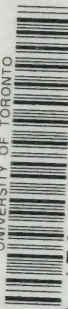


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## THE CHARACTERS OF THEOPHRASTUS

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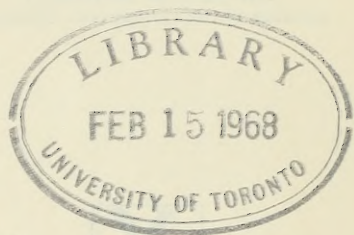
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## PREFACE

THE *Characters* of Theophrastus are a good wine that needs no bush, but it has been bottled anew, and new bottles may need a word of recommendation. The mere existence of an early English translation such as Healey's would hardly justify an archaistic rendering, but the *Character*, in the hands of Hall, Overbury, and Earle, has become a native *genre*, and that, I think, is enough to make such a rendering the most palatable. And this style of translation, taunts of 'Wardour Street' notwithstanding, has a great advantage. Greek, being itself simple, goes best into a simple style of English; and in the seventeenth century it was still easy to put things simply without making them bald. A simple translation into our modern dialect, if it is to rise above Translator's English, is always difficult and often unattainable.

In preparing the text I have discarded much of my earlier work, in the belief, shared no doubt by many scholars, that the discovery of papyrus fragments of ancient Greek books has shifted the editor's

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bearings from Constantinople to Alexandria. With the 'doctrine of the normal line,' exploded by A. C. Clark, went much critical lumber, and the dust is only just beginning to clear. The peculiar character of this text, with its recurring *καί* and its natural toleration of displacement, makes it an excellent *corpus vile* to experiment on. It would be too much to hope that my readers will come away from my Introduction as confident as I am that our mss. go back to an 11-letter line archetype, but I cannot help feeling that there is a plausibility in the emendations I have based upon my hypothesis which is not to be found in the others.

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### I. THE BOOK AND ITS AUTHOR

LIKE other unique products of the human spirit, this great little book has aroused much speculation among those who not knowing how a thing is done must needs find out why. Some measure of re-editing it certainly underwent in after life—mending rather than emending, or the thin disguise of the name Alexander would not have been maintained after the necessity for it—political apparently—had ceased.<sup>a</sup> The first editor was in all probability the author. That Theophrastus collected and edited these pieces himself substantially in the order in which we have them, is suggested by certain signs of artistic development which we may observe in comparing the earlier as a whole with the later. First, the earlier characters are generally the sketchier, not more carelessly drawn but less completely coloured. No. I is any (Athenian) dissembler, and his dissemblings manifold and anywhere (Athenian). Dissembling is a sepia-wash. With the exception of VIII, the Newsmaker, of whom presently, the same is true,

<sup>a</sup> xxiii. 3; for editing in the Peripatetic School *cf.* Lycon's will (died 225), *Diog. Laert.* v. 73, and Arcesilaus' unpopular revision of Crantor's works, *ibid.* iv. 32, *cf.* vii. 34; and see Barthélemy-St. Hilaire's Dissertation prefixed to his translation of the Aristotelian *Problems*, Paris, 1891.

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more or less, of all the Characters till we come to XXIII. They, too, are sepia-washes or, at the most, tinted drawings. Pretentiousness, however, has fewer and larger parts; and Cowardice, its next-door neighbour but one, though it is one of the longest, contains only two scenes. These are water-colours; and of the last eight Characters no less than five are of this kind. Secondly, there is development in the smaller matters of style. If we divide the book into three equal parts, (a), (b), and (c), we find that though *δεινός* appears equally in all, *οἶος* is preceded by *τοιούσδε* instead of *τοιούτος* not at all in (a), once in (b), three times in (c); that the qualifying phrase *ὡς ἄρω λαβεῖν*, or the like, occurs four times in (a), twice in (b), not at all in (c); that the word *ἀμέλει* occurs four times in (a), four times in (b), and eight in (c); and that the construction *ὥστε*-and-infinitive occurs four times in (a), once in (b), not at all in (c); whereas *ἵνα* or *ὥπως* final occurs twice in (a), five times in (b), eleven times in (c). And it may well mean something that the average number of lines to the section in modern texts is two in the first half of the book and two and a half in the second. The general effect of which these minutiae are the outward signs is that the reader somehow feels as he proceeds that what was Anyman in the earlier parts of the book comes to be Somebody in the later. None, probably, of the Characters is really an individual masquerading as a type, yet when we read of the Pretentious Man, the Coward, the Oligarch, or the Friend of Rascals, we feel what we do not feel of the earlier Characters, that Theophrastus' contemporaries must have said 'That is meant for so-and-so.' And another thing shows the artist. A mere philosopher



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would have arranged his types scientifically. The Garrulous man, the Loquacious, the Newsmaker, the Backbiter, and still more Penuriousness, Parsimoniousness, and Meanness, should properly be presented in groups. The artist is more likely to arrange his sketches either in the order in which he drew them or as he thinks will be most pleasing to his public. Which brings us back to the Newsmaker. This Character, though it is numbered VIII, belongs in form to the later part of the book; and it is exceptional in another way. For here Theophrastus breaks his 'rule of the infinitive'<sup>a</sup> by no fewer than five indicatives; the only other instances are halfway through the book, the two potential optatives at the end of XV. Now it is agreed that VIII must have been written after XXIII, because in the former Antipater is dead and in the latter still alive. It is only a matter of a few months, but there it is. We have seen that, apart from Newsmaking, there are clear traces of a trend. Then why this exception? The reason, like that of the disguising of Alexander's name in XXIII, is very likely political. It may perhaps be connected with the dedication<sup>b</sup> of the book to the adviser of Eurydice, wife of the imbecile king Arrhidaeus, whose rival the four-year-old son of Alexander is made by the Newsmaker—so absurdly as it would seem to the contemporary Athenian reader, and also, let us hope, to Polycles<sup>c</sup>—to defeat Casander who was then in favour at Athens. However the exception may be explained, exception it is.

<sup>a</sup> With *ōlos*.

<sup>b</sup> If that is genuine, see pp. 37-9, and add that Diogenes' lists of the works of both Aristotle and Theophrastus contain letters; there was one from T. to Casander. <sup>c</sup> See p. 36.

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The pieces are arranged as none but the author would arrange them, and therefore the publication of the book, as a whole, is the author's.

From the order he has adopted we may gather that the object of his book was not primarily scientific. For according to Diogenes Laertius<sup>a</sup> one of Theophrastus' famous sayings was 'As soon trust an unbridled horse as an ill-arranged disquisition,' and his extant botanical books are the work of a great classifier. For whom then, apart from Polycles, were these Characters written? Like other works of their author they served perhaps, as a part of 'poetic,' to fill a gap in the Aristotelian *corpus* of human knowledge.<sup>b</sup> They seem to have originated a Peripatetic *genre*.<sup>c</sup> But what capital after-dinner recitations<sup>d</sup> they would make! First the definition with its suggestion of the game of *εἰκασίαι* or 'likenesses'—'I say,' says the tipsy Alcibiades, 'that Socrates is very like those Silenuses that you see set out in the statuaries' shops'—and then its so convincing justification in a string of humorously and gently sarcastic examples, extending often to little scenes—the Unconscionable man at the butcher's, the Coward at sea; and the touch which makes the whole world kin—'and this done he will away home and tell his wife what a great success he has had.' They may indeed have been, as the use of the word *ἀμέλει* implies,<sup>e</sup> answers to 'dinner-table questions,' *συμποσιακαὶ ἐρωτήσεις*, like the dialectic questions addressed

<sup>a</sup> *Lives of the Philosophers*, v. 2, ed. Hicks, L.C.L.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Rostagni, *Riv. di Filol.* xlviii. 417 f.

<sup>c</sup> Heraclides Ponticus (?), Lycon, Ariston, Satyrus; cf. now Pasquali, *Rass. di Ling. e Lett. class.*, 1918, pp. 7 f.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Plat. *Sym.* 215 c, *Rep.* 487 E, *Meno* 80 c, and *Rhet. Gr.* viii. 789 W.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. xiii. n. 1.

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by Stilpo to Eucleides at the table of Ptolemy I., and the 'inquiries over the wine-cup,' ἐπικυλικεῖοι ἐξηγήσεις so much resented by Arcesilaus.<sup>a</sup> Perhaps they were composed for the monthly dinners of the Peripatetic thiasos for which Aristotle wrote his *Mess-rules*,<sup>b</sup> and which were the original scene of his *Dinner-Table Problems*,<sup>c</sup> a collection which was doubtless the prototype of the *Convivial Questions* of Plutarch and the *Doctors at Dinner* of Athenaeus, not to mention the *Symposiacs* of Didymus. For a Peripatetic book written in light vein we may compare Theophrastus' contemporary Heracleides of Pontus. At the end of Diogenes' list of his works<sup>d</sup> we read 'Some of these are composed in comic style (κωμικῶς πέπλακεν), for instance the tracts *On Pleasure* and *On Temperance*, others in the style of tragedy (τραγικῶς), for instance *Those in Hades*, *On Piety*, and *On Authority*. And he has a sort of intermediate conversational type for dialogue between philosophers, generals, and statesmen.' Unfortunately we do not know to which group Heracleides' *Characters* belonged, nor whether their title betokens a similar book to this.<sup>e</sup>

Whether the companion volume of 'good' characters apparently referred to in Theophrastus' preface was ever written, is not certain. But Diogenes' list of his works contains two mentions of *Characters*, one of which may refer to the 'good' volume and one

<sup>a</sup> Diog. L. ii. 111-2. 118, iv. 42.

<sup>b</sup> νόμοι συσσιτικοί Diog. L. v. 26, συμποτικοί Ath. v. 2, 186 b, cf. i. 3 f.

<sup>c</sup> συσσιτικά προβλήματα Hesych., cf. Plut. Q. Conv. 6 prol., Macr. Sat. vii. 3. 23. <sup>d</sup> v. 88.

<sup>e</sup> It may have been a rhetorical work like Antisthenes' Περὶ λέξεως ἢ περὶ χαρακτήρων Diog. L. vi. 15.

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to the 'bad'; a clearer indication is the passage where Eustathius speaks of Theophrastus' Brave man in contrast with his Coward.<sup>a</sup> The 'good' characters the dinner-table would not perhaps find so amusing; yet not all amusement is laughable nor were all *ῥήσεις* comic.<sup>b</sup> To write a book to serve, as it would seem,<sup>c</sup> two such diverse purposes, would need an uncommon but happily not unexampled nature, that which combines philosopher, teacher, artist, and wit. Readers of his delightful *Letters* will think perhaps of the late Walter Raleigh. Readers of Athenaeus<sup>d</sup> will remember the account he takes from Hermippus, who wrote about fifty years after our author's death: 'At a regular hour Theophrastus used to appear in the Garden spruce and gay, and taking his seat proceed to his discourse, indulging as he went along in every pose and gesture imaginable; he once mimicked an epicure by putting out his tongue and licking his lips.' Add to this his saying,<sup>e</sup> 'The most expensive thing is time,' his pedagogic contrast of a lecture-audience (*πανήγηρις*) with a class (*συνέδριον*), and his calling somebody *σχολαστικός*, 'a pedant,' and you have a portrait to prefix to Diogenes' great list of his works.<sup>f</sup>

The *Characters* were a new thing, but even new

<sup>a</sup> *Il.* 931. 21.

<sup>b</sup> *Cf. Ar. Nub.* 1371, Ephipp. 16 K.

<sup>c</sup> Jebb is very sound here: 'The difficulty [in supposing the object of the book philosophic] is, not that the descriptions are amusing, but that they are written as if their principal aim was to amuse,' p. 13 (29).

<sup>d</sup> i. 21 a, quoting doubtless from H.'s *On Theophrastus*, *Diog. L.* ii. 55.

<sup>e</sup> For these passages see *Diog.* v. 36 f. and add vi. 90.

<sup>f</sup> 490 'volumes' as against Aristotle's 535 (= 'nearly 400 works,' *Diog. L.* v. 34); but of course many were in size mere pamphlets, as is shown by the totals of the lines.

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things have origins, and, though this book's resemblance to its forbears is slight, it is unmistakable. Passages like Herodotus' description of the Despot<sup>a</sup> are doubtless in the direct line; and though the Oligarchical man of Plato's *Republic*<sup>b</sup> is almost as far removed from that of Theophrastus as 'Theophrastus' Flatterer from Menander's, certain parts of the *Nicomachean Ethics* show a near affinity. I translate a well-known passage:<sup>c</sup> 'Such then is the μεγαλοπρεπής or Magnificent man. The *excessive* nature corresponding to the *mean* in him, that of the βίβανσος or Vulgar, shows its excess in extravagant expenditure. For the Vulgar man spends much on small things and seeks distinction in wrong ways, entertaining his club, for instance, as if it were a wedding-party, and, when he stages a comedy, introducing purple in the Megarian style where the Chorus enters. His object in all such actions will be, not to win honour but to display his wealth and cause a sensation, spending little where he should spend much, and much where little. The μικροπρεπής or Shabby-minded man will always show the corresponding *defect* and, after he has spent a fortune on a thing, lose honour in a mere detail of it, always stopping to consider what is the cheapest way and bewailing even that, and exaggerating the importance of everything he does.' There is humour here, but it is incidental. The humour of the *Characters* is essential. In Aristotle the examples are a means of expression, in Theophrastus they are the thing said. In Aristotle the teacher predominates, in Theophrastus the man of letters. Plato, here as always, is as much one as the other.

<sup>a</sup> iii. 80.

<sup>b</sup> 553 A.

<sup>c</sup> iv. 1123 a 6.

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I add an outline of our author's life. Theophrastus, whose true name was Tyrtamus, was born, like Sappho, at Eresus in Lesbos, probably about the year 370 B.C. His father was a fuller. He was twice instrumental in expelling tyrants from his native town, and the democracy of Eresus, overthrown about 357, was restored before 334. It was perhaps therefore partly for political reasons that he first went to Athens. Anyhow he sat at the feet of Plato and, before his death, left him for Aristotle. It is probable that when, on Plato's death in 347, Aristotle withdrew, first to Atarneus, then to Mytilene, and thence to Stageira to educate the young Alexander, Theophrastus spent some time in Lesbos and then joined his master in Chalcidice, to return with him to Athens when, in 335, Alexander became king. When Aristotle retired in the year of Alexander's death, 323, to Chalcis, Theophrastus succeeded him as head of the Peripatetic School. As many as two thousand pupils, it is said, attended his lectures. One of these was the comic poet Menander, who brought out his first play a year after the final triumph of Macedon at Crannon, 321. The *Characters* were written in 319. In 307 Theophrastus shared the banishment of all philosophers under the decree proposed by one Sophocles, returning on its repeal the following year. When he died, in or about 287, all Athens followed him to his grave in the Garden where he had taught. His will, which is given by Diogenes, is an historical document of the greatest interest. We gain from it among other things a clear notion of the Garden which was the undoubted ancestor of the modern college.



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## II. THE TEXT

The manuscripts of the *Characters* arrange themselves into groups containing respectively :

- (1) I–XV : A and B and the class *E*
- (2) XVI–XXX : V
- (3) I–XXI : M
- (4) I–XXIII : the class *D*
- (5) I–XXVIII : the class *C*

A is Parisinus (Fontembl. Reg.) 2977 membr. saec. xi,  
B is Parisinus (Med. Reg.) 1983 membr. saec. xi  
ineunt.,

V is Vaticanus gr. 110 chart. saec. xiii vel xiv,

M is Epitome Monacensis gr. 505 chart. saec. xv.<sup>a</sup>

The mss of classes *C*, *D*, and *E*, none of which is older than the xiiiith century, are described, with the above, by Immisch, who has done more for the text of the *Characters* than any scholar since Casaubon.

The text is peculiarly liable to loss and dislocation owing to two circumstances, the unusual number of sentences beginning with *καί*, and the unusually disconnected nature of the subject matter. The first invites *parablepsia* ( $\pi\beta\lambda$ ), the second toleration of displacement. (*Hence the length of the critical notes in this edition.*)

Next to the contents of the mss, the most valuable datum for constructing a *stemma* has, as I think rightly, been thought to be the position of certain

<sup>a</sup> Besides these there are papyrus-fragments : (1) *Oxyrh. Pap.* 699 cent. iii, Epitome of xxv. 6 and xxvi. 1-2 ; (2) Philodemus *περὶ Κακιῶν Herc. Vol. Coll. Tert.* col. vi-vii, text of Char. v. 2-end.

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neighbouring passages of *Char.* XXX. V has these in what is clearly their true position, all other mss at the end of XI. Of this there can be three explanations: (1) V represents half of a different recension in two books; or (2) the ancient recension from which all our mss have come had the passage in both places; <sup>a</sup> or else (3) the half-book ( $\beta$ ), from which V's ancestor ( $v$ ) was copied, had, or rather came to have, at or near the end certain loose portions which alone, or rather some of which alone, eventually survived and were inserted in the other half ( $a$ ) before the ancestors of the other mss ( $m$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ , etc.) were made.<sup>b</sup> Of these alternatives the first is rendered unlikely by the title of V, ἀπὸ τῶν τοῦ Θεοφράστου χαρακτήρων εἰς χαρακτήρ δευσιδάμοιός, and its having no index, which show that the scribe of V knew that he was copying a fragment; and the second is not likely in so short a work (*but see below*, p. 30). All the other large displacements probably took place in the earlier antiquity. Compare the history of the library of Theophrastus in Strabo, xiii. 54. One displacement, at any rate, is shared by the Philodemus citation (*Pap. Herc.* 1457).

A third datum has not hitherto been taken sufficiently into consideration, that furnished by the omissions, the repetitions, the transpositions, and the minor displacements. The great majority of

<sup>a</sup> Cf. the Urbinas of Theophr. *Hist. Plant.* ix. 8. 1 f; and the Aristotelian *Problems*, of which 14 out of 896 are identical repetitions (Prantl *op. St.-Hilaire, op. cit.*).

<sup>b</sup> More accurately, the Archetype was divided into  $p$  and  $q$ ,  $p$  with full index,  $q$  with none; from  $p$  came  $a$  with half the index; the other half-index was freshly compiled and added either to  $q$  after  $v$  was made, or to an intermediate ms  $\beta$ , ancestor of all exemplars containing any of XV-XXX.

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these can, I think, be most easily accounted for on the following theory :

(a) *That all existing mss except the papyrus fragments come from a papyrus-roll without compendia<sup>a</sup> which had 11-12 letters to the line and a column of the unusually short average length of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  lines<sup>b</sup> ;*

(b) *That this exemplar was purposely divided into two halves, either so that it could be copied by two scribes at once, or because of the awkwardness of this format ;*

(c) *That this exemplar was copied not only in contents but to some extent in form by the ancestors of all our mss (except the papyri).*

(d) *That the edition to which this archetype (Arch.) and its more immediate descendants belonged was made from an earlier exemplar (Pre-Arch.) which had about 18 letters to the line.<sup>c</sup>*

I take first the chief evidence for these conclusions in order, and then the indications that the supposed *format* of Arch., though apparently unusual, is possible :

(a) i. *Evidence for the 11-12 letter line in Arch. and its immediate descendants* (I star the instances where  $\pi/\beta\lambda$  seems to be involved, underlining the letters concerned, and adding within brackets the number of letters in each line) :

<sup>a</sup> Except such ancient devices as the stroke over the penultimate letter indicating N.

<sup>b</sup> Or, allowing  $\frac{1}{2}$  a line per col. for paragraphing, say 13.

<sup>c</sup> I can hardly expect my critics to write out the whole book, as I have done, in (plausible) 12-14 line columns of (plausible) 11-12 letter (rarely 9 or 13) lines with an eye to the possible causes of gaps, etc., but if they would—!

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- V : repetition, in XXII 5-6, of -τοῦ ἀποτιθέναι (13)  
καὶ τὰ παιδία (11)  
after δεινὸς δὲ μὴ (10)  
πέμψαι εἰς διδα- (13)  
σκάλου ὅταν ᾗ (12)
- repetition,\* in XXVI 3, of ἀμέλει δὲ δει- (11)  
νὸς τοῖς τοιού- (12)  
τοις τῶν ὀλι- (10)  
γων χρῆσασθαι (12)  
after ἐπίστασθαι (10)
- C D<sup>a</sup>: omission,\* in XVI 4, of ἱερωφῶν εἰθὺς (12)  
after ἱερόν ἐνταῦθα (12)
- transposition,\* in XVI 9, of ἐ<sup>λ</sup>θεῖν between  
οὔτ' ἐπὶ νεκρόν (12)  
and οὔτ' ἐπὶ λεχῶ (10)
- omission, in XXI 8, of ἐν τοῖς μύωσι (11)
- transposition, in XXVIII 2, of φασίν  
after ἐν τῇ πατρίδι (12)  
εὐγενεῖς εἶναι (13)
- A : transposition,\* in III 6, of μῆτε σχολήν (10)  
and μῆτε σπουδῆν (11)
- anticipation,\* in XII 9, of καὶ ἀναλισκον- (12)  
τας  
after μεμαθηκότας (11)  
instead of after καὶ θύοντας (10)  
10 lines,<sup>b</sup> see below.
- A B e<sup>c</sup>: omission, in Proem § 4, of τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ (11)
- D : repetition, in IX 7, of κριθὰς ποτὲ δὲ (12)  
omission, in XV 10, of καὶ οὔτε ᾄσαι (12)

<sup>a</sup> After XXIII C alone.

<sup>b</sup> Of respectively 10, 9, 9, 10, 12, 11, 11, 12, 10, 10 letters.

<sup>c</sup> c, d, e indicate one or more mss, but not all, of the classes C, D, E.

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M : loss,\* in XI. 1, of ἐπιφανῆς καὶ (11)  
before ἔπovειδιστος (12)

These give an average length to the line of  $11\frac{1}{2}$  letters.

ii. *Evidence for the column of an average length of 12-13 ll. in Arch.<sup>a</sup>* (this depends, of course, on the acceptance of the 11-12 letter line): The latter part of XXX<sup>b</sup>—the eventually saved loose part ( $\beta_3$ ) of the second half ( $\beta$ ) of Arch.—gives the best example. It may be divided into nine columns thus, if we assign to the margin of Arch. words which there is good reason to suppose (*see critical notes*) were there and not in the text :

- (1) καὶ οἰνοπωλῶν—θεατρῶναι (marg. ἐπὶ θέατρον) 11 ll.
- (2) καὶ ἀποδημῶν—φορτίον (marg. ἐπιθεῖναι) 11 ll.
- (3) ἡ δὲ δύναται—βαλανεῖω καὶ (marg. ἄλλων and παρέχειν) 11 ll.
- (4) εἰπῶν σαπρὸν—Ἐρμῆς (marg. ἐπρίω and ὑπὸ τῶν οἰκετῶν) 12 ll.
- (5) καὶ ἰμάτιον—μετρεῖν αὐ· (marg. τὸν) 13 ll.
- (6) -τὸς τοῖς ἐνδον—ἀποδοῦναι καὶ (marg. σφόδρα δὲ ἀποψῶν) 13 ll.
- (7) τῶν υἰῶν δὲ—-μάτα διὰ τὸ 14 ll.
- (8) θεὰς εἶναι—-ρίζοντος καὶ 14 ll.
- (9) φράτορας—-δες μὴ λάβωσι 14 ll.

Of these nine columns M, or rather *m*, lost col. 1, probably by  $\pi\beta\lambda$  between the top lines; all mss but V lost, probably owing to mutilation entire or partial, the first 8 ll. of col. 5 and the whole of cols. 7 and 8. The average length, then, of the column in this part of the roll was just under  $12\frac{1}{2}$  lines. Now, as the tendency of papyrus is to tear vertically, and *C* stops at XXVIII, Char. XXIX probably began a new column. If so, between XXIX init. and XXX § 5, Arch. had (with two titles) 3 columns of 12, and 6

<sup>a</sup> Allowance for possible paragraphing would slightly raise the average length of the columns, and perhaps tend to equalize them; contrast cols. (1) and (7) below.

