετῶν εἶναι ἐκ τοῦ τοίχου ῥηίδιος καὶ ὑπὸ δύο ἀνθρών καὶ ὑπὸ ἐνός ὡς δὲ ἐπετελέσθη τὸ οἰκήμα, τὸν μὲν βασιλέα θησαυρίζα τὰ χρήματα ἐν αὐτῶν χρόνον δὲ περιώντος, τὸν οἰκοδο-μον περὶ τελευτήν τοῦ βίου ἑώτα ἀνακάλεσασθαι τοὺς παίδας, ἐναι γὰρ αὐτῶ δύο, τοῦτοι δὲ ἀπηγήσασθαι ός ἐκείνων προ- ὁρέων ὁκι βίον ἀφθονον ἔχωσι, τεχνίσαιτο οἰκοδομέων τῶν θησαυρῶν τοῦ βασιλέως. 343. σαφέως δὲ αὐτοί πάντα ἐξηγησάμενον τὰ περὶ τὴν ἕξαίρεσιν τοῦ λίθου, δοῦνα τὰ μέτρα αὐτοῦ, λέγοντα ὡς ταῦτα διαφυλάσσοντες τακά τῶν βασιλέως χρημάτων ἔσονται, καὶ τὸν μὲν τελευτήσαν τοὺς βίους, τοὺς δὲ παίδας αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἐσ μακρὸν ἐργον ἔχεσθαι, ἐπελθόντας δὲ ἐπὶ τὰ βασιλεία νυκτὸς

342 τοῦ τῶν τοίχων ἐνα. . . . ἔχειν, "one of the walls of which communicated with the outside of the house." For the use of the word ἐκέχειν, see note on § 138.
343 τεχνάσατο οἰκοδομέων τῶν θησαυ-ρῶν τοῦ βασιλέως. Müller (Orchomenus, pp. 95, seqq.) endeavours to show that the story of the two brothers robbing the treasury of the king, and the escape of one of the two by the bold expedient of decapitating the other who was caught, is an ancient Minyan tradition, which was carried (he conceives) like many others to Egypt, and afterwards reproduced by the ἐξηγηται as a native Egyptian story. The grounds of this opinion consist mainly in the existence of a story, almost identical in its circumstances, in which the two brothers are Agamedes and Trophonius. Pausanias found it current at Orchomenus in Boeotia, where Hyrieus (the eponymous founder of Hyrea) was made the owner of the robbed treasure-house (ix. 37. 3). Charax of Pergamum related a similar adventure in the treasure-house of Augeas at Elis. He made Agamedes king of Symphalaius in Arcadia, and Trophonius his son; and the victim who lost his head Cercyon, another son of Agamedes; and he added the further circumstance that Daedalus, who happened to be at the court of Augeas, both de- vised the snare in which Cercyon was taken and put Augeas on the track of the fugitives (op. Schol. ad Aristoph. Nub. 505). But, although an ethical connex- sion between the Minyaeans and the Epeans (Augeas's subjects) may be al-

owed, and the names of the masonic brothers may well have been familiar in any locality where there were remarkable donatical buildings like those at Orchome-

nus, it can hardly be doubted that the tradition found by Pausanias at that place was formed upon the model of this very story in the text. His mention just be-

fore of the pyramids, and the undue interest attached by writers of reputation to foreign wonders, seems pointedly di-

rected against Herodotus. The work of Charax, too, appears to have been constructed on the same principles as that of Apollodoros. Its object was to collect and arrange in a connected story the several local myths, so that it is no authority whatever for the genuineness of any given story in the form related. The mention of Augeas as king of "Elis" is a modern feature, for Elis did not exist before the Persian war (see note on viii. 73, below), and the introduction of Da-

dalus into the story is another. Daedalus was said at Lebadea to be the sculptor of an idol there, which was usually concealed, but exhibited to the votary of Trophonius for worship just before he descended into the cave (Pausan. ix. 39. 8). Charax is certainly not earlier than the time of Nero, and belongs to the class of mere book-makers. See note 162 on i. 51.

344 ἐσ μακρὸν. The manuscripts M, P, K, F have ἐσ μακρὸν. But in a similar expression, οὐκ ἐσ μακρὸν θεολογούμενοι (v. 108), all, with the exception of L, have the feminine form. The ellipse is of ἃρνη.
καὶ τὸν λίθον ἐπὶ τῷ οἰκοδομήματι ἀνεφέροντας; ῥηίδως μεταχειρίσασθαι, καὶ τῶν χρημάτων πολλὰ ἐξενεκασθαί· ὡς δὲ τυχεῖν τὸν βασιλέα ἀνοίξαντα τὸ οἴκημα, θεωρᾶσαι ἰδύνα τῶν χρημάτων καταθέα τὰ ἀγριόπικα ὅπερ ἔχειν δὲ οὖ τινα ἐπαιτιάται, τὸν τε σημάττρον ἐόντων σῶν καὶ τοῦ οἰκήματος κεκλειμένου· ὡς δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ δις καὶ τρῖς ἀνοίξαντι αἰεὶ ἐλάσσω φαίνεσθαι τὰ χρήματα, (τοὺς γὰρ κλέπτας οὐκ ἀνίεναι κεραύνονται,) ποιήσαι μιν τάδε πάγας προστάξας ἐργάσασθαι, καὶ ταύτας περὶ τὰ ἀγρίμια ἐν τοῖς τὰ χρήματα ἐννν στήσαι τῶν δὲ φορῶν ὡστερ ἐν τῷ πρὸ τοῦ χρόνῳ ἔλθοντων, καὶ ἐνδύντωσιν τοῦ ἐτέρου αὐτῶν, ἐπεὶ πρὸς τὸ ἄγρον προσέλθη, ἰδέως τῇ πάρῃ ἐνέχεσθαι· ὡς δὲ γνῶναι αὐτῶν ἐν οἷς λαῖπα ήν, ἰδέως καλεῖν τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς καὶ δηλοῦν αὐτῷ τὰ παρεόντα, καὶ κελεύειν τὴν ταχύτητι ἐσδύνα ἀποτάμενου αὐτῶν τὴν κεφαλὴν, ὃκος μη αὐτός ὁφθείς καὶ γνωρίσθεις ὃς εἰ προσπαθεῖς καὶ ἐκείνων τῷ δὲ ὄντι εὐλεγεῖ, καὶ ποιήσαι μιν πεισθέντα ταύτα· καὶ καταρμόσαντα τὸν λίθον ἀπείναι ἐπὶ οἴκου, φέροντα τὴν κεφαλὴν τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ. ὡς δὲ ἡμέρῃ ἐγένετο, ἐσθλοῦν τοῦ βασιλέα ἐς τὸ οἴκημα ἐκπεπλῆκτηθαί, ἔρευντα τὸ σῶμα τοῦ φορῶς ἐν τῇ πάρῃ ἄνευ τῆς κεφαλῆς ἑως, τὸ δὲ οἰκήμας ἅσινες, καὶ οὑτε ἐσοδον οὐτε ἐκδοον οὐδεμιᾶν ἑχον ἀπορεύμενον δὲ μιν τάδε ποιήσαι τοῦ φορῶς τῶν νέκων κατὰ τὸ τείχος κατακρεμίσαν φυλάκους δὲ αὐτοῦ καταστήσαντα, ἐντείλασθαι σφι τὸν ἐν ἱδονατα ἀποκλαύσαντα ἢ κατοικιστάμενον συλλαβώσαν ἀγείν πρὸς ἐωτόν ἀνάκρεμαμένον δὲ τοῦ νέκους, τὴν μητέρα δεινώς φέρειν, λόγους δὲ πρὸς τὸν περεόντα παΐδα ποιεμένην, προστάσειν αὐτῷ ὅτε τρόπῳ δύναται μηχανάσαθαι ὁκὼ τὸ σῶμα τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ καταλύσας κομεῖ· εἰ δὲ τούτων ἀμελήσει, διαπελέειν αὐτὴν, ὡς ἐλθοῦσα πρὸς τὸν βασιλέα μυνίσει αὐτῶν ἔχοντα τὰ χρήματα· ὡς δὲ χαλέπως διαλαμβάνετο ἡ μῆτρα τὸν περεόντος παιδὸς, καὶ τολλᾶ πρὸς αὐτὴν λέγουν οὐκ ἐπείθε, ἐπιτεχνίσασθαι τοιάδε μιν ὅπως κατασκευάζομεν καὶ ἀσκοῦν πλήσαντα ὦν, ἐπιθείαν ἐπὶ τῶν ὄνων καὶ ἐπείτα ἐλαύνειν αὐτοὺς· ὡς δὲ κατὰ τοῖς φυλάσσοντας ἢ· τὸν κρεμάμενον νέκυν, ἐπισπάσαντα τῶν ἀσκῶν δὐν ἢ τρεῖς πο-

345 ἐνδύντως. S has ἐνδύντως.
346 κατὰ τοῖς φυλάσσοντας. See note on iii. 14, κατὰ τοῖς πατέρας.
although the king prostitutes his own daughter in the vain attempt.

347 καὶ ἔστη σεισμός προαγάγεται. This is not an instance of the use of the middle voice for the active, or indeed of the middle voice at all. The subject of the verb includes the brother, who feigned himself to be overcome by the sense of the ridiculous, stimulated by the jokes of some of the soldiers. Translate: “and as more talk sprang up and some went on to joke him, and they were brought into a merry mood.”

348 ἔφησαν τὰς δεξιὰς παρηγήσας. The same insult was put upon the envoys of David by Hanun the prince of Ammon (2 Sam. x. 4), and was the occasion of a war; and Niebuhr the traveller (quoted by Rosenmüller, Das alte u. neue Mor-

genland, iii. p. 136) says that an exactly similar affront caused an important expedition to be made in the year 1763 by Kerim Khan against Mir Mahenna, an independent chief of Benderigh, a small principality on the Persian gulf. So constant are the habits and feelings of Orientals.

349 [δὲ] This word is found in all the MSS but S. Bekker omits it.

350 ἐν εἰκόμασι. This expression recurs below, § 126, and in both cases what is meant is a “public brothel.” The word had become almost appropriated to this use at Athens in the time of Socrates.
πρὸς συγγενέσθαι ἀναγκάζει λέγειν αὐτῇ ὃ τι δὴ ἐν τῷ βίῳ ἐργασται αὐτῷ σοφότατον καὶ ἀνωσιώτατον; δὲ δὲν ἄπτηρήσταται τὰ περὶ τὸν φῶρα γεγενημένα, τούτου συλλαμβάνει καὶ μὴ ἀπείναι ἐξῶ. ὃς δὲ τὴν παίδα ποιεῖν τὰ ἐκ τοῦ πατρὸς προσ-

tαχθέντα, τὸν φῶρα πυθόμενον τῶν εὐεκα ταῦτα ἐπρήσετο, 

βουληθέντα πολυτροπῆ τοῦ βασιλέος περιγενέσθαι, ποιεῖν τάδε


νεκροῦ προσφάτου ἀποταμώντα ἐν τῷ ὁμίῳ τὴν χεῖρα 351, ἱέναι

αὐτῶν ἐξοντα αὐτὴν ὑπὸ τὸ ἤματιν ἐσελθόντα δὲ ὡς τοῦ βασι-

λέος τὴν θυγατέρα. 352 καὶ εἰρητώμενοι τάπερ καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι, ἄπτηρή-

σθαί ός ἀνωσιώτατον μὲν εἰς ἐργασμένος, ὅτε τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ ἐν

τῷ θησαυρῷ τοῦ βασιλέος ὑπὸ πάρης ἄλοντος ἀποτάμοι τὴν κε-

φαλῆν σοφότατον δὲ, ὅτι τους φυλάκους καταμεθύσας καταλύσει

τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ κρεμάμενον τῶν νέκυν τὴν δὲ, ὡς ἢκουσε, ἀπτεσθαί

αὐτῶν τοῦ δὲ φῶρα ἐν τῷ σκότει προτείνα ἀὐτήν τοῦ νεκροῦ τὴν

χεῖρα, τὴν δὲ ἐπιλαβομένην ἔχειν, νομίζουσιν αὐτῶν ἑκείνον τῆς

χειρὸς αὐτέχθασι, τὸν δὲ φῶρα προέμενον αὐτῇ οἴχεσθαι διὰ

θυρέων φεύγοντα· ὃς δὲ καὶ ταῦτα ἔσ το ν βασιλέα ἀνευίχθαν,

ἐκπεπλήχθαι μὲν ἐπὶ τῇ πολυφροσύνῃ τε καὶ τόλμῃ ταῦθροτοῦ

tέλος δὲ, διαπέμπουσα ἐς πάσας τὰς πόλις ἐπαγγέλλεσθαι, ἀδειῶν

tε διδόντα καὶ μεγάλα ὑποδεκόμενον ἐλθόντι ἐς ὄψιν τὴν ἔσοντον

τοῦ δὲ φῶρα πιστεύοντα ἐλθεῖν πρὸς αὐτῶν Ὁμνυόντων δὲ

μεγάλοις θωμάσας, καὶ οἱ τὴν θυγατέρα ταῦτῃ συνοικίσαν ὡς

At last he

is offered a

d pomocą to discover

nothing himself, and

rewards by the

hand of the

king's

daughter

for his

talents.

οὗ τῶν ἀπολυσιῶν μεστὰ μὲν αἱ ἑξήθη, με-

στα δὲ τὰ οἰκήματα, καὶ Πλάτων (Chari-

nides, § 23) uses the expression ἐπὶ οἰκή-

ματος καθῆθα τινὲς καθαρὸς 23, 293, as equivalent to " cor-

porate questions facere." In later times, 

says Valcknaer, the terms στέγος or

tέγος were specially applied to the same

thing. This allowed the bitter sarcasm (ascribed by Diogenes Laertius to Dio-

genès the Cynic, but probably of much 

later origin) to be passed upon a person of 

infamous character, on the enquiry 

being made "of what country was he ?" 

Ταυτικά ἐστι.

351 ἀποταμώντα ἐν τῷ ὁμίῳ τὴν χεῖρα.

The word χεῖρ is used for the whole 

of the arm from the shoulder to the tips 

of the fingers, as well as for the mere 

hand. This last Hippocrates terms ἄκρα χεῖρ 

when distinguishing it from the βραχίων 

and πυργός, as being the last of the three 

parts which make up the arm. The term

χειρομοιεῖν, applied to the pantomimic 

gestures of a dancer, must have been 

coined while the word χεῖρ suggested the 

notion of the whole member. Hence 

Herodotus says of the feat of Hippo-

clesides (vi. 129), τῶν σκέλεσιν [not 

ποσοί] ἐχειρομοιεῖσα. See too the note 

on iv. 62, τὸν τίς χερσὶν. Translate,

"having cut off the arm at the shoul-

der." 352 οὗ τῶν βασιλέως τὴν θυγατέρα. 

This is the reading of Gaisford, following 

M, P, S, V, and K. Schweighäuser reads 

ἐς ὅς, with R, F, a, and c. But there 

are no data for determining which form 

was used by the author, nothing being 

more inconstant than the practice of the 

transcribers. See notes on § 135, εἰς 

Μυτιλήνην, on § 147, ἐς γὰρ δὴ . . . 

συνελέγοντο, and on iii. 149, τούτον τὸν 

ἄνδρα.
πλείστα ἐπισταμένων ἀνθρώπων Ἀιγυπτίων μὲν γὰρ τῶν ἄλλων προκεκρίσθαι, ἕκείνου δὲ Ἀιγυπτίων.

Μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα ἔλεγον τούτων τὸν βασιλέα ᾽σῶν καταβίβαι κάτω ἐς τὸν ῾Ελλήνης ἄιδην νομίζουσι εἶναι, καὶ κείθε συγκυ-βενεῖν τῇ Δήμητρι.533 καὶ τὰ μὲν νῦκαν αὐτὴν, τὰ δὲ ἐσσοῦθαι ὑπ’ αὐτής· καὶ μιν πάλιν ἄνω ἀπικέσθαι δώρον ἔχοντα παρὰ αὐτῆς χειρόμακτρον χρύσουν. ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς ῾Ραμψιντίου κατασκέψεως, ὡς πάλιν ἀπίκετο, ὤρτὴν δὴ ἁνάγειν Ἀιγυπτίων ἐφασαν τὴν καὶ ἐγὼ οἶδα ἐτί καὶ ἐς ἐμὲ ἐπιτελεύτατοι αὐτοῦς, ὦ μεύτω ἐπι τὰ ἄλλα τὰ διὰ ταῦτα ὀρτάζουσι ἑχὼ λέγειν φάρος δὲ αὐτὴμερῶν ἐξυφη-νατεῖς οἱ ἱρεῖς, καὶ ὅν ἐδόσαν ἐνὸς αὐτῶν μιτρῆ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοῖς· ἀγαγότες δὲ μιν ἔχοντα τὸ φάρος ἐς ὄδυν σέρουσαν ἐς ῾Ιρών Δήμη-τρος, αὐτοῦ ἀπαλλάσσονται ὀπίσω τὸν ἀρχαῖον τουτού καταδεδε-μένου τοὺς ὀφθαλμόν λέγοντα ὑπὸ δύο λύκων.534 ἀγεσθαὶ ἐς τὸ ῾Ιρών τῆς Δήμητρος, ἀπέχου τῆς πόλιος ἐλείκοι σταδίους, καὶ αὕτις ὀπίσω ἐκ τοῦ ῾Ιρών ἀπάγεισιν μιν τῶν λύκων ἐς τῶν ὁχρῶν.

Τούτω μὲν νων ὑπ’ Ἀιγυπτίων λεγομένουις χρόνῳ ὅσῳ τὰ τοιαῦτα πιθανὰ ἔστιν· ἐμοὶ δὲ παρὰ πάντα τῶν λόγων ὑπόκειται, ὅτι τὰ λεγόμενα ὑπὲρ ἑκάστων ἅκοι γράφων ἀρχηγητεύειν δὲ τῶν κατῶ Ἀιγυπτίων λέγουσι Δήμητρα καὶ Διώνυσον.535 πρῶτοι δὲ καὶ τόνδε τὸν λόγον Ἀιγυπτίωι εἰσὶ οἱ εἰπόντες· ὡς ἀνθρώπου

533 Rampsinitus has been supposed to be a word made up of the two names Rameses and Neil, in which case it would intimate the union of a deity of each sex. From the story in the text, we may suppose that this pair was a Poseidon and Demeter, or a Hades and Cora.

534 ἐπὸ δύο λύκων. The wolf is a conspicuous object in Egyptian representations of Amunen, the Egyptian Hades. See the last note.

535 παρὰ πάντα τῶν λόγων. It does not seem at all necessary to confine the application of these words to the author’s account of Egypt. He appears to have had no special standard of belief in one part of his work differing from that in another. Where he expressly declares that he rests upon a distinct authority (as, for example, in § 99, and the beginning of § 142), the assertion seems called forth mainly by a sense of the impossibility of harmonizing the account with the commonly received legends of the Greeks.

See note 339, above.

536 Δήμητρα καὶ Διώνυσον. The meaning of the writer doubtless is that those deities whom the Greeks understood by Dionysus and Demeter held sway, according to ‘the Egyptians,’ over the lower world. This is the religion of the Eleusinian mysteries. See the Frogs of Aristophanes, vv. 316—413, and notes 128, 134, above. It must be remembered that the Dionysus here meant is not the rural deity, the god of the vine-dressers. Neither is the Demeter the Roman Ceres. See below, note 429.

537 πρῶτοι δὲ καὶ τόνδε τὸν λόγον. The meaning of the author appears to be, not that the Egyptians were the first who maintained the immortality of the soul, but that they were the first who propounded the doctrine of the soul’s immortality in the form of a theory of metempsychosis.
ψυχή ἀθάνατος ἐστιν, τοῦ σώματος δὲ καταφθάνοντος ἐκ ἄλλο ξώου
αἰεὶ γινόμενον ἐσόδεται· ἐπεάν δὲ περιέλθῃ πάντα τὰ χερσαία καὶ
tὰ βαλάσσια καὶ τὰ πετεινα, αὕτης ἐς ἀνθρώπου σώμα γινόμενον
ἐσόδειν· τὴν περιήλθειν δὲ αὐτὴ γίνεσθαι ἐν τρισχιλίσιν ἑτέαι.
τούτῳ τῷ λόγῳ εἰς οὗ Ἑλλήνων ἐχἳρασαντο, οἱ μὲν πρῶτοι οἱ δὲ
ύπερων, ὁς ἦδοι ἐωτοῖν ἐννι’ τῶν ἑγὼ ἔδωκα τὰ σύνόματα οὐ
γράφα.

Μέχρι μὲν νῦν Ῥαμψώτου βασιλέως εἶναι ἐν Ἀιγύπτῳ πᾶσαν
ἐνυμόμην ἔλεγον, καὶ εὐθηνέωι Ἀιγυπτίων μεγαλῶς· μετὰ δὲ
tοῦτον, βασιλεύσαστα σφενων Χέοτα ἐς πᾶσαν κακότητα ἐλάσαι.
κατακλησάντα γὰρ μιὰ πάντα τὰ ἱδά, πρότα μὲν σφεως θυσίεων
ἀπέρξαν· μετὰ δὲ, ἐργάζεσθαι ἐωτοῦ κελευθίας πάντας Ἀιγυπτίων
τούτοι μὲν ὑπὸ ἀποδεδεχθαί, ἐκ τῶν λιθοτομεῖων τῶν ἐν τῷ Ἀραβίω
οὐρεῖ 358, ἐκ τοῖτεῶν ἔλκειν λίθους μέχρι τοῦ Νείλου διαπεραδο-
thέντας δὲ τῶν ποταμῶν πλούοισι τοὺς λίθους ἐτέροισι ἑταξε ἐκ-
dέκεσθαι, καὶ πρὸς τὸ Διψυκτῶν καλεῖμον ὄρος 359, πρὸς τὸντοῦτο
ἔλκειν ἐργάζοντο δὲ κατὰ δέκα μυριάδας ἀνθρώπων 360 αἰεὶ τὴν
τρίμηνον ἐκάστην χρόνον δὲ ἐγενέσθαι τριβομενῷ τῷ ἄλλῳ
λαῷ 361, δέκα μὲν ἐτεὰ τῆς ὁδοῦ κατ’ ἤν εἶλκου τοὺς λίθους, τὴν
ἐδείμαυ, ἔργου ἐόν οὐ πολλῷ τῷ ἐλασσόν τῆς πυραμίδος, ὡς ἐμοὶ
dοκείειν (τῆς γὰρ μῆκος μὲν ἐσὶν πέντε στάδια, εὐρὸς δὲ δέκα
ὀργιαῖ, ὄψις δὲ, τῇ ὑψηλωτάτῃ ἑστὶ αὐτὴ ἐωτῆς, ὀκτὼ ὀργιαί 362,

358 ἐκ τῶν λιθοτομεῖων τῶν ἐν τῷ
'Αραβίω οὐρεῖ, "from the quarries in the
Arabian hill." These are the stone-

works mentioned above, § 8, in the range
forming the eastern boundary of the
valley of the Nile, "a calcareous for-
tmation." Wilkinson, Modern Egyptian,
i. p. 300.

359 τὸ Διψυκτῶν καλεῖμον ὄρος. This
is the low range on the western side of
the Nile. The pyramids are built on a
spur of this ὑποψίαν ὄρους, as Strabo
calls it.

360 κατὰ δέκα μυριάδας ἀνθρώπων, "by
gangs of 100,000 men."

361 τὸ ἄλλῳ λαῷ. This is the reading of
the manuscripts P, M, C, K, F. But
Gaisford, following S, V, and the rest,
leaves out the word ἄλλῳ. The reten-
tion of the word implies some distinction
between the labourers; and this, from the
nature of the case, is not improbable.

The building up of the pyramids would
be a more difficult task than the quar-
rying and removal of the stones and the
erection of the causeway. It is con-
ceivable that the services of the whole
population were pressed in turn for the
one, although they might be unavailable
for the other.

362 ὀκτὼ ὀργιαί. Wilkinson (i. p. 360)
remarks that the numbers here must be at
fault, as Herodotus himself (§ 127) makes
the hill on which the pyramids stand 100
feet high. He describes a causeway which
runs from the third pyramid for the
length of about 1000 yards, and which is
85 feet high and 32 broad; but as the outer
faces have fallen it must have been or-
iginally more. This causeway was used
by the caliphs for carrying the stones,
quarried from the pyramid, back to the
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λίθου τε ἡστοῦ καὶ ξώνων ἐγγεγραμμένων) ταύτῃ τε δῆ 363 τὰ δέκα ἐτεα γενέσθαι, καὶ τῶν ἐπὶ τοῦ λόφου, ἐπ' οὗ ἐστάτη αἱ πυραμίδες, τῶν ἤπειρον ὁλικμάτων, τὰς ἐποιεῖτο θήκας ἐσωτῆρ τοῦ νησίου διωρύχα τοῦ Νείλου ἐσαγαγοῦ 364. τῇ δὲ πυραμίδι αὐτῇ χρόνῳ γενέσθαι ἐείκοσι ἐτεα ποιημένη τῆς ἐστὶ πανταχύ 365 μέτωπον ἐκαστὸν ὅκτω πλέθρα ἐνύψης τετραγώνου, καὶ ὅψος ἰσον λίθου δὲ ἡστοῦ τε καὶ ἀρμοσμένου τὰ κύλλια ταῦτα ὑπεντοντα ποδῶν ἐκάστων 366. Ἐποιήθη δὲ ὅδε αὐτῇ ἡ πυραμίς, ἀναβαθμὸν τρόπον τὰς

Arabian shore, where they were employed in constructing some of the finest buildings of Cairo. 363 ταύτῃ τε δῆ. The MSS vary between ταύτῃ τε, ταύτῃ δὲ, ταύτῃ δὲ δή, and ταύτῃ τε δή. Bekker conjectures ταύτῃ τε δή, which certainly gives a more symmetrical construction. But the meaning of the author seems to be slightly different from what would be given by ταύτῃ. Ταύτῃ is “in this part of the operation,” which is probably meant to include the preparation of the site for the base of the pyramid as well as the mere building of the causeway, and therefore is a correction of the τῆς ὀδού used just before. When the rough miscellaneous preparations were completed the regular work began,—the raising of the pyramid and the construction of the subterranean chambers. 364 διώρυχα τοῦ Νείλου ἐσαγαγόν. It seems quite certain that this statement as it stands cannot be true. The base of the pyramid stands even now 100 feet above the level of the highest inundation; and, from the raising of the alluvium since the time of Herodotus, the difference of level must then have been even greater. But by digging to a considerable depth into the limestone rock which forms the nucleus of the pyramid—rising up in it, according to Colonel Vyse, to a height of 22 feet—water might possibly be found: for the Libyan mountain is said to rest upon a clay stratum, which would retain the percolating fluid. (Wilkinson, i. p. 335.) Now it appears that the rock has really been perforated diagonally, and a chamber in it exists 105 feet below the base of the pyramid, and on about the same level as the plain under the rock on which the pyramid stands. In the floor of this chamber is “a pit placed diagonally with regard to the walls, which was excavated by Colonel Vyse to the depth of 36 feet, without leading to any result.” (Wilkinson, i. p. 335.) It seems not impossible that further excavations may discover a termination of these passages in some chamber presenting an appearance like the pool and shrine described by Herodotus at Buto (§ 156). The water in such a pool (if it existed) would partially be Nile water filtered through from the river, rising as in a well, but the level would be far below the base of the pyramid. The error which the use of an interpreter naturally involves, might very well out of these facts produce such a statement as that in the text, and in § 127, below. And even if such a chamber should not be found to exist, yet, if it was contemplated, the description might be given. It may be added that such an arrangement would be in accordance with the theory that the pyramids are temples, and belong to the same religious system as the Belus of Babylon (see Strabo’s expression Βήλου τάφος in note 607 on l. 181) the Apollo of Delos and Patara (l. 182), the Mithras of Bactria, Media, and Persia, and the Osiris of Egypt in Herodotus’s time. 365 πανταχύς. So Gaisford reads with S, V, K, F. The others have πανταχή. In v. 78 all have πανταχή. 366 ὑπεντοντὰ τῶν λίθων ἐκάστων. He means, no doubt, the outer tier: the inner stones are much less. The dimensions of the pyramid, when perfect, were the following, taking the mean between Colonel Vyse’s and Sir G. Wilkinson’s estimates. Length of side 700 feet; perpendicular height 481 feet. Vyse makes its former area 13 acres, 1 rood, 22 poles. Wilkinson’s estimate would make it stand on nearly half an acre more of ground than the area of Lincoln’s Inn Fields. Herodotus does not mention what is the fact, that its sides, as well as those of the other pyramids, exactly face the cardinal points.
meteōteroi kρόσσας οἱ δὲ βωμίδας ὤνομάζουσιν τοιαύτην τὸ πρῶ-

tον ἔπει τε ἐποίησαν αὐτὴν, ἢμερον τοὺς ἐπιλοίπους λίθους. Ἡ-

χανήσι ξύλων βραχέων πεποιημένης, χαράθεν μὲν ἐπὶ τὸν πρῶ-

tον στοιχοὺς τῶν ἀναβαθμῶν ἀειροτες, ὡκὸς δὲ ἀνίου ὁ λίθος ἐπ’

αὐτὸν, εἰς ἔτερην μηχανὴν ἐanshipτ ἐστεδέσαν ἐπὶ τοῦ πρῶτον

στοιχοὺ ἀπὸ τοῦτο ὑπὲρ τοῦτο ἔλκετο στοιχὸν ἐπ’ ἄλλης

μηχανῆς· ὥσοι γὰρ δὴ στοιχοὺ ἦσαν τῶν ἀναβαθμῶν τοσαῦτα καὶ

αἱ μηχαναὶ ἤσαν· εἰ τε καὶ τὴν αὐτὴν μηχανὴν ἔουσαν μιᾶν τε καὶ

εὐβιστάκτων μετεόρων ἐπὶ στοιχοῦ ἔκαστον, ὡκὸς τὸν λίθον

ἐξέλοιεν· λεξέχθω γὰρ ἡμῖν ἐπ’ ἀμφότερα, κατὰπερ λέγεται.

ἐξεποίηθη· ὧν τὰ ἁϊστάτα αὐτῆς πρῶτα· μετὰ δὲ, τὰ ἐπόμενα

τούτων ἐξεποίησαν· σασάμανται δὲ διὰ γραμμάτων Ἀἰγυπτίων ἐν

τῇ πυραμίδι. ὥσα ἐς τε συμμαῖν καὶ κρόμμα καὶ σκύροδα·

ἀνασιμωθή τοῦτό ἐργαζόμενοι καὶ ὡς ἐμὲ εὐ δεικνύον
tο τὸ ἐρμηνεύεις μοι ἐπιλεγόμενος· τὰ γράμματα ἐφι, ἐξακόσια καὶ

Mode in which the pyramid was built.

367 τῶν ἐπιλοίποιοι λίθους. These would be the stones intended for the outside tier. See the last note.

368 ἐξεποίηθη, “were shaped off,” i.e. by smoothing down the stones to the angle which the face of the pyramid was intended to make with the horizon. This is ascertained to be, in the great pyramid, 52° (Wilkinson, i. p. 339.)

369 ἐν τῇ πυραμίδι. This has been generally interpreted to mean “on the face of the pyramid;” and unless the violence of Cambyses led him to open the pyramids while in the country, it does not seem likely that access to the interior would have been allowed. But may not Herodotus have been shown something in the Hephasteum at Memphis professing to be a copy of an inscription that had been hid in the recesses of the pyramid, just as we deposit medals in the foundations of our buildings? Wilkinson, who interprets ἐν τῇ πυραμίδι as above, finds much difficulty in it. “From the manner in which Herodotus speaks of the inscription, we might suppose it to have been in Hieratic or Hieroglyphical hieroglyphics. But the latter was then [i.e. when the pyramid was built?] unknown, and the Hieratic was not used on monuments.” (i. p. 333.) Vyse found hieroglyphics containing the king’s name (Shabo = Suphis = Cheops) in a chamber inside. On the other hand an Arabian historian, Abd-el-Azees, is said by Wilkinson to confirm Herodotus’s statement as he understands it.

370 συμμαίνει καὶ κρόμμα καὶ σκύροδα. The συμμαίνει is said by Wilkinson to be the byl, now commonly eaten in Egypt by the lower classes. (i. p. 323.)

371 μοι ἐπιλεγόμενος τὰ γρ., “while reading the inscription for me.” The use of the phrase is such as to indicate an action like that of Cyrus (i. 125). The dragoman professed to read the inscription off to Herodotus; and nothing is more likely than that he gave the sum estimated in terms of talents without any sense of the incongruity. In estimating the value of the interpretation it should not be overlooked that the articles in question did not constitute the workmen’s food, as has been erroneously assumed, but only the ὄφον, or condiment to the στέα, or food. That persons who described the wonders of the country should be thought, or even profess, to “read off” the substance of the tradition they related, is very natural. When Germanicus visited Thebes, among the ruins there remained "structis molibus literae Aegyptiae priorem opulentiam complexae, jussuque e senioribus sacerdotum
Cheops's expedient to procure money. His daughter raises a small pyramid with the profits of her prostitution.

Cheops, after reigning fifty years, is succeeded by his brother Chephren, who builds a pyramid somewhat smaller, and reigns fifty-six years.

**patritiasse sermonem interpretari, referebat "habitas quondam Septinginta illia eattate militari; atque eoo cum exercitu regem Rhamsen Libyam, Archiepi, Medisque et Persis, et Bacchiriam ac Seythi poititum; quasque terras Syri Armenique et contigui Cappadoces colunt inde Bithyni- num lice Lyceum ad mare imperio tensisse." (TACITUS, Annal. ii. 69.) No one will suppose that this is a translation of what was really inscribed in hieroglyphics.**

**372 τὴν δὲ τὰ τε ὑπὸ τοῦ πατρὸς... διά-ρευστο.** It seems quite clear that this story as well as that of Rhodopis belong to the same type as the Sardian legend commented upon above (note 329 on i. 92). The fact furnishing the foundation would be the union of two religions—a Belus-worship and a Mylitta-worship.

The smaller pyramid was regarded as peculiar to the goddess.

**373 τὴν έν μέσῳ τῶν τριῶν ἔστηκαν, "standing in the middle of the three." There are three small pyramids opposite to the eastern face of the great pyramid. They are rather less than three others which are opposite to the southern face of Mycerinus’s. (WILKINSON, i. p. 361.)**

**374 δὲ τὸν Νειλοῦ διώρυξ ἦκε ἐς αὐτὴν ὡστερ ἐς τὴν ἐτέρην ἰεύσας; διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ἡμεῖς ἐμπρόσθησαμεν τὰτά γὰρ ἄν, ὡστε ἑαυτῷ λεγούσι κείσαται Χέοσα.** (WILKINSON, i. p. 361.)

**375 ταῦτα γὰρ ἄν καὶ ήμεῖς ἐμπρόσθησαμεν. VYSE gives as the dimensions of this pyramid when complete: length of side 708 feet; perpendicular height 454½; area 11 acres, 1 rood, 36 poles.**

**376 ὡστε γὰρ... κείσαι Χέοσα.** I sus-
pect that this sentence is of the nature of a note, whether appended by the author or not. It is not called for by the expression εάν τά κέλευχα μέτρα οὐκ ἄνθρωπος,

377 ἱδίων Ἀιδησικοῦ ποικίλου. This is the Syenite granite, the lapis purpureo-
celtus of Pliny (xxvii. 8). Blocks of this lie scattered about the base of the pyra-
mid. (Wilkinson, i. p. 343.)

378 τεσσαρόκοντα ... μέγαθος, "having taken forty feet short of the other in the same dimension," i.e. the length of the side. This would not be quite accurate; but the difference (760—703) or 52 might be less in Herodotus's measurement, exact determination being extremely difficult.

379 ἐς ἑκατὸν πόδας. Davison found the height of the base of the great pyra-
mid of Cheops above the river to be 163 feet. This was in October, 1764. Since that time three steps under the appa-
rent lowest step have been uncovered, and these add 11 feet to the perpendicular height of the pyramid, and of course have to be deducted from the elevation of its base (ap. Walpole's Turkey, pp. 345. 349). Making this allowance, we may suppose that, at the time Herodotus visited the site, the base on the brow would be about 150 feet above the level of the Nile in the month of October.

380 ποιμένος Φιλένων. This was doubt-
less the popular belief of the Egyptian
boors, among whom the vague tradition of the country having been once overrun by nomad shepherds, "an abomination to the Egyptians," was united with another of the stupendous edifices they saw having been built by task-work. It is not likely that these poor people should be versed in the genealogies, which constituted a branch of the learning of the priests. The condition of the mass of the country-peo-
ple at the time Herodotus visited the country—sixty or seventy years after the ruin brought upon it by Cambyses—may be perhaps understood by comparing it with that of the modern Greek peasantry at the present time. Of these a traveller in Crete, in 1834, says: "Out of a party of half a dozen Greeks not one knows the year, or has any idea of an era. They reckon neither from Christ nor Moham-
ded, but tell me that they believe in Christ. On my asking who he was, they answer, 'How should we know? we are ignorant peasants, and only know how to cultivate our fields and vineyards.' Scarcely any Cretan Greeks, except some of the Patéres in the monasteries, have ever heard of the Christian era; but they all date events one by another. Thus in Crete, the year of the great earthquake; the time when Khadji Osmán-pashá was governor of Kháníá; the outbreaking of the Greek revolution; the peace of Khu-
seim-bey, &c., are the principal epochs to which all the events of the last twenty-five years are referred." (Pashley, Travels in Crete, i. p. 273.) In the eighth century of the Christian era, Fidelis, a French monk, while proceeding up the Nile, was struck with astonishment at the sight of "the seven bars built by Joseph, which looked at a distance like mountains, four in one place and three in another" (ap. Diceni. De mensurâ orbis, vi. 3). The tradition which Herodotus received has probably as little claim to authority as that of Fidelis. In both cases the trad-
tion is shaped by the ideas prevalent among the people who transmit it; and a
129 Herodotus

Mycerinus, son of Cheops, succeeds to Chephren.

He is a mild, pious, and just prince.

Legend respecting his daughter.

130 Her body entombed in the figure of a coe in the palace at Sais.

131 Another explanation of the figures in the palace at Sais.

due estimate of its value would save much trouble in the fruitless attempt to reconcile it with more authentic data. See note on vii. 129.

This sentence appears to be of the nature of a note, although very possibly from the hand of the author. The antecedent of the word τούτος may be easily discovered by inference; but nothing can be harsher than the construction grammatically, if the clause be regarded as forming part of a continuous text.

See note on § 133.

a τοιχοστασία ... θυγατέρα. These two lines are left out in F, although the same passage is in the homosiebolion deceiving the eye of the transcriber.
de legousoi fluviréontes, ὡς ἐγὼ δοκέω, τά τε ἄλλα καὶ δὴ καὶ τα
περὶ τὰς χείρας τῶν κολοσσῶν ταῦτα γὰρ ὄν καὶ ἥμεις ὄρεόμεν,
ὅτι ὑπὸ χρόνου τὰς χείρας ἀποβεβλήκασι, αἰ ἐν ποιι αὐτῶν
φαίνονται εὔσται ἓτι καὶ ἓς ἐμέ. Ἡ δὲ βοῦς τὰ μὲν ἄλλα κατα-
kékruptauai φοινικῷ εἴματι, τὸν αὐχένα δὲ καὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν φαίνει
κεχυρωμένα παιχεί κάρτα χρυσῷ μεταξὺ δὲ τῶν κερέων, ὁ τοῦ
ἵλιον κύκλος μεμιμημένος ἐπεστὶ χρύσος. ἐστὶ δὲ ἢ βοῦς ὕπο
ὀρθή, ἄλλ' ἐν γούναις κειμένη, μέγασθος δὲ ὄσιτερ μεγίλη βοῖος
χού' ἐκφέρεται δὲ ἐκ τοῦ οἰκήματος ἀνὰ πάντα τὰ ἔτεα, ἔτεαν
τύππωνται οἱ Ἀὔγυπτιοι τὸν οὐκ ὄνομαξόμενον θεῶν ὑπ' ἑμὲν ἐπὶ
τοιοῦτο πρήγματι. τότε ὅν καὶ τὴν βοῖν ἐκφέρουσι ἐς τὸ φῶς
μασι γὰρ δὴ αὐτὴν δειηθῆναι τοῦ πατρὸς Μυκηνίου ἀποθηκέουσαι,
ἐς τῷ ἐναιστῷ ἀπάξ μιν τῶν ἱλιον κατίδειν.

Μετὰ δὲ τῆς θυγατρὸς τὸ πάθος, δεύτερα τούτῳ τῷ βασιλεί
τάδε γενέσθαι ἐλθεῖν οἱ μαυτῆν έκ Βουτοῦ πόλιος, ὡς "μέλ-
lου ἐς ἔτεα μοῦνον βοῦς τῷ ἐβδόμῳ τελευτῆσεν" τὸν δὲ, δεινοῦν

383 τὸν οὐκ ὄνομαξόμενον θεῶν ὑπ' ἑμὲν ἐπὶ τοιοῦτο πρήγματι, "the deity whom
in such a matter is not named by me."
The deity in question was Osiris, and Her-
rodotus's objection was not to naming him,
for that he does elsewhere (§§ 42, 144),
but to naming him in conjunction with a
ceremony indicating woe. In the mystical
ritual in question Osiris was the Egyptian
Adonis, represented as dead: θεὸς ὁ τρεφιλατο-
τὸς ἄθων ὄ κνη Ἀχέρων φιλείται. (Τέο-
crītus, v. 26.) See note 123, above.

It was this circumstance which excited
the religious feelings of a Dorian Greek.
He shrank from associating the name of a
deity in many respects analogous to the
Apollo of his own traditions, a deity of the
upper regions, with a word (κόπτονται)
implying the lamentation for death.
On the same principle he preserves a religious
silence in speaking of the same thing in
§171, his feeling being that of Xenó-
phanes, who bade the Egyptians in refer-
tence to these rituals of sorrow: εἰ θεὸς
νομίζοις, μὴ θρηνεῖ εἰ δὲ θρηνοῦσι,
θεὸς μὴ νομίζειν.

384 φαίνη γὰρ αὐτὴν . . . κατίδειν. In
the time of Plutarch a consistent phy-
siological explanation was given to this ritual.
The exposition of the golden cow, covered
at that time with a black robe, took place
on four days, from the seventh to the
tenth of the Egyptian month Athyr. It
was at the time when the overflow of the
Nile began visibly to subside, and the
land to appear. Hence the lamentation
for the death of Osiris (in this proceeding
identified with the rising Nile) and the
appearance of Isis (the fertile earth); in a
robe of black however, as lamenting the
death of her husband the Nile, whose
society has left her in a condition to become
a mother, and produce the crops which
grow upon the saturated plain. But
Osiris was also to be lamented if consi-
dered as the Sun; for at this time the
nights began to be longer than the days.
It is to be observed that Isis was, according
to Plutarch, not the whole Earth, but only
that portion of it which was overflowed
by the river,—the alluvium. So likewise
Osiris was not absolutely identical with
the Sun, but was regarded as developing
himself in its inundation. (Νείλου Ὀσί-
ριδος ἀπορροφών νομίζοισι: De Iside et
Ouidide, p. 366.) This view is easily
connected with the notion of Osiris being
the Sun by the adoption of such a μόνα
οροφάδη as Herodotus contemplates in
§25. 385 μαυτῆν έκ Βουτοῦ πόλιος. The
site of the oracle is described in §155.
See also note 213, above.
After his death, 386 The oracle appears to have belonged to Leto, or at least to some deity who in the time of the writer had become analogous to the Hellenic Leto; and therefore it has been proposed to read τῷ θεῷ. But all the MSS have the masculine article; and it seems far from unlikely that the primeval deity of this Egyptian deity was not one in which the distinction of sex was an important point. Creuzer (Symbolik, iii. pp. 240, seqq.) has shown her substantial identity with the goddess in the Hiraenum at Mycenae, of which some circumstances suggest the belief that the original was an androgynous deity. See note on viii. 104. 357 τῆς. This word (which does not exist in any of the MSS) is restored by Valkmaer from a citation by Gregorius. De dialectico Ionica. 358 Εὐβηστηρία. This word is explained by the grammarians as ἐρευχεστηρία. The character of the places alluded to may be easily understood by remembering the attractions which the "fornix et uteta popina" possessed for Horace's slave. Sallust represents the army of Sylla as corrupted by the "loca amœna voluptaria" which they found in Asia. (Catil. § 11.) These were no doubt abundant in a place situated as Buto was, in the highway of maritime traffic. It may be remarked that the habits ascribed to Mycerinus, combined with the form of his daughter's shrine, imply a return to the service of deities whose ritual was analogous to that into which the Israelites fell (Exod. xxx. 4—6); for it should be remembered that the revelry in question was regarded as a species of religious service. 359 κόλων ἐκαστον. "in each side." These words are governed in the same way as τῶν ἔναρχων in § 127. But the passage is probably corrupt, as it seems impossible to bring the numbers into accordance with known facts. The present base of the pyramid is 333 feet by measurement, and the former length is estimated by Vyse as 354½ feet. The confusion appears to me to lie in the words which I have included in a parenthesis. In this parenthesis I conceive the writer, whether Herodotus himself, or, as I believe, a later hand — intended to state the amount of difference between the dimensions of Mycerinus's pyramid and his father's; but how the present text grew out of this statement I cannot suggest.
some dispute arising between them, he sent the money back to Croesus, and the Delphians in anger, under a false charge of sacrilege, threw him down a precipice. After this a curse fell upon the land, and it was for the removal of this they were desirous of making a propitiation. It is strange that Herodotus should not mention the connexion of Esop with Croesus, if that feature in the narrative had existed in his time. See note 173 on l. 54.

351 κατ’ ἑργασίαν. He uses a similar expression, αὐτενεργαζόμεναι παιδικακα, i. 93.

352 ὥς ἄγε ἐς πυραμίδα τοιοῦτην ἐξικέσθαι. In the time of Strabo a popular fiction had arisen to get over this difficulty. Rhodopis (or, as Strabo calls her, Rhodope), it was said, was bathing, when an eagle picked up one of her sandals and dropt it into the rest of “the king” at Memphis as he sat administering justice.
kaiv' eves toion to'pou lojmov, oudev dein megala ois xhrirnata anavdeinai etevymenhe gam' 'Poodotos mvmatm'ioin eontis ev y' 'El-
lada kataleptathai, poi'ma poihsamenv touto to'p mi tynchainei
alllo exeirhmewn kai anakeimewn ev irw, touto anavdeinai es
Delfous mvmhosmon eountis i'f den dektis tov'v xromatow
poihsamewv obleous baxtropous polloys xidhreous, osoin enecheore
i' dekti ois, aptepmeet eis Delfous ois kai now evi syunneiatai
otpise mein tov'p bawmoi tov'Xoi anehteias, antioin de avtoin tov
vmpo. f interleiai de koi ev y'Naukrati epafroditi ginwseai ai
etairaib touto men yap aui, tiis perie legetai de o' logous, ouvo
o' i thi klewv eiynto ois kai panteis ois 'Ellyperes 'Poodopios to'
vnoima ejxiqathin touto de' 9eteron tautis, ti'v ouvomata yin 'Arxidike
aoidimos ana' tiv' 'Ellydama eiynto, y' sosthein de tis' eper-
lesekhnyeis 397. Xaraqes de ois lusamevnois 'Poodopin apanosthise
es Mutilympn 398, ev melie t'Xapfow polla katekertomein mi.
'Poodopios mev nyn peri pteumaui.

Metai de Mukeirinov gevesbhai Aiyvptovn basileia elegov ois irpeis
'Sasvyn 399, ton t' proos' olyno anvcezonta poiyta to'v 'Hfaiosth
proplulai, eunta pollo te kallassata kai pollo mgirista. Ehe
mev yap kai t'panta proplulai 400 tuptos te eggyelummenos kai
allhn oph oikodoymatovn muryin 401, ekeina de kai makro ma-
lasta. Epi toutou baiileuyntos, elegov, amieh' oivqteis pollyg
xromatov 402, gevesbhai vynov Aivypitiasai, apivdeinunata eiychro
rov patro tov'v neven ouvo lambwun to'xreos' prosetebhine de

in the open air. A search, like that for
Cinderella, was made and terminated by
her being found at Naunaris, becoming the
queen of "the king;" and finally being buried in the pyramid in question
(xvii. c. i. p. 450). See note 329, on i. 93, and note 372, on ii. 123. Strabo
says that Sappho called this female by the
name of Doriche.

[397] perilevorginov, "matter of anec-
dote." See notes on i. 153; ix. 71.
[398] eis Mutilympn. The manuscripts S,
V, K, and R have this reading, while M,
P, F have as is M. See above, note 352.
[399] Sasvyn. The MSS have 'Aiasvyn.
But Sasychis is a name which is equiva-
lent to one appearing on the hieroglyphics
(see note 404, below); and the omission of
the initial s is easily accounted for by
an ordinary practice in uncial manuscripts.

See note 25, on i. 5.

[400] t'a pantva proplulai. From § 101
it appears that there were proplulai on
the northern side of the Hephæsteum at
Memphis, attributed to the king Morris.
[401] Elyv oph oikodoymatovn muryin.
It is not easy to say exactly what the
meaning of these words is. I am inclined
to think that Herodotus means by them
the ornaments appropriate to architectural
decoration, other than the colossal figures
cut in the surface of the stone, which he
expresses by tupto egeyelummenov. Trans-
late: "for while all the propylaea have
both figures cut in and other things seen
in buildings to an infinite extent, those
even far exceed the others."
Sassen's tomb, belonging to the borrower. The original power seems to have been to mortgage the sepulchre; the subsequent law rather to have been passed to prevent the scandal which might arise if the practice had become common, and the habit of not redeeming the pledge had weakened the religious feelings of the people.

See note 369, above. It seems most probable that the pyramid here spoken of is the northern brick one of those at Dashur, the former three being those at Gishe. Bunsen (Aegyptens Stelle in der Weltgeschichte, ii. p. 89) very plausibly conjectures that Herodotus had this pyramid described to him while he was at Gishe looking at the three he has already mentioned. The pyramid at Dashur is most admirably built of brick, and according to Perring (quoted by Bunsen, l.c.) does possess a pre-eminence among all the others—with the exception of the three at Gishe—equal to that claimed for it in the text. Bunsen's notion is that it was built before the three Gishe pyramids, and that the inscription does not refer to them but to the other Dashur edifices. He believes Herodotus to have misplaced Sasychis's reign from a misconception of this point. Bunsen himself places him immediately before Cheops at the close of Manetho's third dynasty. In the Dashur pyramid half a block was discovered, which appears when complete to have borne the name Seserkera. (Bunsen, p. 4.) Perring gives the side of the pyramid at the base as 350 feet, and estimates its height when complete at 215.6. It is in ruins, and was apparently so in the time of the Egyptian kings, as mummies and later hieratic inscriptions are found in erections among the ruins. (Bunsen, pp. 91, seqq.) According to Bunsen's view of the case, the only substantial truth in the inscription (said to exist) would be the relative superiority of the pyramid to those antecedently built. This Bunsen and Perring make to consist in the regularity of its brick masonry as compared with the irregular stonework of its two neighbours, the stone pyramids of Dashur, although in point of size it is much inferior, one of them being estimated at 710 feet square when complete. (Vvse ap. Wilkinson, i. p. 370.)  

403 ἐν τῇ τοῦ λαμβάνοντος θήκῃ, “the tomb belonging to the borrower.” The original power seems to have been to mortgage the sepulchre; the subsequent law rather to have been passed to prevent the scandal which might arise if the practice had become common, and the habit of not redeeming the pledge had weakened the religious feelings of the people.

Euterpe. II. 136, 137.
Next Aegyp-  

sis, a blind man, reigned. 

He takes refuge in the marshes upon the invasion of Sibacos, the Ethiopian, who reigns fifty years.

Elevation of the dykes, especially at the base of Bubastis.

Description of this.

The elevation of the dykes, especially at the base of Bubastis, is strikingly confirmed by the great height of the mounds. (Modern Egyptians, i. p. 427.)

Then stop. It seems possible that in a locality full of canals, like the delta of the Nile, the word originally used to denote direction for the purpose of communication came to be provincially applied in all cases where the appearance occurred of a channel cut for the admission of water. See ii. 11: κόλπος πολλάς ἔσχας ἐκ τῆς Ἕβρυθος καλομενής ἡλάσσας, and κόλπον ἐσχάς ἐπὶ Διόκησις, and the note 42, above. In § 121 the word seems used of the communication allowed by a party-wall. See note 342, above.

407 μᾶλιστα μὲν Βούβαστι πολί. Several MSS, among which are S and V, have μᾶλιστα ἥ ἐν Βούβαστι πολίς. The mention of Bubastis here and the description of the site of the temple appears to me like a subsequent insertion into the text. Bubastis was in an entirely different locality. See note on § 158, below.

408 ἐστι Αρτέμις. He repeats this below (§ 156), where see the note, and implies it above (§ 59). In point of fact Bubastis is Pi-beseth, where the first syllable is the Egyptian article pe, as in the word τίρεμὺς, and Basht or Bost is the name of the Egyptian Artemis.

409 ἐσέχουναι. This word is used in a very peculiar sense, for Herodotus goes on particularly to remark that the canals do not run into any thing, but approach one another within a certain distance and
From can, "S'". J. "Tavo, Xevo, fxevo, ohov Xeyeiv TToov avWe^avTa ovjnv
(7rovov vat, dvelXe, nite) 600 ple the
ture the ascertain
circuit naer merely
quantity feet.

better. TeAos y'riv, expression
p7}aeiy. me only

Te
c.)

Te

Schebek, and Thrk, i. e.

139 Sabacos terrified by a dream.

411 πάντη σταδίου ἐστὶ. Wilkinson (p. 428) makes the sacred enclosure about
600 feet square. The length of the temple (which was built of the finest red gra-

412 ἐπὶ σταδίους τρεῖς. Wilkinson (l. c.) found the distance from the outer
circuit of the temple to the other 2250
feet. The agora is about 900 feet from the
temple of Bubastis. He could not
ascertain the breadth of the road from the quantity of ruins which cover it. From
the under-estimate of the length of the dromos and the mention of the Hermeum
merely as its termination, one may conjec-
ture that the writer did not go beyond
the temple of Bubastis.

413 τέλος δὲ τῆς ἀπαλλαγῆς. Valck-
naer endeavours to explain this strange
expression as being equivalent to ἀπαλλα-
γήν, just as θανάτῳ τέλος and φόνος
tέλος are used where θάνατος and φόνος
only are meant. This does not appear to
me satisfactory, but I can offer nothing
better.

414 ἀλλὰ γὰρ οἱ ἐξεληλυθέναι . . ἐκχω-
ρήσειν. The whole of this sentence is to
be taken as the protasis in the construc-
tion; then follows its explanation in an
account of what the oracle in Ethiopia
had said; and at last comes the apodosis,
ὡς ἂν ὁ χρόνος, &c. But this last, owing
to the length of the parenthesis and its
character—it being not the words of the
king, but a statement of a fact—changes
into an account of what he did, instead of
the sentence ending in its original form.
Translate: "14 he would not do this though;
no, as the time had run out which he had
been allowed by prophecy for ruling over
Egypt and going,—for while in Ethiopia
the oracles which the Ethiopians consult
declared to him that it was his destiny to
reign over Egypt for fifty years,—as then
this time was run out, and the appearance
of the vision came upon the back of it,
disturbing his mind, this Sabacos took
himself off voluntarily out of Egypt."

415 ἐτει πεινήκοτα. Bunsen (vol. iii.
p. 130) considers that, instead of the single
king Sabaco, it is distinctly proved that an
Ethiopian dynasty of three kings reigned
in Egypt for fifty years (their names being
Schebek, Shebek, and Thrk, i. e.
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The blind
king returns
after fifty
years' exile
in the
marshes.

His retreat
(first discov-
ered 700
years after-
wards) was
in the island
Elbo.

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He is suc-
cceeded by
Sethos,
priest of
Hephastus,
who offends
the military
caste, and
is deserted
by them on
an invasion

Sabacos, Sebichus, and Tirhakah). The
error of Herodotus he ascribes to the
fact of an oral communication being the
source of his information. This dynasty
he makes the 25th of the Egyptians. It
is succeeded by the 26th or Saite, con-
sisting of the Egyptian princes Steph-
nates, Nechoseus, Necho, Psammitichus,
Necho II., another Psammitichus or
Psammatius, Vaphres, and Amosis. Dur-
ing the first 12 (or 16) years of this Bunsen
conceives Ameris (an Ethiopian) to have
maintained his ground against the Saite
dynasty. If Herodotus is to be judged
by the standard of other authorities, we
must suppose a thorough confusion spread-
ing over several centuries, between the
Anysis and Sethos of his account. But
this is inconceivable upon any hypothesis
short of the one that the narrative he
received at the Hephastaeum at Memphis
differed enormously from those which were
current at other temples, and upon which
the diverse traditions which have come
down to us through the Alexandrine
chronographers were founded. A mecha-
nical arrangement of these, while the law
of their growth remains undiscovered,
seems to furnish a most uncertain basis
for historical conclusions.

416 ὤντι ὦτοι τῇ ἡσαν... 'Αμφραταιον. This statement seems to prove satisfac-
torily that one part at least of the story
of the blind king is of very late date.
(See Clinton's Fasti Hellenici, i. 455
b.c.) The chronology of the passage
would throw the time of the Ethiopian
invasion back to the middle of the twelfth
century B.C., 300 years at least too early
to be manageable by any chronologist.
Accordingly it has been proposed to alter
the numbers. But they are defended by
the authority of all the MSS without
exception. Wilkinson (i. p. 418) fixes
the site of Elbo as "in the s.e. corner
of the lake of Buto, now lake Boorlos."
He does not say on what authority, and
it is difficult to suppose that such a site
would be secure. One would rather have
supposed a refugee hiding some where in
the Sebennytic branch (see note 61,
above).

417 τῶν μαχίμων. It has been proposed to
read τῶν μάχιμων. But we may suppose
that it was some individuals only of the
military caste which were slighted by
Sethos, although the whole body took
the quarrel up, knowing his dislike of
them.

418 'Αραβίων. The words which follow:
The text is a bit challenging due to its condition, but it seems to be discussing the cultural and religious significance of mice in ancient Greek mythology, particularly in the context of the destruction of a temple in Egypt. The passage also touches on the symbolic significance of the shrew mouse, which figured prominently in the myths of Apollo and his followers.

The text mentions several key figures and concepts:

- **Hephaestus**: The god of fire and crafts. His temple was destroyed, as indicated by the phrase "destroys the invading army at Pelusium."

- **Mice**: An important element in the story, as they are mentioned in relation to the temple and its destruction. The shrew mouse, in particular, is highlighted as a significant symbol.

- **Apollo**: A major deity, associated with multiple aspects such as poetry, music, and prophecy. He has a particular connection with the shrew mouse, which is often depicted as his messenger or companion.

- **Egyptian Mythology**: The context is set against the backdrop of Egyptian religious practices, particularly the cult of Thoth and the veneration of the shrew mouse (Kaisos) as a symbol of wisdom and knowledge.

The text also references several key works:

- **Herodotus**: The ancient Greek historian whose works are often cited in discussions of ancient history and mythology.

- **Josephus**: Another important historian, whose works provide insights into the religious and historical context of the figures mentioned.

- **Senacherib**: A king of Assyria, whose campaign to Egypt is mentioned as an example of the forces that could challenge the Egyptian temples.

The overall context suggests a complex interplay of religious, historical, and cultural narratives, highlighting the importance of these symbols and stories in shaping the religious consciousness of ancient societies.
HERODOTUS

The number of kings and priests from Menes to Sethos 341 generations, or 13340 years.

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'Ες μὲν τοσώδες τοῦ λόγου Διούπτιοι τε καὶ οἱ ἱρές ἔλεγον, ἀποδεικνύοντες ἀπὸ τοῦ πρῶτου βασιλέος ἐς τοῦ Ἡφαιστοῦ τοῦ ἱρέα τοῦτον τοὺς τελευταίους βασιλεύσαντα μίαν τε καὶ τεσσεράκοντα καὶ τριήκοσια ἀνθρώπων γενεάς γενομένας, καὶ εἰ ταῦτα ἀρχιέρεα καὶ βασιλεῖς ἐκατέρως τοσοῦτος ἐκομμένους. καὶ τοι τριήκοσια μὲν ἄνδρων γενεὰ δυναίται μύρια ἔτεα: γενεά γὰρ τρεῖς ἄνδρων ἐκατόν ἔτεα ἐστὶ μῆς δὲ καὶ τεσσεράκοντα ἔτι τῶν ἐπιλοίπων γενεῶν, αἱ ἑπῆσαν τὶς τριήκοσις, ἐστὶ τεσσεράκοντα καὶ τριήκοσια καὶ χίλια ἕτεα. οὕτω ἐν μυρίοις τε ἔτεα καὶ χιλιοι καὶ πρῶς τριήκοσιοί τε καὶ τεσσεράκοντα ἔλεγον θεῶν ἀνθρωποειδέα οὐδένα γενέσθαι οὐ μέντοι οὐδὲ πρότερον, οὐδὲ ὑστερον ἐν τοῖς ὑπολαίτους Διούπτων βασιλεύσι γενομένοις, ἔλεγον τοιοῦτον οὐδέν. ἐν τοῖς τούτω τῷ χρόνῳ τετράκις ἔλεγον εἰς ἤλεον τοῦ ἦλιον ἀνατειλαί (ἐνθα τε νῦν κατα- δύτεται ἐνθεύτεν δις ἐπανειλαί, καὶ ἐνθὲν νῦν ἀνατελεῖ ἐνθαῦτα δις καταδύναι) καὶ οὐδὲν τῶν κατ' Διούπτων ὑπὸ ταῦτα ἐτεροιωθή- ναι, οὕτε τα ἐκ τῆς γῆς οὕτε τὰ ἐκ τοῦ παταμοῦ αφί γινομένα οὕτε τὰ ἀμφὶ νοοῦσοι οὕτε τὰ κατὰ τοὺς θανάτους. Πρότερον δὲ

Villoison Schol. ad II. i. 39.) Apollo also appears with a mouse on his right hand on a coin of Alexandria;—and of his worship under this name the whole coast of Asia Minor and the adjacent islands was full. (See Strabo, xiii. p. 118, and note 506 on i. 151.) That the title is an ancient one is plain from its appearing in Hiera i. 39:

—Τενεδόι τε ἤφι ἀνάσεις Σμυνθεῦ,

and that the mouse is an ancient symbol on a part of the coast of Greece which had early communication with Egypt, appears from its being found on the oldest coins of Argos. (Payne Knight, Inquiry into the Symbolical Language of Ancient Art, § 126, note 3.) As a priapic animal, the mouse would be appropriate to the Achaean or anti-orian Herō of Myceus, a θέα γαμήλια. (See notes on vi. 31 and 63; see also note 121 on ii. 41.)

423 ἐκατέρως τοσοῦτος, "so many of each sort," i. e. 341 kings and 341 priests.

424 καὶ τοι τριήκοσια μὲν . . . μύρια ἕτεα. It will be observed that this is an average estimate on the part of the writer. He no where says that the priests gave this as the actual number of years which had elapsed between Menes and Sethos; and it is probable that they really did imagine a different and much smaller number to have passed.

425 ἐν τοῖς τούτω τῷ χρόνῳ . . . τῶν θανάτων. That this clause rests upon an entire misunderstanding of what the priests really intended there can be no doubt; but it is not easy to say exactly what the statement was of which it is the perversion. Herodotus obviously took it to mean that there had been four sudden jumps in the course of the sun, entirely reversing his path in the heavens from what it was before; so that thus during two distinct periods he had risen in the west and set in the east. It seems not impossible that what the priests meant was that two so-called Sothian periods or lunular years had elapsed, which would give a time of 2 x 1461 (≈2922) years. The Egyptian year at the commencement of their era seems to have begun when the first rising of Sirius as a morning star (see note 13, above) synchronized with the beginning of the rise of the Nile. Supposing this to take place on the 1st day of the month Thoth, the similar rising would next year.
not take place till the 2nd day, the Egyptian year being 365 days only, about six hours too short. This alteration would steadily increase until in 1461 years of 365 days (=1460 Julian years) the cycle would be complete, and the heliacal rising of Sirius would again take place on the 1st day of Thoth. This it will be remembered is the space of time which was, according to some accounts, supposed to intervene between two appearances of the phœnix, "a bird sacred to the sun" in Egypt. (Tacitus, Annal. vi. 28.) This cyclical variation would be spoken of as a motion of the sun in the heavens, and would easily be misunderstood by a Greek who was no astronomer (see note 12, above), and not aware that the expression had a special reference to Sirius, not to the Earth. Possibly too the draganman was not careful to avoid a paradoxical way of putting the matter. The Egyptian calendar is excellently described by Ideker, Handbuch der Chronologie, who explains this passage differently (i. p. 136).

426 Ἐκαταῖος τῷ λογοποιῷ. See note on v. 36.

427 εἰμι οὐ γενεθλιωταίμεσωτόν. It is very singular that Herodotus should give no description of Thebes, famous as it was from even the Homeric poems, and expressly as he here states that he was a witness of the colossi contained within the very sanctuary. Indeed that a Greek should understand the sanctuary at all shows the extent to which a religious syncretism must have been carried in this case of the Theban Zeus. Cleomenes ventured into the temple of Athene Polias at Athens, only from confidence in his Achæan blood (v. 72). Compare too the case of Miltiades (vi. 135). Is it possible that the reason of the writer's silence with regard to the rest of Thebes is to be looked for in the greater degree of exclusiveness prevailing in the other temples? See note 10, above.

428 Περρομις... καλὸς κάγαθος. The word 'pieromi' is said to mean in Coptic "the man," being the word signifying man with the article prefixed to it (Jablonsky, Proleg. ad Pnth. Egypt. § 18). It seems therefore plain that Herodotus did not understand the language of the country. See note 296., above. Jablonsky (i.e.) suggests a clue to his error in the circumstance, that 'pieromi' in the same language means ὁ δίκαιος. But it seems more likely that the word signifying 'man,' in the old Egyptian language, like the baro or miles of the middle ages, should have become in course of time a title of honour.
... gods governed Egypt, of which Osiris, son of Osiris, was the last.

145 Order of the gods, according to the Egyptians, very different from the Hellenic view.

"En "Elissi mēn ἤνωτατοι τῶν θεῶν νομίζονται εἶναι Ἡρακλῆς τε καὶ Δίωνυσος καὶ Πάν ταρ' Ἀιγύπτιοι δὲ Πάν μὲν ἀρχαῖοτατος, καὶ τῶν ὀκτὼ τῶν πρῶτων λεγομένων θεῶν Ἡρακλῆς δὲ τῶν δευτέρων, τῶν δυὸ δεκα λεγομένων εἶναι Δίωνυσος δὲ, τῶν τρίτων, οἳ ἐκ τῶν δυὸ δεκα θεῶν ἐγένοντο. Ἡρακλῆς, μὲν δὴ ὅσα αὐτοὶ Ἀιγύπτιοι φασὶ εἶναι ἔτεα εἰς Ἀμασίων βασιλέα, δεδήλωται μοι πρόσθε 430. Πανὶ δὲ ἔτι τῶν πλεόνα λέγεται εἶναι, Διόνυσος δὲ ἐλάχιστα τούτων καὶ τοῦτοι πεντακσίχλια καὶ μῦρα λογίζονται εἶναι ἐς Ἀμασίων βασιλέα. καὶ ταῦτα Ἀιγύπτιοι ἀπακολογούσι φασὶ ἐπιτασθαι, αἰεὶ τε λογιζόμενοι καὶ αἰεὶ ἄπογραφόμενοι τὰ ἔτεα 431. Διονύσῳ μὲν ἤνωτι τὸ ἐκ Σεμέλης τῆς Κάδμου λεγομένῳ γενέσθαι, κατὰ ἐξακόσια ἔτεα καὶ χίλια 432 μάλιστα ἐστὶ ἐς...
ciated with Amphitrion (the husband of Alcmena) in the attempt to revenge her brothers; and as he is the brother of Jocasta (the wife of Laius), Alcmena may be put in the same generation with him. So again Tydeus and Polyneices, marrying two sisters, belong to the same generation; and finally Penelope, being the wife of Odysseus, the associate of Tydides, belongs to the sixth parallel. This arrangement would give, reckoning a century to three generations, 100 years from Pan to Heracles, but less than a century from Heracles to Dionysus. If conjecture is to be allowed, I should be disposed to change καὶ into μεν in the reading of the Sancroft MS (S), and read κατὰ εὐνουκίαν ἡ χίλια, the difference between Dionysus and Heracles being less than a century, and the author perhaps not choosing in such a matter to break up his centuries, lest he should imply a greater accuracy in the chronology than was possible. This alteration brings the three dates into tolerable harmony with each other; but it will be observed that all of them are two centuries too high according to the received chronology. NIEBUHR (Kleine Schriften, i. p. 196) proposes an extremely ingenious explanation, with reference exclusively however to the date of Heracles. Identifying him with the Alcmena, who was the progenitor of the Lydian dynasty (Herod. i. 7), he assigns a century from him to Agron; and from Agron to the end of Cressus's reign he takes the numbers given by Herodotus, i.e. 505 + 107 years. Hence we should get 770 years from Heracles to 546 b.c., or 900 to 421 b.c., a remarkable coincidence with the text. But, although to controvert Niebuhr on a philological point is little less rash than an opposition to Newton in a question of physics, I cannot acquiesce in his solution. His argument proceeds on the hypothesis that Herodotus in the Lydian dynasty is following an Assyrian chronology of an authentic character,—an hypothesis which I do not admit, it being quite opposed to the phenomena to which I have called attention in the notes on that part of his work. If he follows it here, could he speak of his dates as Hellenic ones? and would he tacitly conform the Hellenic myths of Penelope and Semele to it? I think the supposition a far less violent one, that here, as in many other places, we have an interpolation by some ancient editor, who, in this particular case, would belong to the era of the Ptolemies.
The twelve confederates build the Labryinth near Crocodilopolis as a memorial of themselves.

432 οὶ τε ἄλλοι ἄνθρωποι καὶ Ἀιγύπτιοι. From this point the sources from which the narrative flows are of a more definite historical character. The Hellenic element shows itself from time to time very distinctly. Ionian and Eolian condottieri in the Persian garrisons at Daphne and Marcia (ii. 30), and Hellecide traders up the Nile to Heliopolis, Thebes, and Elephantine are probable channels through which a traditionary narrative passed. See above, § 99.

433 μετὰ τὸν ἱρέα. Ἡ βασιλεύσαντα. The participle is used (as in the Latin idiom) where in Greek the infinitive would be more usual. So i. 34, μετὰ Σόλωνα οἰχύμενον. i. 37, ταῦτα οὕτω ποιεύμενα. i. 51, ἢ ἀπὸ τὸν νῦν κατακαίνεται.

434 διόδεκα μοῖρας δασάμενοι Ἀγνυττον πᾶσαν, “having made a duodecimal partition of all Egypt.” Ἀγνυττον is the accusative case after an imaginary verb of which διόδ. μ. δ. is the equivalent. So in iv. 148 there is οφέλει αὐτοῦ εἴ μοιρὰς διέλειφον, where some of the MSS insert εἴ before εἴ by the arbitrary correction of a transcriber. See note 132, above.

435 ἵσυρος περιστέλλοντες. See i. 98, S and V have ἵσυρος.

436 ἱέχροσ. The manuscripts S and V have this form, the others ἱέχροστο. The same difference is found below, § 151, iii. 64. But in vii. 220 ἱέχροστο is given by almost all the MSS.

437 ἱέχροστο. The Greek root of this word (λαβρία, i.e. λαβρά) shows that the name cannot be pure Egyptian.

441 Ρροκοδέλλων. This is the reading of all the MSS except S, which has Ρροκοδέλλων. It should be remarked that Κρ. πόλις is the Hellenic, not the Egyptian name of the city, the word Ρροκοδέλλων being an Ionian word (§ 69).

441 τῶν ἐγώ ἤδη ἦδον λόγον μένο, “in which at last I had a sight passing description.”
The author uses the past tense from having seen the pyramids before the Labyrinth. They were indeed "passing description" (όμοιον μέταλλευε) , but the Labyrinth exceeded them also. 442 ο δὲ δὴ λαβύρινθος, "but when you come to the Labyrinth, it" &c. See the note on i. 1, for the force of δὴ. Strabo speaks somewhat less enthusiastically of the Labyrinth, calling it πάρωσιν ταῖς πυραμίδων ἔργον. 443 αὐλαὶ κατάστεγοι, "roofed courts." The epithet seems used to distinguish the chambers in question from the corresponding portion of a Greek building, which no doubt was always open. But in the latitude of 29° much greater protection from the sun would be requisite. 444 πρὸς βορέα. Some MSS have πρὸς βορέαν. But this seems a change adopted merely for the sake of producing symmetry of phrase. See § 121, above, and iii. 102. 445 εὐθείαι. See note 451, below. 446 πεινακοσίων καὶ χιλίων ἐκάτερα. This is the reading of the MSS, but it is obviously corrupt; nor is there there any clue in the variations of the context to suggest an emendation. Perhaps the author wrote πεινακοσίων καὶ χιλίων ἐκάτερα, and continued τὰ μὲν νων μετέωρα αὐτοῖ τε κ.κ.λ. 448 διεξόντες, "in the course of our circumstantial passages." See the note on vii. 234, and below, note 450. 449 αὐτοὶ ὁρέωμεν. It will be observed that what Herodotus testifies to as an eye-witness is not the number of the οἰκήματα, but the remarkable arrangement of the passages by which they were connected with the ἄναλα to which they belonged, and with the open colonnades (παστάδες) which served as a communication between each system of οἰκήματα. The uncertainty of the numbers even of the ἄναλα is obvious from the account of Strabo (xvi. c. i. p. 454). It is clear that both he and Herodotus were eye-witnesses, but received very different accounts both of the number of the ἄναλα and the cause of that number. In other words, the story of the ἕξογγαλ ταῖς had entirely altered in the interval. Strabo gives no particular numbers for the στέγαι, but says that the ἄναλα were twenty-seven, one for every Nome, and that they were
used as courts of justice for the inhabitants. In another passage he is even more lax: "οδε δ' ετεις ὀμούν τοὺς ὁπότεν τοῖς σύμφωνας νομιμοὶ ὅσα αἰ ἐν τῷ λαβώνθησαί αἰσθάντα ἐπιστοί τῶν θριακτοστάτων ὁποῖος ἔστω τοῦ τριώδος πολιτείας (p. 416). Diodorus Siculus says of the building, that it is οἷς ὁμοίως κατὰ τὸ μέγεθος τῶν ἡγίστορος θεομάστον ὁποδὲ τὴν ἑλέον τοὺς δυνάμεσιν (1. 61). 459 διεξάγοντο, "while passing by ins and outs." See note on vii. 234.

451 αἰλλὴ δὲ ἐκάστη περίστολος. This expression seems to show decisively that there can have been no party-wall between two αἰλλαί, and therefore that the word συνεχεῖς must not be taken as meaning more than that there was an architectural connexion between the six adjacent halls. This seems to have been effected by means of ὁμίμματα and παστάδας. See note 449, above.

452 ἐν τῇ ἑιδά μεγάλα ἐγγέγυπται. See note 233 on i. 70.

453 ὅδε δ' ἐστὶν ἀνήν. The manuscripts S and V continue the narrative by the words ὅδε δ' ἐς θυμαὶ ἐναὶ μέχριν παρέστη ἡ Μιλιστο παλαιμένη λίμη. 454 ἦσαν καὶ αὐτῆς Αἰγύπτου τὸ παρὰ θάλασσαν. The construction would be improved by altering τὸ into τῷ. But it seems possible that the sentence is a mere note, originally written in the margin, taken from § 6, and retaining the very words there used.

455 δικαίως, "complete." The use is like that of the Latin justus in such phrases as justum volumen. Xenophon (Mem. iv. 4, 5) uses the expression ἔτος ἐπάνω δικαίως ποιούσα, "to break a horse thoroughly in." And Aeschylus (Eumenid. 291): πιανὸν δικαίως, "faithful in every point." 456 οὖν καὶ μὲν πυραμίδες . . ἐξαπαλαίστων. I look upon this sentence as the note of some subsequent διασκεδάστης of the work. Herodotus could never have
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commicates with the Nile, is said by the natives to have an outlet in the Syrtis.

Local story as to its excavation.

Psammitechus, without intending to do

thought it necessary to insert such an explanation for his contemporaries and countrymen. (See note 112 on i. 32.) The manuscripts S and V commence the sentence with τοῦτο instead of οὕτω, and omit the word δικαια. The case is a very different one from that in iv. 36, where it was necessary for the author to give the mode in which he arrived at his estimate. 

κατὰ διώρυγα ἐξῆκα. The canal here mentioned is probably a portion of the long one running parallel to the river on its western side, called now the Bahr el Youssouf (Joseph’s River).

ὑπὲρ τοῦ νημίου οὕτω λέγεται ἄρχηθαι. For an account of the lake Morris, and the operations there effected, together with an attempt to reconcile Herodotus and Strabo with one another and with the facts of the case, see Euxur- sus on § 149.

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Greek:

τὸ δὲ ὑδάτω τὸ ἐν τῇ λίμνῃ αὐθηγεῖνες 457 μὲν οὐκ ἦστιν ἀνύσμος 458 γάρ ὦ δεινῶς ἐστὶν ταῦτης ἐκ τοῦ Νείλου δὲ κατὰ διώρυγα ἐσῆκται 459, καὶ ἐξ μὲν μήρας ἐσω ἑπεὶ ἐς τὴν λίμνην ἐξ ἐς μήρας ἐξω ἐς τοῦ Νείλου αὐτῆς· καὶ ἐπειν μὲν ἐκρέγη ἐξω, ἡ δὲ τότε [τοὺς ἐξ μήρας] ἐς τὸ βασσιλιῶν καταβάλλει ἐπὶ ἑκάστην τά- λαιντων ἀργυρίου ἐκ τῶν ἱδρύων, ἐπειν δὲ ἐσίν τὸ ὑδάτω ἐς αὐτῆς, εἴκοσι μνέας. "Ελεγον δὲ οἱ εἰπιχρύοι καὶ ὦς ἐς τὴν Ζύρτιν τὴν ἐν Διβύρι ἐκδιδοὶ ἡ λίμνη αὐτῆς ὑπὸ τῆς, τετραμμένη τὸ πρὸς ἐπτέρπην ἐς τὴν μεσογαίαν παρά τὸ ὄρος τὸ ὑπὲρ Μέμφιος. ἐπεὶ τε δὲ τοῦ ὀρύγματος τούτου οὐκ ὄρεον τῶν χοῦν οἴδαμον ἔστα, (ἔπειμελεῖς γὰρ δὴ μοι ἦν,) εἰρόμην τοὺς ἄχρυτας οἰκεύτως τῆς λίμνης, ὥοκο εὐν ὁ χοῦς ἐξορυχθεῖς οἱ δὲ ἐφρασάν μοί ἐνα ἐξεφορίζη, καὶ εὐπτέως ἐπεθεοῦν ἢδεα γὰρ λόγῳ καὶ ἐν Νίνῳ τῇ Ἀσσυρίωι πῶλ γειόμενον ἔτερων τοιοῦτον τὰ γὰρ Σαρδανάπαλλον τού Νίνου βασιλέως χρήματα, ἐσώνα μεγάλα καὶ φιλασσόμενα ἐν ϑησαυροῖς καταγαίησα, ἐπενύχων κλόπτες ἐκφορίζησα· εκ δὴ ἀν τῶν σφετέρων οἰκίων ἀρξάμενοι οἱ κλάττες, ὑπὸ τῆς σταθμέομεν ἐς τὰ βασιλεία οἰκία ὄρυσσον τὸν δὲ χοῦν τὸν ἐκφορέομεν ἐκ τοῦ ὀρύγματος, ὥοκὸ γενόσιν νῦζ, ἐς τὸν Τίγριν ποταμὸν παραφρέωτα τὴν Νίνου ἐξεφόρεον ἐς ὁ κατεργάσατο ὁ τι ἐβούλοντο τοιοῦτον ἔτερον ἡκούσα καὶ τὸ τῆς ἐν Αὐγούστι λίμνης ὄρυγμα γενέσθαι πλὴρον ὡς νυκτός, ἀλλὰ μετὰ ἑκάστην ποιεύμενον ὄρυσσοντας γὰρ τὸν χοῦν τῶν Αὐγούστιον ἐς τὸν Νείλου φορέειν ὁ δὲ, ὑπολαμβάνως ἐμέλλε διακέειν. ἢ μὲν νῦν λίμνη αὐτῆς οὕτω λέγειν ἄρχηθαι 460.

Τῶν δὲ δυόθεντα βασιλέων δικαιοσύνη χρεωμένων, ἀνὰ χρόνων ὡς ἐδυσαν ἐν τῷ ἱρῷ τοῦ Ἡφαιστοῦ, τῇ ὑστάτῃ τῆς ὀρτῆς μελημένων καταστείσας, ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς ἐξενεκεί σφι φιάλας χρυσέας.
so, fulfils the oracle mentioned above, § 147.

(Psammithicus had formerly fled to Syria and returned to Sais. Now he receives an oracle from Buto, which is fulfilled by the landing of some Ionian and Carian pirates, (τῆς περ ἐόδεσαν σπένδειν) ἀμαρτῶν τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ ἐνδεκα δυοδέκα ἐνοῦν ἐνθάυτα ὡς οὐκ εἶχε φύλην ὁ ἐσχατὸς οὗτος αὐτῶν Ὁμμίτιχος, περιελόμενος τὴν κυνέν ἐνοῦν χαλκέων ὑπέσχε τὸ καὶ ἐσπενδ. κυνέας δὲ καὶ οἱ ἀλλοι ἀπαντεῖ εὐφρέον τε βασιλεῖς καὶ ἐτύγχανον τότε ἔχοντες. Ὁμμίτιχος μὲν νυν οὔδενι δολερῷ νῷρ χρεώμενος, ὑπέσχε τήν κυνέν ἢ δὲ εὖ πρεῖ ηλαβόντες τὸ τε ποιθήν ἐκ Ὁμμίτιχον καὶ τὸ χρηστήριον ὁ τι ἐκέχρητο 461 σφι τὸν χαλκέων ἐπείσαντα αὐτῶν φιάλῃ τούτων βασιλέα ἐσεσαθα μοῦνον Λιγύπτων. ἀναμνησθέντες τοῦ χρησμοῦ, κτεῖναι μὲν οὖν ἐδικαίωσαν Ὁμμίτιχον, ὡς ἀνεφίκουσιν βασανίζοντες εὐ δοιμεῖ μερονης 462 αὐτῶν ποιήσαντα 463. ἐς δὲ τὰ ἔλεα ἐδοξε σφι διώκει, πυλώσατας τὰ πλείστα τῆς δυνάμος ἐκ δὲ τῶν ἐλέων ὁρμεώμενοι μὴ ἐπιμισθεῦσθαι τῇ ἄλλῃ Λιγύπτω. Τὸν δὲ Ὁμμίτιχον τοῦτον πρότερον φεύγουσα τοῖς Λιθισταῖς Σαβακῶν ὃς οἱ τῶν πατέρων ἱερών ἤπεκτείνε, τοῦτον φεύγουσα τότε ἢς Συρίν, ὡς ἀπαλλάχθη ἐκ τῆς ὑψίος τοῦ ὑείρου 464 ὁ Λιθιστής, κατηγογόνοι Λιγυπτίων οὗτοι οἱ εὐ νοῦ τοῦ Σαιτεών εἰναι μετα δὲ βασιλεύσατα, τὸ δεύτερον πρὸς τῶν ἐνδεκα βασιλεῶν καταλαμβάνει μιν διὰ τῆν κυνέν φεύγειν ἢς τὰ ἔλεα. ἐπιστάμενοι δὲν ὡς περιβυσσίμενοι εἰπὶ πρὸς αὐτῶν, ἐπένεε τίσασαν τοὺς διώξαντας τήμμαντι δε οἱ ἐς Βου- τοῦν πόλιν ἢς τὸ χρηστήριον τῆς Δητοῦ, ἐνθα δὴ Λιγυπτιοῖσι ἐστὶ μαντήριος ἂφευδέστατον, ἢλθε χρησμὸς ὡς τίσιν ἤξει ἀπὸ ταλαίπωρος χαλκέως ἄνδρων ἐτιμανεύσας καὶ τῷ μὲν δὴ ἀπιστὴ μεγάλη ὑπεκέχυτο, χαλκέους οἱ ἄνδρας ἤξειν ἐπικύρως χρώμον ὃν ὡς πολλοῦ διελθόντος, ἀναγκαίη κατέλαβε Ἰωνίας τε καὶ Καρα- ἄνδρας κατὰ θηρὴν ἐκπλάσαντας, ἀπενειδθήναι ἐς Γυπριπτζίων ἐκ- βάντας δὲ ἢς ἤν καὶ ὀπλισθέντας χαλκῷ ἀγγέλλει τῶν τίς Λιγύπ- πτων ἢς τὰ ἔλεα ἀπικόμενος τὸ Ὁμμίτιχοι, (ὡς οὐκ ἤδω πρό- τερον χαλκῷ ἄνδρας ὀπλισθέντας,) ὃς χάλκεου ἄνδρας ὀπλιμένει

461 ἐκέχρητο. This form is given by S and V, ἐκέχρητο by the other MSS. See above, note 437. 462 προνοιαῖς. The manuscripts S and V have αἰτίας. 463 ποιήσαντα. Bekker conceives that the words τὰ ἔποιησα are to be inserted. But, if this narrative is a local one, possibly Herodotus retained the very phrase which was used; and ποιεῖν (like the Latin facere) might be employed in the sense of "to sacrifice." Such an usage appears in the Hellenistic Greek,—the dialect of commerce. (See Luc. Evang. ii. 27. Hebr. xi. 28.) Independently of this supposition, τὸ ποιθήν, above, helps to explain ποιήσαντα. 464 ἐκ τῆς ὕφιος τοῦ ὑνείρου. See above, § 139, and notes 415, 416.
He builds the southern propylaia to the Hephaesteum at Memphis; and settles the Ionians and Carians at Bubastis.

The writer attributes to them the habits of its own countrymen.

And being kept in σηχος τινι, and says that there was an αὐλή in front of this, in which was another σηχος containing his mother. He was every day let out at a certain hour to run about (xxvii. c. i. p. 448). Strabo says, on the occasion of describing this, that Apis was identical with Osiris. At the time he visited Egypt this deity was much more familiar to travellers, especially Romans, than Epaphras. He adds, that the temple of Apis is adjacent to the Hephaesteum.

In high office, although the two expressions might very often be used indifferently, on the common principle, "Qui facit per alterum facit per se."
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Oracle of Latona in a fane built with huge columns.

**284**

Neîlou Τούτους μὲν ὃς χρώνος ὑστερον βασιλεὺς "Αμασίς ἔξαναστήσας ἐτέθει τε Κατοίκισε ἐς Μέμφιν,471 ἐνθαλαί ἐοιτου ποιεύοντος πρὸς Αἰγυπτίων. τούτων δὲ οἰκισθέντων ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ, οἱ ἐκλήρους ὁτοι εἰπομογραφεῖτο τα περὶ Αἴγυπτου γυναῖκα ητανατολήν ἐκ Φαμιτίχου βασιλέως ἀρξάμενοι πάντα καὶ τὰ ὑστεραν ἐπιστράτευσαν ἄρτεκέως" πρῶτοι ἐγρ. οὗτοι ἐν Αἴγυπτῳ ἀλλόγλωσσοι κατοικίσθησαν472. ἦν τε ὡς εἰς αὐτοὺς ἐφαρμοζότας ἐν τῷ ἐποτο μέχρι ἐμεύ ἡσαν. Φαμιτίχος μὲν τοιν νῦν οὕτω ἐσχε τὴν Αἴγυπτον. 

Τοῦ δὲ χρηστήριου τοῦ ἐν Αἴγυπτῳ473 πολλὰ ἐπεμνησθην ἡγη, καὶ δὲ λόγον περὶ αὐτοῦ ὡς ἀξίαν ἐφαρμοζόμενον τό γὰρ χρηστήριον τοῦτο τὸ ἐν Αἴγυπτῳ ἐστὶ μεν Αἰγυπτίων ἵπυ, ἐν τόλι δὲ

be regarded in the light of *fauxbourges*, appropriated to different communities as a habitation, like the Jews' quarter, the Armenian quarter, &c. in a modern Turkish city. Whatever their origin, they would no doubt in the sequel be chiefly tenanted by traders, and hence, when the commerce of Egypt was transferred to another emporium (as was the case under Amasis), the first occupied locality would soon be deserted. For the description of the site of Bubastis, see above, § 138, and note 481, below; and for traces of the same name in a locality similarly situated, note 583 on i. 174. In the river Nile there were islands called by the names of Epheus, Chios, Lesbos, Cyprus, Samos, and other Hellenic names (Hecataeus op. Steph. Byzant. v. "Εφεσός), a decisive evidence of the commercial intercourse which existed in early times between Egypt and the trading communities of the Aegean.

471 κατοίκισε ἐς Μέμφιν. Probably the site was that which in the time of Strabo was called Babylon, a strong fort connected with the Nile by a mole. He mentions the view of the pyramids on the opposite side of the river obtained from it. According to the account he received, it was a settlement extorted from the kings of Egypt by some Babylonians who had revolted, under what circumstances, or at what time, he does not say. Diodorus makes the rebels captives from Babylon in Mesopotamia, brought by Sesostris to Egypt, and exasperated to sedition by the hard task-work in which he employed them. On the other hand Ctesias, who followed Medo-Persian traditions, called these Babylonians a colony left in Egypt by Semiramis when she invaded it (ap. Diodor. i. 56). Diodorus adds the sensible remark: περὶ τούτων τὸ μὲν ἄλλης ἔδεισα μετὰ ἀμφεθείας οὐ βάθον,—a maxim which deserves more respect than it has obtained. Babylon was the station of a Roman legion in the time of Strabo (xvii. c. 1, p. 447). Wilkinson (Modern Egyptians, p. 274) identifies its site with a portion of Old Cairo, but raises an imaginary difficulty in misunderstanding the expression by which Strabo describes the fort.

472 πρῶτοι γὰρ οὕτω... ἀλλόγλωσσοι κατοικίσθησαν. No doubt they were the first through whom the Hellenic race were brought into contact with Egypt. But from the time of Solomon (1 Kings ix. 15—23) it seems scarce doubtful but that there must have been much commercial intercourse with Egypt, probably accompanied with settlements there. The example of Jeroboam (1 Kings xi. 40) can hardly have been solitary. The state of things prophetically described by Isaiah xix. 18—25 is illustrated by Jeremiah xlv. and Ezekiel xxix. xxx., from which it is plain that several important cities of Egypt were full of Jews. See too the notice of the Tyrian settlement, § 112, above.

473 τοῦ χρηστήριον τοῦ ἐν Αἴγυπτῳ. The expression by itself would suggest that in the apprehension of the writer there was no other oracle in Egypt. See notes 154 and 213, above.

474 πολλὰ ἐπεμνησθην. See above, §§ 63, 133, 152.
The words έν δεξίᾳ would seem to have fallen out of the text. The city was on the western bank of the Sebennytic mouth of the Nile.

The manuscripts S and V have καλ μήκος; but there is no important variation in any part of the passage, although it is difficult not to suppose some corruption. τού-τοις must mean ὃδει καὶ μήκει, and έκαστος refers to the same. It seems not necessary to regard the temple as in the view of the writer a dilith structure. His words are compatible with the meaning that each side of it was a single stone of forty cubits square, and that the four were surmounted by another single block which overhung each side by four cubits. It is impossible, however, to conceive how even such masses could have been placed in position: and it is easier, so far as concerns the mechanical difficulty, to imagine the edifice really hewn out of a monolith block found on the spot. The efforts of the orientals in this kind were indeed stupendous. In the ruins of Balbec there are said to be "two stones in position, the fellow to which lies in the quarries about a mile distant, estimated to weigh from 1500 to 1900 tons. It is 68 feet 2 inches long, 15 feet deep, and 18 feet broad, and it has all the holes where the masons' clamps were fixed that lifted it." (Letter to the Evening Mail, Aug. 14, 1851.) The Balbec block would contain 18,405 cubic feet; but the top stone in the text, if it be supposed only one cubit thick, would contain more than four times as much material.

This appears to be the portion of the roof standing out over the edge of the wall,—the coping. It is explained by Julius Pollux as τὸ μεταξὺ τοῦ ὀρθοῦ καὶ τοῦ στέγους. It has, however, been understood differently,—as the cornice, or the whole of the entablature above the bed of the architrave,—which in Egyptian buildings is found to occupy a ninth or tenth part of the whole height of the wall. This explanation, however, although perhaps it may accord with what Herodotus was told, does not seem to accord with the impression he received.

He cateœus described this island under the name Chebhis. (Nepb. Byz. sub v.) For the city of the same name see above, § 91. The peculiar feature of palm-trees growing appears in the description of both places. Hence we may perhaps infer that a "grove" was essential to the religious ritual in both.
HEERODOTUS

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Psammitichus reigns fifty-three years, during twenty-nine of which he is blockading Azo-
tus.

Psammitichus, de εβασιλευσε Αλγύπτου τέσσερα και πεντήκοντα έτεα; των τα ἑνός δέουσα τρίκοντα, "Αξωτον 473, τῆς Συρίας μεγά-
λην πόλιν, προσκατήμενος ἐπολιορκεί, ἐς τὸ ἔξειλε. αὕτη δὲ ἡ 'Αξωτος ἁπασέων πολίων ἐπὶ πλείστων χρόνων πολιορκευμένη ἀντέχει τῶν ἡμεῖς ὠδέων.

Ψαμμίτιχος δὲ Νεκὼς παῖς ἐγένετο, καὶ εβασιλεύσε Αλγύπτου ὅς τῇ διώρυχη ἐπεχείρησε πρῶτος τῇ ἐς τὴν 'Ερυθρήν θάλασσαν

478 "Ἀρτέμις δὲ Βούβαστις. The Artemis with which the Egyptian deity was identical was not the huntress-goddess; so that Juvenal could in strict truth make the point he does with reference to the religions of Egypt: "Oppida tota canem venerantur, demo Dianam." The Artemis-Bubastis was more analogous to the Ephesian Artemis, a deity nearly connected with Aphrodite Urania. See notes 587 and 588 on i. 174, and § 60, above.

479 "Αξωτον. This city (Ashdod) was a member of the Philistine Pentapolis; and it is observable, that the only other incident recorded of Psammitichus's long reign, of which the source is not obvi-
ously the Hephsestion at Memphis, is one apparently derived from the Aphrodite temple at Ascalon, another member of the same confederacy. See note 366 on i. 105. The expression of Jeremiah (xxv. 20 = xxxii. 6, LXX), where "the remnant of Ashdod" is coupled with Ascalon, Gaza, and Ekron, probably has reference to the diminution of population resulting from this siege and capture. The numbers would perhaps be replenished from Egypt, and possibly the practice of circumcision (which certainly existed in later times) then introduced. See note 294 on § 104, above.
φερούσα, τὴν Δαρείος ὁ Πέρσης δεύτερα διώρυξε· τῆς μῆκος μὲν ἐστὶ πλοῦς ἡμέρας, εὔρος δὲ ὄρυξθή ὦστε τριήρεις ὄνομα ἕλαστρυμενας. ἦκται δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ Νείλου τὸ ὕδωρ ἐστὶν ἢ κατάπλυμε ἄλγους Βουβάστιοι πόλιοι, παρὰ Πάτουμον τὴν Ἀραβίαν πόλιν ἐσέχει δὲ ἐς τὴν Ἐρυθρὴν θάλασσαν, ὦρυκται δὲ πρῶτον μὲν τοῦ πεδίου τοῦ Αἰγυπτίου τὰ πρὸς Ἀραβίαν ἔχοντα· ἑχεται δὲ κατάπλυμε τοῦ πεδίου τὸ κατὰ Μέμφιν τεῖνον ὄρος, ἐν τῷ αἱ λιθοτομίαι ἔναι. τοῦ ὄνω δὴ ὄφρος τουτοῦ παρὰ τὴν ὑπωρέην ἦκται ἡ διώρυξ ἀπ' ἐστέρης μακρὶ πρὸς τὴν ἴδον καὶ ἑπειτὰ τεῖνε ἐς διασφάγας φερούσας ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄφρους

480 τριήρεις. It is not to be supposed that Psammitichus made the canal for tirisremes, but that the informant of Herodotus adopted this mode of giving him a notion of its breadth. Compare i. 179: τετρίθυρα πέρικεραυνων.

481 κατάπλυμε ἄλγων Βουβάστιοι πόλιοι. The site of the city Bubastis is the modern Tel Basta (lat. 30° 36' according to Wilkinson), which stands, as in the days of Herodotus, on the side of a lake. The Pelusiac branch of the river, however, which then ran into this, is now filled up. Basta is, according to Rennell, about 48 geographical miles to the N.W. of Suez, which again is in the same parallel of latitude as Cairo. The hill which closes in the valley of the Nile at Memphis, forms a kind of arc, of which the two extremities are in the vicinity of Cairo and of Suez, while the vertex runs as far north as Bilbeys, which is about 17 miles s.w. of Basta. Rennell conceives that the canal of Neco passed through this place, and was then carried along the edge of the brow, in an easterly direction, for some time, until the line of the hill turns rapidly southwards and approaches the gorge of which Herodotus presently speaks. From Bilbeys to Suez would be about 30 miles; so that the length of the canal would be about 47 geographical miles. Supposing the barges upon it propelled by men towling, the distance given by Herodotus would not be unreasonable, especially if we suppose him to mean that vessels clearing out from Bubastis on one day got into the port at Suez on the fourth. Pliny makes the distance 62 Roman miles, which is even less.

482 παρὰ Πάτουμον. This city is the Pithom of Exodus i. 11, where the first syllable is considered to be the Coptic article, as in piromanis.

483 ἐσέχει δὲ ἐς τὴν Ἐρυθρὴν θάλασσαν. Herodotus repeats this assertion in iv. 39 incidentally; but, from the way in which he speaks of the geography of the region elsewhere (see note 28 on ii. 8), it is scarcely possible to conceive that he ever saw the entrance. He perhaps is following the account of a Bubastian cicerone, and possibly mistaking his phraseology. See note 409 on ii. 138.

484 ἐν τῷ αἱ λιθοτομίαι ἔναι. The quarries from whence the stone for the Gizeh pyramids was brought. See ii. 8.

485 φερούσας. This is the reading of the majority of the MSS. Gaisford (with some) has φέρουσα, which makes the statement of the entrance of the canal into the head of the Arabian gulf more positive than it otherwise would be in the text. The gorge (διασφάγας) is probably what Pococke describes as "a sort of fosse that is thought to be the canal of Trajan," through which part of the road from Ajeroud to Suez runs. Niebuhr remarked the same appearance, but doubted whether it was a part of a canal or the bed of a torrent. Pococke also, together with Niebuhr and Volney, describe the ground for some five miles to the N. of Suez as appearing to be the deserted bed of the sea, or rather that bed filled up with sand to a height above the ordinary level of the sea; and the first speaks of "the high ground with broken cliffs looking very much like such an alteration" (ap. Rennell, Geogr. of Herod. p. 474).

From this description of the site it seems very unlikely that, if the canal were completed into the Arabian gulf, it remained many years without being choked up.
but desists from his enterprise,

159 builds ships on both seas, defeats the Syrians in Magdolus, and takes Kadytis.

And it is remarkable that while Herodotus represents Darius as cutting through the whole (iv. 39), Diodorus and Strabo (or their common authority, who was perhaps Aristotle) relate him to have been deterred by the notion that the level of the Red Sea was higher than that of the Nile, and the feat to have been performed by Ptolemy Philadelphia; whereas Pliney (vi. 29, init.) asserts that the work was not carried out even by Ptolemy. Some authorities, among which is the Aristotelian Meteorologica, attributed the beginning of the canal to Sesostris. See note 285 on § 102. 456 τὴν αὐτὴν ταύτην. See note on § 56, above.

457 ἀπαρτί. This word, which exists in none of the MSS, is recovered by a quotation from the Scholiast on Aristophanes, Plut. 388.

458 πολλὰ μακροτέρα. The canal itself can never have been so long as 1000 stades; but the whole course of the navigation by the canal from sea to sea would have been; and this is perhaps the foundation of the statement of Herodotus.

459 ἀπὸλυτον δυσδέκα μιριάδες. Voltaire states that the building of Petersburg by the Czar in 1714 cost the lives of more than a hundred thousand men. The foundations of the city were laid in a marsh, and labourers were pressed from every portion of his dominions (op. Grote, History of Greece, iii. p. 423). 460 βαρβάρως... ὤμογλώσσως. This must either be an instance of adaptation, meaning that the Egyptians had a word co-extensive in application to the Hellenic βάρβαρος (see note 523 on § 171, below, and note 471 on i. 139), or else "the Egyptians" are the naturalized foreigners resident in that country.

461 τῶν ἐπὶ οἱ ἀλλοι ἐπιδήλοι. See note 285 on § 102, above.

462 Μαγδόλος. This town stood very near Pelusium on the coast-road which led into Egypt from Syro-Phoenicia. From the disposition to identify the battle here mentioned with that related in 2 Kings xxiii. 29, it has been supposed that Magdolus is the Megiddo of that passage, and that Kadytis is Jerusalem. But see note 13 on iii. 5. No doubt there is some difficulty in understanding how the Syrians should penetrate so far as the Pelusiac Magdolus, and their defeat there entail as an immediate consequence the capture of Kadytis. But it is possible that the war commenced by an invasion of Egypt in great force, when, if the intruders were defeated, they would probably be annihilated from the want of water in their retreat (see iii. 5). In this case the conqueror, especially if he still
πόλιν τῆς Συρίας ἐόσαν μεγάλην εἶλεν τῇ δὲ ἐσθήτι ἐτυχὲ ταῦτα κατεργασάμενος ἀνέθηκε τῷ Ἀπόλλωνι, πέμψας εἰς Βραγχίδας τὰς Μιλησίων 493. μετὰ δὲ, ἐκκαίδεκα ἔτεα τὰ πάντα ἄρξας τελευτᾷ, τῷ παίδι Ψάμμι παραδόθη τὴν ἀρχὴν.

'Επὶ τούτον δὴ τῶν Ψάμμων 494 Βασιλεύσατο Αἰγύπτων ἀπίκοντο Ἡλείων ἄνδρες ἀγμαῖοι, αὐχέωντες δικαιότατα καὶ κάλλιστα τιθέναι τὸν ἐν Ολυμπίᾳ ἄγωνα πάντων ἀνθρώπων, καὶ δοκέωντες παρὰ ταῦτα ὑπὸ αὐν τοὺς σοφοτάτους ὑνθρώπων Αἰγυπτίων οὐδέν ἐπεξερεύειν ὡς δὲ ἀπικόμενοι ἐς τὴν Αἰγύπτων οἱ Ἡλείοι ἐλεγον τῶν εἰνεκα ἀπίκωντο, ἐνθαύτα ὁ βασιλεὺς υὸςς συνικαλέται Αἰγυπτίων τῶν λεγομένων εἶναι σοφοτάτους. συνεκθόντες δὲ οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι, ἐπιστεφάνων τῶν Ἡλείων λεγόμενον ἀπάντα τὰ κατήκει σφέας ποιεῖν περὶ τῶν ἄγωνα ἀπηγηγάμενοι δὲ τά πάντα, ἔφασαν ἢκεν ἐπιμαθησάμενοι εἰ τι ἔχοιν Αἰγύπτων τουτῶν δικαιότερον ἐπεξερεύειν; οἱ δὲ βουλευσάμενοι, ἐπειρότων τοὺς Ἡλείους εἰ σφι οἱ πολιταί ἐναγωγεῖτονται; οἱ δὲ ἔφασαν καὶ σφάων καὶ τὸν ἄλλον Ἐλλήνων ὁμοίως τῷ βουλομένῳ ἐξεῖναι ἀγωνίζεθαι. οἱ δὲ Αἰγύπτιοι ἔφασαν σφέας οὕτω τιθέντας παντὸς τοῦ δικαίου ἡμαρτηκέναι: οὐδεμίαν γὰρ εἶναι μηχανήν ὥς τοῦ ἀστροφ ἀγωνιζομένῳ προσβῆσονται, αὐδικέοντες τὸν ἐξείνον ἄλλ' εἰ δὴ βουλοῦνται δικαίως τιθέναι, καὶ τούτων εἰνεκα ἀπικόμενο ἐς Αἰγύπτων, ἐξίνονται ἀγωνιστησὶ ἐκέλευον τῶν ἄγωνα τιθέναι, Ἡλείων δὲ μηδεὶν εἶναι ἀγωνίζεθαι. ταῦτα μὲν Αἰγύπτιοι Ἡλείοι ὑπεθήκαντο.

Ψάμμιος δὲ εἰ ἔται μοῦνον βασιλεύσαντος Αἰγύπτων, καὶ στρα-

held Azotus (see above, § 157), would be able vigorously to pursue his success, and push on rapidly to the north,—perhaps even as far as Damascus,—without meeting any serious check. 493 ἐς Βραγχίδας τὰς Μιλησίων. See note 528 on i. 157.

494 ἐπὶ τούτων δὲ τῶν Ψάμμων. The anecdote which follows is referred by Diodorus (i. 95) to the time of Amasis. Plutarch (Quast. Platon. § 2, p. 1000) gives the Egyptian remark as a saying of σφών τις. The substantial part of the story is the principle contained in the saying, and it is not strange that there should be a variation in the dramatis persona. See note 116 on i. 32, and note 519 on i. 155. The reputation of the Eleans for impartiality gave occasion to one of the sayings of Agis, reported by Plutarch (Apophthegm. Reg. p. 190). See note 477 on i. 141. That Eleans should come to Egypt is in itself by no means an improbability; but not specially for the purpose of comparing their σόφα with that of the Egyptians. The yellow flax which they grew (byssus), and which was consumed largely in Egypt, especially when circumstances, such as a war with Tyre, checked the importation of that from Palestine, would give rise to commercial intercourse between the two countries. See note 219, b, on § 86, above, and note 554 on § 182, below.
The Egyptians revolt from him after the last-named expedition.

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Amasis, whom he sends to quell the revolt, becomes leader of the rebels.

The last-named commander, from whom Apries makes war on Sidon, Tyre, and Cyrene, in the course of a twenty years' reign.

HOMER

"The Egyptians revolt from him after the last-named expedition."

This is the Hophra of Jeremiah xxxvii. 8 and 11. Manetho calls him Ophiros, where the letter U is the equivalent of the aspirate.

\[\text{Herodotus} \quad \text{\textsuperscript{495}}\]

This well-known Greek idiom, in which the subject of the adjective is not regarded as one of the class of instances with which it is compared, is imitated by Milton (Par. Lost, iv. 323):

"Adam, the goodliest man of men since born
His sons,—the fairest of her daughters Eve."

An analogous idiom caused the expression in Luc. Evangel. xxiii. 32: ήγοντο δε και έτεροι δύο κακούργησαν αυτόν αναφερθέντα.

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ékéleve 'Aptríh ápýnein ómos de autóv áxiouv tôn Patárβhμn, 
basiléos metapempoménoi, iénai próς autón tôn de autò ὑπo-
kripásai, ós "taúta pálai parakakénæteto poiéen, kai autòv ou 
mémpesbdai 499 'Aptríh paráesdšvai ἡρ καὶ autós kai állov kai 
áxein" tôn de Patárβhμn ek te tev legeoménoi Ínκ ãgronev tivn 
 diávouna, kai paráskevakúmenou órēonta stpouë náptiènai, bouló-
mevn tôn tivn tachísthνn basilei díllwvai tâ prhσsómevaν: ós de 
áptkèšvai autón prós tôn 'Aptríh Ínκ ἁγνtta tòi 'Amasw, 
oûdena lógon autòv 500 dûnta allá peridúmωs ἔχουvta, peritaméwv 
proustázvai autóv tâ te òcta kai tivn ρίνξα ἔδόμενοi d' oi loupòl 
tovn Aïgýpotiôv, Ínκ esti tâ ekéiniw ãfrōnevou, ándra tòv dokimásttovn 
etwont Ínκ ouvòs aiχξhòs lǔmıy diakieimewn, oûdēnà xhpòs épι-
schóntes àpistståvto pròs tòuς étéròs, kai éxìdošan sýfèa autòv 
'Amáw. Puvómevnos de kai taúta Í 'Aptríh, ãpìlìxe tòvns épti-
kounvnoi kai ἡlaiwv évì tòvns Aïgýpotiôv: éixe de peri éwontòv 
Kárás te kai 'Iwvns ándrap éptiokúrovs trõsmuriónv· 501. Ìν de Íe 
tà básihìa en Σái póli 502, megalà ãvnta kai áξìoθèta. kai Íe te 
peri tòi 'Aptríh évì tòvns Aïgýpotsiôv Ìςsaw, kai Íe peri tòv 
'Amasw évì tòvns Æxíwv. ἐν te Íe Mwme̺μφi 503 póli ãgèvnto 
âmfōterov 504 kai pereiθèesbdai ëmeλλwv ãllìwv.

499 μέμφεσθαι. Gaisford with the MSS 
has μέμφασθαι.

500 ἀυτῷ. The conjectural emendation 
ἔνωτα has been proposed, but without 
necessity.

501 προσμύρον. The manuscript M 
omits this word, but it exists in all the 
rest. In the parallel narrative of Diono-
rus (i. 63) the auxiliaries are said to be 
ὡς προσμύρον, and it is not impossible 
that the number may have been intro-
duced into the MSS of Herodotus from 
the one.

502 en Σái póli. The city Sais 
was situated inland, two scholai removed from 
Naukratis, which was on the eastern 
bank of the Bolbitine branch of the Nile. 
(See Strabo, xvii. p. 442.) Herodotus was 
at Sais (see ii. 28. 170), and doubtless 
derived his account of the fate of Apries 
from the graumasthòs there. The pro-
ximitv of Naukratis to Sais would account 
for the ready availability of the Carian 
and Ionian force. Indeed, by the phrase 
ὦ πλιζε τούς ἐπίκουρος, one might be 
led to suspect that Apries in his distress 
resorted to the expedient of throwing 
himself upon the commercial population 
resident in Naucratis, just as an Oriental 
prince might take refuge in a British 
factory. Of course the native traditions 
would give a very different colour to such 
a proceeding. By the way in which these 
Ionians and Carians are mentioned one 
can hardly believe that the narrator in-
tended to represent them as the same he 
had spoken of before (§ 154). It is more 
reasonable to suppose that he is here fol-
lowing a Saitian than a Memphitic author-
ity.

503 Μωμέμφι. Strabo describes the 
city Monemphis as being on the right 
bank to a person sailing up the Bolbitine 
branch of the Nile towards the head of 
the Delta. He places it above the canals 
which connected the river with the lake 
Marcotis and below the salt lakes. Aphro-
dite was the tutelary deity of the city, and 
a sacred cow was preserved there, like the 
sacred bull Apis in Memphis, or Mnevis
"Esti de Aigniption estt' gennai kai touton omu mën irées, omou de máximos, kekleiatai, omou de voukólo, omou de syvóstai, omou de kúptelo, omou de érimiés, omou de kuvberiýta.505. gennai mên Aigniption tssavta estt, óúnmata omou de sphi kēstai apò toun tsekvoi. omou de máximo autovn kaléonti mên Kalasiries te kai 'Ermotúbies,506. eke nomon de tônund eis; kata 'hár dè nomou Aigniptos úpasta díaraírtetai. 'Ermotúbies mên oûde eisai nomou Bouvrístis, Saúris, Xermístis, Patrìmístis, výsos Í Proustotítes kaleomén, Naôto to ëmuvo. eke mên toutoun tov nomoun 'Ermotúbies eisi, gevnómei, òte èpi pléi-stous gevoiato, ékkaideka muviades kai toutovn baunavístis oudeis dedáke oudeî, all' ánóontai507. eis to máximos. Kalasirion de oûde allaí nomo eisi 'Thébádòs, Bouvbastístis, 'Aphúntis, Tacúntis, Mevndísiou, Sèbenvístis, 'Akríbíntis,508. Farkávúntis, Ïmounítis, 'Ovonúntis, 'Anvúntis, Mekóforístis' oútos o nomos en néso oikéi509. avtnou Bouvbástis tovdo. oútou de o nomoi Kalasir-}

in Heliopolis (xvìi. c. 1. p. 441). For its probable site see note 263, above.504. égenneto ámpoteroi. It was very natural that the remnant of the armý which returned from Cyrcue should be on the western bank of the river. The track along the coast would take them to the shore of the Mareotic lake, the s.w. bank of which they would traverse on their way towards Sais, care being no doubt taken, when the report of their mutiny arrived, to deprive them of the means of passing by water. Apries on the other hand, by holding Naucratis, would have a large command of vessels, and thus might cross the river (as he did) when he felt himself sufficiently strong.563. kuvberiýta. By these we must understand not the pilots of sea-going vessels, but the navigators of such craft as those described above, § 96, by whom probably the whole internal traffic of Egypt was conducted, foreign bottoms discharging their cargoes at Naucratis. See § 179. It is remarkable that in the enumeration of castes artificers are not named,—certainly an important class, as they manufactured the papyrus-stem into sail-cloth (ii. 96), and the flux into fine linen (iii. 47). (See Isaiah xix. 7, 9; Ezekiel xxxvii. 7; 2 Chron. i. 16.) Possibly they are not named because the Hellenic traders may have had only to do with the middle-men (kástelo).506. Kalasiries te kai 'Ermotúbies. These words are interpreted by Jablon-}

sky as being equivalent to "youths" and "warriors." If so, we should perhaps be near the truth in regarding the division as one involving liability to, or exemption from, foreign service and having reference to the age of the soldiers. The name of "warrior" may have been confined to the veteran campaigners.507. ánóontai. This anomalous form is the reading of the MSS. Bekker has adopted the conjecture ánóontai.508. 'Aphúntis. See note 121 on § 41, above.509. oútou o nomos en néso oikéi. The use of the phrase nomos oikéi is paralleled by névo, al vaioouo perimí akis 'Haidos ënta (Iliad ii. 626), and to a certain extent by the address to Salamin in So- phocles:

(See 596.)

Zenoëdotos, however, altered the Homeric verse to Néfinou, o vaioou. The expres-

sions pálaios ev vaioetoías (Iliad ii. 648) and vaioéndou plhles ëpíxhoiouv ëpírou-

nwn (Iliad iv. 45) serve to show the train of thought which led to the phrase in the text.
Contempt for handicrafts in Hellas as well as in Egypt.

Land appropriated to the military.

Exemptions of the guards.

...
At last the Egyptians strangle him, and bury him in the temple of Athene.
scribed in the text seems to be something like the so-called "arch of Janus" at Rome, only with two instead of four doors. These may be conceived as opposite to each other, and forming respectively the termination of two limbs of a colonnade. If the size of the building was very small as compared with these, the parts, the tomb which it contained might be termed "within the doors."

329 ἐπὶ τοιούτῳ πρόγματι. See note 333 on § 132.

329 παντὸς τοῦ τῆς Ἀθηναίης ἐχώμενα τοῦχον, "joining on with the whole extent of the wall of Athens." There was a similar association of the fame of Paudios with the temple of Athene Polias at Athens. See the note on v. 77: ἄφιν δὲ τοῦ μεγάρου τοῦ πρὸς ἐσπέρην τετραμένου.

351 ἡ προσφεύση καλοευμη. CALIMACHUS (Del. 261) calls this προσφέγγος. 353 τὰ δεῖκηλα τῶν παθῶν αὐτῶν, "the exhibition of his woes,"—a ritual of a scenic description, like that of Dionysus and the Cretan Zeus. See note 75 on i. 23. The expression δεῖκηλα is perhaps Lacedemonian. They gave the name δείκηλα to certain pantomimic performers. (ATHENÆUS, xiv. p. 621.)

170 In the same temple is another sepulchre [probably of Osiris] with obelisks and a circular pool in the precinct.

171 Amasis, become king, obtained the
Habits of Amasis.

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His answer to his friends who rebuked him for want of dignity.

μοίρη μεγάλη ἦ γον, ἀτε δὴ δημότην τὸ πρὶν ἐστεν καὶ οίκείς οὐκ ἐπισφαεῖς: μετὰ δὲ, σοφίς αὐτοὺς ὁ Ἀμασίς οὐκ ἀγνωμοσύνη προσηγάγετο. 527 ἦν οἱ ἄλλα τε ἀγαθὰ μυρίᾳ, ἐν δὲ καὶ πολλαπλὴρ χρύσεως ἐν τῷ αὐτός τε ὁ Ἀμασίς καὶ οἱ διατυπώνει οἱ πᾶντες τῶν πόδας ἐκάστοτε ἐναπευξαντό τοὺς κατ’ ὅν κόψας, ἀγαλμα δαιμόνιος εὐς οὔτοι ἐποιήσαν τοι δύστοις πάντως οὕν ἐπιτη- δεώτατον οἱ δὲ Ἀλκυπτίου φωτεύετε πρὸς τὸ γαλαμα, ἐσάξωντο μεγάλως μαθῶν δὲ ὁ Ἀμασίς τὸ ἐκ τῶν ἀστῶν ποιεῦμεν, συν- καλέσας Ἀλκυπτίους ἐξέφημε φᾶς ὁ τὸ πολλαπλῆς τόγαλμα γεγονεῖν, ἐκ τῶν πρότερον μὲν τῶν Ἀλκυπτίους ἐνεμεῖν τε καὶ ἐνοφρέειν καὶ πόδας ἐναπονίζεσθαι, τότε δὲ μεγάλως σέβεσθαι: ἢδη ὁν, ἐφε λέγω, ὁμοίωσι αὐτῶς τὸ πολλαπλῆς περιπεγείναι εἰ γὰρ πρότερον εἶναι δημότης, ἀλλ’ ἐν τῷ παρεῦντι εἰναι αὐτῶν βασιλεύς καὶ τιμῶν τε καὶ προμηθέεσθαι ἐσωτό καθέηνε. τοιοῦτο μὲν τρόπῳ προσηγαγέτο τούς Ἀλκυπτίους, ὡστε δικαιοῦν δουλεύειν, ἔχρατο δὲ καταστάτες προγραμάτων τοῦτο τὸ μὲν ὀρθρίων, μέχρι ὅτου 529 πληθώρης ἀγορῆς, προθύμῳ ἐπρησε τὰ προσφερόμενα πρίγγαμα: τὸ δὲ ἀπὸ τούτου ἐπικεῖτε τε καὶ κατ- ἐςκώπτε τοὺς συμπότας, καὶ ήν ματαίως τε καὶ παγυνημῶν ἀχθοθέντες δὲ τούτους οἱ φίλοι αὐτοῦ 530 ἐνοπίθευον αὐτῶν, τοιάδε λέγοντες: “ὁ βασιλεύς, οὐκ ὀρθὸς σωτοῦ πρόεστηκας, εἰς τὸ ἀγαν δαίλου προϊγάν σωτόν, σὲ γὰρ χρήν ἐν θρόνῳ σεμνῷ σεμνῶν θυ- κέωντα, δ’ ἡμέρας πρήσεσαν τὰ πρίγγαμα: καὶ οὕτω Ἀλκυπτίοι τ’ ἄν επιστίατο ὡς ὑπ’ ἄνδρος μεγαλύν ἀρχοντα καὶ ἀμείνους ὑν ἡκουσκ- νιν δὲ ποιεῖς ὀδύμῳ βασιλικα.” ὁ δ’ ἄμειβετο τοιαύτες αὐτοῦ τ’ ἄν τὰ τόξα οἱ κεκτημένοι, ἐπεάν μὲν δεύοντο χρῆσθαι ἐνταῦθα, [ἐπεάν δὲ χρῆσονται, ἰκλύονται 531]: εἰ γὰρ δὴ τῶν πάντας χρόνον ἐντεταμένα εἶσθ’ ἐκραγεί ἄν, ὡστε εἰς τὸ δέον οὐκ ἄν ἔχοιεν αὐτοῦ ἐκρήσθαι, ὡστο δὴ καὶ ἀνθρώπων κατάστασις εἰ θέλοι κατεπόν- δάθαι αἰεὶ μηδὲ ἐς παγυνήν τὸ μέρος ἐσωτόν ἀνίεναι, λάθοι ἄν

527 οὐκ ἀγνωμοσύνη προσηγαγέτο. Strictly speaking, only the word σοφίς is to be taken with προσηγαγέτο. See note 190 on i. 59.
528 κατ’ ὅν κόψας. See note 116, above.
529 μέχρι ὅτου πληθώρης ἀγορῆς. See note 67, above.
530 ἀξιότευντες δὲ τούτους οἱ φίλοι αὐτοῦ. This narrative and perhaps also

the following one is referable to the class of stories of which i. 141 furnishes an example. See note 477 on that section. 531 [ἐπεάν δὲ χρῆσονται, ἰκλύονται.] These words are deficient in the manuscripts M, P, K, F, a, c, and the sense is quite perfect without them, although the antithesis is not so regular.
ητοι μανεις η ονει αποπληκτος γενόμενος τα έγω επιστάμενος, μέρος εκατέργο νέμω." ταύτα μὲν τοις φίλους ἀμείβατο. Δέγεται δὲ ὁ Ἀμασίς, καὶ ὃτε ἦν ιδιώτης, οὐς φιλοπότης ἐον καὶ φιλοσκόμων, καὶ οὐδαμός κατεπουδασμένος ἀνήρ ὅκως δὲ μιν ἐπιλείποι τίνατα τε καὶ εὐπαθέοντα τά ἐπιτίθεα, κλέπτεσκε ἄν περιών οἱ δ' ἂν μιν φάμενοι έχειν τα σφέτερα χρήματα αρνεύμενον ἄγεσκον ἐπὶ μαντήγιον, ὅκων εκάστοτε 532 εὖ. πολλὰ μὲν δὴ καὶ ἄλκακτο ἢτο τό τοιούτων μαντήματι, πολλὰ δὲ καὶ ἀποφεύγεσθε ἐπεὶ τε δὲ καὶ ἐβάσιλευσεν, ἐποίηκε τοιάδε—οὐσι μὲν αὐτῶν τῶν θεῶν ἀπέλυσαν μὴ φώρα εἰναι, τούτων μὲν τῶν ἢτον ὤυτε ἐπεμέλετο ὄυτε ἐς ἐπισκεπὴν ἐδίδου οὐδὲν οὐδὲ φοιτέων ἐκεὶ, ὥς οὐδένος έσται ἄξιοις ψευδέα τε μαντήγια κεκτημένοισιν ὅσι δὲ μιν κατέδησαν φώρα εἰνα 533, τούτων δὲ ὧς ἀληθείας θεῶν ἐστῶν καὶ ἄλφευδα μαντήγια παρεχομένων τὰ μάλιστα ἐπεμέλετο.

Καὶ τοῦτο μὲν, ἐν Σαῦ τῇ Ἀθηναίᾳ προπολίᾳ θωμασία ὁ 531 εξεποίησε, πολλὰ πάντα ὑπερβαλλόμενοι τῷ τε ύφει καὶ τῷ μεγάθει, ὦσυν τε τό μέγαθος λίθων ἐστὶ καὶ οὐκοίων τέων. 535, τοῦτο δὲ, κολοσσοὺς μεγάλους καὶ ἀνδρόσφυγας περιμέκειας ἀνέθηκε, λίθων τὰ ἄλλως ἐς ἐπισκεπὴν ὑπερφυέας τῷ μέγαθος ἐκόμισε. ἥραγετο δὲ τούτων τοὺς μὲν ἐκ τῶν κατὰ Μέμφιν ἐσυσέαν λιθομείων, τοὺς δὲ ὑπερμεγάθεας εξ 'Ἐλεφαντίνης πόλιος, πλοῦν καὶ ἐκίσσει ήμερέων ἀπεχύσης ἄπο Σάιος. τὸ δὲ οὐκ ἤκεκτα αὐτῶν ἡ ἀλλὰ μάλιστα θουμαζό, ἐστι τόδε οὐκημα μικρόλιθον ἐκόμισε εξ 'Ἐλεφαντίνης πόλιος καὶ τοῦτο ἐκόμιζον μὲν ἐπὶ ἐστέα τρία, δυσχειλοὶ δὲ οἱ προσετάχατο ἄνδρες ἀγογές, καὶ οὕτως ἀπαίνετε ἦσαν κυβερνητεῖς. τῆς δὲ στέγης ταύτης τὸ μὲν μήκος 537 εξώθεν ἐστὶ εἰς τε καὶ ἐκοσὶ πήχεες, ἐφορὶς δὲ τεσσερεσκαίδεκα, ὤψος δὲ ὀκτώ.

174 Another anecdote of him.

175 His architectural works at Sais.

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532 ἐκάστοτε. Gaisford with the majority of MSS reads ἐκάστοις. S and V have the reading in the text.

533 κατεδήσαν φώρα εἰνα. So below, iv. 68: ἢν μιν καταδήσαν εἰπορίζασθαι.

534 ο. A similar pleonastic use of this pronoun is found in vi. 68: ἀπικεφαλί δὲ τῇ μηντρί ἑυθέλες ἐς τὰς χείρας οί τῶν σπλαγχνίων κατικτέευε. 535 δῶσιν τε τῷ μέγαθος λίθων ἐστὶ καὶ οὐκοίων τέων, "of such huge stones in point of size, and such kinds of stone, do they consist."

536 κυβερνητεῖς, "boatmen." See note 505, above. The mass was floated down the river on a raft.

537 τῆς δὲ στέγης ταύτης τὸ μὲν μήκος. The dimensions given by Herodotus of this monolith would make it contain something like 6000 cubic feet of Syenite granite,—an enormous weight, when the density of the material is taken into account. But the dimensions are trifling when compared with those of the temple described above, § 155, where see note 475.
176 Among other places, Memphis is adorned by him with a supine colossal figure similar to one at Sais, and with a temple of Isis.

177 Superior fertility of Egypt under Amasis.
upon him by the returns made to the nomarch (or pasha). The indirect effect of any system of this kind would doubtless be to discourage vagrancy or idleness; but it is a mere misapprehension on the part of later writers, such as Elia, to represent it as instituted with this special object. That the principle of an assessment was the essential part of the regulation is evident from the assertion (whether true or not), 'that Solon adopted the system and that the Athenians continued to act upon it.' This could be said of nothing else. The superior productiveness of a regular tax to arbitrary imposts would readily lead to the current belief in the bad times which followed, that the country had been unusually fertile during the reign of the king who adopted such a policy.

441 ἔδωκε Ναυκρατίων πόλιν ἐνοικήσας. In the time of Strabo the prevalent local account was that Naucratis was built by the descendants of some Milesians. They were said to have come in the time of Cyaxares against Psammitichus in thirty vessels, to have entered the Bolbifine mouth of the Nile, and there fortified a place called τὸ Μιλησίων τέκχος. Afterwards they sailed up the river, defeated Inarus, and built Naucratis (xxvii. p. 439). In the latter part of this story one can hardly doubt there is a confusion with the Athenian expedition of which Thucydides speaks (i. 103), somewhat facilitated, perhaps, by the circumstance that the father of Inarus bore the name of Psammitichus. (Herod. vii. 7.) Scaliger (Animadversiones ad Enesebii Chronica, p. 74) observes on the enormous anachronism contained in Strabo's notice, but does not attempt to explain it. See an instance of similar confusion in note 213 on i. 63. For the site of Naucratis see notes 263 and 502, above.

444 Ρόδος. If this section is the genuine production of Herodotus, it is strange that this phrase should be used. Rhodes (the city) was a συνοικία from the smaller towns, first built in the time of the Peloponnesian war by Hippodamus of Miletus, the architect of the Piraeus. If it be said that the author means Rhodes (the island), it is strange that he should adopt such a mode of speech instead of enumerating the towns (as he does in i. 144, where speaking of the participants in the Triopian temple). It is also observable in the last section, that the chronological order of Solon's legislation and his travels is reversed, as compared with i. 29, 30.

544 δόσαι δὲ ἄλλαι πόλεις μεταποιεῖνται.
Naukratis was anciently the only emporium of Egypt.

Liberality of Amasis to the Delphians.

Amsis was friendly terms with Cyrene, and married a Cyrenian woman.

The manuscripts S and V have in place of these words αἱ δὲ ἄλλα πόλεις.

This section must be regarded rather in the light of a note than as a continuation of what precedes it. The 'ancient time' of which the writer speaks must be taken as ancient with reference to himself,—not with reference to Amasis,—for the practice which he describes is cited to show the honour in which Naukratis was held after it became the commercial emporium. This, in Herodotus's notion, was in the days of Amasis; but there can be little doubt that Naukratis was an emporium in very early times,—perhaps so early as to produce the different accounts of the time and particulars of its foundation, a subject of one of the lost works of Apollonius Rhodius.

The contract to rebuild the temple was taken by the Alcmæonids. See v. 62.

"The construction of this sentence is somewhat irregular; but the irregularity arises from the introduction of fresh matter into a statement originally of a general character. The liberality of Amasis towards the Greeks is the point especially in hand at the beginning of § 176, and this object is reverted to after the paragraph τὸ μὲν νῦν μεγίστον... ἐτέτικτο, which is rather of the nature of a note. But as the writer bethought him of mentioning the circumstances which led the Delphians to resort to a collection, the issue of the sentence is retarded, and the final clause goes on, coupled with what immediately precedes it by the particle δὲ, quite irrespective of the beginning of the sentence.

A στυπτήρι, Beckmann (History of Inventions, i. p. 283) says that this substance, which the ancients would use in dyeing wool and perhaps also in dressing leather, is not alun, but vitriol; the former substance being very rarely found in a native state, while the native crystals of vitriol abound in the Lipari islands and Melos, which Pliny (xxv. 19) notes as the place from which it was chiefly procured.
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νοβούλων, ἀνδρὸς τῶν ἀστῶν δοκίμων ὧν Ἀμασίς, τῇ οὖν οἶνος τῷ Λαδίκη, τῇ ἐπεὶ τε συγκλίνοιτο ὁ Ἀμασίς, μισογηθαί οὐκ οἶος τε ἐγένετο· τῆς δὲ ἄλλης γυναικείς ἔχρατον ἐπεὶ τε δὲ πολλὸν τοῦτο ἐγένετο, εἰπὲ ὁ Ἀμασίς πρὸς τὴν Λαδίκην ταύτην καλεομένην· ὁ γὰρ, κατὰ μὲν ἐφάρμαξας, καὶ ἐστὶ τοὺς οὐδεμία μηχανή μὴ οὗκ ἀπολογίζεται κάκιστα γυναικέων πασέων. ἡ δὲ Λαδίκη, ἐπεὶ τε οἱ ἄρνευμεν οὐδὲν ἐγένετο πρηπέστιος ὁ Ἀμασίς, εὐχεταί ἐν τῷ νῷ τῇ Ἀφροδίτῃ, ἣν οἱ οὐ ἐκείνη τῆς νύκτα μιχθῇ ὁ Ἀμασίς, τότε γὰρ οἱ κακοὶ εἶναι μῆχος, ἀγαλμαὶ οἱ ἀποτέμψεις ἐς Κυρήνην· μετὰ δὲ τὴν εὐχὴν αὐτίκα οἱ ἐμίχηδο ὁ Ἀμασίς, καὶ τὸ ἐνθέντεν ἦδη, ὅκωτε ἐλθοὶ πρὸς αὐτὴν, ἐμίσηντο καὶ κάρτα μιν ἐστερῆξε μετὰ τοῦτο. ἡ δὲ Λαδίκη ἀπέδωκε τὴν εὐχὴν τῇ θεῷ πονησμένη γὰρ ἀγαλμα ἀπέτεμψε ἐς Κυρήνην, τὸ ἔτη καὶ ἐς ἐμὲ ἦν σῶον, ἔσω ἱδρυμένον τοῦ Κυρηναίων ἄστεως· ταύτην τὴν Λαδίκην, ὁς ἐπεκράτησε Καμ-βύνης Αἰγύπτου καὶ ἐπέθετο αὐτής ἡ τίς εἰς, ἀπέτεμψε ἀσινέα ἐς Κυρήνην.

Ἀνέθηκε δὲ καὶ ἀναθήματα ὁ Ἀμασίς ἐς τὴν Ἑλλάδα, τοῦτο μὲν ἐς Κυρήνην ἀγαλμα ἐπὶ μεσοῦν Ἁθηναίας, καὶ εἰκόνα ἐωτοῦ γραφῆ εἰκασμένη τοῦτο δὲ τῇ ἐν Δίνῳ Ἁθηναία ἐν τῇ ἀγάλματι λίθοιν, καὶ θάρση κλίνον ἄξιοθέλητον. τοῦτο δὲ ἐς Σάμον τῇ Ἡρη εἰκόνας ἐωτοῦ δυσφαίας ἐνίθινα, αἰ ἐν τῷ νηρῷ τῷ μεγάλῳ ἱδρύατο ἐτι καὶ τὸ μέχρις ἐμεῦ, ὄπειθε τῶν θυρεῶν. ἐς μὲν νυν Σάμων ἀνέθηκε κατὰ ξενίαν τῆς ἐωτοῦ τε καὶ Πολυκράτεος τοῦ Διάκεως, ἐς δὲ Δίνου ξενίας μὲν οὐδεμίᾳ εἶνεκεν ὅτι δὲ τῇ ἱδρύατο τῷ ἐν Δίνῳ τῇ Ἡρη Ἁθηναίας λέγεται τάς τοῦ Δα¬νοῦ θυγατέρας ἱδρύασθαι προσχύσας, ὅτε ἀπεδίδησκαν τοὺς

550 ἀνδρὸς τῶν ἀστῶν δοκίμων. Both this expression and the name of the female decisively show that it was the daughter of one of the Hellenic families, and not of an aboriginal one, that Amasis married. See the note on iv. 165.

551 Λαδίκη. The manuscript S always calls this female Δαδίκη. 

552 τὸ ἔτι καὶ ἐς ἐμὲ ἦν σῶον. It is only reasonable to suppose that the traditions of the Aphrodisium at Cyrene were the source of this narrative; and there is a strong presumption that the writer was there himself. In § 96, he speaks of the Cyrenian lotus as if he had seen it growing. With regard to Ladice, the traditional character of the story is clearly shown by the circumstance that the authorities neither knew why Amasis had married her, nor who her relations were,—the statue in the temple, and the tradition attaching to it, being all the data they had to go upon. See notes 52, 83, 224, and 329 on Book I.

553 θάρση κλίνον ἄξιοθέλητον. See a description of this article, or rather of a similar one at Samos, below, iii. 47. It is rather singular that Herodotus should not here allude to the circumstance of Amasis having sent this latter present to the Lacedemonians, and to its having been intercepted by the Samians (which

leads to a votive offering at Cyrene.

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Presents of Amasis to various Hellenic temples.
was the Lacedaemonian account of the matter. Is it conceivable that he is here following the account of a Samian merchant, who omitted noticing an offering to which a story discreditable to his countrymen attached?

It was impossible that Cyprus could have been reduced without a fleet, and Egypt did not possess one of her own. The conquest, therefore, must have been made with an auxiliary force. From whence was this procured? There is no positive statement, and therefore we are left to conjecture. It seems to me scarcely doubtful that it was Hellenic, perhaps Samian, under the influence of Polycrates during the time of the alliance between Amasis and that dy nast (see iii. 39). The power of Samos is evinced by the fact of the Samians possessing a Herseum at Naucratis (§ 178, above). The close connexion of Samos with Cyrene (from whence Amasis married a wife) is also noticed by Herodotus (iv. 152). Afterwards, Amasis may have thought the Ionians and Dorians of the Hellenium offered equal or greater advantages to him, and this may have led to a jealousy on the part of Polycrates insuring in a determination to ally himself with the Persian invader (see iii. 44). The bucaniering character of Polycrates would have made him useful to Amasis in extending his conquests, but when Cyprus was reduced, a league with the Dorian towns on the Asiatic main would become even more important. Hence, perhaps, the propitiation of the Lindian Athene, and the real cause of the renunciation of the alliance with Polycrates. If it be true, as Herodotus relates (§ 161, above), that even Apries was able to engage the Tyrians at sea, it must be concluded that some Hellenic auxiliary naval force was at the command of the Egyptian king even at that time. Possibly this too may have been Samian, but before the revolution which terminated in the tyranny of Polycrates. See the note on iii. 19.
EXCURSUS ON II. 149.

The researches of modern travellers in the neighbourhood of the Lake Moeris, prove beyond all doubt that the lake itself is the work of nature, although advantage was taken of its situation to construct works of a gigantic size for the purpose of artificial irrigation. Strabo appears never for a moment to have supposed it an excavation. He rather inclines to the belief that it, as well as the neighbourhood of the temple of Ammon, at one time was reached by the sea, and he points attention particularly to the beaches existing by the side of it, resembling those on the shore of the latter.

In his time there was an entrance from the Nile just above Memphis into a canal which ran parallel to the river on its western bank. This channel—which, at least in a portion of its extent, exists at the present day under the name of the Bahr el Youssef (Joseph's River)—skirted the brow upon which the pyramids are placed, and constituted the western boundary of an island formed by the Nile and two branches of the canal. This island was either the whole or a large portion of the Heracleotic nome. From the main

1 Θαυμαστὴν δὲ καὶ τὴν λίμνην ἔχει τὴν Μοῖραν καλομέμνην πελαγίαν τῷ μεγέθει καὶ τῇ χρόσθα θαλασσοείδης καὶ τοὺς αἰγιαλοὺς δὲ ἐστὶν ὅραν ἐκκότας τοῖς θαλασσοῖς· ὅς ὑποκείεται τὰ αὐτὰ περὶ τῶν κατὰ Ἀμμονα τόπων καὶ τούτων (xvii. c. 1. p. 452). This refers to the opinion of Strato, which he had mentioned before: τάχα δὴ καὶ τὸ τοῦ Ἀρμανοῦ ἱερὸν πρότερον ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης ἤν, ἐκρύσσως γενομένης μόν ἐν τῇ μεσογαίᾳ κείσθαι (i. c. 3. p. 79).

2 Δι' ἐνὸς ρεύματος τοῦ ποταμοῦ [i.e. Νείλου] φερομένου, πλὴν ἐν μὴ ποὺ τίς ἐντρέχει νησὶς· ἄν ἀξιολογότατη ἡ τῶν Ἱρακλειστικῶν νομῶν περιήχουσα· ἡ ἐπί τοὺς ἐκτροπῆς διάφορα ἐπὶ πλέον εἰς λίμνην μεγάλην καὶ χώραν, ἡν ποτίζειν δύναται, καθάπερ ἐπὶ τῆς
channel of the Bahr el Youssouf, in about latitude 29° 13', another branch turns off to the north-west through a break in the Libyan hills, near a place called Avarat el Macta, and enters, after a course of about eight geographical miles, a mountain basin with an area of something like 400 square miles, of which about 150 towards the north-west extremity is occupied by a lake, called from its shape Birket el Keroun (Horued Sea), thirty-five or thirty-six miles long, and in the average four broad. This piece of water is the natural lake Mœris; its water is slightly brackish from the rains which wash the saline particles of the neighbouring soil into it, but not salt, for it contains fish of fresh-water species. The mountain basin is the Faioum, the Arsinoitan nome of which Strabo speaks as the most wonderful portion of Egypt, both as a sight, and for its fertility and its artificial arrangements. He remarks (a point which is especially to be observed) that with the exception of some gardens in the neighbourhood of Alexandria, it was the only site in Egypt where the olive flourished. This circumstance alone is a sufficient evidence that the irrigation must have been conducted on a different principle from that of merely allowing the waters of the river to overflow and cover the whole soil for a considerable period, after the ordinary practice of Egypt; for such a course would undoubtedly have prevented the growth of any thing but seed crops. And the existing state of the country seems to show that the arrangements which were made rested upon the principle of storing the water of the Nile at the time of the inundation in large canals at different levels within the mountain basin, the Birket el Keroun serving as a receptacle for the surplus of the whole.

In the portion of the basin which is not occupied by the Birket el Keroun two distinct levels are traceable at the present day. The upper of these, comprising a space of 140 square miles, is only six feet higher than the bottom of the Bahr el Youssouf, and about twenty-four feet lower than its surface when full (taking the level at the point where the canal enters the Faioum, which is not
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perceptibly different from its level at Medineh, a place six miles further in the direction of the lake), and it is covered with a sedimentary deposit of Nile mud from 18 to 22 feet thick. But at some short distance from Medineh the ground slopes gently to north and south, and more rapidly to the west, the surface of the lake itself being about sixty feet below the bottom of the canal, and from 130 to 170 feet below the surface of the Nile. Very near Medineh is supposed to have been the site of Arsinoë or Crocodilopolis.

If these levels are correctly given, it is quite clear, that in the system of irrigation pursued, the prime feeder must have been the diverging branch of the Bahr el Youssouf above described, reckoned from the point where it turns to the north-west to Medineh, a distance in the whole of about fourteen miles, six of which lie within the expanse of the mountain basin. This branch is at present estimated to convey one twenty-eighth portion of the water which passes in the bed of the Nile. Its mean depth is 30 feet and its breadth 160. Just as it enters the basin, it probably discharged a portion of its water into another canal on a lower level, also still traceable. This second canal, which goes by the name of Bahr bela ma (Waterless River), it being now mainly dry, starts in a northerly direction, and conducts, by a circuitous route of several miles, to the north-east extremity of the Birket el Keroun. Throughout its course there are said still to exist traces of ancient dams and sluices; and as its breadth is nearly 300 feet, and its depth 21, it must have been capable of holding a very large quantity of water.

Another nullah, similar to the Bahr bela ma, and varying from 600 to 1200 feet in breadth, is traceable in a north-westerly direction from a point ten miles to the south-west of Awarat el Macta, and joining the Birket el Keroun by a small channel, at a point where the sides are rocky, after a course of fourteen or fifteen miles. It goes by the name of Bahr el Wadi (the River of the Plain). Unfortunately, its precise level is not given; but it is obvious from the description, that it is lower than the Bahr el Youssouf, and higher than the Birket el Keroun. That it belonged to the arrangements for irrigation appears from the fact, that Wilkinson discovered its bottom to be cut in the limestone rock at a place where the breadth was 673 feet 4.

4 This is given on the authority of the Chevalier Bunsen. The levels and positions VOL. 1.
Various other traces of channels are described as existing in this singular region; but the above-mentioned are sufficient to explain the principle which prevailed in the irrigation.

It being perfectly clear that the water could never have returned from the Birket el Keroun, or indeed from any portion of the works back into the Nile, the real problem is to explain how what really took place can have been so regarded as to give rise to the descriptions of Herodotus and Strabo.

Now Strabo appears to have regarded the Bahr bela ma and Bahr el Wadi as two branches of one and the same canal, by the former of which the water was conveyed to the Birket el Keroun at the time of the inundation, while to the other it was supplied from that lake while the waters were falling (ἐν τῷ ἄποβάσει). In this definition of the time his main error lies. The Bahr el Wadi, if originally a reservoir for irrigating the lowest portion of the plain (as its name seems to suggest), would not impossibly be filled from the lake when this had risen beyond a few feet. As soon as the rising of the waters had ceased the sluices would be shut, and the water remain stored in a broad but not deep canal, having no doubt many small branches, —as was the case also with the Bahr bela ma, and the main stem of the δωρονξ running up to Medineh. The only remaining difficulty in Strabo's description is the connexion which he implies between the Bahr el Wadi and the δωρονξ. But this is a very slight one. We must conceive him standing at Arsinoë (Medineh), by the side of the pool, where he gives the graphic description of his seeing the sacred crocodile fed, which was probably the head of the δωρονξ. His host would point out to him the Bahr bela ma stretching away to the N.N.E. and tell him that it entered the lake some fifteen or sixteen

laid down in this note are taken from the essay on the Lake Moeris contained in his work Αἰγυπτικὴ Στέλλη in der Weltgeschichte, vol. ii. pp. 209—232. The modern authorities on which he rests are Linant de Bellefonds, in a memoir read at the Egyptian Society in Cairo on the 6th of July, 1842; Jomard, Mémoire sur le Lac Moeris; and personal communications to himself from Perring and Wilkinson.

5 xvii. c. i. p. 454, ἡ δ' οὖν Νοηρὸς λίμνη διὰ τὸ μέγεθος καὶ τὸ βάθος ἱκανή ἐστι κατὰ τὸ τὰς ἀναβάσεις τὴν πλημμύρα φέρειν καὶ μὴ ἀπερπαλάξει εἰς τὰ οἰκομένα καὶ πεφυτευμένα, εἰτα ἐν τῇ ἄποβάσει τὸ πλεονάζον ἀποδοῦσα τῇ αὐτῇ διώργυ θάτερον τῶν στομάτων ἐχειν ὑπολειπόμενον τὸ χρῆσιν τρόσ τὰς ἐποχετείας καὶ οὕτω καὶ ἡ διώργυ, ταῦτα μὲν φυσικὰ ἐπίκειται δὲ τοῖς στόμασιν ἀμφιτεροῖς τῆς διώργυος κλείδα, οἷς ταμιεύοντοι οἱ ἀρχιτέκτονες τὸ τὲ εἰσπέρω ὕδωρ καὶ τὸ εἰκρέων.

6 xvii. c. i. p. 455.
miles off by a sluice. Similarly towards the N.W. he would see the Bahr el Wadi (which he would be told was supplied from the lake by similar sluices) apparently running towards the διώρυξ on which he had himself been towed to Arsinoë, and from which he might have seen the Bahr bela ma diverge as he came. The distance from which he would have a view of the object would be not less than eight or nine miles, and the difference of level not more than ninety feet at the very utmost. This of course would be entirely imperceptible by the eye at such a distance.

The account given by Herodotus is much more strikingly at variance with the natural phenomena; but much of the difficulty here will disappear if we suppose him to have visited the district very soon after the inundation was at its height, and while the waters were let out over a large portion of the basin; Strabo, on the other hand, having certainly been at Arsinoë at the season when these were confined to the canals. The fluid was retained on the different levels by dams, the existence of some of which is even now traceable. *Seen from any point between Arsinoë and the Labyrinth*, the whole would appear like one enormous expanse of water, the difference of the levels not showing itself. And if we suppose Herodotus to have had the view of the district thus covered *from the top* of the Labyrinth, his description is intelligible enough. The indisputable evidence of its natural origin which the outline of the lake presented to Strabo would be entirely masked; its enormous seeming magnitude, apparently coextensive with the basin of the Faioum, would render the dimensions assigned to it not *prima facie* absurd; and, 100 stadia off, the colossi at Crocodiopolis would appear to stand out from the middle of the water. To these circumstances must be added the impression that the Faioum irrigation was the same simple process with which he was familiar in the neighbourhood of the Nile, and the fact that at the point where he was no part of the works was visible, but the main διώρυξ with the Nile water flowing through it. And, finally, we may reasonably conceive that the dragoman, accustomed to the spectacle before the eyes of his companion, would not even think of the necessity of explaining to him the peculiar circum-

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7 The circumference of the lake itself is estimated roughly at 75 or 80 geographical miles. Herodotus makes it 3600 stades, about five times as much.
stances which gave rise to the ocular deception. In his mind the whole system of water-meadows would be connected together, and described as the work of Mæris, even supposing him undesirous of producing an exaggerated impression on the traveller;—a supposition, however, which is at variance with the ordinary practice of ciceroni either in ancient or modern times.

If the above considerations have any truth in them, both Herodotus and Strabo must in this matter be entirely acquitted of the charge of inaccuracy in those points which came under their personal knowledge. Both the one and the other give a true account of the phenomena presented to them; and both give a false explanation (philosophically speaking) of those phenomena. In the case of Herodotus the ocular deception was much the greater, and probably the informant whose explanation was adopted the more ignorant; for the rank of Strabo's companions procured them the attentions of the chief authorities of Arsinoë, whereas the other would probably have no guide but a common laquais de place. If indeed we are determined to look upon him as some of the moderns insist on doing; to regard him not as a simple traveller with the clear Hellenic eye for sensuous impressions, and the fresh Hellenic imagination for embodying them, but as a physical philosopher and historical critic of the nineteenth century, testing all that he heard and saw by independent observations and reference to known laws of nature, we must undoubtedly be content to regard his description of the lake Mæris as one of the most gigantic exaggerations to be found in the whole compass of literature.
PLAN OF THE FAIOUM.
reduced from the Map of
M Linant de Bellefonds

At Aqwat el Mada the bottom of the Bahar el Fosseet is rock.
At Serekh Ahmed may be seen on the borders of the desert the level of a higher water-mark than is ever attained at present.
‘ΗΡΟΔΟΤΟΥ
‘ΙΣΤΟΡΙΩΝ ΤΡΙΤΗ.

ΘΑΛΕΙΑ.

'ΕΠΙ τούτου δὲ τῶν "Αμασίων Καμβύσης ὁ Κύρος ἐστρατεύετο, ἀγων καὶ ἄλλος τῶν ἥρων καὶ Ἑλλήνων Ἰωάννας τε καὶ Αιολέας 1, δι’ αἰτίαν τειχύνε τέμπειας Καμβύσης ἐκ Αἰγύπτου κήρυκα, αἰτεῖ "Αμασίων θυγατέραν αἰτεῖ δὲ ἐκ συμβολῆς ἀνδρὸς Αἰγυπτίου, ὅς μεμφόμενος "Αμασίων ἐπρῆξε ταύτα, ὅτι μν ἐξ ἀπάντων τῶν ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ ιητρῶν ἀποστάσεις ἀπὸ γυναικὸς τε καὶ τέκνων, ἕκδοτον ἐποίησε ἐς Πέρσας, ὅτε Κύρος τέμπειας παρὰ "Αμασίων αἰτεῖ ιητρῶν οὐθαλμῶν ὅς εἰ ἄριστος τῶν ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ 2: ταύτα δὲ ἐπιμεμφόμενος ὃ Αἰγύπτιος, ἐνήγε τῇ συμβολῇ κελεύων αἰτεῖς τῶν Καμβύσηα "Αμασίων θυγατέρα. ἦν ἢ δοὺς ἢμώτῳ, ἢ μὴ δοὺς Καμβύσῃ ἀπέχθειτο ὁ δὲ "Αμασίς, τῇ δυνάμει τῶν Περσέων ἀγχόμενος καὶ ἄρρηδεων, ὡνε ἐχε ὦς ὕστερα δῶναι ὥστε ἀρκεσθαι εὐ ἡπίστατο ὅτι ὡς γυναικά μὲν ἐμὲλε Καμβύσης ἐγείν ἀλλ’ ὡς παλλακίν ταύτα δὴ ἐκλογιζόμενος, ἐποίησε τάδε ὅν Ἀστρεὼ τοῦ πρωτέρου βασιλέως θυγάτηρ κάρτα μεγάλη τε καὶ εὐειδής 3, μοῦνῃ τοῦ οἰκον λειειμένῃ οὖνομα δὲ οἱ ἦν Νῖττιςς ταύτην δὴ τήν παῖδα ὁ "Αμασίς.

1 Ἑλλήνων Ἰωάννας τε καὶ Αιολέας. See note 593 on ii. 176. The thread of the narrative is resumed from ii. 1.
2 ἢμώτῳ ὀφθαλμῶν, ὅς εἰ ἄριστος τῶν ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ. For the extent to which medical science was carried in Egypt, and the division of the several branches of practice, see ii. 84.

3 μεγάλη τε καὶ εὐειδής. The sister of the Peonian brothers who attracted Darius’s attention and produced the subjugation of her tribe is described in the same terms (v. 12). The word καθος applied to a woman always involved the notion of commanding stature as well as beauty of feature and complexion.
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An Egyptian account made by Cyrus.

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prešbíterov εἰπείν Καμβύσεα: "τον υπάρ του, δ ὁ μήτερ, ἐπείν ἑώ γένωμαι ἄνηρ, Διονύστου τά μὲν ἄνω κάτω θήσω, τά δὲ κάτω ἄνω." 

ταῦτα εἰπείν αὐτὸν ἦταν ὡς δέκα κοι γεγονότα, καὶ τὰς γνώσεις ἐν θοῦματε γενέσθαι τὸν δὲ διαμημονεύοντα ἢ, οὔτω δὲ, ἐπεί τε άνδρώθη καὶ ἐκεῖ τὴν βασιλείην, ποιήσασθαι τὴν ἐπ' Ἀγνύστου στρατηγήν.

Συνήνεικε δὲ καὶ ἄλλο τι τοιοῦτο πρόγμα γενέσθαι ἐς τὴν ἐπι- 

στρατεύσεως ταύτην. ἢν τῶν ἐπικούρων τῶν Ἀμάσιος ἄνηρ γένος 

μὲν Ἀλκαρνησσείς, οὔνομα δὲ οἱ Φάνης, καὶ γνώμην ἰκανός καὶ τὰ 

πολέμια ἄλκιμος· οὔτως ὁ Φάνης μεμφόμενος κοῦ τὰ Ἀμάςι, ἐκδί-

δήσκει πλοῦτος εἴς Ἀγνύστου βουλόμενος Καμβύση ἐλθεῖν ἐς λόγους 

οἰα δὲ ἐντα αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἐπικούροις λόγον ὡς σμικροῦ ἐπιστά-

μενον τὸν περὶ Ἀγνύστου ἀπερκέστατα μεταδιώκει ὁ Ἀμασις, 

σπουδὴν ποιεόμενος ἐλείν μεταδιώκει δὲ, τῶν εὐνοοχῶν τὸν πιστό-

τατον ἀποστειλα τριήρει κατ' αὐτόν δὲ αἱρεῖ μιν ἐν Λυκίη, ἐλοῦ 

δὲ οὐκ ἀνήγαγεν ἐς Ἀγνύστων σοφία γὰρ μιν περιήλθε ὁ Φάνης 

καταμεθύσας γὰρ τοὺς φιλόκους ἀπαλάσσετο ἐς Πέρσας. ὀρμη-

μένω 10 δὲ στρατεύεσθαι Καμβύση ἐπ' Ἀγνύστου καὶ ἀπορέοιτὶ τὴν 

ἐλάσιν, ὡκως τὴν ἀνδρὸν διεκπέρα ἐπεθέλουν φράξει μὲν καὶ τὰλλα 

τὰ Ἀμάσιος πρήγματα ἐξηγέται δὲ καὶ τὴν ἐλασιν, ὡδε παρα-

νέον πέμψαντα παρὰ τὸν Ἀραβίων βασιλέα δεύσαντι τὴν διέξοδον 

οἱ ὁσφαλία παραστείν. 11. Μούη ἐν ταύτῃ εἰσὶ φανερὰ ἐσβολαὶ 5

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9 τὸν δὲ διαμημονεύοντα. It is curious, and illustrative of the way in which the ethical features of tradition remain constant, while the historic details shift and vary, that in all these accounts the revengeful and violent character of Cambyses is preserved. So it seems to have been in every other version of the story. Ctesias's account agreed with Herodotus's, Dion (in his Persica) and Lyceas of Naucratis (in his Αἰγυπτιακα) agreed with the Egyptian account in making Cambyses son of Nititis by Cyrus, but still they represent his expedition to Egypt as undertaken in a spirit of revenge: ἐκδικούντα τῇ μητρί (Athenaeus xiii, p. 24). Similarly, Ctesias related that Cambyses succeeded in conquering Egypt through treachery; but it is that of Comabphes, an eunuch who was in high office with the Egyptian sovereign, and who, on condition of being made by Cambyses satrap of the province, betrayed to him tás τε γέφυρας καὶ τάλλα τῶν Αγνύστων πράγματα (cf. Plutarch, p. 37). The very nature of the difficulties varies with the country of the narratives. At the Persian court (where Ctesias picked up his story) the most familiar obstacle that could be presented to the course of an invader would be such as occurred often in the great road between Susa and Sardis,—streams crossed by bridges defended by strong fortifications,—and the form taken by treachery would be the unnecessary abandonment of these. See note on ii. 30.

10 ὀρμημένο. According to Strabo (xvi. c. 2, p. 368) the base of the operations of the Persian army in this invasion was Ake (Acre) which under the name Potlemais was in his time "a great city."

11 τὴν διέξοδον οἱ ὁσφαλίαι παραστείν, "to secure the means of transit for him." This could only be effected by providing
a supply of water for the army during the three days' march between Ienysus and the Serbonian marsh, as is plain from the end of this section compared with §§ 7 and 9. It is therefore clear that this district must have been under the command of an Arabian sheik, and not of the Syrians. See note 44 on ii. 12.

12 Καδύτιος. It seems clear that the city spoken of here is, in Herodotus's view, the same as that mentioned in ii. 150; and it has been concluded that the latter must be Jerusalem. But Jerusalem lies entirely out of the road along the coast, which, or rather the coast itself, appears here to be described; and a more plausible opinion is that by Kadytis Herodotus understands the city Kedesh Naphtalit, near which the great commercial and military road from the south turned eastward, through Damascus, to the Euphrates. Against this it may be urged, that undoubtedly Necho did capture Jerusalem, or at least enforced its submission and dethroned the king. (2 Chron. xxxvi. 3.) But on the other hand it must be remembered that the war of Necho was not confined to a single campaign. His defeat on the banks of the Euphrates took place more than three years after the submission of Jerusalem (Jeremiah xvi. 2), and it was seven or eight years after that before the relative power of the Assyrian and Egyptian monarchs had so far changed that the former was enabled to recapture that city and carry off the vassals of the latter. There can be no doubt that in the course of the war many actions were fought and many cities captured.—Damascus probably among the rest, for the great road ran through that city, and from thence to Tadmor (Palmyra), and so to Thapsacus (Heb. Thipsach = tractesus), so called because there was a ferry over the Euphrates there (Strabo, xvi. p. 319; 1 Kings iv. 24; ix. 18; 2 Chron. viii. 4). But it is an error to look either in the Jewish annalist or the Greek historian for a complete account of the proceedings which took place, and no less a one to assume that the parts which they select for mention must be identical. Great stress has been laid upon the fact that Kadytis is the Greek form of Kedutha (the Syrian equivalent of the Hebrew Kedusha, 'the holy'). But this argument leaves out of sight the circumstance that almost every city would have this name given to it by the worshippers of the deity to which it was dedicated, as the multitude of places called Hierapolis sufficiently proves. The same may be said of the numerous Kadesh-es. Compare Josh. xv. 23; 1 Chron. vi. 72 and 76.

Another view is that, although Kadytis may be a Kadesh, the description of its greatness has been transferred from Jerusalem. But if any such confusion has taken place, I should be disposed to conjecture that it is one of Jerusalem with Joppa, its port, from which the city was said to be visible (Strabo xvi. c. 2, p. 370). A very good reason may be given for the ignorance of the Hellenic navigators on this subject. Joppa was a nest of pirates, with which Carmel and the forests which covered the shore in the neighbourhood likewise swarmed. Accordingly the navigator going south would, on coming abreast of that mountain, be careful to preserve a good othing, and not come near enough to Joppa to make out distinctly what it was. He would probably run as direct as he could from Acre to Gaza, a port from whence there was a caravane route by Petra to Elana at the head of the east branch of the Arabian gulf. (Strabo, l. c.) Hugging the shore however a very little too much would bring him instead to Ascalon or Azotus, of both which places Herodotus has stories.

It is quite in accordance with the known habits of the Phœnicians that they should have endeavoured to hinder the commercial intercourse of the Hellenic merchants with these parts, and this might effectually be done by co-operating with the Joppa pirates. In this case the Hellenic navigator would naturally resort to the Philistine ports which lay nearer to Egypt, and to which the influence of that friendly power would extend. For some other cases in which the hostility growing out of commercial rivalry appears to have affected the sources of the author's information, see note on iv. 38.
tautéς τὰ ἐμπόρια τὰ ἐπὶ θαλάσσης μέχρι Ἰηνύσου πολίως ἐστὶ τοῦ Ἀραβίου, ἀπὸ δὲ Ἰηνύσου, αὕτη Σύρων 14 μέχρι Σερβανίδους λίμνης, παρ’ ἄν δὴ τὸ Κάσιον ὅρος τείνει 15 ἐσ τὰλασσαν 16. ἀπὸ δὲ Σερβανίδους λίμνης, ἐν τῇ δὴ λόγος τοῦ Τυφώ κεκρύφθαι 17, ἀπὸ ταύτης ἢδη Ἀὔγυπτος. τὸ δ’ μεταξὺ Ἰηνύσου πολίως καὶ Κασίου τε οὐρευ καὶ τῆς Σερβανίδους λίμνης, εἶν τούτῳ οὐκ ὀλύνω χωρίων ἀλλ’ ὅσον τε ἐπὶ τρεῖς ἡμέρας ὄδον 18, ἀνυδρόν ἐστὶ δεινός. Ἐκ δὲ ὀλύνω τοῦ Ἄὔγυπτου ναυτιλλομένων ἐννεώκαστε, τούτῳ ἐρχομαι φριάσων ἐς Ἀὔγυπτον ἐκ τῆς Ἑλλάδος πάσης, καὶ πρὸς, ἐκ Φοινίκης, 19 κέραμος ἐσάγεται πλήρης οὖν διὸ τοῦ ἔτος ἐκάστον καὶ

14 αὕτη Σύρων. The manuscripts Sand V have the variation πόλοι Συρίων, which perhaps contains a trace of the true reading. See note 16, below.
15 παρ’ ἄν δή τὸ Κάσιον ὅρος τείνει εἰς θάλασσαν. See the note 23 on ii. 6.
16 ἐσε ἐθάλασσαν. I have little doubt that the whole of this passage is in confusion, and cannot be satisfactorily emended without the aid of other MSS. Perhaps Herodotus may have written ἀπὸ γὰρ Φοινίκης μέχρι οὐρευ τῶν Κατότιος πόλοις γῆ ἐστὶ Σύρων ἀπὸ δὲ Κατότιος, ἐνύσις πόλου (ὡς ἐμι δοκεῖ), Σαρδίων ὡς πολλά ἐλάσσονα, ἀπὸ ταύτης τὰ ἐμπόρια τὰ ἐπὶ θάλασσας μέχρι Ἰηνύσου πολίως ἐστὶ Σύρων τῶν Παλαιστινῶν καλομέγδων ἀπὸ δὲ Ἰηνύσου, πόλοι Συρίων, μέχρι Σερβανίδους λίμνης παρ’ ἄν δὴ τὸ Κάσιον ὅρος τείνει εἰς θάλασσαν, τοῦ Ἀραβίου. The distinction of Syro-Phoenicians and Syro-Philistines is well known, and Herodotus seems to regard the domain of Kadytos as marking the separation of the line of coast inhabited by the Phoenicians from that inhabited by the Philistines, only it must be remembered he is speaking as a navigator might speak, not as a geographer. Such a one sailing along the coast southwards, after taking in his cargo at Poseideum (see note on § 97), would in turn come off Sidon and Tyre and their dependencies, backed by the ranges of Libanus. After rounding the headland of Mount Carmel he would run along a similar coast in which the Philistine towns lay. At the boundary between this cultivated coast and the desert was Jeynus (Khan Tounes, placed by Rennell, p. 269, a few hours’ journey to the south-west of Gaza). From thence nothing but sand would meet the eye as far as his next land-mark, the truncated hummock of gravel on which stood the temple of Zeus Casius. From Gaza to Casius the coast is almost a straight line. (Strabo, xvi. c. 2, p. 371.)
17 ἐν τῇ δὴ λόγος τοῦ Τυφώ κεκρύφθαι. It seems not unlikely that the story of Typhon being overwhelmed in the Serbonian marsh arose from a confusion between that and the Dead Sea, which appears to have been the case with the authorities followed by Strabo (xvi. c. 2, p. 377). They make it 1000 stades in circumference. But the Serbonian marsh of Herodotus was a narrow salt lake about 200 stades long and 50 across at the most, running parallel to the seashore, from which it was separated only by a narrow strip of sand; and through this at one time there was a mouth (Strabo xvi. p. 371). It is now entirely filled up.
18 ἐκ τοῦτο οὐκ ὀλύνω χωρίων ἀλλ’ ὅσον τε ἐπὶ τρεῖς ἡμέρας ὄδον. From Khan Tounes to Mount Casius is about sixty geographical miles direct (Rennell, p. 260), but the Serbonian marsh extends considerably further east, so that, taking a day’s journey direct at seventeen miles, the statement is tolerably accurate. But between Mount Casius and the ancient Pelusium, the nearest point at which drinkable water could be obtained, the distance is thirty-nine or forty miles through the desert. It would seem from this that the estimate is one made by a navigator from his run at sea, using the common reduction for land distances, which he was in the habit of doing (see notes on ii. 6). Water had really to be provided by a land traveller for a march of five or six days at least.
19 καὶ πρὸς, ἐκ Φωτικῆς. In the time

6 Use made of wine jars since the Persians gained Egypt.

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of Strabo, almost all the wine imported into Alexandria, then the port of Egypt, came from Laodicea in Syria, where it was shipped (xvi. c. 2, p. 356). It must be remembered that at that time Tyre had been destroyed. Previously to that event, wine grown in the very same place would probably have been shipped in Tyrian bottoms and called Phoenician. See note on § 91, below.

20 τῶν δήμαρχων, "the agra." See note 543 on ii. 177.

21 ἐστὶν τὰ τέσσαρα τῆς Συρίας, This expression applies in the mind of the narrator to the desert which lay between Ienysus and Mount Cæsarius. But if only this route was supplied with water in this manner, it is extraordinary that Memphis, so high up on the Nile, should be the place where the wine-jars were collected. There was, however, in early times, a caravan traffic from Petra to the coast of the Mediterranean, the line of which lay through the desert in great part, and probably the water-jars would be used for this also, although no route except the one by the coast would here have any interest for Herodotus. See note on § 111.

22 ὅμως τοῖς μάλιστα. A similar expression is used below, § 57, ὅμως τοῖς πλησιάστοις.

23 κροκίδα. Pollux (vii. 63) quotes Herodotus as using the accusative case κρόκινον.

24 ἁρδὸς ἑπτά. The sacred character of the number seven among the tribes inhabiting the country between the Red Sea, the Dead Sea, and the Serbonian lake, is evidenced by the "seven eves
Dionysus aka/v/s, seek
J rendered.
Aphrodite, 26
32, 26, and
Dionysus and Aphrodite Urania.

9
Mode in which the Arabians supplied the army of Cambyses with water.

Different account of the way in which assistance was rendered.

10
Amasis, after reign-

"In the transaction between Abra-

ham and Abimelech (Gen. xxi. 28), and the "seven altars" prepared for Balaam (Numb. xxiii. 1), this custom is alluded to in Jeremiah (ix. 26 of the LXX. version) επι πάσαν περιεκφρόμενον τα κατά πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ: xxii. 9 (Heb. xxv. 23) πάν περισκεκαρ-

μένων κατὰ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ. See also Leviticus, xix. 27.

26 'Orotopal. The MSS. vary between this form, 'Oropal, and 'Orotopal. Von Hammer considers the word to be a cor-

ruption from 'Orotopal, which is (he says) a genuine Arabic word. For 'Al-

lāt two MSS have 'Alāṭ. The Grecised form 'Alīṭta is given by Herodotus in i. 131.

27 ἄκαβης καμιήλων, "skins of camel's hide." A somewhat similar expression is used vii. 26: ὅ τῷ Μαρσύου ἄκιος, "the sack made from Marsyas's skin."

28 ὅ πιθανότερος τῶν λόγων. Rennell (Geogr. p. 257) does not consider this account the more plausible of the two. "It appears morally impossible to have supplied a Persian army, and its followers and beasts of burden, with water by means of skins, during the whole march. Arabia could scarcely have supplied skins enough." He asserts that the Arabs know well where to obtain water in the desert, but they have in many cases stopt up the wells, to further their predatory schemes. He supposes that really the army of Cambyses made a détour, being guided by the Arabs to springs and wells more inland, where too a supply had possibly been accumulated in tanks at the end of each day's march. As for the river Corys, it is in vain to seek for it in Arabia. Ritter (Vorhalle, p. 82) conceives it to be etymologically equivalent to κόρος or κόρος, words which mean in the language of the nomads "sacred to the sun." The skins were perhaps used for lining the wooden sides of wells sunk in the sand, or channels from a spring to a tank.

Eπεὶ δὲ τὴν πίστιν τοῦτο ἀγγέλουσι τοῖς παρὰ Καμβύσεως ἀπνημένους ἐποιήσατο ὁ Ἀράβιος, ἐμηχανάτο τοῦτο. ἀσκοῦσιν καμήλων πλήσαις ὡδατος, ἑπάξαζε ἐπὶ τὰς ζώας τῶν καμήλων πάσας· τούτῳ δὲ ποιήσας, ἦλισε ἐς τὴν ἀνυδρίαν, καὶ ὑπέμενε ἐνβαίνα τὸν Καμβύσεως στρατὸν. οὕτως μὲν ὁ πιθανότερος τῶν λόγων εἰρήται· δὲ δὲ καὶ τὸν ἱεσοῦ πιθανῶν, ἐπεί γε δὴ λέγεται, ἤθηναι. ποταμὸς ἔστι μέγας ἐν τῇ Ἀραβία τῷ οὖνομα Κόρος· ἕκιδοδι δὲ οὕτως ἐς τὴν Ἐρυθρὴν καλεομένην θάλασσαν ἀπὸ τοῦτον δὴ δεῖ τοῦ ποταμοῦ λέγεται τοῦ βασιλέα τῶν Ἀραβίων, ραφύμενον τῶν ὡμοβείων καὶ τῶν ἄλλων δερμάτων ὡχεῖν μίκει ἐπικτεύμενον ἐς τὴν ἀνυδρίαν, ἀγαγεῖν διὰ δὴ τοῦτον τὸ ὤδραν ἔν δὲ τῇ ἀνυδρίᾳ μεγάλας δεξαμενᾶς ὀρύξαιθαι, ὰμα δεκώμεναι τὸ ὤδρα σώζον: ὃδος δὲ ἕστιν δυνάμεα ἡμερῶν ἀπὸ τοῦ ποταμοῦ ἐς ταύτῃ τὴν ἀνυδρίαν) ἀγεῖν δὲ μνὰ διὰ ὡχεῖν τριῶν ἐς τριξα χαρία.

Ἐν δὲ τῷ Πηλουσίῳ καλεομένῳ στόματι τοῦ Νείλου ἐστρατο-
11

The allies of the Egyptian king sacrificed the children of Phanes before engaging the Persians, and massacred them in their tent after they had retired for the night.

29 ἐστρατοπεδεύετο Ψαμμηνίτος. At Pelusium was the nearest point at which water was abundant, and it therefore constituted the key of Egypt. By the continual shifting of the bed of the river westward, this tract has become desert, and the nearest point at which water can be obtained is now Salahiah (107 geographical miles from Khan Iúnes). This place was occupied in force by the French when in Egypt, just as Pelusium was by Psammetichus and by the priest of Hephaestus (ii. 141).

30 τέσσερα καί. These words do not exist in the manuscripts S and V.

31 ἐν τῆς ταφῆς. See ii. 109.

32 θάνατον γὰρ Ἑρώδα. Wilkinson (Thebes, p. 75) says that the lions on the cornices here have spouts in their mouths to let the rain run off, a convincing proof of the exaggeration of the Thebans. Every eight or ten years heavy rain falls, which fills the torrent beds of the mountains, and every year showers fall, perhaps four or five upon an average. Compare the account of the earthquake at Delos, vi. 98, and the note there.

33 Ἑλληνικὲς τε καὶ Κάρες. These were apparently a force gradually gathered around the descendants of the piratical adventurers mentioned above (ii. 152) forming a species of predatory guard. They themselves were doubtless from various parts of Greece, and hence the expression πάντες οἱ ἐπίκουροι below (i.e. the leaders, or principal officers, of the several bands of condolieri). The expression στρατὸς ἀλλόθρων applied to the invaders would seem rather due to the Egyptian narrator of the story.

34 ἐς ὄψιν τοῦ πατρὸς. This feature of ferocity must not make us suppose that the proceedings of the allies had not a meaning in it independent of their indignation at Phanes. Their act was doubtless a formal religious ceremony in honour of the deity whom they jointly acknowledged. This it can hardly be questioned would be a warlike deity, analogous to the Ζεὺς Στράτος of Labranda (v. 119), to the national deity of the Caunians (see note 578 on i. 172), or to the "brazen man," ὁ γυναῖκας, Talus, the primordial guardian of Crete, of whose ritual a relic remained in the ancient practice of the Curetes, who offered human victims, especially children, to Cronus. (Istcr. ap. Porphyry. De Abstinential, i. 56; Eusebius, Prep. Evang. iv. 16.) See too the note on iv. 70. The story of Sosistris related in i. 109, looks very like the perversion of a scene in the Moloch ritual. And it will be observed that the locality assigned to it is this very one,—
Difference between the substance of Egyptian and Persian skulls accounted for. The Egyptians are rarely bald.

'HMére ës de dekáti àpt ës parèlabe te teîxhes te in Mèmfiv Kambvûnh, katîsas ès to proassteio èpì lûmê tôn basileía tôn Aigúptiou Fàmmhînouv, basileútanta mhînas ës, tótoûn katîsas swv állosoi Aigúptioisi diepstírato autòv tîs ðuvchís, poíevon toúde. steilas autòv tîn ðvugatera èsthiti doûlhêi, èxëmpete èp' ùdor èoxousan òdrhîon svnnêmpete ës kai ìllas pàrdhénous,

64. 71. 165). But it must have been somewhere in the western region of the Delta, for it appears from Thucydides (i. 104) that Marea, very near the subsequent Alexandria, was the base of Inarus's operations, and that the retreating Persians took refuge in Memphis, two-thirds of which Inarus, with the aid of an Athenian squadron, succeeded in capturing. Papremis therefore would lie between Marea and Memphis. From the order in which Herodotus speaks of the two collections of skulls, it would seem as if he entered Egypt near Pelusium and left it near Papremis, and this accords with some other notices. See note 63 on ii. 13.

66 óptó 'Iárvóv tòu Líbous. Herodotus mentions this circumstance again in vii. 7. The success of Inarus took place in, or very soon after, the year 460 B.C. The Persians recovered the whole of Egypt except the marshes in the year 455. This region still held out under Amyrtæus. (Thucydides i. 110.) It is clear from this passage that the visit of Herodotus to Egypt was later than the year 460,—but how much later does not appear. See note 49, below, and also note 91 on ii. 30.


42 phróoun étâxantaro. "agreed to the imposition of a tribute." See the note on § 39.

43 [uddled oî Líves, ëtéra toiaúta.] The MSS vary between these words and òs kai oî L. ëtéra toiaúta, or ñ kai oî L. toiaúta. The several variations appear to me only glosses of òmuíos, and I have therefore included them between brackets.

memphèis. See note 267 on i. 77.
ἀπολέξας ἤνδρον τῶν πρῶτων, ὁμοίως ἐσταλμένας τῇ τοῦ βασιλέως· ὅς ἔδε βοή τε καὶ κλαυθμῷ παρῆσαν αἰ παρθένου κατὰ τούς πατέρας, οἱ μὲν ἄλλοι πατέρες ἀνεβόων τε καὶ ἀντέκλαιον, ὀρέωντες τὰ τέκνα κεκακομένα· ὁ δὲ Ψαμμήνυτος προῖδον καὶ μαθὼν, ἐκυψε ἐς τὴν γῆν ταρέξειν, δευτέρα οἱ τῶν παῖδα ἐπεμπε μετὰ ἄλλων Ἀἰγυπτίων διασχιλῶν τὴν αὐτήν ἥλικίν ἔχοντων, τοὺς τε αὐχένας κάλφ δεδεμένους καὶ τὰ στομάτα ἐγκεχαλωμένους· ἀγνοῦν δὲ ποιήν τίσοντες Μυτελναῖον τοῖς ἐν Μέμφι ἀπολογοῦντοι σὺν τῇ την ταῦτα γὰρ ἐδίκασαν οἱ βασιλείας δικασταί, ὑπέρ ἤνδρος ἐκάστου δέκα Αἰγυπτίων τῶν πρῶτων ἀνταπόλλυσαν· ὁ δὲ ἦδον παρεξίϊντας, καὶ μαθὼν τῶν παῖδα ἡγείμουν ἐπὶ θάνατον, τῶν ἄλλων Ἀἰγυπτίων τῶν περίκατημένων αὐτῶν κλαίωντα ὧν οἷς ποιεύοντων, τοῦτο ἐποίησε τὸ καὶ ἐπὶ τῇ θυγατρί. παρεξίϊντων δὲ καὶ τούτων, συνήρεικε ὡστε τῶν συμποτέων οἱ ἄνδρα ἀπηλικέστερον, ἐκπεπτωκότα ἐκ τῶν ἔχοντων, ἐχοῦντα τε οὐδὲν εἰ μὴ ὡσα πτωχός καὶ προσαϊέον τὴν στρατινήν, παρείναι Ψαμμήνυτον τοῦ τὸν Ἀμάσιος καὶ τοὺς ἐν τῷ προστελείον κατημένων τῶν Ἀἰγυπτίων ὁ δὲ Ψαμμήνυτος ὡς ίδε, ἀνακλάσας μέγα καὶ καλέσας υδῷματι τὸν ἑταίρον, ἑπλιξατο τὴν κεφαλὴν ἔχαν δὲ ἄρα αὐτοῦ φύλακι, οὗ τὸ ποιεύουσιν πᾶν ἐξ ἐκείνου ἐπὶ ἐκάστη έξόδοι Καμβύσης ἐσίμαινοι θωμάσας δὲ ο Καμβύσης τὰ ποιεύωνα, πέμψας ἄργελον εἰρώτα αὐτῶν, λέγων τάδε· "Δεσπότης σε Καμβύσης, Ψαμμήνυτε, εἰρωτά, ἰδίτι δὴ τὴν μὲν θυγατέρα ὅρεον κεκακομένη, καὶ τῶν παῖδα ἐπὶ θάνατον στείχοντα, οὔτε ἀνέβασας οὔτε ἀπεκλάσας· τὸν δὲ πτωχὸν οὐδὲν σοι προσήκοντα, ὡς ἄλλων πυθόμοιμαι, ἐτίμησας;" ο μὲν δὴ ταύτα ἐπειρότα, ὁ δ' ἀμείβετο τούδε· "ὁ παῖ Κύρου, τὰ μὲν οἰκήμα ἴν μέξω κακὰ ἢ ὡστε ἀνακλαίειν τὸ δὲ τοῦ ἑταίρου πένθος, ἄξιον ἴν δακρύσω· δ' ἐκ τολλῶν τε καὶ εὐδαιμόνιον ἐκτεσθώς ἐς πτωχίῃν ἀπίκειται ἐπὶ ἃρα ὁδόν·" καὶ ταύτα ἄς ἀπενειχέβησα ὑπὸ

45 κατὰ τοὺς πατέρας. The use of the preposition κατὰ here illustrates such phrases as κατὰ Σιώταν τῆς πάλιν (i. 76); κατὰ Κροκόδελλον πάλι (ii. 148), "as the maidens came wailing and weeping over against their fathers." See note 195 on ii. 75.

46 πυθόμοιμαι. Gaisford adopts this reading on the authority of the minority of MSS. The greater number have πυθόμοιμαι.

47 ἀπενειχέβησα, "upon their being reported, as they were." The full expression would be καὶ ταύτα ἄς ἀπενειχέβη ὑπὸ τούτων, ἀπενειχέβησα εὔ δ. εἰρ. See note 337 on ii. 120.
who is taken into favour by Cambyses, but afterwards put to death for treason.

Cambyses burns the body of Amasis, and by so doing shocks the religious feelings both of Persians and Egyptians.

48 ἀπέλαβε ἃν Ἀιγύπτων ὡστε ἐπιτροπέως αὐτή. Ctesias in his Persica related that Cambyses did no other harm to the Egyptian king—whom he makes to be Amyrtius—than sending him to Susa with six thousand of the principal Egyptians (ap. Plut. Bibl. Hist. p. 37). See the note 9, above.

49 Παυσιπίς. Unless this passage is a later addition, we must suppose Herodotus's visit to Egypt to have been subsequent to the complete recovery of that country by the Persians, and consequently after (perhaps long after) B.C. 449. (See Clinton, F. H. On year 455 B.C.) On the other hand compare note 91 on ii. 39.

50 "νῦν δὲ, "but as the case was." So below, § 25, νῦν δὲ λόγον οὐδένα ποιήσαντο θεὰ πρεσβύτρια, "but as it was he took no account of the matter and kept on advancing farther."

51 οἰκία. The manuscript S has οἰκήσια. See above, note 315 on ii. 169.

52 μαστιγοῦν. Some MSS. add τόν νέκυν.
Cambyses projects expeditions against Carthage, Ammon, and Ethiopia.

53 βεβ αυτοι δικαιος είναι λέγοντες νέων νεκρων ανθρώπων. Some MSS have λέγοντι, for λέγοντες, in order, no doubt, to make the construction run more clearly. But I conceive the clause to have dropped out of its proper place after πώρ. If it be replaced, the sentence will be perfectly regular with a proper punctuation: Πέρσης γάρ θεοί νομίζουσι εἶναι πώρ, θεβ οὖν δικαιος είναι λέγοντες νέων νεκρων ανθρώπων τον Καμβύς εκ τούτων ναιξαμώς εν νόμοι ουδέτεροισιν εστί: Πέρσης μέν δ' ύπερ εἰργαται, θεβ οὖν δικαιος είναι λέγοντες νέων νεκρων ανθρώπων 53. Αἰγυπτίοις δὲ νευμονισται πώρ θερμίν είναι ἐμψυχον, πάντα δὲ αὐτὸ κατεσθείναι τα περ ἀν λάβῃ πλησθεν δὲ αὐτῷ τῆς βορίης συν-ἀποθήκευσεν τῷ κατεσθομένῳ οὐκον θηρίους νόμου οὐδαμῶς σφι ἔστι τῶν νέκων διδόναι καὶ διὰ ταύτα ταριχεύονται, ἕνα μὴ κείμενον ὕπο εὐλέον καταβρωθῆ, οὕτω δὴ οὐδέτεροις νομιζόμενα ένετελε- λετο ποιεῖν ὁ Καμβύς ε σ. οὶς μέντοι Αἰγυπτίοι λέγουσι, οὐκ Ἀμασις ἦν ὁ ταύτα παθὼν ἀλλὰ ἄλλος τῶν τις Αἰγυπτίων, ἐχών τὴν αὐτὴν ἥλικιν Ἀμάσις ἡ λυμαινόμενοι Πέρσαι ἐδόκουσιν Ἀμας- σιν λυμαινόσθαι λέγουσι γὰρ, ὡς πυθόμενος ἐκ μαστίγων ὁ Ἀμα- σις τα περ ἐνωτῶν μέλλων ἀποθανόντα γίνεσθαι, οὕτω δὴ άκεο- μενος τά ἐπιφέρομενα, τον μὲν άνθρωπον τούτον τὸν μαστιγωθέντα ἀποθανόντα ἔθαψε ἐπί τῆς θύρης ἑντὸς 51 τῆς ἐνωτοῦ θήκης, ἐνωτῶν δὲ ἐνετέλεσατο τῷ παιδί ἐν μυχῷ τῆς θήκης ὡς γάλλωτα βείναι. αἱ μὲν νων ἐκ τοῦ Ἀμασίους ἐντολαί αὐταί, αἱ ἐς τὴν ταφήν τε καὶ τὸν άνθρωπον ἔχουσαι, οὗ μοι δοκέουσιν ἄρχην γενέσθαι, ἀλλος δ' αὐτὰ Αἰγυπτίοι σεμνοῦν.

Μετὰ δὲ ταύτα 55 ὁ Καμβύς ἑβουλεύσατο τρισάειας στρα- τησει, ἐπὶ τε Καρχηδονίας καί ἐπὶ Ἁμμονίας καί ἐπὶ τοῦς Μακροβίους Αἰθίοπας, οικήμενος δὲ Αἰβίνθως ἐπὶ τῇ νοτίῃ θα- λασσῇ. Βουλευμένῳ δὲ ὡς ἐδοξε ἐπὶ μὲν Καρχηδονίους τὸν ναυ- τικὸν στρατὸν ἀποστέλλει ἐπὶ δὲ Ἁμμονίων τοῦ πεζοῦ ἀποκρι- ναντα: ἐπὶ δὲ τοῦς Αἰθίοπας κατόπτας πρῶτον, ὑψωμένους τῇ τῇ- ἐν τούτωι τούτοι Αἰθίοψι λεγομενήν εἶναι ἤλιον τράπεζαν εἰ ἐστὶ ἰληθεῖν, καὶ πρὸς ταυτή τὰ ἄλλα κατοσκομένους, δῶρα δὲ τῷ λόγῳ φέροντας τῷ βασιλεί αὐτῶν. Ἡ δὲ τράπεζα τοῦ ἤλιου 18

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54 εντος. S and V have εντος.

55 μετα δε ταυτα. The account which follows of the transactions of Cambyses in Upper Egypt appears to rest on local Theban traditions. The Greek auxiliaries are represented as left behind at Memphis, and as being sent home by Cambyses immediately on his return (§ 25).
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The "Table of the Sun" in Ethiopia.

The Phoenicians refuse to sail against Carthage.

Cambyse sends certain Ichthypophagi with presents to the Ethiopians.

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56 ηῶν γὰρ αὐτὴν ἀναδιδόνα. The emplacement of these Ethiopians is an extremely hopeless matter; but it is plain that the fertility of the country, or the richness of the products which were reputed to come from thence, and did really come from that direction, caused them to be described as inhabitants of a sort of *pays de Cocagne*, just as was the case with the Tartessians. The long life attributed to them is probably a part of the same notion. See Strabo, cited in the note 549 on i. 163, and the description of the Hyperboreans by **Pindar** (*Pyth. x. 57*):

"Μὲν οὖν θεομάχοι τρόπος ἐπὶ σφετέρως: παντὰ δὲ χοροὶ παρθένων λυτὰ τὲ βυσσαλιὰ τ' ἀλλὰ δονέων 

νῦσοι θ' οὕτε γῇρας οἰδομένων 

κράτοςα λέβα γενέω· πόλων 

δὲ καὶ μαχαῖν ἄτερ 

οἶκεται, φοινῖτε 

ὑπέρθικον Νέμεσιν."

Kenrick well remarks on the common tendency of men, groaning under the burdens of the social state, to draw such pictures as these, and refer them to times before the origin of history, and to countries beyond the limits of geographical knowledge.

a Cyprus, according to Herodotus (ii. 250), had been reduced to the condition of a tributary by Anaxus; and according to the authorities followed by Diodorus (i. 61), was an ally of Phœnicia in the war with Apries (mentioned by Herodotus ii. 161). These circumstances would be favourable to Cambyses in his designs against Egypt, as the attack would be made on a common enemy. 

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καίδων. οἵ δὲ Αἰθιόπτες οὕτως, ἐς τοὺς ἀπέπεμπε ὁ Καμβύσης, λέγονταί εἶναι μέγιστοι καὶ κάλλιστοι. ἀνθρώπων τάντων νόμοισι δὲ καὶ ἄλλοις χράσθαι αὐτοῦς φασὶ κεχωρισμένοις τῶν ἀλλων ἀνθρώπων, καὶ δὴ καὶ κατὰ τὴν βασιλικὴν τινὸς τῶν ἀντῶν κρίνοντο μέγιστον ταῖς εἶναι καὶ κατὰ τὸ μέγαθος ἔχειν τὴν ἰσχῦν, τούτου ἀξιοῦσι βασιλεῦεν.