<sup>b</sup> Disregarding the last part of all, §§ 17-20 ( $\beta_4$ ).

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of 13 ll. Again, as the roll was cut in two between XV and XVI, it is reasonable to suppose that XVI began a new column (this would doubtless be originally due to the planning-out of the *format* of the edition). It is interesting, then, to note that if we take 12 ll. as the content of XVI col. 1, the column ends with an unelided ἀπό (before ἱεροῦ); that if we take 13, 13, 13, 12 as the length of cols. 2-5, cols. 3-5 may have been lost from *m* by πβλ between καὶ εἰν ἰδῆ and κᾶν (καὶ εἰν) γλαῖκες. Again, if β<sub>3</sub> ended with the end of a column and the ultimately legible parts of it were copied and the copy inserted after Char. XI, Char. XII would seem to have begun with the top of a column; and if we give this column 14 lines, we can account for *m*'s displacement of

ἀσχολουμένω (12)  
προσελθῶν ἀνα- (12)  
κοινοῦσθαι.

Lastly, if cols. 2, 3, and 4 of XII contained 14, 12, and 11 lines respectively, *M*'s omission of

7) καὶ ἐκ μακρᾶς (11)  
down to (but not including)  
(§ 12) καὶ μαστιγου- (11)  
          μένου

is due to the omission of two whole columns through πβλ (of the scribe of *m*) between the top lines of cols. 3 and 5.

(b) *That the halving of Arch. was designed* is clear from the equality of the division I-XV, XVI-XXX.

(c) *Arch. was copied to some extent in form* as well as in contents by the ancestors of all our mss (except, of course, the papyri). In some this identity seems to have included columns as well as lines, in others it was a matter of lines only. Both lines and columns apparently remained unchanged in both *v* and *m* throughout. The rest show evidence of the 11-12 letter line, but not of the 12-13 line column except in β<sub>3</sub>, where they naturally coincide with *m*. (This

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perhaps indicates that *v* and *m* retained the roll-form while the ancestors of the rest were codices even in the first generation from Arch.)

i. *Columnus* : Apart from instances already given under (a) ii, M omits passages of about 12 or 24 lines, apparently by  $\pi\beta\lambda$  of its ancestor *m*, in

II 4 f\* : between  $\overline{\text{καί}}$  and  $\overline{\text{καί}}$  (12 ll.)

IX 5 f\* : between  $\overline{\text{καί}}$  and  $\overline{\text{καί}}$  (14 ll.)

X 2 f\* : between  $\overline{\text{οἶος}}$  and  $\overline{\text{οἶος}}$  (12 and 13 ll.)

XXI 8 f\* : between  $\overline{\text{καί}}$   $\overline{\text{πομπεύσας}}$  (12 ll.)

$\overline{\text{δὲ}}$   
and  $\overline{\text{καί}}$   $\overline{\text{κυναρίου}}$  (11 ll.)  
 $\overline{\text{δὲ}}$  (11 ll.).

The evidence for V is given above under (a) ii.

ii. *Lines* : The 11-letter line is indicated above under (a) i for the common ancestor of A, B, and some of the *E* class (*abe*); for the *C* class and the *D* class; for the common ancestor of *C* and *D* (*cd*); for the common ancestor of A B (*ab*); as well as for *v* and *m*.

(d) *Evidence for a line of 17-18 letters in the Pre-Archetype* : This, naturally, is rather less definite.

Proem § 4\* : τὸν λόγον· σοῦ δὲ παρα- (17)

κολουθήσαι τε ὀρθῶς (17)

καὶ εἰδῆσαι εἰ ὀρθῶς (17)

λέγω.

The first *ὀρθῶς* clearly comes from the second. Comparing Aesch. i. 116 *ἰμάς βουλοίμην ἂν οἷς ἐγὼ μέλλω λέγειν προσέχειν τὸν νοῦν καὶ παρακολουθεῖν εἰμαθῶς*, we see that it has in all probability ousted *εὔμαθῶς*.

III 5\* : displacement of

$\overline{\text{καὶ}}$   $\overline{\text{ἐὰν}}$   $\overline{\text{ὑπομένη}}$   $\overline{\text{τις}}$  (17)

$\overline{\text{αὐτὸν}}$   $\overline{\text{μὴ}}$   $\overline{\text{ἀφίστασθαι}}$  (17)

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- before *καὶ ὡς Βοηδρομιῶνος* (17)  
*μέν ἐστι τὰ μυστήρια* (17)  
*Πινανοψιῶνος δὲ τὰ ἼΑπα-* (18)  
*τούρια Ποσιδεῶνος δὲ* (18)  
*τὰ κατ' ἀγροῦς Διονύσια* (19).

IV 13 \*: displacement of

- καὶ ἐν βαλανείῳ δὲ* (16)  
*ᾄσαι· καὶ εἰς τὰ ὑποδή-* (18)  
*ματα δὲ ἤλους ἐγκροῦσαι* (20)

- before *καὶ τῆς αὐτῆς ὁδοῦ παρι-* (19)  
*ῶν κομίσασθαι παρ' ἼΑρ-* (17)  
*χίου τοὺς ταρίχους·* (16).

The average, taken from these three cases, is  $17\frac{1}{2}$  letters to the line.

XIII 5: All mss except M (and some of the *C* class which give *καταλιπεῖν* 4 ll. of Arch. too late) omit

*τὴν ὁδὸν καταλιπὼν* (16).

This probably stood in the margin of Arch., having been omitted by the first hand. As *D* omits it, it was apparently adscript in *cd* also (*see below*).

IV 9 \*: ABε's omission of 18 letters, *καὶ κόψαντος τὴν θύραν*, is most easily explained by its having stood in the margin of Arch., whose first hand had omitted it by *πβλ* either between *τὴν ἐλίραν* (M. Schmidt) and *τὴν θύραν*, or between *τὴν θύραν* (already corrupted from *τὴν ἐλίραν*) and *τὴν θύραν*. Pre-Arch. then had

*ἐμβαλεῖν τὴν ἐλίραν·* (17) or *τὴν θύραν·* (16)  
*καὶ κόψαντος τὴν θύραν* (19).

XI 5: It now looks as if we might explain ABε's omission of

*περιμεῖναι κελεῦσαι* (18)

in the same way, though without *πβλ*.

I now give reasons for supposing (e) that this *format* was possible, (f) that the *format* of an ancient or medieval book was sometimes perpetuated.



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### (e) *That this format was possible :*

i. *Letters to the line* : In *Oxyrh. Papp.* 1093 and 1182, mid-2nd cent. B.C., by the same hand, containing parts of Dem. *contra Boeot.* and *Fals. Leg.*, the average length of the line in cols. iv and xiii of the one is 11.35 and 9.83 letters respectively, and in col. x of the other 10.31. That this length was not exceptional appears from A. C. Clark, *Descent of MSS*, p. 44. (The columns of these fragments vary between 33 and 36, and 28 and 31 lines, respectively.)

ii. *Lines to the column* : *Hibeh Pap.* 13, Hippias(?) *On Music*, 3rd cent. B.C., has 17 ll., the palimpsest of Cic. *de Repub.*, and Harl. 5041 (Theological Tracts) of cent. vii (cf. Clark) have respectively 15 and 14.

iii. *Short line and short column combined* : *Ryl. Pap.* 28, *Περὶ Παλαιῶν Μαντικῆς*, cent. iv papyrus codex, has 13-18 letters to the line and 13-17 ll. to the page; *Oxyrh. Pap.* 1779, *Psalm i* in Greek, cent. iv papyrus codex, has as few as 7-12 letters to the line and 8-9 lines to the page; *Oxyrh. Pap.* 1782 *Didache*, cent. iv vellum codex, has, in fol. 1, 8-11 letters to the line and 7-8 ll. to the page, and in fol. 2, 8-14 letters to the line and 8 ll. to the page; and *Oxyrh. Pap.* 1010, *Ezra* in Greek, cent. iv vellum codex, has 10-11 letters to the line, and 12 ll. to the page.

It is clear then that, apart from the *Περὶ Παλαιῶν Μαντικῆς*, parallels to the short line and to the short column existed in Pagan literature, and that Christian books afford early examples of the combination of the two *in short works*. It should be noted, however, that the closest parallels are codices.

### (f) *Perpetuation of a particular format :*

Here I may refer the reader to A. C. Clark, *Descent of MSS*, pp. 41 and 405 f. In the latter passage he shows good reason for supposing that the close similarity of lineation observed in Plato, *Parm.* between B, cent. ix, and D, cent. xii, passed through an intermediate exemplar. The Aarau Fragments of Juvenal, cent. x-xi, tally page for page with the Pithoeanus, cent. ix.<sup>a</sup> A fixed *format* for the

<sup>a</sup> *Hermes*, xv. pp. 437 f. ; I am indebted to Professor A. E. Housman for this reference.

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editions of the Academic and Peripatetic books in the Alexandrian Library is probably <sup>a</sup> indicated by the line-totals ascribed by Diogenes Laertius to Speusippus, Xenocrates, Aristotle, and Theophrastus himself. We may compare the end of Josephus, *Ant.* ἐπὶ τούτοις δὲ καταπαύσω τὴν ἀρχαιολογίαν, βιβλίοις μὲν εἴκοσι περιελημμένῃν. ἔξ δὲ μυριάσι στίχων. There would be no point in this if the copies of the archetype were not to be uniform, at least in lineation.<sup>b</sup> It is significant, too, that Diogenes Laertius (vii. 33) refers to 'about l. 200,' κατὰ τοὺς διακοσίους, of *Zeno's Republic*, to 'about l. 600,' κατὰ τοὺς ἑξακοσίους στίχους, of Chrysippus, *On the Ancient Natural Philosophers* (187), and to 'about l. 1000 of the 3rd book of his *Justice*,' ἐν τῷ τρίτῳ Περὶ Δικαίου κατὰ τοὺς χιλίοις στίχοις (188). These references, vague as they are,<sup>c</sup> could only be of value if the *format* were fixed. And the survival of marginal 'hundred-marks,' e.g. in the Bankes Homer (cent. ii) and the Ambrosian Pentateuch (cent. v) would seem to imply an original fixed *format* as a standard of reference.

The importance, to emendation, of the establishment—if such it be—of these two line-units, 11-12 and 17-18, is clear. That of the column-unit is of less importance, but still, I think, of considerable value. And I think I may claim, at the risk of being told I am arguing in a circle, that the comparative ease with which most of the following solutions have come is corroborative evidence of the existence of the letter-units which led to them. I begin with<sup>d</sup>—

<sup>a</sup> Now that A. C. Clark has exploded the 'doctrine of the normal line,' *Descent*, p. 43.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. also the scribe's notes at the end of Philodemus *περὶ Ῥητορικῆς* and Epicurus *περὶ Φύσεως*, where the average line-lengths are respectively 20 and 14 letters.

<sup>c</sup> The texts probably indicated only ll. 100, 200, 300, etc.

<sup>d</sup> Not all emendations involving these units are mentioned below; see critical notes.

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(a) *Emendations involving the 17-18 letter line :*

I 2 \* : Pre-Arch. may have omitted

<καὶ πρὸς οὓς ἀντιδικεῖ> (19)

over καὶ τούτοις συλλυπεῖσθαι (22).

IV 11\* : Arch. had lost ἀναστὰς ἐξιέναι from its margin when *m* was copied, and

ἀναστὰς ἐξιέναι ζητῶν (19)

(which came under ἀναμιμνησκόμενος (17)

in Pre-Arch.) when the rest were copied.

VII 3 \* : Pre-Arch. had

ἐπιβάλλειν εἶπας· Σὺ μὴ (19)

over ἐπιλάθῃ ὁ μέλλεις (16)

and the first ἐπι was corrected by a marginal adscript ὑπο, which was copied as an adscript also by Arch. ; hence our mss vary between ὑποβ. and ἐπιβ.

X 4 \* : Here emendation is very uncertain; Pre-Arch. may have had

καὶ ὅσα μικροῦ τις

πριάμενος λογίζεται (18)

<αὐτῷ ἀποδοκιμάσαι (17)

τοῖς ἀλλότρια δαπανῶσι> (20)

πάντα φάσκων <ῶνια> εἶναι (20).

XIV 5 \* : Here emendation is very uncertain ; but one thing is clear, the sentence must exemplify stupidity. I suggest that two ll. of Pre-Arch. were omitted from Arch. by πβλ ; Pre-Arch. then had

ἐπὶ θάκου ἀνίστασθαι (18)

<καὶ ἐπανιών νύσταξαι (18)

καὶ τὴν θύραν ἀλλογνοήσας> (22, ΑΛΛ

written close as often)

ὑπὸ κυνὸς τῆς τοῦ γεί-

τονος δηχθῆναι.

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XVI 10 : Perhaps Pre-Arch. had

πίνακα καὶ εἰσελθὼν εἴσω (21)  
 <διατελέσαι ἐπιθύων καὶ> (20)

XVIII 6 \* : τοῦ κρυφείως is suspect. It ought to be dative, and the κρυφείως, if expressed, should have come in the previous clause. Pre-Arch. had

οὐδ' ἂν ἦ ἄξιος ἐγγυητής, καὶ (22)  
 ὅταν ἦκη τις αἰτησόμενος (22)

and Arch. changed οὐδ' ἂν to ὅταν by π.βλ. With ὅς for ὡς above (Salm.) this is now good Greek (*see note*).

XX 9 \* : The remarks only have point if they are made when he is another's guest. Pre-Arch. may have had

-διον ἄνθρωπον λαβεῖν. (18)  
 <ἐστιώμενος δὲ εἰπεῖν> (18)

XXI 9\* : Pre-Arch. probably had

αὐτῷ μνήμα ποιῆσαι (17)  
 καὶ στηλίδιον ἀναστήσας (21)

whence Arch. wrote στηλίδιον ποιήσας by π.βλ.

XXI 11 : Pre-Arch. probably had

διοικήσασθαι παρὰ τῶν (19)  
 πρυτανέων

with σύν in margin, whence it was wrongly attached by Arch. to διοικήσασθαι.

XXIII 6 \* : It is as if we should say 'I gave A, B, C and D £50 apiece, E and F £25 apiece, and G, H, I, J and K £10 apiece, —in all £300' (*see note*). Pre-Arch. probably had

ἕνα αὐτῶν, καὶ ποσῶν (16)  
 αὐτὰς καθ' ἑξακοσίας (17)  
 <καὶ κατὰ τριακοσίας> (17)  
 καὶ κατὰ μνᾶν καὶ προ- (17)  
 στιθεῖς

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XXIV 2 \* : Pre-Arch. seems to have had

τῷ  
 σπεύδοντι ἀπὸ δειπνου (19)  
 <ἐντυγχάνειν αὐτῷ> (16)  
 ἐντεύξεσθαι φάσκειν (18)  
 ἐν τῷ περιπατεῖν· καὶ (18).

XXVII 15 \* : Arch. seems to have telescoped Meister's reading

ωσινεγγυσγυναικεσ (17)

into ωσινεγγυναικεσ, which was corrected in such a way that *v* could not read it and wrote ὦσι . . . γυναικ . .

XXX 13 \* : Pre-Arch. seems to have had

πρὸς τρόπου πωλεῖν· (16)  
 ἐπιβαλὼν ἀποδόσθαι (17)

and Arch. changed πωλεῖν to πωλεῖσθαι by πβλ.

### (b) *Emendations involving the 11-12 letter line :*

II 8 : If the words in question occupied a line of Arch. the last letters may have been written small, and this would account for the variants προσήγγελκα, προσήγγελκας, and προσήγγελκά σε.

XX 5 \* : If, as seems likely, the mss other than V lost a part (*cd*) or the whole (*m*) of this § by πβλ of καί, it probably filled a certain number of lines in Arch. ; and yet 27 letters is rather too much for 2 lines and too little for 3 ; emendations of πανουργιῶν should therefore lengthen it. I suggest that Arch. had

om. <i>m</i>	καὶ ὑποκορίζε-	(12)
	σθαι πομπύζων	(12)
	καὶ πανουργη-	(11)
om. <i>cd</i>	μάτιον (or -ματίδιον) τοῦ	(9 or 11)
	πάππου καλῶν.	(11)
	καὶ ἐσθίων δὲ	(11).

XX 7 \* : Here *CD* read με ἔτικτες and *V* ἔτικτές με, and *CD* omit εἶπ.—καὶ and read ὡς ποία ἡμέρα for *V*'s τίς ἡμέρα

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(see note). Moreover, CD omit the § *καὶ ὑπὲρ κτλ* before the § *καὶ ὅτι κτλ*. I suggest that Arch. had

omit *c d* { *εἰπέ <μοι, ᾧ> μάμ-* (11)  
           { *μη, ὅτ' ᾧδίνες* (10)  
           *καὶ με ἔτικτες* (12)  
           *ποία τις ἡμέρα;* (12)  
           *καὶ ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς* (12).

XX 8 \* : Arch. probably had

*ὡς ἡδύ ἐστι καὶ* (12)  
*<ἀλγεινόν, καὶ>* (11)  
*ἀμφοτέρα δὲ* (10).

(c) *Emendations involving both units :*

VI 3 \* : Arch. seems to have had

*ὀρχεῖσθαι νή-* (11)  
*φων τὸν κόρ-* (9)  
*δακα καὶ προσω-* (12)  
*πεῖον ἔχων ἐν* (11)  
*κωμικῶ χορῶ* (12)

with *περιάγειν ἐν τῷ θεάτρῳ* in the margin, this having been dropped by the first hand by πβλ from Pre-Arch., which had

*ἔχων ἐν κωμικῶ χορῶ* (18).  
*περιάγειν ἐν τῷ θεάτρῳ* (21).

The marginal adscript was apparently illegible when Arch. was copied by all but *m*. *ἀνασευρμένος* (above) and *ὀρχεῖσθαι* were dropped by *m* and added in marg., whence a later ancestor of M put them in in the wrong place.

VIII 2 \* : I suggest that Pre-Arch. had

*καὶ πῶς ἔχεις; καὶ ἔχεις τι* (21)  
*περὶ τοῦδε εἰπεῖν καινόν;* (21)

and that Arch. telescoped the first line into *καὶ ἔχεις τι*, adding *καὶ πῶς ἔχεις* in marg.; the marginal *ἔχεις* was afterwards corrected by an overwritten *λέγεις* which was wrongly taken as a correction of the *ἔχεις* which remained in the text;

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in re-inserting *καὶ πῶς ἔχεις* the ancestor of *CDE* dropped *πῶς* (by *πβλ* with the line above?). Thus Arch. would have

<i>λέγεις</i>	<i>καὶ ἔχεις</i>	<i>τι</i>	(10)
<i>καὶ πῶς ἔχεις</i>	<i>περὶ τοῦδε</i>	<i>εἰ-</i>	(11)
	<i>πεῖν</i>	<i>καινόν</i> ;	

which *ab* made into *καὶ λέγεις τί καὶ πῶς ἔχεις κτλ.*, and the others into *λέγεις τί καὶ ἔχεις κτλ.*

XXI 14 (V 8)\*: I suggest, in this extremely difficult passage, that Pre-Arch. had

	<i>ξένοις δὲ</i>	
	<i>συνεργεῖν ἐπιστάλματα</i>	(20)
	<i>καὶ ἄλας εἰς Βυζάντιον</i>	(19)
	<i>καὶ Λακωνικὰς κίνας</i>	(17)
	<i>εἰς Κύζικον πέμπειν καὶ</i>	(20)
	<i>μέλι Ὑμήττιον εἰς Ῥόδον,</i>	(20)

which Arch. copied thus

	<i>ξένοις δὲ</i>	
<i>καὶ ἄλας</i>	<i>συνεργεῖν ἐπι-</i>	(12)
<i>εἰς Βυζάντιον</i>	<i>στάλματα καὶ</i>	(11)
	<i>Λακωνικὰς κύ-</i>	(11)
<i>πέμπειν</i>	<i>νας εἰς Κύζικον</i>	(13)
	<i>καὶ μέλι Ὑμήτ-</i>	(11)
	<i>τιον εἰς Ῥόδον.</i>	(12).

*m*, copying first (*see below*), could read *συνεργεῖν* but not the whole of *καὶ ἄλας εἰς Βυζάντιον*, which he therefore omitted; the others could no longer read *συνεργεῖν*, but accepted the legible part of the adscript, viz. *εἰς Βυζάντιον*, as a correction of it. Hence *M* reads *ξένοις δὲ συνεργεῖν Λακωνικὰς κίνας κτλ.*, *ἐπιστάλματα* being dropped as unnecessary by the epitomator; and the others read *ξένοις δὲ εἰς Βυζάντιον ἐπιστάλματα καὶ Λακωνικὰς κίνας κτλ.* The Papyrus (*see p. 11 n.*) copied a text which had lost *ἐπιστάλματα* as well as *καὶ ἄλας εἰς Βυζάντιον* but included *πέμπειν*, which standing doubtless in the margin of Arch. (having been omitted by the first hand because it comes in the middle of a list of accusatives) appears in *M* before, in *C* after, *εἰς Κύζικον*, and was (1) copied into the margin of *cd*, where *D* neglected it, (2) neglected by *abe*, etc.

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XXI 16 (V 10) \* : I suggest that Pre-Arch. had

αὐτὸς ἐν τοῖς ἀποδεί- (17)  
 ξεσιν ὕστερον ἐπεισι- (18)  
 εἶναι ἤδη συγκαθημένων (19)  
 ἔν' εἶπη τῶν θεωμένων (18)  
 πρὸς τὸν ἕτερον ὅτι τού- (19)  
 του ἐστὶν ἡ παλαιάστρα. (18).

Arch. lost *-εἶναι ἤδη συγκαθημένων* by πβλ and read

αὐ-  
 τὸς ἐν τοῖς ἀπο- (12)  
 δείξεσιν ὕστε- ἐπι (12)  
 ρον ἔπεισιν εἶ- (12)  
 πη τῶν θεωμέ- (11)  
 νων πρὸς τὸν (10)  
 ἕτερον ὅτι τού- (12)  
 του ἐστὶν ἡ (9)  
 παλαιάστρα.

P<sup>a</sup> and the ancestor of Pre-Arch. had already lost *ὁ ἕτερος* before *πρὸς τὸν ἕτερον*; P's insertion of *τις* and omission of *πρὸς τὸν ἕτερον* are apparently an emendation of Philodemus or his authority. The *ἐπι* which apparently stood in the margin of Arch. as a correction of *ἀπο(δείξεσιν)* was taken by the ancestor of ABε as a correction of the now unintelligible *εἶπη*; CDε kept *εἶπη* and changed it to *εἰπεῖν*, taking *ἐπι* rightly as a correction of *ἀπο(δείξεσιν)*.

I now recur to the *Stemma*. The question arises, if all mss but the Papyri come from the divided 11-12 letter exemplar (Arch.), why have M and CD lost so much in the latter half of the book (β)? Much of M's loss is of course due to the epitomator, but some, in all probability, to M's unepitomized ancestor *m*.

After *c* was made, β<sup>b</sup> became divided at many points. Some pieces were lost for good. The large piece containing XVI-XXVIII (γ) was apparently missing when *abe* (see below) was made. One of the smaller pieces, however, that

<sup>a</sup> The Papyrus.

<sup>b</sup> Or *q* (see p. 12 note *b*).



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containing XXX 5-16 ( $\beta_3$ ) was inserted in  $a^a$  (after Char. XI) before any of the ancestors of ABCDEM were copied. The ancestor of M ( $m$ ) and that of CD ( $cd$ , see below) come from  $a$  plus the recovered, but not everywhere legible or unmutilated,  $\beta_1$ .