'Εσ τούτως δὴ ὃν τοὺς ἄνδρας ὧς ἀπίκοντο οἱ Ἰχθυοφάγοι, διδόντες τὰ δόρα τῷ βασιλεί τοῦ, ἔλεγον τάδε: "Βασιλεῖς ὁ Περσέων Καμβύσης, βουλόμενοι φίλος τοι καὶ ξείνους γενόντας, ἡμᾶς τε ἀπέπεμψε ἐς λόγους τοῦ ἐλθειν κελεύον, καὶ δώρα ταῦτα τοῖς διδοῖς τοι καὶ αὐτὸς μάλιστα ἱδέατα χρέωμεν." οὶ δὲ Αἰθιόηες μάθον ὅτι κατόπτα ἤκοιν, λέγει πρὸς αὐτοὺς τοιαῦτα: "οὕτε ὁ Περσέων βασιλεὺς δόρα ὑμῖν ἐπέμψε φέροντας προτιμῶν τολμοῦ ἐμοὶ ξείνους γενόντας, οὕτε ἤμεις λέγετε ἀλήθεια, (ἡκετε γὰρ κατόπτα τῆς ἐμῆς ἀρχῆς,) οὕτε ἐκεῖνος ἀνήρ ἐστί δίκαιος· εἰ γὰρ ἢν δίκαιος, οὕτ' ἄν ἐπεθύμησε χώρης ἄλλης ἢ τῆς ἐωτοῦ ἀυτ' ἂν ἐς δουλοσύνη ἀνθρώπους ἴτε ὑπ' ὃν μηδὲν ἰδίκητα· νῦν δὲ αὐτῷ τόξον τὸ δὲ διδόντες τάδε ἐπεα λέγετε· Βασιλεῖς ὁ Αἰθιόπτων συμβουλεύει τῷ Περσέων βασιλεί, ἐπεάν οὕτω εὐπτεῖως ἔλκοσι τὰ τόξα Πέρσαι ἐώντα μεγάλει τοσαῦτα, τότε ἐπὶ Αἰθιόπτας τοὺς Μακροβίους πλήθει ὑπερβαλλόμενον στρατεύεσθαι· μέχρι δὲ τούτου θεοῦσι εἰδεῖνα χάριν, οὐδὲν ἐπί νόν τρέποντοι Αἰθιόπτων παιοι γὴν ἀλλην προσκατάσθαι τῇ ἐωτοῦν." Ταῦτα δὲ εἶπας, καὶ ἤνει τὸ τόξον, παρέδωκε τοὺς ἤκοσιν λαβὼν δὲ τὸ εἶμα τὸ πορφυρέω, εἰρήτα ὁ τι εἴη καὶ διὸς πεποιημένον; εἰπάντων δὲ τῶν Ἰερουσαλήμ τὴν ἱληθήνην περὶ τῆς πορφύρης καὶ τῆς βαφῆς, δολεροὺς μὲν τοὺς ἀνθρώπους ἐμὴ εἶναι δολερὰ δὲ αὐτῶν τὰ εἴματα· δεύτερα δὲ, τὸν χρυσὸν εἴρότα στρεπτὸν τὸν περιαγχύνον καὶ τὰ

57 μέγιστοι καὶ κάλλιστοι. Hume (ap. Walpole, Turkey, p. 392) says that the Ethiopian women brought to Egypt for sale, though black, are extremely beautiful. Their features are regular and their eyes full of expression. A great number of them were purchased by the French during their stay in Egypt, and they fetched from 60 to 100 dollars, while Arab women might be purchased for as little as ten.
58 τὸν δὲ τῶν ἀστῶν κρίνοντο μέγιστον τε εἶναι. The foundation of this notion perhaps was the circumstance of the chiefs belonging to a different race from their subjects. Aristotle (Polit. vii. p. 1332. 1. 24) quotes Scylax as relating that the "Indian" chiefs differed unmistakeably from those whom they governed.
59 τοὺς Μακροβίους. See the note 540 on i. 163.
60 οὖν οἱ τοῦ νόν τρέποντοι Αἰθιόπτων παιοι. See note 241 on i. 71.
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ψέλαια ἡ ἐξηγαγόμενον ὅτ' ἦν Ιχθυοφάγος τοῦ κόσμου αὐτῶν, γελάσας ὁ βασιλεὺς καὶ νομίσας εἶναι σφέα πέδας, ἔπετε ὡς παρ' ἑωτοίσι ἔστι βρομαλεώτερα τούτων πέδαν· τρίτων δὲ, εἰρώτα τὸ μύρον εἰπάντων δὲ τῆς ποιήσιος πέρι καὶ ἀλείψιος, τὸν αὐτὸν λόγον τὸν καὶ περὶ τοῦ εἴματος ἔπετε· ὡς δὲ ἐς τὸν οἶνον ἀπίκετο καὶ ἐπύθετο αὐτοῦ τὴν ποιήσιν, ὑπερησθεὶς τῷ πόματι ἑπείρετο ὦ τι τε συνέ- 
εται ὁ βασιλεὺς, καὶ χρόνον ὁκόσον μακρότατον ἀνήρ Πέρσης ζῶει; οἱ δὲ συνέστησαν μὲν τὸν ἄρτον εἴπαν, ἐξηγηθήσαμεν τοῦ πυρῶν τὴν 
φύσιν, ὑγόδωκουτα δ' ἔτεα ζῆς πλήρωμα ἀνδρὶ μακρότατον προκέ- 
εσθαι πρὸς ταῦτα ὁ Ἀιλίος ἔφη, οὐδὲν θωμάζειν εἰ συνέστημεν κόπτον ἔτεα ὁλίγα ζώουσιν· οὐδὲ γὰρ ἄν τοιαῦτα δύνασθαι ζῶειν 
sφέας εἰ μὴ τῷ πόματι ἀνέφερον 61, φράζου τοῖς Ἰχθυοφάγοις τὸν 
οἶνον τοῦτο γάρ ἔωσεν υπὸ Περσέων ἑσόσχεται. 'Αντιγραμμόν 
δὲ τὸν βασιλέα τῶν Ἰχθυοφάγων τῆς ζῆς καὶ διαίτης πέρι, ἔτεα 
μὲν εἰς ἐείκοσι καὶ ἐκατόν 62 τοὺς πολλοὺς αὐτῶν ἀπικνεότατα, ὑπερ- 
βάλλειν δὲ τινα καὶ ταῦτα· σίτησιν δὲ εἶναι κρέα ἑφθα, καὶ πόμα 
γάλα· θώμια δὲ ποιευμένων τῶν κατασκόπων περὶ τῶν ἐτέων, ἐπὶ 
κρήμνη σφι ἡγῆσασθαι 63· ἀπ' ἧς λοιπόνες λιπαρώτεροι ἐγίνοντο, 
κατάπερ εἰ ἔλαιον εἶπ' ὄξειν δὲ ἀπ' αὐτῆς ὀσελ 'ιδίων. ἀσθενεῖς δὲ 
τὸ ὑδρὸς τῆς κρήμνης ταύτης οὕτω δὴ τι ἔλεγον εἶναι οἱ κατάσκοποι, 
ὡστε μηδὲν ὁλὸν τα εἶναι ἐπ' αὐτοῦ ἐπιπλέειν, μῦτῃ ἔλευν 64 μὴ 
τῶν ὤσα ἔλευν ἐστὶ ἐλαφρότερα, ἀλλὰ πάντα σφέα χωρεῖν ἐς 
βυσσόν· (τὸ δὲ ὑδρὸς τοῦτο 65 εἰ σφὶ ἐστὶ ἀληθεῶς οἶον τῷ λέγεται,

61 ἀνέφερον. The MSS vary between this reading, ἀναφέρων, and ἀνέφερον.
62 ἐς ἐείκοσι καὶ ἐκατόν. The same 
duration of life is ascribed to Arganthoniōs, the king of the Tartessians (i. 163). 
See note 56, above.
63 ἡγήσασθαι. This infinitive is to 
be taken after ἔβασαν or some such word, 
of which the subject is of Ἰχθυοφάγοι, 
whereas the infinitives in the preceding 
sentence would follow ἀντέληγε or some 
such word, of which the subject would be 
ὁ βασιλεὺς. The transition from 
the direct form to the oblique at the begin- 
nning of this section gives the impression 
of an author making an abstract of an 
account before him, which would naturally 
of itself produce a certain slovenliness 
of construction.
64 μῆτε ἔλευν. It seems not impos- 
sible that the belief in the extreme rarity 
of this water may partly arise from the 
circumstance that the wood of the coca- 
tree, which would be the commonest of 
all in many regions of Africa, is of a greater 
specific gravity than water, and conse- 
quently would sink in it. So also would 
ebony and lignum vitae, and some other 
woods.
65 τὸ δὲ ὑδρὸς τοῦτο. This sentence is 
not to be regarded as a part of the mis-
ionaries' story, but as an inference of 
the author's from the rarity of the water. 
The Ichthyophagi rather regarded the spring 
as a magical one, making those who 
bathed in it vigorous, of which the out-
ward mark was the sleek, shining ap-
pearance of their skin. Their narrative 
is renewed in the next sentence by the 
appropriate change to an indirect form of 
construction.
Διὰ τούτο ἄν εἰς, τούτῳ τὰ πάντα χρεώμενοι, μακρόβιοι) ἀπὸ τῆς κρήνης δὲ ἀπαλλασσομένων, ἀγαγεῖν σφέας ἐς δεσμοτήριον ἄν-
δρῶν, ἐνα διὸ τοὺς πάντας ἐν πέδρι χρυσέῃ διδέσαν ἐστὶ δὲ ἐν
tούτοις τοῖς Αἰδίοις πάντων ὁ χαλκὸς σπανώτατον καὶ τιμω-
τατον θεοσάμενος δὲ καὶ τὸ δεσμοτήριον, θεοσάμου καὶ τὴν τοῦ
Ἦλιον λεγομένην τράπεζαν. Metà δὲ ταύτην, τελευταίας ἐθε-
ήσαντο τὰς θήκας αὐτῶν, ἀλλεῖγοντας σκενιζέσθαι εἰς ἱέλου τρόφῳ
tοίον ἔπεαν τὸν νεκρὸν ἱσχύμωσι, εἴτε ὅταν κατάπερ Ἀιγύπτιοι
εἴτε ἄλλως κως, ἡνυφώοντες ἀπαντά αὐτῶν ἡγαφὴ κοσμέουσιν,
ἐξομοιεύοντο τὸ εἶδος ἐς τὸ δυνατὸν ἐπείτα δὲ οἱ περιστάσαι στῆ-
λην εἰς ἱέλου πεποιμένην κοίλην ἢ δὲ σφὶ τολλη καὶ ἐνεργοῖς
ὄρυσταιν ἐν μέσῃ δὲ τῇ στήλη ἐνεών διαφάνειν τὸ νέκυς, όπτε
ὀδυμίν οὐδεμίαν ἀχαρίν παρεχόμενος οὔτε ἄλλο ἀείκες οὐδέν, καὶ
ἔχει πάντα φανερὰ ὁμοίως αὐτῷ [τῷ νέκῳ]. Ἐναὐτόν μὲν ἡ
ἔχουσι τὴν στήλην ἐν τοῖς οἰκίοις οἱ μάλιστα προσήκοντες,
πάντων τε ἀπαρχόμενοι καὶ θυσίας οἱ προσάγοντες μετὰ δὲ ταύτα
ἐκκομίζονται ἢστάσι περὶ τὴν πόλιν.

Θεοσάμενοι δὲ τὰ πάντα οἱ κατάσκοποι, ἀπαλλάσσοντο ὁπλῶν,
ἀπαγγείλαντων δὲ ταύτα τούτων, αὐτίκα ὁ Καμβύς ὁ ὅργην
τοινεμένος ἐστρατεύετο ἐπί τοὺς Ἀἰδίοτας, οὔτε παρασκευὴν
σῖτον οὐδεμίαν παραγγείλας οὔτε λόγον ἐωστὸ δοὺς ὅτι ἐς τὰ
ἐσχατὰ τῆς ἡγής ἐμελλὲ στρατεύεσθαι οἷα δὲ ἐμμανῆς τῇ ἑνώ καὶ
οὐ φρενής, ὥς ἦκου τῶν Ἰχθυοφόρων, ἐστρατεύετο Ἐλλήνων
μὲν τοὺς παρεόντας αὐτοῦ ταύτη 65 τὰς ὑπομένειν, τὸν δὲ πεζὸν
πάντα ἁμα ὁγόμενος· ἐπεῖ τε ἐς στρατευόμενος ἐγένετο ἐν Θήβῃσι,
ἀπέκρινε τοῦ στρατοῦ ὡς πέντε μυριάδας καὶ τούτοις μὲν ἐνετέλ-

66 τῷ νέκῳ. These words appear
to me to be a gloss from a misunder-
standing of the meaning of the passage,
which I should render, "and yet has
every feature distinct like the man him-
self," i.e. when he was alive.
67 οἱ μάλιστα. One MS (R) adds
the words αὐτῶ τῷ νέκῳ, which Wesse-
ling adopts, and strikes out the same two
lines back. I should rather conjecture
that after τῷ νέκῳ in that place had be-
come incorporated with the text, a sub-
sequent transcriber shifted them to this
position. On the transcript being collated
by a different person, the change would
be observed, and a marginal note would
be added to show where they ought to
have been. Then would come the tran-
scriber of R, or its archetype, and put
them in both places.
68 ὁργήν. The manuscripts S and V
have ἀρχήν, which is perhaps the true
reading.
69 αὐτοῦ ταύτη. The same expression
occurs in 1. 214; 4. 135. But it seems
doubtful whether it does not here arise
from an aggregation of two alternative
readings. Here only S has αὐτοῦ ταύτη,
while M, V have αὐτῷ, and P, K, F
αὐτοῦ without ταύτη.
The main army is baffled by want of supplies, and suffers terribly.

26

The detachment reaches the Oasis (El Wah), but perishes midway between that place and Ammon.

Theoc. Ἀμμονίων ἐξανδραποδισσεμένου τὸ χρηστήριον τὸ τοῦ Δίως ἐμπρήσατο, αὐτὸς δὲ τὸν λοιπὸν ἄγων στρατὸν ἤμε ἐπὶ τοὺς Ἀιδίοπας· πρὶν δὲ τῆς ὀδοῦ τὸ πέμπτον μέρος διέκλιθεν τὴν στρατιὰν, αὐτίκα πάντα αὐτοῖς τὰ εἰχὼν σιτίων ἐχόμενα ἐπέλευσε· μετὰ δὲ τὰ σιτία, καὶ τὰ ὑπόζυγα ἐπέλυε τακταιώμενα· εἰ μὲν γὰρ μαθὼν ταῦτα ὁ Καμβύσης ἐγκυσσίμαχε, καὶ ἀπῆγκε ὁπίσω τὸν στρατὸν, ἐπὶ τῇ ἄρχηθεν γενομένῃ ἀμαρταίᾳ ἦν 70 ἀνήρ σοφὸς· νῦν δὲ οὐδένα λόγον ποιεῖμενος ἤμε αἰεὶ ἐς τὸ πρόσω· οὐ δὲ στρατιῶτα, ἐὼς μὲν τι εἰχὼν ὡς τῆς γῆς λαμβάνειν ποιησάμενος διέξον ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐς τὴν ψάμμον ἀπίκουστο, δεινὸν ἐργῶν ἀυτῶν τινὲς ἐργάσαντο· εἰ δεκάδος γὰρ ἑνά σφέων αὐτῶν ἀποκληρώσαντες κατέφαγον. πυθόμενοι δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Καμβύσης, δείχσας τὴν ἀληθεφαγίαν, ἀπείς τὸν ἐπ' Ἀιδίοπας στόλον ὁπίσω ἐπορεύετο· καὶ ἀπικνέετα, ἐς Ἡββᾶς πολλοὺς ἀπολέσας τὸν στρατὸν ἐκ Θηβῶν δὲ καταβᾶς ἐς Μέμφιν, τοὺς Ἐλληνας ἀπῆκε ἄποπλέειν 71. ο μὲν ἐπ' Ἀιδίοπας στόλος ὑπὸτ ἐπηρήξε· τοῖς δὲ αὐτῶν ἐπ' Ἀμμονίων ἀποσταλεῖτε στρατεύεσθαι, ἐπεὶ τε ὀρμηθέντες ἐκ τῶν Θηβῶν ἐπορεύοντο ἔχοντες ἄγων, ἀπικόμενοι μὲν φανεροὶ εἰσὶ ἐς "Οἰσιν πόλιν, τὴν ἔχουσι μὲν Σάμιοι 72 τῆς Ἀισχρομνῆς φυλῆς λεγόμενοι εἶναι· ἀπέχουσι δὲ ἐπί τα ἀμερέων ὅδον ἀπὸ Θηβῶν" 73 διὰ ψάμμων οὖνομάζεται δὲ ἡ χώρος οὗτος κατὰ Ἐλληνον γιάδοσαν Μακάρων νῆσος· ἐς μὲν δὴ τοῦτον τὸν χῶρον λέγεται ἀπικνέσθαι τὸν στρατὸν ἐνεκέενδεν· ὡς μὴ αὐτῷ Ἀμμονίων καὶ οἱ τούτων ἀκούσαντες, ἀλλοι οὖνομεν οὐδὲν ἔχουσι εἰσεῖν περί αὐτῶν οὔτε γὰρ ἐς τοὺς Ἀμμονίων ἀπίκουσαν οὔτε ὁπίσω ἐνστήσαν ἔλεγεν δὲ καὶ τάδε ὑπ' αὐτῶν Ἀμμονίων ἐπειδῆ ἐκ τῆς Ὀλισσος ταύτης ἕναι διὰ τῆς ψάμμος ἐπὶ σφέας, γενέσθαι τε αὐτῶν μεταξύ καὶ

70 ἦν. Gaisford, with the majority of MSS, adds ἦν.
71 τοὺς Ελλήνας ἀπήκε ἄποπλέειν. This is extraordinary, as by such a proceeding he would appear to have been entirely left without troops, the main army having suffered so much, and the detached division of 50,000 having totally perished.
72 τὴν ἔχουσι μὲν Σάμιοι. There is no means of saying when this settlement took place, but it will probably have been coincident with the extension of Samian enterprise to Egypt. For evidence of a commercial connexion between Samos, Elis, Cyrene, and Egypt, see notes 296 b on ii. 181 and 554 on ii. 192. 73 ἐπὶ ἡμερῶν ὅπισώ ἀπὸ Θηβῶν. It is nearly in the same latitude with Thebes, and lies in the caravan track from that city to the Oasis of Ammon. Its modern name is El Wah (the habitation), and it really consists of two oases, El Karyeh and El Dakel. It may be observed from the varying account of the distances that it is unlikely this story belongs to the same cycle as the one in iv. 181.
μάλιστα αὐτῶν τε καὶ τῆς Ὀσίως, ἀριστον ἀἱρεμομένους αὐτοῖσι ἐπιπενείσα εὐτόνον μέγαν τε καὶ ἔξαισιν, φοβέοντα δὲ θίνας τῆς ψάμμου καταχώσας σφέας καὶ τρόποι τοιοῦτοι ἄφανισθήματι. Ἀμμόνιον μὲν οὗτοι λέγοντι γενέσθαι περὶ τῆς στρατιάς ταύτης.

'Ἀπυγμένου δὲ Καμβύσεως ἐς Μέμφιν ἐφάνη Ἀιγυπτίωισι ὁ Ἰοπίς, τὸν Ἡλληνας Ἑπαφον καλέσαντι.13 ἐπιφανέος δὲ τοιοῦτος γενομένος, αὐτίκα οἱ Αἰγυπτιοὶ εἰματιὰ τα ἐφόρεοι τα κάλλιστα καὶ ᾧσαν ἐν θαλάσσῃ· ἵδιον δὲ ταύτα τοὺς Αἰγυπτίους ποιεύσαντο τὸν Καμβύσης, πάγχυ σφέας καταδύσας ἐνοῦ τοῦ κακῶς πρίόνως χαρμόσυνα ταύτα ποιεῖν, ἐκάλεε τοὺς ἐπιτρόπους τὸς Μέμφιος· ἀπικομένους δὲ ἐς ὅψιν εἴρητο ὁ τι πρότερον μὲν ἐνότους αὐτοῦ ἐν Μέμφι, ἐποίειν τοιοῦτον οὐδὲν Ἀιγυπτίωι, τότε δὲ, ἑπεὶ αὐτὸς παρείη τῆς στρατιάς πλῆθος τι ἀποβαλλον· οἱ δὲ ἔφραξον ὅσον σφί θέος εἶξαν φανείς διὰ χρόνου πολλοῦ ἐωθῶς ἐπιφανεῖσθαι, καὶ ὡς ἐπέλαβεν φαντ., τότε πάντες οἱ Αἰγυπτίους κεχαρηκότες ὀρτάξουν ταῦτα ἀκόουσαν οἱ Καμβύσης ἐφῆ συνεδριάζαι σφέας· καὶ ὅσον συνεδριάζουσαν θανάτῳ εξαμίου. 'Ἀποκτείνας δὲ τούτος, δεύτερα τοὺς ἱρέας ἐκάλεε ἐς ὅψιν λεγόντων κατὰ τὰ αὐτὰ τῶν ἱρέων, οἱ λίστειν ἐφῆ αὐτὸν εἰ θέος τις χαροῆθις ἀπετεχεῖν εἰς Αἰγυπτίους τοσαῦτα δὲ εἴπας, ἐπάγειν ἐκέλευε τὸν Ἐπιν τοὺς ἱρέας· οἱ μὲν δὲ μετηῆσαι ἄξοντες· (ὁ δὲ Ἐπις οὕτως [ὁ Ἑπαφός 76] γίνεται μόσχος ἐκ βοῶς ἦτις οὐκέτι ὅθῃ τῇ γίνεται ἐς γαστέρα ἄλλου βιῶσθαι· 77 ἵππων Αἰγυπτίου ἠδὲ λέγοντι σέλας ἐπὶ τῆς βοῶς ὑπὸ τοῦ ὀφραυνοῦ 78 κατίσχειν, καὶ μὲν ἐκ τούτου τίκτειν τὸν Ἐπιν ἐχεί δὲ...

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27 Cambyses, on occasion of the appearance of Apis, is angry at the festivities of the people.

28 Description of Apis.

71 τὸν Ἡλληνας Ἑπαφον καλέσαν. The meaning of this is that the Egyptian Apis is, as regards his ritual, identical with the Hellenic Epaphus. Above (ii. 153) the author expresses the same thing in other words, on which passage see the note 467. See also the note 32 on i. 7.

72 τὸς ἐπιτρόπους. See note 105, below.

76 [ὁ Ἑπαφός.] These words appear to be a gloss. The manuscripts S and V omit the word οὕτως, and thus show this more distinctly. See § 27.

77 βάλεσθαι. This is the reading adopted by Gaisford from the majority of MSS. But S and V have βάλεσθαι, which seems to suggest λαβέσθαι as the original reading.

78 ἐκ τοῦ ὀφραυνοῦ. It does not seem likely, judging from this expression, that in the time of Herodotus the generic beam was regarded as proceeding from any especial luminary. But in the time of Plutarch it was said to come from the Moon, and a strange myth appears to have been connected with the notion; viz. that Osiris was both the son and the husband of Isis. (De Isid. et Os. p. 363.) Another legend, in reference to the same notion, attached to Isis an androgynous character. These two myths are undoubtedly of late growth and obviously coined for the purpose of connecting together diverse rituals. There was in Egypt a festival (kept on the new-moon in the month Phamenoth), of which the name interpreted was "the entrance of Osiris into the Moon." (Plutarch, l. c.) This seems not unlikely to have had regard to
ο μόσχος οὗτος, "Ἀπις καλεόμενος, σημήνια τοιάδε ἐὼν μέλαν· ἐπὶ μὲν τοῦ μετόπῳ λευκόν τετράγωνον ἢ, ἐπὶ δὲ τοῦ νότου αἰετών εἰκασμένου, ἐν δὲ τῇ οὐρῇ τὰς τρίχας δυτικά, ἐπὶ δὲ τῇ γλώσσῃ κάνθαρον.

Καμβύσης οἷς ἔδωκεν ἰτα τοὺς μηροὺς γελάσας δὲ, εἶπε πρὸς τοὺς ἱρέας: "ὁ κακάς κεφαλαί, τοιούτοις θεοὶ γίνονται, ἕναμοι τε καὶ σαρκώδεις καὶ ἑπαίωντες σιδηρίων;" αἷος μὲν Αἰγυπτίων οὕτως γέ ὁ θεός ἀτύρ τοῦ ὑμείς γε οὐ χαίροντες γέλωτα ἐμὲ θησεθε." ταῦτα ἐπίτας, ἐνετειλάτο τοῖς ταύτα πρήσουσιν, τοὺς μὲν ἱρέας ἀπομαστήσωσαι, Αἰγυπτίων δὲ τῶν ἄλλων τῶν ἀνάρ χάμας ὀρτάζουσα κτείνειν. ὅρθῃ μὲν δὴ διελέυσον Αἰγυπτίοιον ὦ δὲ ἱρέας ἐδικαίωσον ὦ δὴ Ἀπις πεπληγμένος τῶν μηρῶν, ἔφθινεν ἐν τῷ ἱρῷ κατακείμενος. καὶ τὸν μὲν, τελευτήσατα ἐκ τοῦ τρόμοτος ἐθαψαν οἱ ἱρέας λάδη Καμβύσεως Καμβύσης δὲ, ὡς λέγουσι Αἰγυπτίοιον, αὐτίκα διὰ τοῦτο τὸ ἱδίκημα ἐμάνη, εώς οὐδὲ πρότερον φρενήρης· καὶ πρῶτα μὲν τῶν κακῶν ἐξεργίσατο τὸν ἄδελφον Σμέρδιν ἐώς πατρός καὶ μηρῶς τῆς αὐτῆς, τὸν ἀπέτεμψε ἐς Πέρσας φθόνον ἐς Αἰγυπτίον, ὅτι τὸ τόξον μοῦνὸς Περσέων ὅσον

that phenomenon which our old bard calls "the new Moon with the asul Moon in her arm," the dark portion of the planet being taken for the Sun, which had been seen to set. Again, the influence of the Moon on the growth of various productions was a firm belief in Egypt. (Plu-tarch, De Is. et Os. passim.) Nothing therefore could be more easy than to change the emunation by which the mother of Apis was supposed to be impregnated from thence. 79 τετράγωνον. C.Alyus conjectures τι τρίγωνον. 80 ἐπὶ τοῦ νότου, "over his back," not "on the top of his back," which would be denoted by the dative case. 81 ἐπὶ δὲ τῇ γλώσσῃ κάνθαρον. The scarabaeus was probably regarded as a sacred symbol from the same cause as the shrewmouse. (See note 422 on ii. 141.) It appeared to be produced from the earth. As in the case of the other animal, the ingenuity of later times suggested a variety of mystical reasons. 82 ἑπαίωντες σιδηρίων. See note on i. 71. 83 τὸν ἄδελφον Σμέρδιν. This name, in its milder form Merdus (=Mardhes = Mārdu), is identical etymologically with the Barthus (=Bardhes=Bādhr) of the Belostum Inscriptions, who is there represented as having had the same father and mother as Cambyses (Kabuwayja), as having excited troubles in the state, and as having been slain by Cambyses. But the inscription expressly goes on to say that it was after this that Cambyses went to Egypt. For the difference in the chronology of the Egyptian accounts see note 107, below. 84 ἐς Πέρσας. The seat of the troubles excited by the brother of Cambyses is by Herodotus supposed to be Persia. This country does not however appear to have been the seat of the imperial government before the reign of Darius. That was Abyrana in the time of Cyrus (i. 153), and of Cambyses (iii. 64). Smerdias therefore was sent to Persia as to a province, perhaps in the position of a viceroy. And this is in harmony with a notice in Cte-sias, who represents the younger brother (though he gives him the name Tanyou-areas) as being left by his father with independent authority over certain pro-
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32 Double account of the occasion of the sister’s death.

33 Ταύτα μὲν ἐς τοὺς οἰκήτους ὁ Καμβύσης ἐξεμάνη, εἶτε δὴ ἔνα ὅσπις ἔτει ὡς ἡ τούτων ἄνωθεν ἀνθρώποιν, τῇ παραμένῃν δακρύνειν. Καμβύσης δὲ ἡ παραμένην δακρύει, ἐπείρεσθαι διότι δακρύειν, τὴν δὲ εἰπεῖν "ταύτην μέντοι κοτὲ σύ τὴν θρίαδα ἐμμίμησο, τὸν Κύρο οίκον ἀποψιλώθησα," τὸν δὲ θυμο-θέντα ἑμπηδήσαι αὐτῇ ἑχοῦσθι ἐν γαστρί, καὶ μιν ἐκτρώσασαν ἀποθανεῖν.
said above, § 30: αὐτικα διὰ τοῦτο τὸ ἀδίκημα ἡμᾶς. See note 6 on i. § 1.

93 ἐσθήοε. The manuscripts S and V have ἐσθίοε. See note 136 on ii. 69.

94 καὶ οἱ τὰς ἀγγελίας ἐφόρεε οὕτως. This function is not to be confused with that of the ἐσθηγελεῖς, who was an eunuch (see below, § 77), and regarded as holding a servile office; but it rather is that of a commissioner armed with a firman for special important services,—as for instance those performed by Preexaspes in the matter of Smerdis (above, § 30).

95 περὶ ἔμε. The manuscripts S and V have the form ἔμε. But in i. 126 they give the open form, and likewise in vi. 33.

96 τελέσαι. This word is omitted by one MS, and several others have the alternative καλέσαι. It seems almost certain that the text as it stands must be corrupt; but it seems rash to correct it by the expul-

sion of this word, for such an emendation offers no explanation of the way in which the corruption arose. I should be inclined rather to suppose that Herodotus wrote κοῖος τίς δοκεῖ ἄρηρ πρὸς τῶν πατέρα τελέσαι: "what kind of man they thought he turned out in comparison with his father?", and that ἐαυ, from being a marginal gloss in explanation of the un-

usual phrase τελέσαι, crept into the text. The ellipse is of βίος or some such word, and the sense is easily deductible from such expressions as εἰς Ἐλληνας πατέρα (ii. 51); ἐς Βαυτόν ἀνδρόν (vi. 100).
Herodotus. "Servants, as you wish."

"Preface."

The manuscripts S and V have ἰὴ... τέχωμι.

The words ὕμνοι are to be regarded as a single verb nearly equivalent to ἐγώ, and the particles τε... τε combine together the clauses ἔγωγε ὑμίν and Πέρσαι parafraseoνοι. Translate: "Prexaspes, that I for my part am no madman and that the Persians are drifers, here you have proof; and now tell me," &c., &c.

100 ἐπίσκοπα, "to the mark."

101 αὐτῶν τὸν ὑμὸν ὑώτα ἐν καλῶς βαλλόντων. This expression is an allusion to the mode in which Ormuzd was represented by the Persians, as an archer, by a figure which appears in the Behistun Inscriptions, and which is identical with one found on many of the Nineveh marbles. This belongs to a mythological cycle essentially different from the one described in i. 132. See the note 430 on i. 132. It is curiously illustrative of the manner in which the ancients identified strange gods with their own analogous deities, that Seneca, describing this incident, quotes the answer of Prexaspes thus: "Negavit Apollinem potuisse certius dittitera." (De ira, iii. 14.)

102 Περσῶν. The words ὑμία (or ὕμαστοι) tοῖς πράτοις come after Περσῶν in all the MSS, and so they are printed by Gaisford. The explanations of none of the commentators are to me satisfactory if ὑμία be taken, which can certainly not be a correction from either of the other readings; but the slight transposition renders the sentence easy. "These atrocities he then committed, and at another time what matched the first;—twelve Persians, convicted of no sufficient offence, did he bury alive head downwards."

103 ἐνί κεφαλὴν κατάρσε. There are unfortunately no means of ascertaining the spirit in which Cambyses committed this outrage. Some may be disposed to combine the circumstance with what is related of Amestris (vii. 114), and to regard it as a confirmation of the assertion that a burial alive was a Persian practice." But if Cambyses acted here in the spirit of Amestris, one would hardly expect the words ἐνί κεφαλὴν, the action expressed by which seems to indicate contempt. Moreover Cambyses is throughout represented as a sort of Mezentius, a despiser of the gods as well as a cruel tyrant. This was
only a natural view in Egypt, for the early Persians were, like the Mussulmans, thorough iconoclasts and intolerant of all religions but their own. It seems not impossible that the punishment spoken of in the text may have been a summary one inflicted by the passionate king upon certain individuals whom he had detected in the worship of the buried Osiris, so prevalent in Egypt;—he sent them, as it were, to search for the object of their devotion, as the Thracians used to send a messenger to Zalmoxis (iv. 94). Aristophanes, in a somewhat similar manner, brings before the Athenian public in a ridiculous attitude those philosophers whom he chooses to describe as prying into the bowels of the earth.  

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Perhaps or during the cities of his and their rest upon the word or himself as an epithet or Baal, it seems scarcely possible that it rest upon the local traditions of Memphis, and especially of the Hephaestum there, the priests of which were fearful oppressed by him and all their superstitious insulted. If so, it is not surprising that the account should confine itself to the atrocities and the punishment which followed them, and should pass over all the particulars of Cambyses’s movements not connected with these. Accordingly, on the next notice of Cambyses, he appears to be at Agbatana in Syria (§ 62), where he dies about twenty days after his arrival, and after receiving the first intelligence of the revolt of the Pseudo-Smerdis. A similar outrage is recorded on the part of Darius (or, according to Ctesias, of Xerxes) at Babylon. See i. 187, and the note 631 there.

Thus Theophrastus, 566: οὗ τοῦ μα τῷ θεῷ σὺν καταρθεῖσι λέγοντας ταυτί. The origin of the expression is to be sought in the use of πρόθεσις as an euphemism for ἀγαθός. Translate: “not however that those who saved him should do their work for nothing.” See v. 105, εὑρίσκεται ἃς αὐτοῖς γε ὑπὶ καταρθεῖσαι ὑπαστάντες, “we well know that these at any rate would not fail to get something by having revolted.” Of course the euphemistic expression becomes in such cases a bitter irony.

107 μὲν δὲν τοῦ Μέμφι. These words show that in the Egyptian accounts all the atrocities of Cambyses were represented as consequent upon his violation of Αριάμη, which itself followed his return from the unsuccessful expedition to Ethiopia. It seems scarcely possible to doubt that they rest upon the local traditions of Memphis, and especially of the Hephaestum there, the priests of which were fearful oppressed by him and all their superstitions insulted. If so, it is not surprising that the account should confine itself to the atrocities and the punishment which followed them, and should pass over all the particulars of Cambyses’s movements not connected with these. Accordingly, on the next notice of Cambyses, he appears to be at Agbatana in Syria (§ 62), where he dies about twenty days after his arrival, and after receiving the first intelligence of the revolt of the Pseudo-Smerdis.

108 σκέπτόμενος τῶν νεκρῶν. A similar
of a religious city, and its deities which all nations hold to be the equivalent of the Hellenic gods. (See iv. 110.) In this case the term Πασακάιου would be equivalent to λατερέας (slayers of the host), an actual name of the Dioscuri (Didymus, ap. Hesych. ch. v. ap.) and a most appropriate title for gods who went forth to war with the armies of their worshippers. It will be observed that Herodotus speaks of these figures as appearing on the prows of the Phoenician triremes, not of their merchant ships.

111 οἱ τοὺς γονεás κατεσθίουσι. See note on § 99 below, καλεῖται δὲ Παδάδω. 112 ὅρβῶς μοι δοκεῖ Πίνδαρος ποίησαι.

This passage is quoted by Plato (Gorgias, p. 434), where by the use the speaker makes of it and its context, ἄγει βιαῖς τῷ δικαιότατῳ ὑπερτάτε χερί, it would seem that the poet used the word as equivalent to τῷ νομίζομενον,—positive law in direct opposition to natural law.

113 Καμβύσεως ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ στρατευομένου. The thread of the narrative relative to Cambyses is resumed in § 61. In what intervenes there is nothing to fix the chronology of the events the author describes except the account relative to the auxiliaries having been despatched by
Polycrates to the aid of Cambyses (§ 44). The account of the fate of Polycrates is united with the narrative of the Persian monarchy by the disaster of Oroetes, below, §§ 121—128. 115 ὤσ ἢ ἐσχὰ Σάμων ἐπαναστάτης. According to some accounts, with a force of only 15 hoplites to back him. (See below, § 129.) 116 πεντηκοκτέρων τε ἐκατ. See notes on § 44 and § 45.

117 χιλιάοι στρατιώται. Apparently these were independent of his mercenaries, as a little further on (§ 45) the author speaks of the numbers of the στρατιώται ἀκρην. It seems very probable that one of the measures by which Polycrates acquired his power was (just as in the case of Pisistratus, see note 194 on i. 59), the organizing the commons as a new military arm. See note 115, above.

118 Ἀμασίς Πολυκράτης ὧδε λέγει. This simple style of address recurs in the spatch of Oroetes, below, § 122: Ὀροῖτις Πολυκράτης ὧδε λέγει. viii. 140: Μαρτύνοις τάδε λέγει. Its genuine oriental character is shown by the parallel form used by Rabshakeh (2 Kings xviii. 10 and 29). But the historical authority of the letter here is quite another matter. In point of sentiment it runs exactly parallel to the speech of Solon, i. 32. 119 τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπισταμένῳ ὧδε ἔστι φθονόρων. The notion of the envy of the deity appears in several passages of Herodotus, but is perhaps most fully developed in the mouth of Artabanus (vii. 10 and 46). It is apparently an idea of Asiatic origin, suggested by the despotric forms of government which universally prevailed in that part of the world. A large portion of the propitiatory sacrifices of the ancients rested upon this feeling. (See note 676 on i. 199.) In the time of Herodotus it had become grafted on to an idea nearly akin to it, but of Achaean origin,—that of
the divine νόμος, or wrath of the gods called forth by the commission of a crime. This was conceived as exerting itself mainly by the agency of the criminal himself. His mind became deluded, and he entered upon a perverse course of action which sooner or later ended in his ruin. Ἀσέχυλος expresses the links in the chain of necessity by the words he puts into the mouth of the Shade of Darius (Pers. 621):

"οὐδ’ ἐγὼ ἐξανθασόμενον ἐκάρπωσα στάχθην ἀπόθους."

Of human criminality there were two great divisions;—acts injurious to the deity either of a positive character, as arrogance, or of a negative, as the neglect of the public worship,—and acts injurious to men if of the same state. The sense of wrong arising from these in the injured party was regarded as acquiring a distinct personal existence, and becoming a νόμος or ἐρως, an avenging deity,—an ἄραπαστεία or μοῖρα as being absolutely inevitable,—a ποιητὴς as being stirred to action by an injury previously inflicted,—an ἄτη as operating through the infatuation of the criminal.

120 εὐτυχεῖς. Several MSS have εὐ-

τυχεῖς, which looks like an arbitrary correction to produce a correspondence with the clause ἐν αὐτῶν πρήκτοισαν. But even then the sentence will not run on all-fours without some change. I apprehend that the words ἐν αὐτῶν πρήκτοισαν have slipped out of their proper place; and by put-

ting them before καὶ ἐν τῷ διαφέρειν τῶν αἰώνων (which they follow in Gaisford and all the MSS), a regular construction will result. Translate: "And I may say I wish—both for myself and my connexions—to speed here and to fail there in my doings, with chequered fortune; and (I hold) that some one’s life is better than that one should have luck in every thing.” There is no eclipse before ἢ εὐτυχεῖς, but διαφέρειν, which is equivalent to βελτίων ἐναι, is employed in the regimen of these words. The infinitive διαφέρειν again depends on the sense νομίζω, which is implied in the word βούλομαι.

121 ἀτές. See note 314 on i. 90.

122 τοῖς Τηλεκλαῖοις. S and V have Τη-

λεκλαῖοι and Τηλεκλαῖος severally. Παύσα-

νιας (viii. 14. 8) must have found the reading Τηλεκλαῖος, for it is from the combination of this passage with i. 51 (where see the note 160), that he asserts the identity of "Theodorus the Samian,” the alleged inventor of bronze-casting, with the artist here spoken of. A further assumption on the part of Pausanias is, that Theodorus here spoken of was the “engraver” of the signet. But the words of Herodotus are compatible with the view that he was the “setter” of the emerald stone in a gold ring,—an operation more analogous to metallurgy than the engraving of a design would be. Nevertheless, it should be remembered that the ring (whether regarded as curious from its setting or for its engraving) is not spoken of as

which he takes, and casts a very precious ring into the sea.
42
A few days afterwards, a fish is brought to him as a present, and the ring is found in its maw.

taúthn oi ἐδόκεις ἀποβαλλέων, ἔποιες τοιάδε πεντηκόντερον 123 πληρώσας ἀνδρῶν ἐσέβη ἐς αὐτήν μετὰ δὲ, ἀναγενέω ἐκέλευε ἐς τὸ πέλαγος· ὡς δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς νήσου ἐκάς ἐγένετο, περιελόμενος τῆς σφρηγίδα πάντων ὅρεών τῶν συμπλών ῥίπτει ἐς τὸ πέλαγος· τοῦτο δὲ ποιήσας ἀπέτλεε, ἀπικομενός δὲ ἐς τὰ οἰκία συμφόρη ἔχρητο. Πέμπτη δὲ ἡ ἐκτή ἡμέρη ἀπὸ τῶν τάδε οἱ συνήμεικε γενέσθαι ἀνήρ ἀλείως λαβὼν ἰχθύν μέγαν τε καὶ καλὸν, ἦξίου μὲν Πολυκράτει δόρῳ δοθήναι φέρων δὴ ἐπὶ τὰς θύρας Πολυκράτει ἐφ' ἐθέλειν ἔλθειν ἔς ὅψων χωρίσατος δὲ οἱ τούτοι, ἔλεγε διδοῦς τὸν ἰχθύν "ὁ βασιλεύς, ἐγὼ τόνδε ἔλων οὐκ ἐδικαίωσα φέρειν ἐς ἀγόριν, καίστερ γε ἐὼν ἀποχειρωβιώτος· ἄλλα μοι ἐδόκεις σεῦ τε εἰναί ἄξιοι καὶ τῆς σῆς ύρχῆς· σοι δὴ μὲν φέρων δίδωμι." ὁ δὲ ἠσθεῖς τοίς ἐπεσε ἀμείβεται τοῖς δὲν "κάρτα τε εὐ ἐποίησας καὶ χάρις διπλέ τῶν τε λόγων καὶ τοῦ δόρῳ· καὶ σε ἐπίθεσιν καλέομεν 124." ὁ μὲν δὴ ἄλειως μέγα ποιείμενος ταύτα ἴμε ἐς τὰ οἰκία· τὸν δὲ ἰχθύν ταῦτα μνοῦτε ποιεῖ, οἱ θεράποντες εὐρίσκουσιν ἐν τῇ νησίῳ αὐτοῦ ἐνεώσαν τὴν Πολυκράτειος σφρηγίδα· ὅς δὲ εἴδον τε καὶ ἐλαβὼν τάχιστα, ἐφέρον κεχαρικότες παρὰ τὸν Πολυκράτεα, διδόντες δὲ οἱ τὴν σφρηγίδα ἔλεγον ὑπὲρ τρόπω εὐρέθη· τὸν δὲ ὡς ἐσῆθε θείων εἶναι ἵπτημα, γράφει ἐς βιβλίον πάντα τὰ ποιησάμενα μὲν ὁμήροι καταλελαβῆκε, γράφας δὲ, ἐς Αἰγυπτον ἐπέθηκε 125. Ἐπιλεξά-

actually existing anywhere. It is a mere feature in a story, the object of which is to illustrate the inevitable character of Destiny; and therefore its compatibility with what is known of the history of the Arts must be of secondary importance. See note 104 on i. 30.

123 πεντηκόντερον. See note 131, below.
124 καὶ σε ἐπὶ δεινῶν καλέομεν. This invitation from a prince to a man who lived by the work of his hands is at first sight remarkable. It is probably not to be accounted for on the same principle as a similar proceeding occurring in the east would be, where the arbitrary favour of the sovereign is the source of all conventional rank, and no sense of incongruity is produced by its falling upon a fisherman or a barber. Neither is it a piece of ultra-democratic equalization, such as might be practised a century later at Athens. The true explanation seems to be that Polycrates, although a crusader of the power of the aristocratic families, was regarded as the champion of the commonalty. Hence the compliments between him and the fisherman, who was as proud of his prince and the ἄρχη, as a Frenchman of Napoleon in the first year of the empire; and for a τῶρανος under such circumstances nothing could be a more popular act than to invite the donor of the fish to partake of it. He of course went home, μεγά ποιείσενον ταύτα, calling it 'the proudest moment of his life.' 125 ἐς Αἰγυπτον ἐπέθηκε, "he sent it to Egypt." The literal meaning would be, "he put on it the address 'To Egypt,'" and this is probably the origin of the idiom. Compare v. 39, ἐπισθεῖ ἐς Μυτιληνη, where perhaps the poem referred to was in the form of a lyrical despatch, of which Melanippus was regarded as the bearer.
It if, and have elvov ryarj'i. TreyLt-v'va'n.oXvKpdrr'; /X6W9 Al^vnrov iSetjdr] revovro "Trepl brackets, formal the have The not was when rian. I erravdaraaiv, therefore, by sentiment eiroi€€. common construction ford reads 6 most of the MSS. But S, V, a, and c have πέμψας δὲ κήρυκα λαθρὴ Σάμων Πολυκράτης. Bekker proposes to change δὲ into γάρ. These words are so continually substituted for one another in MSS, that wherever such a change seems required it may be made without scruple. But in this instance there seems a lacuna in both classes of MSS.

125 τοῦ δὲ εἶνεκα ταῦτα ἐποίεις: Gaisford and the MSS have τοῦ δὲ εἶνεκα ταῦτα ἐποίεις.

127 [τοῦ δὲ εἶνεκα ... εἰῶν ἀνδρός.] I have enclosed these words between brackets, because they appear to me to be an interpolated note, not from the hand of the author, but from that of a grammarian of the time of the Roman empire, when Herodotus (as is clear from the treatise of Dionysius of Halicarnassus) was much read in the schools. The sentiment is one appropriate to Cicero, but not to Amasis, or to any one near his time. The prevailing motive with him would have been to avoid by all means sharing the ruin of a man on whom Destiny had set its mark; and this risk would, according to the feeling of the age, be run by every one connected with him in any solemn relation whatever. There was no formal ξενία without participation in a common sacrifice to a common deity; if, therefore, this deity was bent on the destruction of one of the contracting parties, the renunciation of the contract by the other became an act of self-preservation.

128 Κωδικίων τὴν ἐν Κρήτῃ. See note on § 59.

129 Πολυκράτης δὲ πέμψας. So Gaisford reads with most of the MSS. But Polykrates tries to get rid of some troublesome citizens by sending them to assist Cambyses, whom he begs secretly to dispose of them.
tunes of Polycrates. See also note 136, below.  

132 [ὑπὸ Πολυκράτεος.] These words are omitted in four MSS.  

133 σφις. Gaisford reads σφί. Matthew lays it down that in Herodotus this distinction exists between σφις and σφί, that the former is equivalent to sibi, the latter to illis (or iis). According to Matthew, the manuscript S reads σφίς here.  

134 καταπλέουσι δὲ εἰς τὴν Σάμιον Πολυκράτης . . . κατάστη. The transition from the oblique to the direct form is not to be passed over without observation. Whether the detachment arrived in Egypt or not was a matter of uncertainty; some gave one account of the matter and some another, but all agreed that there was a debarkation on the island Samos and a battle, which was followed by a retreat of Polycrates’s enemies to Lacedaemon.  

135 παραστήσασθαι. For the use of παράστομι see the note 41, above, and § 155, below. The middle voice, which is commonly used, has nearly, but not exactly, the force of παραστήσαντα ποιήσασθαι, just as παίδε διδάσκασθαι means ‘to bring about the teaching of one’s child.’ Translate: ‘if they were strong enough to bring Polycrates to terms.”  

136 ἐνοτῶν ἀλγῶν. This expression seems strange; for if the complement of the tenses were taken at 200, the number of the invaders would be 8000, a formidable force as against the resources of Polycrates, such as they are described § 39. It is possible that the numbers in that passage are corrupt, or that those of the tenses (§ 44) are so. But it is also possible that an entirely different solution of the difficulty is to be sought. See the note 131, above.
The Lacedaemonians give a different reason for their expedition against Samos,
The Corinthians readily assist in the expedition, from an old quarrel with the Sardinians, who rescued some children sent by Periander to the Sardinian slave-market; which rescue is still commemorated by a festival at Samos.

48 Συνεπέλάβοντο δὲ τοῦ στρατεύματος τοῦ ἐπὶ Σάμου, ὡστε γενέσθαι, καὶ Κορίνθιοι προθύμως 111. ὑβρισμα γὰρ καὶ ἐς τούτους εἶχε ἐκ τῶν Σάμιων γενόμενον γενέτ. πρότερον τοῦ στρατεύματος τοῦτον [κατὰ δὴ 112 τῶν αὐτοῦ χρόνων τοῦ κριτηρίου τῇ ἀρταγηγῷ γεγονός.] Κερκυραίοι γὰρ παίδες τραπεζισίοις ἀνδρόν τῶν πρώτων Περιανδροῦ ὁ Κυψέλου ἐς Σάρδης ἀπέτεμεν παρὰ 'Αννάττεα ἐπ’ εκτομῆ ἐπισκόπων δὲ ἐς τὴν Σάμον τῶν ἀγάλλων τοὺς παῖδας Κορινθίων, πυθόμενοι οἱ Σάμιοι τοῦ λόγου ἐπ’ οὕτω ἁγιοτὰ ἐς Σάρδης, πρῶτα μὲν τοὺς παῖδας ἐδίδαξαν ἵρου ἀφασαθι Ἀρτέμιδος 113, μετὰ δὲ, οὐ περιορέουσαν ἀπέλκειν τοὺς ἱκέτας ἐκ τοῦ ἱροῦ, συτίων δὲ τοὺς παῖδας ἐργάτων Κορινθίων, ἐποιήσαντο οἱ Σάμιοι ὅρθη τῇ καὶ νῦν ἔτι χρέωσιν κατὰ ταύτα: νυκτὸς γὰρ ἐπιγενομένης, ὅσον χρόνου ἱκέτευον οἱ παῖδες ἱστασαν χοροὺς παρθένων τε καὶ ἱηθέων, ἱστάντες δὲ, τοὺς χοροὺς τρωκτὰ σημαίον τε καὶ μέλιτος ἐποίησαντο νόμον φέρεσθαι, ἵνα ἀρπάξαντες οἱ τῶν Κερκυραίων παίδες ἔχοιεν τροφήν. ἐς τούτῳ δὲ τὸ τέλος ἐγένετο 114, ἐς δὲ οἱ Κορίνθιοι, τῶν παίδων οἱ φύλακοι, οὐχιντο ἀπολοπτόντες, τοὺς δὲ παῖδας ἀπήγαγον ἐς Κέρκυραν οἱ Σάμιοι. Εἰ μὲν νῦν Περιανδροῦ τελευτήσας τοῦτο Κορινθίως φίλα ἦν πρὸς οὓς Κερκυραίοι, οἴδε ὅν ἄν συνελάβοντο τοῦ στρατεύματος τοῦ ἐπὶ Σάμου ταύτης εἴνεκεν τῆς αἰτίας: νῦν δὲ αἰεί, ἐπεὶ τε ἐκτίσαν τὴν νήσον, εἰσὶ ἀλλήλοια διάφοροι εἴοντες ἐωτοῦσι τούτων εἴνεκεν

111 καὶ Κορίνθιοι προθύμως. It seems likely that at this time Διακτάρδεας was king of Sparta, and that the party of which the Herodotean Sosicles (v. 92) is the representative was in the ascendant at Corinth. This party would favour the aristocratic Dorian as opposed to the Achaean blood. See note on v. 76, Κορίνθιοι πρώτοι σοι αὐτῶι δαίτε λόγοι.

112 κατὰ δὴ. Two MSS have κατὰ δὲ, and Gaisford follows them. But the sentence appears to be a note by a later hand, and to result from a conjecture founded upon the expression γενέτ. πρότερον τοῦ στρατεύματος τοῦτον. Hence the origin of the word γενόμενος, which if Gaisford's reading be followed, becomes not merely superfluous after γενέτ., but also inelegant from the causeless change of tense.

113 Ἀρτέμιδος. The Artemis of Samos appears to have been a goddess identical in character with the one in the Limnæum at Sparta, at whose altar boys were scourged. The temple was called Ταυροπάλαιος. If the existing MSS of Strabo are to be trusted, it was not in the island Samos itself, but in the little islet Icaria, 30 stades distant (xiv. p. 172). But Stephanus Byzantinus (sub v. Ταυροπάλαιος) appeals to Strabo, and speaks of it as in the island itself. From the circumstance that the Here in the great temple bores also the name of Parthenia (which indeed was said to be her earliest; see Spanheim on Callimachus, Hymn. Del. 43), it seems not unlikely that an early Artemis-ritual was taken up into the worship at the Hereæum, and that Herodotus is here speaking of some chapel in that building.

114 ἐς τούτῳ δὲ τὸ τέλος ἐγένετο. Most of the MSS have οἵ after δὲ, which gives no sense, but appears to be a relic of some various reading, it being impossible to conceive how such a corruption could arise out of the present text.
History of Periander, after he had slain his wife Melissa.

50

Periander expels him from his house.

Bitterness of his second son Lycurgus.

51

Periander, after he had slain his wife Melissa.

The text as it stands is obviously corrupt, but it is not easy to correct it with any thing like certainty. Schafer and Schweighaeuser consider that ἄλληλοισι is a gloss of ἐωτοῖς, and simply discard it. But even then the sentence does not run well. I am inclined to think the text an union of two different readings:

νῦν δὲ αἰεὶ...οί Κορίνθιοι.

This is the real name of Periander’s wife, but says that he himself called her Melissa. It may be doubted whether the story of his wife being called by that name did not arise from a misunderstanding of an equivocal phrase (συνείδα). See note on v. 92. Diogenes does not give his authority for the above fact, but immediately afterwards he quotes Heracleides Ponticus for the extent of the sovereignty of Lysida’s father Procles.

145 νῦν δὲ αἰεὶ...οί Κορίνθιοι.

146 τὴν ἐωτοῖς γυναῖκα Μέλισσαν. DIONEGENES LAERTIUS (i. 94) gives Lysida as the real name of Periander’s wife, but says that he himself called her Melissa. It may be doubted whether the story of his wife being called by that name did not arise from a misunderstanding of an equivocal phrase (συνείδα). See note on v. 92. Diogenes does not give his authority for the above fact, but immediately afterwards he quotes Heracleides Ponticus for the extent of the sovereignty of Lysida’s father Procles.

147 Ἐπιδάφους τύραννος. The tomb of Melissa at Epidaurus is mentioned by PACSANTIAS (ii. 26. 4). A Procles, too, was the leader of the colonists of Samos which came from Epidaurus.

148 οὐδέποτε μυχαίην. See the note 605 on i. 209.

149 μαλακῶν ἐνδιδόναι βουλόμενος οὐδέν. See below, § 106.
Herodotus

52

and drives him from place to place;

relents on seeing him reduced to extremity,

but the son does not.

Periander sends him Coreyra,

ἐποιεῖτο ἐς τούτοις πέμπον ἀγγελον, ἀπηγράφενε μὴ μὲν δέκεσθαι οἰκίσουν· ὃ δὲ ὁκας ἀπελαυνόμενος ἔλθοι ἐς ἄλλην οἰκίαν, ἀπελαύνετ' ἀν καὶ ἀπὸ ταύτης, (ἀπειλούστος τε τοῦ Περιανδροῦ τοιαί δέξα- μένοις καὶ ἐξέρρεινε κελεύσοντος;) ἀπελαυνόμενος δ' ἃν ἦτε ἐπ' ἐτέρην τοὺς ἑταῖροι· οἱ δὲ ἀτε Περιανδρὸν ἐούτα παῖδα καὶ περι- δεμαίνοντες ὦμος ἐδέκουστο. Τέλος δὲ ὁ Περιανδρός κύριμμα ἐπούσατο, δός ἣν οἰκίσου ὑποδέχεται μν. ἡ προσδιαλέχθη, ἠρην ἔμπειραν τὸν Ἀττικῶν ὤφειλεν, ὡσπὶ ὃδ' ἐπιτα. πρὸς ὃν ὃδ' τοῦτο τὸ κύριμμα, οὔτε τίς οἵ διαλεγέσθαι οὐτε οἰκίσων δέκεσθαι ἱθελε· πρὸς δὲ, οὐδὲ αὐτὸς ἐκείνος ἐδικαίει πειρᾶσθαι ἀπερίμηνόν, ἀλλὰ διακαρτερέον εὐ τῇ στοιχίᾳ ἐκαλυπτο- τετὰρτη δ' ἡμέρῃ ἴδιον μὲν ὁ Περιανδρός ἀλοισιητες καὶ αὐτότητι συμπεπτωκότα, ὀικτείρε· υπείς δὲ τῆς ὀργῆς ἢν ἁσσαν καὶ ἐλεγε· ἢ δὲ, κότερα τούτοις αἰρέτοτερά ἔστι, ταύτα τὰ νῦν ἔχων πρόσ- σεις, ἢ τὴν τυραννίδα καὶ ἀγαθὰ τὰ νῦν ἐγὼ ἔχω, [ταύτα,] έοντα τῷ πατρί ἐπιτίθεον παραλαμβάνειν; ὃς ἐνον ἐμός τε παῖς καὶ Κο- ρίνθου τῆς εὐδαίμονος βασιλείας, ἀλήτην βίον εἶλεν ἀντιστατέον τε καὶ ὀργῆ μεχρίμενος ἐς τὸν σε ἡκιστα ἐρμήν εἰ γάρ τῆς συμφωρῆ- ἐν αὐτοῦ ἀν ἐργονεῦε· ἢ τὰ ὑποψίνη ἐς ἐμὲ ἔχεις, ἐμοί τε αὐτῇ γέγονα καὶ ἔγω αὐτή το πλεῦν μέτοχος εἰμῖ ὁσφ αὐτός σφε ἐξερ- γασίμην σὺ δὲ μαθὼν ὅσφ φθονέσθαι κρέσσον ἐστίν ἢ οἰκτεί- ρεσθαι, ἀμα τε ὁκούοι τι ἐς τοὺς τοκεάς καὶ ἐς τοὺς κρέσσους τεθυμόσθαι, ἀπὶ τι ἐς τὰ οἰκία τοῦ Περιανδροῦ μὲν τούτουι αὐτὸν κατελάμβανε· ὃ δὲ ἀλλο μὲν οὐδὲν ἀμείβεται τῶν πατέρα, ἐφ' ὃς μὲν ἢρην ἔμπειραν ὤφειλεν τῷ θεῷ ἐωστῷ ἐς λόγους ἀπικόμενον μαθὸν δὲ ὁ Περιανδρός ὡς ἀπορήν το τὸ κάκων εἶ ὑπὸ τοῦ παιδὸς καὶ ἀνίκητον, ἐξ ὀφθαλμῶν μὲν ἀποτήμενται στειλάς πλοίον ἐς Κέρ-

150 ἃν ἦτε. See note 338 on ii. 120, and note 406, below.

151 ὃς ἢ ὁκεύος ὑποδέχεταί μας. Dr. Donaldson points out in this and the following section several expressions which he conceives to be distinct imitations of the phraseology of Sophocles. (Transactions of the London Philological Society, i. p. 164.) In my opinion the similarity is adequately explained on the principle indicated in note 116 on i. 32.

152 ὡσπὶ δ' ἐπιτα. "having specified the amount, whatever it was." See note 525 on i. 157. a αὐτός. Schweighaeuser attempts to defend this reading by showing that αὐτός is not uncommonly used for ἡστος, and ἡστος sometimes in the sense of ἐωστῆς. But such reasoning is very unsatisfactory; and it is more likely that the word is a corrup- tion for ὡσπὶ, ἐν ὡσπὶ meaning "in the family." 153 ὲστί τι οἰκτείρεσθαι. A reference to a proverbial ex- pression κρέσσον γὰρ κοτέμμιν φίλον. (Pindar, Pyth. i. 164.)
kuovan epiekrâtee yárr kai tautḥs; ápósteilas dé toútoí á Perián-
drós, éxtrapáteteto épi tou pénevthn Prokléea ów toún paréonton ói
tprégmáta evánta aitíaostata ói eile méi tihn 'Epidáuvrou, eile
dé aúton Prokléa: [kai eýóghynese 151.] 'Epete dé, tou khrónov pro-
báinoutos, ó te Periánndrós parabíkei kai syneigmósketo évouto
oukéti éinai dávmatos ta tprégmata épóroun te kai dísev, pémpás
és tihn Kérkuvan atopékale toún Dukófron ev épi tihn týranvída:
én yárr dé to prósbýteró tou páidov óuk éneíra, álía ói katefá-
vneto éinai nathésteros: ó dé Dukófrón oude anakrísis 155 ýhíasse
toú férónta tihn íkvyelín. Periánndrós dé periexómevoi tou neýrveo,
déntera ápestéile épi aúton tihn adélfeív ejoutoí dé thugatéra,
dókéousi miin málistia taúth kai ãnebáythés anákoménnhs dé tauth-
kai lýguvsh: "ó paí, boúilei tihn te týranvída éis állovos pese-
ev kai tõn óknon tou patróu diakorshnénta 156 mállon, hé aútós sfe
ápeleðovn évkeiv; ápti ës ták oikíaí pávaúai seouvdov ëxvovw
phoi-
timí kýtìa smakwni: mé tò kýkó to kýkou íoí polloi tou dikaiow
tà epitékestrera protítíase: polloi dé én tá mevra diáevnou
tà patróva ápèbalwv týranvís chrýma sfaleroí polloi dé
aútòs érastai eisí, ó dé éngerov te én dé kai parabíkeós: mé dòs tò
eouvdov ãgamá állovou" hé méi dé tâ éngagýgostáa didáchíése
upò tou patróv ëlege proz aúton, ó dé upokrínámenos évfi óvdama
íxein ès Kómvou évst: án puiýíantai perieiónta tou patéra:
ápangýléisá dé taúth tauth tò trítou Periánndrós khríaka
pémitai, boúlómevoi aútòs méi ès Kérkuvan ³hein, ékeínou dé
ekéleue ès Kómvou áptikómenov diáxochov génevai tihn
týranvídov:
katatévastatos ó épi touútoí tou páidou, ó méi Periánndrós étet-
leto ès tihn Kérkuvan ó dé paíz ou ói ès tihn Kómvou mávtones dé èi
Kérkuvai toúton èkastá, ìna mé sfr Periánndrós ès tihn dhrí
apíkethaiste keivóúai tihn neýríkovn. ìnti touútoí méi Periánndrós
Kérkuvaios étmuróreto.

151 [kai eýóghynese.] These words appear to
me to have crept into the text from
the margin, where eýóghynese was probably
placed, not as a gloss, but as an alternative
reading of the second eilí.

152 ènakaúrisos. The manuscripts S and
V have ènakaúrisos, which is adopted by
Bekker. No doubt it is the better reading,
if the meaning of the text be that the son
did not deign even to answer the messenger.

But ènakaúrisos would give a very good
sense, viz., 'that the son did not think it
worth while to put any question to him,'
i.e. as to the circumstances of the case,
in order that he might judge how far it
would be necessary for him to have any
dealings with his father.

156 tòv óknon tou patróv diakorshnénta.
See note 118 on i. 34.
Lacedaemonians. by

Samos, in which

Archias, the grand-

father of a

Laceda-
emonian known to

Herodotus, was highly dis-
hingished.

After forty
days' inef-
tical siege of

Samos, the

Laceda-

137 ἐγένοντο. Gaisford has ἐγένοντο, with some of the MSS.
138 ἐν Πιστάγειν κυριαρχημαν. Pitane was a small deme of Laconia on the banks of the Eurotas. It is quite plain that the details of the assault upon Samos are due to the Archias spoken of as belonging to it. Perhaps it may also be thought that the chronology of the transaction rests upon the same authority. The anecdote of the Samian failure in Laconicism can hardly come from any other source than a Lacedaemonian one, and its date is fixed by the recollection of a man whose grandfather was killed in the expedition which followed the embassy. But there are one or two circumstances in the story which are very instructive with reference to the composition of Herodotus's work. The description of the site of the action is given in the terms which would be employed by a person quite familiar with the spot. A question arises, does this accuracy come from Archias or from his auditor? It can scarcely be doubted that it comes from the latter. Archias (the distinguished soldier) would not have his wife with him on service, and his son Samius seems to have been a posthumous child. In the way of oral tradition therefore it is not likely that the topography of Samos would have been transmitted to the second Archias. But Herodotus himself probably resided long in Samos and was familiar with the place; hence he could supply a topographical skeleton to the Laconian's narrative. On the other hand, the younger Archias is obviously the sole authority for the distinction of a public funeral having been bestowed on his grandfather. Herodotus must unmistakably intimates that in Samos he never heard of such a thing, by putting forward, as he does, the two facts which the other accounted for in a way so creditable to his family,—those of his father having been named Samius and he himself paying particular attention to inhabitants of that island.
There is another reason for putting in the expression Δωρίες. See note on v. 41.

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tῶς χώρους αὐτῶν ἐπόρθεσαν πυθόμενοι δ' ίδις ἥκον οἱ Σιφνιοὶ
βοηθεῖτε, καὶ συμβαλὼντες αὐτοῖς ἐσσώθησαν καὶ αὐτῶν πολ-
λοι ἀπεκλήθησαν τοῦ ἀστεῶν ὑπὸ τῶν Σαμίων καὶ αὐτοὺς μετὰ
tαῦτα ἐκατὸν τάλαντα ἐπρήξαν. Πάρα δὲ Ἐρμονέων νῆσον ἀντὶ
χρημάτων παρέλαβον, Ὄδρένη τὴν ἐπὶ Πελοποννήσῳ, καὶ αὐτὴν
Προεξινίοι παρακατέθεντο αὐτοὶ δὲ Κυδωνίνη τὴν ἐν Κρήτη
ἐκκίνησαν, οὐκ ἐπὶ τούτῳ πλέοντες, ἀλλὰ Ζακυνθίους ἐξελοῦντες
ἐκ τῆς νῆσου ἔμειναν δ' ἐν ταύτῃ καὶ εὐδαιμόνησαν ἐπ' ἑταὶ πέντε
[ὁστε τὰ ἱδὴ τὰ ἐν Κυδωνίη ἐσταὶ νῦν οὕτωι εἰσὶ οἱ ποιησάντες καὶ
τῶν τὴς Δικτύσης νηὸν 162.] ἐκτὸς δὲ ἐτεί Ἀιγίνητα 164 αὐτοὺς ναυ-
μαχὴ νυκσάντες ἡμεῖς πολύποδίσκοι μετὰ Κρητῶν καὶ τῶν νηῶν
κατρῖον ἱχουσών τῶν πρῶρας ἱρτηρισάντων, καὶ ἀνέθεσαν ἐς τὸ
ἱὸν τῆς Ἀθηναίας ἐν Ἀἰγίνη. ταῦτα δὲ ἐποίησαν ἐγκοτον ἐξουσί
Σαμίωσι Ἀιγίνητα πρότεροι γαρ Σάμιοι ἐπ' Ἀμφικράτειος βα-
σιλεύσοντος ἐν Σάμῳ σπατεινόμενοι ἐπ' Ἀἰγίνα, μεγάλα κακὰ
ἐποίησαν Ἀιγίνητας καὶ ἐπαιδῶν ὑπ' ἑκείνων. ἢ μεν αὐτὴν αὐτὴν.

Ἐμῆκον δὲ περὶ Σαμίων μᾶλλον, ὅτι σφι τρία ἑστὶ μέγιστα
ἀπάντων Ἡλλήνων ἑξεργασμένα: οὐρέος τε ὕψηλος ἐς πεντήκοντα
καὶ ἐκατόν ὀργιαῖ, τούτῳ ὀργίμα κάτωθεν ἀρξάμενοι ἀμφιστο-
μον. τὸ μὲν μήκος τοῦ ὀρύματος ἐπτὰ στάδιοι εἰσί, τὸ δὲ ὕψος

162 αὐτόλ ἐν Κυδωνίνη τὴν ἐν Κρήτῃ ἐκκίνησαν. This can hardly be the foun-
dation of a city where none existed before; for the origin of Cydonia is referred by
various traditions to a much earlier time, and indeed it was by some regarded as
the most ancient of all the Cretan cities ("ut Graeci dicer solent, urbim matrem
Cydoniam," FLORUS, iii. 7). It would seem most likely that the settlement
formed by these Samians was in the immediate neighbourhood of the harbour
of Khania, a most favourable situation for a nest of pirates, the mouth of the port
being very narrow, and capable of being closed by a chain. SCYLAX calls Cydonia
_lexiçw klevos, and another geographer describes it as having βρόχος at the entrance
of the harbour. These are recognized in some sunken rocks running half a mile
from the western point. (PASHLEY, TRAVELS IN CRETE, i. p. 14.) The ancient city
would probably be on the mountain Tity-
rus, the site of the Dictynaean temple

60 Three great

works in

Samos.

164 Ἀιγίνητα. STRABO (viii. c. 6. p. 207) mentions the Ἐγινετη as having sent
colonists to Cydonia. Perhaps this was after the destruction of the Samian pirates
described in the text.
καὶ εὕρος ὅκτῳ ἐκάτερον πόδες: διὰ παντὸς δὲ αὐτῷ ἄλλο ὄργυμα εἰκοσίπηχῳ βάθος ὀρώρυκτα, τρίτοις δὲ τὸ εὕρος: δὲ σὺ τὸ ὑδρ ὄχτενύμενον διὰ σωλήναν παραπληγεῖται ἐς τὴν πόλιν, ἀγόμενον ἀπὸ μεγάλης πηνῆς: ἀρχιτέκτων δὲ τοῦ ὄργυματος τοῦτον ἐγένετο Μεγαρέως Εὐπαλίως Ναυστρόφου. τούτῳ μὲν δὴ ἐν τῶν τριῶν ἔστι. δεύτερον δὲ, περὶ λυμεία χῶμα ἐν θαλάσσῃ βάθος κατὰ εἰκοσὶ ὄρυγεων μῆκος δὲ τοῦ χώραματος μέξων δύο στάδιων. τρίτον δὲ σφι ἕξεργασαι νηὸς μέγιστος πάντων νηῶν τῶν ἤμεν ὁμοῦ τοῦ ἀρχιτέκτων πρῶτος ἐγένετο. Ῥώκους Φίλεω ἐπιχόριος. τούτων εἴνεκεν μᾶλλον τι περὶ Σαμίων ἐμὴκυνα.

Καμβύσης δὲ τῷ Κύρου, χρονίζοντι περὶ Αἴγυπτων καὶ παρα-

φροφήσαντι 165, ἐτανίστεται ἄνδρες Μάγοι δύο ἀδελφεῖς τῶν τοῦ

έτερον καταλελοίπει τῶν οἰκίων μελεδοῦνον ὁ Καμβύσης σῶτος δὴ ἄν

οι ᾗ ἐπανέστη, μαθὼν τε τὸν Σμέρδιον θάνατον ὡς κρύπτουτο

γενόμενος, καὶ ὃς οὐλόγοι ἦσαν οἱ ἐπιστάμενοι αὐτῶν 166. Περεόνων,

οἱ δὲ πολλοὶ περιεύντα μιν εἰδεῖσαν 167. πρὸς ταῦτα βουλεύσας

tάδε ἐπεχείρησε τοῖς βασιλικοῖς ἢν οἱ ἀδελφεῖς, τὸν εἴπα οἱ

συνεπαναστήναν, οἰκός μάλιστα τὸ εἰδὸς Σμέρδη τῷ Κύρου τὸν ὁ

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εἰδὸς τῷ Σμέρδη καὶ δὴ καὶ οὖνμα τῶντο ἐιχὲ Σμέρδιν τοῦτον

τῶν ἄνδρα ἀναγνώσας ὁ Μάγος Πατιζείθης 168 ὃς οἱ αὐτῶς πάντα

dιαπρίζει, εἰσε ἄγων ἐς τῶν βασιλικῶν θρόνων 169. τούτως δὲ

165 χρονίζοντι περὶ Αἴγυπτων καὶ παρα-

φροφήσαντι. This would be, according to the Egyptian accounts, after the return from Ethiopia. See note 107, above.

166 αὐτῶν. Gaisford, with the majority of the MSS, has αὐτόν. But the reading in the text is sanctioned by one MS, and is not likely to have grown out of the other by an arbitrary alteration. The αὐτός Πέρσαι appear rather as an aristocracy contradistinguished from οἱ πολλοί.

167 εἰδεῖσαν, "made sure," as ἐπίστα-

σθαί is used elsewhere. See note 421 on i. 122.

168 ἢν τε δὴ ὅμοιος .. καὶ δὴ καὶ. See note 6 on i. 1. The sentence is to be translated: "Now, not only was he like this Smerdis in person, but he even had the same name Smerdis." The Behistun inscription gives Comates as his real name.

169 Πατιζείθης. DIONYSIUS of Miletus, (who wrote contemporaneously with Hera-

tæus,) related that the name of this individual was Panzuthēs. Perhaps Herodotus wrote Patizeithēς. The ν was probably silent in the Persian equivalent form, as in Vidafrana, the equivalent of Intaphernes. See note 201, below.

167 εἰσε ἄγων ἐς τῶν βασιλικῶν θρόνων.

This picturesquie feature in the narrative, expressing the intention that there should be ocular evidence of Smerdis being alive, existed also in the story related by Cte-

sias, although in every historical detail except that of the likeness of the pre-

tender to the real son of Cyrus, the ac-

counts differ. (See note 9, above.) Ct-

sias (ap. Phaethum, p. 37) says that the Magian Splendidates, who had been scourged by Tanyoxares (see note 84, above), fled to Cambyses, and accused his brother of meditating revolt. This charge was confirmed by Tanyoxares
being casually prevented from obeying the summons of Cambyses to come to him. Amyitis, the mother of the two brothers, suspecting the real state of the case, endeavoured to remove suspicions from the mind of Cambyses; but although professing to be convinced by her, he determined to kill his brother, who, at last, on the third summons, had come, and had been received in a friendly manner. In order to avoid the reproaches of his mother, Cambyses devised, at the suggestion of the Magian, an extraordinary scheme. He gave public orders that Sphendodates should be slain for having defamed the king’s brother; but really put the brother to death, and afterwards dressed the Magian in his robes and treated him as if he were Tanyoxarces. Artasyras, Bagapates, and Izabates were the only parties privy to this transaction. Labythus (the chief of Tanyoxarces’ eunuchs) was sent for by Cambyses, and shown the Magian sitting in state dressed out; and on being asked if he thought it was Tanyoxarces, answered ‘Of course it was.’ The pretender was sent to Bactria, and performed all the functions of government as Tanyoxarces until—five years afterwards—the circumstances of the case were related to Amyitis by an eunuch whom the Magian had beaten, on which she demand-
Fulfilment and...
Herodotus

65

His dying confession,

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terae in tē γὰρ ἀνθρωπηγή φύσει οὐκ ἐνήν ἁρὰ τὸ μέλλον γίνεσθαι ἀποτρέπειν ἐγὼ δὲ ὁ μάταιος Πρηξάσπεα ἀποτέμπω ἐσ Σοῦσα ἀποκτενόντα Σμέρδιν ἐξεργασθέντος δὲ κακοῦ τοσοῦτον ἅδεος διαιτώμην, οὐδαμα ἐπιλεξάμενος μὴ κοτέ τίς μοι, Σμέρδιος ὑπαραμημένον, ἀλλος ἑπανασταίη ἀνθρώπων παντὸς δὲ τοῦ μέλλοντος ἔσεθαι ἁμαρτῶν, ἀδελφοκτόνοις τε, οὐδὲν δεόν, γέγονα, καὶ τῆς βασιληγῆς οὐδὲν ἦσσον ἐστέρημαι. Σμέρδις γὰρ ἵν αἱ Μάγοι, τὸν μοὶ δαίμων προέφαυε ἐν τῇ ὁψεὶ ἑπαναστήσθησαι. τὸ μὲν δὴ ἔργον ἐξεργασταϋ μοι, καὶ Σμέρδιν τὸν Κύρου μηκέτι ὑμῖν ἐόντα λογίζεσθαι οἱ δὲ ὑμῖν. 

183 Μάγοι κρατέουσι τῶν βασιληγῶν, τόν τε ἔλιπων ἐπίτροπον τῶν οἰκίων καὶ ὁ ἐκεῖνος ἀδελφὸς Σμέρδιν. τὸν μὲν νῦν μάλιστα χρῆν, ἐμεῦ αἰσχρὰ πρὸς τῶν Μάγων πεποιθότοις, τιμωρεῖν ἐμοί, οὕτως μὲν ἀνοσίῳ μόρῳ τετελεύτηκε ὑπὸ τῶν ἐωτοῦ οἰκητῶτας τούτου δὲ μηκέτι ἐόντος, δεύτερα τῶν λοιπῶν, ὑμῖν, ὦ Πέρσαι, γίνεται μοι ἀναγκαίοταν ἐνεκέλεσα τὰ θέλω μοι γενέσθαι τελευτοῦ τῶν βίων καὶ δὴ υμῖν τάδε ἐπισκήπτων θεοὺς τοὺς βασιληγοὺς ἐπικαλέων, καὶ πᾶσιν ὑμῖν καὶ μάλιστα Ἄχαιμενιδέων τούσι παρεούσι, μὴ περιεδέν τὴν ἤγεμονίαν αὑτὸς ἐσ Μῆδοις περιελθοῦσαν, ἀλλ', εἰτε δόλῳ ἔχουσιν αὐτὴν κτησάμενοι δόλῳ ἀπαρεθήναι ὑπὸ ὑμέων εἰτε καὶ σὴνεῖ τερο κατεργασάμενοι, σθένει κατὰ τὸ καρτερὸν ἀνασώσασθαι. καὶ ταῦτα μὲν ποιεῖσθαι υμῖν γῆ τε καρπὸν ἐκφέροι, καὶ γυναῖκες τε καὶ ποίμνα τίκτωιν, ἐσοῦτ ἐς τὴν ἀπαντὰ χρόνον ἐλευθέρους μὴ ἀνασωσαμενοι δὲ τὴν ἀρχὴν μηδ' ἐπιχειρήσασι ἀνασώζειν τὰ ἐναντὶ τούτοις ἁρέμωμι μὰ γενέσθαι καὶ πρὸς ἐτι τοῦτοις, τὸ τέλος Περσέων ἐκάστω ἐπηγενέσθαι οἶνοι ἐμοὶ ἐπινέγγεον' ἀμα τε εἶπας ταῦτα ὁ Καμβύσης ἀπέκλαυε πᾶσαν τὴν ἐωτοῦ πρῆξιν Πέρσαι δ' ὡς τὸν βασιλεά εἶδον ἀνακλάσασαν, πάντες τά τε ἐςήθητος ἐχόμενα εἶχον ταῦτα κατηρεῖκοντο, καὶ οἰμογῆ ἠφόνη διεχρέωτο. μετά δὲ ταῦτα, ὡς ἐσφακέλισε τε τὸ ὦστεν καὶ ὦ μηρὸς τάχιστα ἐσάπη, 

66 and death, after having reigned seven years and five months.

183 ὑμῖν. For this use of the dative of the pronoun see note 318 on ii. 113. The interests of the pure Persian blood were affected by the succession passing to a Magian. Translate: "and you have the Magians masters of the royal palace."

184 μὴ περιεδέν τὴν ἤγεμονίαν αὑτὸς ἐς Μῆδους περιελθοῦσαν. For an explanation of this phrase see note on § 126, below.

185 ὡς τὸν βασιλέα εἶδον ἀνακλάσασαν. ESCHYLUS presents on the stage a similar scene of the Persian nobles sympathizing with the grief of their monarch by wailing, tearing the hair, and the specially oriental practice of "reading the clothes!" πέπλον δ' ἄρεικε κολτίαν ἰκαμή χερῶν (Pers. 1069).
HERODOTUS

67

The Magian usurpation lasts for seven months.

68

In the eighth month Otares discovers the pretender by a stratagem.

α'πηνεικε\textsuperscript{186} Καμβύσεα τον Κύρου, βασιλεύσαντα μεν τα πάντα ἐπτὰ ἔτεα καὶ μήνας πέντε\textsuperscript{187}, ἀπαιδα δὲ τὸ παράταν ἑοντα ἐρέσεως καὶ θήλεος γόνου. Περσέων δὲ τούς παρεοὺσι ἀπιστή πολλή ὑπέκεχυτο, τοὺς Μάγους ἔχειν τὰ πρήγματα· ἀλλὰ ἵππιστέατο ἐπὶ διαβολὴ ἐπεινει Καμβύσεα τὰ ἐπὶ περὶ τοῦ Σμέρδιος βασιλεύσαντος, ἵνα οἱ ἐκπολεμομηθῆ πάν τὸ Περσικὸν ὤουτοι μὲν νῦν ἤπιστέατο\textsuperscript{188} Σμέρδιον τὸν Κύρου βασιλεά ἀνεστεώτα· δεινῶς γὰρ καὶ ὁ Περσάπτης ἐξαριστὸς ἦν μὴ μὲν\textsuperscript{189} ἀποκτείνα τὸν Σμέρδιον· ὥς ἂρρ ἦν οἱ ἀσφαλεῖς, Καμβύσεως τετελευτηκότος, φᾶμα τοῖς Κύρου νυὸν ἀπολολεκέναι αὐτοχειρῆ.

'Ὁ μὲν δὴ Μάργος τελευτήσαντος Καμβύσεω ἀδεως ἐβασίλευσε, ἐπιβατεύον τὸν ὅμωνυμον Σμέρδιον\textsuperscript{190} τὸν Κύρου, μήνας ἐπτὰ τοὺς ἐπιλοιποὺς Καμβύση ἐς τὰ ὀκτὼ ἔτα [τῆς πληρόσιος]. ἐν τοῖς ἀπεδέξατο ἐς τοὺς ὑπηκόους πάντας εὐεργείας μεγάλας, ὡστε ἀποθανῶντος αὐτοῦ πόθον ἔχειν πάντας τοὺς ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ πάρεξ αὐτῶν Περσέων διαπέμψας γὰρ ὁ Μάργος ἐς πᾶν ἔθος τῶν ἱρχε, προεύπε ἀτελήνην εἶναι σταρητῆς καὶ φόρου ἐπὶ ἔτα τριά. προεύπε μὲν δὴ ταῦτα αὐτίκα ἐνεστάμενοι ὡς τὴν ἀρχήν.

'Ογδόο δὲ μην ἐγένετο κατάδηλος τρόπῳ τούδε ὅταν\textsuperscript{191} ὁ Φαρνάσπεως μὲν πάϊς, γένει δὲ καὶ χρήμασι ὁμοίος τὸ πρῶτο Περσέων\textsuperscript{192}. οὕτως ὁ Ὁτάνης πρῶτος υπόπτευε τῶν Μάγου, ὡς οὐκ εἰς ὁ Κύρου Σμέρδιος ἀλλὰ ὀσπέρ ἦν, τῇ δὲ συμβαλλόμενος, τῇ οὐκ ἐξεφοίτα ἐκ τῆς ἀκροτολίους, καὶ ὅτι οὐκ ἐκάλεε ὡς ψιν ἐνοτηρ

\textsuperscript{186} ἀπῆνεικε, "carried off." In the Behistun inscription Cambyses is made to die of grief upon the Magians obtaining the chief power. And it would seem that Strabo follows a similar tradition (xv. c. 3, fin.), where he says διαδέξαμεν δὲ τούτων [Κύρου] Καμβύσης νῦς ὕπτω τῶν μάγων κατελθόντα, a statement far more in harmony with the Behistun record than with the story of Herodotus. See note 218 on § 70, below.

\textsuperscript{187} ἐπτὰ ἔτα καὶ μῆνας πέντε. The traditions followed by Ctesias gave a much longer duration to his reign. See note 170, above.

\textsuperscript{188} ἦπιστεάτο, "they made sure." See note 167, above.

\textsuperscript{189} μὴ μὲν. Gaisford has μή μὲν with some of the MSS. But the reading in the text is that of S and V.

\textsuperscript{190} ἐπιβατεύων τοῦ ὅμωνυμου Σμέρδιος. Herodotus uses the more correct expression ἐπιβατεύων τοῦ Σμέρδιος ὅμωνυμος, above, § 63.

\textsuperscript{191} Ὁτάνης. The Behistun inscription gives the names of the conspirators who slew the Magian pretender nearly identical with the list of Herodotus. But Otares (Utana) is in it made the son, not of Pharnaspes, but Socrates (Thukra).

\textsuperscript{192} ὁμοίῳ τῇ πρώτῃ Περσέων. The superior rank of Otares is clear from the prerogatives reserved for him below, § 84. According to Herodotus's authorities, being the son of Pharnaspes, he would be brother of Cassandane, Cyrus's favourite wife (ii. 1), and consequently uncle of Cambyses and Smerdis, and perhaps of Atossa. (See the notes 196 and 246, below.)
Thalia. III. 67—69.

oudeia ton logimow Perscnov upoppeusas de mou, epotice tade
este auton O Karmvous thugaterea, t]i ouvoma yfi Phaidymi. t]i
auti dey taut]i eixe tote O Mvgos, kai tauti te svnooki kai
ti]i al]i n pasei t]i]i t]i O Karmvous gevnavi' perpovon de o
O 'Otan]i par]a taut]i t]i thugatere epivnulanto par' de
anvthpovno koum]i, esti meti Smerdios t]i Kyrou, esti meti
all]i ton en dei oi antepme femev yfi gevnokei ou]te yar t]i
Kyro Smerdio idesai oudama, ou]e o]stis eixi o svnookiow auti
eid]i devn de esti 'Otan]i gegov "e mi auti Smerdio
svnooki ai auti te eknei kai su]v at]i yar dei kou t]i ne gegov
"adelphon 166 gevnokei" antipempri pro]s tauta "y thugati?
tov svngatmoven gevnavi omiei te yar tachxsta yostos onthroy
potos, o]stis kotei esti, paralei eis yron basilef]i, diestei pem
efaiweto to priguma' triniti de an]geliw estepmpe par' auti
legousan tauta: "o yugater, dei se gegovian eiv kividuon anala-
bwsean t]i an o pati]i upodewna kelin]i eiv yar dei ymi esti 
Kyro Smerdio, alla t]i katanikew evg, ou]te mou sol te svnko-
mwmenon kai to Perscnov k]ati geova]i dei xai]ronta apallaso-
sou svnefj kai maip]i autov katanik]i, afaspos autov t]i ota kai
yev notai]i gevoi ota, xoviki svewtyn Smerdio t]i Kyro svnok]
wev: ynei]i dei y evxov, su]k de t]i]i mawro Smerdio." antipempo
pro]s tauta y Phaidymi fai]i gevnavi kinnuvseis 197 megaleis, 
y]i po]i tauta]i
yv]i yar dei y evxov, estilamptos de afassousa

192 t]i onvoma yfi Phaidymi. This is perhaps a Hellenic equivalent of the Persian
name which the daughter of Otanes bore. It is impossible to consider it as even a
corruption of any Asiatic word.
194 kai tazey te svnooki. By this course of proceeding he did what was
equivalent to proclaiming Cambyses as
dead. Compare the counsel of Abihiphan to
Amslom (2 Sam. xvi. 20). After such a
step no reconciliation was possible. Thus
Atossa was the sultana successively of
Cambyses, the Magian, and Darius. (See
below, § 88.)
195 tostey is omitted in S and V.
196 t]i) y evntyn]i adelphon. If Smer-
dis had not been Atossa's brother by the
same mother as well as father, the fam-
iliarity would not by any means have been
so certain. If however they were whole
brother and sister, they would also be
nephew and niece of Otanes (see note 192,
above), and hence there would be peculiar
propriety in his referring his daughter to
her cousin.
197 kinnuvseis. S and V have kinnu-
veuseis.
Seven of the nobles conspire against him.

199 Ἐορδάντος ἐν πεπτομή γὰρ δὴ αἱ γυναῖκες φοιτεύουσι. See the Book of Esther iii. 11—14.

200 Ἀσταφάννυ. The manuscripts S and V have Ἀσπάθαννυ. This conspirator is the only one mentioned by Herodotus whose name does not appear in the Behistun inscription. In its place is Aradomanes (Ardumanish), son of Vacces (Vahuka). But on the tomb of Darius at Naksh-i-Rustam an Aspachana is mentioned in an inscription as the king's quiver-bearer, and a Gobryas as his bow-bearer.

201 Γαβρύν. This name in its Persian form (Gaubaruwa) appears on the Behistun inscription. He is there made son of Mardonius (Marduniya).

202 Ἰνασθέρνα. S and V have Ἰναστέρνα. In the Behistun inscription he is called Vidafrana, and made son of Vayaspara (Vaispares).

203 Μεγαβάν. One MS has Μεγαβάν. In the Behistun inscription he is called Bagabuksha (as Merdis becomes Bartius), and made son of Daduhya (Dadoes).

204 Ἰνασθέρνα. In the Behistun inscription he is called Vidarna, and made son of Bagabagina (Megabignes).

205 Ἐκ Περσῶν ἔκακων. These words are very difficult to explain, as the locality from whence Darius came, and of which his father is represented as satrap, is obviously here regarded as something different from the district of which Susa (where Herodotus makes the murder of the Magian take place) was the centre. Yet elsewhere (see above, § 30) that district is expressed in exactly the same terms, and they are undoubtedly used to signify the region in which was the stannmachtloss of the family of Cyrus (see note 182, above). And the same place is certainly meant in i. 210, where it is said of Hystaspes, that he ἦν ἐκ Περσῶν ἔκακων, φυλάξας Κύρου τὸν παῖδα Δαρείον. The solution of the difficulty is perhaps to be found in the supposition that Herodotus has inadvertently changed the locality of the death of the usurper. The Behistun inscription represents him to have been slain in the fort Siktakhtes, in the province of Nisaea in Media. To kill him there Darius might well have come ὑπερσεῶν.
Darius's impetuosity overcomes the timid counsels of Otanes.

There is nothing in the story as given by Herodotus to explain how Darius should come to entertain this belief, neither is there in the account of the transaction as recorded by Ctesias. Even the statement of the Behistun inscription affords no help unless we suppose that Darius was closely concerned with the death of Bartius before the invasion of Egypt by Cambyses; and that the termination of the troubles which the inscription speaks of as effected by his death was a benefit purchased at the price of his assassination. See note 212, below.

Note 212: έγώ ταύτα ἐδόκεοι μὲν αὐτὸς μοῦνος ἐπίστασθαι. There is nothing in the story as given by Herodotus to explain how Darius should come to entertain this belief, neither is there in the account of the transaction as recorded by Ctesias. Even the statement of the Behistun inscription affords no help unless we suppose that Darius was closely concerned with the death of Bartius before the invasion of Egypt by Cambyses; and that the termination of the troubles which the inscription speaks of as effected by his death was a benefit purchased at the price of his assassination. See note 212, below.

Note 213: ἕξη. See note 314 on i. 90. οὖν, οὔτως. This word refers not to any thing before expressed, but to what may be gathered by inference from what has preceded "them," i.e. the Magian and his friends.
αὐτῶν λαμπρὸν γίνεται· ὑμεῖς δὲ ἵστε φυλακάς τας καταστεώσας ἐνώσας υἱόθεν χαλεπὰς παρελθεῖν· τούτο μὲν γὰρ, ἡμέων ἑώτων τοιώδες 208, οὔδεις ὅστις οὐ παρήσει, τὰ μὲν κοι καταδεύομενος ἡμέας τὰ δὲ κοι καὶ δειμαίνων τούτο δὲ, ἔχω αὐτὸς σκηνήσων εὐ-πρεπεστατάτην τῇ πάρμεν, φᾶς ἄρτι τε ἡκεῖν ἐκ Περσῶν καὶ βούλεσθαι τὶ ἐποιο παρὰ τοῦ πατρὸς σημὴναν τῷ βασιλεῖ· ἐνθα γὰρ τι δεὶ πείδας λέγεσθαι, λεγέσθω. (τοῦ γὰρ αὐτοῦ ἤλιχόμεθα, οἳ τε πείδομεν καὶ οἱ τῇ ἀλήθη διαχρεώμενοι οἳ μὲν γε πείδουται τότε, ἐπεὶ τι μέλλωσι τοις πείδεσι πείσαντες κερδήσεσθαι· οἳ δὲ ἀληθίζονται, ἴνα τι τῇ ἀλήθη διπίστωσων κέρδος καὶ τι μάλλον σφι ἐπιτράπηται· οὔτως οὐ ταῦτα ἀσκέωστε, τῶντοι περι- εχομεθα. εἰ δὲ μηδὲν κερδήσεσθαι μέλλοιν, ὁμοίως ἢν ὃ τε ἀλήθιζόμενος πείδας εἴη καὶ το πείδομεν ἀλήθης.) ὃς ἂν μὲν νων τῶν πτυλορῶν ἐκὼ παρίη, αὐτῷ οἳ αἱμενον ἐς χρῶν ἐστάν· ὅς δὲ ἀν ἀντιβαίνειν περατάτη, διαδεκάωνθω εὐθαῦτα ἐδω πολέμοις· καὶ ἐπειτα ὅσαμενοι ἐςω ἔργον ἐχώμεθα.”

73 Ἀγείς Γωβρής μετὰ ταῦτα· “ἄνδρες φίλοι, ἢμῖν κότε κάλλιον παρέσει ἀνασώσονταί τὴν ἄρχην, ἣ, εἰ γε μὴ οἶοι τε ἐσόμεθα αὐτὴν ἀναλαβέων, ἀποθανεῖν; ὅτε γε ἄρχόμεθα μὲν ἑώτες Πέρσαι ὑπὸ Μῆδου ἄνδρος Μάγου 209, καὶ τοῦτον ὁτα οὐκ ἔχουν τοῦτοι οἵοιε νομενον καὶ μέμνησαν τὰ ἐπέσχηκεν Πέρσῃς τελευτῶν τὸν βίον μὴ περεο- μένους ἀνακτάσθαι τὴν ἄρχην τὸ τότε οὐκ ἐνεδεκάμεθα 210, ἀλλ’ ἐπὶ διαβολὴ ἐδοκεόμενε εἰπέων Καμβύσα, νῦν δὲ τίθεμαι ψήφου 211 πείθεσθαι Δαρέῳ, καὶ μὴ διαλύσεως ἐκ τοῦ συλλόγου ἀλλ’ ἱστας ἐπὶ τὸν Μάγου ἱδεως.” ταῦτα εἴπε Γωβρής καὶ πάντες ταῦτα ἀινεον.

74 Ἐν δὲ οὕτω ταῦτα ἐβουλεύοντο ἐγίνετο κατὰ συντυχήν τῶς· τοῖς Μάγοις ἔδοξε βουλευομένοις Πρηξίστεα φίλον προσθέσθαι, ὅτι τε ἐπεπώθει πρὸς Καμβύσεων ἀνάρριχα, (ὡς οἱ τοῦ παῖδα τοξεύσας ἄπολοκλέεις,) καὶ διότι μοῦνοι ἦπιστατο τὸν

208 τοιώδες. This reading rests on the manuscripts S and V. Gaisford reads τοιου. But the form in the text exists in all the MSS in viii 62. 209 ἔστε κέρδειν ὑπὸ Μῆδου ἄνδρος Μάγου. See note on § 126, ὑπὸ Μῆδων ἀπαραβημένους τῇ ἄρχην. 210 τὰ τότε οὐκ ἐνεδεκάμεθα. See above, § 66. 211 τίθεμαι ψήφου. This expression seems to show that the history must have passed through a Hellenic channel to He- rodotus. See note 126 on i. 27; note 268 on i. 77; and note 104, above.
Σμερδίως τοῦ Κύρου θάνατον 212 αυτοχειρίζη μην ἀπολέσασι πρὸς δέ ἔτη, ἐόντα ἐν αὐτῇ μεγιστή τοῦ Πρηξάστεα ἐν Πέρσασι. τούτων δὴ μην εἰςκεν καλέσαντες φίλων προσεκτέωντο, πλάτι τε λαβόντες καὶ ὄρκισαν, ἢ μὴν ἔξειν παρ ἔωστο μηδὲ ἐξοίσευν μηδὲν ἀνθρώπων τὴν ἀπὸ σφένω ἀπάτην ἐς Πέρσασ γεγονοῦν ὑπαχρεύεινοι τὰ πάντα οἱ μυρία δόσειν 213. ὑποδεκομένου δὲ τοῦ Πρηξάστεος ποιήσει ταῦτα, ὡς ἀντεισάν μοι ὁ Μάγος, δεύτερα προσέφερον, αὐτοὶ μὲν φάμευοι Πέρσας πάντας συγκαλέσει 214 ὑπὸ τὸ βασιλικὸν τείχος, κείνων δὲ ἐκέλευον ἀναβάντα ἐτὶ πύργον ἄγορεύσαι 215, ὡς ὑπὸ τοῦ Κύρου Σμερδίως ἀρχωντεώ καὶ ὑπὸ οὐδενὸς ἄλλου. ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἐνετέλλωντο, ὡς πιστοτάτων δὴθεν ἐόντως αὐτῶν ἐν Πέρσασι, καὶ πολλάκις ἀποδεξαμένων γυμνὰν ὧς περείχε ὁ Κύρου Σμερδίως, καὶ ἐξαρησμένον τὸν φόνον αὐτοῦ Φαμένου δὲ καὶ ταῦτα ἐτοίμων εἶναι ποιεῖν τοῦ Πρηξάστεως, συγκαλέσαντες Πέρσας οἱ Μάγοι, ἀνεβίβασαν αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ πύργον καὶ ἄγορεύειν ἐκέλευον ὧ δὲ τῶν μέντοι θείου προσεδόντω αὐτοῦ, τούτων μὲν ἐκὼν ἐπελήθησαν ἀρξάμενος δὲ ἀπὸ 'Αχαμένεος ἐγεννηλύγησε τὴν πατρήν 216 τὴν Κύρου μετὰ δὲ, ὡς ἐς τούτον κατέβη, τελευτῶν
day for a month. STRABO speaks of a similar practice among the moun-
taineers of Lasitania: τοιοῦτον ἐκατόμβασι ἐκάπητο γένος 'Ελληνικός ὡς καὶ Πύ-
ναρός ὕψη, 'πάντα θεία ἐκατόν' (iii. p. 248). The practice alluded to in the
text probably arose among the Persians while they were in a barbarous
condition, and unfamiliar with a metallic currency;
but perhaps was continued in the case of
royal largesses after the necessity for it
had ceased; just as the high officials at
an English coronation are rewarded with
the furniture used. Thus Darius gave
Mandrocles, the builder of the bridge over
the Bosporus, "ten of every thing:" εὐδορήσατο πάση δέκα (iv. 88). The royal
gifts would probably be such things as
had been, during the nomad state of the
Persians, necessaries of life: robes, ar-
mour, horses, asses, drinking cups, and
domestic slaves. 213 συγκαλέσειν. This word is here the
future, not the present tense.
214 ἀγορεύσαι. The technical Hellenic
phrase for addressing the popular assem-
bly. See note 211, above.
215 τὴν πατρήν, "the house" or
"clan." See i. 200, ἐστὶν αὑτῶν πατρια
The conspirators are interrupted in their course, but confirmed by an augury.

They are admitted without opposition within the walls of the palace, and unsuccessfully resisted afterwards by the eunuchs.

Resistance of the Ma-

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In reciting the genealogy of Cyrus it would be quite natural for Persians to show the proximity of Darius to the throne. See vii. 11, and Exe burst on iii. 74.
The conspiators, with the heads in their hands, excite the rest of the Persians to a Magian massacre, which is commemorated by a festival.
In it Gomates the Magian is represented as rising and heading a rebellion in which the whole state joined, and Cambyses as dying of grief at the intelligence. The rebellion was of a religious character. "The state became heretical, the lie abounding both in Media and Persia and in the other provinces." After the death of Gomates, Darius becomes king, prohibits the Magian worship, and "restores the sacred chants and ritual of Ormuzd, entrusting it to the families which Gomates had dispossessed, and establishing the kingdom as in the days of old." Glimpses of this historical fact show themselves here and there in other portions of Herodotus's work, as has been repeatedly remarked. See note 439 on i. 130; note 204, above; note 239, below; and the Excursus at the end of this book on § 74.

Called, that is, by a Persian name, of which Μαγοφανία is the Greek equivalent. See note 490 on ii. 158.

ελέξθησαν δ' ἄν, "nevertheless, spoken they were." So iv. 5, ἔμοι μὲν οὖν πιστὰ λέγοντες, λέγοσί δ' ἄν, and 82, ἔλεγεν, οὔτε εἰ ψευδόμενος οὔτε εἰ ἀληθεία λέγων ἕξω σοφήνως εἶπα, ἔλεγε δ' ἄν. Herodotus elsewhere (vi. 43) deduces the fact of Mardonius having established democracies in the Asiatic towns to remove the scepticism of those Greeks who disbelieved the story of Otanes recommending a popular government to the Persians. It is however scarcely to be conceived that he desired to impress on his auditors the belief that the speeches as he gives them were delivered. See the passage of Plato cited in note 113 on i. 32.
μέγιστα ἑρχομα ἐρέων νόμαι τε κινεῖ πάτρια, καὶ Βιῶται γνωάκας, κτεῖνει τε ἀκρότους. πλῆθος δὲ ἄρχον πρότα μὲν οὐ- νομα πάντων κάλλιστον ἔχει ΣΩΝΟΜΙΗΝ. δεύτερα δὲ, τού- των τῶν ὁ μούναρχος ποιεῖ οὐδὲν πάλι καὶ χρονὸς ἄρχει, ὑπεύ- 
θουν δὲ ἄρχοντα ἔχει, βουλεύματα δὲ πάντα ἐς τὸ κοινὸν ἄναφερε. Τίθεμαι ὧν γνώμην, μετέντας ἴμεώς μοναρχίνῃ τὸ πλῆθος ἀδέξειν ἐν γάρ τοῦ πολλῷ ἐν τὰ πάντα. Ὅτανς μὲν δὴ ταύτην τὴν 

gnōmēν ἐσέφηρε. Μεγαβυζὸς δὲ ὀλυγαρχῆ ἐκέλευσε ἐπιτράπεν, λέγον τάδε: "τὰ μὲν Ὅτανς ἐς τυραννίδα παύνον, λελέχθω κάμοι ταῦτα: τὰ δ' ἐς τὸ πλῆθος ἄνοιξε φέρει τὸ κράτος, γνώμης τῆς ἀριστῆς ἡμαρτήκη. ὀμίλου γὰρ ἄρχην οὐδὲν ἐστὶ αὐξηνωτ- 

teron, οὐδὲ ὑβριστότερον καὶ τοῦ τυράννου ὑβρῖν φεύγουταν ἄν- 

dρας ἐς δήμου ἀκολάστου ὑβρίν πεσεῖν ἐστὶ ὀνυάκμος ἀνασχετῶν ὁ μὲν γὰρ εἰ τι ποιεῖτε, ἵνα νόμον λέξεις τοῦ δὲ οὐ γνώσκειν ἐπὶ 

κόσμῳ γὰρ ἰδίον, οὐτ' εἰδίδαχθη ὡστε οἴδε καλὸν οὐδ' ὀικίον; οὐθεὶ τε ἐπιπεσόν τὰ πρίγματα ἀνεὶ νόου, χειμάρροι ποταμὸ ἱκέλοις. δήμῳ μὲν νυν, οἴ Πέρσηι κακῶν νοεοῦσι, οὕτοι 

χράσθων ἤμεις δὲ ἄνδρῶν τῶν ἀριστῶν ἐπιλέξαντες ὡμήλην, 

τούτους περιθέωμεν τὸ κράτος: ἐν γὰρ δὴ τούτους καὶ αὐτοῖς 

ἐνεσύμβασα ἄριστων δὲ ἄνδρων οἰκὸς ἀριστα βουλεύματα γνέ- 

σαθαι." Μεγαβυζὸς μὲν δὴ ταύτην γνώμην ἐσέφητε. Τρίτος 

dὲ Δαρείως ἀπεδεικνυτοί γνώμην, λέγον τ' ἐμοὶ δὲ τὰ μὲν εἶπε 

Μεγαβυζὸς εἰς τὸ πλῆθος ἔσχυντα δοκεῖ ὅρθος λέξαι, τὰ δ' ἐς 

ὁλυγαρχῆν οὐκ ὅρθος: τρίον γὰρ προκειμένου, καὶ πάντων τῶν 

λέγω ἀριστῶν ἐνῶν (δήμου τε ἀριστον καὶ ὀλυγαρχίης καὶ μου̢ 

221 οὐνομα πάντων κάλλιστον ἔχει ΣΩΝΟΜΙΗΝ. The effect of a name, which is 

always powerful over men's minds, was 

especially strong with the Greeks from 

the time at which dialectical pursuits 

began to prevail. Instances continually 

occur in the literature of this period of 

false reasoning, arising simply from 

the confusion between logical notions 

and the objects in rerum natura from 

which those logical notions wereabstracted. 

Hence certain political writers alluded to 

by ARISTOTLE (Politic. lv. p. 1294, a) 

maintained eisai τῶν ἀδιάβατων τὸ μὴ εὐ-

νομεῖσθαι τὴν ἀριστοκρατοῦσιν πόλιν, 

ὅμως δὲ καὶ ἀριστοκρατεῖσθαι τὴν μὴ 

ἐννομουμένην. EURIPIDES expands the 

sentiment expressed by Otanes in a way 

which shows the attraction that the super-

ficial analogies derived from words pos-

sessed for his countrymen. (Phen. 535): 

κείνο κάλλιον, τέκνον, 

ἹΣΟΤΗΤΑ τιμᾶν, ἢ φίλους ἢ ἄρθροι 

πάλεις τε πόλεις συμμάχους τε συμμά-

χοις 

ἐνδεῖ: ΤΟ γὰρ ΣΩΝ νόμοισι ἀνθρώποις 

ἐρωτεύεται ἔσοδος καὶ μήρη σταθμῶν 

ἹΣΟΤΗΣ ἐτάξει κάρπησιν διάφορα 

νυκτὸς τ' ἀφεγήσει βλέφαρον ἥλιον τε φῶς 

ἹΣΟΝ διδῆτει τῶν ἐναύσων κύκλω, 

κοινότερον αὐτῶν φθόνον ἔχει νικώμενον. 

Compare Thucydides, vi. 39.
Herodotus

Four of the seven agree with Darius.

Γνώμαι μὲν δὴ τρεῖς αὐτὰ προσέκαστο οἱ δὲ τέσσερες τῶν ἐπτὰ ἄνδρῶν προσέθησαν ταύτη. ὡς δὲ ἐσσωθῆ τῇ γνῶμῃ ὁ 'Οτάνης Πέρσης ἱσονομῖν στειῶν τοιοῦτοι, ἐλέξει ἐσ ὑμῖν αὐτοὺς τάδε· "ἄνδρες στασιωτίτες, δήλα γὰρ δὴ ὧτι δεῖ ἐν γαίᾳ ἡμῶν βασιλεῖα γενέσθαι, ὅταν κληρίᾳ γε λαχύστα, ἢ ἐπιτρεψόμετον ἔτει τοῦτο πληθεῖ τῶν ἅν ἐκεῖνοι ἔλωνται, ἡ ἄλλη τοῦ μιχαλῆς ἐγὼ μὲν νῦν ἤμι όὐκ ἐναγωγεύμαι ὅτε γάρ ἄρχειν ὡμῖ συμμαχοίσθαι ἐκεῖνος ἐπὶ τοῦτο ὅπε ὑπεξίσταμαι τῆς ἀρχῆς, ἐπὶ δὲ τοῦτο ὑμένων ἀρξομαι, ὦτε αὐτῶς ἔμι χνῆν ὑμῖν καθήσατο", τοῦτο εἴπαντο ταῦτα, ὡς συνεχόμουν ἐξ ἐπὶ τοῦτοισι, ὡμῖς μὲν δὴ σφί όὐκ ἐνηγαυζότεο ἀλλ' ἐκ τοῦ μέσου καθήσατο. καὶ νῦν αὕτη ἡ οἰκία διατελεῖ μοῦν ἐλευθέρη ἐνώπια Περσέως, καὶ ἀρχηται

222 ἐπιτροπέω. See note 103, above.
223 τῷ τοιοῦτο περιστέλλειν. See note 347 on i. 98.
224 ἐπιτρεφόμετον, sc. ἴμενον.
225 καθήσατο. This is the reading of all the MSS, as it also is in i. 45; but in the latter passage the important manuscripts S and V are not to be reckoned. Yet κάτσησι occurs below (§ 134), and κατ- ἴμενος (ix. 56) without any variant.
tosaunta ὅσα αὐτῇ θέλει, νόμους οὐκ ὑπερβαίνουσα τοὺς Περσέων. Οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ τῶν ἐπὶ ἐβουλεύσαντο ὅσα βασιλεῖα δικαιότατα στή-
σονται: καὶ σφὶ ἔδοξε, Ἡσαῦρα μὲν καὶ τοῖς ἀπὸ Ἡσαῦρα αἰὲι
γυνοίξεις, ἦν ἐπὶ ἄλλον τινὰ τῶν ἐπὶ ἑαθὴ βασιληὴ, ἐξαίρετα
dίδοσθαι ἐσθίται τε Μηδείν}(226) ἔτοις ἐκάστου, καὶ τὴν πάσαν
δωρον.227 ἦ γὰρ εἰς Ἡσαῦραν τιμωρτῆτη, τοῦτο δὲ ἐγένεκεν
ἐβουλεύσαντο οὐ δίδοσθαι τάῦτα, ὅτι ἐβουλεύετε τὸ πρῶτος τὸ
πρῶτομ καὶ συνετάσσει αὐτοῖς. τάῦτα μὲν δὴ Ἡσαῦρα ἐξαίρετα,
tάδε δὲ ἐς τὸ κοινὸν ἐβουλεύσαν παριέναι ἐς τὰ βασιλεία πάντα
tῶν βουλευνοῦ τῶν ἐπὶ ἀνευ̣ς ἐς 

84

Rights reserved for the seven magnates.

Stratagem of Oebeares, the groom of Darius,

Exceptional condition of the family of Otanes.

85

226 ἔσθιτα Μηδείν. This mark of honour was bestowed by Xerxes on the Acanthians to show his sense of their zeal 
in his service (vii. 116).

227 τὴν πᾶσαν δωρον. See note 213, above.

228 πάντα τῶν βουλευόντων ἐπὶ τὰ. In later times it was a point of heraldic honour with the sovereigns of Cappadocia 
to trace their descent from this aristocracy of seven, no less than from Achaemenes. They were said to be descended 
from an Atossa, the sister of Cambyses, father of Cyrus. She had (it was said) married Pharnaces, king of Cappadocia. 
The issue of this marriage was Gallus. He had a son Smerdis, and Smerdis a son Artamnes. Artamnes was the father of 
Anaphes, a man distinguished for personal prowess, who was one of the seven conspirators, and, as a reward for his

229 άλλοθεν ἡ ἐκ τῶν συνεπαστάτων. In the same way the Bacchiadate at Corinth ἐβδόσασα καὶ ἐργον εἰς ἀλλήλαν (v. 92).

230 ἓν τὸ ἐπὶ ἢ ἐκ τῶν συνεπαστάτων. The time of sun-rise would of course be a sacred one 
with Fire-worshippers, and consequently fitted for the observance of an omen.

231 ἐν τούτῳ ἐστὶ, "depends upon this," Compare vi. 109: ὑπὸ τοῦ νῦν, Καλλιμαχῷ, ἐστὶ κατασκολάσσα Ἀθήνας ἢ ἀλλήλας 
pοίησαντα μημόσουν λαπέσθαι.
HERODOTUS

which succeeds, and is followed by an omen from the heavens.

Another version of the artifice.

232 [ἀγχοῦ τῇ ἵππῳ]. These words appear to me to be a gloss explanatory of the words ἐγχρίμπτων τῇ θηλῇ, and I have therefore included them within brackets.

233 ἀμὰ τῷ ἵππῳ τοῦτο ποίησαντι. The more usual expression would be ἀμὰ τῷ τὸν ἵππον τοῦτο ποίησαντι. The use of the participle is exactly similar to that in i. 34, μετὰ Σάλανα οἰχύμενον, and i. 51, ὧν τὸν νηπίον κατακαίειν. 234 ἐξ αἰðρίας, “out of a clear sky.” This circumstance caused the incident to be regarded as supernatural. Horaec was induced to give up his physical theory of the cause of thunder by the same phenomenon. “Diespiter,” contrary to the usual course of things, “per purum tonantes Egit equos volucrumque currum.” (Od. i. 34. 7.) Pliny mentions a magis-

trate of Pompeii having been killed by lightning on a clear day as one of the portents which accompanied Catiline’s conspiracy. (Hist. Nat. ii. c. 51.) 235 ἐτελέσας, “perfected.” The same word is used in the same sense in Hebr. ii. 10.

236 [τὸν Δαρείον ὧς βασιλέα]. Some of the MSS have μὲν τὸν Δαρ. Others omit the words ὧς βασιλέα. Gaisford includes between brackets the last two words only.

237 ὑπὸ Περσῶν. It is not necessarily to be inferred from this expression that Herodotus derived the story direct from any Persians. All that it seems necessary to conclude is that it came primarily from a Persian locality. See note 338 on i. 95; note 471 on i. 139; note 128 on ii. 43; and note 241, below.
Δαρείος τε δή ὁ 'Σττάσπεος βασιλεὺς ἀπεδέθηκτο καὶ οἱ ἦσαν ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ πάντες κατηκοῦν πλῆν Ἀραβίων, Κύρου τε καταστρεψαμένου καὶ ὑστερον αὐτὸς Καμβύσεως 228. 'Ἀριβίοι δὲ οὐδαμὰ κατηκουσαν ἐπὶ δουλοσύνη Πέρσης, ἀλλὰ ξείνοι ἐγένετο παρέντες Καμβύσεως ὑπ’ Διήγμπτου (αἰκόνων γὰρ Ἀραβίων οὐκ ἀν ἐσβάλλουσιν 229 Πέρσου ὑπ’ Διήγμπτου) γάμους τοὺς πρῶτους ἐγάμει Πέρσης 240 ὁ Δαρείος, Κύρου μὲν δύο θυγατέρας, Ἀτοσςίαν τε καὶ Ἀρτυστώνην τὴν μὲν Ἀτοσσάν προσωνικύσασαν Καμβύση τε τῷ ἀδελφῷ καὶ αὐτὸς τῷ Μάγῳ τῷ δὲ Ἀρτυστώνην, παρθένον ἐτήρην δὲ, Σμέρδιος τοῦ Κύρου θυγατέρα, ἐγήμε, τῇ οὖνομα ἦν Πάρμυς· ἔσχε δὲ καὶ τὴν τοῦ 'Οτάνεω θυγατέρα ἤ τὸν Μάγον κατάδικον ἐποίησε. δυνάμιός τε πάντα οἱ ἐπιπλέατο. πρῶτον μὲν νυν τύπου πουσάμενος λίθων ἔστησε 241. ἔσον δὲ οἱ ἔννι ἀνήρ ἰππεύς· ἐπέγραψε 242 δὲ ἐγράμματα λέγοντα τάδε· ΔΑ-

228 ὑστερον αὐτὸς Καμβύσεως. There is no mention made by Herodotus of any wars or conquests by Cambyses in Asia (see ii. 1). But from the Behistun inscription, quoted in note 83, above, it seems possible that this phrase alludes to the putting down of a rebellion excited by Smerdis. See note 218, above.

229 ἐσβάλλουσιν. Several MSS. which Gaisford follows, have ἐσβάλλουσιν. But the position is a general one, "without the consent of the Arabians the Persians would be unable to enter Egypt." This clause perhaps was framed before the detailed account above, § 9, was written, and remained after that was inserted, because the work never received the last polish of the author.

240 γάμους τοὺς πρῶτους ἐγάμει Πέρσης. "The first marriages which he made were with Persians," in pursuance, apparently, of the arrangement mentioned above (§ 84). The great influence of Otanes is shown by his near relationship to all the sultanas. He would be (if Otossa and Artystone were daughters of Cassandalc) uncle of both, great-uncle of Parmys, and father of Pharedme. See the note 192, above. The opposition of Orotes (see below, notes on § 127) becomes very natural if we regard the accession of Darius as brought about mainly by the influence of powerful individuals of the Achaemenid house.

241 τύπου λίθων ἔστησε. The monument in question was doubtless cut in a rock; but the phrase ἔστησε conveys the notion of a Greek who had in his head the conception of a sculptured group "set up." The true state of the case shews itself in the word ἔννι, which presently follows.

242 ἐπέγραψε. There can be little doubt that the story of Darius and his groom, by whatever channel it came to Herodotus, originally flowed from a popular interpretation of the meaning of the monument described in the text. There is as little doubt that this interpretation is an erroneous one; but it is not easy to point out the source of the error. An extremely ingenious theory has been put forward by Dr. Donaldson, that it arose from a misinterpretation of the arrow-headed inscription on the monument; the words rendered ἐπικούραοι really being an epithet of Ormuzd, and implying merely "the horseman." The Behistun inscriptions begin invariably by ascribing the prosperity of Darius to the favour of Ormuzd, who is represented in them by a figure now rendered familiar by the title-page of Mr. Layard's Nineveh. The horse too was sacred to the sun, and might possibly be used as a symbol of Ormuzd. But I am not aware of any evidence that the god was ever represented as a horseman. Indeed the account of a monument must be extremely accurate to allow of carrying such a theory as that of Dr. Donaldson into details; and such is hardly to be expected except from an eye-witness, which
Established standard for the tribute in bullion.

Herodotus cannot here be supposed to have been. Compare his account of another rock monument now known, and the note upon it (289, on ii. 106). See also the last note.

243 έταξατο. The middle voice implies that the tribute was not arbitrarily imposed, but the result of a calculation and agreement. The satrap may be considered to have farmed the revenue of his province at the price of the appointed φόροι. See the expression φόρον έταξαντο of the parties on whom the impost was laid, above, § 13. The case was different when Αρταφερνης φόροι είταξε εκάστοι τών ἵπτων (vi. 42). As a conqueror he was free to impose his own terms.

244 καὶ πρὸς τούτων ἔθνει... ἔθνεα νέμων. This sentence is an extremely difficult one to construct; and it appears not to have received the author's last touch. It seems clear that he wished to describe the system which he briefly notices in i. 134: προεβαινε γὰρ δὴ τὸ ἐθνος ἄρχον τε καὶ επιτρόπες. The plan adopted was apparently a kind of sub-infeudation, the countries in the immediate neighbourhood of the seat of government being regarded in a manner as chief vassals of the empire, and in their turn exercising a sovereignty over their neighbours. Thus, while in the royal schedule all the several nations paying tribute would appear, they would not all pay direct into the treasury; but those nearest to the seat of government would be responsible for the payments of their more distant neighbours. It would seem as if the series of participial clauses in the text were in fact memoranda for the author himself, standing as the materials from which was to be produced a member which should balance the phrase έτάξατο φόρους οἱ προσεῖνα κατὰ ἔθνα.

245 δύναται Εὐβοιᾶς εὐβοικήδες μνέας. It is impossible to bring this proportion into harmony with what is known of the Euboic scale; and indeed it is only necessary to go through the calculation Herodotus makes, on his own data, to perceive that there is great confusion in the text as regards the numbers given. From other grounds Bock (Metrologische Untersuchungen, pp. 46, seqq.) has done much to establish the following points. (1) That the Babylonian talent was a weight in silver pretty nearly equal to 10,000 of Solon's drachme. (2) That it passed in the way of commerce to the Αἰγινταν. (3) That it was equivalent to 72 mina of the ant-Solonian currency in Attica. (4) That it weighed from 72 x 100 x 112 to 72 x 100 x 115 grans English, which would be equivalent in the lesser case to 115½ in the greater to 118 236 lbs. avoirdupois.
ΤΙΑΛΙΑ. ΙΙΙ. 89, 90.

Δαρείος μὲν ἦν κατάφλος. Καμβύσις δὲ δεσπότης. Κύρος δὲ πατήρ· ο μὲν ὄτι ἐκατέρω τὰ πάντα τὰ πρόγματα· ὁ δὲ ὄτι χαλεπός τε ἦν καὶ δλίγωρος· ὁ δὲ ὄτι ἦπιος τε, καὶ ἀγαθά σφι πάντα ἐμπειρίζοντα. Ἀπὸ μὲν δὴ Ἰόνου, καὶ Μαρινητῶν τῶν ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ, καὶ Αἰσθένειας, καὶ Καρῶν, καὶ Λυκῶν, καὶ Μιλεων, καὶ Παμφύλων, (εἰς γὰρ ἦν οἱ τεταγμένοι φόροι οὕτως, προσῆκε τετρακόσια τάλαντα ἀργυρίου. ὁ μὲν δὴ πρῶτος οὕτως οἱ νομὸς κατεστήκει. ἀπὸ δὲ Μυσῶν, καὶ Λυδῶν, καὶ Λασσιῶν, καὶ Καβαλιῶν, καὶ Ἑγεννέων, πεντακόσια τάλαντα νομὸς δεύτερος οὕτως. ἀπὸ δὲ Ἐλλησποντίων τῶν ἐπὶ δεξιὰ ἐσπλέοντι, καὶ Φρυγῶν, καὶ Θρηκίων τῶν ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ, καὶ Παθλαγῶν, καὶ Μαριανδύνων, καὶ Συρίων, ἐξήκουντα καὶ τρικόσια ἦν τάλαντα φόρος νομὸς τρίτος οὕτως. ἀπὸ δὲ Κιλίκων ἕποια τε λευκοὶ ἐξήκουντα καὶ

245 τῶν ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ. This clause is no doubt added to distinguish the people in question from those of the same name in Thessaly (vii. 132. 176). The Magnesians here meant are those of Magnesia on the Maeander, a powerful aristocracy in early times. (Aristotle, Polit. iv. p. 1289, line 40.) The country was especially favourable for the breeding of horses and the operations of cavalry; and perhaps this was one reason that made it the headquarters for one of the Persian corps of observation (iii. 122). It seems likely that the city was unfortified, for there is no mention of a siege by Mazares or Harpagus (i. 161. 162), and judging from the passage of Aristotle, the life of the people must have been very similar to that of the Thessalians, or the modern Hungarians. Magnesia on the Hermus (or Sipylos) probably did not exist in the time of Herodotus.

246 καὶ Λυκῶν, καὶ Μιλεων. See notes on i. 173.

247 εἰς γὰρ ἦν οἱ τεταγμένοι φόροι οὕτως. It is rather remarkable that no notice should be here taken of the Asiatic Dorian cities. If the list be compared with that of the subjects of Croesus (i. 28), it will be seen that this nome includes all the Lydian dependencies on the coast south of the Hermus, with the addition of Lydia (which appears to have remained independent of Croesus; see note 91 on i. 27), and with the exception of those Dorians. Yet some of these cities,—for instance Lindus and Caidus,—were undoubtedly of considerable commercial importance and closely connected with Egypt. (See ii. 178 and 182.) One is inclined to suspect that they must have rendered some especial service to procure their own exemption from the condition of their neighbours on each side. They certainly made no resistance to Harpagus (i. 174), and this seems to have been quite with the approbation of the Delphic oracle. We do not find them, like the Ionians and Χελλιαν, either contemptuously mentioned as δύσλανες πατριάρχας of Cambyses (ii. 1), or acting as Persian auxiliaries (i. 171).

248 Ἑλλησποντίων, καὶ Καβαλιῶν, καὶ Ἑγεννέων. Several of the MSS have Ἀλκαλαίων for Καβαλιῶν, and S and V have Ἀιτταμέων for Ἑγεννέων. See note on vii. 77.

249 Θρηκίων τῶν ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ. These are the Bithynians. See note on vii. 75, 250 251 Συρίων. Two of the MSS have Ἀσσυρίων. But in all probability the nation intended is a portion of the Cappadocian, whom the Greeks called Syrians (i. 72; v. 49). That this list comes from a Hellenic source is plain from the circumstance that the Ionian cities are put in the first stratum. See the entirely different arrangement in the Behistun Inscription cited in note on § 94, below.

252 Ἱππον τε Λευκοῖ. Strabo incidentally mentions (x. c. 13, p. 454), by way of showing the riches of the Median soil, that whereas Cappadocia, in addition to the money tribute, furnished the Persian king with 1500 horses, 2000 mules, and 50,000 sheep, Media provided nearly the double of these. In the text the only
mention of a purveyance in kind is this of the white horses.

235 τάλαντα ἄργυριον πεντακόσια. See v. 49.

234 Ποσειδήνων πόλιος. This town was a little to the north of that part of Syria where Laodicea was subsequently built by Seleucus. (Strabo xvi. c. 2, p. 358.) The neighbouring region was singularly fertile in wine (see the note 19 on § 6, above), and before the building of Laodicea this perhaps might be shipped in Hellenic bottoms at Posenideum, the name of which implies that there was a port there. The same site is said at the present time to be much frequented by ships from the excellent quality of its water. It is however inaccurately described as on the frontier between the Cilicians and Syrians, being three-quarters of a degree south of the pass. But a navigator in the time of Herodotus sailing from Egypt would, on coming off the promontory Posenideum, possibly lay his course for Cilicia, crossing the mouth of the gulf of Issus to the promontory Megarsus. In this case Posenideum (the town) would be the last place in Syria of which he would be cognizant, the whole coast of the gulf of Issus being left out of consideration, and the expression ἐν ὄρουσι would in such a case be less inappropriate. Possibly too the fact of Mallus, a city just by the promontory Megarsus, having also been, according to the legend (Strabo, xiv. p. 231), founded by Amphipholus, may have contributed to the notion that Posenideum was on the actual frontier. From either of the two places the navigator would stretch away to the other; and on the hypothesis of the geography of this region being constructed from accounts of different navigators, it is not impossible that the two frontier towns, both of them said to be founded by Amphipholus, were confused with one another, and placed as one town Posenideum on the actual frontier. It will be seen from the note on iv. 38, that the Hellenic navigators had a very vague knowledge of the gulf of Issus, probably owing to the jealousy of the Phoenicians.

235 ἄρξαμενοι. Larcher compares the construction with the well known one of δόνων, ἐὰν, &c. But here the word is apparently in the masculine gender, and the full construction would be ἐν ἄρξαμενοι ἀπὸ ταύτης μέχρι Ἀιγύπτου ἱεία. The whole sentence exhibits an unparalleled slovenliness of style.

236 πλὴν μοίρης τῆς 'Αραβίων. If the narrator is supposed to be carrying his auditors down the coast, which seems to be the case, we must suppose him to include in Arabia a portion of the sea-board. What portion this does not seem clear. See note 16 on § 5, above.

257 τοῦ ἑκ τῆς Μοίρος λίμνης γινομένου ἄργυριον. See ii. 140.
λαντα. πρὸς γὰρ δόθη καὶ δέκα μυρίας Περσέων τε τοῦ ἐν τῷ Δευκό τείχει τῶν ἐν Μέμφι κατοικήμενοι καταμετρέοντα, καὶ τοῖς τοῦτον ἐπικύρωσαν νομὸς ἐκτὸς ὀντός. Σατταγοῦδαι δὲ, καὶ Γανδάριοι, καὶ Δαδίκαι τε καὶ Ἀπαρῦται, εἰς τὸ τοῖς τεταγμένων, ἐξ ἑτεροθήκης καὶ ἑκατὸν τάλαντα προσέφερον νομὸς ὀντός ἐξδομος. ἀπὸ Σοῦσων δὲ, καὶ τῆς ἀλλης Κισσίων χώρης, τρηκόσια: νομὸς ὀγδοος ὀντος. Ἀπὸ Βαβυλώνος δὲ, καὶ τῆς λουπῆς Ἀσσυρίης, χιλία οἱ προφητεί τάλαντα ἀργυρῶν, καὶ παῖδες ἐκτομάτι πεντακόσίων νομὸς εἴνατος ὀντος. ἀπὸ δὲ Ἀγβατάιων καὶ τῆς λουπῆς Μηδικῆς, καὶ Παρικανίων, καὶ Ὄρθοκορυφαν-

289 Σατταγοῦδαι δὲ, καὶ Γανδάριοι, καὶ Δαδίκαι τε καὶ Ἀπαρῦται. Οὕτως these Walker nations the last are unknown. The first appear in the Behistun Inscription. (See note 278, below.) The other two are united in the army of Xerxes, and armed as light troops in the same manner as the Bactrians, Sogdians, and Chorasmians (vii. 66).

259 χιλία οἱ προφητεί τάλαντα ἀργυρῶν. If this statement be compared with that given of the resources of the Babylonian satrapy in i. 192, the difference between the payment made to Tritanteaches the viceroy and the tribute which he sent home to his sovereign is enormous. Taking the artabae at 102 sextarii, and the sextarius at 4311 of an imperial pint (see note 648 on i. 192, and Smith's Dictionary of Antiquities, v. Sextarius), we have for the contents of the artabae 101-0922 imperial pints. The whole tax which came into the hands of Tritanteaches was 360 x 101-0922 (=363339-192) pints of silver, or, reckoning the pint at 10 lbs. weight, 363392 lbs. avoirdupois. Now the weight of a Babylonian talent was either 115-2 or 118-266 lbs. avoirdupois. (See note 245, above.) Accordingly the annual profit remaining to him after he had paid the tribute of 1000 talents would be 363332-115-200 (=244732) or 363392-118-266 (=245016) lbs. avoirdupois of silver, a sum very far greater than the satraps seem likely ever to have accumulated. (See the note on v. 36, ἐπιστασθαί γὰρ τὴν δύναμιν ... ἀσβεστά.) The numbers throughout the description of the cadastral system of Darus are obviously wrong somewhere or other; and this appears to me likely to be one place. It seems not impossible that the true reading here is τρισχίλια instead of χίλια. A tribute of this amount would still have allowed Tritanteaches a net profit yearly of about 80 or 160 talents of silver, according as the greater or the less weight be taken for the talent. A couple of years' accumulation of the smaller of these two sums would amount to a fund as large as that which Oroetes pretended to Polycrates he had in his possession (iii. 123). If we suppose the reading τρισχίλια to be the true one, and reckon the tribute from the fourth nome at 360 talents (i.e. taking no account of the 140 which were employed in paying the troops on the spot), we shall get 9600 for the whole amount of the money brought into the treasury exclusive of the gold-dust. This is not so far off the amount named by Herodotus as to make the whole account unintelligible,—which it is as the text stands. Again it seems probable that the money tribute paid by a nome would (unless there were some special reason to the contrary) vary pretty much as the purveyances required from it. Now the produce supplied by the Babylonian nome was one third of that which came from the whole of Asia (i. 192); and if the deduction of the tribute from the sixth nome be made from the 3540 or 9830 talents, at which Herodotus lays the whole, there results 8860 or 9200 for the Asiatic tribute, of which 3000 is not very far removed from one-third. Nevertheless, considering the entire difference between the list of countries in the text and that in the Behistun Inscription (see note 278 on § 94), and the vague description of all the nomes here after the first six, it seems impossible to expect so to ascertain the condition of the text as to reconcile Herodotus completely with himself.

260 Παρικανίων. The Paricanii are men-
tioned in the catalogue of Xerxes’s army, to which they contributed both cavalry and infantry, which were armed alike (viii. 86). They have been considered the same as the Paratraceni of i. 101. But see the note on that passage.

261 Ἐντόσια. These people are perhaps the same with the Παντίκαι of Strabo and the Πεσίσεις of Pliny (H. N. vi. 19). But it seems impossible to assign any definite locality to them. The Pantimathi are quite unknown.

262 Βακτριανοί. The manuscripts S and V have ἕν Βακτρων, and also Λίγδων for Λίγλων. The form Βακτριαί is the one used elsewhere by Herodotus; but this is no reason for supposing it to have been used here. Eratosthenes used the form Βακτριανοί, and assigned the Oxus as the boundary between them and the Σογδιανοί, and the Jaxartes as that between the latter and the Σακαι. But even in his time it is plain that the positions of the different nomad tribes were most arbitrarily assigned. There was nothing really to distinguish them, their modes of life, as Strabo remarks (xi. c. 8, p. 433), being in all respects nearly alike, their character rude and savage, and unfavourable to commercial intercourse or to the restraints of a settled life. Of the Ἀγιλός nothing is known, unless they may perhaps be the same as the Αγιλων, whom Stephanus Byzant. describes as Ἐθνος Μυδιανῶν.

263 Πακτινίκης. S and V have Πακτινίκης. See note 433 on i. 125.

264 Σαγαρτίων. See note on § 117, below.

265 Σαραγγέων. See note on § 117, below.

266 Θαμαναίων. These people are mentioned below (§ 117).

267 Οὐκίων, καὶ Μύκων. These two nations appear in the army of Xerxes. Their armament is the same as that of the Παρικιών and of the Πάρθενοι (vii. 68).

268 τῶν ἀναστόποτων καλεσμένων. See iv. 204.

269 Κάσπιων. It is not at all easy to determine the site either of the Σακαπινι or of the Παρικιών who are associated with them in the fifteenth satrapy. It is however not impossible that the latter name is a merely local one. The mountain range which the Greeks called Caucasia was by the natives called Παρικιών (Eratosthenes op. Strabon, xi. c. 2, p. 407), and possibly Κάσπιων may in fact mean “highlanders.” Strabo suggests that probably the natives called the mountain range Caspium from the Caspians, although no people of that name existed in his time (p. 416). A more correct view may be that the sea was distinguished by its name from its proximity to the mountains, in which it would differ from the other great lakes of central Asia. See note on vii. 67, σαθύνας εὐθυδυνάτας.

270 Χαράμπιοι. These are tribes east of the Parthians. (Steph. Byz. xiv. v.)

271 Αρειοι. This is the reading of all
décatos óutos. Παρικάνιοι δὲ, καὶ Αἴθιοπες οἱ ἐκ τῆς Ἀσίας, τετρακόσια τάλαντα ἀπαγόνευν νομὸς ἐβδόμος καὶ δέκατος οὗτος. 272. Ματινροισὶ δὲ, καὶ Σάσπερσι 273, καὶ Ἀλαρδίουις διηκόσια ἐπετέκτακτο τάλαντα: νομὸς ὧγδοος καὶ δέκατος οὗτος. Μόσχωια δὲ, καὶ Τιβαρροισὶ, καὶ Μάκρωςι, καὶ Μοσσωικοσὶ, καὶ Μαροί 276, τρηκόσια τάλαντα προείρητο νομὸς εἰνατος καὶ δέκατος οὗτος. Ἰνδῶν δὲ πληθὺς τε πολλὸ πλειστὸν ἐστὶ πάντων τῶν ἤμεις ἰδέμεν ἀνθρώπων 277, καὶ φόρον ἀπαγόνευν πρὸς πάντας τοὺς Ἀλλους, ἐξήκουτα καὶ τρηκόσια τάλαντα ψήγματος: νομὸς εἰκοστὸς οὗτος. 278. Τὸ μὲν δὴ ἀργύριον τὸ Βαβυλώνιον πρὸς τὸ Εὐβοικόν συμβαλλόμευν τάλαντον γίνεται τεσσεράκοντα καὶ πεντακόσια. 279 καὶ εἰνακισχίλια τάλαντα. τὸ

the MSS, but in vii. 62. 66 all have the form "Ἀρια." 272 Παρικάνιοι . . . οὗτος. This sentence is omitted in F. See above, § 92, where the Parianaii are placed in the tenth neme.

273 Σάσπερσι. The Suspries and Alarudii in the army of Xerxes were under the same command, and their armament was the same as that of the Colehi (vii. 79). From the nature of this they appear to be mountaineers, of no great importance as an arm of force; and the magnitude of the tribute imposed upon them is not such as to indicate great resources. But the case seems different with the Suspries mentioned in i. 104, and iv. 37. 40. See the notes on these passages. The difference may be explained on the hypothesis that the sources drawn upon by Herodotus are not the same in the two cases. The Matieni are in the army of Xerxes (vii. 72) associated with the Phalangonians (who here are put in the third neme) under the command of Dotus.

274 Μάκρωςι. The Macrones spoken of here are the same as those described in ii. 104 as the neighbours of the Cappadocians on the rivers Thermodon and Parthenius. The Schol. on Apoll. Rhod. i. 1023, speaks of them (on the authority of Philo-stephanus and Herodorus) as a warlike race, carrying on an inveterate border warfare with Cyzicus. It is very difficult to reconcile this with the statements in Herodotus, unless we suppose that by Cyzicus the grammarians meant the dependencies or factories of that city situated much further east on the shores of the Euxine. See note on vii. 76, Μάρχως.

275 Μοσσωικοσὶ. Gaisford adopts the form Μοσσωικοσὶ, with the minority of authorities. The word μοσσωικοι in the dialect of Thrace meant "wheat-stooks." (Schol. ad Apollon. Rhod. ii. 379.) Probably the Mosynaei were the dwellers in the wooden cottages of the Caucasian alps. See note on vii. 78. The Moschi are perhaps the Mezech of Ezekiel (xxvii. 13.; xxviii. 2.; xxxix. 1.)

276 Μαροί. This is a conjecture of Voss's adopted by Gaisford (see vii. 78). The MSS vary between Μάρρωςι, Μαρσοίς, and Μάρρωςι. There is no doubt the same people are meant as the Mares, but it is not so certain that the text should be altered. See note on iv. 150.

277 πολλῷ πλειστῶν ἐστὶ πάντων τῶν ἤμεις ἰδέμεν ἀνθρώπων. It seems not improbable that this is an inference from the commercial importance of the imports reported to come from "the Indians" and possibly what Herodotus says of the Thracians (v. 3) is to be explained and reconciled with Thucydides by considering it a merchant's view of the case.

278 νομὸς εἰκοστὸς οὗτος. In the Behistun Inscription Darius is made to give a list of the subject countries, "all which (he says) "pay tribute," and in all of which "he protects the true faith and destroys heretics." They are Persia, Susiana, Babylon, Assyria, Arabia, Egypt, they of the sea, Sparta and Ionia, Armenia, Cappadocia, Parthia, Zarangia, Asia, Cho-rasim, Bactria, Sogdiana, the Sacae, the Sattagydes, Arcosia, and the Mecians: the total amount being twenty-one countries. It will be seen that the distribution is an entirely different one from that in the text.

279 τεσσεράκοντα καὶ πεντακόσια.
dè χρυσίων τρισκαίδεκαστίσιων λογιζόμενων 280, τὸ πήγαμα εὐφράκε-
tai énō Ἕβηοικῶν ταλάντων ὁγδόκοντα καὶ ἐξακοσίων καὶ τετρα-
kισχίλιων. τούτων ὧν πάντων συντιθεμένων τὸ πλῆθος, Ἕβηοικὰ
tάλαντα συνελέγετο ἐς τὸν ἐπέτειον φορὸν Δαρείῳ μέρια καὶ
tετρακισχίλια καὶ πεντακίσια καὶ ἐξήκοντα· τὸ δ' ἐτὶ τούτων
ἐλασσὸν ἀπείσι, οὐ λέγω 281. Οὕτως Δαρείῳ προσήνε τὸ χρόνον, καὶ ἀπὸ νήσων προσήνε ἄλλος φόρος καὶ τῶν ἐν τῇ
Εὐρώπῃ μέχρι Θεσσαλίας οἰκεμένων. τούτων τὸν φόρον θησα-
ρίζει ὁ βασιλεὺς τρόπω τοιοῦτος· ἐς πίθους κεραμίους τήξας κατα-

The Sacroft MS reads ὁγδόκοντα καὶ ὀκτακίσια. See notes 245 and 259, above.

280 τρισκαίδεκαστίσιον λογιζόμενων. This proportion between the values of
gold and silver must have been a nearer approach to equality than existed in the
time when a present of sufficient gold for the mask of a statue was regarded as a
national boon (i. 69), and when the quantity which a man could carry about his
person was enough to found a family of predominant political importance (vi.
125). No doubt a great revolution was effected in the exchangeable value by the
enormous amount found in the Persian camp after the defeat at Platrea. (See ix.
60.) But the disproportion was still further diminished in the next generation.
In the time of Plato gold at Athens was to silver in value as 12 : 1; probably the
influx from Asia continually increasing as the intercourse with European Hellas in-
creased. The gold mines in Thrace too probably became more productive, and the
silver mines at Laurium (the great source of the silver coinage) less so; to such an
extent that Xenophon estimates the ratio as only 10 : 1. This proportion still ex-
isted in the time of Menander, and also in that of the Achaean league, although no
fresh sources of silver seem to have been opened, and the gold sent into circu-
lation by Philip of Macedon, and yet more by Alexander, must have been im-
mense. Perhaps the additional supply was compensated by the facility for hoard-
ing which the less bulky material afforded, and by the readiness with which it could
be converted into ornaments. Strings of ancient gold coins are to this day worn in
the hair and sewed on to the dress of the women in both European and Asiatic
Greece. The value of gold seems never to have much increased until the discovery
of the silver mines of Peru. LINGARD (History of England, ii. 209) says that in
the reign of Stephen and Henry II. gold was to silver as 9 : 1. In the reign of
John it was 10 : 1, the difference perhaps arising from the exportation through the
crusaders. But a continual supply of it seems during the middle ages to have
flowed into Europe from Central Asia, where Marco Polo's Travels show that it
abounded out of all proportion to silver, being exchanged for it in some places in
the proportion of no more than 6 : 1. A very admirable memoir on the subject of
the gold and silver money of Greece, by the Earl of Aberdeen, is to be found in
Walpole's Turkey, vol. i. pp. 425—

281 τὸ δ' ἐτὶ τούτων ἐλασσὸν ἀπείσ, οὐ
lέγω. It is not easy to say exactly what
the author meant by this sentence. Pos-
sibly it refers to certain gifts in kind which
came periodically to the court of the sove-
reign,—just as in old leases the tenant is
often bound to furnish so many pikes in
Lent, or brawns at Christmas, in addition
to his money rent. Thus PERSIUS speaks of the "piper et perne, Marsi monumenta
clientis" (ii. 75), although it can hardly be thought that the Roman 'patroni'
would have been well satisfied with only
such remuneration for their services. The
revenue is in fact the net produce of the
land-tax to the sovereign, considered as
the absolute owner of the soil. (See notes
on ii. 109. 177.) The smallness of the
amount as compared with the extent of
the empire has caused some surprise. But
it must be remembered that this payment
would be over and above all purveyances
requisite for the public service. See i.
192.
χέν: πλήσας δὲ τὸ ἀγγείον, περιαρεῖει τὸν κέραμον ἑπεάν δὲ ἐκήθη χρημάτων, κατακόπτει 282 τοσοῦτο ὅσον ἄν ἐκάστοτε δέηται.

Ἀτία μὲν νῦν ἀρχαὶ τε ἦσαν καὶ φόροι ἐπιτάξεις. Ἡ Περσίδες δὲ χώρῃ μοῦν μοι οὐκ ἐγίνεται δασμοφόρος· ἀπελέα γὰρ Πέρσαι νέμονται χώρην. οἶδε δὲ φόρον μὲν οὐδένα ἑτάχθησαν φέρειν, δώρα δὲ ἀγίνουν Αἰθιόπες οἱ πρόσοφοι Ἄγιπτῶν, τοὺς Καμβάνους ἑλαυνοῦν ἐπὶ τοὺς Μακροβίους Αἰθιόπας κατεστρέφατο· οἱ περὶ τε Νῦσεον τὴν ἱρὰν κατοίκησαν καὶ τῷ Διονύσῳ ἀνώγουσι τὰς ὀρτάς, οὔτοι οἱ Αἰθιόπες, καὶ οἱ πλησίοχοροι τοῦτοισι, σπέρματε 283 μὲν χρέωνται τῷ αὐτῷ τῷ καὶ οἱ Καλανταὶ Ἰνδοί· οἰκήματα δὲ ἑκτρυνται κατάγαια: οὔτοι συναμφότεροι διὰ τρίτου ἐτεὸς ἀγίνουν, ἀγινοῦσι δὲ καὶ τὸ μέχρι ἐμεῦν, δύο χοίνικας ἀπύρου χρυσίου 284, καὶ δυνκοσίας φάλαγγας ἔβενου, καὶ πείτε παίδας Αἰθιόπας, καὶ ἐλεφαντος οὖντας μεγάλους εἴκοσι. Κόλχοι δὲ ἐτάξαντο ὑπὲρ τὴν δωρεὰν 285, καὶ οἱ προσερχόμενοι μέχρι τοῦ Καυκάσιος, 3 οὐρσίους· ἐς τοῦτο γὰρ τὸ οὖρον ὑπὸ Πέρσῃς ἀρχεταῖ τα δὲ πρὸς βορῆν ἄνεμον τοῦ Καυκάσιος Περσέων οὐδέν ἑτί φροντίζει. οὔτοι δὲν δόρα τὰ ἐτάξαντο ἑτί καὶ ἐς ἐμεῦ διὰ πεντετριῶν ἅγινον, ἐκατὸν παιδάς καὶ ἑκατὸν παρθένους. 286. Ἀράβιοι δὲ χίλια τάλαντα ἁγίνουν λιβανωτοῦ ἀνα πάν ἐτος. τάντα μὲν οὔτοι δόρα πάρεξ τοῦ φόρον βασιλεῖ ἐκήμων.

Τὸν δὲ χρυσὸν τούτου τὸν πολλὸν οἱ Ἰνδοὶ, ἀπ' οὗ τὸ ψῆφιμα τὸ βασιλεῖ τὸ εἰρημένον κομίζουσι, τρόπῳ τοὐδέ κτένωται ἐστὶ τῆς Ἰνδικῆς χώρης τὸ πρὸς ἡλίον ἀνύσχοντα ψάμμος· τῶν γὰρ ἡμεῖς ἰδοῦν, τῶν καὶ πέρι ἄντρεκες τι λέγεται, πρῶτοι πρὸς ἥδι καὶ ἡλίουν.

282 ἑπεάν δὲ δεθη Χρημάτων, κατακόπτει. Darius seems to have been the first to establish a national mint. See note on iv. 166.

283 σπέρματε. See note 292, below.

284 ἀπύρου χρυσίου, "pure gold," that which has not required the agency of fire to separate it from any baser metal. See note 154 on i. 50.

285 ἐτάξαντο ὑπὲρ τὴν δωρεὰν. The article before δωρεὰν here is perhaps to be accounted for on the principle suggested in note 315 on i. 90. The Colchians agreed to give "the gift," the present symbolizing the acknowledgment of feudal superiority, and thereby constituting a claim to protection. The use of the middle voice implies a consent on the part of the inferior party to the terms concluded with him. (See notes 42 and 243, above.) The payment of tribute would have put them in the position of subjects, the rendering a gift only enabled them to preserve that of allies.

286 Καυκάσιος. This is the reading of all the MSS except S and V, which have Καυκάσιον, although two lines below, according to Gaisford, they agree with the rest. Above, in i. 203, 204, S has Καυκάσιον for Καυκάσιος invariably.

286 ἐκατὸν παρθένους. These would no doubt be destined for the harem of the Persian monarch, and probably procured from Circassia. See note on vi. 9, ἀνασπάστους ἐς Βδέκταρα.
some of which are nomads and cannibals,

\[237 \text{ καλάμος δὲ ἐν γόνων πλοίων ἐκαστοῦ ποιέται. It is said that the bamboo here referred to sometimes grows in the marshes of the lower Indus to the height of sixty feet; and Pliny relates that the length of the boats made of the inter-nodal wood often exceeded five cubits, and that they would hold three persons (H. N. vii. 2; xvi. 36). They may perhaps be considered as something like the duck-boats in the Lincolnshire fens, and used to enable the fishermen to lay out their nets in the shallow marshes where the fish were found.}\\n
\[238 \text{ καλέονται δὲ Παδαι. It is likely that these tribes are the same as the one mentioned above, § 38, and § 97; and if so, the name Παδαι may, like Αρτει and Αρτι, be a title. Rennell (Geogr. of Herodotus, p. 310) conceives them to be the inhabitants of the banks of the Ganges, the name of which is (he says) Πάδδα in Sanskrit. But if a Sanscrit root is to be sought for the word, it seems more likely to be that of πόλις (dominus). The cannibalism of the people in question, which has caused them to be taken for Scythians by some, seems more likely to have arisen out of religious feelings connected with the doctrine of metempsychosis than out of mere savagery. See the horror they expressed at the idea of burning their parents' bodies (§ 38). Strabo, in an episode interposed in the description of Bactriana, bringing together several hearsay stories περὶ τῶν τελείων βαρβάρων, speaks of a tribe to which he gives the name of Caspians, without attempting to fix their site. (See note 269, above.) They exposed all those who passed the age of seventy in the desert, after having starved them to death, and watched the corpse from a distance. If it was dragged from the couch on which it lay by birds they greatly rejoiced; if by beasts they were less satisfied; but if it remained untouched by either they thought it a great misfortune (xi. p. 445). It seems quite clear that this conduct must have proceeded from a theory of transmigration of the soul into animals more or less elevated in the scale of creation. The case which was dreaded was the transmigration into the body of a reptile.}\\n
\[239 \text{ εἰπήρεωμενα. Donaldson (New Cratylus, p. 223) considers that this is an instance of the preposition ἐν having, in composition, a sense of reciprocity; εἰπήρεωμεν, according to his view, meaning "to have an habitual interchange of kindnesses with any one."}\\n
Here's the text from the image:

`299. ἐς δὲ τοῦτον λόγον οὐ πολλοὶ τινες αὐτῶν ἀπικνέονται ἐπίρημα γάρ του 291 τῶν ἐς νοσοῦν πιπτοῦντα πάντα κτεῖνον. Ἐτέρων δὲ ἐστὶν Ἰνδῶν οἰκεῖον τοῦ ἄλλο τρόπον· οὐτε κτεῖνον οὐδὲν ἐμφύση, οὐτὲ τε στεῖνον, οὐτε οἰκίας νομίζουσι ἐκτίθεσθαι ποιημάτως δὲ καὶ αὐτοῖς ἐστὶν ὅσον κέγγρος τὸ μέγαθος ἐν κάλυπτι αὐτίματον ἐκ τῆς γῆς γινόμενον τὸ συλλέγοντες, αὐτῇ κάλλικον ἐφούσε· ταῦτα οὖν κάμψονται. ὡς δὲ ἀν ἐς νοσοῦν αὐτῶν τέσσαρα, Ἐλθών ἐς τὴν ἱρμον κτεῖναι· φροντίζει δὲ οὐδεὶς οὕτω ἀποβαίνοντος οὐτε κάμψονται.

292. Μίζης δὲ τούτων τῶν Ἰνδῶν τῶν κατέλεξα πάντων ἐμφανίζει ἐστιν, κατάπερ τῶν προβάτων καὶ τὸ χρώμα φορέουσιν ὁμοίων πάντες καὶ παραπλήσιον Αἰθιοπία, ἡ γονὴ δὲ αὐτῶν τὴν ἀπίεσται ἐς τὰς ρυμαίκας, οὗ, κατάπερ τῶν ἄλλων ἀνθρώπων, ἐστὶν λευκή, ἀλλὰ μέλανα κατάπερ τὸ χρώμα· τοιαύτην δὲ καὶ Αἰθιόπες ἀπίεσται θορυβήν. οὐν μὲν τῶν Ἰνδῶν ἐκαστέρῳ τῶν Περσέων οἰκεύσει 293, καὶ πρὸς νόσου ἀνείμου· καὶ Δαρείου βασιλέως οὐδαμά ὑπίκηκον.

294. "Αλλοι δὲ τῶν Ἰνδῶν Κασπάτύρῳ τοῦ πόλι καὶ τῇ Πακτυκῆ χώρᾳ 294 εἰσὶν πρόσοροι, πρὸς ἄρκτον τε καὶ βορέω ἀνέμου κατοικεύοντο τῶν ἄλλων Ἰνδῶν, οὐκ Βακτρίοισι παραπλησίων ἔχουσιν."

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290 ἐς δὲ τοῦτον λόγον οὐ πολλοὶ τινες αὐτῶν ἀπικνέονται, "but very few come to a question of this," i.e. arrive at an age when there can be any doubt whether they are ripe for sacrifice or not.

291 πρὸ γὰρ τοῦ. The manuscripts S and V have πρὸ γὰρ τοῦ θείου, which is adopted by Bekker.

292 οὗτοι κέγγρος τὸ μέγαθος. Neither this nor the description ἐν κάλυπτι αὐτίματον ἐκ τῆς γῆς γινόμενον is applicable to "rice," which has been supposed to be the grain alluded to here and § 97, above. But the author is describing a people far beyond any point to which his own knowledge extended; and it is possible that two distinct articles of food have been confounded.

293 ἐκαστέρῳ τῶν Περσέων οἰκεύσα. If a determinate site is to be assigned to these Indians it should perhaps be Seinde, and the western bank of the lower Indus. Rennell sums up his analysis of the Herodotean account of India thus: "We may conclude that Darius in fact possessed no more of India than what lay contiguous to the Indus and its branches; and also that the limit of our author's knowledge eastward was the sandy desert of Jesselmore (called Registan, the country of sand), and that the rest was described from vague report." (Geogr. of Herod. p. 309.)

294 Κασπάτυρῳ τοῦ πόλι καὶ τῇ Πακτυκῆ χώρᾳ. These two places are coupled together in iv. 44, below, and there it seems nearly certain that Caubul must be meant. On the other hand the Pactyes in the 13th nome cannot be farther east than Georgia. In the army of Xerxes the Pactyes come after the Caspians and Zarangians, and their garb would induce the belief that their country was a cold one (vii. 67). Perhaps the mountaineers of the range between Caubul and Balk were called by this name. That range itself is apparently changed both in position and direction by Herodotus (see note 601 on i. 292), and perhaps the true solution of the difficulty is to suppose that the Pactyes of § 93 and the Pactyes of vii. 67 refer to the valleys on the north side, while the Pactyes in which Caspatyrus lies, and through which one of the tributaries to the Indus flows, is the south side of the same.
The Myn-neece, who inhabit the deserts where the gold sand is found.

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The passage describes the anatomy of the camel, focusing on its unique adaptations to its environment. The camel's ability to endure scorching heat is highlighted, with particular attention to the structure of its legs and the use of its hooves for walking on hot surfaces. The text also mentions the practice of using camels in the early morning for obtaining gold due to the hottest time of the day in India. Additionally, the passage refers to the popular idea that the sun being on a plane surface over which the sun passed, rising in the east and setting in the west, and each case operating most powerfully upon the people supposed to be nearest to him. This notion was reported that when the sun set in the Western Ocean, a hissing sound arose like that from red-hot iron.
passes through Jerusalem and Carbul; but the great elevation of the latter place above the sea, and its distance from it, together with the proximity of the snow mountains would cause the oscillation of temperature, both annual and daily, to be very much greater in Afghanistan. At Peshawur the annual oscillation is so great, that while frost lasts till the month of March, the thermometer stands at 128° in the shade in the month of July. (Penny Cyclopaedia, i. p. 166.)

303 ως δὲ λέγεται ὑπὸ Περσῶν. See note 335 on i. 95.

305 καὶ παραλύσθαι ἐπελκομένους όν ὁμοί ἀμφοτέρους, “as they go in the leading rein come to knock up, first one and then the other.” For the use of ἐπελκομένου compare v. 12, ἐπέλκουσα ἐκ τοῦ βραχαίου τῶν ἱππῶν, and iv. 203, ἐπέλκουσα, where see the note. The notion seems to have been to sacrifice first one male camel to the pursuing ants, and then the other, if the necessity should occur. The led animals would be incited to follow the female in the same way as she would be to get home to her foal. For the deesse of the foal, compare the ballad of the Lochmaben Harper in Scott’s Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border, vol. i. p. 138. Precisely the same stratagem is said by Marco Polo to be adopted by the Tartars when making a foray into the country to the north of them, which he imagines to be so obscure and dark that the instinct of the animals alone enables the invaders to find their way back (p. 350).

304 εὐδίδοις μαλακῶν ὀδόν. See above, § 61.
This is a continuation of a previous discussion on the use of frankincense and other spices. The text mentions several locations and times in which the spice was used, and it also refers to previous research and the work of scholars such as Strabo and other ancient authors.

The text includes references to various MSS and literature, such as Strabo and Pliny. It also mentions the use of frankincense in Arabia and India, and how it was used in the Mediterranean and Central Asia.

The text concludes by noting that further research is needed to fully understand the use and history of frankincense in different regions and times.
drive the winged serpents from the frankincense.

108 Providential arrangement by which the most noxious animals are the least prolific.

Examples.

The kare as contrasted with the lion.

109 The winged serpents of Arabia.

citéonat oĩ 'Arábiou. tón méν gε λιβανοτόν συλλέγουσι, tʰn στύρακα θυμίοντες tʰn εὐ Αλλαγίνες Φοίνικες εξάγουσι' ταύτην θυμίοντες λαμβάνουντες τά γάρ δένδρα ταύτα τά λιβανοτοφόρα ὄφιες ὑπὸ πτεροῦ, μικρὸ τά μεγάθεα, ποικίλοι τά εἰδε, φυλάσσουσι, πλῆθει πολλοὶ περὶ δένδρων ἐκαστὸν' οὕτοι οὕπερ ἑπ' Ἀλγοντον ἑπιστρατεύονται. οὐδεποτί δὲ ἄλλῳ ἀπελαύνουσι ἀπὸ τῶν δενδρών, ὅ τῆς στύρακος τῷ κατυρ. Ἀλγοῦσι δὲ καὶ τάδε 'Αράβιου, ὡς πᾶσα ἄν γῆ ἐπίπλατο τῶν ὄφιον τούτων, εἴ μὴ γίνεσθαι κατ' αὐτοῖς αἶν τι κατὰ τὰς ἔχιδνας ᾑπιστάναι γίνεσθαι. καὶ κοι τῷ θείῳ προνοίᾳ, ὁσπερ καὶ οἰκὸς ἐστι, εὐσὰ σοφὴ ὃσα μὲν γὰρ ψυχὴν τε δειλα καὶ ἐδώδιμα, ταῦτα μὲν πάντα πολύγονα πεποίηκεν, ὅν μὴ ἐτιλῆται κατευθύνει. ὅσα δὲ σχέτλα καὶ ἀνυπα, ὀλγόγονα. τοῦτο μὲν, ὅτι ὁ λαγός ὑπὸ παντὸς θηρεύεται θηρίων καὶ ὀρνίθως καὶ ἄνθρωπος, οὕτω δὴ τι πολύγονον ἐστὶ ἐπικυισκέται μοῦνοι πάντων θηρίων καὶ τὸ μὲν δασὸ τῶν τέκνων ἐν τῇ γαστρὶ, τὸ δὲ ψιλὸν, τὸ δὲ ἀρτὶ ἐν τῇ μήτρῃ πλάσσεται, τὸ δὲ ἀναίρεται τοῦτῳ μὲν δὴ τοιοῦτό ἐστιν. ὃς δὲ δὴ λέαινα, εὖν ἵσχυρότατον καὶ θρασύτατον, ἀπαξ εὖν τῷ βίῳ τίκτει εὖν τίκτουν ὄφρα συνεκβάλλει τῷ τέκνῳ τὰς μήτρας τοῦ δὲ αἰτίον τούτῳ τὸ δὲ ἐστὶν ἐπεὶ ὁ σκύμνος ἐν τῇ μήτρῃ ἐων ἀρχὴται διακινεόμενος, ὁ δὲ ἔχουν ὑνίχας θηρίων πολλῶν πάντων ὑξιατῶν, ἀμύσσει τὰς μήτρας αὐξανομενός τε δὴ πολλὸ μᾶλλον ἑσκενέται καταφράφων τέλας τῇ δῇ τόκος ἐστιν, καὶ τὸ παράπταν λεπτεῖας αὐτῶν ἤγεῖς οὐδὲ ἐγίνεται 'ᾆς δὲ καὶ αἴ ἐχοιναὶ τε καὶ οἱ εὐ 'Αραβίοις υπὸ πτεροῦ ὄφιες, εἰ ἐγένοντο ὡς ὁ φύσις αὐτῶς ὑπάρχει, οὐκ ἄν ἦν βιόσαμα ἄνθρωποιν νῦν δ', ἐπεὶ δὲ διονύσηται κατὰ ξένος, καὶ εὖν τῇ ἂν ἐρώσην τῇ ἐκποίησε, ἀπειμένων αὐτοῦ τῆν γυνῆν, ἡ θήλη ἀπέτει ἡς δειρῆς, καὶ ἐμφύσα, οὐκ ἀνείας. ὁ μὲν δὴ ἐρώσην ἀποθνήσκει τρόπῳ τῷ εἰρήμενῷ ὡς ἡ θήλη τῆς ἄπο τεὑρὶ ἀποτείνει τῷ ἐρσεν τῷ γονεὶ τιμωρεῖται ἐτί ἐν τῇ γαστρὶ ἐσόματα τὰ ἰθυοφαγί. Ἀπὸ τῶν καὶ ἄδυντα εἰς αὐτὸν θείον." οὗτο η Αλγοντον ἑπιστρατεύονται.

See ii. 74.

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312 ὃς λαγός. This is the reading adopted by Gaisford, on the authority of the manuscript S. The others have λαγός. In i. 123, the manuscripts S, F, a, c, have λαγός, and the rest λαγών.

313 ἐνίε. See note 604, on i. 120.
Tadmor means the capital, probably a name brought into the Arabian coast. The name is derived from the Phoenicians, and from the name of the cinnabar came into the hands of the Greeks through the Phoenicians. The cinnabar came from Petra, the capital of the Nabataeans (Nabatæni of SS.), an entrepôt of great importance (eis ἣν Μειναίου τε καὶ Ἐρατοσθένους πάντες ὀνομάζονται τῶν ἀραβίασταν φορτία κομικώσιν). Artemidorus of Straton. xvi. c. 4, p. 329). From Petra a caravan road led to Rhinocoura, and another to Gaza, from either of which places the spices would find their way in Phoenician bottoms to Tyre. Or, if they were carried by the Gerrhae in rafts up to Babylon (as is asserted by Aristobulus of Strabo. xvi. c. 3, p. 382), and thence, by means of the artificial water communication, brought so far as Thapsacus on the Euphrates, they would come through Tadmor (Palmyra), and Damascus, by land to Tyre. In either case it would be from Phoenicians that the cinnabar came into the hands of the Greeks. The site of the Gerrhae is placed by Eratosthenes on the east coast of Arabia (ἐν βαβυλὼν κάλλιον). Their capital was twenty miles from the coast. He stated that they were the great land carriers of the Arabian spices, in which case they would bring them by the former of the two routes just mentioned. A proof of their connexion with the Phoenicians is furnished by the fact, that just south of Gerrha were two islands which went by the names of Aradus and Tyre (two cities of the Phoenician Tripolis), and that the inhabitants of these professed to be colonies from Phoenicia, and certainly had the same religious ritual. (Strabo, xvi. c. 3, p. 382.) The tradition related in i. 1, above, brings the Phoenicians of the Mediterranean from the Persian gulf, thus reversing the relations of the two kindred races, as is so common in Hellenic historical myths. The Gerrhaeans were Chaldean exiles from Babylon.
sophisticated: These were the large-tailed goats, which were raised for their milk and their meat. The larger of the two breeds that were kept for their meat were also known as "ladaurus". The ladaurus was a type of goat that was well-known for its large size and its good meat. It was also used to produce milk, which was a valuable resource.

14 The fragrant air of Arabia, and the large-tailed sheep.

Also the ladaurus.

112 Also the ladaurus.

113 The fragrant air of Arabia, and the large-tailed sheep.

114 'Apoklino'méne" δὲ μεσαμβρήνη παρήκει πρὸς δύνωντα ἥλιον ἢ

strange that Herodotus should transplant this practice to Arabia, though the name (ladaurus) is Arabic.

επέλειεν. Some of the MSS, have έπέλειεν. But this is undoubtedly the true reading. See ἐπελομένου, used of the canals held in a leading rein, above, § 105.

ἀποκλινόμενη. This reading is preserved by S, V, a, and appears to me the true one. The other MSS have ἀποκλινάμενη. See above, note 300, on § 104. The phrase μεσαμβρήνη ἀποκλινομένη is itself a remarkable one; for although the word ἀποκλινέσθαι may be reasonably applied to the μεσαμβρήνω ἥλιος, it cannot properly be so to the μεσαμβρήνη, which is in fact the time (ὥρα) defined by the highest position of the sun in the heavens. But the time being marked by a motion of the sun in space,
the relations of that space are expressed in terms of the time which they mark. The expression εἰ δὲ ἡ στάσις ἔλλαστο τῶν ἄρων (ii. 26) rests upon the same mode of thought. The author speaks of "the position of the seasons," meaning by it "the position of the sun which affects the seasons." See note 12, on ii. 3.

319 ἐλέφαντας ἄμφιλαφές, "huge elephants." The term ἄμφιλαφής is originally applied to a vessel with two handles, in contradistinction to those which from their lightness required only one. It is a remarkable circumstance, that Herodotus speaks of African elephants only; yet, singularly enough, the only elephants which appear on the Egyptian monuments are the Asiatic (which are brought as tribute). And not only do elephants figure in the account of Cyrus's campaigns as given by Ctesias (ap. Phystim, Bibli. p. 36), but on the obelisk excavated by Layard at Nimroud, the Asiatic elephant is seen, brought as a present. One may conjecture that in the text there is a confusion between these African Ethiopians and the Asiatics who formed a portion of the seventeenth nome. (above, § 94).

322 ἄνδρας μεγίστους καὶ καλλίστους καὶ μακροβιοτάτους. For the two first of these qualities, see the notes 57 and 58, on § 20. For the last, the note 56, on § 18; above, and 540, on i. 163.

3 the Baltic, between Königsberg and Memel. In the time of Pliny it used to be brought by the inhabitants of the coast (who called it "glesum," i. e. glass, Tacitus, Germ. 45) into Pannonia to Carnuntum on the Danube — (a place to be looked for between Vienna and Pressburg). From thence the Veneti conveyed it to the coasts of the Adriatic (N. H. xxxvii. 3); and as nothing is more unchangeable than land routes, while the conditions of civilization remain the same, it seems certain that in the time of which Herodotus is speaking, the substance was brought to the same market; though, doubtless, some may have found its way down the Danube to Istropolis, and thence to the Hellespont.

As for the name Eridanus, its root probably means water, and appears in the words Ro-danns, Don-au, Don-ube, Tan-ais, Don, Don-zig, and possibly also in the word Don-aus (Hesiod, Fragment 110. ed. Paris, "Αργος άν- δρος ἐν Δανοί ποῖσιν ένδρον, or as Strabo, i. p. 36, gives the line "Αργος άνδρος ἐν Δαναί θέσαν" Αργος ένδρον) and the river Jordan.

The Greeks generally considered that the substance came from certain Ηλλή- τραίκης νίσσα in the head of the Adriatic gulf. The story ran, that in one of these there was a statue of tin, and in another, one of amber, made by Dediinus when flying from Minos. In these islands too there was a hot fountain, into which Phaëton was said to have fallen, surrounded by poplar-trees, from whose leaves the amber was said to drop in the form of gum. (Aristotle, Mirab. Auscult. p. 836.) Under these circumstances it is easy to see how the site of the northern Eridanus should have come to be transferred in popular belief to the Italian river.

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Aithiotiph χώρη, ἐσχάτη τῶν οἰκεομένων αὐτή δὲ χρυσόν τε φέρει πολλῶν καὶ ἐλέφαντας ἄμφιλαφές καὶ δείχνει πάιντα ψέφτα, καὶ έβενον, καὶ άνδρας μεγίστους καὶ καλλίστους καὶ μακροβιοτάτους.

Αὕτη μὲν νυν ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ ἐσχάται εἰσὶ καὶ ἐν τῇ Λιβύῃ. περὶ δὲ τῶν ἐν τῇ Εὐρώπῃ τῶν πρῶτος ἐστέρην ἐσχάτεων ἐχὼ μὲν ὀνόματι ἄρτεκεος λέγειν οὕτε γὰρ ἐγών ςενδόκαιμα Ἡριδανῶν τῶν καλλιέρατα πρὸς βαρβάρων ποταμῶν, ἐκεῖδοτα ἐς θάλασσαν τὴν πρὸς βορίην ἀνέμου, ἀπ' ὅτε τὸ ἥλεκτρον φωτῶν λόγος ἑστια, The furthest part of Europe is imperfectly known. Apocryphal story of
Gold comes in greatest abundance from the north of Europe, from the Arimaspi, who rob the Griffins.

That Herodotus should not have been able to find any eye-witness of the northern sea is easily comprehensible. The commercial proceedings of the Greeks began after the goods had been brought down to the ports to which they had access. Between the factory on the Adriatic and the emporium on the Danube, the trade would be in the hands of the Veneti, and between the emporium and the North Sea in those of the Germans.

It is possible that some of the British tin from Cornwall or the Scilly isles came overland the same way as the amber; but it seems more likely that the tin of which Herodotus speaks was the stream tin brought down in the sand of the Guadiana and Guadalquivir (see Pliny, N. H. xxxiv. 16), which two streams confused with each other probably are the "Tartessus" of Stesichorus. See note 533, on i. 163, and Stephanus Byz. v. Tártηςος.

The authority for this story is the Arimaspea of Aristaeas of Proconnesus. See note on iv. 13. The gold no doubt came by the caravans to Russia from central Asia. See note 290.

Parthia, and Zarangia come next to each other in the list of subject countries given by the Behistun Inscription. See note 278, on § 94, above. But the Saranges and Thamani are by Herodotus put in the fourteenth nome, and the Partheniun and Chorasmians in the sixteenth. It is perhaps useless to attempt to search for any site representing the valley described in the text. Some have considered the whole story a mere fiction. But no doubt the levying a tax on the supply of water was a practice which prevailed formerly, as it does now, in countries where, as in Persia, artificial irrigation is a necessity. Possibly the origin of the story is to be looked for in the physical character of the Vale of Cashmere with its lakes, combined with the name of the Punjab, and the habits of Persia. However, it must have been framed in a locality north of the Hindoo Koosh. See note 324.
κληρόντος οὖρεος τοῦτον ῥέει ποιημάς μέγας, óνομα δὲ οἱ ἐστὶν Ἕλληνες, ὁ νέος πρότερον μὲν ἀρδέσικε, διαλελαμμένοι πενταχοῦ, τῶν εἰρήμενων τοῦτον τὰς χώρας, διὰ διασφάγας ἀγόμενος ἐκάστης ἐκάστους· ἐπεὶ τε δὲ ὅππο τῷ Πέρσῃ εἰςιν, πεπόνθησι τοιόντες τὰς διασφάγες τῶν οὐρέων ἐνδείμαις οἱ βασιλεὺς, πύλας ἐπ᾿ ἐκάστης διασφάγα ἐστηκεν· ἀποκεκλημένου δὲ τοῦ ὕδατος τῆς διεξόδου, τὸ πεῖδιον τὸ ἐντὸς τῶν οὐρέων πέλαγος γίνεται, ἐνδιδόντος μὲν τοῦ ποταμοῦ ἐχόντος δὲ οὐδαμῇ ἐξῆλυσιν. οὕτω δὲν οὗτος ἐμπροσθεν ἐόθεσαν χράσθαι τῷ ὕδατι, οὐκ ἔχοντες αὐτόν χράσθαι, συμφόρη μεγάλη διαχρέωνται· τὸν μὲν γὰρ χειμώνα οὐ σφι ὁ θεὸς, ὡς τις καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους ἄνθρωπους τούτου δὲ θέρεος σπείρουτες μελινήν καὶ σήμαμον, χρὴσινον τῷ ὕδατι· ἐπέλαυν δὲν μὴν σφι παραδιδόται τοῦ ὕδατος, ἐλθόντες δὲ τοὺς Πέρσας αὐτοῖς τε καὶ γυναῖκες, στάντες κατὰ τὰς θύρας τοῦ βασιλείου, βούδσι ἄρνομένων· ὁ δὲ βασιλεὺς τοῖς δεομένοις αὐτῶν μάλιστα ἐντέλεται ἀνοίγεις τὰς πύλας τὰς ἕω τοῦτο φεροῦσα· ἐπέλαυν δὲ διάκορος ἡ γῆ σφέων γενηται πίνουσα τῷ ὕδαρ, αὐτὰ μὲν αἱ πύλαι ἀποκληθούνται, ἀλλὰ δὲν ἐντέλεται ἀνοίγεις ἀλλοιοι τοῖς δεομένοις μάλιστα τῶν λοιπῶν· ὅς δὲ ἐγὼ οἶδα ἀκούσας, χρήματα μεγάλα προσόμονες ἀνοίγει, πάρεξ τοῦ φόρου. ταῦτα μὲν δὴ ἔχει οὕτω.

Τὸν δὲ τῷ Μάγκῳ ἐπαναστάτων ἑπτὰ ἀνδρῶν, ἕνα αὐτῶν Ἰνταφέρνεα κατέλαβε, ὑβρίσαντα τίδε, ἀποδανεῖν αὐτίκα μετὰ τὴν ἐπανάστασιν ἠθελει· ἐς τὰ βασιλικά ἔσεθαι βηραμάσασθαι τῷ βασιλεί; καὶ γάρ δὴ καὶ ὁ νόμος οὕτω εἰχὲ τοῖς ἐπαναστάσις τῷ Μάγκῳ, ἔσοδον εἶναι παρὰ βασιλέα ἀνεν ἄγγελον ἢ ἡ γυναῖκι τυχόντος μισγόμενος ὁ βασιλεὺς· οὐκών δὴ Ἰνταφέρνης ἐκδικάειν ὑμέναι οἱ ἐσαρρεῖλαι, ἀλλ᾿ ὅτι ἢν τῶν ἔπτα, ἑστίειν ἠθελε· ο δὲ πυλουρὸς καὶ ὁ ἄγγελιος οὐ περισσεῖν, φάμενοι τῶν βασιλείας γυναικι ἰσογέναις· ὁ δὲ Ἰνταφερνῆς δοκέων σφέας ψεύδεα λέγειν, ποιεῖ τοιάδε· σπασάμενος τῶν ἀκινάκεα· ἀποτάμηνε αὐτῶν

324 τὸν μὲν γὰρ χειμώνα οὐ σφι ὁ θεὸς. This would not be the case south of lat. 339, for the rainy season in India on the western side is from April to October. North of the Paropamisus and west of the Hindoo Koosh, the description would be true.
325 ὁ πυλουρός. This officer would give admission into the interior of the palace, where the ἄγγελιος οὐρὸς would be found. See above, § 77. The singular number is probably used from Intaphernes having confined his outrage to the chief attendant.
326 τὸν ἄκινακεα. The appropriate Asiatic weapon, Medus aevincēs. (Hομ. Od. i. 27. 6.;) Above, § 77, the conspirators draw their dirks (τὰ ἐγχει
Darius seizes him and all his family.

His wife begs off her brother and eldest son, a weapon more familiar to the Greeks.

Intaphernes was the nominee of Otanes in the second election of conspirators (iii. 70), and therefore probably more closely connected with him than either Hydrarnes or Megabyzus were. It is quite clear that Otanes was the most influential of all the Persian chiefs, (see note 192, above,) and, with the exception of Darius, all the conspirators were, directly or indirectly, nominated by him.

εχ πάντων των ἀδελφῶν. Among others, Dr. Donaldson (Transactions of the Philological Society, i. p. 161) has put forward the idea that Herodotus has in this singular tale embodied the sentiments put in the mouth of Antigone in the play of Sophocles. She asserts, that she had done for her brother what she would not have done for a husband or for children, and defends her conduct by the argument:

πάσις μὲν ἄν μοι, καταθανόντος, ἄλλος ἤγερ, καὶ πᾶς ἀπ' ἄλλου φωτός, εἰ τοῦδ' ἦμπλακον

μὴτρὸς δ' εὖν "Ἄδωνι καὶ πατρὸς κεκεφόδιοι οὐκ ἐστ' ἄδελφος ὅστις ἄν βλάστοι ποτέ."

(vv. 909—912.)

The great verbal similarity between the expressions of the poet and the historian is patent; and a probable intercourse between Herodotus and Sophocles just about the time at which the Antigone was acted (440 B.C.) is satisfactorily made out. But the argument comes in so strangely in the play,—introduced by the question, τίνος νόμον ἐν τῇ ταύτῃ πρὸς χάριν λέγω,—that it is difficult not to conceive it taken from some popular imported story, rather than the home growth of Sophocles's imagination. If, therefore, there be any truth in the story of Plutarch (De Malig. Herod. c. 26), and if Herodotus really recited a portion of his history at Athens before the Antigone was composed, it is perhaps more likely to suppose that Sophocles adapted from him than the converse.

ἁλλοτριώτερος. Gaisford, with the MSS., has ἁλλοτριώτατος.
and the rest are put to death.

Polycrates, the Samian dynast is treacherously put to death by Oroetes, satrap of Sardis, irritated by an insult of Mithrabates,

339 κατά δέ κοι μάλιστα τὴν Καμβύσεως νοῦσον ἐγένετο τάδε. It is plain from this expression that the story Herodotus is about to tell was not found by him in connexion with the thread of the Persian history. He found no chronology in it except such as was furnished by names of the persons involved. See note 114, on § 39.

331 Ὀροῖτης, ἀνὴρ Πέρσης. When this Oroetes was appointed by Cyrus, does not appear from any part of Herodotus’s history. After the conquest of Sardis, Cyrus appointed Tabalus, a Persian, the military governor (i. 153). Probably after the revolt of Pactyas, Mazares, who appears to have held the supreme military command (i. 156. 161), superseded him, and was regarded as the viceroy. He was succeeded by Harpagus (i. 162), who completed the conquest of the country. So Herodotus leaves the matter in the first book, where he probably is following Helleno-Lydian authorities. Here a Samian story begins, in which Oroetes and Mitrates (Persians)—Mazares and Harpagus having been Mediae—appear as the high officials.

332 Μιτραβάτεα. Gaisford, and the majority of MSS., have Mitroebates. But the name seems undoubtedly to be derived from Mithras, and one MS. gives the reading in the text. It is analogous to the Pontine name Mithradates, the bearers of which professed to be Achaemenids. (See note 419 on i. 121.)

333 ἐν Δασκυλείῳ. Dascyleum, on the Bithynian coast, was the head-quarters of one of the Persian armies which held that part of Asia which lay within the Halys. Magnesia on the Maeander was another principal station (below, § 122). Sardis, although the chief city of the region, does not seem to have been a military head-quarters, although it had a garrison of its own. (See notes on v. 101 and 102.) Probably its commercial importance and its luxury contributed equally to render it an undesirable station for any considerable body of soldiers.
or, as some say, by a carelessnes of Poly-crates.

A rtifice of Oretes to get Poly-crates into his power.

χορίων πεντεκαίδεκα ὀπλίτησι ἐπαναστάς ἐσχε, καὶ νῦν αὐτῆς τυραννεύει." οἱ μὲν δὴ μίν φασὶ τοῦτο ἀκοῦσαντα, καὶ ἀληγίσαντα τῷ ονείδει, ἐπιθυμῆσαι οὐκ ὠντο τῶν εἴπαντα ταύτα τίσασθαι, ὅς Πολυκράτεα πάντως ἀπολέσατι δ’ ὤν τινα κακῶς ἤκουσε. Οἱ δὲ ἐλάσσοντες λέγουσι, πέμψαι Ὀροίτησι ἐς Σάμου κήρυκα ὅτεν δὴ χρῆματο δεηθομένου οὐ γὰρ δὴ τοῦτο γε λέγεται καὶ τὸν Πολυκράτεα τυχεὶν κατακείμενον ἐν ἄνδρεώνι, παρεῖναι δὲ οἱ καὶ Ἀνακρέοντα τοῦ Τῆμον καὶ κως, εἰτ’ ἐκ προνοίας αὐτῶν κατηλογεόντα τὰ Ὀροίτεω πρῖγματα, ἐτέ καὶ συντυχία τις τοιαῦτα ἑπεγένετο· τὸν τε γὰρ κήρυκα τὸν Ὀροίτεω παρελθόντα διαλέγεσθαι, καὶ τὸν Πολυκράτεα, τυχεὶν γὰρ ἐπεστραμμένον πρὸς τὸν τοίχον, οὐτε τι μεταστραφῆσαι οὐτε ἥπωκρίσασθαι. Αἱτία μὲν δὴ αὐτὰ διδάσκει λέγοντα τοῦ θανάτου τοῦ Πολυκράτεος γενέσθαι· πάρεστι δὲ πειθέσθαι ὀκότερη τις βουλέται αὐτῶν. ὁ δὲ δὴ Ὀροίτης, ἔσομεν ἐν Μαγνησίᾳ τῇ ὑπὲρ Μαιάνδρου ποταμοῦ ρίομεν, ἔπεμπτε Μύρσον 334 τὸν Τύγεω ἄνδρα Αὐδον ἐς Σάμον ἀγγελικὴν φέροντα, μαθῶν τοῦ Πολυκράτεος τὸν νόου. Πολυκράτης γὰρ ἐστὶ πρώτος τῶν ἡμεῖς ἐδείξαν Εἰλλήνων δὲ θαλασσοκρατέες ἐπενοιήθη, πάρεξ Μύσων 335 τοῦ Κυνοσίον καὶ εἰ δὴ τὸς ἄλλος πρότερος τοῦτον ἦρξε τῆς θαλάσσης· τῆς δὲ ἀνθρωπήματι λεγομένης γενεῖς Πολυκράτης ἐστὶ πρῶτος, ἐλπίδας πολλὰς ἔχων Ἰωνίας τε καὶ νήσον ἄρξειν μαθῶν ὄν ταύτα μὲν διανοεῖμενον ὁ Ὀροίτης, τέμψας ἀγγελίκην ἐλέγε τάδε: "Ὁροίτης Πολυκράτει ὀδὲ λέγει 336. πυθιάνομαι ἐπιβουλεύειν σε πρήγμασι μεγάλοισι, καὶ χρῆματα τοῖς οὐκ εἶναι κατὰ τὰ φρονήματα. 337. σὺ νῦν ὄδε ποίησας ὁρθώσεις μὲν σεωτοῦν, σώσεις δὲ καὶ εἰμὲ (ἐμοὶ γὰρ βασιλεὺς Καμβύς, ἐπιβουλεύει θάνατον 338, καὶ μοι τοῦτο ἐξαγγέλλεται σαφηνῶς.)
same position which had previously been filled by two Medians, Mazares and Harpagus. (See notes 331, 311, and 350, below.)

329 καταδίσασε δὲ τὰς λάρνακας. Before the invention of locks, the only way of securing chests was by cording them. Thus Ezekiel (xxvii. 24) speaks of "cords of rich apparel bound with cords" among the merchandise of Tyre. To fasten the cord in such a way as to baffle the attempt of a stranger to unloose it, became a point of skill under such circumstances; and the proverb, ὅ του Ὀδυσσέως Δεσμός, in allusion to the Homeric expression (Odys. viii. 447) came to be applied to denote all extraordinarily secure fastenings.

340 παραίσθη ἐγίνετο, "resorted to all kinds of means." So in ix. 109, Xerxes παραίσθη ἐγίνετο, to evade the performance of his rash promise to Artaynte.

341 ἐπὶ τὴν πεντηκόνταρα. See note 131, above. The article too is to be remarked. See note 87, above. The feature of the fatal galley was doubtless never wanting to the story as told at Samos.

342 ἐπεφημιζέτο, "uttered an ominous phrase." i.e. she put herself in the position of an inspired soothsayer, and solemnly placed a ban upon her father's design. His reply seems to have a reference to this assumed character, and to mean that he would dedicate her as the officiating priestess at some oracle. The prominence of the superstitious element in the narrative, and the mention of Maenandrius's offering, point to the traditions of the Heerem at Samos as a likely source of the author's information. It should be observed, that the Samians would understand by Zeus, not the Olympian deity, but the elemental principle of increase, the Pater Aether of Lucretius. Hence the dream of the maiden was fulfilled by her father's naked body being rained upon (below, § 125).
The allusion is to Gelon, whose victory over the Carthaginians at Himera was said to have taken place on the same day as the action at Salamis (vii. 160); and to his brother and successor Hieron, whose patronage of letters made him celebrated throughout Hellas. The word μεγαλοπρέπεια denotes that kind of elegant sumptuousness which the Greeks regarded as the distinctive virtue of a sovereign or chief citizen, and which showed itself especially in the maintenance of great state on public occasions, such as the Olympic festival, or the erection of public works on a great scale. Aristotle describing it, says: ἔστι τῶν διαμεμέλητων αὐτά λέγομεν τὰ τίμια, ὅποι τὰ περὶ θεούς ἀνασήματα καὶ κατασκευὰς καὶ θυσίαι, ἄριστος δὲ καὶ διὸς περὶ πάν τὸ διάμεμλον καὶ διὰ πᾶς τὸ κοινὸν εὑρετικὴ ἔστιν, ὅποι εἰ που χαράγην ὅποις δεῖν λαμπρῶς ἢ τριφραγχίζειν ἢ καὶ ἐπὶ τῷ τόλῳ. (Ethic. Nicom. iv. p. 1122.) It was the possession of this quality which rendered many of the Hellenic dynasts popular, and which in later times kept Alcibiades a favourite in spite of his unparalleled insolence. See his speech in Thucydides (vi. 16). The Hellenic good taste, however, in spite of the passion for sumptuousness, revolted at mere profusion. An ill-directed μεγαλοπρέπεια became what they called βασανία (vulgarity). Likewise μεγαλοπρέπεια was incompatible with all regard for private advantage: ὅ γὰρ εἰς ἑαυτὸν διαπνέως ὁ μεγαλοπρέπης, ἀλλ' εἰς τὰ κοινά. (Aristotle, L. c., p. 1123.)

342 ό Συρηνίων γενόμενοι τύραννοι.

343 τοῦ Δίως ὅκως. See the note 342, above.
This view of the Magian usurpation is in exact accordance with the Persian account as given in the Behistun Inscription, and with what (it can scarcely be doubted) was the real course of events. But the authority followed by Herodotus in his main account represented the whole transaction as a mere personal usurpation of the Pseudo-Smerdis. Hence the real state of the case only appears by such casual expressions as these showing themselves in parts of the work where the author is following another tradition. See note 216 on § 79, above.

341 Μεγαλότης. The MSS and Gaisford have Μεγαλότης. See note 332, above.

οτέ Μήδων ἀπαραρμένους την ἀρ-χήν. Cambyses when dying implores his Persian friends ὁμοιάζει την ἡγεμονίαν αὐτῶν ἐς Μήδων περιελθοῦσαν (above, § 65)—a phrase which implies a restoration of the relative position of the Medes and Persians which existed before the revolution effected by Cyrus. And the same thing seems to follow from the note incorporated into the text in i. 130. (See note 439 thereon.) Orotees, with the force at his command in his satrapy, probably had connived at the change, in the hope of acquiring an independent sovereignty for himself. The Magian began his reign by an ostentatious liberality towards the dependencies. See above, § 67.

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342 ἀγγαριν. Most of the MSS here have ἀγγαρίνων. But the reading in the text is warranted by 8 and V, and it seems likely that ἀγαρίνων crept in as a gloss explanatory of the technical term. The Persian kings (like the Roman emperors) established a regular line of posts along all the great military roads. Herodotus gives a description of the system (viii. 98), and compares it with the Hellenic ἀμαξατηρία. The word ἀγαρινός is an adjective, and the substantive ἀγαρίς is to be supplied.

343 οἰιδεύτων. So the manuscripts S and V. Gaisford, with several others, inserts οἱ before the word.

340 ὄροι τῶν τε Φρύγων καὶ Διδών καὶ Ιωνίων. It is not to be assumed that these three names (which are the three first in Darius’s cadastral system described above §§ 90—94), existed so divided at the time Orotees was paramount. He appears rather to be successor to the position of Harpagus (see note 331, above); and this position to be described in terms of a later system. It seems likely that a principal motive to this later division was the diminution of the power of chiefs like Aryandes, Harpagus, and Orotees; which last, after destroying Mitrabates, held in his hands the whole of Asia within the Halys, and might with very fair prospects hope to make his
ground good against the new sovereign of Persia, to whom he stood very much in the same relative position as Vespasian to Vitellius, upon the accession of the latter to the throne of the Caesars. If Mitrabates were an Acharnianid (which seems not unlikely, see note 332, above), there would be an additional reason for Oroetes destroying him, and for Darius resenting the act. He and his sons were clansmen of Darius and his party, and hence he speaks of them presently as διός ἤμεν.

331 δακικομώτατον. The manuscripts S and V have λογικομώτατον.

332 τῶν ἀνακαλλομένων αὐτῶν καὶ πεμπομένων ὑπ’ ἐμεῖς κτέινει. These words explain the phrase ὅσον τρεῖς ἤδονή ὦ ἦν τὰ ἐγγεγελόμενα (above, § 120). The courier had brought a firmans recalling Oroetes on the authority of the new monarch. By disobeying the firman he did what amounted to treating Darius as a rebel, and the destruction of Mitrabates and his son would be a natural proceeding in the same line of policy, supposing them Acharnianids. Just in the same way Darius destroyed the family of Intaphernes (§ 119).

333 ὁ Ἀρτάντεως. This is the reading of all the MSS; but it is difficult to conceive that the same oriental name is not represented by this form, by Artyntes (vii. 67) and by Artayntes (viii. 130).

331 διαλλαγμένος πολλά. See note on v. 15.
Darius sprains his ankle, and fails to obtain relief from the Egyptian surgeon.

Democedes of Crotona, formerly surgeon to Polycrates, and afterwards slave to Orates, is sent for.

\[332\] \textit{ἀποθρόσκετα} \textit{ἀπὸ Ἰπποῦ}. Dio Chrysostom (Orell. xiv. p. 231 and Ixvii. p. 653) represents the accident to Darius as having occurred in a fall from his horse. He also in the latter passage gives \textit{Demodocus} (not \textit{Democedes}) as the name of the successful surgeon. But these variations probably arise merely from a slip of memory in details unimportant for his purpose. \textit{Timæus} (ap. Athenæum, p. 522) gives \textit{Democedes} as the name of the operator.

\[336\] \textit{Αἰγυπτίων}. The celebrity of the Egyptian medical practice appears from the instance of the physician sent by Amasis to Cyrus. See above, § 1.

\[337\] \textit{παρακόπασα}, "having casually heard." The manuscripts \textit{S} and \textit{V} have the words \textit{αἰ} before \textit{παρακόπασα}. Gaisford follows the rest of the MSS, which omit them. The sense is not precisely identical in the two cases. By inserting the particles the author implies it as \textit{his opinion} that probably the informant of Darius had, while in Sardis, casually heard of the skill of Democedes,—by omitting them, he states it as a positive fact.

\[338\] \textit{ἐσαγγέλλει}. All the MSS but \textit{S} and \textit{V}, and Gaisford, have the simple form \textit{ἀγγέλλει}. But the compound is more appropriate to what may be reasonably supposed to have been the act of the unknown informant,—the \textit{sending in} the report which he had heard. Compare 2 Kings v. 4.
and cures the king.

Munificence of Darius and of the women of his harem.

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History of Democedes before his arrival at the court of Poly-erates.

359 ὑποκύπτουσα. Gaisford and the MSS have ὑποτυπτουσα. See the note on vi. 119.

360 ἐ τοῦ χρυσοῦ τὴν θήκην. This reading rests on the authority of the single manuscript S, but it is the only one (among many variations) not manifestly corrupt.

361 πατρὶ συνείχετο. Herodotus uses the same expression in vi. 12, μᾶλλον ἢ τῇ παρεούσῃ δουλῇ συνέχεσθαι. In both cases the annoyance spoken of is one acting by perpetual irritation. The temper of Democedes's father and the drilling of the martinet trainer of Phocaea were unbearable from the same cause, the continuity (τὸ συνέχες) of the trouble. The same idea would be conveyed by the reading ἀγρυπτῶν συνείχετο, which is preserved by Suidas in citing the passage § 129. I should translate the text: "At Croton he was kept on the fret by a father of bitter temper."

362 τρίτῳ δὲ ἔτει Ἀθηναίοι ἔκατον μισέων. It is quite clear from the chronology of the story that Democedes would be retained at Athens, not by the commonly, but by the Pisistratid. The sum of money too is out of keeping with republican parsimony. From the Acharnians of Aristophanes, which was acted in the beginning of the Peloponnesian war, it appears that the pay of an ambassador was only two drachmae per diem, and yet this extravagance went to the soul of the worthy Dictopolis (ὁμιὸν τῶν δραχμῶν, v. 67). And at this time the revenue of Athens was nearly 2000 talents; whereas in the time of Democedes it does not appear certain that there was any public revenue at all. These inconsistent features make it unlikely that the story of Democedes is a contemporary one. But the practice which prevailed in the time of Herodotus (and perhaps in the time of Homer, who reckons "the prophet" and "the physician"
Arocraa, knowledge, write, there boy of presents, and however principally arose from presents, and key, the Agas. They with day. aries, among malefactors. He received 400 piastres salary from the district, which contained 10 villages. His profits however principally arose from presents, and from his good offices with the Agas in favour of malefactors. He had been a druggist’s boy at Zante, and could neither read nor write, but he possessed some empirical knowledge, and such influence that he had just stopped the feud between two powerful chiefs by negotiating a marriage between their families.