That  $m$  was made before any of the others (except of course  $v$ ) is indicated by some if not all of the following readings of M :

III 1 οὐ καιρίων ἤ, 5 τὰ (bef. Ἀπατοῦρια), IV 11 ζητῶν, VI 6 κέραμον, 3 περιάγειν ἐν θεάτρῳ, IX 3 που κεκλημένος, 7 τοὺς (bef. χρήσαντας), X 13 ὁλὰς, XIII 5 τὴν ὁδὸν καταλιπὼν, XXI 15 (V 7) Sch. Ταραντιτικόν. In  $\beta$ ,  $m$ 's unique readings - XVI 10 ἡμερῶν, XVII 1 τις, XVIII 2 ἐπιπέπειν, 4 omit τὴν θύραν, XX 2 συλλαλῆ, 4 βηματίση - are not shared by V, and it is possible that most of them originated with the epitomator; but βηματίση, at any rate, must have stood as an old variant in  $\beta$ 's text or margin and been rejected by  $v$ .<sup>b</sup> It should also be noted that in XVI M has two passages, 8 κἂν γλαῦκες -- ταραττεσθαι, and 10 τετράσι -- ἡμερῶν which are lost in wider gaps by CD.

All this seems to indicate (1) that  $\beta_1$  was recovered torn and worm-eaten, (2) that it had suffered rather less mutilation when  $m$  was made. It is thus probable that  $m$  was made from  $a(+\beta_3)+\beta_1$  before any ancestor of ABCDE copied it.

I now pass on to CD. That these two families had a common ancestor derived from  $a(+\beta_3)+\beta_1$  seems to be proved by the gaps. In  $\beta$  they always coincide in these as compared with V or M, and there is nothing to belie it in their readings. In  $a$ , neither has any considerable gap as compared with the other

<sup>a</sup> Or  $p$  (see p. 12 note b).

<sup>b</sup> For old (?) variants in the mss of the other works of T. cf. a note in Parisiensis (P) of the *Hist. Plant.* Wimmer (1842) p. xviii.

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mss, but their shared errors, e.g. διεγείρειν XIII 5, βουλευέσθαι 9, and the order Proem-Index instead of Index-Proem, are sufficient to indicate a common ancestry despite a few differences which may be ascribed to old variants in *a* :

I 1 *C* τὸ (so M), II 5 *c* μικρόν, IV 11 *C* λαμβάνων (M δεχόμενος), XXI 14 (V 8) *c* πέμπειν (so P, Ambr. P, and M).

The losses of this ancestor (which I call *cd*) in *β*, as compared with *v*, seem to be due to the following causes :—

(a) *parablepsia* (?), e.g. XVI 4 *ιερῶν εἰθής*, XX 9 *καὶ τοὺς φίλοις—ἐμπλήσαι*, XXI 6 *καὶ κολοῖψ—πηθήσεται*, XXIV 4 *τὰς διαίτας—σχολάζειν*, XXVI 5 *καὶ ὡς θαυμάζω—διδόντος*; (b) some of these, since it is hard to see how *πβλ* should create gaps of 6-8 ll. in a column of 12-13 ll., may well be due to *designed shortening*, not necessarily from a desire to abridge, but because the partial mutilation of a § or §§ had put the passage beyond the scribe's powers of emendation; (c) *mutilation* of *β*, e.g. XXI 9 *Μελιταίου*, XX 9 *ὥστε εἶναι—σκενάζων*, XXVII 4 *καὶ ἐπ' οὐραν—δικαζέσθαι* (3 cols. of 11, 11, 12 ll.); (d) the *designed omission of incomprehensible passages*, e.g. XVI 2 *ἐπιχρωρῆν*, XXV 3 *περὶ ἐκβοηθούντος τε*, XXVII 11 *καὶ ἔνδεκα λιταῖς—σιναΐζοντας*. Gaps of a column and over would perhaps generally indicate absolute separation, but the preservation, for the most part, of the right sequence of §§ makes it necessary to suppose, despite the help doubtless got from the indices, that some of these large gaps were not actually missing from the recovered *β*<sub>1</sub>, but wholly or partly illegible; a medieval scribe would probably merely omit such passages. I may add here that somewhere in the *C*-tradition there was an exemplar of about 21 letters to the line; see gaps or transpositions of some *C* mss at IV 7, V 5, VII 3, X 8, XVII 8.

I now take A and B and the class *E*. The relations of the *E*-class have yet to be worked out.<sup>a</sup> Mean-

<sup>a</sup> For the Ambrosian mss see Bassi, *Riv. di Filol.* xxvi. 493

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while it may be said that it is highly probable that A and B had a common ancestor (*ab*), and that they share an ancestor (*abe*) with some of the *E*-class appears from Ambr. P's *τούτοις τοῖς* in VI 4, *ἐκβαλλούσης* (AB *ἐκβαλοῦσης*) and *τουσαύτας* in X 6 and 7.

Indications of an  $A \rightarrow e$  tradition appear in *ἐμπεσῶν λόγος* II 2, *ἔσχεις* and the position of *ἔχεις* 3, *διαψιθνρίζειν* 11, *τὸ δειπνον* III 2. For a  $B \rightarrow e$  tradition cf. *νεοττία* (accent) II 6 (so Ambr. C), *ἀνασπύρομενος* XI 2. Suggestions of a  $cd \rightarrow e$  tradition occur in II 4 *ἄκοντος*, XIII 4 *διεγείρειν*, XXI 16 (V 10) *εἰπεῖν*; and of a  $c \rightarrow e$  tradition in IV 9 *ἐκπακούσαι*, VII 9 *κακωλύσαι*. Some of the above identities may of course be due to contamination.

It is at any rate evident that *E* is not really a family, but a class composed of all I-XV mss<sup>a</sup> other than A and B. An entirely independent *E*-tradition seems indicated by :—

Proem title *προθωρία* (Ambr. E), II 6 *ἀπίδια*, 8 *προσῆγγελάκασε*, VII 3 *ἀφορμάς*, X 8 *ἐᾶσαι*, XIV 6 *τι* (Ambr. E and I, with M). Ambr. P's *ὀπόσας* in X 3 points to *abe*'s having had in the margin an *o* which its ancestor, in common with A and B, wrongly prefixed to *σισσιτῶν*, but, unlike them, also copied into the margin, whence an intermediate exemplar prefixed it to *πόσας*.

To sum up, in the present state of our knowledge it may be said that the value of AB has been exaggerated at the expense of CD and M. The Epitome, particularly, has generally been underestimated—probably because it is an epitome, though surely where an epitome gives a longer or clearly better reading than the unabridged mss it is the

<sup>a</sup> A few have less; strictly, of course, A and B belong to this class.

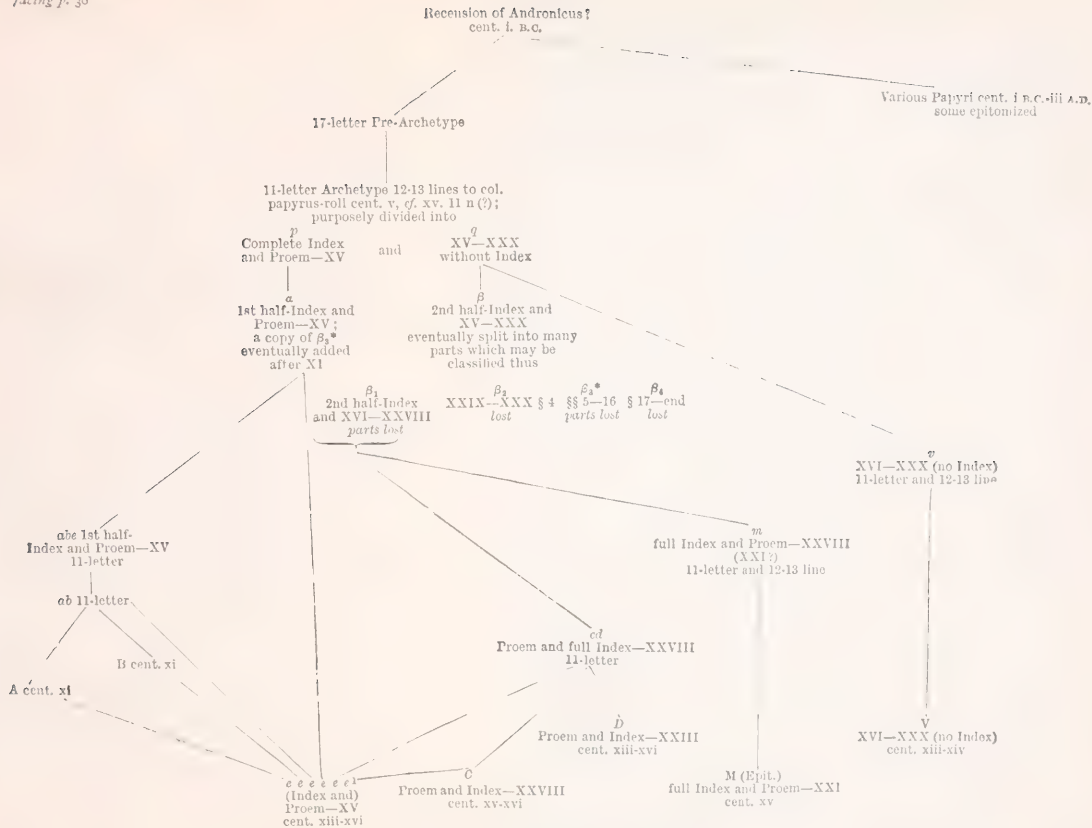
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more deserving of credit. Some of the mss of the *E*-class appear to deserve closer attention than they have hitherto received. *V* has long, and rightly, been accorded first place; but even here a warning is needed—*V* is not *v*. Whether, as Navarre thinks, our mss and papyri have a common ancestor in a recension of Andronicus, is at present an open question. If traces of the 18-letter line are found in the textual tradition of the other Peripatetic books it will make it probable.<sup>a</sup> Meanwhile it may be said that the displacements are in his favour, though if he were right we should expect the *Characters* to share codices not with various works of the rhetoricians but with the rest of the writings precious to the Peripatetics. However, this may be an accident of their later history.

The following *Stemma* seems to me to account best for the facts. *If the reader prefers the doctrine of a double position for XXX §§ 5-16<sup>b</sup> to that of its transference, it will not greatly affect my main contentions.* For even if the 12-13 line column be rejected—and that does not necessarily follow—the two line-units will stand, and it is on them that the emendations made on pp. 21-26 are founded.

<sup>a</sup> For the early history of T.'s books see, besides Strab. 609, the note at the end of the Frag. of his (?) *Metaphysics*, ap. Fabric. iii. 444.

<sup>b</sup> See above, p. 12, and note *a*.



<sup>1</sup> There has probably been some contamination in E.



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## ΠΡΟΘΕΩΡΙΑ<sup>1</sup>

"Ἦδη μὲν καὶ πρότερον ἐπιστήσας τὴν διάνοιαν ἐθαύμασα, ἴσως δὲ οὐδὲ παύσομαι θαυμάζων, τί ἄρα<sup>2</sup> δῆποτε τῆς Ἑλλάδος ὑπὸ τὸν αὐτὸν ἀέρα κειμένης καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἑλλήνων ὁμοίως παιδευομένων, συμβέβηκεν ἡμῖν οὐ τὴν αὐτὴν ἔχειν τάξιν τῶν τρόπων. ἐγὼ οὖν,<sup>3</sup> ὦ Πολύκλεις, συνθεωρήσας ἐκ πολλοῦ χρόνου τὴν ἀνθρωπίνην φύσιν, καὶ βεβιωκὼς ἔτη ἐνεήκοντα ἐννέα,<sup>4</sup> ἔτι δὲ ὠμίλικῶς πολλαῖς τε καὶ παντοδαπαῖς φύσεσι καὶ παρατεθεάμενος ἐξ ἀκριβείας πολλῆς, τοὺς τε ἀγαθοὺς τῶν ἀνθρώπων καὶ τοὺς φαύλους ὑπέλαβον δεῖν συγγράψαι ἅ ἕκαστοι<sup>5</sup> αὐτῶν

TITLE OF BOOK: MSS Θεοφράστοι χαρακτήρες (ιδιωμάτων), Diog. Laert. v. 47 s ἠθικοὶ χαρα. α', χαρ. ἠθ.: for χαρ. cf. Men. 72 (Loock) <sup>1</sup> only in ε: if anything it would probably be called in Hellenistic times Προσίμιον, cf. Aristotle's *Dialogues* ap. Cic. *Att.* iv. 16. 2 <sup>2</sup> Madv: mss γὰρ <sup>3</sup> mss γάρ (from below?) <sup>4</sup> καὶ βεβ. to ἐννέα (we should expect ἀπὸ for -α.), or to πολλῆς (ἐξ is strange and φύσει after φύσιν clumsy), is probably interpolated <sup>5</sup> only M: others ἐκάτεροι

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### LETTER DEDICATORY

I HAVE often marvelled, when I have given the matter my attention, and it may be I shall never cease to marvel, why it has come about that, albeit the whole of Greece lies in the same clime and all Greeks have a like upbringing,<sup>a</sup> we have not the same constitution of character. I therefore, Polycles, having observed human nature a long time (for I have lived ninety years and nine<sup>b</sup> and moreover had converse with all sorts of dispositions and compared them with great diligence), have thought it incumbent upon me to write in a book the manners of each several

<sup>a</sup> Speaking generally, as we might of Europeans compared with Africans; *cf.* Zeno's book *On Greek Education*.

<sup>b</sup> If the preface is the work of Theophrastus, this reference to his age must be corrupt or interpolated (*cf.* Zeno, *Diog. L.* vii. 28); perhaps all within the brackets is spurious; there *was* a Polycles, adviser of Eurydice, wife of Arrhidaeus, *Intro.* p. 5.

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3 ἐπιτηδεύουσιν ἐν τῷ βίῳ. ἐκθήσω δέ σοι κατὰ  
 γένος ὅσα τε τυγχάνει γένη τρόπων τούτοις  
 προσκείμενα καὶ ὄν τρόπον τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ χρῶνται·  
 ὑπολαμβάνω γάρ, ὦ Πολύκλεις, τοὺς υἱεῖς ἡμῶν  
 βελτίους ἔσσεσθαι καταλειφθέντων αὐτοῖς ὑπο-  
 μνημάτων τοιούτων, οἷς παραδείγμασι χρώμενοι  
 αἰρήσονται τοῖς εὐσχημονεστέροις<sup>1</sup> συνείναι τε  
 καὶ ὀμιλεῖν, ὅπως μὴ καταδεέστεροι ὦσιν αὐτῶν.  
 4 τρέφομαι δὲ ἤδη ἐπὶ τὸν λόγον· σὸν δὲ παρ-  
 ακολουθησαί τε εὐμαθῶς<sup>2</sup> καὶ εἰδῆσαι<sup>3</sup> εἰ ὀρθῶς  
 λέγω.

Πρῶτον μὲν οὖν ποιήσομαι τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ  
 τῶν τὴν χεῖρον' αἵρεσιν<sup>4</sup> ἐζηλωκότων, ἀφείδεις τὸ  
 προοιμιάζεσθαι καὶ πολλὰ ἔξω<sup>5</sup> τοῦ πράγματος  
 5 λέγειν· καὶ ἄρξομαι πρῶτον ἀπὸ τῆς εἰρωνείας  
 καὶ ὀριοῦμαι αὐτήν, εἶθ' οὕτως τὸν εἰρωνα  
 διέξειμι, ποῖός τις ἐστι καὶ εἰς τίνα τρόπον  
 κατήνεκται· καὶ τὰ ἄλλα δὴ τῶν παθημάτων,  
 ὥσπερ ὑπεθέμην, πειράσομαι κατὰ γένος φανερὰ  
 καθιστάναι.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> only M: others -τάτοις

<sup>2</sup> E, cf. Aesch. 1. 116: mss

ὀρθῶς (introd. p. 17)

<sup>3</sup> Arist. *Éth.* N. viii. 3. 8 al.

<sup>4</sup> Büch.-E, cf. i. 7 and Nicol. 1. 20 (cf. 13) K: mss τὴν

εἰρωνείαν

<sup>5</sup> E: mss περι

<sup>6</sup> mss also ἐπεθέμην and

καταστήσαι

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kind of men both good and bad.<sup>a</sup> And you shall have set down sort by sort the behaviour proper to them and the fashion of their life; for I am persuaded, Polycles, that our sons will prove the better men if there be left them such memorials as will, if they imitate them, make them choose the friendship and converse of the better sort, in the hope they may be as good as they. But now to my tale; and be it yours to follow with understanding and see if I speak true.

First, then, I shall dispense with all preface and with the saying of much that is beside the mark, and treat of those that have pursued the worsor way of life,<sup>b</sup> beginning with Dissembling and the definition of it, and without more ado recount the nature of the Dissembler and the ways to which he is come; and thereafter I shall endeavour, as I purposed to do, to make clear the other affections each in its own place.

<sup>a</sup> Or 'of either kind of men.'

<sup>b</sup> This, particularly, implies the project of a second volume containing *good* Characters, which may have existed in antiquity (Introd. p. 7), and is no certain argument against the genuineness of the Proem as a whole; the use of *μὲν οὖν* at the beginning of Char. i. shows that, if lost, a genuine preface or prefatory sentence was once here, *cf.* Xen. *Mem.*, Arist. *Mag. Mor.*, *Oec.*, *Rhet.*, Cic. *Att.* iv. 16. 2; for such a preface, spurious (?) but not necessarily very late, *cf.* that to [Arist.] *Rhet. Alex.*, known to Ath. (xi. 508 a), and *Mund.*; Aristippus (died 350) dedicated his history of Libya to Dionysius (Diog. L. ii. 83), *cf.* Arcesilaus and Eumenes, *ibid.* iv. 38; *cf.* also iv. 14, vii. 185, and the list of Chrysippus's works; it may be noted that *τὲ* occurs five times here and only four or five times elsewhere; but the style of the preface might well be rather different; in any case it is not typically *Byzantine*.

## ΕΙΡΩΝΕΙΑΣ Α'

Ἡ μὲν οὖν εἰρωνεία δόξειεν ἂν εἶναι, ὡς ἐν τύπῳ περιλαβεῖν, προσποιήσις ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον<sup>1</sup> πράξεων καὶ λόγων, ὁ δὲ εἴρων τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος προσελθὼν τοῖς ἐχθροῖς ἐθέλειν λαλεῖν οὐ μισεῖν,<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἐπαινεῖν παρόντας οἷς ἐπέθετο λάθρα, <καὶ πρὸς οὓς ἀντιδικεῖ><sup>3</sup> καὶ τούτοις συλλυπεῖσθαι ἡττωμένοις ὡς δὴ πάσχουσι κακῶς.<sup>4</sup> καὶ συγγνώμην δὲ ἔχειν τοῖς αὐτὸν κακῶς λέγουσι, καὶ ἐπικγελᾶν<sup>5</sup> τοῖς καθ' ἑαυτοῦ λεγομένοις· καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ἀδικουμένους καὶ ἀγανακτοῦντας πρῶως διαλέγεσθαι· καὶ τοῖς ἐντυγχάνειν κατὰ σπουδὴν βουλομένοις προστάξει ἐπαινεθῆναι· καὶ μηδὲν ὧν πράττει ὁμολογήσαι ἀλλὰ φῆσαι ἔτι<sup>6</sup> βουλεύεσθαι· καὶ προσποιήσασθαι ἄρτι παραγεγονέναι, καὶ ὀψὲ γενέσθαι αὐτῶν,<sup>7</sup> καὶ μαλακισθῆναι· καὶ πρὸς τοὺς δανειζομένους καὶ ἐρανίζοντας <εἰπεῖν ὡς οὐ πλουτεῖ, καὶ πωλῶν><sup>8</sup> ὡς οὐ πωλεῖ, καὶ μὴ πωλῶν φῆσαι πωλεῖν· καὶ ἀκούσας τι μὴ προσποιεῖσθαι,<sup>9</sup> καὶ ἰδὼν φῆσαι μὴ ἑωρακένας, καὶ ὁμολογήσας μὴ μεμνησθαι· καὶ τὰ μὲν σκέψασθαι<sup>10</sup> φάσκειν, τὰ δὲ οὐκ εἰδέναι, τὰ δὲ θαυμάζειν, τὰ δ' ἤδη ποτὲ καὶ αὐτὸς οὕτω διαλογίσασθαι.  
καὶ τὸ ὅλον δεινὸς τῷ τοιοῦτῷ τρόπῳ τοῦ λόγου

<sup>1</sup> <καὶ ἐπὶ τὸ ἕλαττον>?<sup>2</sup> for μισεῖν cf. Ar. Eccl. 502,

Dem. 54. 26, and for οὐ rather than καὶ οὐ Men. Pk. 867; but Nav. λαλεῖν ὅτι μισεῖ is perhaps right, cf. M ἐνδείκνυσθαι οὐ μισεῖν

<sup>3</sup> E, introd. p. 21<sup>4</sup> E, from M καὶ

συναχθεῖσθαι πάσχουσι κακῶς ἢ ἡττωμένοις: other mss omit ὡς . . . κακῶς

<sup>5</sup> E<sup>6</sup> only M<sup>7</sup> E: mss αὐτὸν<sup>8</sup> Ribb.-E<sup>9</sup> cf. Lys. 13. 75, Men. 179 K<sup>10</sup> Cas.,

cf. Men. 460 K: mss σκέψασθαι, ἐσκέφθαι



## CHARACTER I

### I. DISSEMBLING

Now Dissembling would seem, to define it generally, to be an affectation of the worse <sup>a</sup> in word and deed ; and the Dissembler will be disposed rather to go up to an enemy and talk with him than to show his hatred ; he will praise to his face one he has girded at behind his back ; he will commiserate even his adversary's ill-fortune in losing his case to him. More, he will forgive his vilifiers, and will laugh in approval of what is said against him ; <sup>b</sup> to such as are put upon and resent it he will speak blandly ; <sup>c</sup> any that are in haste to see him are bidden go back home. He never admits he is doing a thing, but avows he's still thinking of doing it ; and makes pretences, as that he's but now come upon the scene, or joined the company late, or was ill abed. If you are borrowing of your friends and put him under contribution, he will tell you he is but a poor man ; when he would sell you anything, no, it is not for sale ; when he would not, why then it is. He pretends he has not heard when he hears, and says he has not seen when he sees ; and when he has admitted you right he avers he has no remembrance of it. He'll look into this, doesn't know that, is surprised at the other ; this again is just the conclusion he once came to himself. He is for ever

<sup>a</sup> And the less ?

<sup>b</sup> Reading uncertain.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Xen. *An.* i. 5. 14 (Nav.).

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χρησθαι· Οὐ πιστεύω· Οὐχ ὑπολαμβάνω· Ἐκ-  
πλήττομαι· Λέγεις αὐτὸν ἑαυτοῦ ἕτερον γεγονέναι<sup>1</sup>·  
Οὐ μὴν οὐ ταῦτα πρὸς ἐμὲ διεξήκει<sup>2</sup>· Παράδοξόν  
μοι τὸ πρᾶγμα· Ἄλλω τιὸ λέγε· Ὁπότερον<sup>3</sup> δὲ  
σοὶ ἀπιστήσω ἢ ἐκείνου καταγνώ ἀποροῦμαι·  
Ἄλλ' ὄρα μὴ σὺ θᾶπτον πιστεύης<sup>4</sup>·

### ΚΟΛΑΚΕΙΑΣ Β'

Τὴν δὲ κολακείαν ὑπολάβοι ἂν τις ὁμιλίαν  
αἰσχροὴν εἶναι συμφέρουσαν δὲ τῷ κολακεύοντι,  
τὸν δὲ κόλακα τοιοῦτόν τινα, ὥστε ἅμα πορευό-  
μενον εἰπεῖν· Ἐνθυμῆ ὡς ἀποβλέπουσι πρὸς σὲ  
οἱ ἄνθρωποι; τοῦτο δὲ οὐθενὶ τῶν ἐν τῇ πόλει  
γίγνεται πλὴν σοί· ἢ<sup>5</sup> Ἡὐδοκίμεις χθὲς ἐν τῇ  
στοᾷ· πλειόνων γὰρ ἢ τριάκοντα ἀνθρώπων  
καθημένων καὶ ἐμπεσόντος λόγου τίς εἶη βέλτιστος,  
ἀπ' αὐτοῦ ἀρξάμενος πάντας ἐπὶ τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ  
<sup>3</sup>κατενεχθῆναι· καὶ ἅμα<sup>6</sup> τοιαῦτα λέγων ἀπὸ τοῦ  
ἱματίου ἀφελεῖν κροκύδα, καὶ εἰάν τι πρὸς τὸ  
τρίχωμα<sup>7</sup> ὑπὸ πνεύματος προσενεχθῆ ἄχυρον,  
καρφολογήσαι, καὶ ἐπιγελάσας δὲ εἰπεῖν· Ὁρᾷς;  
ὅτι δυοῖν σοι ἡμερῶν οὐκ ἐντετύχηκα, πολιῶν  
ἔσχηκας τὸν πύγωνα μεστόν, καίπερ εἴ τις καὶ  
ἄλλος πρὸς τὰ ἔτη ἔχεις<sup>8</sup> μέλαιναν τὴν τρίχα.