These MSS omit the preposition es. But it seems to have an appropriate force, “all those things which tend to dishonour.” An exact parallel is supplied by iv. 90, τα ἐ θεσεως φέροντα, “effects conducive to healing;” “curative effects,” and in this latter passage the preposition is found in all the MSS.
λευ, ἔχων δύναμιν τοσαυτήν κάτησαι οὔτε τι ἔθνος προσκτόμενος οὔτε δύναμιν Πέρσης; οίκος δέ ἐστι άνδρα καὶ νέον καὶ χρηµάτων µεγάλων δεσποτὴν φαύνεσθαι τι ἀποδεικνύµενον, ὅν καὶ Πέρσαι ἐκµάθωσιν ὃτι ὑπ’ άνδρός ἀρχονταί. ἔπ’ ἀµφότερα δὲ τοι φέρει ταῦτα ποιεῖν, καὶ ἢν σφέων Πέρσαι ἐπιστέωνται άνδρα εἶναι τόν προστεότα, καὶ ἢν τρίβοιται πολέµῳ µηδὲ σχολήν ἄγοντες ἐπιβουλεύοντι τοι. γὰρ ἀν τι καὶ ἀποδείξει ἔργον, εὖς νέος ἐἷς ἡλίκίαν αὐξανοµένῳ γὰρ τῷ σῶµατι 566 συµαίονται καὶ αἱ φρένες, γηράκοιτι δὲ συγγρησάκονται καὶ ἢ τὰ πρίγµατα πάντα ἀπαµβλύνονται. ’ ἡ µὲν δὴ ταῦτα ἐκ διδαχῆς ἔλεγε· ὁ δ’ ἀµείβεται τούτῳ “ὅ γὰρ, πάντα ὑστεροῖον ποιήσεων ἐφήκας: ἐγὼ γὰρ βεβολεύμαι, ξεύξας γέφυραν,” ἐκ τῆς τῆς ἥπερον ἐς τὴν ἔτερην ἥπερον ἐπὶ Σκύθας στρατεύσεσθαι καὶ ταῦτα ὀλγὸν χρόνον 368 εἶσαι τελεύµενα.” λέγει , Ατοσσα τάδε “ἄρα νῦν, ἐς Σκύθας µέν τὴν πρῶτην 369 ἵναι ἔασον ὁντοὶ γὰρ ἑπέαν σὺ βούλῃ ἔσονται τοι· σὺ δὲ µοι ἐπὶ τὴν Ἑλλάδα στρατεύσεσθαι· ἐπιθυµεῖν γὰρ, λόγῳ πυνθανοµένῃ, Δακαίνας τέ µοι γενέσθαι τεραταίνας καὶ Ἀργείας καὶ Ἀττικὰς 370 καὶ Κορυθίας· ξεύξες δὲ άνδρὰ ἐπιστηδεώτατον άνδρῶν πάντων δέξατε τε ἐκαστα τῆς ᾿Ελλάδος καὶ καταγγέσασθαι, τούτων ὃς σευ τὸν πόδα ἐξιστατο.” ἀµείβεται Δαρείος· “ὅ γὰρ, ἐπεὶ τοῖς τοι δοκείς τῆς ᾿Ελλάδος ἴµαις πρῶτα ἀποτειράσθαι, κατακόσκος µοι δοκεῖς Περσέων πρῶτον ἀµεινὸν εἶναι ὁµοὶ τοῦτο τῷ σὺ λέγεις πέµψαι ἐς αὐτούς· οἱ µαθῶντες καὶ ἱδώντες ἐκαστὰ αὐτῶν, ἐξαγγελέοντι ἴµαις καὶ ἕπειτα

566 αὐξανοµένῳ γὰρ τῷ σῶµατι, κ.τ.λ. 
567 ξεύξας γέφυραν. This expression apparently refers to the bridge over the Bosporus, which the author relates to have been constructed by Mardonius the Samian (v. 65—67).
568 ὁλγὼν χρόνον. The ellipse is of the participle δέντων.
569 τῇ πρῶτῃ. The ellipse is of the substantive δῶδον.
570 Ἀττικὰς. In spite of this desire of Atossa, which would hardly be unknown to the Persian courtiers, her own brother-in-law, Artaphernes, is represented some time afterwards as asking whereabouts in the world Athens was (v. 73). It may be said that he affected this ignorance with a view of striking terror into the Athenian commissioners. But, on the other hand, it is very conceivable that the story of Atossa’s intrigues was in a great degree invented for the purpose of justifying the Athenians, who ostensibly were the originators of the war. See note on v. 97. Ἀσκήλυς in the Persians rather represents Atossa as the opposite of the character here attributed to her; and the very part which she is here made to play is by later writers given to the wife of Νερίς. See Αἰλίαν (Hist. Animal, xi. 27).
The metaphor is one derived from the peculiar custom in Hellenic entertainments for each of the guests to bring a portion of the feast. These contributions were called σύμβολα. Democedes doubtless would have carried with him presents from his distinguished patients on the occasion of his journey, and Darius for his part promised him a transport freighted with all kinds of valuables,—his share (as it were) of the outfit.

372 πλήσας. The nominative case is to be observed. Darius had already freighted the vessel (or given orders to that effect), and now promised Democedes that it should be ready to sail with him. If πλήσατα had been used, the freighting of the merchantman would have been a part of Darius's promise.

373 γαυλός. This word appears to be the Phoenician term for a merchant vessel. It is derived by Bochart from the Hebrew root γόλ, "round." The term is therefore the exact equivalent of ναῦς ἀπογείλη, which is perhaps the Greek translation of it. In viii. 97 the expression γαυλός φονευρίως is used.

It is rather curious that Herodotus, who has just before used the word ὀλίκας of this very vessel, should now change the term and persist in changing it (§ 137). Possibly this arises from the circumstance that the story of the escape of Democedes may be derived from the south of Italy, the inhabitants of which were familiar with Carthaginian traders in Sicily, and consequently with the Phoenician name γαυλός for a merchant vessel,—whereas the account of his fortunes at the Persian court may have come from another quarter, where the more common phrase ὀλίκας was in general use. (See the note 131 on § 44.) That the story of the escape of Democedes actually was current at Crotona appears from an independent source. It was the practice there for the chief magistrate's servant to accompany his master on the seventh day of the month to the public altars, habited in a Persian garb. The local tradition accounting for this custom was, that the people stript of his robes...
Sidon, and after surveying the coast of Hellas, arrive at Tarentum. By the conclusion of Aristophidès, the prince, Democedes escapes to Crotona.

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The Persians follow, and, attempting to seize him, are beaten, the Persian who laid hands upon Democedes, and claimed him as Darius's slave; and, to show their contempt, drew up the pyrtaian's orders in them. (Timaeus op. Athenaeum, p. 522.)

374 παντοιῶν ἥγαθων. Gaisford, by placing a comma before these words, obscures the real sense of the passage. The merchant-vessel was filled with all kinds of precious merchandise, but not the triremes, which were intended merely as a convoy. The word παντοίων applied to a trireme means simply "to man," and is used commonly in this sense. παντοῖων ἥγαθων is governed by some such word as ἔκλησαι, gathered by inference from it. See note 190 on i. 59.

375 προσίσχοντες, "on making the land." The conception of the author is, that the vessel made a run direct from Sidon to the coast of Greece. But although they surveyed and noted down the whole of the sea-board, no definite account of what they did appears until their arrival at Tarentum. It seems probable from this, that no account, directly or indirectly, from the lips of Democedes, can be the source of the story. He, according to Herodotus, was so completely the guide to the Persians in the matter, that after losing him they at once returned homewards (§ 137, εὐσεβήσαντον τὸν ἡγεμόνα). It is very unlikely, therefore, that a story for which he himself was the authority should omit all reference to τὰ ὁμογενεστάτα Ἑλλάδος, which were visited in the course of the voyage. See above, note 362.

376 ἐκ ῥηστώνυς. This expression is used in the sense of ἐκ βασιλείων, and perhaps acquired the meaning of fraudulently by the same process of association, viz. as being the opposite of "strict-dealing." In the same way facilis came to be used in Latin in the expression "faciles nymphae," to denote the opposite of rigid morality, and in English lax conduct implies slopping.

377 τῶν Μηδικέων νεῶν. The ships themselves were neither Median nor Persian, but Phoenician; but in Hellas, especially in those parts which had the least intercourse with the east, ὁ Μῆδος would be the common phrase for the Persian power, and the adjective derived from this word would be applied to vessels sailing under their flag.

378 τούτω σκυτάλης. The word σκυτάλη, or σκυτάλως, means the stick around which a strip of leather was wound, on which dispatches were sent by the government of Sparta to their functionaries abroad. But although in Athenian Greek a technical term, it was most probably the common word for a staff in Lacedaemon, and might not unnaturally bear the same sense in a mainly Dorian city like Crotona. Its use, therefore, in this passage, is not wonderful, especially if the narrative is of Magna-Grecian origin.
τάδε· "ανδρες Κροτωνίται, οράτε τά ποιείτε ανδρα βασιλέως δρητήτων γενόμενον εξαιρέσθε· και κώς ταύτα βασιλείς Δαρείως ἐκχρήσει;" 379 περιπροσθετικαί; κόσε δὲ υμῖν τά ποιεύμενα εξεί καλῶς, ἢν ἀπελευθεροῦ ἤμεας; ἡπὶ τίνα δὲ τήδε προτέρου στρατευομέθεα πόλιν; τίνα δὲ προτέρου ἀνδραποδίζεθαι πειρήσομέθεα," ταύτα λέγωντες τούς Κροτωνίτας οὐκ δέν ἔπειθον· ἀλλ' εξαιρεθέντες 380 τε τόν Δημοκύδηα καὶ τον γαυλόν τόν ἁμα ἡγοντο ἀπαρεθέστες ἀπέπλευον ὡς ἡ τήν Ἀσίην, οὔτε ἐν ἔξησθαν το τροποτέρω τής Ἑλλάδος ἀπεκομίσαν έκμαθεν, ἐστηρημένοι τού ἡγεμόνοις, 381 τοσοῦτον μέντοι ἑνετελικό σφί Δημοκύδης ἀναγκαμένοις, κελεύων εἰπεῖν σφέας Δαρείως ὃτι ἀρμοσταί τήν Μίλωνος θυγατέρα Δημοκύδης γυναικα' τοῦ γάρ δη παλαιστέοι Μίλωνον ἢν οὖνομα πολλοὺν παρά βασιλεί;· κατά δ' τούτο μοι δοκεῖ ἕπεισάς τον γαύμα τούτον τελεσάς χρήματα μεγάλα Δημοκύδης, ἵνα φανή πρὸς Δαρείου 382 ἑών καὶ ἐν τῇ ἐώστοι δόκιμοι. 'Ἀναμθέντες δὲ ἐκ τῆς Κρότωνος οἱ Πέρσαι ἐκτίπτουσι τής γυναῖκας τής Ιησυγύνην καὶ σφέας δουλεύοντας ἐνθαῦτα Γίλλος ἀνήρ Ταραπτίνου φυγᾶς ρυσάμενος, ἀπήγαγε παρά βασιλέα Δαρείου· ὃ δὲ ἀντὶ τούτου ἠτύποι μὲν διδῶν τοῦτο ὁ τι βούλουτο αὐτός· Γίλλος δὲ ἀρέσεται κάτοδον οἱ ἐς Τάραντα γενέσθαι, προσπαρηγάμενος τήν συμφοράν· ἵνα δὲ μὴ συνταράξῃ τήν Ἑλλάδα, ἥν δὲ αὐτὸν στόλος μέγας πλῆρ ἐπὶ τήν Ἰταλίνην, Κυνίδους μοῦνοις ἀποχράν οἱ ἐφί τούς κατάγοντας γίνεσθαι, δοκεῶν ἀπὸ τούτων ἐντούς τούς Ταραπτίνους φιλῶν μάλιστα δὴ τήν κάτοδον οἱ ἐσέθαι. Δαρείου δὲ ὑποδεξάμενος ἐπετελεύς· πεμψας γὰρ ἄργελον ἐς Κυνίδου κατάγειν σφέας ἐκείλευε Γίλλον ἐς Τάραντα· πειθόμενοι δὲ Δαρείου Κυνίδου Ταραπτίνους οὐκ δὲν ἔπειθον, βίων δὲ ἀδίκηλα ἴσων προσφέρειν. ταῦτα μὲν νυν οὖν ἐπρήξηθν ὡστὶ δὲ πρῶτοι ἐκ τῆς Ἀσίης ἐς τὴν Ἑλλάδα ἀπίκουντο διὰ τούτων κατάσκοποι ἐγένετον. 379 ἐκρήσηει, "will be sufficient for." See viii. 70: τότε μὲν νυν οὖν εξεκρήση σφί ἡ ἡμέρα ναυαγίων πούσασθαι. Trans- late, "How will Darius put up with this outrage that has been committed upon him?" 380 ἐγαρεθέντες. This word implies that Democedes was taken out of their very hands by his rescuers. (See Timæus quoted in note 373, above.) They were robbed indeed of the transport, but not in a contest brought to so direct a personal issue, and hence the milder phrase ἀπαρεθέστες. 381 ἐστηρημένοι τού ἡγεμόνοις. See note 375, above. 382 ἵνα φανή πρὸς Δαρείου. The more usual phrase would be ἵνα φανή Δαρείου. But ἵνα φανή is equivalent in point of sense to ἵνα φανοῦν, which would be followed by πρὸς Δαρείου as the most usual construction.
Metà dé ταύτα, Σάμου βασιλεὺς Δαρείος αἱρεῖε τοιῶν πασέων πρὸς τὴν Ἑλληνιδῶν καὶ βαρβάρων, διὰ τούτης τινα αὐτήν. Καμβύσεως τοῦ Κύρου στρατευμονένων ἐπὶ Ἀχημένου, ἀλλοί τε συχνοὶ ἐς τὴν Ἀχημένου ἀπίκουτο Ἑλληνίδοι, οἱ μὲν, ὡς οίκως, κατ' ἐμπορίαν, οἱ δὲ στρατευόμενοι, οἱ δὲ τινες καὶ αὐτὴς τις χάρης θεταί, τῶν ἦν καὶ Συλωσῶν ὁ Διάκεος Πολυκράτεως τοις ἐῶν αδελφοῖς καὶ φευγὼν ἐκ Σάμου. 335 

τούτων τῶν Συλωσῶντα κατέλαβε εὐτυχίᾳ τις τοιῷδε λαβὼν χλανίδα καὶ περιβαλόμενος πυρρήν ἡγάραζε ε ἐν τῇ Μέμφῃ ἰδῶν δὲ αὐτὸν Δαρείος, δορυφόρος τε ἐῶν Καμβύσεως καὶ λόγου οὐδενὸς καὶ μεγάλου, ἐπεθύμησε τῆς χλανίδος καὶ αὐτὴν προσελθὼν ὁμέτος, ὁ δὲ Συλωσῶν ὑρέων τὸν Δαρείου μεγάλως ἐπιθυμεύοντα τῆς χλανίδος, θείῃ τύχῃ χρεώμενος λέγει, "ἐγὼ ταύτην τοιὸν μὲν οὐδενὸς χρήματος, δίδομι δὲ ἄλλως e i περ ὀὕτω δὲ γενέσθαι" πάντως τοι αἰνέσας ταύτα ὁ Δαρείος παραλαμβάνει τὸ εἴμα. ὁ μὲν δὴ Συλωσῶν ἅπιστάτο οἱ τούτῳ ἀπολογλεία τ δ ἐνθίθουσα. 384 

ὅς δὲ τοῦ χώρου προβαίνοντος Καμβύσης τε ἀπέθανε καὶ τῷ Μέγαρ ἐπανέστησαν οἱ ἐπίτα, καὶ ἐκ τῶν ἐπτὰ Δαρείος τὴν βασιληνήν ἔσχε, πυνθάνεται ὁ Συλωσῶν ώς ἡ βασιληνή περιελήψεται ἐς τούτον τὸν ἄνδρα. 385 

τῷ κοτὲ αὐτοῦ ἔσωκε ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ δεσθέντι τὸ εἴμα, ἀναβάς δὲ ἐς τὰ Σώσα ἡξετο ἐς τὰ πρόστατα τῶν βασιλεῶν ὁικίων, καὶ ἐφι Δαρείου εὐεργέτης εἶναι ἀγγέλλει ταύτα ἀκούσας ὁ πυλουρὸς τὸ βασιλεί, ὃ δὲ θυσιμάζει λέγει πρὸς αὐτῶν "καὶ τίς ἐστι Ἑλληνίδος εὐεργέτης; 386 

καὶ ἔγῳ προαιδέωμαι 387 νεωστὶ μὲν τὴν ἁρχήν ἔχουν; ἀναβέβηκε δὲ τίς [ἡ ἱστορία] ἐπὶ τοῦ ἄνδρα. The manuscript M, K, P, F, have ὡς for ἐς. See note 352 on ii. 121.

335 φεύγων ἐκ Σάμου. He was expelled by his brother, (see above, § 39,) who after this made a close alliance with Anasis. While this lasted, of course Sylosos could not go to Egypt; but he took advantage of the presence of Cambyses’s army to do so. 

384 δε εὐθύναν, “from his good-nature.” What the Greeks understood by εὐθυσία is well explained by a phrase of Thucydides (ii. 83): τῷ εὐθύς ὁ τῷ γενναῖου πλείστον μετέχει, “simplicity, which is a chief element in nobleness.” It is the exact opposite of “knowingness,” and of course when carried to excess degenerates into “silliness,” of which quality it is often used as an euphemistic name. 

385 ἐς τούτων τῶν ἄνδρα. The manuscripts M, K, P, F, have ὡς for ἐς. See note 352 on ii. 121.

386 εὐεργέτης. This term is used almost technically. See the note on § 154, ἐς τὸ πρῶτο μεγάθεοι τιμῶνται. 

387 ἔγῳ προαιδέωμαι, “to whom I am under obligations.” It is difficult to see how this sense is to be derived from the word αἰδεῖσθαι; but such a one is imperatively required both here and in i. 61. 

The preposition has no meaning of antecedence in point of time, but rather of preference, as in προτιμάω. Thus προαιδέωμαι may mean, “to have special respect for,” “to feel reverence in the presence of;” and as the receipt of a favour produces a feeling of inferiority, the sense required in the text may have sprung up.
οὐδείς] 388 κω παρ’ ἡμέας αὐτῶν; ἔχω δὲ χρέος ὡς εἰπεῖν οὐδεν 389 ἀνδρὸς" Ἐλληνος. ὅμως δὲ αὐτῶν παράγετε ἑσο, ὅν εἰδέω τι θέλον λέγει ταῦτα." γεγραμμένος τὸν Ἑλληνόντα: στάντα δὲ ἐς μέσον εἰρότευν οἱ ἔρημοι, τίς τε εἰς, καὶ τί ποιήσας εὐφρένητης φησί εἶναι βασιλέας; εἰπε τὸν Ὁλυσσόν πάντα τὰ περὶ τὴν χλανίδα γενόμενα, καὶ ὁς αὐτὸς εἶν κεῖνος ὁ δοῦς. ἀμείβεται πρὸς ταῦτα Δαρείος: "ὁ γενναίωτατε ἄνδρῶν, σῦ κεῖνος εἰ δὲ ἐς ὁμοί οὐδεμίαν ἔχουσι καὶ δύναμιν ἐδωκας, εἰ καὶ σεμκρὰ; ἀλλ’ διὸν ἡ σής ἡ χάρις ὁμοίως ὡς εἰ νῦν κοιθῶ τι μέγα λάβομαι ἀνθ’ ὅν τοι τὸν χρυσὸν καὶ ἄργυρον ἀπλετον δίδομι, ὡς μὴ κοτὲ τοῦ μεταμελήσει Δαρείον τὸν Ἡστάσπεος εὐ ποιήσαντι" λέγει πρὸς ταῦτα ὁ Ὁλυσσόνον "ἐμοὶ μῆτε χρυσὸν, ὁ βασιλεὺς, μῆτε ἄργυρον δίδοι, ἀλλ’ ἀνασσώμενος μοι δὸς τὴν πατρίδα Σάμου, τὴν νῦν, ἀδελφοὺς του ἐμοῦ Πολυκράτεος ἀποθανόντος υπὸ Ὁροῖτέω, ἔχει δοῦλος ἡμέτερον ταῦταν μοι δὸς ἀνεν τε φόνου καὶ ἐξαιραποδύσιος." Ἀριστείου, ἀπέστελλε στρατινὴν τε καὶ στρατηγοῦν Ὁσίωνος. 390 ἄνδρῶν τῶν ἐπτά γενόμενον, ἐντελέμενος ὅσον ἐδέχθη ὁ Ὁλυσσόν ταῦτα οἱ ποιεῖν ἐπιστελέα. καταβάς δὲ ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν 391 ὁ Ὅσιών ἐστελλε τὴν στρατινὴν.

Τῆς δὲ Σάμου Μαίανδριος ὁ Μαίανδριον ἔχε τὸ κράτος, ἐπιτρο-

388 ἀναβεβήκε δὲ τίς κω παρ’ ἡμέας αὐτῶν: "καὶ who of them has up to this time come up the country to our court?" The MSS vary between ἀναβεβήκε δ’ ἴν τις ἡ οὐδεὶς καί ἀναβεβήκε δὲ τίς ἡ οὐδεὶς καί, ἀναβεβήκε δὲ τίς ἡ οὐδεὶς καί. Gaisford has adopted the first of these readings. But although in the writers of the lower times (Ἀριστιδῆς and Ἐλιαν) the expressions ἤ τις ἡ οὐδεὶς, and ἤ τι ἡ οὐδεὶς, appear to have been used as the equivalent of οὐδεὶς and οὐδὲν, I doubt whether in this passage the reading does not arise from an union of two alternative variants, οὐδεὶς and τίς the interrogative. By striking out either the words τίς ἤ, or οὐδεὶς, from the text of S and V, a genuine reading will remain. The same cause probably produced the corruption of the passage of Xenophon, which Valekner quotes in justification of ἤ τις ἡ οὐδεὶς.

389 ἔχω δὲ χρέος ὡς εἰπεῖν οὐδέν. Some MSS (which Gaisford follows) omit the word ὡς. Others vary between the reading in the text and χρέος οὐδέν ὡς εἰπεῖν. 390 στρατηγοῦν Ὁσίων. Probably Otanes took the position which had been held by Orotetes. (See note 350 on § 127.) It can hardly be supposed that the first subject in Persia, now become the king's father-in-law, would take the command of a mere local expedition for a specific purpose. The application of Sylos to Dareius is represented as immediately succeeding the accession of the latter, who speaks of himself as νεώστη την ἄρχην ἔχων, and as yet having had no visitors from Greece (§ 140). The division of the satrapies can therefore scarcely have been established at the time.

391 καταβὰς ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν. It does not appear what seaboard is intended here; and probably no definite place was meant by the story. Above (§ 133) by the same phrase the coast of Phoenicia will be meant, if §§ 135, 136 belong originally to the same tradition.
Meandrius left viceroy of Samos, builds and endows a shrine of Zeus Eleutherus, and then endeavors to establish a commonwealth.

His overtures are ill received, and he repents his offer and imprisons.

The same expression is used in vii. 136, aitios tā keivōs ēpiphēsai tāta ou poiyēsai.

Δεσπότες ἄνδρῶν ὑμοίων ἐωτῦ. Polykrates was probably one of the old aristocracy himself. See the notes 124, above, and 396, below.

392 ἐπιτροπαίην παρὰ Πολυκράτεσι λαβὼν τὴν ἄρχην, "having received the supreme authority from the hands of Polykrates to hold it in commission." So iv. 147, Theras ἐπιτροπαίην εἶχε τὴν ἐν Σπάρτῃ βασιλείαν. (See note 105 on § 36.) Meandrius is spoken of in v. 27, incidentally, simply as the βασιλεὺς of Samos, probably because Herodotus is there following a Hellenistic authority, unconcerned of the details of Polykrates's history.

393 τὰ τῷ πέλας ἐπιπλήσων. The same expression is used in vii. 136, aitios tā keivōs ēpiphēsai tāta ou poiyēsai.

394, 395 ὁμοίων ἐωτῦ. Polykrates was probably one of the old aristocracy himself. See the notes 124, above, and 396, below. See the next note.

394 ἐν τοῖς ἀρχιτεκτονῶν δόκιμοι. Probably a member of the old aristocracy of houses which had been put down by Polykrates. Hence his insult to Meandrius as being of mean birth (γεγονοὶ κακός), and that he at any rate (σὺ γε) had not a claim to bear office over them. The only office Meandrius had wished for was the priesthood of a particular temple; but the priestly office was in most cases one of the special prerogatives of peculiar families. (See the notes on v. 67, and v. 69, and also on iv. 161.) The party to which Telēsarchos belonged seems to have recovered power upon the revolution effected by Aristogoras. See the first note on vi. 5, and vi. 22.
νόω εἴχε μετιέναι αὐτήν 397. ἄλλ' ὡς ἀνεχόρησε ἐς τήν ἀκρόπολιν, μεταπεμπόμενος ἦν ἐκαστόν ὡς ὅλον τῶν χρημάτων ἑώσεων, συνελάβας σφεας καὶ κατέδεχε· οἱ μὲν δὲ ἐθεδέατο. Μαύανδριον δὲ
μετὰ ταῦτα κατέλαβε νοῦδος· ἐπίτετο δὲ μὲν ἀποθανέσθαι ὁ ἀδέλφεως, τῷ οὖν οὐρα ἔτη Δυκάρητος, ἦν ἐπετεστέρως κατά
tὰ ἐν τῇ Σάμῳ πρήμητα, κατακτεῖν τούς δεσμῶτας πάντας. οὐ
γὰρ δὲ, ὦς οὐκαστι, ἐβουλεάτο εἶναι ἐλευθεροί.

'Ἐπειδὴ δὲν ἀπίκουτο ἐς τὴν Σάμον οἱ Πέρσαι κατάγοντες Συλο-
σόντα, οὔτε τίς σφι χείρας ἀνταίρεται υπόστονδοι τε ἐφασαί εἰναι
ἐτοίμοι οἱ τοῦ Μαύανδριοῦ στασίωταὶ 398 καὶ αὐτὸς Μαύανδριος
ἐκχορῆσαι ἐκ τῆς νήσου κατανεύσατος δ' ἐπὶ τούτοις Ὁτάνεω
καὶ σπεισαμένου, τῶν Περσέων οἱ πλεῖστον ἄξιοι θρόνους θέμε-
νοι 399 κατεναντίον τῆς ἀκροπόλιος ἐκατάτο. Μαύανδριος δὲ τῷ
tυχάνῳ ἦν ἀδέλφεως ὑπομαργύρους 400 τῷ οὖν οὐρα ἔτη Χαρίλεως
οὔτος ὁ τί δὴ ἐξαμαρτὼν ἐν γοργυρή ἐθέδετο· καὶ δὴ τότε ἐπικούσας
τε τὰ πρασόμενα καὶ διακύψας διὰ τῆς γοργυρῆς, ὡς ἐδέ τοὺς
Πέρσας εἰρήναις κατημένους, ἔβοδε τε καὶ ἐφὶ λέγον Μαύανδριος
θέλειν ἐλθεῖν ἐς λόγον· ἐπακούσας δὲ ὁ Μαύανδριος λύσατας
αὐτὸν ἐκέλευε ἄγειν παρ' ἑωτῶν ὡς δὲ ἄχθη τάχιστα, λοιπονεῖν
tε καὶ κακίζων μὲν ἀνέπτειθε ἐπιθέσθαι τούτη Πέρση, λέγον
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ἀδικήσατο οὐδὲν ἄξιον δεσμον δήσας γοργυρῆς ἥξισας, ὄρεαν
tοὺς Πέρσας ἐκβάλλοντας τε σε καὶ ἀνοικὸν ποιεῖντας, οὐ τοιμᾶς
τίσασθαι οὕτω ὁ τί ἐόντας εὐπετέας χειρωθῆναι· ἀλλ' εἰ τι σύ
σφεας καταρρώξας, ἐμοί δὲς τοὺς ἐπικούρους καὶ σφεας εἰς ὑμῶν
tιμωρήσομαι τῆς ἐνθίδες ἀπίξοι, αὐτὸν δὲ σε ἐκπέμψει ὁ τῆς
νήσου ἐτοίμος εἰμί." Ταῦτα ἐλέξει ὁ Χαρίλεως· Μαύανδριος δὲ

397 οὗτος ἐτένει ὃ ἐφ' ἑαυτῷ μετιέναι αὐτήν. For a conjecture as to the origin of the opposition made to Meandrius's plan, see note 403, below.
398 στασίωτα. Some MSS have στα-
τιώτα, which perhaps is the preferable reading: as from the expression θρό-
νουs (§ 146) the dynasty appears to have been supported by mercenaries.
399 θρόνουs θέμενοι. In the Lycean
monument discovered by Fellowes, the Persian commander is represented sitting
upon a δίοσφ, not on a θρόνος, with his
feet on a footstool, while the prisoners are

144 The Persian force with Sylo-
son arrives at Samos, and a truce is
made with them by the fac-
tion of Me-
andrius, but broken by a
half-witted brother of Meandrius,

145 the Cambyses, perhaps
the high
rank of Otanes (see above, notes 360 and
390) caused the adopion of the θρόνος,
if he was present in person, or even in
actual command of the army of which a
detachment formed the expedition to Sa-
mos.
400 ὑπομαργύρους. "half-lunatic." The
same epithet is applied to Cambyses,
(above, § 29,) and to Cleomenes (vi. 75).
who, while his brother escapes by a secret passage, attacks the Persians unawares, and kills the men of highest rank.

147 Otanes in revenge orders a general massacre.

401 oútw, “then and not before.” See note 22 on i. 5.
402 toûs diófrorofei'méous. Dinon related that it was a point of etiquette with the Persian kings never to get out of their carriage at once upon the ground, however small the distance might be, nor yet to use the assistance of an attendant's arm, but to step out on to a golden stool (diófrós), which an official, called diófróphi's, always carried behind the carriage. (ap. Athénias, xii. p. 514.) It seems not unlikely that oí diófrorofei'méous here means those chiefs who were of such a rank as to possess the right of being attended by this functionary.
403 parírygeile. It does not seem absolutely necessary to suppose that Otanes was on the spot. If he had been, he would probably have been among the diófrorofei'méous Pérssai,—indeed, in the post of honour among them,—and his rescue would have been so difficult, that it could hardly have escaped mention. The expression seems not inappropriate to orders forwarded from head-quarters, for instance, from some place on the main, like the Panionium, which would be a very few miles from the city Samos.
404 és Laokedál'mova. Thither the Samians opposed to Polycrates had fled just about the time of Cambyses' expedition to Egypt. (Above, § 45.)
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Cleomenes, the king.

This seems to have been a traditional character of Cleomenes. The Lacedaemonian story related in v. 51 goes to the same point.

Probably these were the opposite party in Lacedaemon to that of which Cleomenes may be considered as the representative. That opposite party was unquestionably the one which held the pure Dorian blood in highest estimation, and was favourable to Doric interests, or, in other words, to the maintenance of the aristocratic family governments. If we suppose Cleomenes to have succeeded his father Anaxandrides between the arrival of the first exiles (§ 45) and that of Mæandrius, an additional reason appears why the former should have succeeded in their application for aid and the latter not. Anaxandrides was apparently of more decided Dorian feeling than his son. He had brought the wars with Arcadia to a successful termination (i. 67),—an event which raised the power of the Doric race, and the Lacedaemonians at their head, to an unprecedented pitch. (See i. 63, put together with i. 56.) Cleomenes, on the contrary, disclaimed being a Dorian, (v. 72,) and even tried to organize an Arcadian confederacy (vi. 74). See the notes on v. 41 and v. 75.

The more appropriate word would be μάθων. But Mæandrius might very likely have put himself forward in Lacedemon as the representative of the ancient party which had been humbled by Polycrates, to which the exiles (mentioned § 45) belonged; and it is not impossible that the fact which lies at the bottom of the story related by Herodotus in §§ 142, 3, was, that he attempted to reorganize a constitution in which this party should have its due weight. But Telearchus, like the Bourbons at their restoration to France, showed that he had learnt nothing and forgotten nothing during the suspension of his civil rights.
Herodotus

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Sylas is left in possession of Samos after the population had been exterminated. Revolt of the Babylonians at the time of the expedition to Samos.

411 Τήν δὲ Σάμου σαγγενέσαντες οἱ Πέρσαι παρέδοσαν Συλοσώντι, ερήμοιν έουσαν ἄνδροιν. ὥστερον μέντοι χρόνον καὶ συγκατοίκισε αὐτὴν ὁ στρατηγὸς ὁ Οίνας, ἐκ τε ὅνιος οὐείρον καὶ νοῦσον ἡ μὴ κατέλαβε νοσήσα τὰ αἰδοίᾳ.

412 Βαβυλὼνιοι ἀπέστησαν. The time to which Herodotus assigns this event agrees very fairly with the statement of the Behistun Inscription. In that, the first public event recorded, after the counter-revolution in which the Magian was slain and the kingdom established on the old footing, is the (apparently simultaneous) revolt of Atrines son of Opidarnes, who rebels and becomes king of Susiana, and of Natitabirus who becomes king of Babylon, professing to be Nabokodrosor son of Nabunidus. Darius sends to Susiana, takes Atrines and slays him; but marches in person against Babylon, forces a passage (on the 27th day of the month Atiyala) across the Tigris on rafts, defeating the army of Natitabirus, and (on the second day of the month Anamaka) engages Natitabirus at Zāzāna on the Euphrates, and drives his army into the river. He then proceeds to Babylon, takes it, seizes Natitabirus, and afterwards puts him to death. In the Inscription there is nothing to induce a supposition that the month Anamaka does not succeed the month Atiyala in the same year. No doubt while Darius is at Babylon a great many nations are in the Inscription recorded to have revolted. But see note 415, below.

413 ἐν τούτῳ παρί τῷ χρόνῳ. The policy of the Magian would doubtless be favourable to their plans. See the expression in § 67: ὡστε ἀπαντώντος αὐτῷ πᾶν ἔχειν πάντας τοὺς ἐν τῇ Ἀσίῃ πάρει αὐτῶν Περσαί, and the note 346 on § 126.

414 στιτοσώλης, literally, "as a preparer of food." But the word perhaps may be taken generally, so as to mean any female domestic servant. When it is considered how large a portion of domestic service consisted of the preparation of food, (for the wheat had to be ground in the family,) and how bare the dwellings of the ancient were of furniture, it is not surprising that this word should be used in a general sense, or at any rate that the office expressed by it should be regarded as important beyond all comparison with any other branch of menial duty. Thus the Plateans, under similar circumstances to those in the text, reserved a certain number of γυναῖκες στιτοσώλης, (Thucydides, ii. 78,) and Euripides makes Polyxena describe her destiny in captivity, by putting the ἄναγκη στιτοσώλης ἐν δόμωι in the first place of the servile tasks she had reason to expect. (Hecuba, 362.)
Darius proceeds in person to Babylon, but is resisted by the besieged without difficulty for nineteen months.

In the twentieth month, a mule belonging to Zopyrus, son of Megabyzus, drops a foal,

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and he, considering the fated time to have arrived, devises an artifice.

He mutates himself,

"sat at the king’s gate" (§ 140): καὶ ἐπὶ Δαρείου ο ἐπεγρήγτης ἐστιν. A curious instance of this distributive justice is given in vii. 194.

The word ἐαυτὸν is to be supplied.

The sense is nearly, but not quite, the same as would be given by ἐμὲ γε. The expression in the text seems to mean "a man of my rank." Zopyrus intimates that whatever outrages might be committed upon others, yet when they came to him (δι), there they must stop, whereas ἐμὲ γε would leave it undecided to what cause his security might be due, —for instance, it might be to his personal courage. For an oriental court it is plain that the expression in the text is in better keeping. One manuscript (S) omits the particle δι. 
and after arranging a plan of combined operations with Dar-
He carries out his plan.

tetagnémonoi, katétrexoun kátw, kai ólýgon tis parakálnantes tìn étérhν πύλην, eîròtev τίς te eîn kai ótew déômenos ἥκιν; ó de σφι ἦγορευ, ὡς eîn te Zṓpπυρos kai autòmòlèoi Ị̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣́�

430 συμβουλεύεται. This contrast of this infinitive with the indicative ἥθαντο which presently follows should not be overlooked. Zopyrus professed that he had given counsel, which he had really not given, on grounds which were really solid ones. The change of construction delicately distinguishes what in English an additional sentence is required to express. He professed “that he had been thus treated for having advised Darius”—so he said—“to withdraw the army, seeing that there was no apparent means”—as indeed was the case—“of taking the city.”

431 καταπροβείται. See note 166, above.

432 αὐτού πάσας τὰς διεξόδους τῶν βουλευμάτων, “all the ins and outs of his plans.” See note on vii. 234.

433 τῶν ἐν Πέρσηι δοκιμωτάτων. The manuscripts S, V have τῶν ἐν Π. δοκιμωτάτων. Others τῶν ἐν Π. δοκιμωτάτων, which Gaisford adopts. But either the reading of S and V or the one I have adopted seems required. The reading of the other MSS and Gaisford seems to be made up of the mixture of the two.

434 πῶν δὴ ἑτοίμω ἦσαν ὑπηρετεύειν, “then, whatever they might have thought before, offered to follow his counsel in every thing.” See note 424, above, and note 443 on ii. 148.
and succeeds in betraying the city.

158

Darius destroys the walls, and impales 30,000 of the principal inhabitants.

159

The present Babylonians a new population.

160

Darius destroyed the city with great slaughter, and the remains of the inhabitants were collected and burnt. The city was afterwards rebuilt, but with a different plan, and the ruins of the old city were destroyed.

435 Nineveh bas-reliefs. In the taking of a fortress commonly contains figures impaled on stakes, and no doubt the same mode of inflicting death has always continued to prevail under successive suzerains.

436 οὐδὲς δὴ. See note 525 on i. 157.

437 πέντε μυριάδων τὸ κεφαλαίωμα τῶν γυναικῶν συνῆλθε. This number suggests 50,000 as the amount of the surviving marriageable males in the idea of the narrator of the story. Making all allowance for the destruction of the population in the two sieges, it is difficult to suppose this a natural relic of the inhabitants of an enclosure like that described in i. 178. Let the reader conceive a circle drawn around the London Post Office with a radius of 12,000 yards, or very nearly seven miles, this circle circumscribed by a square, and the square surrounded by a rampart standing 348 feet high and 87 feet thick at the bottom, the whole encompassed by a fosse large enough to supply the material for it; and then imagine the population which the eneunte must have been intended to contain.
μὴ Κύρος μοῦνος: τούτω γὰρ οὐδεὶς Πέρσεων ἥξιωτε καὶ ἔωτὸν συμβαλλεῖν. πολλάκις δὲ Δαρείων λέγεται ἡμόμην τίνυδε ἀπο- δεξασθαί, ὡς βοῦλοντο ἄν Ζώπυρον εἶναι ἀπαθέα τῆς ἄεικείης 438 μᾶλλον, ἡ Βαβυλώνας οὐ εἰκοσὶ πρὸς τὴν εὐσία προσγενεσθαί. ἐτίμησε δὲ μὲν μεγάλως καὶ γὰρ δώρα οἱ ἀνὰ πᾶν ἔτος ἔδιδον 439 ταῦτα τὰ Πέρσηοι ἐστὶ τιμιῶτατα, καὶ τὴν Βαβυλώνα οἱ ἔδωκε ἀτελέα νέμεσθαι μέχρι τῆς εκείνου ξοῆς καὶ ἀλλὰ πολλὰ ἑπέδωκε. Ζώπυρον δὲ τούτῳ γίνεται Μεγαβύζος, ὡς ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ ἀντια Ἀθηναιῶν καὶ τῶν συμμάχων ἐστρατηγήσει Μεγαβύζου δὲ τούτῳ γίνεται Ζώπυρος, ὡς ἐς Ἀθήνας αὐτομόλησε 440 ἐκ Περσῶν.

438 ἄεικείης. This is the reading of the majority of manuscripts. S has αἰκίης. Gaisford aἰκίης. See note 404 on i. 115. 439 δώρα οἱ ἀνὰ πᾶν ἔτος ἔδιδον. See note 213, above.
440 ὡς ἐς Ἀθήνας αὐτομόλησε. Possibly in the desire of this individual to create an exalted notion of his ancestor’s reputation, may be found an explanation of the difference between Herodotus’s and Ctesias’s accounts of the capture of Babylon. (See note 418, above.) But even then we must suppose the story to have past through an Hellenic channel before it could acquire the features it possesses at present. (See note 428, above.) At the same time, in its substance it has a genuine Asiatic character. Rawlinson, after advertising to the statement of Poly-zenus, that the stratagem was copied from one practised by a certain Transoxian Sacan with a view of destroying the army of Darius, well remarks that this latter in all its minutest features is a standard oriental story, applied in different ages by the Persian bards and traditionists to Feruz and the Hiyathelah, by Abu Rihan to Kanishka and the Indians, and by the historians of Cashmeer to their famous king Lalitaditya. (Note on the Behistun Inscription, p. xxi.) The Latin adaptation of the tale to Sextus Tarquinius and Gabii is familiar to every schoolboy (Livy i. 53, 54), and is worth comparing if only to observe the features belonging to his own age and country with which each writer unconsciously invests it.
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In the “Outline of Assyrian History” which Rawlinson has sketched out from the data furnished him by the Nimroud sculptures, an opinion is confidently put forward that the Kadytis of Herodotus is in fact Gaza, a name appearing in the Nimroud monuments under the form Khazita. This form Rawlinson argues that the Greeks changed into Kadytis, as Akhžib into Ecdippe. Together with this notion, he brings forward the conjecture, that the capture of Gaza by Pharaoh alluded to in the heading of a prophecy of Jeremiah, is identical with that of Kadytis mentioned by Herodotus as having been effected by Neco, the son of Psammitichus, after the battle of Magdolus; and he adds that the description of Herodotus in the present passage is exactly applicable to Gaza, and will by no means answer to Jerusalem.

I am unable to concur in any of these opinions, except perhaps the one that the description of Kadytis does not correspond with Jerusalem,—a circumstance of which an explanation has been attempted in the foot-note on the passage. But, if possible, the description is even less applicable to Gaza. Whatever Kadytis may have been, and whatever amount of corruption may have crept into the text of Herodotus describing its site, it is quite clear that in the apprehension of that writer there were several ἣμπορία lying between it and Ienysus. Now certainly nothing of this sort was to be found between Gaza and Ienysus, for the former was the southernmost of the

1 xlvii. 1 (in the LXX translation, xxix. 1).  
2 ii. 159.
Philistine cities, and the latter a mere watering-place just on the edge of the desert, a very few miles from it. Indeed Arrian calls Gaza itself the actual frontier.

Again, taking Herodotus's views of the proceedings of Psammitichus, it seems impossible to conceive that monarch leaving so important a position as Gaza in his rear during a twenty-nine years' siege of Azotus. In the course of his gradual encroachments northwards, the Philistine towns would have fallen into his hands one after the other, and Gaza the very first in the natural order of things. But Kadytis (whatever Herodotus understood by it) is represented by him as captured, not by Psammitichus at all, but by his son Neco, at a time which was at least thirty, and perhaps forty, years after the commencement of the siege of Azotus.

The hypothesis of the conversion of Khazita into both Kadytis and Gaza appears also to me to involve great difficulties. The Greek language would have presented no obstacle whatever to the direct adoption of the form Khazita; so that the only way of accounting for the existence both of Kadytis and of Gaza as representatives of it involves the assumption that the two words, starting from a common original (Khazita), arrived in Hellas by different routes, having in the mean time become so modified as to have acquired on their reappearance in Greek, two such widely different aspects. But I am not aware of any facts calculated to lend the least plausibility to this hypothesis, unless it be the one, that while Herodotus does not mention Gaza, other authors are equally ignorant of Kadytis,—although the commercial importance of the former must have brought it under the notice of the Hellenic merchants who traded to Egypt, and through them (if in no other way) under the notice of Herodotus himself.

But if it be necessary to find a reason for our author not naming Gaza, I should be more inclined to adopt a conjecture that he does really mean that city when he speaks of the Syrian Agbatana (iii.64),—a place as unknown to other writers as Kadytis. The word Agbatana is by Rawlinson himself interpreted to mean "a place of strength for treasures,"—a signification which would make it almost a translation of Gaza. And indeed if the Syrian Agbatana be not Hamath

3 See Rennell, Geography of Herodotus, cited in note 16 on iii. 5.

4 Ἐξελέγη δ' ἀκείμενον ὧς ἔτη Λιγυπτίων ἐκ Φοινικῆς ἵνα ἐπὶ τῇ ἀρχῇ τῆς ἑρήμου.

5 See note 343 on i. 98, above.
on the Orontes, it is more likely to be Gaza than any other place. The name is the only ground for its identification with either the one or the other; for, so far as the description in Herodotus is concerned, it may lie any where on the road between the Persian and the Egyptian frontiers. As it seems to be the same word with Hamath, and only a translation of Gaza, I myself should be inclined to regard it as the former, if compelled to decide between the two alternatives. But in such questions, all that can be done is to balance probabilities, and to be distinctly aware that they are only probabilities, and are not to be propounded as ascertained facts.

If the account of Herodotus be taken in combination with the books of Kings and Chronicles, it seems clear that from the beginning of the reign of Psammitichus at least, the Egyptian sovereigns commenced a system of aggression which was soon met by resistance on the part of the great monarchs of Mesopotamia, and that the struggle only terminated by the conquest of Egypt under Cambyses. Before the reign of Psammitichus the two powers had indeed come into collision with one another on several occasions, but from this time forward the contest seems to have been nearly continuous. Psammitichus had, when an exile from Egypt, taken refuge in Syria, and, subsequently to his return, had experienced the great use which might be made of foreign auxiliaries. From the time of his becoming sovereign of his native country, he seems to have turned his thoughts to the best means of availing himself of external resources, maintaining an Ionian and Carian force, and encouraging the cultivation of the Hellenic language and Hellenic intercourse. That he had, in the apprehension of Herodotus's informants, extended his influence over the Philistine territory, is evident not only from his capture of Azotus after a blockade of 29 years, but from his meeting the Scythian invaders and concluding a treaty with them, some where on the Philistine side of the desert. All this hangs very ill together with the notion that Gaza, the key to the military road, should yet remain to fall before his son Neco several years afterwards as the fruit of victory in a pitched battle at Magdolus. It seems more

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6 See note 171 on iii. 62, above.
8 Id. ii. 154.
9 Id. ii. 157.
7 Herod. ii. 153.
1 Id. i. 105.

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But the prophet Jeremiah, aware that all the countries on the coast

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might be expected from a king desirous of carrying out the plans of
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on the coast of the Mediterranean. His first design iu proposing to

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his canal may well have been the transporting a fleet from that
sea to the Persian Gulf, iu order to follow the line of the reputed

conquests of Sesostris.

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by Herodotus or some other, he determined to invade Assyria by
the coast road, reckoning on the neutrahty of the king of Judah ^.
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Judah with Assyria, he was disappointed.
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with his life. Jerusalem, if not captured, was at any rate so compast and present

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event the Egyptian army is found on the banks of the Euphrates, and, eleven years after, it has been destroyed or driven back into Egypt, every portion of the territory overrun by it having been in the mean time recovered by the Assyrian monarch, Jerusalem captured, and the vassal of Neco on the throne there carried off into captivity.

But when combining the notices in Herodotus which relate to this time with the account given in the historical books of the Old Testament, it is absolutely necessary to be fully aware how small a portion of the important incidents above enumerated (spreading as they do over the space of eleven or twelve years) is to be found noticed in the Greek writer. If we had no other source of information on the subject than his work affords, all that we should know would be, that Neco, desisting from an ineffectual attempt to connect the Nile with the Arabian Gulf, attempted certain expeditions by land—with what success or against whom the narrative does not say, and we have no reason to believe that the narrator knew. One thing alone is told with any definiteness of detail, and that one is (as in so many other instances of traditionary history) connected with an offering in a temple, a temple too which in the time of Herodotus was no longer standing. Neco fought a battle with certain Syrians at Magdolus, and afterwards took a city called Kadytis, of no less importance than Sardis. If we were to find in an account of the fortunes of Napoleon nothing but a statement that at one time he endeavoured to create a flotilla on the northern coast of France, and afterwards, desisting from this, made several campaigns, in one of which he captured a large city (of a name otherwise unknown), and sent the standard of the regiment which had guarded his person on the occasion to be suspended in the cathedral of Notre Dame; no one could fail to trace in such a selection of incidents the influence of popular tradition, not necessarily false or even exaggerated, but of very little value in assisting the arrangement of more copious or authentic documents. And it is not easy to see any difference between this case and that furnished by our author.

9 Jeremiah: xlvi. 2. 1 2 Kings xxiv. 7. 2 Chron. xxxvi. 6. 2 See note 52 on ii. 13, and note 282 on ii. 101, above. 3 Strabo, x. c. 1, p. 165. See note 327 on i. 92, above.
The deciphering of the Behistun (or Bisutun) Inscription by Rawlinson, from the light which it has thrown upon the early history of Persia, has enabled us to form a truer estimate than before was possible, both of the nature of the sources of information possessed by Herodotus, and of the amount of allowance to be made in estimating his authority. It has been referred to above in several notes on the First and the Third Books, as a reason for modifying in a very important degree the inferences which have been drawn, and might otherwise legitimately be drawn, from the statements of the "Father of History;" but it seems desirable to explain in a more connected manner than is possible within the limits of a foot-note, the general bearing of the two authorities upon one another.

It is impossible to doubt, that in the main outline of the events recorded, the credit to be attached to the Inscription is incomparably greater than that which can be claimed by any existing historian, or by the whole of them put together. The Inscription is a formal account of the acts of Darius, sculptured by his own authority, and consequently possesses as authentic a character as a medal or a contemporaneous state paper; that is to say, its authority is absolute for events and dates, although the colour given to the events would naturally be made conformable to the views of the sovereign by whose order they were recorded.

The site of this inscription is the lower part of a naturally scarped precipice of enormous height—it is said nearly 1500 feet—in which the range of mountains constituting the northern boundary of the
plain of Kermanshah suddenly terminates towards the East. At a height of about 100 feet from the base, a smooth surface has been formed by cutting into the rock, and in this, presenting the appearance of a bas-relief set in a frame, Darius, with a crown on his head and a bow in his hand, is represented as setting his foot upon a prostrate figure, who with stretched-out hands appears to ask for mercy. Nine other personages, with their hands pinioned behind them, and connected by a rope which passes round their necks, approach the monarch; and behind him stand two attendants, apparently of high rank,—as their costume, except for the crown, is the same as that of Darius himself—carrying the one a bow, the other a lance upon which he leans. In the air above the group hovers the figure of Ormuzd, which is substantially the same as that in the title-page of Mr. Layard's Nineveh, and over the heads of the human figures are tablets containing cuneiform or arrow-headed writing explaining who they are. But the most important part of the whole are the inscriptions in the same character containing the annals of the monarch. These Rawlinson has discovered to be trilingual, although the elements of the words in each being cuneiform might induce the belief in a superficial observer that the language was the same throughout. To the three languages he gives the several names of Persian, Median, and Babylonian. The first is contained in five columns (of which the four first are twelve feet in length and about six in breadth), immediately under the group of figures just described. Judging from the scale given together with the drawing of the group¹, the dignity of the personages seems to have been regarded in the size of which the sculptor represented them. Darius himself, and the figure upon which he is trampling (who is Gomates the Magian), are made full six feet in height. The two attendants on the king are no more than five feet, six or seven inches, while the conquered chiefs with ropes round their necks barely rise above four feet,—with the exception of the last, Sarukha the Sacan, who besides being a little taller than his companions in misfortune, wears a tiara, whereas they are all bare-headed.

¹ In the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, vol. x., which is devoted to Rawlinson's Commentary on the Cuneiform Inscriptions of Babylonia and Assyria, and contains the interpretation of the Persian tablets on which the views in this Excursus rest.
Of the five columns the first and third are, according to Rawlinson, very fairly legible. They contain ninety-six and ninety-two lines respectively, which are broken up—the one into nineteen, the other into fourteen paragraphs, each beginning with the form Thātiya Dāryavuṣh k'ḥšāyathiya (Saith Darius the king). The second column extends to ninety-six lines, but it is much injured by a fissure in the rock, which extends along the whole length of the tablet. The fourth column contains ninety-two lines, the greater part lamentably injured. The last legible paragraph (the 18th) in this column furnishes a list of those individuals who alone were with Darius when he "slew Gomates the Magian, who was called Bartius," and the very natural bias to bring the account given by Herodotus to aid in deciphering this, produced one or two erroneous guesses which a second careful inspection of the Inscription on the spot has corrected. The assistants of Darius are now undoubtedly ascertained to have been Intaphernes son of Veispares, Otanes son of Socres, Gobryas son of Mardonius, Hydarnes son of Megabignes, Megabyzus son of Dadocs, and Ardmanes son of Vacces. Following this list of names there was once another paragraph, which is entirely obliterated, and appears never to have had any equivalent in the Median translation;—a singular circumstance, which suggests the conjecture that its obliteration may have been ordered during the lifetime of the monarch, perhaps as a conciliatory measure towards his Median subjects. The fifth column only extended to half the length of the other four, containing but thirty-five lines, and it is described by Rawlinson as having been of a supplemental character, and to have contained an account of two revolts; the one in Susiana, which was crushed by Gobryas, the other one conducted by Sarukha, the chief of the Sacans who dwelt upon the Tigris, which was put down by Darius himself. Rawlinson states however, that one side of this tablet is completely destroyed, and that it is impossible to give a complete translation, although it appears (he says) that both expeditions ended successfully. The Sacan Sarukha, who is the last of the string of figures sculptured in the bas-relief, has been added subsequently to the other eight by a further smoothening of the face of the rock.

Fortunately the first column of the inscription, which is in the best preservation, contains by far the most important statements in a
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historical point of view. Its four leading paragraphs are a repetition of the contents of a tablet over the head of the monarch in the bas-relief, and run as follows.

"I am Darius the great king, king of kings, king of Persia, king of the provinces, son of Hystaspes, grandson of Arsames, an Achaemenian."

"Saith Darius the king: my father was Hystaspes, of Hystaspes the father was Arsames, of Arsames the father was Aryaramnes, of Aryaramnes the father was Teispes; [whose] father [was] Achaemenes."

"Saith Darius the king: on that account are we called of Achaemenes; from of old we have been unsubdued; from of old those of our race were kings."

"Saith Darius the king: eight of my race were kings before me; I am the ninth."

The fifth paragraph acknowledges his power to be the gift of Ormuzd, and the sixth gives a list of the provinces which, by the favour of Ormuzd, had come under his power. In the seventh and eighth he declares the entire subjection of these to him, and declares that throughout them he maintains the true faith and roots out heresy, and in the next six he gives a complete history of the circumstances which led to his own succession, as follows.

"Saith Darius the king: Ormuzd granted me the empire. Ormuzd brought help to me until I acquired this empire. By the grace of Ormuzd I hold this empire."

"Saith Darius the king: This is what was done by me before I became king. He who was named Cambyses, the son of Cyrus of our race, he was here king before me. Of that Cambyses was a brother named Bartius, of the same mother and the same father as Cambyses. Cambyses slew that Bartius. When Cambyses had slain Bartius, that which Bartius had stirred up was unknown to the state. Afterwards Cambyses proceeded to Egypt. When Cambyses

2 The list is given in the note 278 on iii. 94. But a subsequent visit to the spot has induced Rawlinson to add Gadara after Sogdiana, or, as he would now write it, Suguda.

2 Rawlinson reverses in his translation the order of the original, making it "of the same father and the same mother." I have preserved a relative position of the parents which was possibly not unimportant according to Median notions. See note 441 on i. 130, above.
had proceeded to Egypt, afterwards the state became irreligious; afterwards a lie became abundant both in Persia and Media and the other provinces."

"Saith Darius the king: Afterwards was a man, a Magian, named Gomates. He rose up from Pissiachada, a mountain named Arakadres: from thence on the 14th day of the month Viyakhna, then it was that he rose up; to the state he thus lied: 'I am Bartius, who am Cyrus's son, Cambyses' brother.' Afterwards the whole state came into the conspiracy; it passed from Cambyses to him, both Persia and Media and the other provinces: he seized the empire. On the 9th day of the month Garmapada then it was he thus seized the empire. Afterwards Cambyses chafing died."

"Saith Darius the king: That empire of which Gomates the Magian deprived Cambyses, that empire from of old belonged to our race. After Gomates the Magian had deprived Cambyses of both Persia and Media and the other provinces, he did according to his desire; he became king."

"Saith Darius the king: There was not a man, neither Persian nor Median, nor any one of our family, who would deprive Gomates the Magian of the empire. The state feared to oppose him. He often proclaimed to the state as he had known Bartius do, in that same way he proclaimed to the state, 'Beware it hold me not in other account than as Bartius, son of Cyrus.' No one was bold; every one was standing around Gomates the Magian until I came. Afterward I adored Ormuzd. Ormuzd brought me aid. On the 10th day of the month Bagayadish, then did I with faithful men slay Gomates the Magian and those who were his chief associates. Siktakhotes was the fort named; Nissea the region of Media: there I slew him: I deprived him of his empire: by the grace of Ormuzd I became king. Ormuzd gave me the empire."

"Saith Darius the king: The empire which had been wrested from our race that I recovered; I established it firmly; as in the days of old, so did I. The rites which Gomates the Magian had introduced, I prohibited. I restored to the state the chants and the worship,

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4 Rawlinson renders this sentence, "He would frequently address the state which knew [the old] Bartius, for that reason he would address the state, saying, 'Beware lest it regard me as if I were not Bartius the son of Cyrus.'"

5 The words in italics are doubtfully interpreted by Rawlinson.
and to those families which Gomates the Magian had deprived of them. I firmly established the kingdom, both Persia and Media and the other provinces as in the days of old. Thus did I restore what had been taken away. Thus did I, by the grace of Ormuzd, that Gomates the Magian might not blot out our race."

In comparing this official statement with the account of Herodotus, it is plain at the first blush of the matter, that while in the one case the successful sovereign appears as the representative of great interests, the champion of a race of distinct blood and religious faith, and seems pointed out for the position he takes by the illustrious descent which he boasts, if not actually by near relationship to the sovereigns he succeeds; in the other his personal prowess and energetic character are made the sole source of his success, and there is no intimation that by birth he was a person of any distinction. His father holds a provincial government under the Persian king, and he himself, while serving in the Persian army which occupied Egypt, is a person of no importance, glad to accept a present of a cloak, and so little likely to be able to make any kind of return for it, although of a generous temper, that the donor regrets the sudden access of liberality which had induced him to part with his garment. While, therefore, the two accounts of Darius's fortunes are not necessarily incompatible with one another, they certainly do seem to spring from entirely different sources. One could almost as little gather the illustrious connexions and the political party of Darius from Herodotus, as one could his peculiar temperament from the rock tablets. In these we recognize the dry but authentic record of those widely operating influences which issue in momentous political changes; in the narrative of the logographer we may (I apprehend) no less decisively remark the characteristics of popular tradition, which seizes and preserves in a way that nothing else can do the ethical characteristics of men of mark, while it soon drops or modifies the historical facts which really constituted the staple of their lives. Each of these classes of evidence has its value in after times. The historian of Napoleon will neither neglect the songs of Beranger nor the bulletins of the Moniteur, if he wishes to form a complete estimate of his hero. The Dundee Ballads are in their way

6 Herod. iii. 139, 140.
quite as valuable as the Annual Register. The greatest misuse of either the one or the other is to consider them as documents of the same kind, and to treat them as if nothing more was required in combining them than to piece out the one with fragments gathered from the other.

If, however, a different principle of interpretation be adopted, and the rock inscription be regarded as the official record of the Persian court, while the narratives of Herodotus and Ctesias are referred to as conveying the current notions of different localities and different classes, embodied in such stories as were likely to come to the knowledge of Hellenic merchants and Persian court-physicians, and moreover modified more or less by their individual habits and ways of thinking, a perfectly coherent idea may be formed of the whole transaction, without either detracting from the character of any one of the sources of information, or attributing the weightiest historical events to motives which belong to the region of fiction. The following sketch is an attempt to supply a clue for the criticism of the early history of these great states, on which at that time the destinies of the world depended.

The relation of Media to Persia, antecedently to the revolution in which Astyages was dethroned, seems to have approached that of a suzerain over a dependency, analogous perhaps to that of the house of Hapsburg over the old Swiss Cantons before the time of Tell. The Persian clans, however much they might value the purity of their own blood, would be naturally despised by the Median courtiers, as the Scotch highlanders were by the frivolous associates of the English Stuarts, and as the Tyrolese are by the aristocracy of Austria. If the Achaemenids were even at first, as seems probable, the most noble of the Persian clans, this circumstance would not in any way help to save them from the contemptuous designation of peasants and herdsmen in the common conversation of the fastidious oligarchy of the capital. A Ban of Croatia would probably have met with no more complimentary a description at Vienna ten years ago.

Cyrus the Great, whom the inscription recognizes as of the family of Darius, without however in any way ascribing to him that heroic character or pre-eminent fame with which he is invested by Herodotus and the later historians, was unquestionably the offspring of a mixed marriage between Mandane, the daughter and heiress of
Astyages⁷, and some Achaemenid, not considered at the time to be of such a rank as to acquire by this marriage any predominant weight. This is accounted for by Herodotus in exactly the way in which one might expect popular traditions to account for it. He is said to have been of a quiet temper, although of a good family⁸. If the real motive, however, of marrying Mandane to a Persian was to prevent the excessive aggrandizement of her husband, some other security than mere temper would doubtless have been sought; and nothing would be more obvious than to select for her a husband, who, if of royal blood, should at the same time not be likely to succeed to the throne of his country. Now I am disposed to think there is a considerable probability that the individual thus selected was actually a collateral relation of Darius, and so connected with him as to make the latter, at the time of the death of the last surviving child of Cyrus, next heir to the crown of Media.

In Book vii. § 11 of Herodotus, Xerxes is made to trace his own pedigree up to his eponymous ancestor Achaemenes, and so completely without any motive for introducing this scrap of genealogy, that the most obvious reason for his doing it seems to be, that Herodotus, having obtained it from some quarter or other, was desirous of incorporating it in his narrative, and saw no other way of doing so but by putting it in the mouth of the monarch himself. That it does not belong to the cycle of traditions which are the source of the narrative of the infancy of Cyrus is certain from the fact, that in that narrative the father of Cyrus’s parent Cambyses bears a name identical with that of his illustrious grandson⁹, whereas in the pedigree of Xerxes that same Cambyses is made the son of Teispes. And the exact accordance of the pedigree with the Behistun Inscription for the greater part of its extent would seem to be a decisive proof that it is derived directly or indirectly from the same source, if only the remainder of it can be explained consistently with the same record; and this I will endeavour to show may be done most naturally by adopting the hypothesis just mentioned.

The pedigree Xerxes gives of himself (taken downwards for the sake of convenience) runs as follows. (1) Achaemenes, (2) Teispes,

⁷ Herod. i. 109. ⁸ Id. i. 107. ⁹ πανθάρομαι δ’ ἄρα Μανδάνης τε κτη πάς τῆς ’Αστυάγεω θυγατρὸς καὶ Καμβήσεω τοῦ Κόρου (i. 111).
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(3) Cambyses, (4) Cyrus, (5) Teispes, (6) Ariaramnes, (7) Arsames, (8) Hystaspes, (9) Darius, (10) Xerxes, which (it will be seen) becomes identical with the authentic genealogy of the Behistun Inscription, if the second, third, and fourth terms of the series be taken away. This, however, without some satisfactory explanation of the reason for which Herodotus was induced to adopt them, is a mode of reconciling discordant statements by no means to be approved. But what if the only error here should be, that Herodotus, or rather the authority followed by him, had put two separate genealogies (belonging to the two branches of the same family) one after the other instead of side by side? What if the pedigree of Cyrus ran (1) Achaemenes, (2) Teispes, (3) Cambyses, (4) Cyrus, and that of Darius in exact accordance with the Behistun Inscription, starting from the common ancestor, (1) Teispes, (2) Ariaramnes, (3) Arsames, (4) Hystaspes, (5) Darius? This mistake is so natural a one, and accounts so well for the form given to the genealogical tree in the passage in question, that it can be fairly assumed as a probable hypothesis, remaining to be confirmed or weakened by the conformity or disagreement of other facts with it.

The internal government of Media in the time of Astyages appears clearly to have been a monarchy surrounded by an extremely powerful oligarchy, united to one another by the bond of the Magian religious system. The religion of Persia, on the other hand, appears to have approached very nearly to pure Theism, or at any rate to have been quite alien from the symbolism and the complicated ceremonial of Media. This difference of religion superadded to the differences of civilization must have increased the improbability of Cyrus the Persian succeeding to the throne of Astyages, had not the tyranny of the latter induced his nobles, and among them Harpagus, his own relation, to conspire against him, and, with the assistance of Cyrus and his hardy Persian troops, to dethrone him. Jealousy of each other (perhaps aided by the physical force which Cyrus had at command) probably prevented them from doing that which Astyages thought would have been the natural thing,—making one of their own body (Harpagus himself for instance) the successor; and these considerations doubtless added force to the claims of Cyrus through his mother, which of themselves, had he been of pure blood,

1 Herod. i. 109.
2 Id. i. 129.
would have been irresistible; and thus the son of Cambyses the Persian became king of Media and suzerain of Persia, but not king of Persia in the same sense in which the sovereigns of the line mentioned in the Behistun Inscription were, from Achemenues down to Hystaspes inclusive. Consequently his name would not be introduced into that list, although his position would be higher than that of any of his family. But this elevation of Cyrus to the imperial throne could never have been acquiesced in if he had not been able to accommodate himself to the order of things into which he had been introduced. It was only natural that he should adopt the state religion, and be received as a Magian. This, as has been remarked in the note 441 on i. 130, is apparently the principle involved in the strange proceeding recorded by Ctesias, that Cyrus secured his power by first adopting as his mother, and then marrying, Amytis, the daughter of Astyages, her husband being actually slain to enable him to do this. The first act of the revolution was thus brought to an end, and no further troubles seem to have arisen till after the death of Cyrus.

The pedigree of the Achaemenids may, after what has been said, be with considerable probability set out as follows, in substantial accordance with Herodotus and Ctesias, as well as with the Behistun rock tablets.

Achemenues (king of Persia)
   | Teispes (king of Persia)
   |   | Ariaramnes (king of Persia)
   |   |   | Cambyses (husband of Mandane)
   |   |   | Arsames (king of Persia)
   |   |   |   | Cyrus (king of Media and suzerain of Persia)
   |   | Hystaspes (king of Persia)
   |   |   | Cambyses (king of Media and suzerain of Persia)
   |   |   | Darius (king of Persia, king of Media, and suzerain of Persia).
   |   |   |   | Bartius, otherwise Smerdis, otherwise Tany-oxarces, king of Bactria, according to Ctesias.

3 Ἀστυάγης μὲν ἄστι γέρων, καὶ ἑπαῖς ἔρσευσι γόνον' εἶ δὲ θελήσει, τοῦτον τελευτῆσαντος, ἐς τὴν θυγατέρα ταύτην ἀναβήματι ἡ τυραννίς κ.τ.λ. (i. 100.)
4 Nascatur magus ex Gelli matrisque nefando Conjugio, et discat Persicum aruspicium. Catullus, xc.

That the interests of the Magians and that of the dynasty of Astyages were bound up together, and that the possible succession of Cyrus was looked forward to as something fatal to the former as well as the latter, appears from Herodotus (i. 128).
It will now in its turn enable us to offer an explanation of some parts of the Inscription which are otherwise unintelligible. Darius, in the first part of what may be called his annals, as well as in the tablet above his own figure in the bas-relief, asserts that there have been eight kings of his race before him, and that he himself is the ninth. As it is plain from the genealogy which accompanies this assertion that three of the number were not in the direct line from Achæmenes to himself, and consequently were not kings of Persia, they must be sought for elsewhere. I believe that they are Cyrus the Great, Cambyses, and the true Smerdis. It may be argued against this view, that as he speaks of Smerdis (Bartius) as a fomenter of troubles, it is not to be supposed that he would acknowledge him as a sovereign de jure. To this, however, I cannot agree. Ctesias expressly states that Cyrus left his son Tanyoxarces (who is identical with the Bartius of the Inscription) an independent sovereign of a portion of his dominions, at the same time that he constituted the elder brother Cambyses his successor in the empire; and although subsequent proceedings cost the younger son his life, yet this would not (I conceive) at all detract from the disposition to acknowledge his royal character. Jehu paid a similar mark of respect to the idolatress Jezebel immediately after he had caused her destruction.

And it is to be observed that Bartius's conduct is no where spoken of as if it had extended to open rebellion against Cambyses. He is rather conceived of as secretly tampering with the subjects of the latter, and, if destroyed at all during his reign, as cut off by assassination,—in so mysterious a manner as to occasion very different reports both of the time and the circumstances of his death, and to furnish more than one pretender with plausible grounds for asserting his existence. For until after the death of Cambyses it was popularly believed that he was alive and reigning; therefore, up to that time it was impossible that he should have been publicly declared a rebel and as such deprived of his royal character, even if we grant that this consequence would, in oriental ways of thinking;


6 2 Kings ix. 34.
follow from such a public declaration. And after the death of Cambyses, and the assertion being publicly made that the professed Bartius was an impostor, there would remain no motive for such a gratuitous insult to the memory of a prince who no longer stood in the way of Darius.

To return to the history of the empire after the death of Cyrus; it may be gathered from every account of Cambyses that his distinctive character was that of a desiprer of the prevailing religion, his hostility to which was carried to the extreme of intolerance. A savage in temperament and filled with religious fanaticism, his policy put an end to the calm which had been produced by the compromise of his father Cyrus, and induced the troubles which it was the interest of his brother Bartius, king of the Bactrians, to foment. It was only natural under such circumstances that the Medians should seize the opportunity of Cambyses's absence in Egypt to endeavour to rid themselves of him, and at the same time revive the supremacy of their own religion. It had become a question between supremacy or extinction; and accordingly the general revolt spoken of in the Behistun tablets took place, and was for a time eminently successful, until the Ormuzd worshippers under the guidance of Darius—the next heir to the empire after the death of Bartius—once more obtained the victory, and by the consummate skill of their champion succeeded in consolidating it. Indeed the true political significance of the Magian usurpation,—represented as it is by Herodotus in the light of a private scheme, carried into effect by an ambitious and unprincipled pretender,—yet shows itself here and there in his narrative, in insulated passages which harmonize ill with the story that he follows in his main account, but are in exact agreement with the course of proceedings as recorded in the Behistun tablets. Several of these undesigned confirmations of the official account have been remarked in the notes, and probably more will be detected by a reader whose attention has been once called to the subject.

The narrative of Herodotus represents the cadastral system introduced by Darius as his first measure after setting up the monument to

7 See the passage of Ctesias quoted above, and also one cited in note 441 on i. 130, by which the ardent attachment of the Bactrians to the Magian system is proved to demonstration.

8 See, for example, note 439 on i. 130; note 201 on iii. 70; note 233 on iii. 55.
which the strange story of his horse was attached. But this system, from its very nature, implies a centralization of government. It was calculated by its operation to render the monarch far more independent of his powerful vassals, and likewise to procure him personal popularity in the outlying countries, the imposts on which were fixed by it at a definite sum, instead of being left dependent on the will of the ruffianly chiefs who happened to be in command. It was only to be expected that this limitation of arbitrary power should be unpalatable to the semi-barbarous Persian chivalry, and that they should express their contempt for the financial turn of their sovereign by nicknaming him "a tradesman." Now when Herodotus puts the erection of the monument and the introduction of the cadastral scheme together, this is (I apprehend) due to the circumstance of the two relating to the salient points of Darius's life. His accession to the throne of Media not merely made him the feudal superior of the king of Persia, but united in one family the hereditary sovereignty of both countries, and thus furnished him with a power that his predecessors had not possessed,—that of converting a bundle of states into an organic whole. Except under such circumstances, it is likely that the centralization effected by him would have been impossible; and we see that those Persians who were not Achaemenids, as well as the Magian usurpers, are represented by Herodotus as pursuing the opposite policy, and one calculated to encourage the independence of the separate states. But even with such advantages of position it is inconceivable that such a revolution as that effected in the creation of the Persian empire (as we find it at the end of Darius's reign) can have been brought about by him rapidly. It is more reasonable to consider it as the ultimate state into which things subsided at the end of a long series of wars and civil troubles. And this is exactly what the Behistun Inscription would lead us to believe. The annals, which take up the greater portion of the first and the whole of the

9 iii. 39.
2 κάπηλοι, Herod. iii. 89.
3 The Magians were greatly regretted by all the Asiatic states when they were killed, with the solitary exception of the Persians (iii. 67). Oroetes abstained from aiding the movement against them, when he had the whole force of Asia at his command (iii. 127. See note 350 thereon). And Aryandes asserted the power of a sovereign by issuing a coinage (iv. 166).
remaining three tablets which completed the original monument, are nothing more or less than the details of those campaigns which issued in the acquisition of absolute dominion over the twenty-three provinces, these provinces themselves being enumerated immediately after the formal recitation of Darius's titles, that is, in the very beginning of the Inscription. The acquisition of the empire and its reduction under a system of central government is plainly regarded by the Persian monarch, in the same light as the French Code was by Napoleon: it is the great work in which he looks to go down to posterity,—the résumé of his achievements. Before it could have been effected the spirit of the individual races must have been quelled, their separate interests fused together, and the weight of individual nobles diminished to an extent which could scarcely have been produced by any other agency than that which the Inscription shows us to have been at work, viz. bloody wars of race and religion, terminating in the establishment of a central predominant power wielding the resources of the whole empire.

Such a course of events is quite natural, and in accordance with what has taken place in many other countries. The struggles which resulted in the supremacy of Darius have their parallel in the Thirty Years' War of modern Europe, and in our own Wars of the Roses. Henry the Seventh is the English Darius in many important elements of his character and fortunes, although wanting his personal accomplishments and generous temper.

Conformably to what might have been expected from a train of events such as has been sketched out, it appears that Darius changed the seat of government from Agbatana to Susa. This was as important a step as it would be to transfer the British court and legislature from London to Edinburgh; or as it would have been if the Bourbons on their restoration had made Bourdeaux the capital of France. Yet the fact only appears indirectly from the narrative of Herodotus⁴, who is perfectly unconscious of the momentous revolution of interests necessarily involved in such a policy, and never explicitly notices it at all.

Again, the extreme anxiety about the personal identity of Bartius, and the very mysterious circumstances attending his death, receive

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⁴ See i. 153 and iii. 64, compared with vi. 119; vii. 3; iii. 129; ix. 106.

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an entirely new illustration if the relationship of Darius to Cyrus
was what we have suggested. It is perfectly certain that very many
persons believed Gomates to be the genuine son of Cyrus, and
perhaps with justice. Darius believed himself to be the only person
cognizant of the death of the real Smerdis. Prexaspes must have
believed the same. Otanes, in his turn, fancied the pretender’s
secret known only to him. One thing is clear, that it was abso-
lutely necessary for the Persian party to destroy Gomates, and that
they had the same motive for denying his claim to be the son of
Cyrus that the Orange party in the reign of James II. had for
trumping up the story of the warming-pan. The claim of legitimate
succession has always been too powerful an engine not to be coveted
by aspirants to power, and secured, if necessary, by the commission
of crime; and the removal of the only obstacle to Darius’s accession
(whether Gomates or Bartius) was at last achieved by a small band
of conspirators, who justified their act to the world by the equi-
vocal evidence of producing the head of their victim and that of his
brother in public.

But by whatever means Darius may have acquired his power, it is
plain from various incidents mentioned in the narrative of Her-
odotus, that he used it in a prudent and temperate manner. If he
spared nothing to establish the supremacy of the religious party of
which, according to the Behistun Inscription, he was the champion,
yet, that result having been obtained, he appears to have been at
least tolerant of the conquered party. The fierce fanaticism which
had served him excellently as a weapon of offence must have become
very inconvenient when he had no longer rivals to overthrow; and
it was only to be expected that he should revert to the policy of
Cyrus and carefully avoid that of Cambyses. And hence, probably,
aroise that revival of Median customs and religious rites in the court
of the new dynasty, which is indicated in the consultation of Magian

5 Herod. iii. 71.
6 Id. iii. 74.
7 Id. iii. 68.
8 This is the statement of the Behistun tablets as well as of Herodotus.
9 I am much inclined to suspect that the two Magians of Herodotus’s story (iii. 78,
79) grew out of the two pretenders, Gomates and Veisdates, of the Behistun annals.
Each of these professed to be Bartius the son of Cyrus; but there seems to have been
a considerable interval between their attempts,—the one being the first, the other the
seventh of the nine figures which in the original bas-relief appear as conquered by
Darius. See note 415 on iii. 152, for a parallel case.
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soothsayers by his son Xerxes, the Magian hero worship at Ilium; the scrupulous reverence for Delos exhibited by the Median commander Datis, and (as it would seem) the recognition in later times of the necessity of a Magian priest even where the ceremonial belonged to a simple religious system. Indeed the remarkable tendency of the Persians to adopt foreign customs, which Herodotus himself remarks as an especial characteristic, would probably have baffled the attempt of Darius, had he even been desirous of making one, to retain them, after inheriting the wealth and civilization of their late masters, in the simplicity of their ancient manners and ancient faith. The more sagacious chiefs of the old school doubtless, like Artembares, prophesied the degeneracy of a generation brought up in habits which would have excited the horror of Cyrus, but their protest was in vain; and in the time of Herodotus it can scarcely be doubted that the court of the Great King presented in morals, religion, and social indulgence of all kinds, a picture in no respect different from that which might have been seen in the worst days of the Median or Assyrian dynasties.

1 vii. 19. 37, compared with iii. 35, and note 103, thereon.
2 vii. 43.
3 vi. 97.
4 i. 132.
5 ix. 122.
'ΗΡΟΔΟΤΟΥ

'ΙΣΤΟΡΙΩΝ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ.

ΜΕΛΙΟΜΕΝΗ.

1 META δὲ τὴν Βαβυλώνος αἴρεων ἐγένετο ἐπὶ Σκύθας αὔ τοῦ Δαρείου ἐλασίς. άνθεύσης γὰρ τῆς Ἀσίας ἀνδράσι καὶ χρημάτων μεγάλων συνιάντων, ἐπεθύμησε ὁ Δαρείος τίσασθαι Σκύθας, ὅτι ἐκείνοι προτεροὶ ἐσβαλόντες ἐς τὴν Μηδικήν καὶ νικήσαντες μάχῃ τοὺς ἀντιομένους ὑπῆρξαν ἀδικίας. τῆς γὰρ ἀνω Ἀσίας

1 αὔ τοῦ Δαρείου. Schweighäuser reads αὑτοῦ Δαρείου, as if Darius had not taken Babylon in person. And perhaps this was the notion of the authority followed by Herodotus in the Scythian history. See the note 415 on iii. 152.

2 τοῦ Δαρείου ἐλασίς. The narrative is continued below, § 82. In the Behistun inscription there are four original columns in which the conquests of Darius are recorded, the fourth being a recapitulation of them. From this it appears that Babylon was twice taken by his troops, the second time commanded by Intaphres, a Median; and this is the last of his feats in the original inscription. But there is a supplementary column, unfortunately illegible, which appears to relate to an expedition against the Sacæ,—the name by which, according to Herodotus, the Persians called all the Scythians (vii. 64). No doubt he was represented as succeeding here as well as in the other campaigns; for in a field cut in the rock above all the inscriptions, in which the figure of Darius is seen trampling upon Gomates the Magian, there comes a string of eight kings pinioned, and behind these a figure in a pointed cap, with the inscription, "This is Sarukka the Sacan." Although the inscription of the supplementary column is unreadable, it is yet plain, 1. That if it described the Scythian expedition, the Persian arms were represented as victorious. 2. That the expedition must have taken place at a later period in Darius's reign than is supposed by Herodotus; for the supplementary column is of a later date; and the latter part of the fourth of the original inscription is taken up with an address to the king's successors to follow up his policy, by which he had preserved the favour of Ormuzd and consolidated the empire.

3 ἱππεῖαν ἀδικίας. The anxiety shown by all nations, except those who, like the Caunians (i. 172), have a war-god for their tutelary deity, to justify themselves by pretext even the flimsiest for beginning war on their neighbours is very remarkable. It would seem that naked injustice is an unbearable spectacle even to uncivilized races. See the pretence of the Ἀγινηταί for enslaving the Samian refugees
The Scythians blind their slaves, living mainly on mare's milk.

A mixed race from

† The meaning of the writer is, not that the blindness of the slaves rendered them more serviceable for the duty imposed upon them, but that they were blinded because they could perform this service—the only one put upon them—equally well. Of course their blindness prevented the possibility of their ever absconding, which would otherwise be rendered very easy by the nomad life their masters led.
these slaves opposed their masters on the return from the invasion of Asia, and after obstinate resistance, took to flight on the masters substituting whips for their weapons.

... their whips, masters took resistance, substituting slaves on the sea, sinks gradually to the north, and at last with so easy a slope as to lose itself insensibly in the great plain of the adjacent country: of the isthmus,—which is very little above the level of the Euxine.
I connects "eK «. 

Turk you<ri youngest guifuls, follows. See 760? fiev KOfjblaac dcraov although nated tars point word name avTTt<; Herodotus's Caspian Tpdcr'7rie<; hus who sayyvovra^, The Scythians, who rises. This is the reading of the other MSS.

12 της οὗνομα εἶναι Ταργύταων. In this name some have supposed the root of the word 'Turk' to exist. What the derivation of that name is remains an uncertain point; but it is one by which all the Tartars of the north of the Black Sea and Caspian (a region including the whole of Herodotus's Scythia) prefer to be designated (Adelung, Mithridates, i. p. 453), although the Nogay and Crim Tartars, who coincide more closely with Herodotus's Scythians, call themselves 'Mankat.' (Id. ii. p. 471.)

13 τοκέας. The manuscripts M, F, a, b, c have γονέας.

14 λέγουσι δ' ἄν. See note 220 on iii. 89.

15 ἀρχύτων. This word is omitted by S and V.

16 ἀσον ιέαυ βουλόμενον αὐτά λαβείν. The manuscripts S and V have ἀσον ιέαυ αὐτῶν βουλόμενον λαβείν.

17 ἀπώσασθαι. The two manuscripts S and V have for this word the reading ἀπελλασθεναι, which Schweighäuser and Gaisford consider to have arisen from a gloss. To me it appears to be a genuine variant, although not preferable to the reading of the other MSS.

18 These tribes are placed by Pliny (N. H. iv. 12) as inland of Tophra, which is on the Sinus Carcinus in the immediate vicinity of the isthmus. See above, note 10. He defines the site by saying that the Hellenis rises in the midst of their territory,—which river he connects with the Bug by an artificial channel. None of the four names Aucaste, Catari, Trespies, and Paralate occur in the account of Scythia which follows.
οἱ καλέονται Παραλάταν, σύμπασι δὲ εἶναι οὐνόμα Σκολότους, τοῦ 
βασιλέως ἐπώνυμην. Σκύθας δὲ Ἐλληνες οὐνόμασαν. Γεγονέναι 
μὲν νῦν σφαίς οὗτοι λέγουσι οἱ Σκύθαι: ἔτεα δὲ σφί, ἔπει τε 
γεγόνας, τὰ σύμπαντα λέγονται εἶναι ἀπὸ τοῦ πρῶτοῦ βασιλέως 
Ταρ- 


ci-tiów, ὥσ την Δαρείου διάβασιν τὴν ἐπὶ σφάς χιλίων οὐ πλέων, 


άλλα τοσάτα. τὸν δὲ χρυσὸν τούτον τῷ ίρν ψυλάσσοναι οἱ 

βασιλεῖς ἐς τὰ μάλιστα, καὶ θυσίζω μεγάληι ἱλασκόμειν 

μετέχονται, ἀνα πάν ἐστιν δὲ άν ἔχων τὸν χρυσὸν τῶν ίρν ἐν 


tῇ ὀρτῇ υπαθίῳ κατακομβῆ ῥήτορ, οὕτως λέγεται ὑπὸ Σκυθέων 

οὐ 

диεναντίζειν δίδοναι δὲ οἱ διὰ τὸτό ὥστε ἂν ἑπτὼ ἐν ἡμέρῃ μὴ 

περιελάσῃ αὐτὸς τῆς δὲ χώρης ἐφύσης μεγάλης, τρυφανίας τὰ 

βασιλείας τὸσι παια τοῖσ ἔσων κατακομβήσασθαι Κολλάζιν, καὶ 

τοντέων μίαν μεγίστην ποιῆσαι ἐν τῇ τῶν χρυσῶν ψυλάσσεισθαι. 

Τὰ δὲ κατύπερθε πρὸς βορόν λέγονταν ἀμετρῶν τῶν ἑπεροίκων 

τῆς 

χώρης, οὐκ οἷα τε εἶναι ἐπὶ προστέρω ὡστὶ ὡρὰν οὔτε διεξεῖναι, 

ὑπὸ πτερῶν κυμημένων πτερῶν τὸρ καὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ τὸν ἥρα 

εἶναι πλέον, καὶ ταῦτα εἶναι τὰ ἀποκλήσοντα τῆν ὅψιν. 

Σκύθας μὲν οὔτε ὑπὲρ σφαίς τε αὐτῶν, καὶ τῆς χώρης τῆς 

κατύπερθε λέγοντας Ἐλληνες δὲ οἱ τῶν Πόντου οἰκεῖοι. 8 

Ἡρακλέα ἐλάσσοντα τὰς Γηρύνοιω βοῦς ἀπικέσθαι ἐς γῆν ταύτην 

εύστατα ἐρήμην, ἢν τῶν Σκύθας νέμοντας Γηρύνωνα δὲ οἰκεῖοι 

ἐξ ὁτὸς Πόντου κατοικημένον. 24 τῶν οἵ Ἐλληνες λέγουσι Ερύθειαν 

20 Σκύθας δὲ Ἐλληνες οὐνόμασαν. Αν 

if this statement be true, one would expect 

that this is the same etymology with the 

old Norse skyta, Swedish skinna, and 

English shot. It does not seem a valid 

objection to this view that in the northern 

languages k is generally softened before 

e, i, and y, whereas in Greek the k always 

remains hard. There can be no doubt 

that the English 'ship' and the Greek 

σκάφος are cognate,—the word 'skiff' 

filling the intermediate place between 

the two; and the cases seem exactly parallel. 

21 θυσίζω μεγάληι ἱλασκόμειν μετέρχο

Herodotus uses the expression 

λίγης μετέρχοσθαι below (vi. 69). The 

phrase ἱλασκόμειν, as applied to the 

gold, will not surprise, if we consider that 

the objects were regarded as sacred fetishes. 

In the same way the Israelites burnt in 

cense before the brazen serpent, which 

Hezekiah on that account destroyed. 

(2 Kings xviii. 4.) 

22 πτερῶν τορ καὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ τὸν 

ἡρα ἐναὶ πλέον. This is, as Herodotus 

conjectures below (§ 31), a misrepresen-

tation of the falling flakes of snow, which 

in the old German mythology was rep-

resented as feathers tumbling from the 

bed of the goddess Holda, when she shook 

it in making it. Holda as a deity comes 

pretty near to the Latin Diana. See 

Grimm, Deutsche Mythologie, p. 165. 

23 των Πόντων οἰκεῖοτ. This expres-

sion seems to prove, not indeed that 

Herodotus's information of the Scythians 

was derived directly from themselves, 

but that it was something different from 

the legends current in the Pontine towns. 

27 κατοικημένον. This is the reading 

of all the MSS except two, b and d, which 

have κατοικημένον. Schweighäuser, con-
sidering that there is a clumsiness in the combination _οἰκεῖον_ κατοικημένον would read _κατωτικημένον_, which is often used by Herodotus as the equivalent of _κείμενον_. (See i. 142. 193; iv. 196.) But although the sentence would run better by adopting this suggestion, this reason is a very insufficient one for resorting to conjecture.

25 _μεταφάνθην_ τινα ἐγίναν._ The tradition (given as Scythian) by Diodorus (ii. 43) makes _Zeus_ (not _Hercules_) the progenitor of Strybes by Echidna. Probably the insignia of the Scythian Zeus were such as to suggest Hercules to the imagination of the Pontine Greeks. These would be the bow, the belt, and the drinking-cup (see below, § 10), i.e. the idol would be attired in the garb of a native warrior. Just so the daily worshipped on the banks of the Libyan lake Tritonis wore the costume of the women of the country. See note 487, below.

26 _καὶ τὸν κοιμάσαμεν _ἐθέλειν ἀπαλάσσεσθαι._ These words answer to the clause _κείμενον_ ἀπερβαλέσθαι, κ.τ.λ., and are to be taken after the word _λέγουσα_, with which the whole narrative is introduced. "They relate that while she kept putting off the restoration of the steeds in the wish to enjoy Hercules's society as long as possible, he wanted to get them and be gone." _Τὸν_ is the equivalent of _οἰκεῖον_, as continually in Herodotus.
She bears three sons: Agathyrsus, Gelonus, and Scytches, of whom only the youngest was able to string his father's bow.

He is the ancestor of the Scythian chiefs.

Another story, to which the author inclines, brings the Scythians

27 ἐπιστολής. This word is used in the sense of a 'suggestion' or 'instruction,' quite independently of any notion of a 'missive,' in this passage, and also in vi. 50, ἔλεγε δὲ ταῦτα ἐξ ἐπιστολῆς τῆς Δημοκρίτου.

28 ποταμὸν Ἀράξεα. It seems quite unquestionable from this passage that whatever the river may be which is spoken of here, it certainly is not the Araxes of Strabo,—i.e. the river which, with the Cyrrus (Κέρυν κοῦρα), drains the N.W. portion of Armenia, and falls with a N.E. or E. direction into the Caspian Sea. For an attempt to analyse the notions entertained by Herodotus with regard to the river or rivers to which he gives the name of Araxes, see note 677 on i. 201.

29 τὴν γὰρ νῦν νέμοντι Σκύθαι, αὕτη λέγεται τὸ παλαιὸν εἶναι Κιμμερίων. The Cimmerians, in the apprehension of those persons from whom Herodotus obtained his information, appear to have been regarded as a distinct race formerly over-spreading the plains to the north of the Black Sea as far as to the bank of the Danube on the west, and that of the Wolga on the east (see note 677 on i. 201) who had been expelled by the Scythians, the then existing inhabitants of the region. But the only remaining memorials of the race seem to have been the names Κιμμέρια τέξεα, Παρθένια Κιμμέρια, &c. (below, § 12) in Europe, and insulized traditions current in different localities,—for instance, at Sardis (i. 15), and at Sinope.
relative to one or more invasions of Asia by them. Strabo shows the very indefinite character of these traditions, and the doubt attaching even to the name of the invaders:  

### MELPOMENE. IV. 10, 11.  

over a river

from Asia into the land of the

Cimmerians.

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50 μεθή πρὸς πολλοὺς δεδέμοναν κινδυνεύνες. This reading, which is adopted by Gaisford, rests upon A, B, S, V, and appears to me to be genuine. But it does not seem that δεδέμοναν is to be in any way connected with πρῆγμα. I should render the passage, "and that there was no need to fight against such numbers," —an emphatic expression for the sentiment that it would be absurd to do so. There is no ellipse of any other word in the phrase πρῆγμα εἶναι, any more than in ἐγρὼν εἶναι, which is often used in just the same way, meaning to be 'the proper thing to be done.'

31 καταλαμβάνειν. This is a conjecture of Valckenaer's. The MSS have καταλαμβάνεις, which Gaisford retains. But the infinitive seems requisite. See i. 89: τάδε τοι ἐξ αὐτῶν ἐπίθετο γενέσθαι. vi. 12: πολλοὶ ἐπίθετοι τούτῳ τούτῳ πεισθαί εἰσι.
rian chiefs on the banks of the Týrus, and other traces of the race.

12 Settlement of the flying Cimmerians in the region about Sinope, and Scythian invasion of Media.

13 Aristeas of Proconnesus

πάντας ὑπ’ ἑωτῶν, θάψαι τὸν δήμον τῶν Κιμμερίων παρὰ τοσα-μῶν Τύρρην—καὶ σφενῶν ἐτὶ δήλος ἐστιν ὁ τάφος—θάψαντας δὲ, οὔτω τὴν ἔξοδον ἐκ τῆς χώρης ποιεῖσθαι. Σκίθας δὲ ἐπεκθόντας λαβεῖν ἐρήμην τὴν χώρην. Καὶ νῦν ἐστὶν μὲν ἐν τῇ Σκυθικῇ Κιμ-μερίᾳ τεῖχεα ἐστὶν δὲ Πορθμῆνα Κιμμερία· ἔστι δὲ καὶ χώρη οὕνων Κιμμερία 32. ἔστι δὲ Βόσπορος Κιμμέριος κολέομενος, φαίνονται δὲ οἱ Κιμμέριοι φεύγοντες ἐς τὴν Ἀσίην τοὺς Σκίθας καὶ τὴν χερσόνησον κτίσαντες, ἐν τῇ νῦν Σιμωνίᾳ πόλει Ἔλλας οἰκιστα 32, φανεροὶ δὲ εἰσὶ καὶ οἱ Σκίθαι διώξαντες αὐτοὺς καὶ ἐσβαλόντες ὑπὲρ τὴν Μηδικὴν, ἀμαρτόντες τῆς ὀδοὺν οἱ μὲν γὰρ Κιμμέριοι αἰτὶ τὴν παρὰ θάλασσαν ἐφευμώνοι δὲ Σκίθαι ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ Καύκασου ἐχοῦσαι ἐξίλουι οὐδὲ ἐσβαλούσι ἐς τὴν Μηδικὴν γῆν, ἢ μεσόγιαι τῆς ὀδοῦ τραφθέντες. οὕτος δὲ ἂλλος ξυνὸς Ἔλληνων τε καὶ βαρβάρων λεγόμενοι λόγος 34 εὐρηται.

32 χώρη οὕνων Κιμμερία. Strabo speaks of a κώμη Κιμμέρεικη as the point from which vessels which entered the Sea of Azof laid their course for the emporium which formerly existed at the mouth of the Tanaïs (v. i. c. 2, p. 402). The nomads both of Europe and Asia used to bring slaves and hides to this market, and exchange them for wine and articles of dress brought thither by the Bosporan Greeks, of whom this emporium was a settlement. (I.D. ib. p. 401.) The existence of the names appears to be a main foundation for the history of the Cimmerians. See for a parallel case Strabo cited in note 286 on ii. 102.

33 ἐν τῇ νῦν Σιμωνίᾳ πόλις Ἔλλας οἰ-κισα. Sinope was a colony from Miletus, and the most important of the settlements on this part of the coast of the Euxine. It was situated on the neck of a promontory, and had a port on each side. The original cause of the settlement probably was the great abundance of the smaller tunny-fish (called by the name τηλεμώδεια), in which it even exceeded Byzantium. The rock-bound shore in the neighbourhood rendered it very dangerous of access, while the soil was remarkably fertile. (Strabo, xii. c. 3, p. 23.)

34 ξυνὸς Ἔλληνων τε καὶ βαρβάρων λεγόμενοι λόγος. That this account should be common both to Greeks and barbarians, and yet not (in all probability) a true one, may be easily explained. See the note 364 on i. 104. It was a fact that the Cimmerians were pressed by nomad hordes, the same which afterwards inhabited the Scythia of Herodotus’s time. It was also a fact that similar hordes called by the same name, i.e. Saca (by which the Persians denominated all Scythians, vii. 64), invaded Media. The problem with the λόγοι was to connect these two facts; and the story in the text served excellently (while the geography was obscure) for this purpose. But it will be observed that in this passage the site of Media is undoubtedly mistaken, and that ἐς μεσόγιαι τῆς ὀδοῦ τραφθέν-τες is an exact description of what would be likely to happen to a pastoral horde on turning the spur of Caucasus which runs down to the w. coast of the Caspian Sea. They would spread up the valley of the Cyrus, far away from Media. But still in after times this country might, for commercial purposes, be regarded as Median by Greek merchants,—as has been shown in the note 363 on i. 104,—and thus justify the phrase ἐσβαλούν ἐς τὴν Μηδικήν.
in his poem proves to have been
among the issues, the
northern neighbours
of the Scythians, beyond
whom are Arimaspis,
Griffins, and
Hyperb.

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43 'Arimaspi, ἀνδρας μονοφθάλμους. The name Arimaspi is derived by Herodotus from two Scythian words. See below, § 27.
44 τοὺς χρυσοφόλακας Γρύπας. See above, iii. 116.
45 ἐπὶ τῇ νυσί ταθάλαισι. This is a phrase more suitable for a person who believed in the existence of a northern ocean than for Herodotus, who discredited the report of such a thing. (See iii. 115.) Possibly he is not only here following Aristeas, but adopting his very words.
46 ποίησα. This is the reading of Gaisford, on the authority of the manuscripts K, P, F, b. Others, including S, have εἰσαγαγεῖ, a reading which Origen appears to have found (c. Cel. iv. 3).
47 εἰφητα. This is the reading adopted by Gaisford, though the MSS which he follows in the last line have εὑρηκα; and so has Origen.
48 ἐν Προκονησίᾳ καὶ Κυζικῷ. There would be considerable traffic between these places on account of the marble quarries in the former, which supplied material for the finest buildings in all the cities of this region, especially Cyzicus. (Strabo, xiii. c. 1, p. 92.) It is the modern Marmora, which gives its name to the sea in which it lies. It will be observed that each of these two places was held as a fief of Persia in the time of Darius, as dynasts from each of them were among the number left in charge of the bridge over the Ister (§ 138, below). There is no account of their being conquered, and probably all that took place was the transfer of their allegiance from a Lydian to a Persian suzerain. See note on vi. 37, εν γωνίᾳ γεγονος.
49 ἀμφισβητεῖν. This is the reading of all the MSS (except S, which has ἀμφισβητητεῖν), and it is retained by Gaisford. Origen, however, has the form ἀμφισβατεῖν, which, as Kenrick has remarked, is formed after the analogy of παραβαστεῖν, and appears to be the genuine form in other places. (See note on ix. 74.) In the next line he has νεκροί for νεκρός.
\[\text{HERODOTUS} \]
\[\text{Kings} \]
\[\text{rrjv} \]
\[\text{connesus), second after happened must event Meaapotine connected at with Aristeas pontum. the to the Ptolemaic} \]
\[\text{No} \]
\[\text{one knows what} \]

15

Metapontine story of Aristeas appearing there (an event which must have happened 340 years after his second disappearance from Proconnesus), connected with a statue of Aristeas by the side of Apollo in the agora at Meta-pontum.

16

No one knows what

42 τα νῦν ... καλέσται. Origen has ἀ δη νῦν ... Ἀριμάππεα καλέσται. 
43 τάδε δὲ οἴδα Μεταποντίνοιοι. See note 271 on § 19, below.
44 εἶναι κόραξ. The crow or raven was originally a symbol of the prophetic deity. Afterwards it became an attendant of him, the poetical mythologers furnishing a reason for the satisfaction of the imagination of the worshipper. Aristeas and the crow are to Apollo just what Callisto and the bear were to Artemis. See notes 164 and 306 on i. 52 and 105.
45 ἔσται. So Gaisford and the MSS. Origen has εἰσι. The reading of the MSS is the more appropriate one, as the laurel trees were bronze representations of the natural shrub. (Theopompus, ap. Athenaeum, xiii. p. 605.) It was very natural that this should be in the agora, where one would hardly look for real laurels. A similar representation seems to have existed in the temple at Jerusalem in the time of king Josiah. (2 Kings xxiii. 6.) Compare too 1 Kings xv. 13. No doubt the pools and groves of nature were the original sites of the ritual in the elemental religions, but when cities were built and the form of ceremonial still retained, artificial representations became necessary in many cases.
46 τῆς πέρι ὑδὲ ο λόγος ὀρμηται λέγεσθαι, οὐδεὶς οἴδε ἄτρεκες ὁ τι τὸ κατύπερθε ἐστιν οὐδενὸς ἀγάρ δὴ αὐτόπτεω
eidevai faymenv dvmama pucbdcavb d'cpc 'Arsvthv, tov per dloigma prcpcrov touvs mpympn epovcymi, odcve ocytoi 18 pros- wteroro 'Iscdvwh, ev auvtois tucav epetsi poues evfih apvkcstaiv 4v11a tta kucpcbpcve 5v10p, fva 'Iscdvwh evnav tovvs taiva lecoutas. all' osouv mev cmceix evpc 1makiptoton oidoi' evgenvmeva akoy ejkixestai 49, pwc eiypxestai. Apo tov Buvrcv- neivtov eucpov, (tvotv qar ton prapaclavsvjw mcvsaatov evst evpsv ths Scuvuiv 50,) apj tovov prcpcov Kallpbidai vevmvntai, evvnves "Elyvpes Scuvwha. Upot de tovovv avlo evuos, o' 'Alovwr'ves Kalcavntan ovnto de kai o Kallpbidai tta mev 4v11a kata taiva Scuvwh evpaskovntai, svotov de kai spcprouvntai kai okrivntai, kai krpmyvna kai skordvna kai fakouvs 31 kai kctepvos. Upot de 'Alov- xwvov oikcounv Scuvwhi dpopriwes, oiv ouk evpi cctepi kai spcprouvntai tvoi oivnto 4v11a evpi prv- xevov. toevoi de kacpcbpcve oicounv Neuvroid 52. Neuvroid de to prcsp bcrov anevrov ecrym 53 anvrfprwv, osouv cmceix idiav. taiva mev paro ton "Tpanwv potamov evi evnva, prvos escprv ths Buvrcvnevov. 'Atap dcavxivtov tov Buvrcvnevov, apd thalasivs prcpcov nvoi' 'Tvavtyp 54. Apo de taxaivs avno 55 oicounv

lies beyond Scythia.

The author gives the best account he can from hearsay.

17
Starting from the factory of the Borys- thenes, and going up the banks of the Hynapis, there come the Cal- lipidae:

Alazones: Corn grove-
eris: Neuri: all west of the Borys-
thenes.

18
East of the Borysthenes is the Bush,

The grammarians assert that it was the practice of the old Ionian and Attic dia- lect to sound it as with the circumflex on the penult, as also in the case of eumvov and toivmos.

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48 odcve ocytoi. This accumulation of negatives is quite in accordance with the genius of the Greek language. Plato has: tithumev gec avtovs legein, iplcben iplcben iplcben dvmvnav eicuwn comvvas iev iplcben. (Sophist. p. 251.)

49 osouv mev cmceix . . . . akoy ejkixestai.

The same expression is used above (i. 171), osouv iev dcvnbai eicx evpc 1makiptoton ej- kixestai akoy, where see the note 572 for other instances.

50 Scuvwhs. S and V have Scuvwhs.

51 krpmvma kai skordvma kai fakouvs.

These articles of food are united in Numbers xi. 5. They, with salt fish, furnished the only seasoning to the bread which was the staple food of the common people almost universally in the time of Herodotus. See ii. 125, and note 371 thereon.

52 Neuri. Cooley, who places these people in the north of Poland, says, in confirmation of his view, that the river upon which Wilna stands is still called Nevis in the Lithuanian language. But see note 282 on § 105, below.

53 drcym. The manuscripts S and V accentuate this word on the first syllable.

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55 avno. This is an ingenious emenda- tion of Valcknaer’s from Zvnapov, the reading of all the MSS, which would be written in its abbreviated form avno. It is confirmed by a passage of Ephoros (op. Seymour Chinn, t. ii, p. 49, ed. Hudson), which is no doubt taken from
Herodotus' description: πρὸς ἀναστόλας δ' ἰδὼν τὸν Βορυσθένην τοῦ τὴν λεγο-
μένην "Τθλαν" (λεγέντα "Τθλαι") οἰκονο-
μος Σκύθας ἦν δὲ γεωργὸς ἐχομένος τοῦτον ἔχων. Gaisford adopts it. 56 ἐπὶ τῷ Τθλαν ποταμῷ. The city
Olbia stood upon the right bank of the Illyrians, about six miles above the junction
with the Borysthenes. The site bears the name of Stomogil (Hundred
mounds), from the number of tumuli in the neighbourhood. In an inscription
found there mention is made of certain μεγαλείματα, which no doubt are the hybrid
population called by Herodotus Callipidea and Almiones (above, § 17).
57 πλοῦν ἀνὰ τὸν Βορυσθένα ἡμέρας ἕνδεκα. STRABO makes the Borysthenes
navigable for only 600 stades, and places the town Borysthenes (which he identifies
with Olbia) 200 stades from the mouth. Herodotus appears (from § 53) to con-
ceive of the river as being navigable for forty days' sail. But at the distance of
about 220 miles from the mouth there occur 13 cataracts, which entirely stop
the navigation.
58 ὂ δὲ. So Gaisford prints on the
authority of S, V, and c. The other MSS have ὄδῃ δὲ, a variation certainly
not inferior to the text. 59 ᾿Ανδροφάγος. He mentions these
cannibals again below (§ 106).
60 τὸ δὲ πρὸς τὴν ἥν, κ.τ.λ. It is
extremely difficult to reconcile the topo-
graphy of this section with that of §§ 99
—101. Perhaps we may suppose that
Herodotus is here following Olbiopolitan
accounts, which took no account of any
thing but the hordes along the line of a
caravan route, by which the traffic from
the neighbourhood of the mouth of the Tanais arrived. In the last two sections
the description likewise suggests that
Olbia is the source of the account, being
probably the mart to which the commodi-

cities from the several localities mentioned
in § 17 were fished down.
61 ἡμέρας τεσσαρών καὶ δέκα ὡδών. This would give seventeen days (perhaps
caravan marches) from the Borysthenes
to the river Gerhus. In § 101 the dis-
cance from the Borysthenes to the Maeotis
is estimated at only ten.
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eastward to the river

East of this are the Royal Sey-

thians, who extend as far as Creu- 

ni, and even to the Tanais. North of 

these are the Me-

lomene, 21 

marshes, and a de-

sert. On the east 

bank of the Tanais are the Sau-

romatæ. North of 

these the Budini; 

It seems however very unlikely that actual regal palaces should have existed, as some commentators have imagined. 63 Μαίτιδος. This is the reading of 

Gaisford. Several MSS have the form Μαίτιδος, which is universal in § 3, above. In viii. 23 two MSS alone have the form Ιστιαίτιδος, the others Ιστια- 

ιωτίδος. 66 Κρημνος. This would probably be at or near the modern Taganroc.

63 Σαυροματεών. See note 296 on 

§ 116, below.

65 ἐκ τοῦ μυχοῦ. In this bay there was an emporium called by the same name as the river (Tanais), where the Cluumerian Bosphoranes of Corocondame and Phanagoria used to exchange wine and articles of dress for skins and slaves which were brought thither by the nomads on each side of the Tanais. By the way in which Strabo speaks of these places, there can be little doubt that they existed in the time of Herodotus, yet they are obviously unknown to him. Yet in- 

dependently of this important traffic, the sea of Aazof was the head quarters of the 

fisheries in these parts (xi. c. 2, p. 401). It would seem therefore as if from some cause or other this line of traffic was closed at the time Herodotus wrote, and that the commerce of the north and east was obliged to find its way overland to the Borysthenes or Hypanis (§ 17, above). Strabo expressly mentions (xi. c. 5, p. 423) that the carriage of the merchandise from Babylon and from India was once in the hands of the Aorsi and Sirones (whom he places in the plains of the Don and Kouban), and that they received it from the Armenians and the Medes; and though the time to which he refers is later than Alexander, yet the route can hardly then have been first struck out.

66 Λάζιν. The manuscripts S and V have βάζιν. The word λαζίς is derived from a root λαζή, still traceable in the form Λαζάν, which is the regular aorist of λαζάνω. Lachesis, the name of one of the Moere, has the same origin.

67 Βουδιών. For the description of 

these see below, § 108.

66 ἀπηλώτην ἄνεμον. This is the s.e. 

wind, or perhaps the e. by b.
then a desert seven days in extent; then more eastward come the Thyssogetæ and Iyros; and beyond them other Scythians, a swarm from the Royal Scythians.

23

In the flanks of the mountains which bound the plain of Scythia live the Argippæans, a sacred race of bald men, who live under trees, possess no weapons, are appealed to as judges, and possess the privilege of sanctuary.

69 Ἰάρκαι. Von Hammer says that the phrase ‘Wurk (wanderers)’ is one still existing among the Turkish hordes. If so, it is possible that it is only by mistake attributed to a distinct tribe.

70 λοχά, i.e. ὁ θεραῖος, to be gathered by inference from what has preceded, just as ὁ βόων is in ii. 47: ἤπειρα θηρά, and in i. 132: τῶν δὲ ὡς ἐκάστῳ βοῶν θέλει, as the text be not corrupt in this last case.

71 φαλακροὶ ἐκ γενεϊκός γινόμενοι. Mallet (cited by Bähr) says that it is the practice among the Cumanx to shave, from the very earliest years, the heads of those whom they destine for the priesthood. Possibly such a priestly caste is the foundation for the statement in the text.

72 ποντικὸν μὲν ὀξύμα τῷ δειδρέῳ ἀπὸ τοῦ ζωτ. This is the bird-cherry (Prunus Padus). Erman, Reise um die Erde, i. p. 427—9, quoted by Cooley, says that the present inhabitants of the southern parts of the Ural are called Bashkirs, which strangely maintains to be etymologically equivalent to φαλακροῖ. They are not Monguls, but Turks; although they have the Mongul physiognomy, and consequently accord with Herodotus’s description. Their mode of preparing the fruit of the bird-cherry is exactly what Herodotus describes; and the acid strained off is called by the Russians of the present day by the name Alschn. But these points of similarity may well exist without establishing the identity of the races.

73 πίλῳ στεγνῷ λευκῷ. This is the
felt out of which the Tartar tents are commonly made. The epithet στεγθεντες (close) differences it from textile fabrics.

'Αργιππαιοι. The manuscripts S and V have Οργιππαιοι. Ἀδελίγκ (Μιθριδάτες, i. p. 491) considers that these Argippaios are Mongols. He places them in the Altai mountains.

των ἔμπροσθεν θηνίων, "of the tribes before you (as you travel on)," Larcher contends that πολλή περιφανεία means "a thorough knowledge," and quotes two or three passages from Demosthenes to defend his view. But although it may be conceded that something like this is the upshot of the meaning, such a translation would entirely mask the association of ideas suggested by the expression. τὸ περιφανές is the opposite of τὸ ἐν γω- νίᾳ περιπατεῖν, and in the passages of Demosthenes which Larcher cites this is most plain. A better version of πολλὴ περιφανεία would be "a perfectly easy means of seeing."

δη’ επί τά ἐρμηνεύον καὶ δι’ επί γλασ- σεών. This seems to show that there were seven distinct tribes through which the caravan traffic passed between its departure from the oriental mart and its arrival on the Borysthenes or Hypanis. This would induce the belief that the extent of the journey must be very great, perhaps even as far as China.

ἀτρεκέως. So Gaisford, following the majority of MSS. But S has ἀτρε- κέες. See above, note 47 on § 16.

οἱ τῶν ἀξιόμουν καθεδουντα. The notion contained in these words doubtless arose from the circumstance of the long nights in the arctic regions being known by report. We need not however conclude that any Hellenic travellers had ever arrived within the arctic circle. See note 128 on § 42, below.

[τῆν]. This word is omitted in S and V.

[ἀτρεκέως]. This word is omitted in the manuscripts M, K, P, F.

Ὅτ’ Ἰσιδρὸν ὀικείμενον. The knowledge of this race seems to be derived from the travellers by the caravans which brought the eastern commodities to the Borysthenetown ἐμπόροι on the Dniiper. Possibly they occupied the western side of the Ural river, having the Massagetae originally on the opposite bank. See i. 201, and note 677 thereon.
months in the year.

Habits of the Issedones, who are to the east of the Argippeans.

The Arimaspi and

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κατύπερθε πρὸς βορῖν ἀνέμον οὐ γινώσκεται, οὕτε τῶν φαλακρῶν οὕτε τῶν Ἰσσηδώνων, εἰ μὴ ὁσα αὐτῶν τούτων λεγόντων. Νόμοισι δὲ Ἰσσηδώνων τοιούτοι λέγονται χράσαντες ἐπεὶ ἀνδρὶ ἀυτοθάνῳ πατὴρ, οἱ προσήκοντες πάντες προσέχουσι πρόβατα καὶ ἐπειτα ταύτα θυσαίες, καὶ κατασκευάζουσι καὶ τῶν τοῦ δεκαμένου τεθνεότα γονέα: ἀναμαζόντες δὲ πάντα τὰ κράτα 26, δαίτα προτιβέαται τὴν ἀκεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ ψυλώσαντε καὶ ἐκκαθηραντες, καταχρυσοῦσι καὶ ἐπειτα ἀτε ἀγαλματὶ χρέωνται, θυσίας μεγάλας ἐπετέουσ ἐπιτελέοντες παῖς δὲ πατρὶ τούτῳ τοίει, κατὰ περί ἐλληνες τὰ γενεσία: ἀλλοι δὲ δίκαιοι καὶ οὕτω λέγονται εἶναι ἰσοκρατεῖς δὲ ὁμοίως ἦν ἵνα αἱ ἤμοικαι τούτω ἀνδράσι. γυνώσκονταῖ μὲν δὴ καὶ οὕτωι.

Τὸ δὲ ἀπὸ τούτων τὸ κατύπερθε, Ἰσσηδώνες εἰσά οἱ λέγοντες τοὺς μονοφθάλμους ἀνθρώπους καὶ τοὺς χρυσοφύλακας Τρίτας 27.

82 δὲ. The manuscript S omits this word, as if the paragraph next following were of the nature of a note.

83 ἀναμαζόντες δὲ πάντα τὰ κράτα. It is observable that this custom, which Herodotus ascribes to the Issedones here and to the Massagetae (i. 216), the printing in colours which he attributes to the inhabitants of Caucasus (i. 203), the dict which he gives to the natives of the islands in the Araxes (i. 202), and the promiscuous intercourse which he imputes to the Massagetae (i. 216), are by Strabo all given to one people, viz. the nomadic inhabitants of the basins of the Jaxartes and Oxus, whom he calls the Massagetae (xi. c. 8, pp. 432, 433). The variation is in my opinion solely due to the circumstance, that Strabo is writing after the growth of geography as a science, and under the guidance of Eratosthenes and the other learned Greeks, who had reduced the accounts of travellers into a systematic form, whereas Herodotus has no geographical system of his own, and merely combines in a rough way information derived from different channels. See the note 677 on i. 201; 681 on i. 202; and 635 on i. 203.

84 γυνώσκονταί μὲν δὴ καὶ οὕτωι. This expression refers back to what had been said in § 25, ἀλλὰ τὸ μὲν πρὸς ἦν... γυνώσκονταί ἐπὶ Ἰσσηδῶν οἰκείμενον. See note 92 on iii. 33.

85 Ἰσσηδώνες εἰσά οἱ λέγοντες... χρυσοφύλακας Τρίτας. This apparently refers to the stories of the war continually going on for gold between the Arimaspi and the Grifins,—which appears to have formed a portion of the Αρμασσαία ἔποιη attributed to Aristeas in the time of Herodotus, but considered as spurious by later writers. Compare §§ 13, 16, above, with iii. 116. These passages agree well enough with the present on the supposition, that in the Arimaspiæ the poet feigned himself to be rapt by the inspiration of Apollo into the country of the Issedones, and then made them the vehicle for the main subject of his composition, of which he laid the scene in the lands beyond; while all the time the materials for these fictions were derived from the Scythians, with whom the Hellenic traders on the Euxine had dealings. That witchcraft should enter largely into legends proceeding from such a source is very natural; and Aristeas very probably made himself the hero of some of the scenes. Hence perhaps sprang the current notion of his being a conjurer (ἀνήρ γόνης, εἰ τίς ἄλλος. Strabo. xiii. c. 1, p. 92). The work was very little known in the Roman times. Gellius (Noct. Att. ix. 4.) bought it together with a bundle of other old books (including Ctesias and Onesicritus) at Brundisium, for a sum so small as to astonish him. All the volumes "ex diutino situ squalebant, et habitu aspectuque tetro erant."
The climate of all these countries is excessively severe for eight months in the year; the Bosporus is frozen, and there is a

sometimes obliged to sail without completing their cargo. This singular kind of monsoon takes place almost every year after midsummer. (Heber: MS Journal quoted by Clarke, i. p. 424.) Clarke, who was at Taganrock early in July after a prevalence of east wind, found ships drawing no more than eight or ten feet of water obliged to lie ten miles off the shore, and in the autumn the greatest depth in the whole sea of Azof is often no more than fourteen feet.

The freezing of the strait is not at all uncommon now in severe winters, and to such an extent that loaded wagons cross from shore to shore. This however arises mainly from the pack ice brought down the Tanais into the Maeotis, which is carried by the current towards the Bosporus and caught in the narrow channel,—which, according to Strabo (vii. c. 4, p. 90), is, between Parthenium on the European shore and Achilleum on the Asiatic, no more than twenty stades. Prince Gleb, son of Vladimir, measured the distance from Tmutarakan to Kertch (which, according to Clarke, corresponds with that from Phanagoria to Pontica-paum) on the ice in the year 1065, and found it 39,054 fathoms. (Clarke, Travels, ii. p. 85.) It was said that Neoptolemus, the general of Mithridates, gained a cavalry skirmish on the ice in the winter in exactly the same locality in which he had won a naval action the summer before. (Strabo, vii. c. 3, p. 91.)

τάφρος. See note on § 201.

Σινδώσ. This is Gaisford's reading from a conjectural emendation, the manuscripts having ινδώσ. Stephanus By-
Asses and mules die of the cold.

There are no mules bred in Elis, and the author wonders why.

Cattle are hornless from the same cause.

οὐτὸς μὲν ἢμας διατελεῖεν χειμῶν ἐως τοὺς ἐπιλοιποὺς τέσσερας
ψύχεα ἀυτῶν ἐστὶ. κεχώρισται δὲ οὕτως ὁ χειμῶν τοῖς τρόποις
πάσι τοῖς ἐν ἄλλοις χαρύσασθαι γινομένοις χειμῶναί ἐν τῷ τῆ
μὲν ὀραίην οὐκ ὑπὲρ λόγον ἄξιον οὐδὲν, τὸ δὲ θέρεος ὅπων οὐκ ἀνείας
βροντή τε ἢμος τῇ ἀλλή γίνονται, τηλικάνθη μὲν οὐ γίνονται
θέρεος δὲ ἀμφιλαφέες· ἂν δὲ χειμώνων βροντὴ γίνεται, ὡσ τέρας
νεφώμασται θαυμάζεσθαι· ὡς δὲ καὶ ἢν σεισμὸς γένεται, ἢν τε θέρεος
ἠν τε χειμώνως, ἐν τῇ Σκυθικῇ τέρας γενόμεναι ὕπποι δὲ ἀνεχώ-
μενες ἑρόσι τοῖς χειμῶνα τότον, ἡμῖνοι δὲ καὶ ὑὸν οὐκ ἄνεχου-
ται ἀρχήν. τῇ δὲ ἀλλή ὕπποι μὲν ἐν κρυμῷ ἑστεώτες ἀποσφα-
κελίζουσι, ὅποι δὲ καὶ ἡμῖνοι ἄνεχουσι. Δοκεῖ δ' μοι καὶ τὸ
γένος τῶν βοῶν τὸ κόλον διὰ τάτατα οὐ φύειν κέραοι αὐτῶθι· μαρ-
τυρεύει δὲ μου τῇ γνώμῃ καὶ Ὅμηρος ἔτος ἐν Ὅδυσσείη, ἔχον ὁδῳ·

Kai Λιβύη, ὅθε τ' ἄρνες ἄφαρ κέραοι τελέθουσιν

ὁρθὸς εἰρημένοι, ἐν τούτι θερμοίς ταχὺ παραγώνεσθαι τὰ κέραα,
ἐν δὲ τούτι ἵσχυροις ψύχεις ἢ οὐ φύει κέρα ὑπὸ τὴν ἄρχην ἐκ
ἐς ψυφαίς ψυφαῖς μόνοις. ἐνθαῦτα μὲν νῦν διὰ τὰ ψύχεα γίνεται
ταῦτα. Ὀθωμάζο δὲ, (προσθήκαις γάρ δὴ μοι ὁ λόγος ἐξ ἄρχης
ἐδίχτοτο), ὅτι ἐν τῇ Ἡλείη πάση χώρῃ οὐ δυνάμεσθαι γίνεσθαι
ἡμῖνοι, οὔτε ψυχρῷ τοῦ χωροῦ ἕνοτος οὔτε ἄλλου φαινοῦντοι οὐδε-
νον· φασὶ δὲ αὐτοὶ Ἡλείοι ἐκ κατάρης τευν οὐ γίνεσθαι σφι
ἡμῖνούς, ἀλλ’ ἐπεάν προσῆ γρή κυκάκεσθαι τὰς ὕππους,
ἐξελάνουσι ἐς τοὺς πλησιοχώρους, ἀρτάς καὶ ἐπείτα σφι ἐν τῇ
τῶν πέλας ἐπίεισαι τοὺς ὄνους, ἐς οὐ ἤν σχόσει αἱ ὕπποι ἐν γαστρὶ,
ἐπείτα δὲ ὄπισθε ἀπελάνουσι. Περί δὲ τῶν πτερῶν, τῶν Σκύθαι

ZANTINUS (sub n. Σινδοί) says Σινδοί ἀπὸ μεσημβρίας τῆς Μαιώτιδος λίμνῃ· ἐνώς δὲ καὶ τὸ Ζινδικὸν γένος φασίν εἶναι τῶν Μαιωτῶν ἀπόσπασμα. For a probable reason of the variation observable in the MSS see note 25 on i. 6. In ix, 15 the MSS vary between ἐς Σκάλουν and ἐς Κάλουν.

91 οὕτως. This word is omitted in S and V.

92 ἄριει. See note 604 on i. 180.

93 θέρεος. S and V have θέρας, which is the reading of the MSS without exception two lines back.

94 ἡμῖνοι δὲ καὶ ὑοὶ οὐκ ἄνεχονται ἄρχην. See the note on § 129, below.

95 οὐ φύειν κέρα τὰ κτήνεα ἄρχην. This expression seems to show that the information which reached Herodotus came from travellers to whom the regions inhabited by the elk and the rein-deer were entirely unknown even by hearsay. Hence if the animals spoken of below (§ 109) are seals, which seems not improbable, they will have been caught in the Caspian and the mouths of the Wolga, not in the Northern Sea.

96 ἐς τῶν πλησιοχώρους. These would be the Arcadians, whose breed of asses was celebrated. "Arcadie pecuaria." (PERSIUS, Sat. iii. 9).
λέγουσι 97 ἀνάπλεων εἶναι τὸν ἴμαρα, καὶ τοῦτον εἶνεκα οὐκ οἷα τε εἶναι οὕτε ὑδεῖν τὸ πρόσω τῆς ἡπείρου οὕτε διεξεῖναι, τὴν δὲ ἐξω περὶ αὐτῶν τὴν γνώμην τὰ κατέπερθε ταῦτης τῆς χώρης αἰεὶ νῦφεται, ἐλάσσον δὲ τοῦ θέρεος ἢ τοῦ χειμώνος, ὡσπερ καὶ οἰκός, ἤδη δὲ ὀστὶς ἀχρόθεν χίανα ἰδρήν πίπτουσαν εἶδε, οὗτο δὲ λέγον ἐξοικε γὰρ ἡ χώρα πετροῦσα καὶ διὰ τὸν χειμώνα τοῦτον ἐνώπιον τοιοῦτον, οὐκέτα τὰ πρὸς βορίν ἐστὶ τῆς ἡπείρου ταῦτας· τὰ δὲ πετρά 98 εἰκάζοντας τὴν χώραν τοὺς Σκύθας τε καὶ τοὺς περιοίκους δοκέω λέγειν. 

Τ'περβορέων δὲ περὶ ἀνθρώπων οὐτε τι Σκύθαι λέγουσι, οὔτε τινὲς ἄλλοι τὸν ταύτην οἰκημένου, εἰ μὴ ὁρὰ Ἰσσηδόνες· ὡς δὲ ἐγὼ δοκέω, οὗτο οὐτοὶ λέγουσι οὐδὲν ἐλέγου γὰρ ἂν καὶ Σκύθαι, ὡς περὶ τῶν μουνοθάλμων λέγουσι. ἀλλ' Ἡσιόδος μὲν ἐστὶ περὶ Τ'περβορέων εἰρημένα, ἐστὶ δὲ καὶ Ὄμηρος ἐν Ἐπειγονίσαι, ἐς δὲ τὸ ἐόντι γε "Ομηρος ταῦτα τὰ ἐπεα ἐποίησε 99. Πολλῶ δὲ τι πλείστα περὶ αὐτῶν Ἁδηλίων λέγουσι, φάμενοι ἢρα εἰνδεδεμένα εἰ καλαίμης πυρῶν, εἴ Τ'περβορέων φερόμενα ἀπεκίνησαι εἰς Σκύθας, ἀπὸ δὲ Σκυθέων ἕδη δεκομένους αἰεὶ τοὺς πλησιοχώρους ἐκάστους, κομίζειν αὐτὰ τὸ πρὸς ἐσπέρης ἐκαστάτω ἐπὶ τῶν Ἀδρίνην 100, εἴνθετε δὲ πρὸς μεσαμβρίνη προπετομένα πρῶτον Δωδώναιον Ἐλλήνων δέκεσσαν, ἀπὸ δὲ τοῖν τούτων καταβαίνεις ἐπὶ τῶν Μηλεά κόλπων, καὶ διαπορεύεσθαι εἰς Εὔβοιαν πόλιν ἐς τό πόλιν πέμπειν, μέχρι Καρύστου τὸ δ' ἀπὸ ταῦτας, ἐκλιπέειν "Ἀδριάνοι Καρυστίους, γὰρ εἶναι τοὺς κομίζοντας ἐς Τήνου, Τήνους δὲ ἐς Δήλουν. ἀπεκινήσεθαι μὲν νῦν ταῦτα τὰ ἢρα οὕτω 101 λέγουσι ἐς Δήλου πρῶτον δὲ

97 τῶς Σκύθας λέγουσι. See § 7, above. 98 τὰ δὲ πετρὰ. The force of the article is to be observed. "The feathers then (i.e. of which we were speaking) is a name which the Scythians, in my opinion, give to the snow, indicating the similarity."

99 ἀλλ' Ἡσιόδω... τὰ ἐπεα ἐποίησε. The manuscript S has the genitives Ἡσιάδου, Ὀμήρου. F. A. Wolf suspected this sentence to proceed not from Herodotus, but from a grammarians. His opinion is treated unfavourably by Schweighäuser, on the ground that similar paragraphs occur in many other parts of the work. This objection is not to me a valid one, except as showing that Wolf's remark has a wide application. See note 432 on ii. 145. In another passage (v. 67) the Ὀμήρεια ἐπι which Herodotus speaks of are probably the Thebais, which began with the words Ἀργος άείδε, θεά, πολυθίφων, and the Epigoni was so closely connected with this poem, that it would hardly be questioned by any one who believed in the authenticity of the former. See Clinton, F. H. 1. p. 552. The mention of the Hyperboreans by Hesiod must have been made in some work now lost. 100 ἐπὶ τῶν Ἀδρίνης, "to the Adriatic bay," the word κόλπων being understood. See note 536 on ii. 163. 101 ἀπεκινήσεθα... οὕτω. In the time of Pausanias the route of these offerings.
to Thracian and Paeonian women

In the Artemis worship.

was changed, at least in the local traditions

... of Thracian and Paeonian women

... the Paeonians, who struck so heavy a blow to Perithous (v. i. ...
λών αἱ μὲν, πρὸ γὰρ πλοκαμον ἀποταμοῦνειν ἐπολαμφάκοι καὶ περὶ 
ἀτρακτὸν εἰλίξαται, ἐπὶ τὸ σήμα τιθεῖνον ὑπὲρ τὸ Ἀρτέμισιον ἐσώτηρι χειρὸς ἐπιτέργευκε δὲ οἱ ἐλαΐν').
οἱ δὲ παῖδες τῶν Δηλίων, περὶ χλόην τών εἰλίξαντες τῶν τρεῖρων, 
προτιθείσι καὶ οὕτως ἐπὶ τὸ σήμα αὐτὰ μὲν δὴ ταύτην τὴν τιμήν 
έχουσι πρὸς τῶν Δῆλου οἰκτύρων. Φασί δὲ οἱ αὐτοὶ καὶ τὴν 
Ἀργην τε καὶ τὴν Ὀπιν, ένόσας παρθένους, ἐξ Τρέπηρογέων κατὰ 
τοὺς αὐτοῦς τοῦτοὺς ἀνθρώπους πορευμένας ἀπικέσθαι ἐς Δήλουν 
ἐτὶ πρότερον ὙΠέροχες τε καὶ Λαοδίκης' ταύτας μὲν νῦν τῇ 
Εἰλεθυίῃ ἀποφεροῦσας ἀντὶ τοῦ ὄκτυρθόν τὸν ἔταξαντο φόρον ἀπ' 
ικέσθαι τὴν δὲ Ἀργην τε καὶ τὴν Ὀπιν ἀμὰ αὐτοῖς τοῖς θεοῖς 
ἀπικέσθαι λέγουσιν, καὶ σφὶ τιμᾶς ἄλλας δεδομένη πρὸς σφέων 
καὶ ἀρὰς ἀγείρεται σφὶ τὰς γυναίκας, ἐπονομαζοῦσας τὰ ὁμόματα ἐν 
τῷ ὄμοιο τὸν σφὶ Ὀπίλην ἀνὴρ Λῦκιος ἐπότισε· παρὰ δὲ σφέων 
μαθόντας νησίωτας τε καὶ Ἰωνας ὑμέειν Ὀπιν τε καὶ Ἀργην, 
ὄνομάζοντάς τε καὶ ἀγείροντας' (οὕτος δὲ ὁ Ὀπίλην καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους 
touς παλαιοὺς ὄμοιον ἐποίησε ἐκ Λυκίης ἐλθὼν 198, τοὺς αἰειδομένουs ἐν Δήλου) καὶ τῶν μηρίων καταγείρομένου ἐπὶ τῷ βασιλῷ τῶν 
σποδῶν, ταύτην ἐπὶ τὴν θίκην τῆς Ὀπινός τε καὶ Ἀργης ἀναστυ-
μοῦσα ἐπιβαλλομένη· ἡ δὲ θίκη αὐτῶν ἐστὶ ὑποσθε τοῦ Ἀρτε-
μισίων, πρὸς ὑδ Yale Τέταμμενή, ἀγχωταῖτω τοῦ Κηνοῦ Ἰστηρτορίου 199.
Καὶ ταῦτα μὲν ὙΠέρογέων πέρι εἰρήσθων τὸν ἀρὰ περὶ Ἀβάριος 
λόγον 110 τοῦ λεγομένου εἶναι ὙΠέρογέων ὥς λέγω, λέγων ὡς τὸν

107 πρὸ γὰρ πλοκαμον ἀποταμοῦνειν. PAUSANIAS mentions that at Megara the 
marrigeable virgins used to offer a similar 
sacrifice on the tomb of Iphine (i. 4.3). 
This is obviously a ritual belonging to 
effectly the same religious system, and 
see the notes 164 and 366 on i. 52 and 
105.
108 ἐκ Λυκίης ἐλθὼν. Probably Olen 
was connected with a colony of Apollo-
worshippers from Patara in Lycia. See 
note 612 on i. 182.
109 ἀκωτάτα τοῦ Κηνοῦ Ἰστηρτορίου. 
Larcher gathers from this passage that 
each island of the Cyclades had an edifice 
in which to lodge its députés sent to the 
great festivals at Delos. I should rather 
consider the building to be one for the use 
of the traders from Cees. BENJAMIN OF 
Tudela (in the year 1168) speaks of the 
soutechi or hosteries for the several na-
tions which traded to Alexandria at that 
time.
110 τῶν περὶ Ἀβάριος λόγον. The first 
form of the story of Abaris seems to have 
been that he was a priest of Apollo, who 
made a begging pilgrimage, carrying what 
professed to be an arrow belonging to his 
god as a sacred symbol. This is the way 
in which he was described by the orator 
LYCERUS. (See LOBECk, Aglaophamus, 
p. 314, note p.) In subsequent times the 
legend took a different form, and the 
arrows was represented as a magical vehicle 
(like the broomstick of the witches) upon 
which he travelled. In this shape CELSUS 
quoted it in his book against which OXEN 
WROTE (c. CELS. ill. p. 129). But it 
can scarcely be doubted that the arrow
37

His own geographical system. Asia.

was originally the symbol of the Deity for whom the mendicant expedition was undertaken. The most sturdy beggars among the Pagan priests were those who advocated the claims of the Mother, so that the term μητρικόχρηστος was from them applied to all. But they were not the only mendicants. Sophocles, in a satyric drama (Inachus), introduced Here herself as a priestess begging, with the words Νέοι ήρας ὀρεσθείσοι θεαίνις ἔγερε, Ἴνα χρήσαι Αργείου ποταμοῦ παίσι βασιλέας. (Plato, Resp. ii. p. 431. Schol. Aristoph. Ran. 1353.) Sometimes the sacred symbol was an animal, as a crow, or a goose. The early Christians were very bitter against these collections in favour of what they called the 'Dii tributarii.' "Non sufficimus," says Tertullian, "et hominibus et Diis vestris open ferme."

111 εἰ δὲ εἰτὶ τὸν Ἑπερβορέας ἄλλοι.

This passage is cited as by Herodorus in the Scholiast on Apollon. Rhod. ii. 675. The two names are very often confounded. Hecatæus wrote two books on the subject of the Hyperbores, and positively asserted that they existed in his time. (Schol. Apoll. l. c.)

112 γελά δὲ ὄρεων . . . ἐξηγησάμενον.

This passage appears to be corrupt in the latter part. Dobree proposes to read ἔχωντας for ἔχωντα; a conjecture which is adopted by Bekker. I should be more disposed to read ἔχωντα, and write οὐδὲ ἐνα instead of οὔδεν. The final letter of the word ἔχωντα might have arisen in an uncial manuscript through the error of the transcriber writing C (a) instead of e, and the subsequent corrector, on observing that ἐξηγησάμενον was deficient in its initial letter, at once inserting it. If ἔχωντα be adopted, it is to be taken as the accusative plural after ἐξηγησάμενον. Translate: "But I smile to see multitudes of persons up to the present time drawing up charts of the earth, and not a soul giving explanations that have sense." 113 ἔχουσαν κυκλοτερέα ἄφον τόρφου. See note 71 on ii. 21.

114 Πέρσας οἰκεοῦσι. Schweighäuser conceives that the word Ἀσίην must have originally preceded these words. It is not found however in any existing MS. It will be remarked that the νοτιὰν ταλάσσαν here and in § 42 is a very different sea from that mentioned above. (See note 17.)

115 τούτων ὧν ἐπεροκέουσιν, κ.τ.λ. Niebuhr (Kleine Schriften, p. 153) endeavours to explain the geographical system which follows by the annexed diagram. The space a, b, c, d is the part of Asia occupied by the four nations, Persians, Medes, Saspires, and Colchii, d being supposed to be the head of the Persian Gulf. a, k, i, h is the northern ἄστη, Phasis being at a, and Sigeum at k. From d to h is the χάρας πλατύς καὶ πολλὸς, h, g being the Phoenician line of coast. g, d, e, f is the other ἄστη, in which, reckoning from d, y as a base, there occur the "three nations," which Niebuhr makes to be Persians, Assyrians, and Arabians. But see below, note 121.
tauta têssera éthene oikíeî ék thalássas ës thalassan. 'Eínde-'
ten ðè, to ðpros éostérhis, ãktai dithàiastai áp' ãutîs kapatêinouși ës
thalassan, tâs égô ðpanhîsmaion éthen ãn ãkttî ãtêrti ða	hroporîn, àptô Fasios àrâxaménh, parratetati ës thalassan
parâ te tón Pónton kai tón 'Ellâsptonov meêrhi Stigeion tû
Triónikoù. tâ ðè ðpros nîtou, ãtû ãtû ãkttî ðptô toû Mura-
drikou kólpou, tû ðpros Founîkê keimênou, teînei tâ ës thalassan
méêrhi Triónpiou àkrîs, oikíeî 38 ën tû ãkttî taúttî éthene ãnthrôpwn
trîkônta.

Àûttî ãnûn ãtêrti tûn ãktêwû, ãtû ðè ððtêrti, àptô Perseôn
àrâxaménh, parratetati ës tûn 'Erûbrîn thalassan, ãtû te Perseîk
kai ãtû ãnûn taúttîs ëkdekomên ÒAsuvîn kai àptô ÒAsuvîns ãtû 'Arâ-

115 tâa têssera éthene oikíeî ék thalássas ës thalassan. These are apar-
rently the nations through which much merchandise from the east would come
into Greece, via Colchis. The goods
would go by land carriage to the Caspian
sea, and from thence pass up the river
Cyrus. See note 363 on i. 104, and note
124, below.

117 Stigeion tû Triónikou. The promon-
tory Sigium (upon which the town of the
same name was built) is an outlying spur
from Mount Ida, standing up so boldly in
the sea that at a distance it presents
the appearance of an insulated rock. On
the top of it there are at the present time a
number of windmills, which form a land-
mark to the mariner. The same use was
doubtless made of the buildings in the time
of Herodotus; and hence perhaps the
reference to it in the text. Three or four
miles to the north of Sigium another spur
from Ida runs into the sea, forming the
promontory Rheteum, near which was
the city of the same name (vii. 43); and
between these two was the marshy mouth of
the Seamanter and Simois united in
one stream. The alluvium brought down
by these waters continually changes the
appearance of the plain between, and the
position of the mouth is said to be much
nearer Sigium than was formerly the case.
(Hoffmann, Griechenland u. die
Griechen, pp. 1657—60.)

Immediately opposite to Sigium on the
Chersonese coast was the temple of Pro-
tesians and the town Eleusa (Strabo,
xiii. 10, p. 103), of which Herodotus
speaks (vii. 33; ix. 120).

118 tâ ðè ðpros nîtou. Some of the
MSS have tâ ðè ðpros nîtou. Above, all
without any exception have ðpros borîn (or
borêyn). It is more likely in this passage
that the genitive should have been altered
into the accusative for the sake of pro-
ducing symmetry than the reverse.

119 Muraðrikou kólpou. This is the
reading of Gaisford, following a conjecture
of Wesseling; but it rests on a very dou-
tful foundation. Xenophon (Anab. i.
4. 6) mentions a town called Myriandrus,
which was a Phoenician settlement on
the coast, five parasangs south of the pass
between Syria and Cilicia. Stephanus
Byzantinus (sub v.), quoting that pas-
sage, adds to kêtâkion Muraðrikous kó-
lpous, but without any reference to Hero-
dotus (although he had quoted him very
little before, sub v. Mukaâly). No MSS
support the reading, they varying between
Muraðrikous, Muraðrov, Muraðdóv, and
Muraðdóvov, every one of which varia-
tions point to the north of Asia
Minor instead of the south. But what-
ever the reading be, it seems plain that
the gulf alluded to is the gulf of Issus, and
also that it is not accurately known to the
narrator. Perhaps the traffic with the
cast by way of the Orontes was in the
lands of the Phoenicians, and no Hellenic
vessel allowed to go near the coast, north
of Poseidem. (See note 13 on iii. 5;
iii. 91; and note 624 on i. 185.) Xen-
ophon found a great number of merchant
vessels in the roads at Myriandrus, but
does not say to what nation they belonged.

120 ëthene ãnthrôpwn trîkônta. Some of
these are named in i. 26, but it seems
very unlikely that the two accounts rest
on the same authority.
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βις 121. Λήγει δὲ αὐτή (οὐ λήγουσα εἰ μὴ νόμῳ) ἐς τὸν κόλπον τῶν Ἀράβων, ές τὸν Δαρείου έκ τοῦ Νείλου διόρυχα ἐστίνγαγε 122. (μέχρι μὲν τοῦ Φωνίκης ἀπὸ Περσέων, χώρος πλατὺς καὶ πολύς ἐστιν τὸ δ' ἀπὸ Φωνίκης παρίκει διὰ τής ἐπιστήσες ἡ ἀκτὴ αὐτὴ παρά τε Συρίν τὴν Παλαιστίνην καὶ Δαυμπυττον, ἐς τὴν τελευταίαν ἐν τῇ ἐβνεῖ ἐστὶ τριά μοῦνα. 123. Ταῦτα μὲν ἀπὸ Περσέων τὰ πρὸς ἐπιστήσεις τῆς Ἀσίης ἐχουντά ἐστιν. Τὰ δὲ κατόπερθε Περσέων, καὶ Μηδον, καὶ Σαστείρων, καὶ Κόλχων 124, τὰ πρὸς ἢ ἔρεν τε καὶ ἦλιον ἀνατέλλοντα, ἐφειὼμεν ἡ Ἐρυθρή παρίκει θάλασσαν πρὸς βορέων δὲ ἡ Καστίη τε θάλασσα, καὶ ἡ Ἀράβης ποταμός, ἱερὸς πρὸς ἦλιον ἀνίσχοντα. 125. μέχρι δὲ τῆς Ἰν δικής οἴκεται ἡ Ἀσίη τὸ δὲ ἀπὸ ταύτης ἐρήμως ἥδον τὸ πρὸς τὴν ἢδον, οὐδὲ λέγει οὐδείς φράσαι οἰνον δὴ τῇ ἐστὶν τοιαύτη μὲν καὶ τοσαύτη ἡ Ἀσίη.
461 Libya.

41 Criticism of writers who divided the earth into Libya, Asia, and Europe.

42 Circumnavigation of Libya by Phoenicians under Neco,

43 "In an island of that sea," he says, "are bred the gerafalcones; and I assure you that the place is so far north, that the pottestar

esto. 'H de Διβύνῃ ἐν τῇ ἀκτῇ τῇ ἐπέρη ἐστι; ἀπὸ γὰρ Αἰγυπτοῦ Διβύνῃ ἢδη ἐκδεκεται. κατὰ μὲν υπὸ Αἰγυπτοῦ ἡ ἀκτῇ αὐτῆς στεινὴ ἐστὶν ἀπὸ γὰρ τῆς ἐκάτως ἐστὶν Ἐρυθρῆς θάλασσας τῆς Ὑπάρκχου ἡ θάλασσα εἰς τὴν Ἐρυθρήν θάλασσαν ἐστὶν Ὑπάρκχου. δέκα μυρίδες εἰσὶ ὁρμησὶν αὐτοῖς ὑπὸ ἤν εἰς χίλιον στάδιον τὸ δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ στεινοῦ τοῦτον κάρτα πλατέα τυγχάνει ἐοῦσα ἡ ἀκτῇ ἡτίς Διβύνῃ κέκληται.

Θομμάζο δὲ τῶν διωυρίσαντων καὶ διελόντων Διβύνῃ τι καὶ Ἀσίην καὶ Εὐρώπην οὐ γὰρ σμικρὰ τὰ διαφέροντα αὐτῶν ἐστὶ μηχανεῖ μὲν γὰρ παρὰ ἀμφοτέρας παρῆκες ἡ Εὐρώπη, εὑρεσὶ δὲ πέρι, οὐδὲ συμβαλλεῖν αξίην φαίνεται μοι εἰναι.

Διβύνῃ μὲν γὰρ δὴ ὁδὸν ἐστὶν ἐοῦσα περίπτυον, πλὴν ὅσον αὐτῆς πρὸς τὴν Ἀσίην ὑπάνεται. Νεκὼ τοῦ Αἰγυπτίων βασιλέως πρῶτον τῶν ἥμεις ἠδὲν καταδεξαντῶν δὲ ἐπεὶ τὴν διώρυχα ἐπαύσατο ὀρύσων τήν ἐκ τοῦ Νείλου διέχουσαν ἐστὶν τῶν Ἄραβιων κόπτων, ἀπεπεμψε Φοινικᾶς ἀνδρᾶς πλοῖοι, ἐνετειλάμενοι ἐς τὸ ὅπλως δὲ 'Ἡρακλῆσιος στη- λέων διεκτείνει έος ἐς τὴν βορράν θάλασσαν, καὶ οὔτω ἐς Αἰγυ- πτον ἀπικνέσαιν. ὁρμηθεῖτε δὲν οἱ Φοινικᾶς ἐκ τῆς 'Ερυθρῆς θάλασσης, ἐπεὶ πολλά τῆς οὐτάν ἐκάτωσαν ὅκως δὲ γίνοντο φθῖνο- πορον, προσίσχοντες ἕναν στείρον τὴν γῆν, ἔνα ἑκάστοτε τῆς Διβύνης πλέοντες ψυκτάτο, καὶ μένεσκον τῶν ἀμυτῶν θερίσαντες εἰς ἀν τοῦ σιτοῦ ἐπεί ωστε δύο ἐτῶν διεξελβόντων, τρίτο ἐκεί κάμψαντες 'Ἡρακλῆσιος στῆλας ἀπικνότο ἐς Αἰγυπτον καὶ ἔλεγον, ἐμοὶ µὲν ὃ πιστὰ ἄλλω ὃ δὴ τερί, ὡς περιπλάνωτες τὴν Διβύνην τὸν ἥκλιον ἔσχον ἐς τὰ δεξιά. Οὔτω µὲν αὐτῇ ἐγκόσθη τὸ

126 ἐς τὴν 'Ερυθρήν θάλασσαν. By this phrase must here be meant the Arabian gulf. The distance by the artificial navigation from sea to sea appears to have been estimated at 1000 stades. See note 438 on ii. 158.

127 προσίσχοντες. This is Gaisford's reading, on the authority of S and V. The other MSS have προσίσχοντες. So have they just below γενοῖτο for γενοῖτο (which is the reading of S and V), and several γενοῖτο γιανοῖτο, just above.

128 τὸν ἥκλιον ἔσχον ἐς τὰ δεξιά. This passage is relied on by Rennell, who is a strong advocate for the truth of Herodotus's story of the circumnavigation of Africa by the Phoenicians under Neco's instructions, as decisively proving the truth of his view. But whichever way the balance of probability may incline in the general question, it appears a complete assumption that even the equinoctial line must have been passed in order that this notion should prevail. It would be known by the Arabs that the further south a traveller went (within the limits of their knowledge), the nearer he would approach to the sun; and hence they may well have assumed that when he got beyond a certain line he would leave the sun behind him. An exact parallel to this process of reasoning is furnished by the authors (Tartars of the extreme north of Central Asia) on whom Marco Polo depended for his accounts of the Northern Sea. The"
remains behind, and is seen to the south" (p. 263). The process of reasoning by which this impossible conclusion was arrived at, shows itself manifestly from passages in other parts of his work. Of Sumatra he says, that "it lies so far south, that the north star is never seen" (p. 262). At Cape Comorin, "the north star, which we had not seen since leaving Java, appeared to us, when thirty miles out at sea, rising about a cubit above the horizon" (p. 311). At Malabar, "the north star at its greatest height appears two cubits above the water" (p. 312). The Hyperborei owe their existence to the same way of thinking. They are in the original notion a mythical people dwelling beyond the home of the northern storm blasts (μίσαι), which was supposed to be certain mountains (οὶ τὰ Ἄπαιά ὅρη καὶ τοὺς Ἱπερβορέας μισούοντες, Strabo, vii. c. 3, p. 71); and hence Herodotus could reasonably say, that on the same principle there must be also Hypernatiotes, i.e. human beings living further off than the region out of which the south wind blew (above, § 36). See also note 78 on § 25, above.

129 Καρχιμόνιοι εἰσι οἱ λέγοντες. It does not appear at what time the voyage of which Herodotus here speaks was made, but it must have been subsequent to the failure of Sataspes. He obviously means to say that there were three commonly alleged circumnavigations of Africa,—that under the auspices of Neco being the first, and the second (that by Sataspes) being in fact an abortive attempt; so that really the next after Neco who asserted themselves to have accomplished the feat were the Carthaginians. There is no occasion to desire to change λέγοντες into πληνο- 

tes. The word περίπλοσις is understood.

130 ὁ Τεάσπιος. This is the reading of all the MSS (except S, which has Τέα- 

σπεῖος), which would imply a nominative case Τεάσπις. But in vii. 11 there is an equal unanimity for the nominative Τεά- 

σπης. It cannot be doubted that the original Achaemenid name is the same for both these forms, and the natural inference from their variation seems to be that the source of the story in the text is a different one from that of vii. 11. This one obviously comes through a Samian channel. See the end of the section.

131 Σολοίς. Immediately after rounding Soloeis, the coast bends for a time to the east. Of the place see note 96 on ii. 32.
proswtow 132 anwbropous smikrois paraplwew, esithi fowin-

khy 133 diachromewnos: ou, okos sfeis kataagwato th npl, fe-

ygeos kn pros ta ourea leipontes tas tolwai: autoi de adikieen

oudei esiwntes, probeta de modna ex autenw lambyanein touo de mi

periplosai. Diubhia pantelos, autiou tode 'elege, to plwion to

prws ou duvan twi proboainw, al' enisxhesan: 'Exerxis de ou

oi syngunwskwn lgeine ulhedia, ouk epitellestanata te tw proke-

mewen aseblon aneskolwtise, thn arxhwn dikein epitimwv.

toio to o Sales pes einoxhos upedwr ws Saim, epe te epwsteto

taixota tw dextostea teteleutwktota, exwv xhrima megalw ta

Saimos anwp kateuxe tw epistamevno tw ouvoma, ekow epiw-

lwmwai 134.

Tws de 'Asis tw polla upo Dparein eexeplh th boumolwv

'Indw potamwv, de krokodeilwv deuterous oudos potamwv tiwton

parwkeita 135, toio to potamwv eidenai ths thalswswv ekdoiv,

pemte plwioiw allovs te tois epistene thn alhthwn epewv, kai

dh kai Skilaka anbha Karvanwda 136, ou de, orwmenwtes ek Kasp-

twro to plwio kai ths Paktwiskhs yis 137, epwov kata potamwv

pros th te kai hliwv anatolwz es thalswswv 138, dia thalaswswv de

132 fws ta proswta. This is the reading of Gaisford with all the MSS,
except S, which has sfeas ta pros-

wta.

133 exthi fowinkhy, "in a garb made

of palm leaves." In the existing MSS

the form fowinkhes is always used to

express the colour, while fowinkhes is

appropriated to denote that which is derived

from the palm-tree.

134 ekow epilw^wv. The manuscripts

S, V, a, c have epilw^wv. The expres-

sion ekow epelwswv is used above (iii. 73),

and twv entolwv mevnhmevwv epelwsw-

wto (iii. 147).

135 de krokodeilwv... parwkeita. The

other river which, in the apprehension of

Herodotus, produces crocodiles, is no

doubt the Nile; and it may be hence

gathered that the Ganges was entirely

unknown. But it seems not impossible

that the reputation of the Ganges was

transferred to the Indus; for the latter

river does not (I believe) produce alliga-

tors, at any rate within the limits which

in the time of Herodotus were at all

known.

136 Skilaka anbha Karvanwda. It will

be observed that Herodotus says nothing

of Scylax as an author, but regards him

wholly as a discoverer. The reputation

acquired by this voyage probably caused

his name to be attached to the existing

work, which is of a much later date. See

Niebuhr's article, translated in the Cam-

bridge Philological Museum, for a com-

plete discussion of this subject. See also

note 499 on i. 46. The conclusion to

which Niebuhr arrives is that the current

treatise was compiled subsequently to the

100th Olympiad, and perhaps even subse-

quently to the 105th, but before the

growth of the Macedonian empire.

137 Kaspatriov to plwioi kai ths Pak-

twiskhs yis. See note 294 on iii. 102.

138 pros th te kai hliwv anatolwz es

thalswswv. This is the course of the

Ganges, but not of the Indus below At-

tock. It is however the general direction

of the Caubul river, upon which the dis-

coverer embarked, and this, coinciding

with that of thealligator-producing Ganges,

may have led to the confusion in the text.
The boundary of Europe is unknown; and so is the origin of the names Europe, Asia, and Libya.

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Cotys genuine, he and the unknown origin of the names. For the probable extent of Darius's conquests in India, see note 293 on iii. 101. It is not easy to say what exact notion Herodotus attached to the Thalassos. Perhaps the expression may refer to a traffic with India by way of the Persian gulf. See Aristobulus, quoted in note 314 on iii. 111.

139 'Индоі т' катепстрыйтато Дареіос.

140 οі δε Ταναϊν ποταμον των Μαϊθνεν. Procopius (iv. 6), in citing this passage, has the variation οі δε Ταναϊν ποταμον και Μαϊθνεν.

141 έπι 'Ασίαν, των Κότυνων, των Μάνεων. In the genealogies given above (i. 7 and 94) Manes is made the father of Atys, and Atys of Lydus, the eponymous ancestor of the Lydians. On the hypothesis that both the three genealogies belong to the same cycle of traditions, and that the reading here is genuine, the mythical pedigree will have run thus:—

**Manes**

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---|---
| Atys | Cotys |

**Tyrrenus**

**Lydus**

**Asieus**

But Dionysius of Halicarnassus combines the names differently, making Atys not the brother, but the son of Cotys (Archaol. i. 27); and Lycophron (ap. Eustath. ad Dionys. Perieg. v. 270) made Asiens the son of Atys. All these appear to me to be merely different combinations of three genuine genealogies, themselves framed on the principle explained in the note 336 on i. 94. The Asia of which Asiens is the eponym is the low country at the mouth of the Cayster. 142 όκόσεν τо ούνομα έλαβε τούτο. Hesiod makes Europa one of the Oceani-
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46 des (Theogn. 357); but the name does not occur either in the Iliad or Odyssey. The earliest mention of the word as denoting a region is in the Homeric Hymn to Apollo, in the enumeration of the tribes which come to his temple:

'ημείς οίον Πελοπόννησον πειραν ἔχουσιν, 

This is accurately, description of the Scythians, "qua-

rom the coffee of their country, and to mean "tribes upon which he would come after having entered the sea."

So Gais-

ford with the majority of MSS. Two (S and V) have λόγιων ὀθομέαν γενόμενον. 116 φερεοίκοι. This is a literally accu-

2. (250, 290), are supposed by Heyne to be from the hand of a copyist, but in my opinion without sufficient reason. The word Europa is perhaps connected etymologically with ἔφεβος. Hesychius: ἔφεβος χώρα τῆς βάσεως, ἡ σκωτεία. Buttman (Mythologus, ii. p. 170) makes kadm and ev6b, the roots of Cadmus and Europa, to signify respectively the east and the west. 113 ἐς Λυκίαν. Several of the MSS have Λαυδίαν.

114 τῶν ἐντὸς τοῦ Πόντου. This expression is a very singular one. It seems appropriate rather to a mariner than any other kind of traveller, and to mean

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arising out of the nature of the country.

**Fluvial system of Scythia.**

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**The Ister and its feeders**

the Pyretus, Tiarantus, Arar, Napariss, and

by parts, Avar, feeders and the system Fluvial country. The nature of its out of "T'rravi'i, roads these been other. dation its Egyptian this Ister is of the fuvSpos.

147 ευνόρος. So Gaisford prints with the majority of MSS, but S and V have ἐυνόρος. 148 τῶν ἐν Ἀγίουτρι διαρίχων. By these are perhaps meant only the main channels, along the banks of which the roads ran, which in the time of the inundation connected the cities with one another. The general appearance of the Egyptian water arrangements must have been very unlike any thing in Scythia. Clarke however speaks of the Tainais at its mouth as reminding him most strikingly of the Nile. "The same aquatic plants are found in both rivers; tall flags, reeds, and bulrushes sometimes rising to the height of twenty feet. The manner of entrance into the sea by several mouths is also the same, forming small islands with fens and morasses." (Travels, i. p. 356.)

149 πεντάστομος. Strabo makes the Ister seven-mouthed. The southernmost is, according to him, the so-called "sacred mouth." A passage of 120 stades through this brought the mariner to the island Peace, at the lower part of which the tradition ran that Darius had made his bridge. Strabo, as if aware that such a proceeding would be useless, adds δύνατον ἐν ξεκυθαίρα κατὰ τό ἀνώ. The next three channels were small, and the three last a middle size between these and the "sacred mouth." The mouths of such a river must be continually changing, and even their number varying. It would probably not be possible to identify at the present day either the Peace of Strabo or the Leuce of Arrian (if they are not really the same). Clarke (Travels, vol. ii. pp. 394—401) gives a very graphic description of the mouth of the Danube as he saw it. By his account one would incline to believe that there is only one remarkable island, and that Leuce was the true name of this. He speaks of its value as a landmark, "the shore being flat all the way from Odessa to the Danube; and so low near to the river's mouth, that no other object appears to those who approach the shore than tall reeds rising out of the water, or the masts of vessels lying in the river." He goes on to remark the whiteness of the Danube stream and of the porpoises seen in it.

150 πέντε μὲν οἱ πέοντες. Koén proposed as a conjecture πέντε μεγάλων βρέοντες, which is said to have met with the approbation of Porson. But it does not seem necessary to change the text, which rests on the authority of all the MSS.

151 Πορείας. The Prath is the easternmost of the rivers which fall into the Danube, and is doubtless meant by the Pyretus; but the identification of the other four tributaries mentioned by Herodotus is very doubtful. Niebuhr considers the Tiarantus to be the Alonta, but be-
Omphocrius, or the "Istros", the river of the現代的 spelling."

...and below). These Crobyz are said by the Etymologicum Magnum (n. Ζωμολόγος) to have the same practice of human sacrifices which is attributed by Herodotus to the Scythia (§ 94, below).

The modern name of the Οσκες is Ισκαρ. These are probably the same people to whom he elsewhere gives the name of Курты (ii. 33). There is no variation whatever in the MSS in either passage.
Comparison of the Ister with the Nile.

tow òn twv katalechhêntov kai allonv pollavn symballolemvwn
tò sffeteroù udor, gínetai ò "Istroç potamôn mégustomv' épeti
udor gê en prós en symballoan, ò Neilos plhvshei áptokratêiv' ès
yárf di toî toutov ouste potamov, ouste krînù oudeh'mía ebdidousa, ès
plhvs òi symballoleis.158. ísos dé òi aièi rée en te thèrèi kai
chêmòv ò "Istroç, kata toîwdei tei, ãs émok dokev' twv mèn
chêmovn óstì óssostér óstì, ólìgha te mêzov tôs òwstov fùsios
gínetai òstei yárf ò gêa autì tòu chêmovn pártmpt ólìgho, nufetô
dè pánta chrêtai tou òi thèrèos ò yárf ò en tô chêmovn pèsoúsa,
eûsa amfílafhìs, tìmokômìn pántowèn ebdidoi ès tôs "Istroç autì
te di ò gêa yárf ebdidousa ès autòn symplhthi, kai òmbròi polloi
tè kai Íatsby ñuv autì òstei yárf di òi thèrèos' óssò de plèoù èp'
éwton udor ò òwlos èpèlketai èn tô thèrèi ò en tô chêmovn,
tostoutò tà symmugômewa tô "Istroç pollaptásià êstì tòu
thèrèos ñptè tòu chêmovn' ãntitithèmena dé taúta ãntisthòksws
gínetai, òste îsou ìnì aièi fainásthai ëwnta.

51

Eis mèn di tòw potamôn toû sîc ëuèhsw ëstì ò "Istroç' metà di
tòwv, Tûrhìs' òs àpò bôrèw mèn anémov órmvtau, árkhetai dé réwes
èk lìmhn megâlhn, ò oufìzêi tîn te Scùthicn kai tîn Neuvìda
yînh' èpti dé tô stômâti autòv katôikhtai "Eîllhnes, òi Tûrìta
calèontai. Têtìs òs "Ypavns potamôs órmvtau mèn èk tîs Scù-
thicn, rìeî di èk lìmhn megâlhn, tîn pèríz vémontai ïppòi ágrioi
leukoi' kàlèontai di ò lìmhn autì òrkhos mìthìr 'Ypâvns' èk tâsthrìs
do ãnastèllon ò "Ypavns potamôs, rìeî èpti mèn pèntê ëmerekov
plôou braìchìs kai glykùs èpti,159, àpò di toûwv, pròs thalòsthè
thesérèn ëmerekov plôou, pìkkròs aûiphos' èkèidvù ògà òs autòn krính
pìkrrh, òoutò di tî eûoua pìkrrh, ò megàthèi smîkrhì160 èûousa, kîrrh
 tôv "Ypavns èwnta potamôn èn òlìghoiì megàn' èstì di ò krính
autì èn ouróoiì õwrojî tîs te ãróftîrâv Scùthèon kai 'Alàzômòwv.

52

Next to the Ister is the
Tyris, with
the Hellenic
Tyriade its
mouth.

Then the
Hyparis,
which flows
from a lake
nine days' sail to the
mouth.

The salt
fountain at

158 ès gê di toûtov ... symballoletai.
The Nile receives many tributaries in Ethiopia, but the last tributary, the Al-
bara, falls into it as far south as lat. 16°, not less than six hundred miles above
the frontier of Egypt. The statement of Herodotus in the text serves to furnish a
limit of the distance to which any authentic knowledge of the country extended.
159 glykous èpti. Some MSS have glyu-
kîs èstì. It has been conjectured with
some probability that the saline quality of
the waters of the Hyparis might have
arisen from the effect of the s.w. winds
driving the waters of the Euxine up the
embouchure of the Borysthenes, and thus
into the Hyparis.
160 megâthèi smîkrhì. See note 157 on
i. 51.
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its source. At its embouchure the Hypanis joins it, and there is a

161 'Εξεκατάεις. Ritter (Vorhalle, p. 345) recognizes in this name the word 'hexenpfad,' of which Irai ódol would be a very fair translation.

162 τά ἀντακάινον καλώσα. This is probably the fish called beluga, a species of sturgeon. Clarke speaks of them as sometimes reaching an enormous size, although commonly not more than twelve feet in length (i. p. 360). The τάριχος ἀντακαίνον is mentioned by the comic poet Antiphanes (op. Athenaeum, iii. p. 114). It is probably the same as the τάριχος Ποτικῶν of other writers. See note 54 on ii. 15.

163 ἐς τὸν τεσσαράκοντα ἡμερῶν πλόον ἐστὶ. The indirect character of much of Herodotus's information is shown by this statement of the locality of Gerrhus. He had heard it was the place where the Scythian kings were buried, that the burial place of these kings was on the confines of Scythia (there being nothing but a desert beyond), and that it was high up the Borysthenes, as far as the river was navigable. But some accounts seem to have made this distance 11 days, some 40. (See §§ 18 and 71, compared with this.) The Borysthenes (Dnieper) is in fact only navigable for about 80 leagues above its mouth. (See note 57 on § 18, above.) The Wolga, on the other hand, is navigable almost to its source; and it is not impossible that the locality assigned to Gerrhus in the text partly arises from a confusion between these two rivers. Very near Teer (on the Wolga, about a day's journey from Moscow) there is now a group of tumuli, remarkably perfect in their forms and conspicuous from their situation. (Clarke, Travels, i. p. 50.)
Then comes the Panticapaeus.

Next the Hypaebris.

Next the Gerrhus.

Next the Tanais, into which the Hygris flows.

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Richness of the Scythian grass.

Scythian customs. Their deities,
mode of cooking the flesh of the victims.

61

Pile of Ares

on which a good omen. Hence in the Moloch ritual, where parents sacrificed their own children, MINUCIUS FELIX speaks of their very caresses being employed to produce the appearance of this: “osculo compri-
mente vagitum, ne flebilis hostia immola-
retur” (§ 30); and of the same thing TERTULLIAN says: “infantibus blandi-
ebantur, ne lacrumantes immolarentur.”
(Apologet. § 9.)

173 ἵππωσι τὰ ὀστέα. Compare
EZIKIEL xxiv. 5.
174 ἀπαρξάμενος βίπτει ἐσ τὸ ἐμπροσθεν.

The feeling embodied in this act seems to be that the deity to whom the sacrifice is made is present, invisible, and ready to receive his portion of the feast. Compare the practice described in iii. 24. Thus the Lar, in the old Italian religions, always was served first; and HORACE gives his legacy-hunter the advice, “Ante Larem gustet venerabilior Lare dives.” The act implied in the word κατάρχαχθα is the dedication of the whole victim to the deity, to whom it was conceived not to belong until this ceremony had taken place. Thus Dido was unable to die before she had been thus dedicated. VIR-
GIL says (AEn. iv. 660):—
“Nondum illi flavum Proserpina vertice
abstulerat, Stygisque caput damnaverat
Orco.”

The absence of any such proceeding from the Scythian sacrifices indicates the rude and savage condition of the people as compared with other pagan nations of antiquity.

173 τῶν ἀρχηγῶν. The manuscripts S and V have ἀρχαίων, but the text is appar-
ently genuine. The word ἀρχηγῶν is more appropriate to the seat of a prefecture, or jurisdiction, such as those which were familiar to the civilized nations of anti-
quity, than to Scythia; and its use here must be regarded rather as an adaptation, like that of the word ἱππα, § 60, above, to the places where sacrifices were offered, although there were no temples. The word νομάρχης (§ 66, below) seems a similar adaptation.
of that limb which was, while life remained, serviceable for war. This would be the whole arm, but especially those muscles which are most called into play in the actions of hurling the spear, striking with the sword, or shooting with the bow, i.e., the muscles of the upper arm and shoulder. Hence folia in Euripides (Herc. 740), lamenting his enfeebled condition, says:

"έφ' ὃ βραχίων, ἄλων ἠθάνατ' σε μεσομήδ' ἡμῖν, ἡμίακεν Ἐρακλεί
Σπάρτην ἐπάρθεις, ζύμμαχος γένοι μοι τοιούτος."

180 ἀπέρθειτο. This is an aorist following the analogy of a non-existent present ἐργα, of which a relic still remains in the perfect ὑργα. Hesychius explains ἐργαν by ὑδόν. Translate: "and then after finishing the offering of the other victims too, they go away."

181 ὅτι δὲ οὐδὲν νομίζοιν., It is not to be considered that the word νομί-
Ferocity of the Scythians; Practice of scalp ling and flaying their enemies.

Quality of the human skin.

Τα ή' ες πόλεμον έχοντα οδέ σφι διακέεται έπειαν των πρώτων ἀνδρα καταβάλη ἀνήρ Σµύψης, τοῦ αἵματος ἐμπύνει όσος δ' ἂν φονεύσῃ εἰ τῇ μάχῃ, τούτων τάς κεφαλὰς ἀποφέρει.132 το βασιλείαν ἀσπειρίας μὲν γάρ κεφαλῆς τῆς λήψης μεταλαμβάνει τὴν ἂν Αίβωσι, μὴ ἐνεικίσκει δὲ οὗ ἀποδείκει δὲ αὐτὴν πρότοσι τοιοῦτο περιταμών κύκλω περὶ τὰ ὅστα, καὶ λαβώμενος τῆς κεφαλῆς ἐκσειεί μετὰ δὲ, σαρκίςας βοῦς πλευρή δέσῃ τῇ σερινί ὄργῆςας ἑστατοὶ· αὐτὸ ἄτε χειρόμακτρον ἕκτησιν: ἕκ δὲ τῶν χαλινῶν τοῦ ἱππον τῶν αὐτῶν ἑλαίνει, ἐκ τούτου ἐξάπτει, καὶ ἀγάλλεται ὁ γὰρ ἂν πλείστα δέματα χειρόμακτρα ἔχειν, ἄνηρ ἄριστος οὗτος κεκριταὶ πολλοὶ δὲ αὐτῶν ἐκ τῶν ἄποδεμάτων καὶ χαλαίνας ἐπείνουσιν ποιεῖν, συγράφτοντες κατάπετρα βαίας πολλοὶ δὲ ἄνδρων ἀχρόνων τὰς δεξὶς χέρας νεκρῶν ἐνώσουν ἀποδείκτας.155 αὐτοὶ ὁνύξι, καλύπτρας τῶν φαρετρῶν ποιεῖν ταῖς δέμα δὲ ἄνδρώπων καὶ παχὺ καὶ λαμπρῶν ἠμα σχέδου δερμάτων πάντων λαμπρότατων λευκότητι.156 πολλοὶ δὲ καὶ οὗς ἄνδρας ἐκδείκνυαν καὶ διατείνασαν ἐπὶ ξύλων, ἐπὶ ἱππον περιφεροῦσι.157 ταῦτα μὲν δὴ

蹉者 takes the dative case after it in this passage retaining its usual sense, but that it is the equivalent of χώστα, with the notion of custom superadded, and consequently used in the regimen of χώστα. So below, § 117. Herodotus says, φωνή οἱ Σαυροματίαι νομίζουσι Σκυθία (habitually use the Scythian tongue). See the note 132 on ii. 44. 132 πολλῶν τὰς κεφαλὰς ἀποφέρει. Poseidonius (ap. Strabon. iv. c. 4, p. 319) notes it as a distinctive peculiarity of all the northern nations to scalp their dead enemies, and nail the skin of their faces to the front of their houses. The Gaules who took Rome spent the whole of the day succeeding the battle they won in decapitating the dead. (Diodorus, xiv. 115.) 133 ὄργηςας. So Gaisford prints on the authority of S and V. But the majority of the MSS have ὄργαςας. Perhaps ὄργαςας, as from a form ὄργάζω, is the true reading.

νεκρῶν ἐνώσων. According to Clarke, the banditti haunting the steppes of southern Russia are now accustomed by way of revenge to cut the skin round the upper part of the legs of their victims, and then strip it off by the feet. This is called "giving a man a pair of red boots" —boots of red leather being commonly worn in the Ukraine. (Travels, ii. p. 327.) 155 ἀποδείκτας. So Gaisford prints. But the word appears to rest on next to no authority, S and the Aldine edition adding καὶ διατείνας, and the other MSS omitting the word altogether. 156 ἦν ἄρα σχέδου δερμάτων πάντων λαμπρότατων λευκότητα. This passage has occasioned a great deal of difficulty to the commentators, and I am far from satisfied that the passage is sound. If it be, I should consider that ἦν is to be taken in the sense of ἐμελέτεν ἐσείσατα, and regard the paragraph as an inference from the general qualities which have just been predicated of the human skin, and explaining the object which the Scythians would have in view in their barbarous practice. Translate: "But human skin being both thick and shiny, would of course be calculated to take the brightest appearance in point of whiteness of almost all skins."

ἐπὶ ἱππον περιφεροῦσι. Ammianus Marcellinus (xxxii. 2) attributes this, and some other of the Scythian practices, to the Atuans and Huns of his time, who are to be looked for east of the Tanais. Perhaps it is common to most warlike and barbarous nomads.
MELPOMENE. IV. 64—67.

They make drinking-cups of the skulls of their enemies.

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66 Annual festival for those who have slain their man in war.

67 Their sooth-sayers.

68 ἀλλὰ τῶν ἐχθρίων. PLATO (Euthydemus, § 60) attributes to the Scythenians the practice of setting in gold the skulls, not of their enemies, but their relatives, as Herodotus asserts of the Issedones, above, § 26.

69 ὁ νομάρχης. See above, note 175 on § 62.

130 This kind of rhabdomancy is apparently the same as that attributed by Ammianus Marcellinus to the Alans of his time: "Rectiores virgas vimineas colligentes, casque cum incantamentis quibusdam secretis praestituunt tempore discernentes, aperte quid portendarum narrant" (xxxii. 2). These sticks seem to have been treated as push-pins. But the divination by marked sticks described by TACITUS (Germ. § 10) seems more analogous to the petalomancy attributed by VIRGIL to the Sibyl of Cuma (Aenid vi. 74).
Proceedings in case of the sickness of the chiefs when the soothsayers are not agreed.

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Extant MSS have of or and one (d) and αὐδρόγυνοι. It appears to me that αὐδρόγυνοι is originally a gloss of αὐδαρχεία, which, having been originally placed in the margin, was introduced in three different ways into the existing MSS. Gaisford, who prints αὐδρόγυνοι, follows S, V, a, e, and Valla. 193 ἅπαν τὸν φίληρν . . . διαλόφοι χρῆ. The number three appears as a sacred one in the religious rites of most nations the most widely separated from one another. Virgil. (Bucol. viii. 77) makes the subject of Alpheisibou’s song say:

“Necte tribus nodis ternos, Amarylli, colores:
   Necte, Amarylli, modo, et ‘Veneris’
   dic, ‘vincula necto.’”

One form of the divining rod was a year's shoot of hazel, forked, and with the forks twisted three times (Grimm, Deutsche Mythologie, p. 546); and perhaps the singular epithet given in the Homeric Hymn (530) to the rod of Hermes (τριπέτχημα), rests upon a similar feeling. 194 διαλελαμμένος ἂγεται, “he is seized and brought.” See note 402 on i. 114. 195 [ἄλλου]. This word is omitted in S. 196 καταδήσωσι ἐπιορκήσατο. A similar expression is used in ii. 174: κατέδωκαν φώρα ἐναί. 197 ἄμαξαν. The manuscripts S and V add the word καμάρα, and it is not impossible that this is a genuine reading, and that καμάρα meant “a tilted wagon.” Pollux (x. 52) gives Herodotus as an authority for καμάρα as being equivalent to ὀχήματα στιγμάτα, and it is possible that he has this passage in his eye, and not i. 199. Tacitus (Hist. iii. 47) gives the local name of carnare to certain covered boats, something like the Venetian gondola, made by the inhabitants of the coast in the neighbourhood of Trebizund; and Strabo (xi. c. 2, p. 405) says the Greeks.
give the same name to similar boats used in the Bosporus. And although with us the till is accessory to the wagon, yet with the Scythians the main would be rather considered as accessory to the tent which formed the sole habitation of its owner (see § 121 and note 146, above); and thus ἡμεῖς καμάρης would be a more appropriate phrase than καμάρη ἡμάς.

(See the note 673 on i. 109.) It is, at any rate, extremely difficult to account for the introduction of the word καμάρης by a copyist,—very much more so than for its expulsion. KÜRZLÜS, who visited the Crimea in 1253, describes the wagons of Scæcatæ as "laden with houses." These consisted of a frame of wicker, covered with black or white felt, and thirty feet in diameter. They were placed upon huge wains drawn each by twenty-two oxen, and were lifted bodily off these carriages.

198 στομώσαντες, "having gagged them." This was to prevent the imprecations of the dying man being audible; as a curse uttered under such circumstances would be regarded as possessing a fatal power. MARCO POLO relates that when Kublai Khan put his kinsman Nayan, who had rebelled against him, to death, he did it by having him wrapped in a carpet, and violently tossed to and fro until he died. "This mode of death was adopted, that being of imperial lineage, his blood might not be shed upon the ground, nor his cries ascend into the air."

But the attachment of extraordinary validity to the expressions of a dying person was not peculiar to the Scythians. It appears in the description by AESCHYLUS of the sacrifice of Iphigenia, where Agamemnon is made to order the attendants στόματος καλλιτέρου φυλακάς κατασχεῖν, φθόγγον δραίῳ ἀκός, βιά χαλικών τ' ἀναθέω μένει (Ἀγ. 236); and, in fact, the feeling on which it rests is a part of universal human nature.

199 αἵμα συμμίσγουσι τῶν τὰ ὁρκία ταμαμμένον. LUCIAN makes the Scythians use a form of proceeding compounded of the one described in the text and of that which Tacitus imputes to the Armenians. (See TACITUS, quoted in the note 258 on i. 74.) ἄφ' ὀδ γὰρ ὑπεμένει ήπατα ταῖς δακτύλους ἐνταλαζόμενος τὸ αἵμα εἰς κύλικα, καὶ τὰ ἥψη ἕκαστος ἐμπλήνεται ἀμφότεροι ἐπισχέμενοι πιθαμεν, οὐκ ἔστω δ', τι μετὰ τοῦτο ἡμᾶς διαλύσεις εἰς.

(Toxaris. § 37.) The practice of tasting blood as a part of a solemn proceeding existed in the old religions of the Italian peninsula. FESTUS (in loc. v.) says, "Assistitum apud antiquos diecubatur genus quodquam potionis ex vino et sanguine temperatam, quod Latini prisci sanguinem asser eos vocarent." HENCO SALLUST says of Catiline, that, in forming his party, "fueri qui diérent eum humani corporis sanguinem vino permixtum in pateris circumulisse: inde cum post exsecratione omnes degustassissent, sicut in solemnibus sacrar fieri consequerip, aperisse consilium suum." The practice was probably a relic of religious ceremonies coming down from a time when sacrifices were human, and cannibalism the ordinary usage. See the note 34 on iii. 11.
Ταφαὶ δὲ τῶν βασιλέων ἐν Γέρρωσι εἰσὶ, ἡ δ' ὁ Βορυσθένης ἐστὶ προσπλοτῶς. ἔνθαδέ, ἐπεάν σφι ἀποθάνη ὁ βασιλεὺς, ὀρνήμα γῆς μέγα ὀρύσσουσι τετράγωνον ἐτόμον δὲ τούτο ποιῆσαντες, ἀναλαμβάνουσι τὸν νεκρὸν, κατακεκηρυμμένον μὲν τὸ σῶμα, τὴν δὲ νηδὺν ἀνασχισθέσαν καὶ καθαρθεῖσαν, πλένῃ κυπέρου κεκομμένου καὶ θυμιήματος καὶ σελίνου στέρματος καὶ ἀνυψὸν, συνερραμμένη ὁπίσω, καὶ κομίζουσι ἐν ὁμάξῃ ἐς ἄλλο ἔθνος. οἱ δ' ἰν παραδεξίωνται κομισθήναι τοῦ νεκροῦ, ποιεῖσθαι τὰ πέρ' οἱ βασιλήιοι Σκύθαι τοῦ ὠτὸς ἀποτάμουντα, τρίχας περικείονται, βραχίωνας περιτίμουνται, μετότων καὶ γίνα καταμύσουνται, διὰ τῆς τε ἁρμιστήρης χερὸς ὀίστους διαβιβάζουσι 201. ἐνθεῦτεν δὲ κομίζουσι ἐν ὁμάξῃ τὸν νέκου τοῦ βασιλέας ἐς ἄλλο ἔθνος τῶν ἄρχοντων (οἱ δ' σφι ἐσσοῦνται ἐς τοὺς πρότερον ἥλθουν) ἐπεάν δὲ πάντας περιέλθουσι τὸν νέκου κομίζοντες, ἐν Γέρρωσι 202 ἕσχατα κατοικημένους εἰς τῶν ἐθνῶν τῶν ἄρχοντων, καὶ ἐν τῇ καταφύξει καὶ ἐπείτα, ἐπεάν θέωσι τὸν νέκου ἐν τῇ θήκῃ ἐπὶ στιβάδως, παραπτίζουσι αἴχμας ἐνθεῦν καὶ ἐνθεῦ τοῦ νεκροῦ, ξύλα ὑπερτείνουσι καὶ ἐπείτα ἑψι καταστεγάζουσι· ἐν δὲ τῇ λουτὴ ἐυρυχωρίᾳ τῆς θήκης, τῶν

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Mode of burying the chiefs.

200 Ταφαὶ δὲ ... ἐστὶ προσπλοτῶς. The 'tombs of the Scythian chiefs,' as well as those of the Cimmerian mentioned above (§ 11), are doubtless some of the barrows which abound all over the continent of Europe east of the Carpathian mountains, and extend southwards down into Greece, both European and Asiatic,—in fact probably existing wherever a pastoral people has penetrated in large numbers. Clarke says that from the plain of Thessaly the whole coast northwards is lined with them. Hawkins observed them on the north side of the Propontis between Silivria and Constantinople. They are also found in the fork of the Don and Donetz, and in the plains to the s.e. of the sea of Azof, between the Don and the Kouban rivers,—so thick, that from one point Clarke counted no less than ninety-one of them, with huge oaks growing upon them. (Compare Falconer, quoted in note 331 on i. 93.) In the time of Pausanias one very large one on the plain of Botticea was called the tomb of Orpheus (ix. 30). In the Iliad one on the plain of Troy is spoken of as the tomb of Áεσετέ, and another as that of Ilus (ii. 793; x. 414). See too the note on ν. 94, ἡ 'Ἀχιλλῆα πόλις ὅρμωμενα, below. It is not likely that Herodotus's informant had ever been at the spot where the sepulchres of the kings are said to have been; for the locality is most doubtful. See note 163 on § 53, above.

201 διαβιβάζουνται. See note 256 on ii. 96.

202 ἐν Γέρρωσι. The manuscripts S and V have εν τε τούτων, and the former of them also the variation ἐνχάτωσιν for ἕσχατα κατοικημένους.
Marco Polo, quoted in note 280 on p. 95.

284 τόρμον. This word is explained by the gloss writer as τρήμα. It is a "socket formed by boring," the root of the word being ὀρός or ὀρῇ, which appears in many Greek and Latin words containing the notion of 'turning,' e.g. lornus, tórroς; tērmium, tērmia; tēro, tēro; tēreō, tērētant, tōrῆν. See an excellent paper in the Transactions of the Philological Society, voi. v. pp. 103—106.
Mode of burying those who are not chiefs.

Purification of the mourners.

Hemp grows in the country.

The following account is given by Ibn Batuta (the Arabian traveller in China about the year 1316), of the burial of the Khan of the Tartars, who had been slain in battle. "The Khan who had been killed, with about 100 of his relations, was then brought, and a large sepulchre was dug for him under the earth, in which a most beautiful couch was spread, and the Khan was, with his weapons, laid upon it. With him they placed all the gold and silver vessels he had in his house, together with four female slaves and six of his favourite Mamluks, with a few vessels of drink. They were then all closed up, and the earth heaped upon them to the height of a large hill. They then brought four horses, which they pierced through at the hill until all motion in them ceased; they then forced a piece of wood into the hinder part of the animal till it came out at his neck, and this they fixed in the earth, leaving the horse thus impaled upon the hill. The relatives of the Khan they buried in the same manner, putting all their vessels of gold and silver in the grave with them. At the doors of the sepulchres of ten of these they impaled three horses in the manner thus mentioned. At the graves of each of the rest only one horse was impaled." But that such proceedings as those described in the text were not merely a traditional custom, but rested on that common feeling of humanity which ascribes to the departed similar tastes and pursuits to those which have been valued by them in their lifetime, is clear from the following description of a Patagonian funeral, given by Captain Fitzroy (Narrative of the Beagle, ii. p. 155). "The body is wrapped in the best mantle of the deceased, placed on his favourite horse, and carried to the burying-place of the tribe. The wizard rattles together two pieces of dried bladder in which are some loose stones, to frighten away the Validur or evil spirits, and the other people howl over the corpse as it is carried to the sepulchre. In a square pit, about six feet deep and two or three feet wide, where many others have been deposited, the corpse is placed in a sitting posture, adorned with mantles, plumes of feathers, and beads. The spurs, sword, balls, and other such property belonging to the deceased are laid beside him, and the pit is then covered over with branches of trees, upon which earth is laid. His favourite horse is afterwards killed. It is held at the grave while a man knocks it on the head with one of the balls of the deceased. When dead it is skinned and stuffed, then supported by sticks (or set up) on its legs, with the head propped up as if looking at the grave. Sometimes more horses than one are killed. At the funeral of a Cadaque four horses are sacrificed, and one is set up at each corner of the burial place. The clothes and other effects belonging to the deceased are burned, and, to finish all, a feast is made of the horses' flesh."
Practice of burning the hemp-seeds to produce a vapour-bath.

The Scythians are most probably by water carriage, from a considerable distance. The notice in the text is the earliest of it, and one may suppose that the name is a native one. If so, the "Scythians" who cultivated it must have belonged to the Indo-Germanic race, for the identity of cannabis with the Teutonic hanf is certain. But it is possible that the name was given to the plant by the merchants who bought, not by the people who grew it.

207 ἀγάμειοι τῇ πυρίῃ. The extraordinary practice mentioned in the text was no doubt partly for the purpose of getting quit of the annoyance of the mosquitoes, the numbers of which in the steppes are almost inconceivable. Clarke says that in the plains of the Kouban no contrivance on the part of himself and his companion could prevent millions of these insects from entering the carriage; and in spite of gloves, clothes, and handkerchiefs, they rendered their bodies one entire wound, and excited a considerable degree of fever. The mortality occasioned by them in the Russian army, both of men and horses, was very great; and it was the practice of the soldiery to scoop out a hollow in the ancient barrows, and even in the greatest heats of summer to light fires in order to fill this with smoke, and thus escape the stings. (Travels, vol. ii. p. 59.) This circumstance will explain a curious sentiment attributed to Anarcharsis (the Scythian) by Diogenes Laertius (i. 104). He wondered at nothing so much as that the Greeks should use charcoal: τὸν μὲν καπνὸν ἐν τοῖς ὀρεσὶ καταλείπουσι, τὰ δὲ ἱδιὰ εἰς τὴν πόλιν κοίμουσι. But at the same time the desire of intoxication was what determined the use of hemp seeds, from which at the present time the narcotic called bong is produced. The effect of hemp even while growing is to produce drowsiness and stupefying in those who remain among it. 208 καὶ οὕτω. "this people, too." Here it has been supposed there is a tacit reference back to ii. 91, where the writer has remarked upon the dislike of the Egyptians to Hellenic customs.

209 μήτη γε. So Gaisford prints, on the authority of S and F. The other MSS have μὴ τοι γε. Hermann conjec-
verse to foreign customs.

**Fate of Anacharsis and Scythes in consequence of their innovations.**

Herodotus, p. 482. and Gaisford adopts it. But the passage presents little real difficulty, if we suppose that χράσθαι φείγονσι is to be taken with the regimen of οὗ χρώνται, to which it is nearly equivalent. Translate: "These Scythians too have an invincible aversion to adopting foreign customs;—they will not take up any from one another, and least of all such as are Hellenic." Compare ii. 91: Ἑλληνικοὶ δὲ νομαίοις φείγονσι χράσθαι τὸ δὲ σύμπαν εἰπεν, μὴ δ' ἄλλων μηδαμία μηδαμίων ἀνθρώπων νομαίοις.

210 προσίσχει ἐς Κύκκον. It appears from § 14, above, that Herodotus was at Cyzicus, and it seems likely that there he heard the story of Anacharsis' mishap. It would certainly not be from the Scythians, for they professed (and probably with truth) not to know him. See the note 216, below.

211 κατὰ τὰ ὄρα. So ii. 99, κατὰ τὰ ἴθικον: v. 112 and vi. 88, κατὰ τὰ συν-εἴκεστο.

212 ἐς τὴν καλεμέγδην Ἡλλήνην. See note 54 on § 18, above.

213 ἐκδοσάμενος ἀγάλματος. These were certain symbols suspended from the breast of the officiating priest. Dionysius describes the proceeding which took place annually at Rome in honour of the same deity: ἔρασται αὐτής [τής θυσίας] ἀνήρ φίλις καὶ γυνὴ φρυγαὶ καὶ περαγοῦν ἀνά τὴν πάλιν οὐδὲν ἀληθινοῦτες διατηροῦσι τούτο τοῦτο τὸ στήματος, καὶ καταλόγουσιν πρὸς τῶν ἐπομένων μὴ μητραὶ μέλει καὶ τοπικὰ προτούσης. (Archaeolog. ii. 19.) When Manlius in his Asiatic campaign threw a bridge over the river Sangarius, there came to his camp Γάλλοι παρὰ Ἀττιδὸς καὶ Βαττάκων τῶν ἐκ Πεσανὸντος ἑρείων τῆς Μητρὸς τῶν θεῶν, ἔχοντες προστηθιδία καὶ τύπους. (Polybius, xxii. 20.)

214 ἐπιτρόπου. This word seems applied here to some functionary representing the interests of the barbarian sovereign, perhaps resident at the factory which was the centre of the commercial dealings between the Hellenic merchants and the natives. Such a post would probably be filled by the issue of a mixed marriage between a
Hellenic settler and a native, or a native chief and a Hellenic slave.