<sup>1</sup> E: mss καὶ λέγει αὐτὸν ἔτ. γεγ. <sup>2</sup> Ambr. E: other mss καὶ μὴν οὐ κτλ. <sup>3</sup> Cob: mss. ὅπως <sup>4</sup> LATE ADDITION:

(1) Τισινας φωνας καὶ πλοῦας καὶ παλιλλογίας εἰρεῖν ἔστι τοῦ εἰωνος (mss ἔστιν οὐ χεῖρον ἢν and corr.)· ταῦτα δὴ τῶν ἡμῶν μὴ ἀπλᾶ ἀλλ' ἐπίβουλα φιλάττεσθαι μᾶλλον δεῖ ἢ τοὺς ἔχεις. <sup>5</sup> E: mss πλὴν σοί, πλὴν ἢ σοί, ἢ σοι (i.e. ἢ marg. arch.) <sup>6</sup> Needh: mss ἅλλα <sup>7</sup> mss add τῆς κεφαλῆς

<sup>8</sup> mss also ἔχεις πρὸς τὰ ἔτη (i.e. ἔχεις marg. arch.)

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saying such things as ' I don't believe it ' ; ' I don't understand ' ; ' You amaze me ' ; ' If so, he must have changed ' ; ' Well, that's not what I was told ' ; ' I never expected this ' ; ' Don't tell *me* ' ; ' Whether to disbelieve *you* or make a liar of *him* is more than I can tell ' ; ' Don't you be too credulous.'<sup>a</sup>

### II. FLATTERY

Flattery might be understood to be a sort of converse that is dishonourable, but at the same time profitable, to him that flatters ; and the Flatterer will say as he walks beside you ' Are you aware how people are looking at you ?<sup>b</sup> No man in Athens gets such attention ' ; or this, ' You were the man of the hour yesterday in the Porch ; why, although there was more than thirty present,<sup>c</sup> when the talk turned to who was the finest man there, the name that came to every lip both first and last was yours.' And while he says such things as these, he picks a speck from your coat ; or if so be a morsel of chaff be blown into your beard, plucks it out and then says with a smile ' D'ye see ? because you and I be not met a whole day, your beard's full of grey hairs -though I own your hair is singularly dark of

<sup>a</sup> LATE ADDITION : Such be the speeches, tricks, and retractions to which dissemblers resort. These disingenuous and designing characters are to be shunned like serpents.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Men. 402 K 5.

<sup>c</sup> Or 'in Athens.'

4 καὶ λέγοντος δὲ αὐτοῦ τι τοὺς ἄλλους σιωπᾶν  
 κελεῦσαι· καὶ ἐπαινέσαι δὲ ἀκούοντας<sup>1</sup>· καὶ ἐπι-  
 σημήνασθαι δέ, ἐπὶ παύσηται,<sup>2</sup> Ὁρθῶς· καὶ  
 σκώψαντι ψυχρῶς ἐπιγελάσαι τό τε ἱμάτιον ὄσαι  
 εἰς τὸ στόμα ὡς δὴ οὐ δυνάμενος κατασχεῖν τὸν  
 5 γέλωτα· καὶ τοὺς ἀπαντῶντας μικρὸν ἐπιστῆναι  
 · κελεῦσαι<sup>3</sup> ἕως ἂν αὐτὸς παρέλθῃ· καὶ τοῖς  
 παιδίοις μῆλα καὶ ἀπίδια<sup>4</sup> πριάμενος εἰσενέγκας  
 δοῦναι ὀρώντος αὐτοῦ, καὶ φιλήσας δὲ εἰπεῖν·  
 7 Χρηστοῦ πατρὸς νεότητια· καὶ συνωνούμενος ἐπὶ  
 <πισυγγίου> κρηπίδας<sup>5</sup> τὸν πόδα φῆσαι εὐρυ-  
 8 θμότερον εἶναι<sup>6</sup> τοῦ ὑποδήματος· καὶ πορευο-  
 μένου πρὸς τινα τῶν φίλων προδραμῶν εἰπεῖν  
 ὅτι Πρὸς σὲ ἔρχεται, καὶ ἀναστρέψας ὅτι Προσ-  
 9 ἤγγελκά σε.<sup>7</sup> ἀμέλει δὲ καὶ τὰ ἐκ τῆς γυναικείας  
 10 ἀγορᾶς διακοιῆσαι δυνατὸς ἀπνευστί<sup>8</sup> καὶ τῶν  
 ἐστιωμένων πρῶτος ἐπαινέσαι τὸν οἶνον καὶ  
 παρακειμένῳ<sup>9</sup> εἰπεῖν· Ὡς μαλακῶς ἐσθίεις, καὶ  
 ἄρας τι τῶν ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης φῆσαι· Τουτὶ  
 ἄρα ὡς χρηστόν ἐστι· καὶ ἐρωτῆσαι μὴ ῥίγοι,  
 καὶ εἰ ἐπιβάλλεσθαι βούλεται, καὶ εἴ τι μὴ περι-  
 στείλῃ αὐτόν· καὶ<sup>10</sup> ταῦτα λέγων πρὸς τὸ οὗς  
 προσκύντων<sup>11</sup> ψιθυρίζειν· καὶ εἰς ἐκείνον ἀποβλέπων

<sup>1</sup> mss ἀκούοντος, ἄκοντος, ἀκούοντα      <sup>2</sup> Foss: mss. εἰ  
 παύεται, εἰ παύσηται with η corr. to ε, εἰ παύεται      <sup>3</sup> some  
 mss omit μικρὸν      <sup>4</sup> most mss ἀπίδια, but cf. *Geogr.*  
 v. 74. 1 ὀπίδια . . οἶον ὄβρακινα μῆλα, ἀπίδια, δαμασκηνά  
<sup>5</sup> *L*: mss ἐπικρηπίδας, ἐπὶ κρηπίδας ἰδίας      <sup>6</sup> mss also φῆσαι  
 εἶναι (εἶναι φῆσαι) εἰρηθρ. (i.e. εἶναι marg. arch.)      <sup>7</sup> or  
 omit σέ, cf. Plat. *Prot.* 314 b fin: mss. also προσῆγγελάσας,  
 -κα (introd. p. 23)      <sup>8</sup> some mss omit τῆς      <sup>9</sup> Gronov.-  
*L*: mss παρακειμένων, παραυμένων      <sup>10</sup> *L*: mss τι περιστ.,  
 and καὶ μὴν, καὶ μὴ (σὴ from marg. arch., whence it was  
 intended to be added after τι)      <sup>11</sup> Valck: mss -πιπτων

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your age.' He will desire silence when his friend speaks, or praise the company for listening to him ; when he comes to a stop, he will cry in approbation ' Quite right ' ; and if he make a stale jest will laugh, and stuff the corner of his cloak in his mouth as if he could not hold his merriment. Moreover, any man that comes their way is bidden stand awhile till the great one be gone past. He will buy apples and pears and bring them in for the children, and giving them before their father will kiss them and cry ' Chicks of a good strain.'<sup>a</sup> When he buys shoes with him at the cordwainer's, he will tell him that the foot is shapelier than the shoe. And if he go visiting a friend of his he will run ahead and tell him he is coming, and then face round and say ' I have announced you.' He is the man, you may be sure,<sup>b</sup> to go errands to the women's market<sup>c</sup> there and back without stopping for breath ; and of all the guests will be first to praise the wine ; and will say in his patron's ear ' You are eating nothing ' ; or picking up some of the food upon the table exclaim ' How good this is, isn't it ? ' and will ask him whether he is not cold ? and will he not have his coat on ? and shall he not draw his skirts a little closer about him ? and saying this, bend forward to whisper in his ear ; and will speak to another with

<sup>a</sup> *Cf.* *Ar. Av.* 767 ; probably a metaphor from fighting-cocks.

<sup>b</sup> *Cf.* *xiii.* n. 1.

<sup>c</sup> Here were sold household requirements of all sorts (*not* specially feminine—a mistaken interpretation of *Poll.* x. 18).

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- 11 τοῖς ἄλλοις λαλεῖν. καὶ τοῦ παιδὸς ἐν τῷ θεάτρῳ  
 ἀφελόμενος τὰ προσκεφάλαια αὐτὸς ὑποστρώσαι.  
 12 καὶ τὴν οἰκίαν φῆσαι εὖ ἡρχιτεκτονῆσθαι, καὶ  
 τὸν ἀγρὸν εὖ πεφυτεῦσθαι, καὶ τὴν εἰκόνα ὁμοίαν  
 εἶναι.<sup>1</sup>

### ΑΔΟΛΕΣΧΙΑΣ Γ'

Ἡ δὲ ἀδολεσχία ἐστὶ μὲν διήγησις λόγων οὐ  
 2 καιρίων ἢ μακρῶν καὶ ἀπροβουλεύτων,<sup>2</sup> ὁ δὲ  
 ἀδολέσχης τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος ὦν<sup>3</sup> μὴ γινώσκει  
 τῷ<sup>4</sup> παρακαθεζόμενος πλησίον, πρῶτον μὲν τῆς  
 3 αὐτοῦ γυναικὸς εἰπεῖν ἐγκώμιον, εἶτα ὁ τῆς  
 νυκτὸς εἶδεν ἐνύπνιον τοῦτο διηγήσασθαι, εἶθ'  
 ὦν εἶχεν ἐπὶ τῷ δεῖπνῳ τὰ καθ' ἕκαστα διεξελεῖν·  
 εἶτα δὴ προχωροῦντος τοῦ πράγματος<sup>5</sup> λέγειν ὡς  
 πολλῶ<sup>6</sup> πονηρότεροί εἰσιν οἱ νῦν ἄνθρωποι τῶν  
 ἀρχαίων, καὶ ὡς ἄξιοι γεγόνασιν οἱ πυροὶ ἐν τῇ  
 ἀγορᾷ, καὶ ὡς πολλοὶ ἐπιδημοῦσι ξένοι, καὶ τὴν  
 4 θάλατταν ἐκ Διουυσίων πλοῖμον εἶναι, καὶ εἰ  
 ποιήσειεν ὁ Ζεὺς ὕδωρ πλείον,<sup>7</sup> τὰ ἐν τῇ γῆ  
 βελτίῳ ἔσεσθαι, καὶ ὁ ἀγρὸν<sup>8</sup> εἰς νέωτα γεωργήσει,  
 καὶ ὡς χαλεπὸν ἐστὶ τὸ ζῆν, καὶ ὡς Δάμιππος  
 μυστηρίοις μεγίστην <τὴν><sup>9</sup> δᾶδα ἔστησεν, καὶ  
 5 καὶ Τίς ἐστὶν ἡμέρα τήμερον; καὶ ὡς Βοηδρο-  
 μιῶνος μὲν ἐστὶ τὰ μυστήρια, Πυανοψιῶνος<sup>10</sup> δὲ

<sup>1</sup> LATE ADDITION: (13) καὶ τὸ κεφάλαιον τὸν κύλακά ἐστι θεάσασθαι πᾶν λέγοντα καὶ πράττοντα ὃ χαριεῖσθαι ἰπολαμβάνει (mss πάντα and ὃ, ἅ, οἷς) <sup>2</sup> οὐ καιρίων ἢ only in M

<sup>3</sup> mss also ὦν <sup>4</sup> E: mss τούτῳ <sup>5</sup> cf. Luc. D. Mer.

323 <sup>6</sup> mss also πολλὸν <sup>7</sup> some mss omit <sup>8</sup> E (ὅ is

the crop): mss ὅτι ἀγρὸν. ὁ (ὅ) ἀγρός, ὁ ἀγρός εἰ <sup>9</sup> E

<sup>10</sup> mss Πυανεψ.

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his eye on his friend. He will take the cushions from the lackey at the theatre and place them for him himself. He will remark how tasteful is the style of his patron's house; how excellent the planting of his farm; how like him the portrait he has had made.<sup>a</sup>

### III. GARRULITY

Garrulity is the delivering of talk that is irrelevant, or long and unconsidered; and the Garrulous man is one that will sit down close beside somebody he does not know,<sup>b</sup> and begin talk with a eulogy of his own wife, and then relate a dream he had the night before, and after that tell dish by dish what he had for supper. As he warms to his work he will remark that we are by no means the men we were, and the price of wheat has gone down, and there's a great many strangers in town, and that the ships will be able to put to sea after the Dionysia.<sup>c</sup> Next he will surmise that the crops would be all the better for some more rain, and tell him what he is going to grow on his farm next year, adding that it is difficult to make both ends meet, and Damippus' torch was the largest set up at the Mysteries,<sup>d</sup> and how many pillars there are in the Hall of Music, and 'I vomited yesterday,' and 'What day is it to-day?' and that the Mysteries are in September, and the

<sup>a</sup> LATE ADDITION: In fine the flatterer may be observed to say and do anything that he supposes will give pleasure.

<sup>b</sup> Perhaps in the 'Painted Porch,' *cf.* ii. 2, and Alciphr. iii. 17. 2 (iii. 52).

<sup>c</sup> Celebrated in March-April.

<sup>d</sup> Stale news; this is clearly winter, and the Eleusinian Mysteries were in Sept.-Oct.



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τὰ Ἀπατούρια,<sup>1</sup> Ποσιδεῶνος δὲ τὰ κατ' ἀγροὺς  
Διονύσια<sup>2</sup>. κἄν ὑπομένη τις αὐτὸν μὴ ἀφίστασθαι.<sup>3</sup>

### ΑΓΡΟΙΚΙΑΣ Δ'

Ἡ δὲ ἀγροικία δόξειεν ἂν εἶναι ἀμαθία ἀσχήμεων,  
ὁ δὲ ἄγροικος τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος κυκεῶνα πιὼν  
εἰς ἐκκλησίαν πορεύεσθαι, καὶ τὸ μύρον φάσκειν  
οὐδὲν τοῦ θύμου ἥδιον ὄζειν, καὶ μείζω τοῦ ποδὸς  
τὰ ὑποδήματα φορεῖν, καὶ μεγάλη τῇ φωνῇ λαλεῖν.  
<sup>2</sup> καὶ τοῖς μὲν φίλοις καὶ οἰκείοις ἀπιστεῖν, πρὸς  
<sup>3</sup> δὲ τοὺς αὐτοῦ οἰκέτας ἀνακοινοῦσθαι περὶ τῶν  
<sup>4</sup> μεγίστων· καὶ τοῖς παρ' αὐτῷ ἐργαζομένοις  
μισθωτοῖς ἐν ἀγρῷ πάντα τὰ ἀπὸ τῆς ἐκκλησίας  
<sup>5</sup> διηγέισθαι· καὶ ἀναβεβλημένος ἄνω τοῦ γόνατος  
καθιζάνειν, ὥστε τὰ γυμνὰ αὐτοῦ ὑποφαίνεσθαι.<sup>4</sup>  
<sup>6</sup> καὶ ἐπ' ἄλλω μὲν μηδενὶ <μήτε><sup>5</sup> θαυμάζειν μήτε  
ἐκπλήττεσθαι ἐν ταῖς ὁδοῖς, ὅταν δὲ ἴδῃ βοῦν ἢ  
<sup>7</sup> ὄνον ἢ τράγον ἐστηκῶς θεωρεῖν. καὶ προαιρῶν  
δέ τι ἐκ τοῦ ταμείου δεινὸς φαγεῖν, καὶ ζωρότερον  
<sup>8</sup> πιεῖν· καὶ τὴν σιτοποιὸν πειρῶν λαθεῖν,<sup>6</sup> κἄτ'  
ἀλέσαι μετ' αὐτῆς τοῖς ἔνδον πᾶσι καὶ αὐτῷ τὰ  
<sup>9</sup> ἐπιτήδεια. καὶ ἀριστῶν δὲ ἅμα καὶ<sup>7</sup> τοῖς ὑπο-  
ζυγίοις ἐμβαλεῖν τὴν ὀλύραν· καὶ κόψαντος τὴν

<sup>1</sup> only M has τὰ      <sup>2</sup> M κατ' ἀγρ. τὰ Δ., perhaps rightly ;  
others omit τὰ      <sup>3</sup> all mss have this sentence after σήμερον  
—sic—(introd. p. 17)

LATE ADDITION: (6) παρασείσαντα  
δὴ δεῖ τοῖς τοιοῦτους τῶν ἀνθρώπων καὶ διαράμενον ἀπαλλάτ-  
τεσθαι. ὅστις ἀπίρευτος βούλεται εἶναι· ἔργον γὰρ συναρκεῖσθαι  
τοῖς μήτε σχολὴν μήτε σπουδὴν διαγινώσκουσιν, after which M  
has ὁ γὰρ χρόνος οὐδὲ τοῖς καιριωτέροις ἐξαρκεῖ      <sup>4</sup> mss  
also φαίνεσθαι: from ὥστε on may be a gloss      <sup>5</sup> Ast

<sup>6</sup> cf. Ar. Pax 1138, Lys. 1. 12      <sup>7</sup> some mss omit



## CHARACTERS III—IV

Apaturia in October, and the country-Dionysia in December. And if you let him go on he will never stop.<sup>a</sup>

### IV. BOORISHNESS

Boorishness would seem to be an unbecoming ignorance, and the Boor to be such as will take a purge before he goes to the Assembly,<sup>b</sup> declare that thyme smells every bit as sweet as perfume, wear shoes too large for his feet, and talk at the top of his voice. He distrusts his friends and kinsfolk, but confides matters of great import to his servants, and tells all that went on at the Assembly to the hired labourers who work on his farm. He will sit down with his cloak above his knee, and thus expose too much of himself. Most things this man sees in the streets strike him not at all, but let him espy an ox or an ass or a billy-goat, and he will stand and contemplate him. He is apt also to take from the larder as he eats, and to drink his wine over-strong ; to make secret love to the bake-wench, and then help her grind the day's corn for the whole household and himself with it ; to fodder the beasts<sup>c</sup> while he munches his breakfast ; to answer a knock at

<sup>a</sup> LATE ADDITION : Such men as this anyone that would stay unburnt by the fire should flee by all and every means he can ; for it is hard to bear with one who cannot distinguish leisure from occupation. There is not time enough even for that which is relevant.

<sup>b</sup> This, in those days, would make him an unpleasant neighbour ; the next words refer to a different occasion.

<sup>c</sup> Lit. 'give the beasts their rice-wheat' (Lat. *far*).

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- 10 θύραν<sup>1</sup> ὑπακούσαι<sup>2</sup> αὐτός· καὶ ἐστιῶν<sup>3</sup> τὸν κύνα  
 προσκαλεσάμενος καὶ ἐπιλαβόμενος τοῦ ῥύγχους  
 εἰπεῖν· Οὗτος φυλάττει τὸ χωρίον καὶ τὴν οἰκίαν.  
 11 καὶ τὸ ἀργύριον δὲ παρά του λαμβάνων<sup>4</sup> ἀπο-  
 δοκιμάζειν, λίαν λέγων μολυβρὸν<sup>5</sup> εἶναι, καὶ  
 ἕτερον ἀνταλλάττεσθαι.<sup>6</sup> κεί τὸ<sup>7</sup> ἄροτρον ἔχρησεν  
 ἢ κόφινον ἢ δρέπανον ἢ θύλακον, τοῦτο<sup>8</sup> τῆς  
 γυκτὸς κατὰ ἀγρυπνίαν ἀναμιμησκόμενος <ἀναστὰς  
 12 ἐξιέναι> ζητῶν.<sup>9</sup> καὶ εἰς ἄστν καταβαίνων ἐρωτῆσαι  
 τὸν ἀπαντῶντα πόσου ἦσαν αἱ διφθέραι καὶ τὸ  
 τάριχος, καὶ εἰ τήμερον<sup>10</sup> νουμηνίαν ἄγει, καὶ  
 <ἂν φῆ>,<sup>11</sup> εἰπεῖν εὐθύς ὅτι βούλεται καταβὰς  
 ἀποκείρασθαι<sup>12</sup> καὶ τῆς αὐτῆς ὁδοῦ παριῶν<sup>13</sup> κομί-  
 13 σασθαι παρ' Ἀρχίου τοῦ ταρίχους.<sup>14</sup> καὶ ἐν  
 14 βαλανείῳ δὲ ἄσαι. καὶ εἰς τὰ ὑποδήματα δὲ  
 ἦλους ἐγκροῦσαι.<sup>15</sup>

### ΑΡΕΣΚΕΙΑΣ Ε΄

Ἡ δὲ ἀρέσκειά ἐστι μὲν, ὡς ὄρω περιλαβεῖν,  
 ἔντευξις οὐκ ἐπὶ τῷ βελτίστῳ ἡδονῆς παρα-  
 2 σκευαστική, ὃ δὲ ἄρεσκος ἀμέλει τοιοῦτός τις,

<sup>1</sup> M. Schmidt: mss τὴν θύραν καὶ κόψαντος τὴν θύραν, or omit κόψ. τ. θ. (introd. p. 18) <sup>2</sup> Cas: mss ἐπ.

<sup>3</sup> E, from M ἐσθίοντα: other mss omit <sup>4</sup> mss also λαβών, but M δεχόμενος <sup>5</sup> Diels: mss λίαν μὲν λυπρὸν (λυπηρόν)

<sup>6</sup> Cob: mss ἅμα ἀλλάττ. <sup>7</sup> E, cf. Aleiphr. 2. 16. 1 (3. 19): mss καὶ τὸ, καὶ εἰ τὸ, καὶ ὃ

<sup>8</sup> mss ταῦτα <sup>9</sup> E, see introd. p. 21 <sup>10</sup> mss σῆμ. ὃ ἀγών (incorp. gloss: for nom. cf. Sch. M κόρδαξ 6. 3): for ἄγει cf. Archil. 113 Bgk, where read Φησὶν', ἕως φῆ· νῦν ἄγει

Θαρρηλία (subject once the king, cf. ἔει and ἔει Ζεὺς) <sup>11</sup> E

<sup>12</sup> mss also ὑποκ. <sup>13</sup> cf. Ar. Par 1155 <sup>14</sup> Sylb. partit. gen.: mss τοὺς

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## CHARACTERS IV—V

the door himself. When he gives a feast he calls the dog, takes him by the snout, and says 'This is the guardian of my house and farm.' When he receives money <sup>a</sup> he tests it and finds it wanting; it looks, says he, too much like lead; and changes it for other. And if he has lent his plough, or a basket, or a sickle, or a sack, he will remember it as he lies awake one night and rise and go out to seek it. On his way to the town he will ask any that meets him the price of hides or red-herring, and if 'tis new moon <sup>b</sup> to-day; and should answer come 'Yes,' declares he will go and be shorn out of hand and get some herrings at Archias' shop on the way to the barber's. <sup>c</sup> He is given also to singing at the baths; and loves to drive hobnails into the soles of his shoes.

### V. SELF-SEEKING AFFABILITY

Self-seeking Affability, to give it a definition, is a sort of behaviour which provides pleasure, but not with the best intentions; <sup>d</sup> and it goes without saying <sup>e</sup> that the Smoothboot or Self-seeking Affable

<sup>a</sup> Not necessarily 'his (due) money'; the article is often used with this word when we should not expect it, *e.g.* Diog. L. ii. 81: so τὸ χρυσίον xxiii. 7.

<sup>b</sup> Observed as a holiday and a great day for marketing.

<sup>c</sup> Regardless of the noses of the barber's other customers.

<sup>d</sup> We have no single word for this unless it be Impressionism (and Impressionist) as it is sometimes transferred, in a *bon mot*, from the realm of art; this man's behaviour comes from a desire to produce a good impression *at all costs*; neither Complaisance nor Affability has this connotation; Healey's Smoothboot is unfortunately obsolete.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. xiii. n. a.

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οἷος πόρρωθεν προσαγορεύσας καὶ ἄνδρα κράτιστον εἰπὼν καὶ θαυμάσας ἱκανῶς ἀμφοτέραις ταῖς χερσὶ λαβόμενος<sup>1</sup> μὴ ἀφιέναι, ἀλλὰ<sup>2</sup> μικρὸν ἐπιπροπέμψας<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἐρωτήσας πότε αὐτὸν ὄψεται, ἐπαινῶν ἀπαλλάττεσθαι.<sup>4</sup> καὶ παρακληθεὶς δὲ πρὸς δίαιταν μὴ μόνον ᾧ πάρεστι βούλεσθαι ἀρέσκειν ἀλλὰ καὶ τῷ ἀντιδίκῳ, ἵνα κοινός τις εἶναι δοκῇ.<sup>5</sup> καὶ τοῖς ξένοις<sup>6</sup> δὲ εἰπεῖν ὡς δικαιοτέρα λέγουσι τῶν πολιτῶν. καὶ κεκλημένος δ' ἐπὶ δεῖπνον κελεύσαι καλέσαι τὰ παιδιά τὸν ἐστιῶντα, καὶ εἰσιόντα<sup>7</sup> φῆσαι σύκου<sup>8</sup> ὁμοιότερα εἶναι τῷ πατρί, καὶ προσαγαγόμενος<sup>9</sup> φιλήσαι καὶ παρ' αὐτὸν καθίστασθαι,<sup>10</sup> καὶ τοῖς μὲν συμπαίξειν αὐτὸς λέγων Ἄσκος, πέλεκυς, τὰ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς γαστρὸς ἔαν' καθεύδειν ἅμα<sup>11</sup> θλιβόμενος.<sup>12</sup>

### ΑΠΟΝΟΙΑΣ Σ'

Ἡ δὲ ἀπόνοιά ἐστὶν ὑπομονὴ ἀισχρῶν ἔργων τε καὶ λόγων,<sup>13</sup> ὁ δὲ ἀπονενοημένος τοιοῦτός τις,

<sup>1</sup> only in P (ap. Herc. 1457)      <sup>2</sup> E: mss καὶ      <sup>3</sup> [ἐ]πε  
in P only      <sup>4</sup> mss also ἐτι ἐπαινῶν ἀπ.      <sup>5</sup> τις  
P: mss εἰς or omit      <sup>6</sup> Cor: mss and P accus.      <sup>7</sup> P  
εἰσελθόντα, but cf. Men. Pl. 193 (taken as singular?)  
<sup>8</sup> Nav. suggests σύκου σύκω, cf. Herodas vi. 60      <sup>9</sup> mss  
also and P προσαγόμεν.      <sup>10</sup> so P or καθίστασθαι, cf. Lys.  
18. 10: mss also καθίσαι, -ίσασθαι      <sup>11</sup> ἀναθλιβόμενος? cf.  
A.P. xii. 208: P omits ἅμα      <sup>12</sup> all mss and P place  
here the passage καὶ πλεισταίς κτλ. which most modern  
editors transfer to xxi      <sup>13</sup> Gale: mss δικαιολόγων

## CHARACTERS V—VI

is one that will hail you a great way off and call you excellent fellow, and when he is done with admiring you, seize you with both hands and not let go till he have accompanied you some little way and asked you when he can see you, and then go his way with a compliment. When he is called to help settle a dispute, his desire is to please the opposite party as well as the friend he stands for, so that he may be thought impartial. He will tell strangers, too, that they are right and his fellow-countrymen wrong. Bidden to a feast, he has his host call the children, and they are no sooner come in than he declares them to be as like as figs to their father, and drawing them to him sets them beside him with a kiss, and plays with some of them, himself crying 'Wineskin, hatchet,'<sup>a</sup> and suffers others to sleep on his lap in spite of the discomfort.

### VI. WILFUL DISREPUTABLENESS

Wilful Disreputableness is a tolerance of the dishonourable in word and deed; and your Scallywag

<sup>a</sup> These words were proverbial of lightness and heaviness, originally in water, as in modern Greek a child learning to swim floats like an *ἀσκή* or sinks like a *τσηκούρι*; this man, then, lifts a child saying *ἀσκή* and drops it saying *πέλεκυς*—or the like; 'to try to sink an inflated skin' was a proverb for attempting the impossible, *Par. Gr.* ii. p. 311; inflated skins were used for crossing rivers, etc., *Xen. An.* iii. 5, *Plut. Thes.* xxiv.; according to Hesychius there was a weight called *πέλεκυς* = 6 (or 12) minae (S. Koujeas, *Herm.* xli. 480, where see fig. Matz-Duhn. *Ant. Denk. in Rom.* ii. 2331); cf. Aristotle and Diogenes' proffered figs, *μετεωρίσας ὡς τὰ παῖδια*, *Diog. Laert.* v. 18.

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2 οἶος ὁμόσαι ταχύ, <έκων><sup>1</sup> κακῶς ἀκοῦσαι, λοι-  
 δορηθῆναι δυναμένοις,<sup>2</sup> τῷ ἦθει ἀγοραῖός τις καὶ  
 3 ἀνασευρμένος καὶ παντοποιός· ἀμέλει δυνατὸς  
 καὶ ὀρχεῖσθαι νήφων τὸν κόρδακα,<sup>3</sup> καὶ προσω-  
 πείον ἔχων ἐν κωμικῷ χορῷ περιάγειν ἐν τῷ  
 4 θεάτρῳ.<sup>4</sup> καὶ ἐν θαύμασι δὲ τοὺς χαλκοῦς ἐκ-  
 λέγειν καθ' ἕκαστον περιῶν<sup>5</sup> καὶ μάχεσθαι τούτοις  
 τοῖς τὸ σύμβολον φέρουσι<sup>6</sup> καὶ προῖκα θεωρεῖν  
 5 ἀξιούσι. δεινὸς δὲ καὶ πανδοκεῦσαι καὶ πορνο-  
 βοσκῆσαι καὶ τελωνῆσαι, καὶ μηδεμίαν αἰσχρὰν  
 ἐργασίαν ἀποδοκιμάσαι, ἀλλὰ κηρύττειν, μα-  
 6 γειρεύειν, κυβεύειν· τὴν μητέρα μὴ τρέφειν,  
 ἀπάγεσθαι κλοπῆς, τὸν κέραμον<sup>7</sup> πλείω χρόνον  
 7 οἰκεῖν ἢ τὴν αὐτοῦ οἰκίαν. καὶ τούτων<sup>8</sup> ἂν εἶναι  
 δόξειε τῶν περιῶσταμένων τοὺς ὄχλους καὶ προσ-  
 καλοῦντων, μεγάλη τῇ φωνῇ καὶ παρερρωγυῖα  
 λοιδορουμένων καὶ διαλεγομένων πρὸς αὐτούς· καὶ  
 οἱ μὲν μεταξὺ<sup>9</sup> προσίασιν, οἱ δὲ ἀπίασιν πρὶν  
 ἀκοῦσαι αὐτοῦ, ἀλλὰ τοῖς μὲν τὴν ἀρχήν, τοῖς  
 δὲ συλλαβήν, τοῖς δὲ μέρος τοῦ πράγματος λέγει,  
 οὐκ ἄλλως θεωρεῖσθαι ἀξιῶν τὴν ἀπόνοιαν αὐτοῦ  
 8 ἢ ὅταν ἦ παιγγυρις. ἱκανὸς δὲ καὶ δίκας τὰς  
 μὲν φεύγειν, τὰς δὲ διώκειν, τὰς δὲ ἐξόμνησθαι,  
 ταῖς δὲ παρεῖναι ἔχων ἐχῖνον<sup>10</sup> ἐν τῷ προκολπίῳ

1 Herw., cf. Men. 614 K      2 Foss, i.e. τοῖς δυν. ; a  
 parte. in the nom. (mss) cannot be right : or omit λοιδ. δυν.  
 as gloss !      3 Sch. κόρδαξ εἶδος ὀρχήσεως αἰσχρᾶς καὶ  
 ἀπρεποῖς      4 περιάγειν ἐν θεατρῷ (sic) only in M. introd.  
 p. 24      5 Needh. i.e. περιῶν : mss παριῶν      6 some mss  
 omit τοῖτοις      7 only M : others have the gloss δεσμωτήριον  
 8 Needh : mss τοῖτο δ', τοῦτ' ἂν      9 E : mss μεταξὺ οἱ μὲν  
 10 Sch. ἐχῖνος ἐστὶ σκεῖος χαλκοῦν τῆς δικαστικῆς τραπέζης. ἐν ᾧ  
 τὰ γράμματα ἤγουν τὰς ψήφους ἀπετίθεσαν

## CHARACTER VI

or Wilfully Disreputable man <sup>a</sup> is quick to pledge his name, tolerant of slander, abusive of the great,<sup>b</sup> of a ne'er-do-weel, decency-be-damned, devil-may-care disposition. He is the man, I warrant you,<sup>c</sup> to dance the cordax sober, and when he wears a mask in a comic chorus to twist it hind-part before in the face of the house.<sup>d</sup> At a show he will go round collecting the pence from every man severally, and wrangle with such as bring the ticket and claim to look on for nothing. He will keep inns and brothels, he will farm the taxes; crier, cook, dicing-house man,<sup>e</sup> there's no trade so low but he'll follow it. He will turn his mother out of doors,<sup>f</sup> be apprehended for larceny,<sup>g</sup> spend longer time in the lock-up than in his own house. He would seem to be of those who gather crowds and abuse them and argue with them in a loud cracked voice, while some will come after he is begun and others go before he ends, this getting but the prologue, that the summing-up, the other a morsel of the theme itself, and no occasion reckoned so pat to his purpose as a fair.<sup>h</sup> In the courts of law he is alike fitted to play plaintiff or defendant; he may refuse his testimony on oath, or come to give it with a

<sup>a</sup> Perverse? *cf.* E. A. Poe, *The Black Cat*. Abandoned?

<sup>b</sup> Or, without emendation, 'able to be abused' (gloss; *δίναμαι* with pass. inf. is very rare in classical Greek).

<sup>c</sup> *Cf.* xiii. n. a.

<sup>d</sup> *Cf.* *περιάγ. τὴν κεφαλὴν, τὸν τράχηλον, κτλ.*: or 'do the scene-shifting in his mask'? *cf.* *περίακτοι*.

<sup>e</sup> The context belies the usual meaning 'dice-player.'

<sup>f</sup> Such people were classed by law as evil-livers and lost the right to speak in the Assembly, *cf.* Aesch. 1. 28, Diog. L. i. 55.

<sup>g</sup> *Cf.* Andoc. *Myst.* 1. 74.

<sup>h</sup> This sentence is perhaps an interpolation.



9 καὶ ὄρμαθους γραμματειδίων ἐν ταῖς χερσίν. οὐκ ἀποδοκιμάζειν δὲ ἄλλ' οὐδὲ πολλῶν ἀγοραίων στρατηγεῖν<sup>1</sup> καὶ εὐθὺς τούτοις δανείζειν καὶ τῆς δραχμῆς τόκον τρία ἡμιωβόλια τῆς ἡμέρας πράττεσθαι, καὶ ἐφοδεύειν τὰ μαγειρεῖα, τὰ ἰχθυοπώλια, τὰ ταριχοπώλια, καὶ τοὺς τόκους <τοὺς><sup>2</sup> ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐμπολήματος εἰς τὴν γνάθον ἐκλέγειν.<sup>3</sup>

ΛΑΛΙΑΣ Ζ'

Ἡ δὲ λαλιά, εἴ τις αὐτὴν ὀρίζεσθαι βούλοιο, εἶναι ἂν δόξειεν ἀκρασία τοῦ λόγου, ὃ δὲ λαλὸς <sup>2</sup> τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος τῷ ἐντυγχάνοντι εἰπεῖν, ἂν ὅτιοῦν πρὸς αὐτὸν φθέγγηται, ὅτι οὐθέν λέγει, καὶ ὅτι αὐτὸς πάντα οἶδεν, καὶ ὅτι ἂν ἀκούῃ <sup>3</sup> αὐτοῦ μαθήσεται· καὶ μεταξὺ δὲ ἀποκρινομένων ὑποβαλεῖν<sup>4</sup> εἶπας· Σὺ μὴ<sup>5</sup> ἐπιλάθῃ ὃ μέλλεις λέγειν, καὶ Εὐ γε ὅτι με ὑπέμνησας, καὶ Τὸ λαλεῖν ὡς χρήσιμόν που, καὶ Ὁ παρέλιπον, καὶ Ταχύ γε συνήκας τὸ πρᾶγμα, καὶ Πάλαι σε παρετήρουν εἰ ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ἐμοὶ κατενεχθήσῃ· καὶ ἑτέρας ἀρχὰς<sup>6</sup> τοιαύτας πορίσασθαι, ὥστε <sup>4</sup> μὴδ' ἀναπνεῦσαι τὸν ἐντυγχάνοντα· καὶ ὅταν γε τοὺς καθ' ἓνα ἀποκναίῃ,<sup>7</sup> δεινὸς καὶ ἐπὶ τοὺς

<sup>1</sup> ἀποδοκιμάζειν Meier: mss -ων: ἀλλ' οὐδὲ E, cf. xxviii. 5 and Ar. *Nub.* 1395, Dem. 19. 37: mss οὐδ' ἀμα: Diels' ἀλλαντοπωλεῖν does not suit the sequel <sup>2</sup> Nav.

<sup>3</sup> LATE ADDITION: (10) ἐρωῶδεις δὲ εἰσιν οἱ τὸ στόμα εἴλωτον ἔχοντες πρὸς λαιδορίαν καὶ φθιγγόμενοι μεγάλη τῆ φωνῆ, ὡς συνηχεῖν αὐτοῖς τὴν ἀγορὰν καὶ τὰ ἐργαστήρια <sup>4</sup> mss ὑποβάλλε(ν), ἐπιβ. (introd. p. 21): or ὑπολαβεῖν (old corr. ?) <sup>5</sup> mss also Εἶπας σὺ: μὴ <sup>6</sup> mss also ἀφορμὰς

<sup>7</sup> old variant ἀπογυμνάση (early corruption of the spelling ἀπογναίση?): Nav. ἀπογυμνάση



## CHARACTERS VI—VII

sealed box in his coat and bundles of documents <sup>a</sup> in his hands. Nor loath is he, neither, to play captain to much riff-raff of the market, lending them money the moment they ask it, and exacting three ha'pence a day usury on every shilling. And he makes his rounds of the cookshops, the fishmongers', the salters', and collects his share of their takings in his cheek.<sup>b</sup>

### VII. LOQUACITY

Loquacity, should you wish to define it, would seem to be an incontinence of speech; and the Loquacious man will say to any that meets him, if he but open his lips, 'You are wrong; I know all about it, and if you will listen to me you shall learn the truth.' And in the midst of the other's answer he whispers him <sup>c</sup> such words as these: 'Pray bethink you what you are about to say'; or 'I thank you for reminding me'; or 'There's nothing like a talk, is there?' or 'I forgot to say'; or 'You have not taken long to understand it'; or 'I had long expected you would come round to my way of thinking'; and provides himself other such openings, so that his friend can hardly get his breath. And when he has worn out <sup>d</sup> such as go singly, he

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* papyrus-rolls strung together.

<sup>b</sup> The usual place for carrying *small* change, *cf.* Ar. *Eccl.* 818.

LATE ADDITION: Troublesome indeed are those who always have their tongue ready to let slip for abuse, and talk with loud voices; who make the market and the work-shops to ring with their words.

<sup>c</sup> Or 'interrupts him with.'

<sup>d</sup> Or perhaps 'disarmed.'

## THEOPHRASTUS

ἄθροους<sup>1</sup> συνεστηκότας πορευθῆναι καὶ φυγεῖν  
 5 ποιῆσαι μεταξὺ χρηματίζοντας. καὶ εἰς τὰ διδα-  
 σκαλεῖα δὲ καὶ εἰς τὰς παλαιίστρας εἰσιὼν κωλύειν  
 τοὺς παῖδας προμανθάνειν, τοσαῦτα καὶ προσ-  
 6 λαλεῖν τοῖς παιδοτρίβαις καὶ διδασκάλοις. καὶ  
 τοὺς ἀπιέναι φάσκοντας δεινὸς προπέμψαι καὶ  
 7 ἀποκαταστήσαι εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν.<sup>2</sup> καὶ πυθόμενος  
 τὰς ἐκκλησίας ἀπαγγέλλειν, προσδιηγῆσασθαι δὲ  
 καὶ τὴν ποτε<sup>3</sup> γενομένην τοῖν ῥητόροιν μάχην,<sup>4</sup>  
 καὶ οὓς ποτε λόγους αὐτὸς εἶπας εὐδοκίμησεν<sup>5</sup> ἐν  
 8 τῷ δήμῳ· καὶ κατὰ τῶν πληθῶν γε ἅμα διηγού-  
 μενος κατηγορίαν παρεμβαλεῖν, ὥστε τοὺς ἀκούον-  
 τας ἦτοι ἐπιλαθέσθαι ἢ νυστάξαι ἢ μεταξὺ κατα-  
 9 λιπόντας<sup>6</sup> ἀπαλλάττεσθαι. καὶ συνδικάζων δὲ κω-  
 λῦσαι κρίναι, καὶ συνθεωρῶν θεάσασθαι, καὶ συν-  
 δειπνῶν φαγεῖν, λέγων ὅτι χαλεπὸν τῷ λαλῶ  
 ἐστὶ σιωπᾶν, καὶ ὡς ἐν ὑγρῷ ἐστὶν ἢ γλῶττα,  
 καὶ ὅτι οὐκ ἂν σιωπήσειεν οὐδ' εἰ τῶν χελιδόνων  
 10 δόξειεν εἶναι λαλίστερος. καὶ σκωπτόμενος ὑπο-  
 μείναι καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν αὐτοῦ παιδίων, ὅταν αὐτὸς  
 ἦδη καθεύδειν βουλόμενος κελεύῃ, λεγόντων Τᾶτα,<sup>7</sup>  
 λαλεῖν τι ἡμῖν, ὅπως ἂν ἡμᾶς ὕπνος τις<sup>8</sup> λάβῃ.

<sup>1</sup> some mss insert *καὶ*, but Nav. compares Plat. *Lys.* init.. Xen. *An.* vii. 4. 47

<sup>2</sup> mss also *ἐκ τῆς οἰκίας* (but cf. ἐκκεκρομένῳ xxx. 11)

<sup>3</sup> some mss *τὴν ἐπὶ Ἀριστοφάντος τότε (ποτε)*, incorporating gloss

<sup>4</sup> Diels-Hottinger: mss τοῦ ῥήτορος μ. and add, after incorporation of gloss, *καὶ τὴν Λακεδαιμονίους (-ων) ἐπὶ (ἐπι) Λισινδῶροι*, confusing the archon of 330 with the member of the Four Hundred: a *real* battle has no point here

<sup>5</sup> arch. recorded variant *εἶπεν εὐδοκίμησας*

## CHARACTER VII

is prone to march upon those who stand together in troops, and put them to flight in the midst of their business. It is a habit of his to go into the schools and wrestling-places and keep the children from learning their tasks, he talks so much to their teachers and trainers.<sup>a</sup> And if you say you must go your ways, he loves to bear you company and see you to your doorstep. And when he has news of the meetings of Assembly he retails it, with the addition of an account of the famous battle of the orators,<sup>b</sup> and the speeches he too was used to make there so greatly to his credit, all this interlarded with tirades against democracy, till his listeners forget what it is all about, or fall half-asleep, or get up and leave him to his talk. On a jury this man hinders your verdict, at the play your entertainment, at the table your eating, with the plea that it is hard for the talkative to hold his peace, or that the tongue grows in a wet soil, or he could not cease though he should outbabble the very swallows. And he is content to be the butt of his own children, who when it is late and he would fain be sleeping and bids them do likewise, cry ‘Talk to us, daddy, and then we shall go to sleep.’

<sup>a</sup> For construction *cf.* Aleiphr. ii. 32. 3 (iii. 31).

<sup>b</sup> Demosthenes and Aeschines in 330 B.C.

<sup>6</sup> Herw. <λαλοῦντα> καταλ. <sup>7</sup> *E* (Ribb. τατᾶ, but *cf.* Herod. i. 60 τᾶταλίξειν): mss αὐτὸν ἢ κ. βουλόμενον (βουλόμενον corr. to -να) κελ. λέγοντα ταῦτα: for omission of the second καθεύδειν *cf.* Dem. 54. 23 fin. <sup>8</sup> most mss omit τις, but (like ὅπως ἄν? and λαλεῖν) it may be baby-language.

## ΛΟΓΟΠΟΙΙΑΣ Η'

Ἡ δὲ λογοποιία ἐστὶ σύνθεσις ψευδῶν λόγων καὶ πράξεων ὧν βούλεται ὁ λογοποιῶν, ὁ δὲ  
 2 λογοποιὸς τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος ἀπαντήσας τῷ φίλῳ εὐθύς καταβαλὼν τὸ ἦθος<sup>1</sup> καὶ μειδιάσας ἐρωτῆσαι· Πόθεν σὺ καὶ πῶς ἔχεις καὶ ἔχεις τι περὶ τοῦδε εἰπεῖν καινόν;<sup>2</sup> καὶ ὡς ἐπιβάλλων<sup>3</sup> ἐρωτᾶν· Μὴ λέγεται τι καινότερον; καὶ μὴν  
 3 ἀγαθὰ γέ ἐστι τὰ λεγόμενα· καὶ οὐκ ἔασας ἀποκρίνασθαι εἰπεῖν· Τί λέγεις; οὐδὲν ἀκήκοας;  
 4 δοκῶ μοί σε εὐωχῆσειν καινῶν λόγων· καὶ ἔστιν αὐτῷ ἢ στρατιώτης <τις><sup>4</sup> ἢ παῖς Ἀστείου τοῦ ἀυλήτου ἢ Λύκων ὁ ἐργολάβος παραγεγονώς ἐξ αὐτῆς τῆς μάχης οὗ φησιν ἀκηκοέναι· αἱ μὲν οὖν ἀναφοραὶ τῶν λόγων τοιαυταί εἰσιν αὐτῷ<sup>5</sup> ὧν οὐδεὶς ἂν ἔχοι ἐπιλαβέσθαι<sup>6</sup>· διηγεῖται δὲ τούτους φάσκων λέγειν ὡς Πολυπέρχων καὶ ὁ βασιλεὺς  
 7 μάχην<sup>7</sup> νενίκηκε καὶ Κάσανδρος ἐζώγρηται· καὶ ἂν εἶπη τις αὐτῷ· Σὺ δὲ ταῦτα πιστεύεις; γεγονέναι φησὶ<sup>8</sup> τὸ πρᾶγμα· βοᾶσθαι γὰρ ἐν τῇ πόλει, καὶ τὸν λόγον ἐπεντείνειν, καὶ πάντα συμφωνεῖν, ταῦτά γὰρ λέγειν περὶ τῆς μάχης καὶ πολὺν τὸν  
 8 ζῶμον γεγονέναι· εἶναι δ' ἑαυτῷ<sup>9</sup> καὶ σημεῖον τὰ πρόσωπα τῶν ἐν τοῖς πράγμασιν, ὄραν γὰρ αὐτῶν<sup>10</sup> πάντων μεταβεβληκότα· λέγει δ' ὡς καὶ

<sup>1</sup> sc. τὸ ἐπὶ τοῦ προσώπου: cf. [Arist.] *Physiogr.* i. 805 b 2, and Eur. *Cycl.* 167 καταβαλλεῖν τὰς ὄφρῆς, Ar. *Vesp.* 655 χαλᾶν τὸ μετωπὸν, *Ach.* 1069 ἀνασπᾶν τὰς ὄφρῆς, *Amphis* 3. 305 M. ἐπαίρειν τὰς ὄφρῆς <sup>2</sup> introd. p. 24 <sup>3</sup> mss -βαλῶν <sup>4</sup> *E*  
<sup>5</sup> most mss -τοῦ <sup>6</sup> Cas: mss -λαθέσθαι <sup>7</sup> mss also μάχη <sup>8</sup> cf. Men. *Lyr.* 79: most mss omit γεγονέναι, all have φήσει <sup>9</sup> Diels: mss δὲ αὐτῷ <sup>10</sup> αὐτὸς τῶν?  
 mss also αὐτὸν

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### VIII. NEWSMAKING

News-making is the putting together of fictitious sayings and doings at a man's own caprice; and the Newsmaker is one that no sooner meets a friend than his face softens and he asks him with a smile 'Where do you come from? How do you? and Have you any news of this?' and throwing himself, so to speak, upon him 'Can there be any greater news?'<sup>a</sup> nay, and it is good news'; and without suffering him to answer, 'What?' cries he, 'have you heard nothing? methinks I can give you a rare feast.' And it seems he has some soldier, or a servant of Asteius the flute-player's,<sup>b</sup> or maybe Lycon the contractor, come straight from the battle-field, who has told him all about it. Thus his authorities are such as no man could lay hands on. Yet he recounts, with them for sponsors, how that Polyperchon and the King have won a battle, and Casander is taken.<sup>c</sup> And if it be asked him 'Do you believe this?' he will reply that it is so indeed, 'tis common talk, and the report gains ground, and everyone says the same; all agree about the battle, and the butchers' bill is very long<sup>d</sup>; he can tell it from the faces of the Government, they are all so changed. Moreover, he has been told in secret that they are keeping in

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Dem. *Phil.* i. 43. 10.