77 Peloponnesean story of Anacharsis, a mere fiction on the part of the Hel- lenes.

78 Fate of Scylas many years after Anacharsis.

Hellenic settler and a native, or a native chief and a Hellenic slave.
to his father from whom he derived his name "Herodotus". He was a native of Eretria, which he left at an early age, and went to Athens, where he was initiated into the mysteries at the great festival of the Eleusinian Mysteries. He there met the Persian king, Cambyses, and accompanied him on his campaigns into Egypt. He afterward returned to Athens, and spent the rest of his life in travel and study. He was a man of great learning, and is celebrated for his historical writings. He is said to have been the first to write a history of the Persian Wars, and his work was much admired by the ancients. He was a liberal contributor to the public works of Athens, and was honored with many presents and marks of distinction. He died in his seventy-sixth year, and was buried in his native city.
same time at which the palace was built. At that time the artists could hardly be other than Greeks, probably Asians, and if so, the forms in question would be suggested to them by what they saw in Asia Minor, in which such figures were unquestionably familiar after the long continuance of the Persian occupation. 223 διεπήστευσε. The MSS vary between this reading, ἐπηρήστευσε and διεπήστευσε, which last rests only upon the authority of S, and looks like a correction for the sake of escaping the difficulty occasioned by the other readings. If it be adopted it must be rendered "asserted," or "gave his word." But perhaps διεπήστευσε is a corruption of the transcribers from διεδρήστευσε, a possible though unknown form equivalent in sense to διέδρησεν. 224 βασιλεύει τὲ. This is the reading of M, P, F, K. Gaisford with the remainder omits τὲ. 225 Σιτάλκης. This is the first time Herodotus mentions this chief, yet he does not think it necessary to give any further description of him. Sitacles no doubt became familiar to every one after he joined the Athenian alliance, which he did in the first year of the Peloponnesian war. (Thucydides, ii. 29.) One may suppose therefore that this passage was written after that time. By parity of reasoning it may be supposed that the description of him given below (vii. 137) was written before this notoriety was acquired. See the note 566 on i. 170.
Πλήθος δὲ τὸ Σκυθέων οὐκ οὗτος τε ἄγενομην ἀτρεκέως πυθέσθαι, ἀλλὰ διαφόρους λόγους περὶ τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ ἤκουν καὶ γὰρ κάρτα πολλοὺς εἶναι σφέας, καὶ ὅλγους, ὡς Σκύθας εἶναι. 227 τοσοῦτο μὲντοι ἀπέφαινον μοι ἐς ὅψιν ἐστὶ μεταξὺ Βορσοθένεος το ποταμοῦ καὶ Τίμαιος χόρος, οὖνομα δὲ οὐ ἐστι Έξαμπαίως, τοῦ καὶ ὅλγῳ το πρῶτον τούτων μνήμην εἶχον, φαίνειον ἐν αὐτῷ κρήνην ὑδατος πικροῦ εἶναι, ἀπὸ ἢς τὸ ὕδωρ ἀπορρέων τὸν Τίμαιον ἀποστὸν ποιεῖν. ἐν τούτῳ τῷ χόρῳ κέεται χαλκίουν 229, μεγάθει καὶ ἔξαπληκτον τοῦ ἐπὶ στόματι τοῦ Ποταμοῦ κρήνης, τὸν Πανανής ὁ Κλεομβρότου ἁνέθηκε· ὃς δὲ μὴ εἰδὼ καὶ τούτων, ἀδὲ δηλώσων ἐξακοσίους ἀμφορέας εὐπτεός χωρεὶ το Σκύθησι χαλκίουν. πάχος δὲ τὸ Σκυθικὸν τούτο χαλκίουν ἐστὶ δικτύλων ἐξ τούτο ἢν ἔλεγον οἱ ἐπιχώροι ἀπὸ ἅρδιον γενέσθαι βουλόμενον γὰρ τὸν σφέτερον βασιλέα, τῷ οὖνομα εἶναι Ἀριαντάν, τούτων 230 εἰδεναι τὸ

226 περιστέλλουσι. See note 347 on i. 98.
227 καὶ ὅλγους, ὡς Σκύθας εἶναι. This expression is similar to μεγάλα ἐκτόισοι χρήματα, ὡς εἶναι Ῥοδώνιῳ (ii. 133). Translate: "and few, to be Scythians." The smallest numbers which were given to Herodotus by his informants were great for any other nation.
228 Έξαμπαίως. See above, note 161 on § 52.
229 Τοῦ τούτων τῷ χόρῳ κέεται χαλκίουν. Ritter (Vorhalte, p. 344) conceives that the spot where this bowl was set up was a sacred one, and that it was the site of a colony of Buddha-worshippers. But the principal argument with which he backs his opinion rests upon the supposition that the footmark of Heracles (spoken of in § 82) was in the immediate vicinity,—of which there is certainly no hint in Herodotus. The two objects were undoubtedly on different sides of the river Illyrian, and the latter not near its bank. (Compare §§ 52 and § 82.) But Ritter in fact puts Euxampeus between the Tyras and the Illyrian, apparently from a slip of the memory, and not, as Herodotus does, between the latter river and the Borysthenes. And it is not easy to see to what use Buddhists would put such a cauldron as that described. The Cimbri of the north of Europe had a much smaller one, which they held sacred, and sent as a present to Augustus Caesar. Over this it was their practice to cut the throats of the captives they took in war (Strabo, vii. pp. 68—70); and the identification of these Cimbri with the Cimmerii of Scythia seems to have rested mainly on the notorious similarity of their habits,—a circumstance which squares very ill with Buddhism.
230 τούτων. One MS has τούτων.
πλήθος τῶν Σκυθῶν, κελεύειν μιν πάντας Σκύθας ἄριστον, μῖαν ἀπὸ τοῦ διόστου κομίσαι· ὃς δ᾿ ἐν μῃ κομίσῃ, θάνατον ἀπελευθεροθέν ἔκαστον: κομίσθημι τέ ἔκρημα πολλῶν ἄριστων, καὶ οἱ δόξαι εἴς αὐτῶν μημόσυνον ποιήσαντι λαπέσθαι· ἐκ τουτέων δὴ μιν τὸ χαλκῆιόν ποιῆσαι τοῦτό, καὶ ἀναθείναι εἰς τὸν Ἑξαμπαίον τοῦτο. ταῦτα δὴ περὶ τοῦ πλῆθος τοῦ Σκυθῶν ἥκον. 

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Darius arrives at the Bosporus and surveys the view from the temple of Zeus Urians.

235 **αὐτὸς ταῦτα ἐξήρρησε.** A parallel piece of barbarity to this is related of **Xerxes** (vii. 39), and it appears to be far more in accordance with his character than with that of his father. But a certain palliation of this outrage has been attempted on the ground, that it being a constitutional maxim of the Persians for all capable of bearing arms to follow the king wherever he went on an expedition in person, the mere attempt to excuse one of his sons was on the part of Oebazus a kind of treason. I conceive that the anecdote itself, as well as the parallel one, is substantially an ethical story, illustrative of the temper of an eastern despot, and that the *dramatis persona*, as in many other stories related by Herodotus, very probably varied in different versions of it. See the notes on v. 92, where the story of Thrasylbus's advice to Periander is discussed; also notes 494 on ii. 160 and 368, below.

236 **ἀπίκετο τῆς Καλχηδονίας ἐπὶ τὸν Μόσπορον.** The course of Darius from Susa to the Bosporus, it will be observed, is entirely unnoticed; and so are all the details of the concentration of the troops. Yet the preparations for assembling any thing like the force mentioned (700,000 land troops and 600 ships, § 87) must have employed all the resources of Asia, comparatively unexhausted as they were at that time, and must have left many a recollection of interesting incidents behind them;—as, according to Herodotus, the similar preparations of Xerxes did. See the notes 245 and 247, below.

237 **πέφυκε θωμασιώτατος.** It is a remarkable circumstance, that while Herodotus gives the true dimensions of the Bosporus, on the supposition of the *stade* being about 600 feet, or 10 *stades* to a geographical mile, the magnitude in length and breadth which he assigns to the Euxine is enormously too great. The breadth of the strait and the length of the αὐχένα would fall under his very eye, but this would not be the case with the other facts. When he comes to the Propontis the dimensions become much too great, and to make his statement harmonize with facts, the stades must be taken much smaller, as equaling no more than ¾ths of their real magnitude. But even this exaggeration is much less than for the Euxine, where the *stades* must be taken at only ½ of the proper magnitude. In other words, the error of estimated distance in a run by sea of the extent of the Propontis amounts to an excess of two-fifths, and in one of the extent of the Euxine to an excess of no less than eleven-tenths. (Leake, *op. Geogr. Journal*, ix. p. 11.) Now although the ability of the ancients to estimate a run out at sea was next to nothing, they having no contrivance answering to our log, it seems impossible that the rate of error should vary so greatly as appears above. It is more probable that the dimensions of the Euxine were exaggerated by the merchants from whom Herodotus obtained his information, than that he himself made the voyage and was deceived to so enormous an extent.
The enormous exaggeration of this statement as regards the Euxine see the last note. It is perhaps not impossible to guess the way in which the error arose. It would appear from § 86 that these distances are the result of a calculation of which the elementary fact is the number of day and night runs out at sea. Now it is a curious circumstance that if the estimated length of a day and night's run be taken at about sixty-two geographical miles,—an amount which results from the Homeric story of Odysseus sailing from Crete to Egypt in less than five whole days (Odys. xiv. 257)—the true dimensions of the Euxine will come out with very tolerable accuracy from the times (“nine days and eight nights” and “three days and two nights”) given in § 86. If then we conceive the author receiving his information in terms of “time,”—which time had been traditionally handed down from the days when about 620 stades were the twenty-four hours’ run,—and converting this time into “space” according to the standard which prevailed in his own day, when, as was the case from the time of the battle of Mycale, the navigation had undoubtedly become far more courageous, (See below, viii. 132,) we shall obtain an explanation of his erroneous statement without any drawback from his accuracy. The traders in the Euxine would certainly not be anxious to remove the ancient impression which existed of the length and dangers of the voyage. (See the next note.)

For the Herodotus, although he seems to have been himself at Phasis, doubtless here gives the average run, not from his own experience, but as he heard it from the traders. (For the importance of Phasis as an emporium see note 363 on i. 104.) The proverb was current: εἰς Φάσιν, ἐνδὰ ἡμῶν ἔχαστο δρόμος, although to the easternmost point of the sea was, according to Strabo, 600 stades further direct run (xii. c. 2, p. 408). This section furnishes an excellent lesson of the caution with which Herodotus’s statements are to be weighed.

240 ἑνδέκα μεραῖδες καὶ ἐκατὸν ὄργυνῶν, “one hundred and eleven myriads of fathoms,” not, as Larcher supposes, 110,100 only.

241 Εἰς τὴν Συμβίκης. This is the region between Corocondame (which was nearly on the extreme point of the southern shore of the Cimmerian Bosporus) and the mouth of the river Kouban. Strabo (xii. c. 2, p. 406) puts the Συμβίκης Λυμὴν 150 stades east of Corocondame, the coast in that part running due e. and w. Another harbour (called Βατά) he puts 400 stades east of the port of Sind, and considers it to be due north of Sinope; while Herodotus in the text makes the

238 τοῦ τὸ μὲν μῆκος... τρισχίλιοι. For the dimensions and description of the Euxine, Bosporus, Propontis, and Hellespont.

239 τοῦτον τοῦ πελάγους τὸ στόμα ἐστὶν εὖρος τέσσαρες σταδίων, μῆκος δὲ τοῦ στόματος ὁ αὕχην τὸ διήθυσιν τῆς Βόσπορος κέκληται, κατ' ὅτι ἐξεύκοτο ἡ γέφυρα, ἐπὶ σταδίων εἰκόσι καὶ ἐκατόν ἐστιν τείνει δ' ἐς τὴν Προποντίδα ὁ Βόσπορος ἡ δὲ Προποντίδα, εὔσης εὖρος μὲν σταδίων πεντακοσίων μῆκος δὲ τετρακοσίων καὶ χίλιων, καταδάδει ἐς τὸν Εὐκλήσποντον ἐστὶν στειωθητί μὲν ἐπὶ σταδίων μῆκος δὲ τετρακοσίως; έκκοδοὶ δὲ ὁ 'Ευλήσποντος ἐς χάσμα πελάγεος τὸ δ' Ἀὐγαίον καλέται. (Μεμέτρηται δὲ ταῦτα δὲν νῦν ἐπιπέπαι μᾶλστα κη κατανείν ἐν μακρομερίᾳ ὄργυνας ἐπτακισμυρίας, νυκτὸς δὲ ἔξακισμυρίας ἡ ὁδὸν ὑπὸ μὲν Φάσιν ἀπὸ τοῦ στόματος—τούτο γὰρ ἐστὶ τοῦ Πώντου μακρότατον—ημερέων ἐννέα πλόος ἐστὶ καὶ νυκτῶν ὀκτώ ἀυτὰ ἑνδέκεκα μυριάδες καὶ ἐκατὸν ὄργυνῶν ἢ μίνωτο εἰς δὲ τῶν ὄργυνῶν τουτέων σταδίων ἐκατόν καὶ χίλιων καὶ μῦροι εἰσίν. ἐς δὲ Θεμισκύρην τὴν ἐπὶ Θερμόδοντι ποταμῷ εἰκὸ τῆς Σινδικῆς—κατὰ
After surveying the entrance of the sea, Darius sails back to Manda- crocles’s bridge, and sets up two stelae upon the shore to commemorate the enterprise.

port of Sind due north of Themiscyra. All the MSS have Ἰδικής, on which see note 90 on § 28.

242 οὐ πολλῷ τέρω ἐλάσσω ἐωστοῦ. The inaccuracy of this statement even as compared with the exaggerated dimensions given of the Euxine is remarkable. The author seems to have had no data whatever by which the Sea of Azof could be measured. Undoubtedly it must be considered that the silting up of this sea necessarily proceeds much more rapidly than that of the Euxine, and consequently that their relative magnitudes must have altered considerably since the time of Herodotus. But in fact access to it seems to have been closed at the time the author was writing. (See note 65 on § 21.)

243 ἐπὶ αὐτῷ, “on the coast of it.” It will be observed that the στῆλαι were no longer in situ; and that there was no positive evidence at what part of the strait the bridge had been thrown across. In the opinion of Herodotus it will have been half way between Byzantium and the temple of Zeus Urnus at the mouth of the sea. But between the time of which he here speaks and the time at which he wrote, Byzantium had been deserted, and the empty town burnt by the Phoenicians with the Persian army (vi. 33).

244 Ἀσσύρια. These characters will doubtless have been the arrow-headed writing, but which of the three varieties which are combined on the Behistun Inscription it is impossible to say. It seems very questionable whether the Greeks were aware of any distinction between them. The same writing is in doubt that of the intercepted despatch mentioned in Thucydides, iv. 50.

245 ἥξε δὲ πάντα τῶν ἥρξε. These words induce the suspicion that the στῆ- λαι in question possibly contained a table of the different provinces of the Persian empire, and of the contingent that each was able to furnish. See the note 236, above.

246 Ὀρθωσίας. This surname apparently refers to the rebuilding of the city after its destruction by the Persians and Phoe- nicians. See note 243. It has nothing to do with the title ὕβεια.

247 γραμμάτων Ἀσσυρίων πλέον. There seems no reasonable doubt, from this phrase, that Herodotus himself saw this stone; and as little, from the same cir-
towards the χώρος τῶν ἐξευρέθεις βασιλείως Δαρείος, ὃς ἔμοι δοκείων συμβαλλομένος, μέσον ἐστὶ Βυζαντίων τε καὶ τοῦ ἐπὶ στόματι ἱρών.

Δαρείος δὲ μετὰ ταύτα, ἥσθείς της σχεδίας, τῶν ἁρμικέτους αὐτῆς Μανδροκλέα τοῦ Σάμιου ἐδορισάτο πάσι δέκα 219, ἀπ’ ὅν δὴ 220 Μανδροκλέης ἀπαρχήν ζῶα γραψαίμενος πάσαν τὴν ἐξεύρεν τοῦ Βουστόρου, καὶ Βασιλέα τε Δαρείον ἐν προεδρίᾳ κατημένου, καὶ τὸν στρατὸν αὐτοῦ διαβαίνοντα, ταύτα γραψάμενος ἀνέβηκε ἐστὶ τὸ "Ἡραϊον" 221, ἐπιγράφας τάδε:

Βόσπορον ἤθελεντα γεφυράσας ἀνέβηκε
Μανδροκλέης 222 "Ἡρι μηνυμόσυνον σχεδίας"
αὐτῷ μὲν στέφανον περιθεὶς Σάμιουσι δὲ κύδος,
Δαρείου βασιλέως 223 ἐκτελέσας κατὰ νοῦν.

taúta μὲν υν τοῦ ἐξευρέσεως της γέφυρας μηνυμόσυνα ἐγένετο.

Δαρείος δὲ δοιρησάμενος Μανδροκλέα διεβαίνε ἐς τὴν Εὐρώπην, 89 τοιοῦ Ἰωσι παραγγέλησαν πλέειν ἐς τὸν Πόντον μέχρι Ἴστρον 
ποταμοῦ ἐπέαν δὲ ἀπίκουνται ἐς τὸν Ἴστρον, ἐνθαῦτα αὐτοῦ περι-
μένεις γεγονότας τῶν ποταμῶν τὸ γὰρ δὴ ναυτικὸν ἤργον Ἰωνίοις τε

cumstance, that if he saw those out of which the altar of Artemis Orthosia had been built, he did not see the same appearance on them. He is evidence for the stone of peculiar character was lying by the side of the temple of Dionysus in Byzantium; and he was told that this was a component part of two στήλαι which had formerly stood on the shore of the Bosporus, and that the remaining portions had been used for building the altar of Artemis in the same city. He was also told that the original monuments had contained a certain bilingual inscription, which was regarded as the muser roll of Darius's army on a particular occasion when he had all his subjects with him.

219 τοῦ ἐπὶ στόματι. The manuscripts S and V have τοῦ ἐπὶ στόματος. The temple spoken of is that of Zeos Hesperus (Arrian, Peripl. § 11), the starting point for the run up the Euxine under a s.w. breeze, which began regularly in April. See note 87 on § 28, above.

220 πασί δέκα. See note 213 on iii. 74.

221 ἀνέβηκε ἐς τὸ "Ἡραϊον. It seems unquestionable that the painting in the Heraeum and the traditions of the temple attaching to it are the main foundation for the story of the bridge of boats having been laid across the Thracean Bosporus. (See the last note.) It seems also certain that the army was represented as marching, not being ferried, across. In the picture therefore, at any rate, the whole transaction was represented as a parallel to the transit of the Hellespont by Xerxes, who himself ἐθηείτο τῶν στρατῶν ὑπὸ μα-

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222 Μανδροκλέης. This name is given as Ανδροκλέης in the citation of the epigram by Gyllius (Bosp. Thrac. ii. 13), and as Μανδροκόλας in the Palatine Anthology (vi. 341). In the next line the Palat. Anth. has τῇ μὲν δὴ στέφανον.

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Darius, after crossing, marches through Thrace, and the fleet.
meet him at the head of the delta.

90

He arrives at the sources of the Taurus, whose waters are good for skin diseases.

91

An inscription on a

quantit in Excursus on iii. 74, p. 423.) Nothing is more likely than that both this monument and the caira mentioned in § 92 stood by the side of the mountain road which led from Perinthus to Apollonia, and that the authority of Herodotus is some traveller by this road whom he met at Perinthus.

251 ómnes τε καὶ Αἰολίας καὶ 'Ελλησσόντιοι. For the probable early incorporation of the Ionians and Aiolians as Persian allies see the notes 476 on i. 141, and 593 on i. 176. It is not to be overlooked that in the narrative of this expedition of Darius no Phoenician force is mentioned. If there were no Phoenician ships, the expression ἤχε δὲ πάντα ὧν ἤχε must be taken with considerable allowance (above, § 87). If there was a Phoenician force present, the omission of its mention possibly arises from the circumstance of Herodotus here following the authority of an Ionian narrative. See the note 269 on § 93, below.

252 καὶ ἀκικόμενος ὁ Δαρείος ὦς ἐστρατοπεδεύσατο, ἰσθείς τῷ ποταμῷ. 

253 καὶ Ἀιολίας καὶ Ἑλλησσόντιοι. The two cities were probably the points from which persons wishing to make use of the mineral springs of the Taurus set out on their journey to them; and it is likely that at one or the other Herodotus heard the story of Darius’s visit and of the monument which commemorated it. The expression Περιόλιω τε καὶ πάσης τῆς ἡπείρου βασιλείας is a description of the king which would be natural to an Asiatic or Hellespontine Greek, but not to a Persian. (See the BEHISTUN INSCRIPTION

254 οὐκ θείος τῷ ποταμῷ. See note 635
on I. 188 for the importance attached to water by the Asians. Still it is not likely that any man should commend for its potable qualities a water obviously of a mineral, and (judging from its effects) probably a sulphureous character. It was however the practice of the Persian court to pass a considerable portion of every summer in a part of the country in which mineral springs existed, and in fact to go through a course of water drinking and bathing,—a fashion which is ridiculed in a somewhat coarse manner by Aristophanes (Acharn. 80—84). It is probable that the Persian officers in the Hellespont would retain their habits, and thus the springs of Taurus would become a kind of Toepplitz or Aix la Chapelle for the Chersonese. In that case the visit of any person of high rank would naturally be commemorated by a monument, as a circumstance calculated to enhance the honour of the baths. That it should be set up by their express desire is another matter.

92 On the bank of the river Arisces are some carins of stones left by the army.

93 The first opponents against whom Darius uses force are the Getae,

94 who hold the doctrine of immortality.
λέξιν 259, διὰ πεντετετριδος δὲ τὸν πάλω λαχώντα αἰεὶ σφενων αὐτὸν ἀποτέμπουσι ἄγγελον παρὰ τὸν Ζάλμοξιν, ἐντελλόμενοι τῶν ἃν ἐκάστοτε δέωνται τέμπουσι δὲ ὁδὲ οἱ μὲν αὐτῶν ταχθέντες ἀκόντια τρία ἔχουσιν ἄλλοι δὲ διαλαβόντες 260 τοῦ ἀποτεμπομένου παρὰ τὸν Ζάλμοξιν τὰς χειρὰς καὶ τοὺς πόδας, ἀνικανήσαντες αὐτὸν μετέωρον ῥιπτεύσι ἐς τὰς λόγχας. ἢν μὲν δὴ ἀποθαίνη ἀναπαρεῖς, τοῦτο δὲ ἔλεως ὁ θεὸς δοκεῖ εἶναι ἢν δὲ μὴ ἀποθανή, αἰτιῶντα αὐτὸν τὸν ἄγγελον, φάμενοι μν ἀνδρά κακῶς εἶναι αἰτησάμενοι δὲ τοῦτον, ἄλλον ἀποτέμπουσι ἐντελλοῦσι δὲ ἐπὶ ξύντι. οὗτοι οἱ αὐτοὶ Θρήκες καὶ πρὸς βροτίν τε καὶ ἀστρατηγὸς τοξεύσων ἄνοι πρὸς τὸν οὐρανόν, ἀπειλεύσι 261 τῷ θεῷ, οὐδείνα ἄλλον θεὸν νομίζοντες εἶναι εἰ μὴ τῶν σφέτερον. Ὄς δὲ ἔγιν πυνθαίνομαι τῶν τὸν Ἐλλήσποτον οἰκεόντων Ἐλλήνων καὶ Πόντου, τὸν Ζάλμοξιν τούτον ἔστα ἄνθρωπον ὑμνεύει εἰ τοῦτον, ἔπελθεν δὲ αὐτοῦν, γενώμενον ὑμείνα, ἠρμάτων χρῆματα κτήσασθαι συχνὰ, κτησάμενον δὲ ἀπελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ἐσωτοῦν ἀτρὸ κακοβίων οἱ εὕνωτοι τῶν Ἐλλήνων καὶ ὑπαφρονετέρων, τὸν Ζάλμοξιν τούτον ἐστισάμενον διαίτῃ τε Ἰάδα καὶ ἠθέα βαθύτερα 262 ἢ κατὰ Θρήκας, οἷα Ἐλλησί τε ὠμηλήσαντα καὶ Ἐλλήνων ὁ τῷ ἀσθενεστάτῳ σοφιστῇ 263 Πυθαγόρῃ, κατασκευάσασθαι ἀνδρεία, εἰς τὸν παιδοκείοντα τῶν ἱστὸν πρῶτον καὶ εὐχέρχειν, ἀναδίδακεν ὡς οὔτε αὐτὸς οὔτε οἱ συμπότα ἀυτοῦ οὔτε οἱ ὡς κατ' αὐτὸν καὶ ἦν εἰ τούτον αἰεὶ γυμνοῦμεν ἀποθανεῖν, ἀλλ' ἦξουσιν εἰς χόρον τοῦτον ἵνα αἰεὶ περιεύνετε ἐξουσία τὰ πάντα ἀγαθά: ἐν ὧ δὲ ἐποίει τὰ καταλείποντα καὶ ἐξέγει ταῦτα, ἐν τούτῳ κατάγαιναν οἰκήμα ἐποτίζοντο. ὡς δὲ οἱ παντελέως ἐξέ τὸ οἰκήμα, ἐκ μὲν τῶν Θρήκῶν ἥφαισθη, καταβὰς δὲ κατέως τὸ κατάγαιναν

259 Γεβελεῖσιν. The manuscripts M, P, K, F, b, d have Beleίσιν.
260 διαλαβόντες. See note 402 on i. 114.
261 ἀπειλεύσι. Gaisford adopts this reading and ὁδέως above, mainly on the authority of S and V, the majority of the MSS having the common forms.
262 ἠθέα βαθύτερα. This phrase is one which is used by Polybius (see Schweigman’s Lexicon Polybianum, vV, Baðos and Baðus), and several times by Philo Judaeus, but it rather surprises in so early an author as Herodotus. The original notion of ἠθός βαθύ seems to be a character formed by sound and philosophical instruction, not of the merely technical kind (such as the use of weapons) to which the education of a savage would be confined. ἠθ. β. ἢ κατὰ Θρήκας would be “the result of a deeper training than the Thracian customs recognized.”
263 σοφιστῆ. See note 99 on i. 30, and note 140 on ii. 49.
Herodotus's criticism of the story.

On arriving at the Ister Darius intends to destroy the bridge after passing, but is dissuaded by Coes of Mytilene.
98
He orders the Ionians to watch the bridge for sixty days, and pushes on for the interior.

99
Description of the seaboard of Scythia from the Ister.

*It seems plain that he conceived it, the mouth of the Ister, and that of the Borysthenes, as lying nearly on the same parallel. Strabo himself does not appear to know the town, although he describes the Karpathos κόλπος which is named from it. This latter is the bay of which the n.w. headland is formed by the Σπαρα. Ταυρική, — the western point of a long narrow sandbank joined to the main by an isthmus in about the middle of its extent, called the Αχίλλειος δρόμος. But so little was known of the bay even in Strabo’s time, from the dangerous navigation, that the local accounts of the distance from Ταυρίδα to the head of the bay varied from 1000 to 3000 stadai (vii. p. 92). Now at the head of the bay (the Ula Deugitz or Dead Sea) is the isthmus connecting the Crimea with the main, of the width of which the accounts also varied from 40 to 360 stadai. (Strabo, l. c.) Of this isthmus Herodotus does not take any notice at all, except it be assumed that it is the site of the Slack’s Dyke described in § 3, above, against which much may be said. In his view the coast of the Crimea is conceived as running pretty nearly in a straight line
from the low land at the s.w. of the embouchure of the Borysthenes to the
Xerophýnos τρηχεία, the mountainous district forming the European shore of
the Cimmerian Bosporus. After the cape (the Ram's head) is rounded, he imagines
the main direction of the coast to be northward, or n. by e., until the mouth
of the Tanais and the head of the Sea of Azof is reached. The narrow strait he
seems to bring considerably to the north of its true position, and to be quite un-
aware of the extent and figure of the coast of the Crimea between κριού μέταπον (the
Ram's head) and Panticareum.

271 ος δὲ τῆς 'Αττικῆς ταύτα μὴ παρα-
πέπλωκε. From the circumstance of
the author using an illustration derived from
the coast of Italy, it has been argued that
this passage must have been written by
him subsequently to his arrival at Thu-
ril, and intended for the special purpose
of informing the inhabitants of Magna
Grecia. The passage in § 15, above,
seems likewise to imply a familiarity with
Metapontium,—such as might be expected
from a person settled in the immediate
neighbourhood.

272 τὸ κατύπερθη τῶν Ταύρων. The
manuscripts S and V omit τὸ.

273 τὰ πρὸς θαλάσσης τῆς ἡοῖς, “the
eastern seaboard.” The Sea of Azof and
the Bosporus seem to be conjointly de-
scribed as the eastern sea in opposition to
the sea to the west of the Crimea. The
Euxine itself was in after times considered
to be divided into an easterly and wes-
terly portion by a line drawn from κριοῦ
μέταπον (the Ram's head), the southern-
most point of the Crimea, to Cape Caram-
bis in Paphlagonia. It was said that
navigators passing between often saw the
two points simultaneously. (Strabo, vii.
p. 94.)
101 ταῖνον δὲ, Μελαγχλαίωνον. "Εστι δὲν τής Σκυθικῆς, ὡς ἐσύγης τετραγώνων"274, τῶν δύο μερεόν κατηκόντων ἐς θάλασσαν, πάντη ἵνα τὸ τε ἐς τήν μεσόγαιαν φέρων, καὶ τὸ παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν ἀπὸ γέρα "Ιστρον ἐπὶ Βορυσθένεα δέκα ἡμέρεων ὄδὸς· ἀπὸ Βορυσθένεως τ' ἐπὶ τῆν Λίμνην τῆν Μαιήνων, ἐτέρων δέκα· καὶ τὸ ἀπὸ θαλάσσης ἐς μεσόγαιαν ὡς τῶν Μελαγχλαίων τοὺς κατύπερθε Σκυθέων οἰκημένους, εἰκοσι ἡμέρεων ὄδὸς. ἦ δὲ ὃδος ἡ ἡμέρησιν ἀνὰ διηκόσια στείρα πιαμβέβληται μοι.275 ὡς τὸν ἀνεί τῆς Σκυθικῆς τὰ ἐπικάρσια276, τετρακισχιλίων σταδίων καὶ τὰ ὀρθία, τὰ ἐς τὴν μεσόγαιαν φέροντα, ἐτέρων τοσοῦτω σταδίων. ἦ μὲν ἐννοεῖ ἡ αὐτή ἐστιν μέγαθος τοσαίτην.

102 Οἱ δὲ Σκύθαι δῶντες σφίσει λόγον ὡς οὐκ ὅτι τε εἰς τὸν Δαρείου στρατόν ἴδια χρίσθη διώσσαταν μοῦνον, ἐπέμπου ὡς τῶν πλησιοχωρίων ἀνεκέλευσι: τῶν δὲ καὶ δὴ οἱ βασιλεῖς συνελθόντες ἐβουλεύοντο, ὡς στρατοῦ ἐπελαύνοντος μεγάλου ἦσαν δὲ οἱ συνελθόντες βασιλεῖς, Ταύρων, καὶ Ἀγαθύρσων, καὶ Νευρῶν, καὶ Ἀνδροφάγων, καὶ Μελαγχλαίων, καὶ Γελώνων, καὶ Βούδινων, καὶ Σαυροματέων.277

274 ὡς ἐσύγης τετραγώνων, "considered as a square." These words must not be pressed too closely. The writer obviously throws the country of the Tauri entirely out of consideration, and has very vague notions of the dimensions of the territory occupied by the northern neighbours of the Scythians. The main points suggesting the comparison are that he believes each coast line to be 4000 stades in length, and the Melanchelani to be twenty days' journey inland of the Scythians on the banks of the Tanais.

275 ἦ δὲ ὃδος ἡ ἡμέρησιν ἀνὰ διηκόσια στείρα πιαμβέβληται μοι. In another place (v. 53) he estimates the distance at 160 stades daily. See the note on that passage.

276 ἐπικάρσια. This word has occasioned a good deal of difficulty, and given rise to some false conceptions of the figure which Herodotus attributes to Scythia. It is in fact a relative term, and means "at an angle,"—not "at an oblique angle" in contradistinction to a right angle, but generally "at an angle" in contradistinction to that which is in the same line. Thus in the Odyssey (ix. 70) the expression ἐφερόντα ἐπικάρσιαι is applied to the ships heeding over on being struck by a squall,—as opposed to sailing on an even keel. The streets of Babylon, according to Herodotus's description (i. 180), were built straight: τὰς τε ἀλασ καὶ τὰς ἐπικάρσιας τὰς ἐπὶ τῶν πυθαμάν ἐχώνιας, where the word implies merely those turning off from the main streets. So the pontoon-bridge of Xerxes at the Hellespont was so laid that the ships composing it were τοῦ μὲν Πῶλου ἐπικαρσίας τοῦ δὲ Ἑλλησπόντου κατὰ ἀκολούθησαν, "at an angle to the line of coast of the Euxine, but in the line of stream of the canal."

In this passage the force of the word consists in its opposition to τὰ ὑπερία, which are the lines drawn from the sea-coast directly inland. The coast lines, being inclined to these, are τὰ ἐπικάρσια, but what the angle of inclination may be is not expressed.

277 ἦσαν δὲ οἱ συνελθόντες ... Σαυροματέων. With the exception of the Tauri, these tribes are mentioned in the order in which they come from west to east. The Agathyrsi perhaps may be considered to occupy the site of the Carpathian mountains on both sides, and the others to be mere nomad tribes. A river which takes its rise among the Agathyrsi (the Maris) seems to be the Theiss (see § 49); and
the circumstance of their being ἀβράτατοι and χρυσοφόροι serves to distinguish them from the filthy nomads of the plains. If they were mountaineers too, there is a reason for their making a stand against the flying Scythians, and for the latter not attempting to force their way through mountainous regions where their wagons could not have travelled. See below, § 123.

273 τῷ Παρθένῳ. The site of the temple of this goddess was a promontory in the Crimea immediately to the south of the city Chersonesus, a colony from Heraclea in Pontus, which is mentioned by Scylax of Caryanda, although neither it nor Heraclea itself are by Herodotus (see the next note). It was near the mouth of the bay at the head of which the Russian arsenal Sebastopol stands. A line drawn from Sebastopol to the south for about eight miles falls into the head of the bay of Balachava, anciently called Σωμβόδλων λιμήν, the chief den of the Tauric wreckers and pirates. Within the peninsula formed by this isthmus (which was called μερὰ Χεμβόνθης to distinguish it from the μεγάλη Χεμβόνθης or the Crimea) were three small harbours, besides the Tauric port, and the bay of Aktiar or Sebastopol. The Tauric shore was considered to extend from the Σωμβόδλων λιμήν to the town Theodosia (the modern Caffa) a distance of 1000 stades. It was singularly well fitted for piracy, the high shores furnishing excellent stations for observing the vessels going up the Euxine, as they passed through the narrowest part of that sea included between the Ram’s head and Cape Carambis in Asia. (Strabo, vii. pp. 91, seqq.)

279 τοὺς ἀν λάβοσι Ἑλλήνων ἐπανα-

χέντας. This was a common belief at Athens, and appears to have been incalculated by the dramatic writers. Euripides (Iph. Thaur. 38) makes Iphigenia say of herself:—

θώ χάρι, ἡντος τοῦ νόμου καὶ τριν πάλιν, ἢ ἂν κατέλθῃ τήνε ἱγν Ἑλλήν ἀνήρ.

And yet it is singular that the very arsenal of the Taurians (see the last note) should have been called Σωμβόδλων λιμήν, — a name which clearly indicates commercial relations between them and foreigners. One may be inclined to suspect that it was only the Ionians who were treated in the way described in the text, and that a confederacy may have existed for the purpose of monopolizing the traffic with the Sea of Azof which passed through the Cimmerian Bosporus. If all Greeks had been treated so cruelly, the city Chersonesus would hardly have been founded from Heraclaea under the very eye of the Taurians. But Heraclaea was essentially Dorian, as the inscriptions on its coins show. (Hoffmann, p. 1591.) If a confederacy existed between the Bosporane Greeks, the Taurians, and the Heraclaeots, for the purpose of excluding the Ionian Asiatics from the channel traffic, an explanation is afforded of some of Herodotus’s most striking omissions. See note 65 on § 21.

283 λάβοσι αὐτῷ Ταύρῳ. It must not be necessarily concluded from this expression that the writer had himself been on the spot. His ignorance of the outline of the coast (see note 270 on § 99) proves the contrary decisively. And if he obtained his information from Hellenic traders, the real state of the case would no doubt be that they identified the native deity with the Iphigenia of their own mythology, and the Tauri allowed the theory. Some such identification would be requisite for the purposes of traffic, as without some common religious bond no covenant of any kind would be held valid. See note 37 on iii. 11.
neian tìn 'Agramémuonos éinai. politeíous de vàndras, toûs àn xehiòswntai, poiëvai tâde àpottamwv ékastos kefalhí, àpto-féretai ès tû oikía: épeita èpì ëxoul megálou ànapetirás ìstà vàpèr tûs oikións vàperhéousan pollhûs, màlvsatà de vàpèr tûs kavno-dikís: fásal de toûtous fylákous tûs oikións pásís vàperiarmórfesbái. 

ξowai de àpò lýhîs te kai politeíous. 'Agáthuroi de àbróptatou àndres eîsi, kai chrusofóropoi tûs màlvsatà épikwou para tôn gnwai-kôn tûn miṝi poiëvntai, îna kaiyigíntoi te alllíoun èsou, kai oikhiów èontes pàntes, màṯe fðouno màṯ étèxi chrêontai ès alllí-

lous' tâ d' álλla nómaia Thèîiîx proskexeqhîsai. Neuroui de nórouci meû chrêontai Sakvthkaíou. genvî de miû prôterou sfèras tûs Ðaréiou stratplasaîs káteîlabe ékliptevi tûn õçhron paçan vàpèr õfíoun. õfíais garm sphi polloucs meû õçhron ànéfavne, oî de plèvnes ànôbdhen sphi èk tûn èrímwn èsptèssou, ès o, piewîmewou, oikhsan metà Bouðíoun, tàs èwontwn ékliptîntes. kivnwhuwnu de oî ànthrôpoi oûtoi géntes èina: légonantai garm vàpèr Sakvthèwou kai Òllíoun tûn en tû Sakvthik katokìmewn, òs èstes èkástou òppá:t tûn Neurówn èkastos lûkos õînetai hèmèras ôlýgas, kai autís õîòwò õs tauta katìstatai ème meû wûn tauta légonntes ou peîdouna légonoi de ouðên õçsan, kai òmwnous de légonntes.

'Àndrophagoi de àghrîstata pànton ànthrôpwn èxounv õïeûa: õûte õîkwn nûmîizontes õûte nómo ouðeini chrêwemvoi nomîdès de èisìès èsîhîta de fóreoun wû tû Sakvthik õmîmû, õlôssan de idîn.

281 õpò õfíoun. It has been considered that the basis of this story may be the locusts which sometimes cover the plains of southern Russia.
282 oikhsan metà Bouðíoun. According to Schaparik (Slavische Alterthümer, quoted by Mr. Grote, vol. iii. p. 325) a plausible case is to be made out for considering the Neuri and Budíni a Slavonic race. It seems that the names are traceable to Slavonic roots, and that the wooden town (described in § 108) is an exact parallel of the primitive Slavonic towns even down to the twelfth century.
283 lûkos õînetai. This is the superstition of the wer-wolf, which seems to have prevailed in all countries where these ferocious animals were common. Its origin is perhaps to be looked for in the peculiar character which mania would be likely to assume in a population living among forests and accustomed to hear the howling of wolves at night. Grimm (Deutsche Mythologie, p. 621) gives several forms which the superstition takes in different parts of western Europe. In Denmark the bear takes the place of the wolf. In some parts of the east the tiger does, and in Abyssinia the hyena. But transformation into a wolf as a voluntary act implies a belief in witchcraft super-added to experience of the disease of lycanthropy. Virgil (Bucol. viii. 97) makes Meris change himself into a wolf by the help of certain herbs which came from Pontus, the head-quarters of witchcraft, and the source perhaps of Herodotus' story.
284 õlôssan de idîn. The word õxounv is to be supplied by inference from fôreoun. See note 190 on i. 59.
article of food with the Greeks both in ancient and modern times. HAWKINS says that the kernels of the stone-pine, now called cone-wood, form an article of exportation from Elis to Zante and Cefalonia (op. Walpole’s Turkey, p. 236). LVMH may be at ‘A’ or ‘a’ as they call it. The whole of the region north of the Caspian between the rivers Wolga and Ural is full of lakes of a marsh-like character, but it seems impossible to fix specially upon any of these as the one contemplated by Herodotus’s informant.

290 θηρία τετραγωνοστόμωτα. What these animals were, which are mentioned together with otters and beavers, is not easy to say. It can scarcely be doubted that the όρχεις presently spoken of are really the bags of the musk-deer; and perhaps the θηρία τετραγωνοστόμωτα are the seals found in the Caspian and mouths of the Wolga, the skins of which would
come by the same route into the hands of the Pontine Greeks as the musk-bags and the otter and beaver skins. It was not to be expected that the merchant should be a natural historian; and hence he might not unnaturally believe that the two articles belonged to the same animal. See note 390 on iii. 107.

291 ἔτε "Ελληνες Ἄμαξοις ἐμαχέσαντο, "are sewed on as a border around the woollen mantles." The Germans, according to Tacitus, attempted to improve the appearance of the skins of land animals by spotting them with seal skin (German. § 27); and Eripides makes the female bacchantes produce a similar variety by white wool upon fawn skin: στυκτῶν δ᾽ ἐνυτα νεβρίδων στόρετε λευκοτρίχων πλοκάμων μαλλοῖς. Bacch. 109.

The Sounonidae are in the legend connected with the Amazons.
would suspect it from this passage. It seems not impossible that the whole story of the Amazons is an insertion in a later draught of the work.
114 Herodotus matrons.

115 114 Like Xerxesavarovrei TTOievat, al Kovri^o/xev Kai Ta9 roiv rovro oTTLaco voiXiaLa Krr)cret'i, ai eKarTrov Mera ovSanfj. oYvrei טוOovTo eupe €9 arjixalvovaa €<fipa^e 504^.

116 115 of different "eiruOovTo eupe €9 arjixalvovaa €<fipa^e 504^.

294 aYte ǎllr oYdamaτh. This is very different from the habits of the Cahnucks of southern Russia at the present time. Their women are described by Clarke as being uncommonly hardy, and on horseback outstripping their male companions in the race. (Travels, p. 317.) But the picture in the text is probably drawn by a Greek, who transfers the habits of his own countrywomen to the Scythian matrons.

295 "οῦν τῶν κτημάτων τῶν ἐπιβάλλων, "their share of the property." See note 370 on i. 106.
θουτο και ταύτα οι νευρισκόντες διαβάζαντες δέ τον Ταναίθην, οδοιπόρους πρὸς ἥλιον ἀνύσχοντα τριῶν μὲν ἕμεραίων ἀπὸ τοῦ Ταναίθου ὀδοῦ, τριῶν δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς λίμνης τῆς Μαυστίδος πρὸς βορίθνην ἄνεμου ἀπικόμενοι δὲ ἐς τούτον τοῦ χώρου, ἐν τῷ νῦν κατοίκησιν 296, οἴκησαν τούτον. καὶ διαίτη ἀπὸ τούτου χρέωσται τῇ παλαιᾷ τῶν Σαυροματέων αἱ γυναίκες, καὶ ἐπὶ θήρειν ἔπι ἱππῶν ἐκφοιτᾶσαι ἀμα τοίς ἀνδράσι καὶ χωρίς τῶν ἀνδρῶν, καὶ ἐς πόλεμον φοίτοσαι, καὶ στολῆν τὴν αὐτὴν τοῖς ἀνδράσι φορέωσαι. Φωνὴ δὲ οἱ Σαυρομάται νομίζουσι 297 Σκυθικῇ, σολωκίζοντες αὐτῆς ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀρχαίου, ἐπεὶ ὁ χρυστός ἐξείμαθον αὐτὴν αἱ Ἀμαζόνες. τὰ περὶ γάμων δὲ ὁδὲ σφί διακέεσαι ὁ γαμάεται παρθένοις οὐδεμαί, πρὶν ἀν τῶν πολεμίων ἄνδρα ἀποκτείνῃ 298. αἱ δὲ τινες αὐτές καὶ τελευτῶσι γηραιαὶ πρὶν γήμασθαι, οὐ δυνάμεναι τὸν νόμον ἐκπλήσσαι.

Ἐπὶ τούτων ὄν τῶν καταλεχθέντων ἔθνεων τοὺς βασιλεάς ἀλισμένους ἀπικόμενοι τῶν Σκυθέων οἱ ἀγγελοι, ἔλεγον ἐκδίδονται σκοντες ὡς ὁ Πέρσης, ἐπειδὴ οἱ τὰ ἐν τῇ ἁπείρῳ τῇ ἑτέρῃ πάντα κατέστραπται, γέφυραν ξεύζας ἐπὶ τῷ αὐξείν τοῦ Βόσπορου, διαβέβηκε ἐς τὴν ἡπείρον διαβᾶς δὲ, καὶ κατασπερφάμενοι Θρηκίας, γεφυρὸν ποταμοῦ Ἰστρον, βουλόμενοι καὶ τάδε πάντα ὅπτε ἐνωτὶ ποιήσασθαι "ὑμεῖς ὅσον μηδείς πρῶτος ἐκ τοῦ μέσου κατήμενοι περιπόνητε ἡμέας διαφθαρέντας· ἀλλὰ τῶντο νόήσατε, ἀντιαξόμενοι τὸν ἐπίσταν. οὐκον ποιήσετε ταύτα 299; ὑμεῖς μὲν πιεζόμενοι, ἢ ἐκλείψουσιν τὴν χώρην ἢ μένουτε ὡς ἀρνώτατοι θρησκευόμενοι, (τὶ γὰρ πάθομεν μὴ βουλόμενοι ὑμέων τιμορείς;) ὑμῖν δὲ οὐδὲν ἐπὶ τούτω ἐσται ἑλαφρότερον ἢκεὶ γὰρ ὁ Πέρσης οὐδέν τι μᾶλλον ἐπὶ ἡμέας ἢ οὐ καὶ ἐπὶ ἡμέας 300, οὐδὲ οἱ καταχρῆσιν

296 ἐν τῷ νῦν κατοίκησιν. The site somewhat differs from that given in § 21, above. There the Sauromates are represented as extending along the Tanais on the eastern bank, from the very embouchure of the river for fifteen days' journey northwards. The amount of their extension from the river is not stated in either passage. The first natural boundary would be the Wolga, and that at no great distance; but Herodotus's informant obviously knows nothing of the people, except the general bearing of the country supposed to be occupied by them, and the legend which prevailed among his informants as to their origin.

297 νομίζουσι, "ordinarily use." From including the sense of χρώντα the word is put in the same regimen which χρώντα would require. See the note 132 on ii. 44, and 181 on § 64, above.

298 πρὶν ἄν τῶν πολεμίων ἄνδρα ἀποκτείνῃ. HIPPocrates makes the qualification for a wife to be the having slain three enemies. (De aere, &c., p. 553.) In another place he relates that it is the practice of the Amazons to cripple all their male children by dislocating their knees or their hips at a very early age.

299 οὐκον ποιήσετε ταύτα; See note 689 on i. 206.

300 ἢκεὶ γὰρ ἢ οὐ καὶ ἐπὶ ἡμέας.
The pleonastic use of οὐ in this passage seems to arise from the desire of the speaker to remind the person he addresses that the main proposition is a negative one. Compare v. 94: ἀποδεικνύσεις λόγῳ οὐδέν μᾶλλον Ἀλέξανδρος μετέχει τῆς ἱλιάδος χάρις οὐ σφί καὶ τώπῳ ἄλλοις κ.τ.λ., and vii. 16: φανέρωθά οὖν οὐδέν μᾶλλον μοι ὑφάλλει ἔχοντι τὴν σὴν ἐσθήτα οὐ καὶ τὴν ἐμφρ. 301 τῆς πρόσθε δουλασώσῃ. This expression refers to the subjugation of the Medes by the Scythians related in i. 103—105, and above, § 12. That inroad is made the ostensible cause of the expedition of Darius (§ 1, above).

301 οὐς πεισόμεθα. The manuscript S has οὐκ οἰδάμεθα. The text has caused a good deal of difficulty to the commentators, and various conjectures have been proposed. But the expression seems exactly correspondent with the English idiom, "we will not be passive," and not to demand any change. 302 μέχρι πού τοῦτο ἱδομέν ἡμῖν αὐτοῦσον ἦκεν ἡμᾶς δικάσας, ἀλλὰ ἐπὶ τούς αὐτούς τῆς ἰδικίας γενομένους."

The proposition of a subjunctive rather than of an indicative: μέχρι πού ἀθηραὶ ἀπέπλευσαν.
The Seythians determine on a plan of warfare. They form three divisions under Scythia, Ianthyrus, and Taxacis.

Plan of the campaign.

They send forward a body of skirmishers,
and remove their families northwards.

122 Three days' march from the Ister, the Persians find the Scythian light division, and pursue them across the Tanais through the region of the Sauromatae to the wooden town of the Budini, which they burn. Going on still further they reach the desert, which is seven days across.

123 'Osov μὲν δὴ χρόνον οἱ Πέρσαι ήσαν διὰ τῆς Σκυθικῆς καὶ τῆς Σαυρομάτατος χώρης, οἱ δὲ εἴχον οὐδὲν σίνεσθαι, άτε τῆς χώρης εύοσμος χέρσον. Ἐπεὶ τε δὲ ἐς τὴν τῶν Βουδίνων χώρην ἐσέβαλον, ἐνεβάτα δὴ ἐντυχόντες τῷ ξυλίνῳ τείχει, εκλευοντός τῶν Βουδίνων καὶ κεκευομένου τοῦ τείχους πάυσαν, ἐνέπρησαν αὐτὸ τοῦτο δὲ πούσαντες εἴποντο αἰεὶ τὸ πρῶσο κατὰ στίβον, ἡ δὲ διεξελθόντες ταύτην ἐς τὴν ἐρήμου ἀπίκοντο· ἡ δὲ ἐρήμου αὐτὴ ὑπὸ οὐδαμόν νεμεται ἀνδρῶν κέεται δὲ ὑπὲρ τῆς Βουδίνων χώρης εὔσως πλῆθος ἐπὶ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῶν τείχεων στιβών, τοπομάλα δὲ εἰς αὐτῶν τέσσερες μεγάλοι ρέοντες διὰ Μαιντέων ἐκδίδοσθαι ἐς τὴν λίμνην τῆς καλεομένην Μαίητιν, τοὺς

309 ἐν τῇς ἐφὶ διαίτατο τὰ τέκνα τε καὶ αἱ γυναῖκες πᾶσαι. See the note 197 on § 69.

310 οἱ Πέρσαι ἐπιδιαβάντες ἐδίωκον. From the Ister to the Sea of Azof is reckoned by Herodotus to be a twenty days' journey εὖών ἀνδρὶ, for whom the distance allowed is 200 stadia daily (§ 101). This is far more than could be performed by an army for twenty days together, under any circumstances of pressure. But the real distance is such, that according to Rennell's estimate no less than fifty days would be requisite for an army to march even to the embouchure of the Tanais (p. 113). From the embouchure the country of the Sauromatae extends for fifteen days northwards in Herodotus's view (§ 21). This would bring the borders of the Budini about to the region of Woronet, from which Clarke reached the Sea of Azof in seventeen days. Rennell (p. 90) believes the Oarus of the text to be the Wolga, which to a casual observer might appear in the higher part of its course to run towards the Sea of Azof.

311 σίνεσθαί. See note on ix. 13.

312 τῆς χώρης ἐνυσμὸς χέρσον. See above, § 21.

313 τῷ ξυλίνῳ τείχει. See above, § 108.

314 πλῆθος, "extent." The word is used in precisely the same sense in i. 205, where Caucasus is said to be οὐρέων πληθεῖ μεγαστον.
The tombs they composed of stone, which was sunk some 15 feet, and surrounded by circular walls of brick, except in places where it had been undermined by the earth. But the mound was composed of a lighter earth, "it has sunk and left hollow places encircled by a kind of fosse." (Clarke, vol. i. p. 277.)

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te Σκύθαι καὶ οἱ Πέρσαι, κατηγοῦσι οἱ Σκύθαι ἐς τῶν Ἀνδροφάγων τοὺς χωροὺς ταραχθέντων δὲ καὶ τοῦτον, ὑπῆργον ἐπὶ τὴν Νευρίδα· ταρασσομένων δὲ καὶ τοῦτον 319, ἦσαν ὑποφέγνοντες οἱ Σκύθαι ἐς τοὺς Ἀγαθύρσους· Ἀγάθυρσοι δὲ ὑρέουντες καὶ τοὺς ὁμούρους φεύγοντας ὕπτο Σκύθεων καὶ τεταραγμένων, πριν ἴ σφι ἐμβαλέειν τοὺς Σκύθας, πέμψαντες κήρυκα ἀπηγόρευον Σκύθηρα μὴ ἐπιβάλλειν τῶν σφετέρων οὐρών, προλέγουτε ὡς εἰ πειρήσασθαι ἐξεβάλλοντες, σφίζει πρῶτα διαμαχήσονται. Ἀγάθυρσοι μὲν προ-
επάντας ταῦτα ἐβούλευον ἐπὶ τοὺς οὐρών, ἔρυκεν ἐν τῷ ἔχοιτος τοὺς ἐπιόντας. Μελίνχλαινοι δὲ καὶ Ἀνδροφάγοι καὶ Νευροὶ, ἐσβαλόντων τῶν Περσῶν ἀμα Σκύθηρι, οὗτο πρὸς ἄλχην ἔτρε-
ποτο ἐτπλαθόμενοι τῇ τῆς ἀπειλῆς ἐφευγοῦν αἰεὶ τὸ πρὸς βορέω ἐς τὴν ἐρήμον τεταραγμένον οἱ δὲ Σκύθαι ἐς μὲν τοὺς Ἀγαθύρσους οὐκέτι ἀπεπάντας 320 ἀπικνέοντο οἱ δὲ ἐκ τῆς Νευρίδος χώρας ἐς 

tην σφετέρα κατηγοῦσε τοῦτο Πέρσαι.

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Darius challenges Idan-
thyrsus to a pitched battle.

319 ὑπῆργον ἐπὶ τὴν Νευρίδα . . . τοῦτον. This clause is wanting in S, apparently from the oversight of the copyist.

320 οὐκέτι ἀπεπάντας. A good deal of difficulty arises out of these words if ἀπεπάντων is to be taken in the sense of ἀπαγορευοῦν (as it is in iiii. 153), for the next sentence seems to prove that the Agathysri did not change their mind, and that therefore the Scyths passed from Neuris into their own country. Accordingly it has been proposed to read ἀπα-
παντας οὐκέτι ἀπικνέοντο. But a good sense will be elicited from the text as it stands by taking ἀπεπάντων in a sense which is not unusual in other authors, "to give in" or "succeed." The Melanchlani, Androphagi, and Neuri had all professed their intention of resisting the invader if he came against them (above, § 119). But when the brunt arrived, they, ἐπιλαθό-

μενοὶ τῆς ἀπειλῆς (an expression which refers to their threatened resistance to the Persians), succumbed and fled northwards. Then the Scyths and Persians reached the Agathysri, and found no longer a pol-
troon people to deal with. Accordingly, out of Neuris the former retreated before the Persians into their own land. The phrase οὐκέτι ἀπεπάντας has a special reference to the preceding expression ἐπιλαθόμενοι τῆς ἀπειλῆς. Translate: "And the Scyths reached indeed the Agathysri, but there was an end of giving in, and they on their side out of the Neurid territory led the Persians on into their own."

321 Ἀγάθυρσοι. See the note 215 on § 76.

322 ἄξιοχρεος. This is the reading of the majority of the MSS. Gaisford, with two, gives the Ionic form ἄξιοχρεος.
λόγους."

Πρὸς ταῦτα ὁ Σκυθέων βασιλεὺς Ἰδαύνυρος ἔλεγε τάδε: "όστω τὸ ἐμὸν ἔχει, ὁ Πέρσας ἑγὼ οὐδένα καὶ ἀνθρώπων δεῖσας ἐφφυγόμεν, οὔτε πρότερον οὔτε νῦν σε φεύγων οὔτε τί νεῶτερον εἰμί ποίησας νῦν ἢ καί, ἐν εἰρήνῃ ἐκθέτω ποιήσειν. ὅ τι δέ οὐκ αὐτικά μάχομαι τοι, ἔγω καὶ τὸ τούτῳ σημανέω ἣμιν οὔτε ἄστεα οὔτε γῆ πεπνυμένη ἐστὶ, τῶν πέρι δείσασται μὴ ἄλοφὴ ἢ καρθη, ταχύτερον συμμισθηκομένον ἢν ἢ μάχην ἢμιν εἰ δὲ δεόι πάντως 322 ἐς τοῦτο κατὰ τάχους ἀπικυνέοιη, τυρχιώσω ἡμῖν ἐώστε τάφοι πατρώιοι, φέρετε, τούτους ἀνευρότερες συχχέειν πειράνθε ἀυτοὺς καὶ γινώσκετε τότε, εἰτε ἢμιν μαχησόμεθα περὶ τῶν τάφων ἐΐτε καὶ ὦ μαχησόμεθα 324, πρότερον δὲ, ἢν μὴ ἴμεός λόγος αἰρῆ, οὐ συμμισθηκομέν τοι. ἀμφὶ μὲν μάχη τοσαῦτα εἰρήσθων δεσπότας δὲ ἐμοῦ ἑγὼ Δία το νομίζω τὸν ἐμὸν πρόγονον, καὶ Ἰστιήν 325 τήν Σκυθέων βασιλείαν, μοῦνοι εἶναι. σοι δὲ ἀντὶ μὲν δόρων γῆς τε καὶ ὑδατος δόρα πέρμυθο τοιαῦτα οὐλοι σοι πρέπει ἐξελεῖν ἀντὶ δὲ τοῦ ὦτι δεσπότης ἔφρασας εἶναι ἐμὸς, κλαίειν λέγο." [τοῦτο ἐστι ἡ ἀπὸ Σκυθέων ῥήσις 326.] ὁ μὲν δὴ κήρυξ οἰχώκεε ἀγγελέων ταῦτα Δαρείῳ.

Οἱ δὲ Σκυθέων βασιλεῖαι ἀκοῦσαντες τῆς δουλοσύνης τὸ οὖνομα, ἀργὺς ἐπιλύθησαν. τὴν μὲν δὴ μετὰ Σαυροματέων μοῦραν ταχθεὶσαν τῆς ἂρχη Σκώπασις πέμπτουσι, Ἡσιοὶ κελεύοντες ἐς λόγους ἄπικυνθαί, τούτους οὐ τὸν Ἰστρόν ἐξενεμένον ἐφρούρεον αὐτῶν

322 πάντως. See note on vi. 9.
324 περὶ τῶν τάφων ἐΐτε καὶ οὐ μαχησόμεθα. This clause is omitted in S, obviously from the eye of the transcriber being deceived.
325 Ἰστιήν. See § 68.
326 ἡ ἀπὸ Σκυθέων ῥήσις. The ordinary salutation of civility among the Greeks was χαῖρε or χαῖρεν κελεύω. The expression κλαίει or οἰχώκει in the place of it would be considered as the pitch of ruffianly ill-breeding,—the behaviour of a Scythian, to whom the refined Greeks attributed every description of coarseness of which they had any account. (See i. 201 and 216, and note 83, above.) Hence it was proverbially described as ἡ ἀπὸ Σκυθέων ῥήσις. A humorous delineation of barbarian manners (somewhat in the same spirit as the representation of those of England in a French vaudeville) is given by Aristophanes in the Birds (v. 1565, seqq.). The unhappy Triballus, the barbarian god, who is united with Poseidon and Heracles in the legation to Nephelococcygia, does every thing which can display a clownish ignorance of social conventionalities. He comes on the stage with his mantle thrown over the wrong shoulder,—a proceeding which would produce nearly the same sense of absurdity in an Athenian audience as the reversal of the nether garments might in a modern. In the course of the transactions which follow, and in which every advantage is taken of his ignorance of the Greek language, among other 'hits' he is asked the question: ὁ Τριβάλλος, οἰχώκεεν δοκεῖ σοι; to which insulting question he cheerfully replies in the affirmative. Bias of Priene, although no less desirous than Idanthyrsus in the text to exhibit his contempt for the threats of his enemy Halyattes, avoided the Σκυθέων ῥήσις by a periphrasis: ἑγὼ δὲ Ἀλαϊνητη κελεύω κρύωμα ἐσθείειν. (Diogenes Laertius, i. 83.)
129
The braying of the asses is a great protection to the Persians.

130
The Scythians send some symbolical pre-
attached to Herodotus’s account of the Scythian campaign, it seems (in spite of the Behistun Inscription) to have been a prevalent notion that Darius was, in some Scythian expedition, reduced to great straits. In Aturia there was a village called Γαυδομιλα (which word signified in Greek Καρχηδόν οἶκος), where the battle of Arbela was really fought. It was said to have been so named by Darius; and its revenue appropriated to the support of the Camel which did the best service in the transport of his baggage and provisions during the march διὰ τῆς ὑμῶν Σκυθίας. (Strabo, xvi. c. 1, p. 334.) This however is perhaps a later Greek story to account for the name.

καὶ μὲν Ἀθηναῖος, in quoting this story, omits all mention of ‘the mouse’ as one of the presents, and makes only one arrow to be sent (viii. p. 334). The story, as told by Pherecydes (Cle- mens Alexandrinus, Stromm. v. § 45), made the presents a mouse, a frog, a bird, an arrow, and a plough, and the parties who interpreted the meaning favourably and unfavourably to have been respectively Ὑποτάγματα and Ἐκπομῆς. (See note 494 on ii. 160.) He also called the Scythian king Ἰδανθωρεὶς instead of Ἰδανθυρ- σος. The animal called a mouse was probably that which goes by the local name of sutilie, and abounds throughout the whole of the steppes of southern Russia, but especially in the neighbourhood of the Don. It is about the size of a small weasel, and of a yellow colour, and it is remarkable for the incredible rapidity with which it burrows, sinking first of all a small cylindrical hole perpendicularly to the depth of three feet, and from the bottom of this running out a level, rather in an ascending direction to avoid the water. At the extremity it hoards corn and roots for winter consumption. (Clarke, i. p. 330.)

καὶ βάτραχον. Eustathius gives the form βάτραχος among the peculiarities of Herodotus’s idiom. But all the MSS have the common form. Nevertheless the Villainon Scholiast on Περιπλ. iv. 243 confirms the statement of Eustathius, and adds that Herodotus says μοῦδακθρόν instead of μοῦδακθρόν. Neither of these words are found in the existing codices. See notes 323 and 332 on Book i.

ἐκάσων. The construction is the same as if instead of saying Δαρείου ἡ γραμμὴ ἢ, the author had put its equivalent Δαρείου ἐκάσων. 335 ὅρις δὲ μᾶλιστα ἐοικε ἵππῳ, i. e. as both the one and the other symbolize "swiftness," the characteristic of the Scythians. The perception of this equivalence would be more likely in a Persian; as the birdlike tail and wings with which the figure of Ormuzd is invested in the Behistun Sculptures, seem to have this meaning; and Herodotus asserts that in the sacrifice of the horse to the Sun, the Massagete rested upon the same notion (i. 216). See the note on that passage, and compare Isaiah xxx. 17.
HERODOTUS

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They endeavoured to persuade the Ionians not to keep the bridge over the Ister beyond the sixty days they were ordered.

134

The eyes of the Persians are opened to their danger,

...
interposition of the particle, thereby producing a shade of meaning too delicate to be expressed directly by a translation. It will be observed that commonly the interlocutor is distinctly named.

341 οὐδetails of these men." A similar expression is used above (§ 83): of the speaker, although distinctly expressing his apprehensions, not to utter words of ill-omen, is to be remarked.

342 η και τι "as night set in, Darius immediately carried this plan out." See note 472 on § 181, below.

344 αυτδetails of the army.” In 1. 211 the same thing is expressed by καβαρδοι στρατος.

345 δη λαδι αυτδεκατον κ.τ.λ. The substitution of the word δη λαδι for δι, which would be the more regular construction, gives a great increase of life to the expression. It is, like the French voil, a word implying an accompanying gesture. Translate: "And the men were left behind on account indeed of their crippled state, but to help out this pretext, 'Here was he going in person with the flower of the army to attack the Scythians, and these should in the mean time guard the camp!"
who try to
induce the
Ionians to
break up
the bridge.

Miltiades
votes for
the mea-
sure, but
Histeas
against it,

136
whither
they are
followed
by the
three
divisions of
the Scythi-
ans and
their allies,

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Miltiades
votet to
try to
induce the
Ionians to
break up
the bridge.

ceding case
is not to
be taken with μᾶλλον, but after
the pronoun τι understood. The idea
expressed by the use of the genitive is
that of a store of noise laid up within the
animal, a portion of which is emitted at
each time the creature brays.

καὶ ἡ μία. This is the division of
Scopasis, which (in § 133) is represented
as having marched to the Ister, and which
now therefore must have returned and re-
united itself with the other two divisions.

παραστησόμεθα. It is not easy to
reconcile this use of the word with the
one in iii. 155, παρίστασαί, or παρίσταναι
ἐπαυτοῦ being the appropriate phrase for
“yielding” or “submitting.” Perhaps the
true solution of the difficulty is that
the phrase is here used by the Scythians
in bitter irony, with a reference to the
claim of Darius to their allegiance (§ 126,
δεισπότη τῷ σῷ δώρῳ φέρειν). Translate:
“And for that former master of yours,
we will render ourselves up to him in such
shrewd sort, that against no man any
where, in time to come, shall he march
in person.”

στρατηγεύοντος. See note 365 on
§ 141.

Χερσονησίτων. One MS (S) has
Χερσονησιάων, which is perhaps the true
reading. Stephanus Byzantinus, sub v.,
says that the inhabitants of this town
were called Χερσονήσιαι, —the original de-
ivation of the word being apparently lost
sight of, and the analogy afforded by the
names of other towns followed.

Ελευθερῶν Ἰωνίων. Miltiades was
by ancestral traditions attached to the
Lydian dynasty. (See vi. 37.) He was
therefore naturally an enemy of that by which it had been overthrown. Besides this, he was much more at the mercy of the Scythians (see vi. 40) than was the case with the Ionians.

\[\text{334} \text{ ήσαι δὲ οὕτως. This list is at first sight a remarkable one when compared with the description of the force in general terms as “the Ionians,” for it appears from that the Hellespontine dynasts were not only a great majority numerically, but that one of them, Miltiades, was the \text{στρατηγὸς} of the fleet (§ 137). But the influence of Histiaeus shows that Miltiades’s position was more due to his professional skill than to his political weight; and though there are several Hellespontine dynasts \text{named}, Histiaeus’s vote probably outweighed all of them put together, if, as will appear probable, he represented all the Ionian cities not named in the list. That the Ionian contingent was very greatly superior to all the rest cannot be doubted, from the infinitely greater commercial importance of the towns. And hence it is not difficult to understand why the aggregate force should be called “the Ionian.” See note on vi. 8, \text{αὕτα μὲν ἰόνων ήσαι.}

\[\text{If too the list be compared with that of the Ionian and Aelian cities given above (i. 142 and 149), there are some remarkable points to be noted. Out of the Ionian cities eight remain unnoticered. Two of them are on the Carian coast, \text{Mynus and Priene. From the size and position of these it seems reasonable to suppose that they were in a state of dependence on the tyrant of Miletus, held by him as a fief of the Persian king, Miletus being one of the cities which very early entered into an alliance with Cyrus (\text{Histiaeus bore upon this circumstance? Of the four Ionian cities which are named, Miletus, and Chios its close ally (see note 67 on i. 19), appear to have made terms with the Persian king without any hostility being exhibited. The latter obtained a footing on the main in return for the extradition of a Persian refugee (i. 160). The tyrant of Samos too was a creature of Persia (iii. 144—9); and for Phocaea, see the note 357, below. The mention of Cuma alone among the Aelian cities goes to the same point. With the exception of Smyrna (which perhaps was considered as Ionian, and placed in the same category with Ephesus, Colophon, Lebedas, Clazomenae, and Erythre, by the Persians), there is no continental Aelian town of any importance in the list given i. 149. The tyrant of Cuma may therefore very reasonably be supposed to have had a jurisdiction over all of them. And that something was done to earn such a trust, seems extremely likely from the story of the extradition of Pactyas (i. 160). Parties were divided on that subject. It was commanded by an oracle; and in spite of the commentary on this which Aristodicus elicited, the Cumeans, although they did not give up the refugee, sent him where he was given up. As for the Aelian islanders, they—from whatever cause—were not afraid of Cyrus. See i. 151.}
They artfully deceive the Scythians, who move off in order to intercept the Persians,

πρὸς βασιλῆσις Ἰθακείων μὲν τὺραννοι, Δάφνιος τε Ἀδβυνήν, καὶ Ἰπποκλός Δαμφικῆνος, καὶ Ἡρόφαντος Παρηνῦς, καὶ Μητρόδωρος Προκομηῖσιος, καὶ Ἀρισταγόρης Κυζικῆνος, καὶ Ἀρίστων Βυζάντιος οὗτοι μὲν ἔστων οἱ ἐξ Ελλησπόντου. ἀπ' Ἰωνίῳ δὲ, Ἀλκίδας τε Χίος 335, καὶ Αἰάκης Ζάμιος 336, καὶ Λαοδάμας Φοκαιῖνος 337, καὶ Ἰστιαῖος Μιλῆσιος, τὸν ἥ γραμμὴ ἡ προκειμένη ἐναντίῃ τῇ Μιλησίᾳ. Ἀιαλέων δὲ παρῆν λόγομος μοῦνος Ἀρισταγόρης 338 Κυμαιός.

Οὗτοι δὲν έπεί τ' την Ἰστιαίου αἱρέοντο γραμμῇ, ἐδοξείς σφί πρὸς ταύτα 339 ταύτες ἔργα τε καὶ ἐπέσον προσβείνας της μὲν γεφύρης λῳνὲν τὰ κατὰ τοὺς Σκύθας ἕντα, λῳνὲν δὲ ὅτου τοῖς ἐξενὲται. ἦνα καὶ ποιεῖν τι δοκεόσι ποιεῖν τοὺς μηδὲν, καὶ οἱ Σκύθαι μη περιφάντα 340 βιώμενοι [καὶ βουλόμενοι] 341 διαβῆναι τ' Ἰστρον κατὰ τήν γέφυραν εἴποιτε τ' ἱστοντας τῆς γεφύρης τ' ἐς τήν Σκυθίκην ἑχον, ὅπως πάντα ποιήσονται τά Σκύθησι ἐστι εἴ ἡδονή. ταύτα μὲν προσεθῆκαν τῇ γραμμῇ μετὰ δὲ, ἐκ πάντων ἐπεκρίνατο Ἰστιαίου ταύτες λέγον τ' ἀνδρές Σκύθαι, χρηστά ἢκετε φέροντες καὶ ἐς καιρὸν ἐπείγεσθε καὶ τά τ' ἅπ' ἦμεν ὣμιν χρηστῶς ὀδούναι 342 καὶ τά τ' ἅπ' ἦμεν ἓς υμᾶς ἐπιτηδεύοντα ὑπηρετέοιται ὃς.

335 Ἀλκίδας τε Χίος. See viii. 132.
336 Αἰάκης Ζάμιος. This Æaces appears (from vi. 13) to have been the son of Sylosos, Polycrates's brother (iii. 139).
337 Λαοδάμας Φοκαιῖνος. It must be supposed that after the return of "above half of the population" to Phocaea (as described in i. 164. 5), the town would be held in the strictest control by the Persians. A military despotism would be the only possible government for a population which had just before massacred the garrison which occupied the city. No doubt that Laodamas was in the position of an ἐπέτρεγος to the great Persian officer who commanded in chief the army which occupied Asia Minor. See the notes on iii. 127 and 141. The same may be said of the Samian chief, who governed a population (probably of a mixed character) which had been brought to colonize Samos after the extermination of all the inhabitants a very short time before (iii. 149).
338 Ἀρισταγόρης. The son of Heracleides. See v. 37.
339 πρὸς ταύτα. The majority of the MSS which Gaisford follows have πρὸς ταύτην, i.e. τῇ Ἰστιαίου γραμμῇ. But S and V have πρὸς ταύτα, "under these circumstances," which appears preferable.
340 ἢνα καὶ ποιεῖν τι δοκεόσι...καὶ οἱ Σκύθαι μη περιφάντα. The change of moods arises from the one act being the direct and natural result, the other only a possible and distant one. See the note 40 on i. 9. It was not certain that the Scythians would wish to cross the river by main force, but the operation of the Ionians was to prevent them if they should.
341 καὶ βουλόμενοι. These words are omitted in F. It seems probable that βουλόμενοι was an alternative reading for βιώμενοι, and thus crept from the margin into the text.
342 τά ἅπ' ἦμεν ὣμιν χρηστῶς οδούται, κ.τ.λ., "your part of the matter is set a-going in a spirit of kindness to us, and our part of it is performing in a way to play into your hands." οδούτις is "to put a person in the way" to a thing. Thus Ὑσυλλούς (Agam. 184) says, τὸν φρανέιν βροτοῦς οδούσας, and (Ῥωμ. 497) ὑπο-τέκμαρτον εἰς τέχνην ὀδώσα γνητοῦ.
γὰρ ὀράτη, καὶ λύμεν τὸν πόρον καὶ προσβολήν πάσαν ἔξομεν, θέλοντες εἶναι ἐλεύθεροι. ἐν δὲ ἡμέες τάδε λύμεν, ὑμέας καιρὸς ἐστὶ διέζωσαι ἐκεῖνος, εὑρόντας δὲ, ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἡμέων καὶ ὑμέων αὐτῶν τίσασθαι οὐκ ἔσται κείμεν πρέπει.

Σκυθαὶ μὲν τὸ δεύτερον Ἰωνὶ πιστεύσαντες λέγειν ἀληθέα, ὑπέστρεφον ἐπὶ ζήτησιν τῶν Περσεὼν καὶ ἡμάρτανον πάσιν τὴς ἐκείνοις διεξόδου. αὐτοὶ δὲ τούτον αὐτοῖ οἱ Σκυθαὶ ἐγένοντο, τὰς νομὰς τῶν ἵππων τὰς ταύτῃ διαφθείραντες καὶ τὰ ὦδατα συγχώσαντες, εἰ γὰρ ταῦτα μὴ ἐποίησαν, παρείχε ἀν σφὶ, εἰ ἔβουλον, εὐπτεῖως ἐξευρέειν τοὺς Πέρσας· νῦν δὲ, τὰ σφὶ ἐδόκεε ἀρίστα δεξιούσθαι κατὰ ταύτα ἐσφάλμασαν. Σκυθαὶ μὲν νῦν τῆς σφέτερης χάρις τὴν χωλὸς τε τοῦτο ἔποιησαν καὶ ὦδατα ἦν, ταύτῃ διεξότας ἐδίδοψε τοὺς ἀντιπολεμίους, διόκεσαν καὶ ἐκεῖνος διὰ τοιούτου τὴν ἀπόδρασιν ποιεῖσθαι· οἱ δὲ Ἰβέρσαι τὸν πρῶτον ἕως εὐνόμουν στίβουν, τούτων φιλάσσοντες ἦσαν καὶ οὐτό μόνῳ εὗρον τὸν πόρον· οί δὲ νυκτὸς τε ἀπικόμενοι καὶ λειβανίζῃς τῆς γεφύρης ἐνυχύοντες, ἔσαν ἀρραβώνην ἀπίστασιν μὴ σφας οἱ Ἰωνεῖς ἔσωσι ἀπολεοῦστικεῖ. Ἡν δὲ περὶ Δαρείου ἀνήρ Δαχυππίος, φονεόν μέγιστον ἀνδρῶν τοῦτον [ὅ] τὸν ἀνάφα καταστάντα ἐπὶ τοῦ χείλεος τοῦ Ἰστρου, ἔκελεν Δαρείος καλέειν Ἰστιαιοῦ Μιλῆσιον. ὁ μὲν δὴ ἐποίει ταῦτα· Ἰστιαῖος δὲ ἐπακούσας τὸ πρῶτο κελεύσματι, τὰς τε νέας ἀπίσας παρείχε διαπορθμεύον τὴν στρατιὰν καὶ τῆν γέφυραν ἐξευξε. Πέραν μὲν ὦν οὕτω ἐκφεύγων Σκυθαὶ δὲ διεξόμενοι, καὶ τὸ δεύτερον ἡμαρτον.
Darius marches through Thrace, and arrives at Sestos, whence he crosses, leaving Megabazus with 80,000 men to reduce the Hellespontines.

Two anecdotes of this

Megabazus.

tōn Περσέων, καὶ τοῦτο μὲν ὃς ἔοντας Ἰωνᾶς ἔλευθέρους, κακίστους τε καὶ ἀνανδροτάτους κρίνοντι εἶναι ἀπάντων ἀνδρῶν τοῦτο δὲ ὃς δοῦλων [Ἰωνον] τῶν λόγων ποιεύμενοι, ἀνδράποδα φιλοδεσποτάς φασὶ εἶναι καὶ ἀδρῆστα μάλιστα. ταῦτα μὲν δὴ Σκύθησι ἔσεσθαι.\[365\]

Δαρείου δὲ διὰ τῆς Ἀστίνης πορευόμενος, ἀπέκειτο ἐς Σιστῶν τῆς Χερσονήσου. ἐνθεύτευν δὲ αὐτὸς μὲν διέβη τῇς νησίς ἐς τὴν Ἀσίνην, λειτεῖ δὲ στρατηγὸν ἐν τῇ Ἑὐρώπῃ Μεγάβαζον, ἀνδρὰ Πέρσην τὸ Δαρείος κατε ἐδωκε γέρας τοιῶν δέ εἶπας ἐν Πέρσης ἐποίων ὠρμομένου Δαρείου ροίας παράγει, ὡς ἀνισίεις τἄχιστα τὴν πρῶτην τῶν ροίων εἴρετο αὐτὸν ὃ ἀδελφός Ἀρτάβανος, ὁ τι βουλὼν ἐν οἷς τοσοῦτον πλῆθος γενεσθαι ὅσοι ἐν τῇ Ῥώι κόκκοι; Δαρείος δὲ εἴπε, Μεγάβαζος ἀν ὅις τοσοῦτοι ἀρίθμων γενεσθαι βουλεσθαι μᾶλλον ἢ τὴν Ἑλλάδα ὑπῆκοον. ἐν μὲν δὴ Πέρσης ταῦτα μὲν εἶπας ἑτίμα: τότε δὲ αὐτὸν ὑπελείπε στρατηγὸν ἔχοντα τῆς στρατηγῆς τῆς ἐωστοῦ ὁκτὼ μυριάδας. Οὕτος δὲ ὁ Μεγάβαζος εἶπας τόδε τὸ ἐποῖ.\[366\] ἐλείπετο ἀδανατον μυρίην πρὸς Ἐλλησποντίων. γενόμενος γὰρ ἐν Βυζαντίῳ, ἐπέθετο ἐπτακαίδεκα ἐτέσι πρότερον Καλχηδονίους κτίσαντας τὴν χώρην Βυζαντίων. πυθόμενος δὲ ἔφη, "Καλχηδονίους τούτων τὸν χρόνον τυχόνσεν ἐόντας τυφλοὺς.\[367\]" οὐ γὰρ ἂν τοῦ καλλίους παρέοντος κτίζειν χώρου, τὸν αἰσχώνα ἐλέσθαι, εἰ μὴ ἤσαν τυφλοὶ. οὕτος δὲ ὅτε ὁ Μεγάβαζος στρατηγὸς λεύθεις ἐν τῇ χώρῃ Ἐλλησποντίων, τοὺς μὴ μηδίζοντας κατεστρέφετο.

\[365\] ἀπέρριπται. The same expression is used i. 133: ταῦτα ἐς τοὺς πάντας Ἐλλήνας ἀπέρριψε ὁ Κῦρος τῇ ἐπα. vii. 13: ἀπερρίφθη ἐπήδισκα ἐπεκ. And viii. 92: ταῦτα ἀπέρριψε ἐς Θεμιστοκλῆς. In all these cases it is applied to contemptuous language.

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\[368\] εἶπας τόδε τὸ ἐποῖ. This mot was in later times attributed to the Delphic oracle. See notes 116 on i. 32; 519 on i. 155; and 494 on ii. 160.

\[369\] οὐ γὰρ ἂν τοῦ καλλίους παρέοντος κτίζειν χώρου, κ.τ.λ. These words are not to be considered as a part of the saying of Megabazus, but as a commentary of the narrator, suggesting the train of thought which led Megabazus to say what he did.
MELPOMENE. IV. 143—146.

Οὔτος μὲν νων ταῦτα ἐπηρήσει τῶν αὐτῶν δὲ τούτων χρόνων ἐγένετο ἐπὶ Λιβύην ἄλλος στρατιῶς μέγας στόλος, διὰ πρόφασιν τὴν ἔγω ἀπηγήσομαι προδιήγησάμενος πρότερον τάδε τῶν ἐκ τῆς Ἀργοῦς ἐπιβατέων παῖδων παῖδες 370, ἐξελασθέντες ὑπὸ Πελασγῶν τῶν ἐκ Βραυρῶνος λησμαίων τῶν ᾿Αθηναίων γυναίκας 371, ὑπὸ τούτων ἐξελασθέντες ἐκ Δήμου οὖχ οὕτως πλέοντες ἐς Λακεδαίμονα ἵζομενοι δὲ ἐν τῷ Τυγέτῳ πῦρ ἀνέκαιον 372. Λακεδαιμόνιοι δὲ ἱδόντες ἄγγελον ἔσπευσον, πευσόμενοι τίνες τε καὶ ὁκόθεν εἰσὶ; οἱ δὲ τῷ ἀγέλῳ εἰρωτέοντι ἔλεγον, ὡς εἶπαν μὲν Μινόα, παῖδες δὲ εἰεν τῶν ἐν τῇ Ἀργοὶ πλεόντων ἡρῴων προσχόντας δὲ τούτως ἐς Δήμουν φυτεύσαν σφαίρας. οἱ δὲ Λακεδαιμόνιοι ἀκηκούσαν τῶν λόγων τῆς γενεσίας τῶν Μυκενῶν, πέμφαντες τὸ δεύτερον εἰρώτευον τι δέλωντες ἤκοιν τε ἐς τὴν χώρην καὶ πῦρ ἀδείον; οἱ δὲ ἐφασαν, ὑπὸ Πελασγῶν ἐκβλήθεντες ἤκειν ἐς τοὺς πατέρας· (δικαιότατον γὰρ εἶναι οὕτω τοῦτο γίνεσθαι) δέσσαλι τε οἷκεῖον ἀμα τοῦτοι, μολίραν τε τιμέων μετέχοντες καὶ τῆς γῆς ἀπολαχόντες. Λακεδαιμόνιοι δὲ ἔδα χεκεσθάι τοὺς Μινίας ἐπὶ οἷς θέλουσι αὐτοῖς μάλιστα δὲ ἐνήγε σφαίρας ὡστε ποιεῖν ταῦτα τῶν Τυνδαρίδων ἡ ναυτιλία ἐν τῇ Ἀργοί δεξιόμενοι δὲ τοὺς Μινίας, γῆς τε μετέδοσαν καὶ ἐς φυλαὶ διεδάσαντο· οἱ δὲ αὐτίκα μὲν ἡμῶν ἔχομαν, τὰς δὲ ἐκ Δήμουν ἣγοντο ἐξέδοσαν ἄλλοισι. Χρόνου δὲ οὐ πολλοῦ διεξε- ελθόντος, αὐτίκα οἱ Μινίαι ἐξύβρισαν, τῆς τε βασιληῆς μετα- τεόντες καὶ ἄλλα ποιεῖτες οἶκ ὡσια. τοῦτο ὁ Λακεδαιμονίωι ἐδοξε αὐτοὺς ἀποκτείναι συλλαβόντες δὲ σφαῖρας κατέβαλον ἐς ἐρετήν. (κτείνους δὲ τοὺς ἀν κτείνωσι Λακεδαιμόνιοι νυκτός, μετ’ ἤμερῃν ἐς οὐδένα.) ἐπεὶ οὗ ἐμελλὼν σφαῖρας καταχρῆσθαι, παρατήσαντο αἱ γυναίκες τῶν Μυκενῶν, ἐόντας ἀσταὶ τε καὶ τῶν πρῶ- των Σπαρτιτέων θυγατέρες, ἐσελθεῖν τε ἐς τὴν ἐρκήν καὶ ἐς λόγους ἐλθεῖν ἐκάστη τῇ ἐωτᾶς ἀνδρὶ· οἱ δὲ σφαῖρας παρῆκαν οὐδένα δόλον δοκεότες ἐξ αὐτῶν ἐσεσθαί· αἱ δὲ ἐπεὶ τε ἐσῆθον,

370 παῖδων παῖδες. This expression shows that in the arrangement of the local legends with a view to their combination in one body, the arrival of the Lemnian fugitives at Taygetum was necessarily placed two generations after the Argonautic expedition.

371 τῶν ἐκ Βραυρῶνος λησμαίων τὰς ᾿Αθηναίων γυναίκας. This circumstance is described at greater length (vi. 138), where the Pelasgians are asserted to be the same that were shortly before settled on the flanks of Mount Hymettus.

372 πῦρ ἀνέκαιον. As the symbol of the Hephaestus-worship, brought with them from the volcanic island Lemnus. See vi. 140.

Contemporaneously with the expedition to Scythia was a great expedition to Libya. Preliminary mythical history, made up of Lacedaemonian, Thracian, and Cyrenian traditions.
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The island Theras was then called Calliste, and held by Phoenicians, who had been left there by Cadmus.

The extent to which this traffic prevailed formerly is evinced by the circumstance, that at Hermione Sipheros 11 had the good fortune to stumble over a vast heap of these shells, whose fish or animals had been employed for this purpose" (op. Walpole’s Turkey, p. 285). Some of these were identified as the Murex Trunculus of Linnaeus. It seems not unlikely that the settlement alluded to was in fact for the purpose of dyeing, and that a faint tradition of this remains in the name Pocciīs, the father of Meubilians, and in the profession of Corinthis (§ 151). Possibly to the vicinity of this settlement the Lacedemonians owed some of the brilliant accoutrements for their troops to which Xenophon ( Agesilas, c. 2, 8) attributes so striking an effect; for the story told of the distinguished Spartan at the smitth (in θαύματος ἦν ὄρεως τὸ ποιεῖσθαι, i. 68), does not give a high idea of Lacedemonian armourers; and still less can we suppose the art of dyeing practised where there were no μέτακαι, and where the free population held every thing but war and hunting in supreme contempt.

73 ἐστέλλε, “was fitting out.” The full expression ἐστέλλε τὴν στρατιὰν is used above (iii. 141), and στέλλειν στρατιὰν in Euripides (Iphig. Ant. 681). In both cases are denoted the preparations made immediately before putting an army in motion.

74 τὸς μητρὸς ἄδελφος τοῦ Αριστοδήμου παιδ. This is a genuine Lacedemonian tradition, and so is the genealogy of Theras. (See vi. 52.) His sister’s name was Argeia. In their account of the conquest of Sparta by Aristodemos himself, and not by his children, the Lacedemonians differed from “all the poetical accounts.”

75 ἐπιστροφὴν ἐξέ τὴν Βασιλικῆν, “held the regal office as commissioner.” See note 392 on iii. 142.

76 Μεβίλιαρως. S has Μεβίλαρω and ἄνδρες Φοίνικες.

77 ἦταν καὶ ἄλλος ἡθέλησε ποίησαι τούτο. A sufficient reason for the Phoenician settlement in Thera would be the extraordinary qualities of the murex found on the Peloponnesian, especially the Laconian, coast. (Pliny, N. H. ix. 356.)
eight generations before.

The site of the Caucones in Peloponnese appears to have been a matter of dispute with ancient chorographers; but Aristotle considered that the most distinct traces of them were in the direction of Dyne, about Buprasis and "hollow" Ellis (ap. Strab. viii. 3, p. 157). It is clear that they were either identical or had a very close affinity with the aboriginal race which retained possession of Arcadia. See Stephanus Byzantinus, sub v. The site of the Caucones in Peloponnese appears to have been a matter of dispute with ancient chorographers; but Aristotle considered that the most distinct traces of them were in the direction of Dyne, about Buprasis and "hollow" Ellis (ap. Strab. viii. 3, p. 157). It is clear that they were either identical or had a very close affinity with the aboriginal race which retained possession of Arcadia. See Stephanus Byzantinus, sub v. The site of the Caucones in Peloponnese appears to have been a matter of dispute with ancient chorographers; but Aristotle considered that the most distinct traces of them were in the direction of Dyne, about Buprasis and "hollow" Ellis (ap. Strab. viii. 3, p. 157). It is clear that they were either identical or had a very close affinity with the aboriginal race which retained possession of Arcadia. See Stephanus Byzantinus, sub v.
Theras leaves his son in Sparta, from whom the Ἀἰγίδαι are descended.

150 Ἀθηναιοίκησι κατὰ ταῦτα λέγουσι· τὸ δὲ ἀπὸ τούτοις μοῦνοι Ἡραίοι οὗδε γενέσθαι λέγουσιν. Τρίνος ὁ Ἀισιαῖος, ἧν ᾧρα τοῦτοι ἀπόγονος καὶ τάξιν ταξιδεύειν ὅιν ἐν λύκοισιν ἐπὶ τοῦ ἔπεος τούτων ὀυνώμα τῷ νενιάκῳ τοῦτῳ Ἡλείωνκος ἐγένετο· καὶ καὶ τὸ οὖνομα τοῦτο ἐπεκράτησε. Ὡιλινώκου δὲ γίνεται Ἀἰγένης, ἀπὸ τοῦ Ἀἰγείδαι καλείται φυλή μεγάλῃ ἐν Σπάρτῃ. τοῖς δὲ ἐν τῇ φυλῇ ταύτῃ ἁδράσι οὐ γὰρ ὑπέμειναν τὰ τέκνα, ἵνα ὑδάτῳ ἐκ θεοτροπίαν Ἐρινύων τῶν Δαίων τε καὶ Οἰδυπόδεω ἱρών καὶ μετὰ τοῦτο ὑπέμεινεν. τοῦτο τούτο καὶ ἐν Θῆρῃ τούσι ἀπὸ τῶν ἄδρων τούτων γεγονότα.

This is a continuation of the history.

334 οὐ γὰρ ὑπέμειναν τὰ τέκνα. This calamity was conceived to have come upon the family as the result of the curse uttered by Theras under the feeling of deep irritation at the undutiful conduct of his child. The original idea of the Erinyes is the wrath of a person who has suffered deep wrong and gives vent to his feeling. The passion was regarded as becoming a separate existence, an evil demon (Ἀρά, Ἀτη, Νεῖμωσις, or Ἐρινύς) pursuing the offending party as an avenging spirit. The subject is admirably developed by MÜLLER, Preface to the Eumenides of Ἀeschylus. This particular story is apparently a tradition connected with the Ἐδίπους worship at Sparta and Thera.

335 τῶντο τοῦτο καὶ ἐν Θῆρῃ τούσι ἀπὸ τῶν ἄδρων τούτων γεγονότα. This sentence is incomplete as it stands, and attempts have been made to conjecture the word requisite to complete it. Reiske and Schweighäuser acquiesce in the violent measure of interposing συνέβη after τοῦτο, from which the sense would result that in Thera the whole proceeding which had taken place at Lacedemon was repeated,—the death of the children, the founding of the temple, and the curse of the evil. I cannot think that so curious a parallel would be noticed so obscurely. For who are the persons described by the words τοὺς ἀπὸ τῶν ἄδρων τούτων γεγονότα, in Thera? They ought to be the descendants of Ἀἰγίδαι; but there is no notice whatever of any of these going to Thera. On the contrary, they (in the person of their ancestor) stay at Sparta, and bring a curse upon themselves for doing so.

If any verb is to be supplied, I should conjecture ἐν after Θῆρῃ, which, while the MSS were uncial, might easily be omitted by a transcriber. But I really believe the sentence to be merely a marginal note expressed with the slovenliness as well as the ellipse which in such a case may be expected; and the meaning of the writer to have been that 'this same peculiarity (of the children not living to grow up) was observable at Thera among the descendants of these Minyans.' This is a very conceivable thing. A small number of Lemnians (λέμνασιν τις) separated from those about them by peculiar religious rites, and probably following from father to son the same occupation under the tutelary care of Hephestus, would be likely to marry only among one another, and, as the natural result, have unhealthy children.

336 τὸ δὲ ἀπὸ τούτων μοῦνοι Ἡραίοι ὀδε γενέσθαι λέγουσιν. It must not be assumed because Herodotus says this, that he got the account direct from the Theraeans. What he states is that it is the genuine Theraean account of the case, as contradistinguished from the Laedicemonian. But it does not at all follow that he did not derive it from another quarter, as for instance, such a one as a Samian merchant habitually trading with
The Delphian oracle orders Grinus of Thera, in whose company was Battus, a Phoenician, to found a colony in Libya, then unknown.

The order is neglected, and Thera is without rain for seven years. The Thebans send to Crete to inquire if any one knows of Libya, and are directed to it by Corobius, a purple merchant.

Thera. See note 338 on l. 95, and note 326, below.

325 Ἐνθυμίαις. This is the reading of all the MSS but one (S), which has Ἐνθυμίαζαι. Gaisford (following others) has adopted the reading Ἐνθυμίαις from Pindar (Pyth. iv. 465). But nothing can be more unsatisfactory than such a proceeding as this. It effectually masks the evidence yet remaining of the differences which existed in the several local accounts, and thus tends to confirm that erroneous opinion of their nature which in its turn suggests similar arbitrary changes. Herodotus is following a Thessalian tradition, as he himself says; Pindar, in all probability, a Cyrenian one.

338 οὗτε Διβύνη εἰδότες ὅκου γῆς εἶναι. Herodotus here seems to be following an authority very different from the one he rests on in ii. 50, where see note 147.

339 οὗ ἐν τῷ Ἐθύμη. The ellipse is of ἃ θέλεις or ὧς ζεῖ (see i. 13; iii. 124. 5), and the accusative Ἐθύμη is governed by the transitive verb ἐσκόπειν, “to wet with rain,” of which the passive form appears above, § 50, and elsewhere.

340 ἐπιμονοῦσι εἰς Κρήτην ἀγγέλους. The celebrity of the Cretans as bold navigators in early times gave rise to the proverb, Κρήτης ἀγνοεῖ τὴν βάλλασαν, applied to persons who pretended to simplicity being in reality remarkable for craft. But besides their general character, the position of Crete is such, that of all the Greeks they would necessarily become first acquainted with Libya. In the time of Strabo there were several direct lines of transit: one from Apolloonia, the port of Cyrene, to the westernmost point of Crete (κατά μέτατος), which was a run of 1000 stades with a s. by w. wind (Lemnonotus); another from Chersonesus in Africa to Cyclus in Crete, 1300 stades with a s. wind; a third from Megas Limen to Chersonesus in Crete, 3000 stades. (Strabo, xvii. c. 3, pp. 497-9.) Crete is made by Strabo to be only a run of 760 stades from Thera (x. p. 356).

351 ἐς Ἰτανον ἄλως. This city was perhaps a Phoenician settlement originally. Its eponymous founder was said to be a Phoenician. (Steph. Byz., s.v.)
They leave Coribus in the island Platea, off the Libyan
main. He is relieved by a Samian ship, which afterwards reaches Tar-
tessus, then a virgin mart.

The owner from the title of his profits makes an offering in the Heraeum at Samos.

393 ὅσων δὲ μηνών, "for so many months, whatever the number was." See the note 525 on i. 157.
394 εἰτά οἱ ἐναυῶν καταλέπτωσι. It is remarkable that a Samian vessel bound to Egypt should be able to spare provisions for so large a space of time. If it had been on the return voyage, the circum-
cumstances would have been less extraordinary, for corn and salted fish was a cargo that might very easily have been taken in there. See Demosthenes (c. Dionysiusol. p. 1235) and note 54 on ii. 15.
395 ἐπλεόν ἀποφερόμενοι ἀπηλιώτης ἀνέ-μυ. This is a wind of all others the most unfavourable for the course from Platea to Egypt. Perhaps we should put a stop after ἐπλεόν, and read ἀποφερόμενοι δὲ ἀπ. ἀν. If the text is not corrupt some explanation like that suggested in note 396, below, seems necessary.

a ἁλεί. See note 318 on § 125, above.
396 ἀκοῖρατον. This is scarcely com-
patible with what the author says (i. 163), that the Phocceans were the discoverers of Tartessus; but I believe that he is here following the account of a Samian, and in the other passage some other authority, possibly that of an earlier writer. But see the note 538 on i. 163.
397 γρυπών κεφαλαὶ πρόκροσσοι, "griffin heads standing out from the surface." See note on vii. 138, where all the MSS have the feminine form πρόκροσσα, although here equally unnecessary for the other.
398 εἰς τὸ Ἡραῖον. It seems probable that to this offering was traditionally at-
tached the story which Herodotus has just related. The name of the master of the Samian vessel would appear in such a case, for doubtless it was inscribed on the offering. But if the νέωκορος of the Her-
œum were the channel through which the narrative came to Herodotus, the circumstance of the vessel being outward or inward bound at the time of the incident might easily be mistaken by him. (See above, note 394.) Hence perhaps the difficulty of the course of the Samians may be explained. If they wished to return home, and on getting
out to sea found an east wind, they might very reasonably make sail, and, with a wind nearly on the beam, endeavour to shape their course for the westernmost point of Crete (Cape Krio) with the intention of afterwards running eastward under the shore. But if their desire had been to get to Egypt, they would never have made sail at all,—but have used their oars,—with however little success. If an east wind had been blowing while they were at Platea, they would undoubtedly not have put to sea at all. 493 φίλαί μεγάλα. This friendship, on whatever occasion arising, was probably cemented by commercial interest. The Samians were by the aid of the Cyrenians enabled to get a share of the trade with the interior of Africa, (see ii. 32; iii. 26,) and also advanced somewhat nearer to the great object of Hellenic wishes—trade with Spain. (See the notes on i. 170 and v. 106.) On the other hand the Cyrenians found a ready market for their silphium, and perhaps the Thereans for purple-coloured robes. (See note 377 on § 147.) Amasis the Egyptian not impossibly formed another party to this commercial league. See note 554 on ii. 182.

490 Κυρηναῖοι γὰρ. See the notes 336 on § 150 and 424 on § 163.

491 Αἴδος. Gaisford prints this on the authority of S and V, but several MSS have Αἰδός, and that is the form under which ΠΕΡΙΟΛΗΣ ΒΥΖΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ describes the place. In the Cretan dialect ἀϊδος signified κρηναύδης τόπος, and the O of the alternative form is possibly a representative of the digamma, the root being ἄγω.


493 ἐπενείκασα. Some of the MSS have the common form ἐπενείκουσα, although in § 166 they all have ἐπενείκασα.
Katapontwosai apaougonta: o de Theumisow perimakotias t' hypsthe tool orkou kai diauloumenos tin xenyn, eptoei toudde paralaipwos tin paida apteipei ois de egenveto en tiv pelaggei, aposeieumwoin t' exorkeisan 104 tov 'Etearchon schoinisiw autwn diadhexas katike eis to pelagon, anastasisas de apiketo eis tiv These. 'Eundeitw de t' tin Phronymu paralaipwos Polymnestos, eiow tew Theraidw anhir dekomwos, epallakeveto 105. chrwos de peri-isonos exgeveto ois paizes istorfoton kai truulos, to ouvoma eteth Batos, ois Theraidw te kai Kurnaiow lgwswi ois mewtoi egw dokeo, allo to, Battos de metwvomדתh epeite eis Dionw apiketo, ap to tov chrismstirw tov neumomwv en Deltafouw autw kai ap to tivn timwv tivn esche tivn epwvoumwn poiyeumwos. Alhnes gar basilew Battou kalwswi kai tovton einwka dokeo 106 thespizouvan tivn Phvthei kaleswi mun Alhnikh istorfose, eivianw ois basilewos estai en Alhny. epeite te gar istorfode owtos, istorhe eis Deltafous peri tivn fwni, esteyewnto de ois chria, h Phvthei atade.

Batos, epit fowin 'Idhes, 'ana de se Thwaos 'Apallon eis Alhny pemwe mhlorofon oikisth 107.

Osteper ei eintou 'Ellyadi istorfose istorfomyeni, "o basilew, epit fowin 'Idhes. o de imeibeto toisde, "o na, egw mew nhdwv parad se istorfomev peri peri tivn fwni, su de mou alla adunwata chris keleuwv Alhny apokilevou tivn dunamei, ko; chrei;"

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104 aposeieumwos tin exorkeisan, "just saving the oath imposed on him." See below, § 203: logwv tiv aposeieumwos, "just saving his obedience to a certain oracle."

105 epallakeveto. It must not be supposed that Polyneusus necessarily entertained Phronime in the relation of a mistress (etai). The word pallakhe would be employed to designate a wife by a morganatic marriage. It answers to the Latin convenibas as well as pellix; and where a marriage was contracted between parties who were not citizens of the same state, it and not the word queh would be used to describe the wife. No doubt the term is susceptible of the other sense; but in this instance there can be little doubt that Battus was in fact the issue of a marriage of disparagement, such as those of which Phalanetus and the Partheniure were the offspring at Lacedaemon, or those between patricians and plebeians at Rome antecedently to the passing of the Licinian laws.

106 ka tovoton einwka dokeo. Pausaniias saw at Delphi a statue of Battus in a chariot, crowned by a figure impersonating Libya, the chariot being driven by another representing Cyrene; and to this the story was traditionally attached that Battus recovered his voice by the fright of suddenly coming on a lion in the neighbourhood of Cyrene (x. 15. 4). The statue was said to be the work of Amphion the son of Lecestor, a sculptor of Cnossus (whom Sillig places about the beginning of the Peloponnesian war). If this statue had been at Delphi when Herodotus visited the place, it seems unlikely that he should have omitted to mention it and the story connected with it.

107 oikisth. The manuscripts S and V have oikizwnta.
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taūta λέγουν οὐκ ἐπειθεί ἄλλα οἱ χρᾶν ὡς δὲ κατὰ ταύτα θέσπιζε
οἱ καὶ πρότερον, ο혁ετο μεταξύ ἀπολιπὼν ὁ Βάττος ἐς τὴν Ἐθέρην. 
Μετὰ δὲ, αὐτῷ τοῦτο καὶ τούτῳ ἁλλοιαι Ἡθραίωσι συνεφέρετο
παλιγκότως. ἀγνοεώντες δὲ τὰς συμφορὰς οἱ Ἡθραίοι, ἔστεμπον
ἐς Δελφοὺς περὶ τῶν παρεῖντων κακῶν ἦ δὲ Πυθίη σφὶ ἔχρησε
συγκτίζουσι Βάττῳ Κυρὴν τῆς Λιβύης ἁμείνων πρίζεων. ἀπε̄-
έστελλον μετὰ ταύτα τῶν Βάττων οἱ Ἡθραίοι δύο πεντηκοντέροις
πλώσαντες δὲ ἐς τὴν Λιβύην οὖντο, οὐ γὰρ εἶχον ὃ τι ποιεῖσον
ἄλλο, ὁπίσον ἀπαλλάσσομεν ἐς τὴν Θήρην οἱ δὲ Ἡθραίοι κατα-
γομένους ἐβάλλον καὶ οὐκ ἔως τῇ γῇ προσέχει, ἀλλὰ ὅπισον
πλώεις ἐκέλευον οἱ δὲ, ἀναγκαζόμενοι ὁπίσον ἀπέπλυσον,
καὶ ἔκτισαν νῆσον ἐπὶ Λιβύη κεμένην τῇ οὐνομα, ὡς καὶ πρότερον
εἰρήθη, ἐστὶ Πλατέα. λέγεται δὲ ἵσι ἦν η νῆσος τῇ νῦν Κυρη-
ναίων πόλι. 

Ταύτην οἰκέωντες δύο ἔτεα, οὖν ἄγροι σφὶ χρηστῶν συνεφέρετο,
ἐνα αὐτῶν καταλιπόντες οἱ λοιποί πλάνες ἀπέπλεον ἐς Δελφοὺς,
ἀπκόμενοι δὲ ἐπὶ τὸ χρηστήμαν ἐφρέωσι, φάμευοι οἰκέων τοις
τὴν Λιβύην καὶ οὐδὲν ἁμείνων πρήσεων οἰκέωντες· ἦ δὲ Πυθίη σφὶ
πρὸς ταύτα χρῆ τάδε:

Αἱ τὸ ἐμεί Λιβύην μουστρόφον οἰδας ἁμείνων
μη ἐδών ἐλβάντως, ἤγαν ἀγαμα σοφὴν σεν.

Ἀκούσαντες δὲ τούτων οἱ ἄμβρο τῶν Βάττων ἀπέπλυσον ὁπίσω οὐ
γὰρ δὴ σφὲς ἀπίηε ὁ θέος τῆς ἁποικίας πρὶν δὴ ἀπέκωςται ἐς

408 συνεφέρετο παλιγκότως. The ellipse is probably of ὁ θεός. The word παλι-
γκότως is especially applicable to a person 
whose irritation, after being apparently 
allayed, breaks out afresh. παλιγκότα 
παθήματα are, in the technical phraseology 
of Hippocrates, ailments which burst 
forth over and over again. Translate: 
"After this, a spiteful fortune clave both 
to this man himself and to the rest of 
the Theraeans." The anger of the god is 
conceived of as an evil genius inseparable 
from the side of his victims: "nescue de-
cedet aerae triremi et Post equitem sedet 
atva cura." 
409 ἀπέπλυσον. Here the majority of 
the MSS have ἀπέπλεον, which in the 
next section is the reading of all but one 
(S). On the other hand, in vi. 116, all 
of them have περιέπλουν. In viii. 5, 8 
and V have ἀποπλάσσαβαι, and the rest 
the common form. 
410 οὐδὲν σφὶ χρηστῶν συνεφέρετο,
"nothing but ill-luck haunted them." 
The expression οὐδὲν χρηστῶν is an 
euphemism for πάντα ποσηρά, the use of a 
word of ill omen being avoided as far as 
possible even in a narrative of a still ex-
isting settlement. 
411 Λιβύην μουστρόφον. Plutarch 
(De Pythia, &c., § 27, t. ii. p. 408) 
quoting this oracle, gives the Doric 
forms Λιβύην μουστρόφον, but all the 
MSS here have the Ionic dialect, although 
in the oracle recited in § 159, they are 
equally unanimous in giving γάς ἀναδιω-
μένας. Plutarch has also ἁρεῖον for ἁμε-
ιον.
autēn tīn Διβύνην. Ἀπικόμενοι δὲ ἐς τήν νήσου καὶ ἀναλαβόντες τὸν Ἑλίσσων, ἐκτισάν αὐτῆς τῆς Διβύνης χώρων ἀντίον τῆς νήσου τῷ οὖνομα ἦν "Ἄρισος," τὸν νάπαυ τε καλλιστά ἐπὶ ἀμφότερα συγκλητιόνιοι καὶ ποταμός τὰ ἐπὶ βάταιρα παραρρέα. Τοῦτον οἰκεῖν τὸν χώρον ἐπὶ ἔτει ἐβδόμῳ δε ἱστείς ἐπεὶ παρατιθημένοι οἱ Δίβυνες, ὡς ἐς ἀμείνοια χώρων ἄξονοι, ἀνέγραφωσαν ἐκλίπειν. ὦν τὸ σφαιρας ἐνθεύτεν οἱ Δίβυνες ἀναστήσαντες πρὸς ἐστέρνη καὶ τῷ κάλλιστῳ τῶν χώρων ἵνα διεξόντως οἱ Ἑλληνες μὴ ἰδοῦν, συμμετρηθήσαμεν τῆν ὀργήν τῆς ἡμέρης, νυκτὸς παρῆγον ἐστὶ δὲ τῷ χώρῳ τούτῳ οὖνομα Ἰρασα: ἀναγόντες δὲ σφαῖρας ἐπὶ κρήνην λειαμένην εἶναι "Ἀπόλλωνος εἶπαν: "ἀνιδρεῖς Ἑλλήνες, ἐνθαῦτα υἱῶν ἐπιτίδεον αἰκίες ενθαῦτα γὰρ ὁ οὐρανός τέτρηται." 141"

Ἐπὶ μὲν νῦν Βάστηε 145 τοῦ ὀικιστῶν τῆς ξοίας, ἀρβαντὸς ἐπὶ τεσσαράκοντα ἐτα, καὶ τοῦ παιδὸς αὐτοῦ Ἀρκεσίλεως, ἀρβαντὸς ἐκκαίδεκα ἑτερα, οἰκεῖοι οἱ Κυρηναῖοι, ἕοντος τοσοῦτοι ὅσοι ἄρχην ἐς τὴν ἀποκίνην ἐστιάζωσαν ἐπὶ δὲ τοῦ τρίτου Βάστηα τοῦ Ἐνδαιμώνος καλεσσάμου Ἐλλῆνος πάντας ἀρμήσαν χρήσασα ἢ Πνεύμα πλέων συνοικήσαντας Κυρηναίοις Διβύνην ἐπεκάλοντο γὰρ οἱ Κυρηναῖοι ἐπὶ γῆς ἀναδασμώ. ἔχρησε δὲ ὅδε ἐκοινώ

412 οὗ γὰρ δὴ σφαιρα ἀπείει δθέος, κ.τ.λ. See note 6 on i. 1
413 Ἀρίσος. Καλλιμαχος (Hymn. Apoll. 89) has the form Αἰαῖς.
414 ενθαῦτα γὰρ ὁ οὐρανός τέτρηται. The plain of Cyrene lies remarkably insolated, being throughout backed by a range of high mountains lying e. and w., from which spurs run out towards the sea. On the south side of the range rain seldom or never falls, and this contrast with the condition of the Cyrenian plain doubtless produced the expression in the text. But still the climate, considered absolutely, was not an excessively moist one. Theophrastus (De causis plantarum, vi. 16. 3) even says of it, ἢ χάρα λεπτή καὶ ξαφνα καὶ οἷς ἦγον θερμή καθάρω τε γὰρ τῷ ἀει καὶ ἀνοίδρῳ περιέχεται,—an expression which Schneider considers corrupt, but which is extremely appropriate if we suppose it to refer to the air of the circumpaean desert. Valckenaer has proposed the conjecture βεννός for οὐρανός, considering the allusion to be to the excellent spring which the natives pointed out. There never was so unfortunate an application of acuteness. The frequent fall of rain is perhaps the form of all others in which the peculiar favour of Providence would, by persons inhabiting the arid soil of Africa, be recognized as resting upon the land. Thus this feature is put prominently forward in Deuteronomy (xi. 11) as distinguishing Canaan from Egypt. The former is "a land of hills and valleys which drinketh water of the rain of heaven, a land which the Lord God careth for." And in xxvii. 12, the special blessing: "The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand," corresponds to the special curse (ver. 23): "Thy heaven that is above thy head shall be brass." The expression, "Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven," (2 Kings vii. 2) is apparently a proverbial phrase derived from the same idea as that expressed in the text.
415 Βάστηε. The MSS vary in this section between this form and Βάττου. In § 162 they all have Βάστηε.
The native Libyans put themselves under the protection of *Apries*, who sends an army to their aid fruitlessly.
is assassinated.

161
His widow revenges him. Battus the Lame succeeds.

A new constitution is given to the state by Demonax of Mantinea.

162
Arcesilaus his son attempts a counter revolution, and is expelled. His mother Pheretime flies to Salamis in Cyprus.

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kisyclous oplitas Kyrniaion enbaata pesenein. metà de to troma toto 'Arkesileon men kaimonita te kal fármacon peptokosta o adelphos Learcho apotynige. Learcho de h gyni h 'Arkesilew do kallistos. Dienexasto de tin basilyh tov 'Arkesileo o pais Battoo, xolos eon kai ouk artypo. oi de Kyrniaioi pro tiv katalabousan symforion epeempon eis Delfoi oupeirrhsmoun, of tiva tropton katanasthmenoi kallistos an oikeion; h de Pnthi ekoleue ek Mantineos tis 'Arkaidon kataristhira agygethai. aiteoan oiv oi Kyrniaioi, kai oi Mantinees eousan andra tov aston dokimastaton, of ouvoma h Mhmwnaz. ouvou oiv onv har apikomenev es tiv Kyrhyn kai mabon ekasta, touto men trifylous epoieshe sfeas, tis de dia- theis Othrai men har kai ton perioikon malan moiran epoiseshe, alla de Peltoponnniain kai Kronty, trityn de nysteion twn touto de to bavdeli Bato tumeina excelwv kai ixswnas, ta allla panta ta proteron eixon oi bavdelies es meson to diuros ehtae.

'Epiv men de toto tov Bato ouv dietellei eounta, epit de to toto tov paios 'Arkesilew polla tattoo per te ton timeon egeneto. 'Arkesilew har o Battoo te tov xolov kai Feretimhe ouk efhi anxegethai kata ta o Mantineus Mhmwnaz etahze, alla apaitte ta tov progonon grea. evtheias staathiou eisosth, kai efhne es Samaon h de mhtir oiv es Salamwv tis Kynron efhne. (tis de Salamwv toto tov chronon epekratee Evlen- thwv, de to eis Delphoi swmamtiou, ean axiothev, anehtae,

420 tumevnea excelwv kai ixswnas. There is some difficulty in deciding on the exact meaning of this phrase; but perhaps we shall be right in considering that what Demonax did was to secure certain priestly functions to the house of the king, and to give it likewise the full control of a domain set apart for defraying the religious ceremonies. See the note 306 on iii. 143.

421 h de mhtir oiv es Salamwv tis Kynron efhne. The use of the dative oiv here is not superfluous. It seems to imply a concert between Pheretime and her son. She went in his interests. See note 318 on ii. 113.

422 tis de Salamwv toto tov chronon epekratee Evlenthwv. The compound epekratee induces the belief that Salamis had made an addition which Evelthon had made to his paternal dominions. The circumstance of his offering at Delphi being placed in the Corinthian treasury (which in reality was the treasury of the Cypselid dynasty, i. 14) suggests that he might have been mixed up with the commercial policy of that family. Perhaps the object of Pheretime was to show the advantages which it was in her son’s power to bestow should he, by the aid of Evelthon, be restored to his sovereignty, while on the other hand her son addressed himself to a people who
Arcesilaus knew how much they would lose if the traffic with Cyrene got into other hands. See the note 399, above.

Anecdote of her at the court of Ewelthou, the donor of a censer at Delphi.

163 Arcesilaus levies an army of adventurers in Samos. The Delphian oracle counsels moderation in case of victory.

164 He pursues the opposite course, and destroys his enemies, some of whom are rescued by the Onubians and sent to Thera.
His death, together with his father-in-law Alazir.

Phereclyte flies to Egypt and claims the protection of Agyndes.

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428 Ὁθήρνα ἀπέστειλαν. From this place being selected, it seems likely that the prisoners were individuals belonging to the first of the three tribes of Demonaḫ, —perhaps descendants of the original colonists.

429 μαθὼν εἰς ἔξεργασμένου. Compare Juvénal (Sat. xii. 237):

"—quid fas Atque nefas, tandem incipiant sentire per-\[\text{actis Criminibus.}\]

430 θυγατέρα τοῦ τῶν Βαρκαϊῶν Ἀργεῖλος τῷ οἴκῳ ἦν Ἀλαξίρ. By the circumstance of the Barcan prince bearing this barbarous name, one may be inclined to suppose that the policy of the brothers of Arcesilas's grandfather, who built Barea, was to identify themselves as much as possible with the African population, and even adopt barbarian appellations. Perhaps Alazir is the equivalent of a Hellenic name in the native language. It is clear that Alazir was not a native chief, from the circumstance that his daughter was a συγγενής of Arcesilas. 431 ἔξεργασμένοι ἐσώτεροι κακῶν, i.e. by taking the step against which the oracle warned him,—εἰσελθὼν ἐς τὴν ἁμφίρρυτον. 432 ἐπεργεσίαια. This would be the mode most tolerable to Hellenic ears of expressing the payment of tribute to an oriental hege lord. The circumstances of the case are related in iii. 13, although in a very different form,—for with the narrator there the central feature of the story is obviously Cambyses’s largess to the soldier. But the substantial identity of the two accounts appears in the circumstance of the Barceans and Cyrenians being combined in iii. 13 (although it was only the Cyrenian offering which was so contemptuously treated), while again in the narrative here some connexion between the two states is evident, both from the marriage of Arcesilas with Alazir’s daughter, and from the refuge found by the former in Barea.
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dε ἐς Αἰγύπτου ἡ Φερετίμη Ἀρμανδέω ικέτως ἔμετο, τιμωρήσατι ἑωτῇ κελεύουσα: προϊσχομένη πρόφασιν, ὡς διὰ τὸν μυθεσμὸν ὁ παῖς οἱ τέθυμε 433. Ὁ δὲ Ἀρμάνδης ἐν οὖσος τῆς Αἰγύπτου ύπαρχος ὑπὸ Καμβύσεω κατεστεώς ὡς ύστερῳ χρόνῳ τούτων παρασεύμενος 434 Δαρείος διεφθάρη. πυθόμενος γὰρ καὶ ἵδου Δα- ρείον ἐπιθυμεύοντα μημόσυνον ἑωτοῦ λιπεύον, τοῦτο τὸ μὴ ἄλλῳ εἰς βασιλεῖ κατεργασμένων 435, ἐμμέετο τούτων εἰς οὐ ἔλαβε βέ οἱ μισθοῦ. Δαρείος μὲν γὰρ χρυσίον καθαρώτατον ἀπεψήςας ἐς τὸ δυνατότατον, νόμισμα ἐκόπατο: Ἀρμάνδης δὲ ἄρχων Αἰγύπτου ἀργύριον τῶντο τούτο ἐποίεε: καὶ νῦν εἰςτι ἀργύριον καθαρώτατον τὸ Ἀρμανδίκων. μαθῶν δὲ Δαρείος μν ταῦτα ποιεῦτα 435, αἰτήν

433 δε δια τῶν μυθεσμῶν ὁ παίς τέθυμε. It is very difficult, in the present paucity of information, to say how this profession could be made out. Possibly Cambyses was considered as the representative of the line of Apries, whose grandson some Egyptian accounts made him (iii. 2). Compare also the statement of Dinon, quoted in the note 9 on iii. 3. Now Apries was the feudal lord of the native inhabitants, the perieci, of Cyrene (iv. 159); and on the other hand the connexion of Amasis with the Greeks (φιλέλην γενόμενος, ii. 178), and especially with the Cyrenians was a very close one (ii. 181, 182). And if the return of Ar Cecilus was brought about in a great measure by sacrificing the interests or prejudices of the Hellenic element of the population in favour of the aborigines which formed a δῆμος there,—which several circumstances make not at all improbable,—he would transfer to his cause the political traditions of the party which originally called Apries in. (See the notes 419, 430, and 432.) His conduct therefore might be represented as a μηδεμός, insomuch as he and Cambyses would under such circumstances stand to each other in the relation of vassal and suzerain. At any rate there would be enough for a πρόσχημα, in order that Libya might be conquered. (See § 167.)

434 παρασεύμενος. The force of the preposition should not be overlooked—"indirectly putting himself on a footing with Darius." The assertion of sovereignty was contained in the fact of his issuing a coinage at all, but masked by the comparative meanness of the metal in which it was struck.

435 τοῦτο τὸ μὴ ἄλλῳ εἰς βασιλεῖ κατ- eγρασμένων. This expression must be taken with an allowance of some kind or other. Perfectly pure gold from its softness would spoil a coinage; and if the circumstance of the coinage being gold at all was what constituted it a memorial, the minting silver could not be attempted with even the semblance of that excuse. Possibly the real novelty consisted in the fact that Darius was the first oriental sovereign who issued an independent coinage. The wealth of Croesus appears to have consisted of ingots (i. 50) and gold dust (vi. 125), although the Sardians boasted of being the first who coined money (i. 94). The passage containing the account of his largess to the Delphians of two slaters a-piece does not exist in the manuscripts S and V; and, supposing it to be genuine, it may very reasonably be an expression in terms of a later time of the sum which was really paid. But if the distinctive character of what Darius did was that it was the first oriental coinage, it must be put together with his cadastral system, and regarded as constituting one portion of a large financial measure which redeemed the Persian empire from the condition of an assemblage of barbarian hordes, and earned for its author the sobriquet of ὁ κάπηλος from his ignorant and ruffianly countrymen. See note on vii. 28.

436 μαθῶν δὲ Δαρείος μν ταῦτα ποι- εῦτα. The precarious position of Darius for some time after his accession is shown by several circumstances, of which we here have one. The issuing the silver coinage was a symbol of the position which Aryandes hoped to occupy— one very similar to that of Oroetes in Asia. (See note 350.)

166 Aryandes's coinage.
He sends a force against Barca and Cyrene.

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oi ἄλλην ἐπενείκας 437, ὡς οἱ ἐπανόστατοι 438, ἀπέκτευε. Τότε δὲ οὗτος ἦ τοῦ Ἀρνάνδης κατοικτείρας Φερετίμη, διδοὶ αὐτῇ στρατόν τόν ἐξ Αἰγύπτου ἄπαντα 439, καὶ τῶν πεζῶν καὶ τῶν ναυτικῶν στρατηγῶν δὲ τοῦ μὲν πεζοῦ Ἄμασιν ἀπέδέξαν ἀνδρὰ Μαράφιον 440, τοῦ δὲ ναυτικοῦ Βάδρην 441, ἐόντα Πασαργάνδην γένος. πρὶν δὲ ἢ ἀποστείλα τῷ στρατηγῷ, ὁ Ἀρνάνδης πέμψας ἐς τὴν Βάρκην κήρυκα, ἐπενυθάνετο τὶς εἰς ὁ Ἀρκεσίλεως ἀποκτείνας; οἱ δὲ Βαρκαίοι αὐτοὶ ὑποδεικέατο πάντες· πολλὰ τε γὰρ καὶ κακὰ πάσχειν ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ πυθόμενος δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἀρνάνδης, οὗτος δὲ τὴν στρατηγίαν ἀπέστειλε ἀμα τῇ Φερετίμῃ. αὐτὴ μὲν νῦν αὐτὴν πρόσχημα τοῦ λόγου ἐγνύετο· ἀπετέμπητο δὲ ἡ στρατηγία, ὡς ἐμοὶ δοκεῖν, ἐπὶ Διβύων καταστροφή. Διβύων γὰρ δὴ ἔθνεα πολλὰ καὶ παντοῦ ἔστιν καὶ τὰ μὲν αὐτῶν ὅλης βασιλείας ἣν ὑπῆκοα, τὰ δὲ πλέον ἐφρούντιξε Δαρείου ὤδεν.

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Οἰκεύσα ἡ κατά τάδε Δίβυνες 442. ἀπ’ Αἰγύπτου ἀρξάμενοι, πρῶτον Ἀδυρακίδαι Διβύων κατοικηται οἱ νόμοι μὲν τὰ πλέον Αἰγυπτίοι σχέσαι, ἐσθῆτα δὲ φορέουσι οὕτων περὶ οἱ ἄλλοι Δίβυνες· αἱ δὲ γυναῖκες αὐτῶν ἤφελων περὶ ἐκατέργῃ τῶν κυνηγεόν φορέουσι χάλκεον τὰς κεφαλὰς δὲ κομόσαι, τοὺς φθείρας ἐπείν

on iii. 127.) He had been appointed by Cambyses as Oratoes had been by Cyrus, and he wished to convert his tenure into an independent kingdom, owing a nominal allegiance to the king of Persia, as a duke of Burgundy in the twelfth century might to a king of France, or a pasha of Egypt to the Porte. It is observable that Darius keeps out of sight the delicate question of independent sovereignty. Probably at this time his own father-in-law was holding a similar position in Asia, and his plan for the subdivision of satrapies had not been got into work. (See notes 240 on iii. 88 and 390 on iii. 141.) But as soon as any charge was brought against him, Aryandes knew what was the real point at issue, and threw off the mask by an open revolt.

437 ἐπενείκας. See note 403, above.
438 ἐπανόστατο. The MSS vary between ἐπανοστάτῳ, ἐπανοστάτῳ, and ἐπανοσταταῖ. Gaisford adopts the second of these readings. But Herodotus habitually uses the optative mood in such cases.
439 τὸν ἐξ Αἰγύπτου ἄπαντα. See the next note.
440 ἀνδρὰ Μαράφιον. The appointment of an individual to the command of the whole land army, who was not a Pasargad, and consequently not closely connected with the reigning dynasty, is not to be overlooked with reference to the schemes noticed in the note 436. For the tribes of the Persians see i. 125.
441 Βάδρην. The manuscript S has Μάρδην and V has Μάσδην. These forms are all etymologically equivalent with one another, and also with Βάρδην or Bartius and Smyrnis. See note 83 on iii. 30. It is a curious circumstance that an individual of this name should be placed in a high office by Aryandes.
442 Δίβυνες. In the description of Libya which follows Herodotus appears to rest on the authority of merchants’ stories, of which that in ii. 32 is a remarkable specimen. It seems to me not improbable that from here to the end of § 160, his information is gained from coasting navigators, while at § 181 he begins to depend upon the accounts brought by the caravans traders into Egypt. Hence the diversity apparent in some of the details may perhaps be accounted for. See for example note 456 on § 174.
Then follows. Then the Aethiopis, inland of Cyrene.

Then the Auschis, inland of Harkos, in the midst of whom is a small

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λάβωσι τοὺς ἐσώτης ἐκάστην ἀντιδίκαιν καὶ οὕτω μίπτει οὕτοι δὲ Ἀδρυμαχίδα.

169

Next come the Gilgamesh.

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Then the Aethiopis, inland of Cyrene.

169—171. The place of the town is said to be still traceable in some ruins called Tokrah, about ten hours' distance from Ptolemais.

412 μέχρι λιμένος τοῦ οὖνομα Πλαυνὸς ἐστι. Scylax (p. 45) places the Adrymphachidae entirely within the Egyptian boundary, which makes it extend as far as Apis (a town in the immediate vicinity of Paratonium), of which Herodotus perhaps speaks above (ii. 8). Eastward he brings them as far as the Canobic branch of the Nile.

414 Μενελαίος λιμή. See note 336 on ii. 119.

415 Τοῦ σίλβους. The use of the article is to be observed. See note 490 on § 191, below. The Silphium was well known in its imported state. It was used, among other purposes, to sprinkle the dried Boeotian eels,—a dish held in the highest estimation. (Antiphanes ap. Athenaeum, vii. p. 623. Compare Aristophanes, Av. 1579.) The sale of it produced so much as to render the expression τοῦ Βάτων σίλβου proverbial to denote unbounded wealth; and it appears on the coins of Cyrene, as being the staple produce of the place. For a description of the plant see Pliny (V. H. xix. 3), and for its medical uses (xxii. 23). In the time of Plautus, Capua was the great staple for it. (Rud. iii. 2. 16.)

416 Ἀσβύσταν. Two of the MSS (M and K) have Ἀσβύσταν, and Ἀσβύσταν for Ἀσβύσταν. This variation may arise from the confusion of the contractions of βν and νν, which are very similar.

417 Ἐνεσπερίδας. This place was founded under the auspices of the fourth Aresilau. (Schol. ad Pind. Pyth. v. 33.) It was subsequently called Berytus after the queen of Ptolemy III., who beautified it. (Stephanus Byzantinus, v. Berytūs.)

418 Κάβαλες. So Gaisford prints on the authority of the majority of MSS. Two however have Θάξαλες.

419 Ταύχεια. The site of this town is said to be still traceable in some ruins called Tokrah, about ten hours' distance from Ptolemais.
to the tribes. Some unnecessary difficulty as regards these words has been occasioned by the circumstance that the date harvest generally begins in October; and Larcher, to avoid it, proposes to read μετά το θέρος. But there seems no occasion to resort to this alteration, or to the theory that the date harvest would in some years take place much earlier than in others. All that Herodotus says is, that during the dry season (to which the Hellenic expression θέρος is the nearest approach) the Nasamones left their flocks in the pastures on the northern coast, and went into the interior to secure the date harvest (whenever that may have taken place). They really were the carriers in the caravan traffic which took place between the coast and the interior. They appear to have had business at the Oasis of Ammon (ii. 32), and doubtless were carriers of salt, which forms so important an article of African trade. We may suppose them to leave the north just after the sheep shearing, and to re-appear again after the date harvest, having in the mean time been engaged in a course of traffic, the last results of which appeared at the ports on the coast in the shape of dates, or possibly of palm wine.
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Next came the Peulli, an extinct race within the Syriss, whose territory has been occupied by Nasamones. Inland of the Peulli southwards come the

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Garamantes, a timid and unwarlike race. Along the coast westwards are the Miske, in whose territory is the embou-

prevailed in the earliest historical times in Italy and Greece. See Virgil (Aeneid. vii. 80—100) and the commentators thereon. See also note 164 on i. 52. 458 εύχημεν δὲ τὴν χάρην...πίνακι. Shaw states that a relic of the habits of the Nasamones still survives in the marriage ceremony of the native Algerines, where the contracting parties plight their troth to each other merely by drinking out of each other’s hands. (Travels in Barbary, p. 303.) 453 τα ἑλυτρα τῶν ὑδάτων, "the watertanks." See note 625 on i. 165.

456 Γαράμαντες. The description which follows of this tribe seems to accord rather with the timorous Troglodyte (the Tibboos), whom, according to Herodotus in another passage (§ 183, below), the Garamantes hunt. Accordingly a factitious distinction has been attempted by Larcher between a tribe of nonad Garamantes (to whom he supposes the author to allude in the other passage) and another portion of the same nation having fixed habitation, which are meant here. Another solution of the difficulty has been sought by reading Γαράμαντες here instead of Γαράμαντες, to which some colour is given by a passage in Mel. (i. 8), and one in Pliny (N. H. v. i. 8). But there is no variation in the MSS of Herodotus to supply the least support to this conjecture; and possibly a less violent explanation of the diversity of description is to be found in the conjecture that the authority here followed by Herodotus took the Garamantes for the Troglodyte Tibboos.

457 στρουθῶν καταγαίων διόρασ. The Asiatic Ethiopians in the army of Xerxes are similarly represented as using the skins of cranes by way of defensive armour (vii. 70). Probably a covering of feathers was so contrived as to break the blow of a sharp instrument, a result achieved by the South Sea islanders with the same materials.

458 Κίνυψ ποταμός. This is the site on which Dorieus the Spartan attempted to found a colony (v. 42). Its extreme productiveness above every other part of Libya is remarked (§ 198, below).
oútos ó Xarítopn dásotí 'idhí 'estí, éousí tís állass tís pròkata-
lechthíass'H Liýhíss ψílís' ápò thalássas dé ès autòn stàdovn di-
'nikósióo éi'sí. Makéon dè toútov ékòmenov Xýndavns eisí tôn aí
ynanákès perisphória dérmátov polllá ékásth fóreé: kata toinóde
 tô, ós légetai' kat' àndra èkáston, mûchhnta perisphórwn peri-
détei at' ò d' an pléistá 'éch, aúthi àrísth déddkatai eínai ós ùpò
pléistovn àndróvn filhthèi'sá. 'Aktí'n dé pròbèxhoun, ès tôn pòtòon
toútov tôn Xýndavnov némontai Dîstofágon oít' tôn karptón moúon
 tôn laßtov tróghontes òwous: o dé tôu laßtov karptòs 459 èstí
mégathós òsou to bás sý'mon, 'hílikútita dé, tôn fóinikos tô karptò
pròseiklòs' pòieíntai dè èk tôu karptòu toútou oít Dîstofágon kai
òvin 460.

Dîstofágon dé tô pàrà thállassan ëchontai Máxhles, 461, tôi lòwto
mèn kai ou'toi chròwmenoi, àtán òsotn ògê, tôn pròterovn lechthéntovn.
Kattíkousoi dé èpti potamóv méga, tôi óu'wma Trítovn èstí' èkèdóë
dè ou'tòs ès lémhn megálhn Tryptovídà: èn dè aut'h vísos en, títì
óu'wma Phlú- taúthn dé tôn vísos Dàkædámovísí fási lógvno
èina kítaí.

"Esté dè kai òde lýgos legóménov, 'I'hsona, èpèt ei oít èxeqeiásth
úpto tô Pèliou, h 'Arjw, èsthèmenov ès aut'h allèn to ekátòm-
bhìn 462 kai dè kai trîpoda xálkèon, periplòwev Pèlòpòvnhsou
boulómévov ès Delphów áptikéthai kai mún, òs plèwnta genévshai
kata Klaleyn, úttolasein ànëmoun bòrìn kai àptofèren pròs tôn
Liýhín' prín dè kattideúsì, òghn, èn tôsi bráxhri genévshai lími-
tòs Tryptovídà: kai oít' òpòrhoúntoi tôn èxagagénów lýgos èstí fàvñræ
Trítuna, kai kæleüevn tôv 'I'hsona éswto doûnai tôn trîpoda-
fiâmovn sfí kai tôn pòron dëxein, kai àptímmovn àsppostlèlæn
peidhòmenov dè tôv 'I'hsonov, ou'tò dè tôn te diékploun tôv bæ-

459 o dè tôu lòwto karptòs. See note 252 on ii. 96.
460 kai òlvov. According to Polybius (Fragm. xii. 2), the lotus wine
was produced by first steeping the fruit for some
time in water, and then pressing it. It
would not however keep for more than
ten days; so that it could never have been
exported.
461 Máxhles. It seems doubtful whe-
ther this is a genuine Libyan name, or has
a Greek root. In the latter case it would
probably, like Troglydtae and Lotophagi,
have a reference to the habits of the people
who were called by it. See the latter part
of § 190.
462 ekatòmabhìn. By this name must be
understood the aggregate offering to the
deity, and not merely the cattle designed
for sacrifice. The tripod made a part
of it.
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χέων δεικνύα τον Τριτώνιν σφι, καὶ τὸν τρίποδα θείναι ἐν τῷ ἑωντοῦ ἰρῷ επιθεσπισάντα τε τῷ τρίποδα, καὶ τοὺς σὺν Ἰήσου σημαίναντα τῶν πάντα λόγου, ὡς ἐπεῖς τὸν τρίποδα κομίσηται τῶν ἑκόνων τῶν ἐν τῇ Ἀργοὶ συμπλεόντων, τότε ἐκατῶν πόλιας οἰκήσα τερί τῷ Τριτωνίδα λίμνην Ἐλληνιδας πάσαν εἶναι ἀλλήγειν ταῦτα ἀκούσαντας τοὺς ἐπιχορίους τῶν Διβύων κρύφα τοῦ τρίποδα 463.

Τούτων δὲ ἐχοῦται τῶν Μάχλών Ἀυσείς. οὕτω δὲ καὶ οἱ Μάχλωνες πέρι τὴν Τριτωνίδα λίμνην οἰκεύοντο τὸ μέσον δὲ σφι ὑφάντος ὁ Τριτών καὶ οἱ μὲν Μάχλωνες τὰ ὀπίσω κομέονσι τῆς κεφαλῆς, οἱ δὲ Ἀυσεῖς τὰ ἐμπροσθή ορῆτη δὲ ἐνανθησῆ Ἀθηναίης αἱ παρθένοι αὐτῶν δίχα διαστάσαντες μᾶχονται πρὸς ἄλληλας λίθους τε καὶ ξύλους, τῇ αὐθυγενεί θεῷ λέγοντα τὰ πάτρων ἀποτελέος, τὴν 'Ἀθηναίην καλέσσων τὰς δὲ ἀποθηρυκούσας τῶν παρθένοι ἐκ τῶν τρωμάτων 464 θενυπαρθένους καλέουσιν πρὶν δὲ ἀνείναι αὐτὰς μάχησθαι, τάδε ποιεῦσιν κοινῇ παρθένῳ τὴν καλλιστεύονται οἰκάστοτε κοσμήσαντες κοφῇ τῇ Κορισθῇ καὶ πανοπλῇ Ἐλληνικῇ, καὶ ἐπ᾽ ἁρμα ἀναβιβάζαστες, περιμάγγυ τὴν λίμνην κύκλῳ 465, ὁτέωσι δὲ τὸ πάλαι ἐκόσμεον τὰς παρθένους, πρὶν ἦ

463 κρύφα τοῦ τρίποδα. The tripod (the symbol of the tutelary deity of the settlers, see note 493 on i. 144) is a most important feature in the legend, and appears in all the versions of it. The whole story is a fair specimen of the mythical way in which the history of colonization was described in early times. The later ages consolidated the poetic fictions of the earlier period into facts, and accounted for them on the principle which Euhemerus was noted for systematically carrying out. Thus Apollonius Rhodius makes the sacred tripod a return for the piece of earth, which is said in his narrative, as well as that of Pindar (Pyth. iv. 22, seqq.), is the symbol by which Triton makes over the soil to the Hellenic settlers (iv. 1548). Diodorus brings the matter down even closer to the level of daily experience. Triton, according to him, was the king of the country, and, on explaining to the Argonauts the difficulties of the coast, was rewarded by them with a brazen tripod, which in after times was to be actually seen, covered with hieroglyphics, at Bereuce (iv. 56). See, for further illustration of the way in which mythical stories were used by the ancients for the purpose of justifying actual policy, the notes on vi. 140.

464 τρωμάτων. This form, which Gaisford adopts, rests on the authority of M, K, P, S, V, F, and a, the other MSS having trωματων or τρωμάτων. Eustathius (ad Il. v. 506) lays down the canon that where the diphthong aw is changed into aw without crisis, the latter form is in Ionic a dissyllable. On this principle one ought to write τωμα and των, although the crisis which had taken place would justify ἔμωτον and σεωτον (ἡμο αυτοῦ and σε αυτῶ), τῶντο (το αὐτ '); ωτός (ὁ αυτός), and ὄντο (οι αὐτοί). But in this particular case τράμα may be reasonably concluded a form directly derived from a present tense τραμ. And even if this were not the case, it seems very hazardous to be guided by the facts of Alexandrine grammarians or their followers in the case of an author who writes so loosely as Herodotus.

465 περιτέων τῆς λίμνης κυκλῳ. The existence of this practice may have sug-
The inland parts of Libya.

gested to the friends of Pisistratus the demonstration described by Herodotus above, i. 60, where see note 201. It seems scarcely doubtful that this Athene is a war goddess, a kind of Eury, Bellona, or Amazon, analogous to the Mother of Ares at Paphiris, where on the day of the high festival there was "a passage of arms" not unlike the one described in the text. See ii. 63. 

"οὐκ ἔχω ἐπιτιμᾶσθαι. This expression indicates that no positive knowledge respecting the practice reached back to an earlier time than that in which direct mercantile transactions between Hellas and Libya existed.

467 ἀπὸ γὰρ Ἀιγύπτου ..."Ελλῆνας. It is not easy to reconcile this statement with what is known of the Hellenic armour. Before the time of Psammitichus (as it would seem from the story in ii. 152), the Hellenic casque and shield must have been unknown to the Egyptians. But they were long before familiar to the Greeks of Asia, as appears from the Homeric poems, and probably to the Carians (who formerly inhabited the islands) even at an earlier period. See Thucydides i. 8.

If they came from Egypt to the Greeks at all in early times, it was perhaps only as from a staple of manufactures fabricated by foreigners settled there. See notes 128, 129, and 134 on Book ii. But the Egyptian priest in Plato (Timæus, p. 24) takes the same view as Herodotus.

468 τοῦτον παῖς νομίζεται. The description of the tribes on the coast is continued in § 126, the intermediate five sections being taken up with an account of the tribes inland, apparently derived from information brought by the caravans into Egypt.

469 φάμαις. The form φάμι is in place of the more common φαμα is defended by the use of Aristophanes (Lysistr. 1260): ἦν γὰρ τάφθροι οὐκ ἔλαθον τὰς φάμας. It would almost seem however as if the expression was put in the mouth of the speaker in that passage as a Dorian peculiarity, and if so, its use here may be thought to indicate the source of the information. But elsewhere Herodotus uses the other form (i. 47; iii. 26, 102; and even 132, below). And in this passage S and V have φάμαις, as if in the sense of φαμαίς, or as if a gloss of ὄφρα standing alone. Perhaps the last is the most probable supposition. For in § 182 all the MSS have τής φάμας, and it is scarcely conceivable that if Herodotus had advisedly used the feminine termination here, he would have changed it so soon in a part of the narrative closely cohering with this.
There is therein. 

The distance of Thebes from the Oasis of Ammon is nearly 400 geographical miles. Probably there is some confusion between it and the greater Oasis (El Wah) of which the author speaks in iii. 26, where see note 73. The Oasis of Ammon is situated lat. 29° 9' 50", long. 26° 20'. Heeren indeed attempts to identify the distances given by Herodotus with those of existing caravan routes, by supposing a station left out between Thebes and the Oasis of Ammon, and another between Augila and the Garamantes. But his whole discussion (African Nations, chapter vi.) although ingenious, is based upon the assumption of much greater exactness in Herodotus's work than is compatible with the phenomena observable therein. That every station should consist of a hill of salt, and that from the summit of every hill a stream of fresh water should burst out, ought to have raised some suspicion of the accuracy of the narrative. The phenomena of the region are in fact such as to suggest the account in the text, but not to warrant it. There are large deposits of salt, and out of some fresh water springs rise, but the appearance in the great majority of cases is that of a field, not a hilllock, of salt; and the water springing from the deposit is generally saline.

For the accounts prevalent among the ancients with regard to this fountain see Aristotle (Ap. Anthionum Curation, De Mirabilibus, vi. 849—874). The physical fact causing the general belief doubtless is the circumstance that while the temperature of the water coming from a considerable depth remained constant, that of the air would vary enormously; and by comparison with this the apparent temperature of the water would be such as described in the text. See a parallel case with regard to the effect of the sun in India (iii. 104, note 301).

The Oasis of Ammon. 

Fountain of the sun, which is cold at midday, and boils at midnight.

Ten days from Am-
Ten days from Agilia are the Garamantes, thirty days' journey from the Loto-plagi on the coast.

These Garamantes hunt the Tragopodidae, a race which have a language like the scream of bats.

Ten days beyond the Garamantes are the Tibboos, the race living in the holes of the Tibesti mountains, still, as formerly, hunted for the purpose of making slaves of them, are said by the Augilians to have a language like the "whistling of birds." But this is the effect of almost any language which is entirely unintelligible upon the ear of an uneducated person. Thus Herodotus endeavours to explain the legend of the pigeon of Dodona, (ii. 57;) and Clytaemnestra in Æschylus compares the unknown foreign language of Cassandra to the voice of the sealeon (Agam. 1050). See also Aristophanes (Birds, 1681). An ingenious attempt has been made to show that the names of many of the tribes mentioned in the Homeric poems are derived from this supposed similarity of their languages to the notes of birds. See the Cambridge Philological Museum, vol. i. pp. 609—637.

'Από δὲ Γαραμάντων δὲ ἄλλων δέκα ἡμερέων ὄδοι, ἄλλος ἄλος τε κολονός καὶ ὕδωρ καὶ ἀνθρωποί περὶ αὐτῶν οἰκεύοντο, τοῖς οὐνομαῖς ἐστὶ 'Ατάραντες 477. οἱ ἀνώνυμοι οἰσὶ μονοὶ ἀνθρώποι καὶ καὶ άνθρωποι περὶ αὐτῶν οἰκεύοντο τῷ δὲ χώρῳ τούτῳ οὐνομα Αγιλία ἐστί. (ἐς τούτον τὸν χώρον 473 οἱ Νασαμώνες ὀπαριέντες τους φοινικάς φωτεύουσι.) 'Από δὲ Αγιλίων, διὰ δέκα ἡμερέων ἄλλων ὄδου, έτερος ἄλος κολονός, καὶ ὕδωρ, καὶ φοινικες καρποφόροι πολλοί, κατάπερ καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἐτέρουσι καὶ ἀνθρωποί οἰκεύοντα εἰς αὐτῶ τοῖς οὐνομα Γαραμάντες ἐστι, ἐθνος μέγα ἵσχυρός, οἴ έπι τόν ἄλλα γῆν ἐπιφορέοντες, οὔτω στελοῦσι (συντομώτατον δ' ἐστὶ ἐς τοὺς Δωτοφάγους, ἐκ τῶν τρικωντα ἡμερέων ἐς αὐτοὺς ὄδος ἐστὶ.) ἐν τοίς καὶ οἱ ὀπισθονόμοι βόες γίνονται ὁπισθονόμοι δὲ διὰ τόθι εἰσὶ τὰ κέρας ἔχονσι κεκφότα εἰς τὸ ἐμπρόσθε διὰ τοῦτο ὑπὸς ἀναχωρέοντες νέμονται εἰς γὰρ τὸ ἐμπρόσθε οὐκ οἶοι τέ εἰσιν, προμεθολόντος ἐς τὴν γῆν τῶν κερέων ἄλλο δὲ ὀυδὲν διαφέρουσι τῶν ἄλλων βοῶν ὅτι μὴ τοῦτο, καὶ τὸ δέρμα ἐς παχύτητα τε καὶ τρίψιν. οἱ Γαραμάντες δὲ οὕτωι 471 τοὺς Τρογλοδύτας Αἶθίστας θηρεύοντο τοῖς τεθρίπτοισι οἱ γὰρ Τρογλοδύται Αἶθιστες πόδας τάχιστον ἀνθρώπων πάντων εἰσὶ τῶν ἡμεῖς πέρι λόγους ἀποφερομένους ακούομεν συτένονται δὲ οἱ Τρογλοδύται ὅφις καὶ σαιρὰς, καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα τῶν ἐρπετῶν γλώσσαν δὲ οὐδεμιὴ ἄλλη παρομοίη νευμικαί 475, ἂλλα τετριγασίαν 476 κατάπερ αἱ νικτέριδες.

472 ές τούτον τὸν χώρον. Dates are produced in the Oasis of Ammon, but the quantity which grows at Agilia is very much greater. Hence being the principal market of the article, the latter is especially mentioned. See above, § 172, note 450. 473 οἱ Γαραμάντες δὲ οὔτωι. See above, note 436 on § 174. 474 γλώσσαν . . . νευμικαί. See note 434 on i. 142. 475 τετριγασίαν. The Tibboos, the race living in the holes of the Tibesti mountains, still, as formerly, hunted for the purpose of making slaves of them, are said by the Augilians to have a language like the "whistling of birds." But this is the effect of almost any language which is entirely unintelligible upon the ear of an uneducated person. Thus Herodotus endeavours to explain the legend of the pigeon of Dodona, (ii. 57;) and Clytaemnestra in Æschylus compares the unknown foreign language of Cassandra to the voice of the sealeon (Agam. 1050). See also Aristophanes (Birds, 1681). An ingenious attempt has been made to show that the names of many of the tribes mentioned in the Homeric poems are derived from this supposed similarity of their languages to the notes of birds. See the Cambridge Philological Museum, vol. i. pp. 609—637. 476 'Ατάραντες. So Gaisford prints, and the commentators universally since the time of Salmusius have approved of the change. It is however a conjectural one from Ἀτάραντες, the reading of all the MSS. And it would seem that both Pliny and Stephanus Byzantinus found the reading 'Ατάραντες in their copies. Heeren places the tribe in question in the territory of Tegea, the fron-
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ποιν τῶν ἡμεῖς ἤδειν ἀλέσι μὲν γὰρ σφὶ ἐστὶ Ἀτάραντες οὐνομα, ἐν δὲ ἐκάστῳ αὐτῶν οὖνμα οὐδὲν κέεται. οὔτοι τῷ ἥλιῳ ύπερβάλλουσι καταρέωνται, καὶ πρὸς τοῦτοι πάντα τὰ αἰσχρὰ λοιδορέονται, ὅτι σφέας καὶοῦς ἐπιτριβεῖ, αὕτως τοὺς ἀνθρώπους καὶ τὴν χώρην αὐτῶν. μετα δὲ, διὰ ἄλλων δέκα ἡμερῶν ὡδού 474 ἄλλος κολονὸς ἄλος καὶ ὕδωρ καὶ ἀνθρωποί περὶ αὐτῶν οἰκέουσιν, ἔχεται δὲ τοῦ ἄλος τοῦτον ὄντος τὸ οὖνμα ἐστὶ "Ἀτάλας" ἐστι δὲ στεινων καὶ κυκλοτερὲς πάντη ὦψηλον δὲ οὔτω δὴ τι λέγεται, ὡς τὰς κορυφὰς αὐτῶν οὐκ οία τε εἶναι ἰδέσθαι οὐδέκετο γὰρ αὕτως ἀπολείπειν νέφεα, οὔτε Θέρεσι οὔτε χειμῶνισ τούτο τὸ κίονα τοῦ οὐρανοῦ λέγουσι οἱ ἐπιχώριοι εἶναι ἐπὶ τούτου τοῦ οὐρεοῦ οἱ ἀνθρωποὶ οὐτοί ἐπώνυμοι ἐγένοτο καλέονται γὰρ ἐὰν "Ἀτάλας", λέγουται δὲ οὔτε ἐμφύχοιν οὔδεν στείεσθαι οὔτε εὐνύτινα ὄραν.

Μέχρι μὲν δὴ τῶν Ἀτάλαντων τοῦτων, ἔχω τὰ οὐνοματα τῶν ἐν τῇ ὄφρῃ κατοικημένων καταλέξαι τὸ δ' ἀπὸ τοῦτων, οὐκέτι διίκει δ' ἄν ἡ ὄφρη μὲχρι ᾿Πρακληνίων στηλέων, καὶ τὸ ξένο τοῦτων ἐστὶ δὲ ἄλος τε μετάλλων ἐν αὐτῇ διὰ δέκα ἡμερῶν ὡδού 479, καὶ ἀνθρωποὶ οἰκέουσι τ' δὲ οἰκία τοῦτοι πάσι ἐκ τῶν ἄλινων χώδρων οἰκοδομεῖαι 480, ταῦτα γὰρ ἡν τῆς Λιβύης ἀνομβρά ἐστὶν οὔ γὰρ ἂν ἱδενεάτο μένειν οἱ τοῖχοι ἐόντες ἄλεοι, εἰ ὃς. ὁ δὲ ἄλς αὐτόθι καὶ λευκός καὶ πορφύρες τὸ εἴδος ὀρύσσεται. ὑπ' εἰρ δὲ

tier town of Fezzan, the halting-place for the caravans from the south. Here the Arabic language ceases and the Bornoun begins. The Bornounese are said by Leo Africanus (quoted by Heeren) to have no proper names strictly speaking, but to be called by nicknames derived from some accidental quality. But Herodotus does not seem to mean this, which is in fact the origin of the great majority of surnames in all languages; but that they have no individual names at all, and are a mere herd of men. It is plain that his information is in the highest degree vague; and it is worse than useless to attempt to disguise this by arbitrary emendations and strained explanations.

475 ὡδοῦ. This word is omitted from the manuscripts M, K, P, S, V.

479 διὰ δέκα ἡμερῶν ὡδοῦ. This ten days' march would probably, in the views of Herodotus, have to be reckoned from the Atlantes, of whom he has just spoken. Heeren attempts to fix the site at the salt mines of Tezahah, spoken of by Leo Africanus, about twenty days' journey from Timbuctoo, on the caravan road to Morocco. 480 ἐκ τῶν ἄλινων χιλιάρων οἰκοδομεῖται. Strabo relates that Gerrha, a city built by Chaldaean exiles on the coast of the Persian gulf, was constructed of salt, and that when the surface scaled off by the excessive heat of the sun, the inhabitants were accustomed to repair the mischief by sprinkling it with water (xvi. c. 3, p. 382). The houses of Tezahah are described by Ibn Batuta as built of rock salt and covered with camels' hides. The mountain Had-Deffa, which consists of the purest rock salt, at the eastern extremity of the Lake of Marks (the ancient Tritonis), is said by modern travellers to be as hard as stone, quite different from pit salt, and to be of a red hue, although the salt which is detached by dew loses this colour and becomes white.
salt nine
ten days
off.

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West of the
Lake Tritonis the tribes of
the coast are not nomads.

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These are very
healthy, and
attribute it to
the practice of
cauterizing parts
of the head when young.

They cure
convulsions
by goats' urine.

très, ὁρίνξ τοΐς, τὸ πρὸς νότον καὶ μεσόγαιαν τῆς Διβύς,
ἐρήμος καὶ ἀνυδρος καὶ ἄθηρας καὶ ἄνωμβρος καὶ ἄξυλος ἐστὶ ἡ
χώρῃ καὶ ἱκμάδος ἐστὶ ἐν αὐτῇ οὐδὲν.

Οὕτω μὲν μέχρι τῆς Τριτωνίδος λήμνης ἀπ’ Ἀλβάνων νομάδες
εἰσὶ κρεοφάγοι τε καὶ γαλακτοπότα τοίς Διβύς καὶ θηλέων τε βοῶν
οὐ τε γενόμενοι, διότι περ ὀφεὶ Ἀλβάνων εἰς οὐδὲ τρέφοντες βοῶν
μὲν καὶ νυν θηλέων οὐδ’ αἱ Κυρηναίων γυναῖκες δικαίωσιν
πατέσθαι, διὰ τὴν ἐν Ἀλβάνων "Ἰςων, ἀλλὰ καὶ νηστείας αὐτ要害 καὶ
ὄρτας ἐπιτελέσωσιν· αἱ δὲ τῶν Βαρκαίων γυναῖκες οὐδὲ ὄνο
πρὸς τῇ βουσί γεούσαιν ταῦτα μὲν δή οὕτω έχει. Τὸ δὲ πρὸς ἑστήρης
τῆς Τριτωνίδος λήμνης οὐκέτι νομάδες εἰσὶ Διβύς, οὐδὲ νόμοισι
τοῖς αὐτοῖς χρεώμενοι, οὔτε κατὰ τὰ παιδία ποιεύτες αὐτὸν καὶ
οἱ νομάδες ἐσόβνησιν ποιεύων· οἱ γὰρ ὑπὸ τῶν Διβύων νομάδες,
(εἰ μὲν πάντες, οὐκ ἔχω ἀπεκέκος τοῦτο εἴπαι,) ποιεύσας δὲ αὐτῶν
συνών τοιάδέων τῶν παιδίων τῶν σφετέρων, ἑπεὶ τρεπάτεα γένηται,
οἴσιν προβάτων καίνου ταῖς ἐν τῇς κορυφῆς φλέβαις· μετα
εξέτεροι δὲ αὐτῶν, τὰς ἐν τοῖς κρατάσομεν τούδε εἶναι, ὡς μὴ
σφεῖς ἐν τῶν πάντων ἀναρρίφτων πάσσων ὑγρότατοι, τῶν
ὥσιν ἔφημεν· εἰ μὲν διὰ τοῦτο, οὐκ ἔχω ἀπεκέκος εἴπας,
ὑγρότατοι δ’ ὦν εἰσι’ ἢν δὲ καίνου τὰ παιδία σπασμὸς ἐπιγεννηται, ἐξεύρηται

481 οὕτω μὲν μέχρι τῆς Τριτωνίδος λήμνης. Here is resumed the account of the tribes on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea which had been broken off with § 160, the intervening five sections being derived from a different class of authorities. See above, note 442 on § 166. It seems not impossible that the mine of rock salt which is described in the last section is an union of accounts of two distinct places, the red rock Had-Defa and the pits at Bilma.

482 αἱ Κυρηναίων γυναῖκαι. It was quite to be expected that there should be a mixture of race between the early Hellenic settlers and the aborigines whom they found; and that it actually took place appears from the genealogy of Telecrates (Pindar, Pyth. ix. 109) and from Callimachus (Hymn. Apoll. 85, 87).

483 οὐκέτι νομάδες εἰσὶ Διβύς. It has been thought that this expression is an inaccurate one, from the circumstance of the Auses, a tribe on the west of Lake Tritonis (§ 180), being included among the nomad Libyans (§ 181). But the inaccuracy, such as it is, seems rather to lie in the including such tribes as the Auses and Machlyes among nomads. They appear by the description to be entirely confined to the shore of the lake, and the deity whom they worship is termed ἀδῆ

484 υγρότατοι. See note 198 on ii. 77.
σφί ἀκός: τράγον οὐρὸν σπείσαντες ἐστὶν τῇ λέγοι δὲ τὰ λέγουσι αὐτῷ Δίβυους. Ὑσύαι δὲ τοὺς νομᾶς εἰσὶ αἰδε· ἐπεὶ τοῦ ὀνόματι ἀπάρχονται τοῦ κτῆμος, μπτερώνυ ὑπὲρ τῶν ὁμοῦ τούτῳ ἐπὶ οὐκίστες φθονούμενος, ἀποστρέφοντα τῶν αἰγίδων αὐτῶν. θύωσι· δὲ ἧλιος καὶ σελήνη μνοῦσι. τοῦτοι μὲν νυν πάντες Δίβυους θύωσιν· ἀπὸ τῷ περὶ τὴν Τριτωνίδα λίμνην νέμοντες τῇ Ἀθηναίᾳ μάλιστα, μετὰ δὲ, τῷ Τριτωνι καὶ τῷ Ποσειδώνι. Τίν ὑπὲρ ἄρα ἐσθίτα καὶ τὰς αἰγίδας τῶν ἀγαλμάτων τῆς Ἀθηναίας ἐκ τῶν Διβυσσέων ἐποιήσαντο οἱ Ἐλληνες· πλὴν γὰρ ὡς ὁτι θυσία ἄνεθης τῶν Διβυσσέων ἐστί, καὶ οἱ θυσινοί οι ἐκ τῶν αἰγίδων αὐτῆς οὐκ ὅριες εἰσί. ἀλλὰ ομάντινον τὰ ἄλλα πάντα κατὰ τοῦτο ἠσταλταν καὶ δὴ καὶ τὸ ὤνομα καταγορεῖ ὦτε ὡς ἐκ Διβυσσέως ἢκει ἡ στολὴ τῶν Παλλαδίων αἰγίας γὰρ περιβάλλονται ψιλῶν περὶ τὴν ἐσθίτα θυσιαντώς αἱ Διβυσσει, κεχρυμέναις ἐρευθεῖαν ἐκ δὲ τῶν αἰγίδων τουτέων αἰγίδας οἱ Ἐλληνες μετονόμασαν δοκεῖ ὦν ἐμαυτὲ καὶ ἡ ὀλυολυγῆ ἐν ἰροῖσι ἐνθαῦτα πρῶτον γενέσθαι καρτά γὰρ ταύτῃ χρέωντα αἱ Διβυσσει, καὶ χρέονται καλῶς. καὶ τέσσαρας ἱπποὺς συνευηγοῦναι παρὰ Διβύουνοι οἱ Ἐλληνες μεμαθηκασι.
The nomad mode of sepulture.

Their portable huts.

Monsters found in the country.

West of the river Triton are the agricultural Libyans. The Maæyes.

To the proσ estepήρης τον Τρίτωνος ποταμοῦ, Ανδρέων έχουν την ΑΦιβυς, καὶ οἶκαι νομίζουσι έκτησθαί τούς οὖνα κέεται Μάξενης: οἱ τὰ ἐπίδεξα τῶν κεφαλέων κομῶσι, τὰ δ' ἐπάργις ἑκατοντάς τὸ δ' σῶμα χρωντία μίλτια φασὶ δὲ οὕτωι εἶναι τούς ἐκ Τρώης ἀνδρῶν. ἡ δὲ χόρη 189 αὕτη τε καὶ ἡ λοιπὴ τῆς ΑΦιβυς ἡ πρὸς ἐστέρημ, πολλῷ θηριοδεστήρ τε καὶ δασυτέρη ἐστὶ τῆς τῶν νομάδων χόρης; ἡ μὲν γὰρ δὴ πρὸς τὴν ἥτη τῆς ΑΦιβυς, τὴν οὐ νομάδες νέμουσι, ἑστὶ ταπεινῶς τε καὶ ψαμμώδης, μέχρι τοῦ Τρίτωνος ποταμοῦ ἡ δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦτοῦ τὸ πρὸς ἐστέρημ, ἡ τῶν άροτήρων, ὑμείῳ τε καὶ δασείᾳ καὶ θηριώδες καὶ γὰρ οἱ όφιες οἱ ύπερμεγάθες καὶ οἱ λέυκοι ταῦτα τούτους εἰσὶ, καὶ οἱ άλεφαντες τε καὶ ἀρκτοι 490, καὶ ἀστίδες τε καὶ ὅνοι τὰ κέρα 491 ἤγουτες καὶ οἱ κυνοκέφαλοι, καὶ οἱ ἀκέφαλοι 492 οἰ ἐν τοῖς στήβεθι τοὺς ἀφαλῶμοι ἤγουτες, (ὅσ δὲ λέγονται τοῦ ὑπὸ ΑΦιβυυ,) καὶ οἱ ἄγριοι ἀνδρὲς, καὶ ὑμναίκες ἄγρια, καὶ ἄλλα πληθεὶ πολλὰ θηρία ἀκατάφευστα 493. Κατὰ τοὺς Νομάδας δὲ ἐστὶ τοῦτων οὕτω, ἀλλ'

490 ἡ δὲ χόρη, κ.τ.λ. This part of Africa, answering to the pashalik of Tunis, was a part of the domain or under the influence of Carthage; and the exclusive policy of that country doubtless contributed to exaggerate the formidable character of the animals which inhabited the region. The soldiers of Regulus were very reluctant to follow him into a country about which such terrible stories were current. (See the next note.)

491 oί όφιες . . . . όφιες. The use of the article of the title is to be remarked. "The serpents and the lions," i.e., which we hear such stories of. So again oί κυνοκέφαλοι καί οί ἀκέφαλοι. See notes 206, 222, and 232 on Book ii, and note 415, above. No elephants are found now in this region, although they seem to have existed in the time of Pompey. See PLUTARCH, Pomp. § 12.

492 oί τὰ κέρα. One manuscript (c) omits oί τά. The animal described is perhaps the nylyghpaen, unless it be merely taken from a picture. Such a representation is to be found in the Monumentum Egyptians, pl. 81.

493 καί οἱ ἀκέφαλοι. That the author intends a human race by these seems likely from his using the term στήβας, which could hardly be applied to any other. They have doubtless only a traditional existence. PLINY (v. 6) terms them Blemmyae, and Sir John Mandevile, who calls them "folk of foule stature and of cursed kynde, that have no heddes, and here even ben in here scholdres," puts them in "an ile toward the south" (p. 203). Possibly the origin of the fiction is some symbolical representation. Pliny (1. e.) speaks also of some Humanopodes, which seem to be a fiction arising out of the symbolical representations of Abracax. See Monumentum Egyptians, pl. 86.
MELPOMENE. IV. 190—192.

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**Δανιάντες, πυγμαγοφαίοι,** καὶ ζωρκάδες, καὶ βουβάλιμεθείς, καὶ ὄνοι, οὐκ οί τὰ κέρατα ἔχουσιν ἄλλα ἄλλοι ἄποτον· οὐ γὰρ δὴ πεῦνοισιν καὶ ὄρνες, τῶν τὰ κέρατα τόσι φοιάνει οἱ πύχες ποιοῦνται 439, μέγαθος δὲ τὸ θηρίον τοῦτο κατὰ βοῦν ἔστιν· καὶ βασάραμα 440, καὶ ὑμνεῖ, καὶ ὑστρέχει, καὶ κριό άγριοι, καὶ δικτυεῖς 441, καὶ θάνει καὶ πάνθερες, καὶ βόρνες, καὶ κροκόδειλοι ὅσον τοι πριπήχες χερσαίοι, τήσι σαιράρη εὔβερστάτου καὶ στροβοῦ κατάγαιοι, καὶ ὄφεις σμικροὶ κέρας ἐν ἑκάστοις ἔχουσιν. ταύτα τέ δ’ αὐτοῖς ἔστι θηρία, καὶ ἄπερ τῇ ἄλλῃ, πλὴν ἐλάφου τε καὶ ὄξος ἁγρίου ἐλαφος δὲ καὶ ὄξος ἁγρίου ἐλμυί πάμπαν οὐκ έστιν 442. μιῶν δὲ γένεα τρίζη αὐτοθί ἔστι: οἱ μὲν δίποδες καλέονται 443, οἱ δὲ ἑγερίες 444. (τὸ δ’ ὁνύμοι τοῦτο ἔστι μὲν Αἰμικον, δύναται δὲ κατὰ Εὐλόδα γιλόσσαι βουνοί) οἱ δ’ ἑγερίες, εἰσὶ δὲ καὶ γαλαί ἐν τῷ σιλφίῳ γνώμην, τήσι Ταρτησίσης ὁμοίωτα ταῖς βοσκεῖ υἱὸν τῶν Νομάδων ΄Λμυίνων γῆ ἔχει, ὅσον ἡμέας ἱστορεύοντες ἐπὶ μακρότατον ολοί τε ἐγενόμεθα ἐξικέσθαι.

d have ἀκατάφωνον. Bekker reads κατάφωνον, D’Orville ἐκατάφωνον. 439 πυγμαγοφαίοι, possibly "bisons." The animal is spoken of in Deuteronomy (xiv. 5). The ζωρκάδες (for which S has δορκείς and V δορκάδες) and Βουβάλιμεθείς are two species of antelope, and the same may be said of the ὄρνες,—an animal which Aristotelė calls ὄρφος and Pliny ὄργη.

439 τῶν τὰ κέρα. . . ποιεῖνται, "whose horns are made into the frames for the Phoenician lutes." See Athenaeus, xiv. p. 63. The construction of the sentence is the same as that of viii. 27: ἤ δὲ δεκάτη ἐγένετο τῶν χρημάτων ἐκ ταύτης τῆς μάχης οἱ μεγάλοι ἀνθρώπες οἱ περὶ τῶν τρίποδα συνεστείτες.

a βασάραμα, "foxes." The Etymologiēs eu Mārini says: λέγεται βάσαρος ἢ αδέστη ἢ τοῦ Κυρηναίων. If the word be a local one, we may conjecture that here the author is following (mediately or immediately) a Cyrenian authority.

440 δικτυεῖς. What these animals are it is impossible to say, as no other author mentions them. The Lacedaemonians gave the name δικτυεῖς to the ‘kite’ (Heuclyhus), but it seems impossible that any bird should be interposed among a list of beasts.

441 δ’ ἐγερίες . . . οὐκ ἐστί. Herodotus in this statement is followed by Aristotēle (Hist. Animal. viii. 28). But Shaw says that wild hogs abound, and are in fact the chief food of the lion. In Socatov (lat. 13°, long. 6°) Clapperton found them, but Herodotus is here apparently confining himself to the north of Africa. Perhaps the origin of the assertion is, that while in Greece the deer and boar comprised the whole of the nobler kind of game, in Africa they constituted a very small part in comparison with the enormous flocks of antelopes of different kinds.

442 οἱ μὲν δίποδες καλέονται. These animals are doubtless the jerboa, which, although a quadruped, uses its forelegs very little, but, like the kangaroo, skips and sits upon its hind legs. It is probably the creature mentioned in Isaiah (lxvi. 17), which our translators render by the word ‘mouse.’

443 οἱ δὲ ἑγερίες. Bochart (quoted by Larcher, ad loc.) derives this word from the Punic word zigar, which is said to mean a kind of turpin. If the plural zigari meant "bulbs," it would not be far off the signification of ʙουνό. Bochart wished to change ʙουνό into ʙουνών, but it seems doubtful whether ʙουνός is not really an adjective, the masculine of the feminine ʙουνῆς, which is used by Aschylus (Suppl. 117. 120). The pair of forms would be analogous to ὄφρος and ὄφρις, χρωσώς and χρωσώσις.
193 ZAIONCES, CYZANITES, GYZA7ITES.

194 Where a ZANICES, the Carthaginians say, is obtained from the mud of a pool. Tar springs of Zancerthus.

195 Island Cyprianis, where the Carthaginians say gold is obtained from the mud of a pool.

MAξΥων δὲ ΛΙΒΥκων Ζαιήκες 500 ἔχονται, τοίσι αἱ γυναίκες ἑνοχεύσει τὰ ἁρμάτα ἐς τοῖν πόλεμον. Τούτων δὲ ΓΥΖΑΝΤΕΣ 501 ἔχονται, ἐν τοῖσι μελὶ μὲν πολλῶν μελισσῶν κατεργάζονται, πολλῶν δὲ ἐτὶ πλέον λέγεται δημιουργοὺς ἀνδρὰς ποιεῖν 502. μιλτοῦται δὲ ὑπὶ πάντως ὅτι, καὶ πιθηκοφαγέουσιν οἱ δὲ σφὶ ἀφθονοὶ ὅσοι ἐν τοῖσι οὐρεῖ τίνος. Κατὰ τούτους 503 δὲ λέγουσι Καρχηδόνιοι κέεσθαι νύσσων ἰη οὐνομα εἶναι Κύρανων, μήκος μὲν διηκοσίων σταδίων πλάτος ἐς στεινήν, διαβατοῦ ἐκ τῆς ἱπτέρου, ἐλαιόν τε μεστῆν καὶ ἀμπέλου ὄμην ἐν ἄντι ἔναι, ἐκ τῆς αἱ παρθένων τῶν ἐπιχωρίων πτεροῦσὶ όρνίθων κεχριμένους πίσισθ ἐκ τῆς ἰλών ψῆφιμα ἀναφέρουσι χρυσοῦν. ταῦτα εἰ μὲν ἑστὶ αλλήλους οὐκ οίδα, τὰ δὲ λέγεται γράφων εἰ ὅ ἐν πάν ὁκοῦ καὶ ἐν Ζακύνθῳ ἐκ λίμνης καὶ ὄδατος πίσσαν ἀναφερομένην αὐτός ἐγὼ ὅρεων. εἰσὶ μὲν καὶ πλεῖνες αἱ λίμναι αὐτήθι, ἢ δὲ ὅ ὅμιστα αὐτέων ἐξοδομήκοντα ποῦν πάντη βάθος δὲ διάργυρος ἐστὶν ἐς ταῖτην κοιτών κατεἰσι ἐτὶ ἀκροφυίναν προσδήσαται, καὶ ἐπειτα ἀναφέρουσι τῇ μυρσίνῃ πίσσαν, ὅμισιν ἐξουσαν ἀσφίλτου τὰ δ ἄλλα τῆς Πιερίκης πίσις ἀμέων 504. ἐσχέοντι δὲ ἐς λάκκων ὀροφρυγεόν ἀγχοῦ τῆς λίμνης ἐστιν ἐς ἀδροίσωσι συχνίν, οὕτω ἐς τοὺς ἀμφορεὰς ἐκ τοῦ λάκκου καταχέουσιν ὅ τι δ ἀν ἐστῆσῃ τῇ τῆς λίμνης, ὥπο ἀνείλα τῆς τῇ βαλλαστί ἢ ἐς ἀπεχεῖ ὡς τέσσερα στάδια ἀπὸ τῆς λίμνης 505. οὕτω ὅν καὶ τὰ ἀπὸ τῆς νῆσου τῆς ἐπὶ Λιβύη κείμενης οἰκότα ἑστὶ ἀλληθῆ 506.

500 Ζαῖκες. The manuscripts S and V have Ζάβκες. Perhaps both the β and v are merely dialectical varieties of the same sound, which may be that expressed in the early Greek by the digamma.

501 Γύζαντες. This is the reading of the majority of MSS, but some have Ζόγαντες. Another form Βόζαντες had the authority of other writers. Στεφανύς Βυζαντινὸς (sub v.) says: Λίβυς περὶ Καρχηδόνα τῆς Λιβύης ἕδωσ, ἀμφοτέροι: ἡ πόλις Βυζαντίων, καὶ Βυζαντίων ἐκ ἐν Λιβάν παρ᾽ Πρόδον δὲ κακῶς διὰ τοῦ γ Ζόγαντες.

502 παλλῶ δὲ ἐτὶ πλέον δημιουργοὺς ἀνθράκα ποιεῖν. See note on vii. 31.

503 κατὰ τούτοις, "abreast of these." See note 195 on ii. 75, and note 45 on iii. 14.

504 τῆς Περσικῆς πίσις ἀμέων. Herodotus's authority probably merely judged from appearance. The substance really possesses a corrosive quality, which renders it unfit to be applied to cordage, although mixed with other pitch it does for paying the outside of boats. The Pterian pitch with which Herodotus compares the produce of the Zante tar springs is spoken of by Pliny (N. H. xiv. 21) as having the same repute in Greece as the pitch from Mount Ida enjoyed in Asia. The Zante tar can scarcely have been an important article of commerce, as its present yield is no more than about twenty barrels annually. It became however sufficiently well known for Pliny to compare it with the Babylonian and contrast it with the Judean (xiii. 15).

505 ἐπείξις ἐς τέσσερα στάδια ἀπὸ τῆς λίμνης. The exactness of the eye-witness is manifest from this expression, although the face of the locality is changed. The
MELPOMENE. IV. 193—198.

Δέχουσι δὲ καὶ τάδε Καρχηδονίου ἐναὶ τῆς Διβύς χώρον τε καὶ ἀνθρώπους ἐξών Ἡρακλείων στηλέων κατουκιμεύους, ἐς τοὺς ἐπεάν ἀπίκουνται καὶ ἐξελοῦται τὰ φορτία, θεύντες αὐτὰ ἐπεξηγησάμενα παρὰ τὴν κυματωπῇ, ἐσθάντες ἐς τὰ πλοία τύφευν καπνών τῶν ἔπειντα ἀντὶ τῶν φορτίων χρυσῶν τιθέναι, καὶ ἐξισοφρούριες πρόσω ἀπὸ τῶν φορτίων τοὺς δὲ Καρχηδονίους ἐκβάλλατας σκέπτεσαν καὶ ἢν μὲν φαίνεται σφι ἄξον ὁ χρυσὸς τῶν φορτίων, ἀπελομέναι ἀπαλάσσονται, ἢν δὲ μὴ ἄξον, ἐσθάντες ὑπὸ τὰ πλοία κατάεισαν· ὅιοι δὲ προσελθόντες ἀλλον πρὸς ὁν ἐθηκαν χρυσῶν, ἐς οὐ ἂν πείθωσι· ἀδικεῖς δὲ οὐδετέρους· ὁπότε ἀντὶς τῶν χρυσῶν ἀπετεθαί πρῶν ἂν σφί ὑπισωθῆ τῇ ἄξι ὑγον τῶν φορτίων, ὅτι· εἰκούσας τῶν φορτίων ἀπετεθαί πρῶτον ἄν αὐτὸ τὸ χρυσὸν λάβωσι.

Οὗτοι μὲν εἰσί τοὺς ἡμεῖς ἔχουμεν Λιβύων ὤνομάσαι· καὶ τούτων οἱ πολλοὶ βασιλεῖς τοῦ Μηδῶν οὔτε τι νῦν οὔτε τότε ἐφρόντισαν οὐδέν τόσον δὲ ἐτι ἐχὼ εἰπεῖν περὶ τῆς χώρας ταύτης, ὅτι τέσσερα ἠθνεα νέμεται αὐτὴν καὶ οὗ πλέον τούτων, ὅσον ἡμεῖς ἐδοκεῖ καὶ τᾶ μὲν δύο αὐτόχθονα τῶν ἠθνῶν, τὰ δὲ δύο οὐ. Λίβνες μὲν καὶ Ἀἴθιοπες αὐτόχθονες, οἱ μὲν τὰ πρὸς βορέω ὁ δὲ τὰ πρὸς νότον τῆς Διβύς οἰκείοτες· Φοινίκες δὲ καὶ Ἔλληνες ἐπῆλυσε. Δοκεί 551

196 Carthaginian account of the mode of barter with the natives beyond the pillars of Hercules.

197 In Libya are two native and two foreign races.

tar springs were visited by Hawkins in 1706, and a full description of them is given in Walpole's Turkey, vol. ii. At the s.e. extremity of the island a morass of an oval form and about one-fourth of a mile long is formed by a narrow bar of shingle which has been thrown up by the sea, and intercepts the water which would otherwise run out. There are two springs from which the tar is taken,—the most productive being that which is farthest from the sea, and to which Herodotus here alludes. It now rises in the peat moss, in which a hole is cut for the purpose of procuring the tar, which, gradually oozing out from the surface of the earth, settles at the bottom of the hole. In calm weather the bitumen is observed to rise from the bottom of the sea in several parts of the adjoining bay; and there can be no doubt that it was this circumstance which led to the notion that substances thrown into the hole appear in the sea.

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307 ἀδικεῖς δὲ οὐδετέρους. All modern travellers confirm the credibility of this story, by showing its coincidence with the practice of the present day in the traffic between the different races of Africa. There being no intercourse between them except on the arrival of the caravans, and the use of money being unknown, trade must of necessity be a barter, and business be conducted by signs. Shaw gives an account of this kind of transaction between the western Moors and the Nigrians, and Lyon of the same between some tribes in Soudan and the traders from Fez.

306 ἀλήθην ἦν... οἰκότα ἑστὶ ἀλήθην. It seems strange that the existence of any single tar spring should have had such weight with the writer as to render the Carthaginian story credible to him, unless he had been ignorant of the existence of others. Yet he describes (vi. 119) some springs, of the same kind but even more remarkable, and alludes to others (i. 179). Perhaps however the passage in the sixth book is an addition by an ancient editor. See note on οἱ καὶ μέχρι ἡμῶν. . . . . ἄρχαν γλῶσσαν.

305 οὕτω δὲν... οἰκότα ἑστὶ ἀλήθην.
199 Succession of crops at Cyrene, where the harvest lasts four months.

200 The army sent by Aryandes besieges Barca for nine months.
A. male, occupies four MSS in with TCOV pyjaeck fearful of TCOV
Kara (v. eKdvoi^avTe<i', ecov Kara prjcre, (TavTe<i, Texeeiv Tivd, irpoeKoXeeTo TToXto?'.

This is baffled.

201 Amasis attempts a stratagem, and by treachery occupies the town.

202 Pheretim's cruel re-venge.
The Persians carry off the bulk of these Barcens into slavery.

They make an attempt on Cyrene, but fail. A panic fear falls on them.

On their retreat home all stragglers are cut off by the natives.

Darius settles the Barcens in Bactria.

To the tēichos: tovs de laipous tōn Barcāwōn ἁθὴν ἐκέλευσε, ἀπέτεια tōs Pērasas, πλὴν ὁσιν αὐτῶν ἦσαν Bαττώαδαι τε καὶ τοῦ φόνου οὐ μετατίων: τοῦτοι δὲ τὴν πόλιν ἐπέτρεψε ἡ Φερετίμη.

Toous ὑπὸ λαμποῦσι tōn Barcawōn oi Pērasai αὐτοποδοῦσαι ἀπῆσαν ὑπόσω καὶ ἐπεὶ τε ἐπὶ τῇ Kυρηναῖων πόλι ἐπέστησαν, oi Kυρηναῖοι λόγῳ τι ἀποσυνέμενοι διὰ τοῦ ἀστέου: διεξαγώνῃς δὲ τῆς στρατηγῆς, Bάρης μὲν τοῦ ἱατρικοῦ στραταύγους ἐκέλευεν αἱρέειν τὴν πόλιν, ἀμασε δὲ τὴν πεζοῦ οὐκ ἦν: ἐπὶ Bάρκην ἀρὸ ἀποσταλήσαν μούσην Ἕλληνιδα πόλιν ἐς ὁ διεξαγωγοῖς καὶ ἠξομένους ἐπὶ Δίως Λυκαίων ὄχθων μετεμελήσαν σφι ὅν σχοῦσι τὴν Kυρηνήν, καὶ ἐπειρόντος τὸ δεύτερον παρείναι ἐς αὐτῶν οἱ ὁ Kυρηναῖοι ὁ περιόρεσθεν. τοὺς δὲ Pέρσης, οὐδενοὶ μαχομένου, φόβος ἐνέπέσε 315. ἀποδραμὼν τε ὅσων ἐξήκοντα στάδια, ἵππον ἱδρυθέντι δὲ τῷ στρατοπέδῳ ταυτή ἥθε παρὰ Ἀρμάνδεως ἄγγελος ἀποκαλέων αὐτῶς· οἱ δὲ Pέρσαι Kυρηναῖοι δεθέντες ἐτόδια σφί δούναι ἐντυχόν, λαβόντες δὲ ταῦτα ἀπαλλάσσουσι τὸ τῆς Αἰγυπτοῦ παραλαβόντες δὲ τὸ ἐνθεύτεν αὐτῶν Λίβνες, τῆς τε ἐσθήσος εὐεκα καὶ τῆς σκευῆς τοῦ ὑπολειτομένου αὐτῶν καὶ ἐπελκομένους 359 ἐφόνωσεν, ὡς ὁ τῆς Αἰγυπτοῦ ἀπικέατο. Οὕτως ὁ Pερσέων στρατὸς τῆς Λιβυῆς ἐκαστάτῳ ἐς Ἑνέσπεριδας ἤθε. τοὺς δὲ ἠνδραπόδισαν τῶν Barcawōn, τούτους δὲ ἐκ τῆς Αἰγυπτοῦ ἀναστάτους ἐποίσας παρὰ βασιλέα βασιλέως δὲ σφί Αραδέων ἔδωκε τῆς Bακτρίης χώρης κόμων ἐγκατοικήσα. οἱ δὲ τῇ κόμη ταύτῃ οὖν ονόμα ἔθεντο Bάρκην, ἔπερ ἔτη καὶ ἐς ἔμε ἐν οἰκείῳ ἐν τῇ γῇ τῇ Bακτρίη 351. Οὐ μὲν οὐδὲ ἡ Φερετίμη εὐ τῆς ζῷν κατέπλεξε· ὡς γὰρ δὴ τάχιστα ἐκ τῆς Λιβυῆς τισαμένη τῶν Barcawōn ἀπενόστησε ἐς τὴν Αἰγυπτοῦ, ἀπέθανεν κακῶς: ζώσα γὰρ εὐλέων ἐξελεσε 352. ὡς

517 ἀποσυνέμενοι. See note 404 on § 154, above.
518 Βάρης. The manuscript S has Μαδρῆς, but all the others Bāρης, which Gaisford retains. But see the note 441 on § 167.
519 φόβος ἐνέπέσε. There can be no doubt that the Zεῖς Λυκαίων is identical with Pαν, the especial deity of Arcadia, as Virgil calls him (Bucol. x. 26).
520 ἐπελκομένους. Not primarily "crippled" or "fainting," but "dragged on by others," like the led camels described in iij. 105. No doubt such would be men fainting under wounds or fatigue; but this idea does not reside in the word ἐπέλκεσθαι, but is an inference from the circumstances of the case.
521 εν τῇ γῇ τῇ Bακτρίη. See note on vi. 9.
522 Aristotele (Hist. Anim. v. 25, ed. Schneider) mentions Alcmæon the poet, and Pherecydes of Syros the historian, as instances of persons dying of this dis-
Pheretime comes to a bad end. The manuscripts S, K, F, have Βατταίου. Pheretime was the wife of a Battus (as appears from § 162), but there is nothing in Herodotus (except this passage may be taken as such) to show whose daughter she was. But as confessedly Βάττος is the Libyan name for a chieftain, it seems far from impossible that she was represented as the daughter of a Battus or Battæus, and that the appellative was mistaken for a proper name.
EXCURSUS ON IV. 199.

Τὸν ἐπερθαλασσιδίων χώρων τὰ μέσα ὄργα συγκοιλίζομαι, τὰ βουνοὶς καλέομαι.

From this passage it appears that in the region of Cyrene the term βουνοὶ was locally given to a particular part of the country, viz. that which was at a medium elevation between the coast, and the high chain which ran e. and w. and formed the southern boundary of the district.

Herodotus undoubtedly speaks of the word as if not a familiar one to the inhabitants of Hellas, although in common use at Cyrene. From other sources we learn that it was often found in the Syracusan poetry (Phrynichus, p. 156). In later times, it and its derivatives are found at Alexandria (See the LXX in Genesis xxxi. 46. Exodus xvii. 9. Numbers xxiii. 9. Deuteronomy xxxiii. 15. Joshua v. 3. Ruth ii. 14. 16). This, from the known commercial intercourse between Alexandria and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, may be accounted for equally well on the hypothesis that the word was an importation into Egypt from Cyrene, being originally African, and on that of its existence in the Macedonian dialect, and therefore in the Hellenic language in its early state.

After the growth of the κοινὴ διάλεκτος of literature, the foreign character of the word appears to have worn off. Thus Polybius has βουνώδης, Diodorus Siculus βουνοειδής, Strabo and Pausanias βουνός. But this was not the case before the time of the Ptolemies. Philemon, the comic poet, ridiculed the word as a foreign one (ap. Eustath. in H. X. S31, S32) in one of his plays; and although it is
perhaps impossible to give a certain interpretation to the obscure passage of Ἀeschylus (Suppl. 116),

ιδομαι μὲν Ἀπιαν βοῦν·
καρπᾶν δ' αὐθαν·
eiakosis,

yet it is plain that Ἀπία βοῦν there, and γὰρ βοῦν (776), are phrases unfamiliar to the ear of an Athenian. Accordingly it has been supposed that the word βοῦς was a native African word, adopted by the Cyrenian settlers, transported in the course of commercial intercourse to Sicily, and brought by Ἀeschylus from thence to Athens, on his return from his sojourn in the island.

But another theory seems at least equally plausible, viz. that the word is Pelasgian, that is to say, belonging to the very earliest stage of the Greek language, and that instead of being brought from Africa, it was taken thither, and also to Syracuse, from Hellen Proper; that in a time antecedent to the colonization of Cyrene, it was common in Peloponnese, but that it there became obsolete, or at least archaic and peculiar to religious offices, while at the same time it was retained in ordinary language in the colony.¹

That, if a Hellenic word at all, it belonged to the earliest stage of the language, seems to follow from the circumstance that the Cyrenian colonists were not a homogeneous population, being partly from Crete, partly from Thera, and partly Minyceans from Laconia and Elis (Herod. iv. 145—161). If used by all of them, it cannot have been a provincialism, but must have formed a part of their common inherited vocabulary. Therefore, on this hypothesis, we may expect to find its etymological equivalents in the other dialects of the same family. Following this clue, there do seem to be grounds for the belief that a root βῶν, βοῦν, or βοῦ, signified in the early language of which these are off-shoots, "the Earth," or, to speak more exactly, "a mountain." From this fundamental conception, it is only natural that two classes of words should be derived, the one inheriting the sensuous, the other the religious portion of the original notion: the former conveying always a notion of elevation or convexity, the latter, one of sanctity, arising from the sacred character of

¹ Compare note 52 on ii. 14, and that on v. 45, παρὰ τὸν ἡρδὶν Κράστιν.
the earth as an object of worship in the ancient elemental religions 2.

Instances of the former class are the following. 1. The Gaelic "Ben" (Armorican "Pen"), signifying "a mountain." This root shows itself in the mediæval Latin "Benna," which, according to Ducange, was a Gallic term for a car (perhaps rather, like currus, the elevated seat in a car). It is also traceable in the English "bench" (boenchenn ?), "bank," and the French "banc." 2. The word "bon" preserved in the mediæval Latin "bonna," which, according to Ducange, means "a boundary mound," and remains in the English "bound 3." 3. The German "Buchne," signifying an elevation of planks, a stage or dais. 4. The Greek βούσω (where the first syllable is a prefix, as in βούταις, βουκαῖος, &c.), which was used as early as the time of Hippocrates in its modern medical sense. 5. βοῦς, which Hesychius says the Cyprians used in the sense of στίβας, "a heap of litter." 6. βουςκό βουςόλ, Hesych., a sense of the word which seems archaic, as in the early rituals altars were mounds of earth.

The following instances seem referable to the latter class.

1. Here βουαία is a name under which an elemental deity, apparently identical with the Earth or Hecate, was worshipped at Corinth. See the note on v. 92, ἐς τὸ Ἡραῖον. That this surname was not derived from the locality of the temple, as being on the top of a βουςός, but was the ancient name of the goddess, seems probable from the circumstance, that in Pausanias's time a mythical Bunus, son of Hermes, was put forward as the eponymous founder, although the word βουςός in the sense of "a hill" had by that time become common. Also the temple stood together with one of a Demeter, to whom therefore the epithet, if merely expressing locality, would have been equally applicable.

2 These, it should be remembered, regarded every distinct form in which the natural forces developed themselves, as a separate divinity. Thus the mountain was divine, no less than the forest, and the spring; and superstition accordingly produced its Oreads as well as its Dryads and its Naiads. It seems not unlikely that the relation of Zeus Διόνυσος to the Dryads, and of Oceanus to the Naiads, is paralleled by that of a Bouvala to the Oreads.

3 This word seems to have been sometimes pronounced βῶν. In Hertfordshire I have found the expression "bone-plate" (i. e. bound-platte), used to signify a space left as a boundary between two parishes. Bon would be related to Ben, as bonus to bene, an adverb which implies a form beneus or boenus.
2. The same deity, under the same name slightly modified, appears also in the old Latin rituals. The Roman antiquaries doubted whether the month of May was so called from Maius—(the Deus Maius of Tusculum, a deity identical with Jupiter)—from Maia the wife of Vulcan, or from Maia the mother of Hermes. But Cornelius Labeo asserted that the Maia to whom the Flamen Vulcanalis sacrificed on the kalends of May was nothing else than the Earth. She was conjoined with Mercury (as the Here Bunæa of Corinth was with Hermes through the mythical Bunus) in the ritual which was assigned to her; the victim sacrificed was a pregnant sow; and the ceremonies were of a secret nature. In the Pontifical Books she was invoked (indiget abatatur) under the names of Bona Dea, Ops, Fauna, and Fatua (Macrobius, Saturnal. i. c. 12). Macrobius adds: "Sunt qui dicunt hanc deam potentiem habere Junonis, ideoque sceptrum regale in sinistra manvi ei additum. Eandem alii Proserpinam credunt, alii χθωνιαν 'Εκάτην. Bœoti Semelan credunt. Quidam Medeam putant." The decided identity of this deity with the Here Bunæa of Corinth, and of both with the Earth, makes it a probable supposition that both Bona and Bunæa are merely dialectal variations of the same word, which if so must have been Pelasgian. The religious formula, "Quod bonum faustumque sit," derives its origin (I believe) from the ritual of this deity.

3. In the Scandinavian and Anglo-Saxon dialects, there are, according to Grimm (Deutsche Mythologie, p. 20), a whole group of words signifying "prayer." Old Norwegian ben, Swedish and Danish boen, Anglo-Saxon Ben; from whence came benstan (supplicare), English boon (which in Chaucer and Robert of Gloucester is bone). These all appear to me to be connected with the root of Bunæa.

4. The word Penas, which Dionysius of Halicarnassus mentions as having been inscribed on the figures of the Dioscuri, that he saw in a part of Rome called "Sub Olivis" seems to be merely equivalent to theos. The Penates in the adytum at Lavinium were

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4 The difference in quantity between 'bēn' and bounos is no argument against this view. It is justified by many similar diversities, e.g. βραχίων and 'brachium.'

5 He says the word was denas, but Scaliger considers it certain that he mistook the ancient p for a d.
two heralds' staves (one of iron and one of brass) and a vase of Trojan pottery (Antiqq. i. 67).

5. The English word bon-fire (anciently bone-fire) is perhaps best explained by considering it to mean "bene-ominatus ignis," and to have had originally a religious (probably lustral) significance, like the Palilia at Rome, the St. John's Fire of Germany, and the ritual alluded to in Deuteronomy (xviii. 10) and 2 Kings (xvi. 3). On the latter passage Theodoret remarks: εἶδον γὰρ ἐν τοῖς πύλεσιν ἄπαξ τοῦ ἄνω ἐν ταῖς πλατείαις ἀποτελεόντος τυρας, καὶ ταύτας τινὰς ἄπεραλ-
λομένως .............. τὰ δὲ γε βρέφη παρὰ τῶν μητέρων παραφερόμενα διὰ τῆς φλογὸς' ἐδόκει δὲ τοῦτο ἀποτρωπιασμὸς εἶναι καὶ κάθαρσις. (Opp. i. 362, ed. Paris.) But the connexion of lustral fire with Earth-worship is in Greece at least as ancient as the time of the Homeric Hymn, in which the legend of the fiery purgation of Demepon by Demeter appears (vv. 230, seqq.) ; and in Italy the same early connexion is indicated by the fact of the Flamen Vul-
canalis sacrificing to the Earth, under the name of Maia or Bona Dea, as observed above.

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