<sup>b</sup> Flute-playing was usual at sacrifices on the field of battle as elsewhere (Nav.).

<sup>c</sup> *Intro.* p. 5, and *Index*.

<sup>d</sup> *Lit.* 'the broth has been plentiful.'

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παρακήκοε παρὰ τούτοις κρυπτόμενόν τινα ἐν οἰκίᾳ ἤδη πέμπτην ἡμέραν ἦκοντα ἐκ Μακεδονίας ὃς πάντα ταῦτα εἶδε<sup>1</sup>. καὶ ταῦθ' ἅπαντα<sup>2</sup> διεξιὼν πῶς οἴεσθε πιθανῶς σχετλιάζων λέγει<sup>3</sup>. Δυστυχῆς Κάσανδρος· ὦ ταλαίπωρος· ἐνθυμῆ τὸ τῆς τύχης; <sup>10</sup> ἀλλ' οὖν ἰσχυρός <γε> γενόμενος<sup>4</sup>— καὶ Δεῖ δ' αὐτὸν σὲ μόνον εἰδέναι· πᾶσι δὲ τοῖς ἐν τῇ πόλει προσεδράμηκε λέγων.<sup>5</sup>

### ΑΝΑΙΣΧΥΝΤΙΑΣ Θ'

Ἡ δὲ ἀναισχυντία ἐστὶ μὲν, ὡς ὄρω λαβεῖν, καταφρόνησις δόξης αἰσχροῦ ἔνεκα κέρδους, ὃ δὲ <sup>2</sup> ἀναισχυντος τοιοῦτος, οἷος πρῶτον μὲν ὄν ἀποστερεῖ πρὸς τούτον ἀπελθὼν δανεῖξασθαι· εἶτα θύσας τοῖς θεοῖς αὐτὸς μὲν δειπνεῖν παρ' ἑτέρῳ, <sup>3</sup> τὰ δὲ κρέα ἀποτιθέει ἀλσι πάσας. καὶ ποι κεκλημένους,<sup>6</sup> προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν ἀκόλουθον δοῦναι ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης ἄρας κρέας καὶ ἄρτον, καὶ εἰπεῖν ἀκούοντων πάντων· Εὐωχοῦ, Τίβειε.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> mss also οἶδε

<sup>2</sup> mss πάντα, ταῦτα π., ταῦθ' ἅμα

<sup>3</sup> E: M σχετλιάζων ἐπάγειν, others σχετλιάζει(ν) λέγων

<sup>4</sup> E <sup>5</sup> LATE ADDITION: (11) τῶν τοιούτων ἀνθρώπων

τοιαῖα κατὰ τί ποτε βόλονται λογοποιοῦντες· οἱ γὰρ μόνον

ψεύδονται ἀλλὰ καὶ ἀλιτιτελή πλάττοισι (mss ἄως ἀπ-

αλλαττ.). (12) πολλάκις γὰρ αὐτῶν οἱ μὲν ἐν τοῖς βουτανείοις

περιστασεῖς ποιῶντες τὰ ἱμάτια ἀποβιβλάσασιν. οἱ δ' ἐν

τῇ στοᾷ πεύσασθαι καὶ ναυμαχίᾳ ρικῶντες ἐρήμοις οἰκᾶς ὠφλή-

κασιν. (13) εἴσι δ' οἱ καὶ πόλεις τῷ (mss πλείστοι) λόγῳ

κατὰ κρατος αἰσῶντες παρδευπνήσαν. (14) πάντ' ἤδη ταλαί-

πωρον αὐτῶν ἐστὶ τὸ ἐπιτήδειμα· ποῖα γὰρ (mss insert οἱ)

στοα. πᾶσαν δὲ ἐργαστησίον, ποῖον δὲ μέρος τῆς ἀγορᾶς οἱ οἱ

(mss οἱ or omit) διημερεύουσιν ἀπαιδᾶν ποιῶντες τοῖς ἀκούοντας·

(15) οἷτως καὶ καταπονῶσι ταῖς ψευδολογίαις. <sup>6</sup> only in

M (ποι κεκλ.) <sup>7</sup> mss also τιμᾶ. τιμῶντατε. Sch. only in M

Τίβει δοικτικὸν ὄνομα ὡς καὶ Δρουῶν καὶ Γέτας καὶ τὰ τοιαῖα

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close hiding one that came four days ago out of Macedonia who has seen it all.<sup>a</sup> While this long tale is telling, you cannot think how true to life are his cries of woe: 'Poor Casander! unhappy man! do you see how luck turns? Well, he was a strong man once, and now——!' and he ends with saying, 'But mind you, this must go no further,' albeit he has been running up to all the town to tell them of it.<sup>b</sup>

### IX. UNCONSCIONABLENESS

Unconscionableness, to define it, is a neglect of reputation for the sake of filthy lucre; and he is unconscionable who, in the first place, goes off and borrows of a creditor he has already refused to pay.<sup>c</sup> Next, when he sacrifices, he dines abroad, and lays by the meat of the victim in salt.<sup>d</sup> When he is a man's guest, he calls his lackey and takes and gives him bread and meat from the table, and says in the hearing of the whole company 'Fall you to and

<sup>a</sup> Or, 'knows everything.'

<sup>b</sup> LATE ADDITION: It is a marvel to me what object such men can have in making their news. They not merely tell lies, but forge tales that bring them no profit. For oftentimes have they lost their cloaks gathering crowds at the baths, or been cast in their suits-at-law by default a-winning battles by land or sea in the Porch, or it may be have missed their dinner taking cities by assault of word. Their manner of life is hard indeed; for what porch is there, or workshop, or part of the market-place which they do not haunt day in day out, to the utter undoing of their hearers, so do they weary them with their lying tales?

<sup>c</sup> (*cf.* ἀδικεῖ = he has wronged; Nav. compares Xen. *An.* vii. 6. 9, *Isoer.* 18. 53; for ἀπελθῶν *cf.* *Diog.* I. vi. 46.)

<sup>d</sup> Instead of feasting his friends on it; *cf.* *Men.* 518. 3 K.



4 καὶ ὄψωνῶν δὲ ὑπομνησκει τὸν κρεωπώλην εἴ  
 τι χρήσιμος αὐτῷ γέγονε, καὶ ἑστηκῶς πρὸς τῷ  
 σταθμῷ μαλίστα μὲν κρέας, εἰ δὲ μὴ, ὅσπουν εἰς  
 τὸν ζυγὸν<sup>1</sup> ἐμβαλεῖν, καὶ ἔαν μὲν λάθῃ,<sup>2</sup> εἰ δὲ μὴ,  
 ἀρπάσας ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης χολίκιον ἅμα γελῶν  
 5 ἀπαλλάττεσθαι. καὶ ξένοις δὲ αὐτοῦ θέαν ἀγοράσας  
 μὴ δοῦς τὸ μέρος θεωρεῖν, ἄγειν δὲ καὶ τοὺς  
 6 υἱεῖς εἰς τὴν ὑστεραίαν καὶ τὸν παιδαγωγόν. καὶ  
 ὅσα ἐωνημένος ἀξιά τις φέρει, μεταδοῦναι κελεῦσαι  
 7 καὶ αὐτῷ. καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν ἀλλοτρίαν οἰκίαν ἐλθὼν  
 δανεῖζεσθαι κριθάς, ποτὲ δὲ ἄχυρον,<sup>3</sup> καὶ ταῦτα  
 τοὺς χρήσαντας<sup>4</sup> ἀναγκάσαι ἀποφέρειν πρὸς αὐτούς.<sup>5</sup>  
 8 δεινὸς δὲ καὶ πρὸς τὰ χαλκεῖα τὰ ἐν τῷ βαλανεῖῳ  
 προσελθὼν καὶ βάψας ἀρύταιναν <βία><sup>6</sup> βοῶντος  
 τοῦ βαλανέως αὐτὸς αὐτοῦ καταχέασθαι, καὶ  
 εἶπεῖν ὅτι Λέλουμαι, ἀπιῶν, κάκεινου<sup>7</sup> οὐδεμί  
 σοι χάρις.

### ΜΙΚΡΟΛΟΓΙΑΣ I'

"Ἔστι δὲ ἡ μικρολογία φειδωλία τοῦ διαφόρου  
 ὑπὲρ τὸν καιρόν, ὁ δὲ μικρολόγος τοιοῦτός τις,  
 2 οἷος ἐν τῷ μηνὶ ἡμιωβόλιον ἀπαιτεῖν ἐλθῶν<sup>8</sup> ἐπὶ  
 3 τὴν οἰκίαν. καὶ συσσιτῶν<sup>9</sup> ἀριθμεῖν τε πόσας<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> masc. in this sense: mss also ζυγῶν, but with ἐμβαλεῖν this could only be taken as *into* not *for* his broth

<sup>2</sup> old var. ? : most mss λάβῃ, but *cf.* the reverse ἐπιλαθεῖσθαι viii. 4 : mss add εἰ ἔχει

<sup>3</sup> mss also ἄχυρα; for omission of the *win*-clause *cf.* Plat. *Theat.* 101 b. Andoc. I. 105

<sup>4</sup> Μ τοὺς χρῶντας: others χρῆσ.

<sup>5</sup> Ε: mss αὐτὸν

<sup>6</sup> Ε

<sup>7</sup> Λέλουμαι Herw., κάκεινου Ε: mss λέλουται ἀπ. κακεῖ; *cf.* Ar. *Pax* 1103

<sup>8</sup> most mss omit

<sup>9</sup> introd. p. 29

<sup>10</sup> varied order in mss, τε (τὰς or omit) κύλικας πόσας (ὀπόσας Ambr. P. introd. p. 29), πόσας κύλ., shows that κύλικας was in marg. arch. (gloss, *cf.* xiii. 4)



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welcome, Tibeius.' Buying meat he will remind the butcher of any good turn he has done him, and as he stands by the balance, throw into the scale a piece of meat or, failing that, a bone ;<sup>a</sup> which doing if he be not seen, well and good ; else, he will snatch a bit of tripe from the counter and away laughing. He takes places for foreign friends of his to see the play, and then sees it himself without paying his scot, and even takes his children the next day and their tutor to boot.<sup>b</sup> One that carries home something he has bought a bargain is bidden share it with him ; and he will go to a neighbour's to borrow to-day barley, to-morrow bran, and make the lender fetch it when he pays it back. He loves also to go up to the cauldrons at the baths, and dipping the ladle despite the cries of the bathing-man, do his own drenching, and exclaim as he runs off, 'I've had my bath, and no thanks to you for that !'

### X. PENURIOUSNESS

Penuriousness is an excessive economy of expenditure ; and the Penurious man is he that will come to a man's house ere the month run out for a farthings-worth of usury ; and at the club mess will reckon

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* after the weighing, and before the meat is lifted from the scale-pan.

<sup>b</sup> Apparently he takes a 'block,' say, of twelve seats, and makes it do for thirteen the first day, and for even more the second.

ἕκαστος πέπωκε, καὶ ἀπάρχεσθαι ἐλάχιστον τῇ  
 4 Ἀρτέμιδι τῶν συνδειπνούντων. καὶ ὅσα μικροῦ  
 τις πριάμενος λογίζεται <αὐτῷ, ἀποδοκιμάσαι  
 τοῖς ἀλλότρια δαπανῶσι><sup>1</sup> πάντα φάσκων <ὄνια><sup>2</sup>  
 εἶναι. καὶ οἰκετοῦ χύτραν ἔτην<sup>3</sup> ἢ λοπάδα κατ-  
 6 ἄξαντος εἰσπράξει ἀπὸ τῶν ἐπιτηδείων. καὶ τῆς  
 γυναικὸς ἐκβαλούσης<sup>4</sup> τρίχαλκον οἶος μεταφέρειν  
 τὰ σκεύη καὶ τὰς κλίνας καὶ τὰς κιβωτοὺς καὶ  
 7 διφᾶν τὰ καλύμματα. καὶ ἐάν τι πωλῆ, τοσοῦτου  
 8 ἀποδόσθαι ὥστε μὴ λυσιτελεῖν τῷ πριαμένῳ. καὶ  
 οὐκ ἂν ἐᾶσαι οὔτε συκοτραγῆσαι ἐκ τοῦ αὐτοῦ  
 κήπου,<sup>5</sup> οὔτε διὰ τοῦ αὐτοῦ ἀγροῦ πορευθῆναι,  
 οὔτε<sup>6</sup> ἐλαίαν ἢ φοῖνικα τῶν χάμαι πεπτωκότων<sup>7</sup>  
 ἀνελέσθαι. καὶ τοὺς ὄρους δ' ἐπισκοπεῖσθαι ὅση-  
 10 μέραι εἰ διαμένουσιν οἱ αὐτοί. δεινὸς δὲ καὶ  
 11 ὑπερημερίαν πρᾶξει καὶ τόκον τόκου· καὶ ἐστιῶν  
 12 δημότας μικρὰ τὰ κρέα κόψας παραθεῖναι· καὶ  
 13 ὄψωνῶν μηδὲν πριάμενος εἰσελθεῖν· καὶ ἀπ-  
 αγορεῦσαι τῇ γυναικὶ μήτε ἄλας χρημνύειν<sup>8</sup> μήτε  
 ἐλλύχιμον μήτε κύμινον μήτε ὀρίγανον μήτε ὀλᾶς<sup>9</sup>  
 14 τὰ μικρὰ ταῦτα πολλὰ ἐστι τοῦ ἐνιαυτοῦ. καὶ  
 τὸ ὅλον δὲ τῶν μικρολόγων καὶ τὰς ἀργυροθήκας

<sup>1</sup> *E*, e.g. (introd. p. 21)

<sup>2</sup> Unger

<sup>3</sup> *E*, cf. περυσιον *Ar. Ran.* 986: mss (AB and Ambr. P) εἶναι or omi

<sup>4</sup> old var. ἀποβ. but cf. *Ar. Thesm.* 181

<sup>5</sup> mss also σισποῦ

<sup>6</sup> perhaps εἰ μὴ ἐφ' ᾧ, μηδὲ *E*; cf. *M* μηδ' ἐάν δια τοῦ αὐτοῦ ἀγροῦ πορευέσθαι ἐφ' ᾧ μη συκοτραγῆσαι τις

<sup>7</sup> mss also κειμένων, whence Cob. χαμαιπετῶν (χ. unaccented in some mss)

<sup>8</sup> Foss: mss χρωιν.

<sup>9</sup> only *M*, others οἶλας

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how many cups each has drunk, and of all the company offer the leanest firstlings to Artemis.<sup>a</sup> When one that has struck him a bargain comes to the reckoning with him, he rejects what he has bought him, saying that you can afford anything with other people's money.<sup>b</sup> And if a servant of his break a year-old pot or dish he will subtract the price of it from his food. Should his wife drop a half-farthing, he is one that will shift pots, pans, cupboards, and beds, and rummage the curtains<sup>c</sup>; and should he have aught for sale, sell it for so great a price that the buyer will make nothing by it. No man may take a fig from his garden, nor pass through his land, nor pick up a wind-fallen olive or date<sup>d</sup>; and his landmarks are visited every day in the year to make sure they remain as they were. This man is given to distraining for a debt and exacting usury upon usury; to setting small slices of meat before his fellow-parishioners; to returning empty-handed when he goes a-marketing; and will forbid his wife to lend a neighbour salt, or a lampwick, or aniseed, or marjoram, or barley-groats, or garlands, or incense, 'for these little things,' says he 'come to so much in the year.' In fine<sup>e</sup> you may see the money-

<sup>a</sup> The club must have been an association under the patronage of Artemis, Ἀρτεμιασταί, probably for hunting purposes, *cf.* *C.I.A.* iv. 2. 1334 B (Holland).

<sup>b</sup> *i.e.* as principal he rejects a bargain struck in his behalf by a subordinate; but the reading is uncertain.

<sup>c</sup> Or, 'search between the floor-boards' (of the women's apartment, often upstairs), Studniczka.

<sup>d</sup> Or perhaps 'pass through his land except on condition that he will not pick up'; dates are the more in point because dates do not ripen well in Greece; *cf.* Xen. *An.* ii. 3. 15, Paus. ix. 19. 8.

<sup>e</sup> The remainder is perhaps an addition by another hand.

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ἔστιν ἰδεῖν εὐρωτίωσας καὶ τὰς κλείς ἰωμένας, καὶ αὐτοὺς δὲ φοροῦντας ἐλάττω τῶν μηρῶν<sup>1</sup> τὰ ἱμάτια, καὶ ἐκ ληκυθίων μικρῶν πάνυ ἀλειφομένους, καὶ ἐν χρῶ κειρομένους, καὶ τὸ μέσον τῆς ἡμέρας ὑπολουμένους,<sup>2</sup> καὶ πρὸς τοὺς γναφεῖς διατεινομένους ὅπως τὸ ἱμάτιον αὐτοῖς ἔξει πολλὴν <τὴν> γῆν, ἵνα μὴ ῥυπαίνηται ταχύ.

### ΒΔΕΛΥΡΙΑΣ ΙΑ'

Οὐ χαλεπὸν δὲ ἐστὶ τὴν βδελυρίαν διορίσασθαι·  
<sup>2</sup> ἔστι γὰρ παιδιὰ ἐπιφανῆς καὶ ἐπονείδιστος, ὁ δὲ βδελυρὸς τοιοῦτος, οἷος ἀπαντήσας<sup>3</sup> γυναιξὶν  
<sup>3</sup> ἐλευθέραις ἀνασυράμενος δεῖξαι τὸ αἰδοῖον· καὶ ἐν θεάτρῳ κροτεῖν ὅταν οἱ ἄλλοι παύωνται, καὶ συρίττειν οὓς ἠδέως θεωροῦσιν οἱ λοιποί· καὶ ὅταν σιωπήσῃ τὸ θέατρον ἀνακύψας ἐρυγεῖν, ἵνα  
<sup>4</sup> τοὺς καθημένους ποιήσῃ μεταστραφῆναι. καὶ πληθούσης τῆς ἀγορᾶς προσελθὼν πρὸς τὰ κάρνα ἢ τὰ μῆλα<sup>4</sup> ἢ τὰ <ἄλλα> ἀκρόδρυα<sup>5</sup> ἐστηκῶς τραγηματίζεσθαι ἅμα τῷ πωλοῦντι προσλαλῶν. καὶ καλέσαι δὲ τῶν παρόντων<sup>6</sup> ὀνομασί τινα ᾧ μὴ συνήθης ἐστί. καὶ σπεύδοντας δὲ ποι' ὀρώων  
<sup>6</sup> περιμεῖναι κελεῦσαι.<sup>8</sup> καὶ ἠττωμένῳ δὲ μεγάλῃν δίκην ἀπιόντι ἀπὸ τοῦ δικαστηρίου προσελθεῖν  
<sup>7</sup> καὶ συνησθῆναι. καὶ ὀψωνεῖν ἑαυτῷ<sup>9</sup> καὶ αὐλη-

<sup>1</sup> mss also μικρῶν and μετρῶν (μετρίων ?)

ὑποδοιμένους (Ambr. P ὑποδύμενος)

<sup>3</sup> some mss ὑπ. (from marg. arch., whence M ὑποδεικνύειν below)

<sup>4</sup> μέρτα

<sup>5</sup> as ἀκρ. either includes all fruit or means nuts as

<sup>2</sup> mss also

<sup>3</sup> some mss ὑπ. (from

<sup>4</sup> mss also

<sup>5</sup> as ἀκρ. either includes all fruit or means nuts as

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chests of the penurious covered in mould and their keys in rust, themselves wearing coats short of their thighs. You may see them anoint themselves from tiny oil-flasks, go close-shorn, put off their shoes at midday, and charge the fuller to give their coat plenty of earth so that it may stay the longer clean.

### XI. BUFFOONERY

It is not hard to define Buffoonery ; it is a naked and objectionable sportiveness ; and the Buffoon is one that will lift his shirt in the presence of free-born women ; and at the theatre will applaud when others cease, hiss actors whom the rest of the audience approves, and raise his head and hiccup when the house is silent, so that he may make the spectators look round. You will find him standing at the time of full-market where they sell nuts or apples or other fruits, and eating of them while he talks to the seller. He will call by name one of the company with whom he is not well acquainted ; and should he see any man in a hurry, is sure to bid him wait. One that has lost a great suit he will accost on his way from court and give him his congratulations. He will do his own marketing and hire flute-

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opposed to soft fruit, *ὀπώρα*, we must either read τὰ ἄλλα ἀκρ. or suppose τὰ κάρνα to be a gloss <sup>6</sup> mss also *παριόντων* <sup>7</sup> Cas: mss *πον* <sup>8</sup> some mss omit π. κ. (introd. p. 18) <sup>9</sup> Cas: mss *ἐαυτὸν* or *αὐτὸν*

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8 τρίδας μισθοῦσθαι, καὶ δεικνύειν δὲ τοῖς ἀπαντῶσι  
 9 τὰ ὠφωνημένα καὶ παρακαλεῖν Ἐπὶ ταῦτα,<sup>1</sup> καὶ  
 10 διηγείσθαι προστάς<sup>2</sup> πρὸς κουρέιον ἢ μυροπώλιον  
 11 ὅτι μεθύσκεσθαι μέλλει.<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἐξ ὀριυθοσκοποῦ τῆς  
 12 μητρὸς εἰσελθούσης<sup>4</sup> βλασφημῆσαι· καὶ εὐχομένων  
 καὶ σπεινδόντων ἐκβαλεῖν<sup>5</sup> τὸ ποτήριον καὶ γελάσαι  
 ὡσπερ ἀστεῖόν τι<sup>6</sup> πεποιηκώς· καὶ αὐλούμενος δὲ  
 κροτεῖν ταῖς χερσὶ μόνος τῶν ἄλλων, καὶ συν-  
 τερετίζειν καὶ ἐπιτιμᾶν τῇ ἀλλητρίδι ὅτι οὕτω  
 ταχὺ παύσαιτο<sup>7</sup>· καὶ ἀποπτύσαι δὲ βουλόμενος,  
 ὑπὲρ τῆς τραπέζης προσπτύσαι τῷ οἰνοχόῳ.

### ΑΚΑΙΡΙΑΣ IB'

Ἡ μὲν οὖν ἀκαιρία ἐστὶν ἀπότευξις <καιροῦ><sup>8</sup>  
 λυπούσα τοὺς ἐντυγχάνοντας, ὁ δὲ ἀκαιρος τοιοῦ-  
 2 τός τις, οἷος ἀσχολουμένῳ προσελθὼν ἀνα-  
 3 κοινοῦσθαι· καὶ πρὸς τὴν αὐτοῦ ἐρωμένην κω-  
 4 μάξειν πυρέττουσαν· καὶ δίκην ὠφληκότα ἐγγύης  
 5 προσελθὼν κελεῦσαι αὐτὸν ἀναδέξασθαι· καὶ μαρ-  
 τυρήσων παρεῖναι τοῦ πράγματος ἤδη κεκριμένου·  
 6 καὶ κεκλημένος εἰς γάμους τοῦ γυναικείου γένους  
 7 κατηγορεῖν· καὶ ἐκ μακρᾶς ὁδοῦ ἤκοντας<sup>9</sup> ἄρτι  
 8 παρακαλεῖν εἰς περίπατον. δεινὸς δὲ καὶ προσ-

<sup>1</sup> the use of ταῦτα rather than αἰτῆ suggests his actual words, cf. τὰ τῆν xxiii. *μη.*: Nav. δαῖτα, cf. Xen. Cyr. iv. 2. 37, Plat. *Phaedr.* 247 b

<sup>2</sup> Fraenkel-Groeneboom: mss προστάς

<sup>3</sup> here follows, in all mss but V, xxx. § 5 καὶ οἰνοπωλῶν—§ 16 λάβωσι; most editors transfer hither from xix. the following passage; for early misplacements see introd. pp. 17 ff. <sup>4</sup> mss εἰς (V εἰς ἐξ) ὄρν. and ἐξελθ. <sup>5</sup> Cas: mss ἐμ.β. <sup>6</sup> Bernard, cf. Lys. 24. 18: mss ὡς τελέστων τι

<sup>7</sup> Eberhard: V τί οὐ ταχὺ παύσαιτο, others μή ταχὺ παύσαιμένη (emendation of mutilated text) <sup>8</sup> Schn: mss ἐπίτευξις (M ἐντ.) <sup>9</sup> mss also -τα

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players himself; he will show his friends the good things he has bought, and invite them then and there to 'come and eat this with me'; and will stand beside the shop of the barber or the perfumer, and tell the world that he is about to get drunk. He will use words of ill-omen when his mother returns from <sup>a</sup> the diviner's; and while the company is at their prayers and libations, will drop the cup and laugh as if he had done something clever. When he is listening to the fluteplayer he will be the only man present to beat time, and will whistle the air, and chide the girl for stopping so soon. And when he would spit something out, he spits it across the table at the butler.

### XII. TACTLESSNESS

Now Tactlessness is a pain-giving failure to hit upon the right moment; and your Tactless man he that will accost a busy friend and ask his advice, or serenade his sweetheart when she is sick of a fever. He will go up to one that has gone bail and lost it, and pray him be his surety; and will come to bear witness <sup>b</sup> after the verdict is given. Should you bid him to a wedding, he will inveigh against womankind. Should you be but now returned from a long journey, he will invite you to a walk. He is given to bringing you one that

<sup>a</sup> Or is gone out to.

<sup>b</sup> Really to guarantee the correctness of his evidence when read by the clerk; it would have been taken at the preliminary proceedings (Nav.).

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9 ἀγειν ὠνητήν πλείω διδόντα ἤδη πεπρακότι· καὶ  
 ἀκηκοότας καὶ μεμαθηκότας ἀνίστασθαι ἐξ  
 10 ἀρχῆς διδάξων.<sup>1</sup> καὶ προθύμως<sup>2</sup> δὲ ἐπιμεληθῆναι  
 ἂ μὴ βούλεται τις γενέσθαι αἰσχύνεται δὲ ἀπ-  
 11 είπασθαι. καὶ θύοιτας καὶ ἀναλίσκοντας<sup>3</sup> ἤκειν  
 12 τόκον ἀπαιτήσων. καὶ μαστιγουμένου οἰκέτου  
 παρεστῶς διηγείσθαι ὅτι καὶ αὐτοῦ ποτε παῖς  
 13 οὕτως πληγὰς λαβὼν ἀπήγξατο. καὶ παρῶν  
 διαίτη συγκρούειν ἀμφοτέρων βουλομένων δια-  
 14 λύεσθαι. καὶ ὀρχησόμενος<sup>4</sup> ἄψασθαι ἐτέρου μη-  
 δέπω μεθύοντος.

### ΠΕΡΙΕΡΓΙΑΣ ΙΓ'

Ἄμέλει ἢ περιεργία δόξει εἶναι προσποιήσις  
 τις λόγων καὶ πράξεων μετ' εὐνοίας, ὃ δὲ περί-  
 2 εργος τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος ἐπαγγέλλεσθαι ἀναστὰς  
 3 ἂ μὴ δυνησεται· καὶ ὁμολογουμένου τοῦ πράγ-  
 ματος δικαίου εἶναι ἐνί τινι ἐνστάς<sup>5</sup> ἐλεγχθῆναι.  
 4 καὶ πλείω<sup>6</sup> δὲ ἐπαναγκάσαι τὸν παῖδα κεράσαι  
 ἢ ὅσα δύνανται οἱ παρόντες ἐκπιεῖν. καὶ διείρ-  
 γειν τοὺς μαχομένους καὶ οὓς οὐ γινώσκει. καὶ  
 6 ἀτραποῦ ἠγήσασθαι τὴν ὁδὸν καταλιπών,<sup>7</sup> εἶτα  
 7 μὴ δύνασθαι εὐρεῖν ἢ πορεύηται.<sup>8</sup> καὶ τὸν

<sup>1</sup> Cor: mss -σκων      <sup>2</sup> Blaydes: mss -μος      <sup>3</sup> introd. p. 14  
<sup>4</sup> Cas: mss -άμενος      <sup>5</sup> E: mss ἐνστάς, ἐν τινι  
 στάς      <sup>6</sup> sc. ποτήμα, cf. X. 3      <sup>7</sup> all mss but M omit τῆν  
 ὁ. κ. (καταλιπεῖν c after πορεύεται), introd. p. 18      <sup>8</sup> -ηται  
 only M: other mss -εται: mss οἱ (corr. to ἦ in marg. arch.,  
 whence the variant ἦς for οὓς above)

<sup>a</sup> A comparison of the uses of ἀμέλει by Plato, Xenophon, and the Comic poets shows that it introduces or



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will pay more when your bargain is struck ; and to rising from his seat to tell a tale all afresh to such as have heard it before and know it well. He is forward to undertake for you what you would not have done but cannot well decline. If you are sacrificing and put to great expense, that is the day he chooses to come and demand his usury. At the flogging of your servant he will stand by and tell how a boy of his hanged himself after just such a flogging as this ; at an arbitration he will set the parties by the ears when both wish to be reconciled ; and when he would dance, lay hold of another who is not yet drunk.

### XIII. OFFICIOUSNESS

Officiousness, of course,<sup>a</sup> will seem to be a well-meaning over-assumption of responsibility in word or deed ; and the Officious man one that is like to stand up<sup>b</sup> and promise to contribute what is beyond his means ; and to object to some one particular of a matter on all hands admitted just, and be refuted. He will make his butler mingle more wine than the company can drink up ; will part any that fight together even though he know them not ; will leave the high-road to show you a footpath and then

reinforces a reply or virtual reply, with some such meaning as ' Never fear,' ' Oh that's all right,' *cf.* Modern Greek *ἔννοια σοῦ* ; in Luc. and [Arist.] it varies between ' for instance ' and ' at any rate ' (*cf.* *γούνη*) ; in T. the suppressed question is ' What is Officiousness, etc. ? ' At the beginning of a Char. it suggests ' I can easily answer that,' *cf.* xi. *init.* ' It is not hard to define Buffoonery ' ; and later in a piece it repeats the same idea ; the notion that it means ' and moreover,' except perhaps in late writers, is a mistake.

<sup>b</sup> Probably in the Assembly, *cf.* xxii. 5.

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στρατηγὸν προσελθὼν ἐρωτῆσαι πότε μέλλει  
 παρατάττεσθαι, καὶ τί μετὰ τὴν αὔριον παραγ-  
 5 γελεῖ.<sup>1</sup> καὶ προσελθὼν τῷ πατρὶ εἰπεῖν ὅτι ἡ  
 μήτηρ ἤδη καθεύδει ἐν τῷ δωματίῳ. καὶ  
 10 ἀπαγορεύοντος τοῦ ἱατροῦ ὅπως μὴ δώσει οἶνον  
 τῷ μαλακιζομένῳ,<sup>2</sup> φήσας βούλεσθαι διαπειρᾶν  
 δοῦναι <καὶ> ἀνατροπίσαι<sup>3</sup> τὸν κακῶς ἔχοντα.<sup>4</sup>  
 15 καὶ γυναικὸς δὲ τελευτησάσης ἐπιγράψαι ἐπὶ  
 τὸ μνήμα τοῦ τε ἀνδρὸς αὐτῆς καὶ τοῦ πατρὸς  
 καὶ τῆς μητρὸς καὶ αὐτῆς τῆς γυναικὸς τοῦνομα καὶ  
 ποδαπή ἐστι, καὶ προσεπιγράψαι ὅτι Οὗτοι πάντες  
 11 χρηστοὶ ἦσαν. καὶ ὁμνῦναι μέλλων εἰπεῖν πρὸς  
 τοὺς περιεστηκότας ὅτι Καὶ πρότερον πολλάκις  
 ὁμώμοκα.

### ΑΝΑΙΣΘΗΣΙΑΣ ΙΔ΄

Ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ ἀναισθησία, ὡς ὄρω εἰπεῖν,  
 βραδύτης ψυχῆς ἐν λόγοις καὶ πράξεσιν, ὁ δὲ  
 2 ἀναίσθητος τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος λογισάμενος ταῖς  
 ψήφοις καὶ κεφάλαιον ποιήσας ἐρωτᾶν τὸν παρα-  
 3 καθήμενον Τί γίνεται; καὶ δίκην φεύγων καὶ  
 ταύτην εἰσιέναι μέλλων ἐπιλαθόμενος εἰς ἀγρὸν  
 4 πορεύεσθαι, καὶ θεωρῶν ἐν τῷ θεάτρῳ μόνος  
 5 καταλείπεσθαι καθεύδων. καὶ πολλὰ φαγὼν τῆς  
 νυκτὸς<sup>5</sup> ἐπὶ θάκου ἀνίστασθαι<sup>6</sup> <καὶ ἐπαιῶν  
 νυστάξαι καὶ τὴν θύραν ἀλλογιόσας><sup>7</sup> ὑπὸ

<sup>1</sup> most mss παραγγελεῖ

<sup>2</sup> mss also κελωπιζομένῳ

<sup>3</sup> *E.* cf. τροπίω: mss βολίει εἶναι διαπειραν λαμβάνειν (cf. Diog. L. vii. 36) ἀνατροπίσαι

<sup>4</sup> these three words are

perh. a gloss <sup>5</sup> mss add καὶ <sup>6</sup> introd. p. 21: mss also ἐπὶ (ἀπὸ) θάκου; all mss ἀνίσταμενος (hence the interpolated καὶ): for ἀνιστ. ἐπὶ cf. Dem. lix. 34 (πρὸς); cf. also Ar. *Lys.* 1215 <sup>7</sup> *E* e.g. (introd. p. 21)

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lose his way. He is the man that goes up to the general and asks when he means to give battle, or what his orders <sup>a</sup> will be for the day after to-morrow ; and to his father and says that his mother is by this time asleep in their chamber. When a sick person is forbid wine by the physician, he says that he'll make an experiment, and giving it him puts the poor fellow on his beam-ends. He will inscribe on a woman's tombstone the names of her husband and both her parents as well as her own name and birth-place, adding ' All these were worthy people.' And when he goes to take his oath he remarks to the bystanders ' This is by no means the first oath I have taken.' <sup>b</sup>

### XIV. STUPIDITY

Stupidity, to define it, is a slowness of mind in word and deed ; and the Stupid man he, that after he has cast up an account, will ask one that sits by what it comes to ; when a summons has been taken against him, forgets about it and goes out to his farm on the very day he is to appear ; when he goes to the play is left at the end fast asleep in an empty house. When after a hearty supper he has to get up in the night, he returns only half awake, and missing the right door is bitten by his neighbour's

<sup>a</sup> Or the watchword, *cf.* Xen. i. 8. 15 f. (Nav.).

<sup>b</sup> *Cf.* Men. *Pk.* 569 K.

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6 κυνός τῆς τοῦ γείτονος δηχθῆναι. καὶ λαβῶν τι<sup>1</sup>  
 καὶ ἀποθεὶς αὐτὸς τοῦτο ζητεῖν καὶ μὴ δύνασθαι  
 7 εὔρεῖν. καὶ ἀπαγγέλλοντός τινος αὐτῷ ὅτι τετε-  
 λεύτηκέ τις αὐτοῦ τῶν φίλων, ἵνα παραγένηται,  
 σκυθρωπάσας καὶ δακρύσας εἰπεῖν Ἀγαθῇ τύχῃ.  
 8 δεινὸς δὲ καὶ ἀπολαμβάνων ἀργύριον ὀφειλόμενον  
 9 μάρτυρας παραλαβεῖν· καὶ χειμῶνος ὄντος μάχε-  
 10 σθαι τῷ παιδί ὅτι σικύους οὐκ ἠγόρασεν· καὶ τὰ  
 παιδιὰ<sup>2</sup> παλαίειν ἀναγκάζων καὶ τροχάζειν εἰς κό-  
 11 πους ἐμβάλλειν.<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἐν ἀγρῷ αὐτοῖς φακῆν ἔψων  
 δις ἄλλας εἰς τὴν χύτραν ἐμβαλὼν ἄβρωτον ποιῆσαι·  
 12 καὶ ὕοντος τοῦ Διὸς εἰπεῖν Ἡδύ γε τῶν ἄστρον  
 ὄζει, ὅτε δὴ οἱ ἄλλοι λέγουσι τῆς γῆς<sup>4</sup>· καὶ λέγοντός  
 13 τινος Πόσους οἶε κατὰ τὰς ἱερὰς πύλας ἐξενηνέχ-  
 θαι<sup>5</sup> νεκρούς; πρὸς τοῦτον εἰπεῖν Ὅσοι ἐμοὶ καὶ σοὶ  
 γένοιτο.

### ΑΥΘΑΔΕΙΑΣ ΙΕ'

Ἡ δὲ αὐθάδειά ἐστιν ἀπήγεια ὁμιλίας ἐν λόγοις,<sup>6</sup>  
 2 ὁ δὲ αὐθάδης τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος ἐρωτηθεὶς Ὁ  
 δεῖνα ποῦ ἐστιν; εἰπεῖν Πράγματά μοι μὴ  
 3 πάρεχε· καὶ προσαγορευθεὶς μὴ ἀντιπροσειπεῖν·  
 4 καὶ πωλῶν τι μὴ λέγειν τοῖς ὠνούμενοις πόσου  
 5 ἂν ἀποδοῖτο, ἀλλ' ἐρωτᾶν τί εὐρίσκει· καὶ τοῖς  
 τιμῶσι καὶ πέμπουσιν εἰς τὰς ἐορτὰς εἰπεῖν ὅτι  
 6 οὐκ ἂν γένοιτο διδόμενα.<sup>7</sup> καὶ οὐκ ἔχει<sup>8</sup> συγ-

<sup>1</sup> only in M and Ambr. E and I  
(gloss. cf. xix. 5, xx. 5)

<sup>2</sup> mss add ἑαυτοῦ

<sup>3</sup> mss also κόπον ἐμβαλεῖν

<sup>4</sup> ὄζει Cor., ὅτε Jebb, τῆς γῆς Schw: mss νομίζει (corr. of νόζει?) ὅτι and πίσεως (πήσεως): mss δὴ καὶ οἱ, δὴ καὶ, δὴ οἱ

<sup>5</sup> mss also ἐξενηχθῆναι

<sup>6</sup> καὶ πράξεσιν, Herw.

<sup>7</sup> <προίκα τὰ> διδ. Nav.

<sup>8</sup> mss ἔχων

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dog.<sup>a</sup> If he receive a gift and put it away with his own hands, he cannot find it when he seeks it. If he be told of a friend's death so that he may come to the house,<sup>b</sup> his face falls, tears come to his eyes, and he says 'Good luck to him!' He is given to calling witnesses to the repayment of money he has lent; to quarrelling with his man for not buying cucumbers in the winter; to making his children wrestle and run till they are tired out. When he boils his men's lentil-broth at the farm, he puts salt in the pot twice over and makes it uneatable. When it rains he remarks 'What a sweet smell from the sky!' whereas others say 'from the ground.' And when you ask him 'How many funerals do you think have passed the Sacred Gate?' he replies 'I only wish you and I had so many.'

### XV. SURLINESS

Surliness is a harshness of behaviour in words; and the Surly man, when you ask him 'Where is so-and-so?' is like to reply 'Don't bother me'; and is often mum when you wish him good-day. If he be selling to you, he will ask what you will give,<sup>c</sup> instead of naming his price. Any that give him<sup>d</sup> complimentary gifts at feast-tide are told that they don't do that for nothing; and there is no pardon for

<sup>a</sup> Emendation doubtful.

<sup>b</sup> For the ceremonial *πρόθεσις* or laying-out.

<sup>c</sup> *Lit.* what it is worth (to you). <sup>d</sup> *Not necessarily* send.

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γνώμην οὔτε τῷ ἀπώσαντι αὐτὸν ἀκουσίως οὔτε τῷ  
 7 ἄρσαντι<sup>1</sup> οὔτε τῷ ἔμβαντι. καὶ φίλῳ δὲ ἔρανον  
 κελεύσαντι εἰσενεγκεῖν εἰπὼν ὅτι οὐκ ἂν δοίη,  
 ὕστερον ἦκειν φέρων καὶ λέγειν ὅτι ἀπόλλυσι  
 8 καὶ τοῦτο τὸ ἀργύριον. καὶ προσπταίσας ἐν τῇ  
 9 ὁδῷ δεινὸς καταράσασθαι τῷ λίθῳ. καὶ ἀνα-  
 10 μείναι οὐκ ἂν ὑπομείναι<sup>2</sup> πολὺν χρόνον οὐθένα·  
 καὶ οὔτε ἄσαι οὔτε ῥῆσιν εἰπεῖν οὔτε ὀρχήσασθαι  
 11 ἂν ἐθελήσαι.<sup>3</sup> δεινὸς δὲ καὶ τοῖς θεοῖς μὴ  
 ἐπεύχεσθαι.<sup>4</sup>

### ΔΕΙΣΙΔΑΙΜΟΝΙΑΣ ΙΣ<sup>5</sup>

Ἀμέλει ἢ δεισιδαιμονία δόξειεν ἂν εἶναι δειλία  
 1 τις<sup>6</sup> πρὸς τὸ δαιμόνιον, ὃ δὲ δεισίδαίμων τοιοῦτός  
 τις, οἷος ἐπ' Ἐπινακρούνου<sup>7</sup> ἀπονιψάμενος τὰς  
 χεῖρας καὶ περιρρανάμενος, ἀπὸ ἱεροῦ δάφνης<sup>8</sup> εἰς  
 τὸ στόμα λαβὼν, οὔτω τὴν ἡμέραν περιπατεῖν.  
 2 καὶ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰς ὑπερδράμη<sup>9</sup> γαλῆ, μὴ πρότερον

<sup>1</sup> Groeneboom, cf. Sen. Ben. vi. 9. 1 (ἀπώσαντι sugg. E): mss  
 ὤσαντι <sup>2</sup> E: mss ὑπομείναι <sup>3</sup> E: mss ἠθέλησε(ν),  
 μελήσαι <sup>4</sup> some mss add τέλος τῶν τοῦ Θεοφράστου  
 Χαρακτήρων· ἀλλ' ἐστίν, ὡ Θεοφράστε, χαλεπὸν καθαρὸς  
 τῶν τοιούτων ἰδεῖν ἐν τῷ βίῳ καὶ τῆς ἐν τοιούτοις κακίας ὅλως  
 ἀφεστηκότας. εἰ μὴ γὰρ τὰ πάντα δοκοῖη τις εἶναι κακός, τοῖς γοῖν  
 πλείοσι τοῦ χόρου τῶν ἀρίστων ἐξέωσται. ἢ τοίνυν σοὶ πειθομένοις  
 ἡμᾶς τὰς ἀπαντῶν ὄψεις φιλάττεσθαι δεῖ, ἢ κοιωνόοντας καὶ λογῶν  
 καὶ πράξεων, τὴν ἐκάστον γνώμην (mss also μνήμην) μιμῆσθαι.  
 ἀλλ' οἴτω μὲν κακίας ἐσμὸς καὶ ἀρετῆς ἀλλοτρίωσις ἔπεται, ἐκείνως  
 (mss -νοῖς) δὲ ἢ μισανθρώπια καὶ τὸ τοῦ Τιμῶνος ἔγκλημα. ταῦτι)

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such as unwittingly thrust him aside, bespatter him,<sup>a</sup> or tread on his toe. When a friend asks him the help of a subscription, it is certain he will first say he won't give it, and thereafter bring it saying 'Here's more good money gone!' He is prone, also, to curse the stone he stumbles over in the road. He will not abide to be kept long waiting; he always refuses to sing, recite, or dance.<sup>b</sup> He is apt, also, not to pray to the Gods.<sup>c</sup>

### XVI. SUPERSTITIOUSNESS

Superstitiousness, I need hardly say, would seem to be a sort of cowardice with respect to the divine<sup>d</sup>; and your Superstitious man such as will not sally forth for the day till he have washed his hands and sprinkled himself at the Nine Springs,<sup>e</sup> and put a bit of bay-leaf from a temple in his mouth. And if a cat cross his path he will not proceed on his way

<sup>a</sup> Or perhaps squeeze him (in a crowd).      <sup>b</sup> After supper.

<sup>c</sup> i.e. refuse to pray: or, regarding μή as a Christian interpolation, he is apt to curse even the Gods (cf. § 1).

<sup>d</sup> Or spiritual.

<sup>e</sup> Or at three springs.

τοι καὶ χαλεπὸν ἐλέσθαι τὸ κρεῖττον καὶ δεινὸς ἐκατέρωθεν ὄλισθος  
<sup>5</sup> Title in V: ἀπὸ τῶν τοῦ Θεοφράστου χαρακτήρων 15'. χαρακτήρ  
 δεισιδαιμονίας      <sup>6</sup> only M      <sup>7</sup> E, cf. Isocr. *Antid.* 287: or  
 ἐπὶ γ' κροινῶν, cf. xxviii. 4 and Men. *Phasm.* 55; for ἐπὶ rather  
 than ἀπό see § 12: V ἐπιχρωνῆν (others omit), corruption of  
 ἐπ' θ' κρηνῶν, from ἐπ' θ' κρούνον, or of ἐπὶ γ' κροινῶν; for con-  
 fusion of η and ω cf. ἀλφίτην below      <sup>8</sup> comma E (so Nav.);  
 δάφνης partit. gen.: V -νην      <sup>9</sup> Pauw: mss περιδ., παραδ.

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πορευθῆναι ἕως διεξέλθη τις ἢ λίθους τρεῖς ὑπὲρ  
 3 τῆς ὁδοῦ διαβάλη.<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἔαν ἴδη ὄφιν ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ,  
 ἔαν <μὲν> παρείαν, Σαβάζιον<sup>2</sup> καλεῖν, ἔαν δὲ ἱερόν,  
 5 ἐνταῦθα ἠρώφον εὐθύς<sup>3</sup> ἰδρύσασθαι. καὶ τῶν λιπα-  
 ρῶν λίθων τῶν ἐν ταῖς τριόδοις παριῶν ἐκ τῆς  
 ληκύθου ἔλαιον καταχεῖν καὶ ἐπὶ γόνατα πεσῶν  
 6 καὶ προσκυνήσας ἀπαλλάττεσθαι. καὶ ἔαν μῦς  
 θύλακον ἀλφίτων<sup>4</sup> διαφάγη, πρὸς τὸν ἐξηγητὴν ἐλθὼν  
 ἐρωτᾶν τί χρὴ ποιεῖν, καὶ ἔαν ἀποκρίνηται αὐτῷ  
 7 ἐκδοῦναι τῷ σκυτοδέψῃ ἐπιρράφει, μὴ προσέχειν  
 τούτοις ἀλλ' ἀποτροπαίοις<sup>5</sup> ἐκλύσασθαι. καὶ  
 πυκνὰ δὲ τὴν οἰκίαν καθάραι<sup>6</sup> δεινὸς Ἐκάτης  
 8 φάσκων ἐπαγωγὴν γεγονέναι· κἂν γλαῦκες βαδί-  
 ζοντος αὐτοῦ <ἀνακράγωσι>,<sup>7</sup> ταραττεσθαι καὶ  
 9 εἶπας Ἀθηνᾶ κρείττων παρελθεῖν οὕτω. καὶ οὔτε  
 ἐπιβῆναι μνήματι οὔτ' ἐπὶ νεκρὸν οὔτ' ἐπὶ λεχῶ  
 ἐλθεῖν ἐθελῆσαι, ἀλλὰ τὸ μὴ μαινεσθαι συμφέρον  
 10 αὐτῷ φῆσαι εἶναι. καὶ ταῖς τετράσι δὲ καὶ ταῖς  
 ἑβδομάσι<sup>8</sup> τῶν ἡμερῶν<sup>9</sup> προστάξας οἶνον ἔψειν τοῖς  
 ἔνδον, ἐξελθὼν ἀγοράσαι μυρσίνας, λιβανωτόν,  
 πίνακα,<sup>10</sup> καὶ εἰσελθὼν εἴσω <διατελέσαι ἐπιθύων

<sup>1</sup> Sylb: mss -λάβη

<sup>2</sup> V Σαβάδιον, but cf. xxvii. 8;

others omit ἔαν παρ.—ἔαν δὲ

<sup>3</sup> Düb: V ἱερώφον (from

above) εὐθ.; others omit (introd. p. 28)

<sup>4</sup> V ἀλφίτην,

cf. p. 79 n. 7

<sup>5</sup> Wyt: mss -πεῖς

<sup>6</sup> V καθάραι, others

καθαριεῖν

<sup>7</sup> Foss, cf. Men. 534. 1 K; or <κα(κ)-

καρίζωσι> βαδ. αὐτ. (Cob. κακκ. παριόντος), Ar. Lys. 760

<sup>8</sup> Im. -μαῖς: M ζι'

<sup>9</sup> E: M ἡμερῶν (without τῶν), others

omit

<sup>10</sup> λιβανωτόν Foss: V -ωτῶν, others omit ἐθελῆσαι—

ἡμέραν: for πίνακες or πίνακια (which might be read here) with myrtle and taenia cf. Boetticher, *Baumcultus* fig. 2; it is a serious objection to Foss's πόπανα (cf. Men. 129 K, Sch. Ar. *Plut.* 1126) that these would be made at home, cf. Ar. *Ran.* 507



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till someone else be gone by, or he have cast three stones across the street. Should he espy a snake in his house, if it be one of the red sort he will call upon Sabazius, if of the sacred, build a shrine then and there. When he passes one of the smooth stones set up at crossroads he anoints it with oil from his flask, and will not go his ways till he have knelt down and worshipped it.<sup>a</sup> If a mouse gnaw a bag of his meal, he will off to the wizard's<sup>b</sup> and ask what he must do, and if the answer be 'send it to the cobbler's to be patched,' he neglects the advice and frees himself of the ill by rites of aversion. He is for ever purifying his house on the plea that Hecate has been drawn thither.<sup>c</sup> Should owls hoot when he is abroad, he is much put about, and will not on his way till he have cried 'Athena forbend!' Set foot on a tomb he will not, nor come nigh a dead body nor a woman in childbed; he must keep himself unpolluted. On the fourth<sup>d</sup> and seventh<sup>e</sup> days of every month he has wine mulled for his household, and goes out to buy myrtle-boughs, frankincense, and a holy picture,<sup>f</sup> and then returning spends the livelong day doing sacrifice to the

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Diog. L. vi. 37.

<sup>b</sup> Or the (official) diviner's.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Hesych. ὠπωτῆρε, Diog. L. vi. 74.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Ath. xiv. 659 d = Men. 292 K, 320 K.

<sup>e</sup> Or twenty-fourth (sc. φθίνοντος, which Im. inserts, needlessly, cf. Dem. xlii. 1); the 4th was Hermes' day, the 7th Apollo's, cf. Sch. Ar. Plut. 1126, but Apollo does not seem in point (see below), so Im. compares Hes. Op. 797.

<sup>f</sup> Or holy pictures (of the Hermaphrodites? hung on the myrtle-boughs).

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καὶ<sup>1</sup> στεφανῶν τοὺς Ἑρμαφροδίτους ὄλην τὴν  
 11 ἡμέραν. καὶ ὅταν ἐνύπνιον ἴδῃ, πορεύεσθαι πρὸς  
 τοὺς ὄνειροκρίτας, πρὸς τοὺς μάντις, πρὸς τοὺς  
 ὀρνιθοσκόπους, ἐρωτήσων τίνι θεῶν ἢ θεᾶ<sup>2</sup> προσ-  
 12 εὔχεσθαι δεῖ.<sup>3</sup> καὶ τελεσθησόμενος πρὸς τοὺς  
 Ὀρφεοτελεστάς κατὰ μῆνα πορεύεσθαι μετὰ τῆς  
 γυναικός, ἐὰν δὲ μὴ σχολάζῃ ἢ γυνή, μετὰ τῆς  
 13 τίτθης καὶ τῶν παιδίων. καὶ τῶν περιρραينوμένων  
 14 ἐπὶ θαλάττης ἐπιμελῶς<sup>4</sup> δόξειεν ἂν εἶναι. κἂν ποτε  
 ἐπίδη σκορόδω ἐστεμμένην <τινὰ τῶν Ἑκατῶν><sup>5</sup>  
 τῶν ἐπὶ ταῖς τριόδοις, ἀπελθῶν<sup>6</sup> κατὰ κεφαλῆς  
 λούσασθαι καὶ ἱερείας καλέσας σκίλλῃ ἢ σκύλακι  
 κελεῦσαι αὐτὸν περικαθᾶραι. μαινόμενόν τε ἰδὼν  
 ἢ ἐπίληπτον φρίξας εἰς κόλπον πτύσαι.

### ΜΕΜΨΙΜΟΙΡΙΑΣ ΙΖ'

"Ἔστι δὲ ἡ μεμψιμοιρία ἐπιτίμησίς τις<sup>7</sup> παρὰ  
 τὸ προσῆκον τῶν δεδομένων, ὃ δὲ μεμψίμοιρος  
 2 τοιοῦσδε τις, οἷος ἀποστείλαντος μερίδα τοῦ φίλου  
 εἰπεῖν πρὸς τὸν φέροντα Ἐφθόνησάς μοι τοῦ ζωμοῦ  
 3 καὶ τοῦ οἴναριου οὐκ ἐπὶ δεῖπνον καλέσας. καὶ  
 ὑπὸ τῆς ἐταίρας καταφιλούμενος εἰπεῖν Θαυμάζω  
 4 εἰ σὺ καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς ψυχῆς οὕτω με φιλεῖς. καὶ τῷ

<sup>1</sup> Diels-*E* (introd. p. 22) ἢ θύειν <ἦ>      <sup>2</sup> θεᾶν? Diels sugg. θεῶν  
<sup>3</sup> V εὔχ. δεῖ      <sup>4</sup> cf. Men. *Pk.* 32, 325.  
 10 K, Heracl. Pont. ap. Diog. L. ii. 135      <sup>5</sup> *E*: V  
 ἐστεμμένων (for ω for η cf. ἐπιχρωνῆν above, § 2 n. 7, and  
 ἐπισκῆψαι xxix. 3)      <sup>6</sup> V ἀπελθόντων corrected from ἐπελθόν-  
 των: others, omitting κἂν—τῶν, καὶ ἐπὶ τοῖς τρ. ἀπελθᾶν  
<sup>7</sup> only in M

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Hermaphrodites and putting garlands about them.<sup>a</sup> He never has a dream but he flies to a diviner, or a soothsayer, or an interpreter of visions, to ask what God or Goddess he should appease; and when he is about to be initiated into the holy orders of Orpheus, he visits the priests every month and his wife with him, or if she have not the time, the nurse and children. He would seem to be one of those who are for ever going<sup>b</sup> to the seaside to besprinkle themselves; and if ever he see one of the figures of Hecate at the crossroads wreathed with garlic,<sup>c</sup> he is off home to wash his head and summon priestesses whom he bids purify him with the carrying around him of a squill or a puppy-dog. If he catch sight of a madman or an epilept, he shudders and spits in his bosom.<sup>d</sup>

### XVII. QUERULOUSNESS

Grumbling or Querulousness is an undue complaining of one's lot; and the Grumbler will say to him that brings him a portion from his friend's table<sup>e</sup> 'You begrudged me your soup and your swipes, or you would have asked me to dine with you.'<sup>f</sup> When his mistress is kissing him, 'I wonder,' says he, 'whether you kiss me thus warmly from

<sup>a</sup> Text uncertain, but *cf.* Men. *Georg.* 8 and 326 K.

<sup>b</sup> Instead of on occasions like the Great Mysteries? but the trait is perhaps interpolated, *cf.* vi. 7.

<sup>c</sup> Reading uncertain.

<sup>d</sup> To avert the ill.

<sup>e</sup> When you sacrificed an animal you either bid your friends to eat of it with you or sent them portions of the meat only, *cf.* Men. *Sam.* 191.

<sup>f</sup> He confuses the servant with the master.

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Διὸ ἀγανακτεῖν οὐ διότι οὐχ ὕει,<sup>1</sup> ἀλλὰ διότι  
 5 ὕστερον. καὶ εὐρών τι<sup>2</sup> ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ βαλλάντιον  
 6 εἰπεῖν Ἄλλ' οὐ θησαυρὸν εὔρηκα οὐδέποτε. καὶ  
 πριάμενος ἀνδράποδον ἄξιον καὶ πολλὰ δεηθεὶς τοῦ  
 πωλοῦντος Θαυμάζω, εἰπεῖν, ὅτι ὑγιὲς οὕτω ἄξιον  
 7 ἐώνημαι· καὶ πρὸς τὸν εὐαγγελιζόμενον ὅτι Ἰὸς  
 σοι γέγονεν εἰπεῖν ὅτι Ἄν προσθῆς καὶ τῆς οὐσίας  
 8 τὸ ἡμῖσιν ἀπέστης,<sup>3</sup> ἀληθῆ ἔρεῖς. καὶ δίκην  
 νικήσας<sup>4</sup> λαβὼν πάσας τὰς ψήφους ἐγκαλεῖν τῷ  
 γράψαντι τὸν λόγον ὡς πολλὰ παραλελοιπότι τῶν  
 9 δικαίων. καὶ ἐράνου εἰσενεχθέντος παρὰ τῶν  
 φίλων καὶ φήσαντός τινος Ἰλαρὸς ἴσθι, Καὶ πῶς;  
 εἰπεῖν, ὅτε<sup>5</sup> δεῖ τὰργύριον ἀποδοῦναι ἐκάστῳ καὶ  
 χωρὶς τούτων χάριν ὀφείλειν ὡς εὐεργετημένον ;

### ΑΠΙΣΤΙΑΣ ΙΗ'

Ἔστιν ἀμέλει ἢ ἀπιστία ὑπόληψις τις ἀδικίας  
 2 κατὰ πάντων, ὃ δὲ ἀπιστος τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος  
 ἀποστείλας τὸν παῖδα ὀψωνήσοντα ἕτερον παῖδα  
 3 ἐπιπέμπει<sup>6</sup> τὸν πεύσομενον πόσου ἐπρίατο. καὶ  
 φέρει<sup>7</sup> αὐτὸς τὸ ἀργύριον καὶ κατὰ στάδιον  
 4 καθίζων ἀριθμεῖν πόσον ἐστί. καὶ τὴν γυναῖκα  
 τὴν αὐτοῦ ἐρωτᾶν κατακείμενος<sup>8</sup> εἰ κέκλεικε τὴν  
 κιβωτόν, καὶ εἰ σεσήμανται τὸ κυλικούχιον,<sup>9</sup> καὶ εἰ  
 5 ὁ μοχλὸς εἰς τὴν αὐλείαν<sup>10</sup> ἐμβέβληται· καὶ ἂν

<sup>1</sup> M ἀγ. ὅτι οὐχ ὕει, omitting ἀλλὰ δ. ὕ. : others οὐ διότι ὕει κτλ.

<sup>2</sup> V omits: others τι καί, καί, τι (or βαλλαντιστι below), i.e. τι in marg. arch.

<sup>3</sup> Im: V ἀπέστη. others ἀπεστιν

<sup>4</sup> Cas: mss νίκη ν. : mss add καί, but cf. xxii. 9

<sup>5</sup> Cas: mss ὅτι; cf. Ar. Nub. 716

<sup>6</sup> only M: others πέμπ.

<sup>7</sup> Cor: mss. -ων

<sup>8</sup> M νυκτὸς συγκαθειδῶν

<sup>9</sup> mss κυλιούχιον, κοιλιούχιον

<sup>10</sup> M τῇ αὐλαίᾳ, cf. Men. 564 K: others εἰς τὴν θύραν τὴν αὐλ.

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your heart.' He is displeased with Zeus not because he sends no rain, but because he has been so long about sending it. When he finds a purse in the street, it is 'Ah! but I never found a treasure.' When he has bought a servant cheap with much importuning the seller, 'I wonder,' cries he, 'if my bargain's too cheap to be good.' When they bring him the good news that he has a son born to him,<sup>a</sup> then it is 'If you add that I have lost half my fortune, you'll speak the truth.' Should this man win a suit-at-law by a unanimous verdict, he is sure to find fault with his speech-writer<sup>b</sup> for omitting so many of the pleas. And if a subscription have been made him among his friends, and one of them say to him 'You may cheer up now,' 'What?' he will say, 'when I must repay each man his share and be beholden to him to boot?'

### XVIII. DISTRUSTFULNESS

It goes without saying that Distrustfulness is a presumption of dishonesty against all mankind; and the Distrustful man is he that will send one servant off to market and then another to learn what price he paid; and will carry his own money<sup>c</sup> and sit down every furlong to count it over. When he is abed he will ask his wife if the coffer be locked and the cupboard sealed and the house-door bolted, and

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Men. *Ep.* 316.

<sup>b</sup> Litigants read speeches written for them by their counsel.

<sup>c</sup> Instead of intrusting it to his lackey.

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ἐκείνη φῆ, μηδὲν ἦττον αὐτὸς ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν  
στρωμάτων γυμνὸς καὶ ἀνυπόδητος<sup>1</sup> τὸν λύχρον  
ἄψας ταῦτα πάντα περιδραμῶν ἐπισκέψασθαι, καὶ  
οὕτω μόλις ὑπνου τυγχάνειν. καὶ τοὺς ὀφείλοντας  
αὐτῷ ἀργύριον μετὰ μαρτύρων ἀπαιτεῖν τοὺς  
4 τόκους, ὅπως μὴ δύναιτο<sup>2</sup> ἕξαρνοι γενέσθαι. καὶ  
τὸ ἱμάτιον δὲ ἐκδοῦναι δεινός, οὐχ ὡς βέλτιστα  
ἐργάσεται,<sup>3</sup> ἀλλ' οὐ ἂν<sup>4</sup> ἢ ἄξιός ἐγγυητής. καὶ  
7 ὅταν ἦκη τις αἰτησόμενος ἐκπώματα, μάλιστα μὲν  
μὴ δοῦναι, ἂν δ' ἄρα τις οἰκείος ἢ καὶ ἀναγκαῖος,  
μόνον οὐ πυρώσας<sup>5</sup> καὶ στήσας καὶ σχεδὸν ἐγγυητὴν  
8 λαβῶν χρήσαι. καὶ τὸν παῖδα δὲ ἀκολουθοῦντα  
κελεύειν αὐτοῦ ὀπισθεν μὴ βαδίζειν ἀλλ' ἔμπροσθεν,  
9 ἵνα φυλάττηται αὐτῷ μὴ ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ ἀποδρᾶ. καὶ  
τοῖς εἰληφόσι τι παρ' αὐτοῦ καὶ λέγουσι Πόσου,  
κατάθου,<sup>6</sup> οὐ γὰρ σχολάζω πω πέμπειν, <εἰπεῖν><sup>7</sup>  
Μηδὲν πραγματεύου· ἐγὼ γὰρ <έως><sup>8</sup> ἂν σὺ  
σχολάσης, συνακολουθήσω.

### ΔΥΣΧΕΡΕΙΑΣ ΙΘ'

Ἔστι δὲ ἡ δυσχέρεια ἀθεραπευσία σώματος  
λύπης παρασκευαστική, ὃ δὲ δυσχερῆς τοιοῦτός  
2 τις, οἷος λέπραν ἔχων καὶ ἀλφὸν καὶ τοὺς ὄνυχας  
μεγάλους περιπατεῖν, καὶ φῆσαι ταῦτα εἶναι αὐτῷ  
συγγενικά<sup>9</sup> ἀρρωστήματα· ἔχειν γὰρ αὐτὰ<sup>10</sup> καὶ τὸν

<sup>1</sup> so M: others γ. ἐκ τ. στρ. καὶ ἀνιπ. (i.e. ἐκ τῶν στρ. in marg. arch.) <sup>2</sup> Jebb δύνωνται <sup>3</sup> Salm: cf. ix. 6, Ar. Pac 371, Lys. 614, Lysias 23. 2, Men. Ep. 218: mss ὡς β. ἐργάσεται (V ἐργάσεται); for ἐργ. cf. Plat. Meno 91 D

<sup>4</sup> E: mss ὅταν (introd. p. 22) <sup>5</sup> Foss ὄνομ' ἐντιπώσας

<sup>6</sup> or Πόσου κατάθου <sup>7</sup> Cas. <sup>8</sup> Madv. (see opp.)

<sup>9</sup> mss also -γενῆ <sup>10</sup> Meier: mss -τὸν

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for all she may say Yes, he will himself<sup>a</sup> rise naked and bare-foot from the blankets and light the candle and run round the house to see, and even so will hardly go to sleep. Those that owe him money find him demand the usury before witnesses, so that they shall never by any means deny that he has asked it. His cloak is put out to wash not where it will be fulled best, but where the fuller gives him good security. And when a neighbour comes a-borrowing drinking-cups he will refuse him if he can; should he perchance be a great friend or a kinsman, he will lend them, yet almost weigh them and assay them,<sup>b</sup> if not take security for them, before he does so. When his servant attends him he is bidden go before and not behind, so that he may make sure he do not take himself off by the way.<sup>c</sup> And to any man that has bought of him and says 'Reckon it up and set it down'<sup>d</sup>; I cannot send for the money just yet,' he replies, 'Never mind; I will go with you till you can.'<sup>e</sup>

### XIX. NASTINESS

Nastiness is a neglect of the person which is painful to others; and your Nasty fellow such as will walk the town with the scall and the scab upon him and with bad nails,<sup>f</sup> and boast that these ail-

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* instead of sending a slave.

<sup>b</sup> Or perhaps scratch his name on them; contrast Arcesilaus, Diog. L. iv. 38. <sup>c</sup> φυλάττηται passive.

<sup>d</sup> *Sc. eis βιβλίον*, cf. Dem. 1401. 19; or perhaps put down how much (I owe you).

<sup>e</sup> Or, *keeping text*, if it is convenient to you, I will accompany you home. <sup>f</sup> *Lit.* great nails, *i.e.* from gout.



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πατέρα καὶ τὸν πάππον, καὶ οὐκ εἶναι ῥάδιον  
 3 αὐτῶν<sup>1</sup> εἰς τὸ γένος ὑποβάλλεσθαι. ἀμέλει δὲ  
 δεινὸς καὶ ἔλκη ἔχειν ἐν τοῖς ἀντικνημίοις καὶ  
 προσπταίσματα ἐν τοῖς δακτύλοις, καὶ ταῦτα<sup>2</sup> μὴ  
 θεραπεῦσαι ἀλλ' εἶσαι θηριωθῆναι· καὶ τὰς μα-  
 σχάλας δὲ θηριώδεις καὶ δασείας ἔχειν ἄχρι ἐπὶ  
 πολὺ τῶν πλευρῶν, καὶ τοὺς ὀδόντας μέλανας καὶ  
 4 ἐσθιομένους.<sup>3</sup> καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα· ἐσθίων ἀπομύτ-  
 τεσθαι· θύων ἄμ' ἀδαξᾶσθαι<sup>4</sup>· προσλαλῶν ἀπορρί-  
 πτειν ἀπὸ τοῦ στόματος· ἅμα πιὼν προσερυγγάνειν·  
 5 ἀναπόνιπτος ἐν τοῖς ἐμβάσι<sup>5</sup> μετὰ τῆς γυναικὸς<sup>6</sup>  
 6 κοιμᾶσθαι· ἐλαίῳ σαπρῶ ἐν βαλανείῳ χριόμενος  
 7 φθύζεσθαι<sup>7</sup>· καὶ χιτωνίσκον παχὺν καὶ ἱμάτιον  
 σφόδρα λείπον<sup>8</sup> καὶ κηλίδων μεστὸν ἀναβαλόμενος<sup>9</sup>  
 εἰς ἀγορὰν ἐξελεθῆν.<sup>10</sup>

## ΑΗΔΙΑΣ Κ'

Ἔστι δὲ ἡ ἀηδία, ὡς ὄρω περιλαβεῖν,<sup>11</sup> ἔντευξις  
 λύπης ποιητικὴ ἀνευ βλάβης, ὃ δὲ ἀηδῆς τοιοῦτός  
 2 τις, οἷος ἐγείρειν ἄρτι καθεύδοντα εἰσελθόν, ἵνα  
 3 αὐτῷ συλλαλῇ<sup>12</sup>· καὶ ἀνάγεσθαι ἤδη<sup>13</sup> μέλλοντας  
 4 κωλύειν· καὶ προσελθόντων δεῖσθαι ἐπισχεῖν ἕως ἂν

<sup>1</sup> Meist: V -τὸν      <sup>2</sup> V omits      <sup>3</sup> mss incorp. gloss ὥστε  
 δυσέντευκτος εἶναι καὶ ἀηδῆς      <sup>4</sup> Diels: V θύων ἅμα ὃ'  
 ἀρξασθαι, others θύειν ἀρξάμενος and then προσλαλεῖν καὶ ἀπ.  
<sup>5</sup> ἀναπόν. Badh: ἐν τ. ἐμβ. E, cf. xxi. 8 n. and ἐμβασικοίτας  
 Ath. 169 a and Petron. 24: V ἀναπίπτοντος ἐν τ. στρώμασι,  
 others omit ἀναπ. . . κοιμᾶσθαι      <sup>6</sup> mss insert αὐτοῦ, i.e.  
 αὐτοῦ, a gloss, cf. xiv. 10      <sup>7</sup> E, cf. ἐπιφθύζω: V χρώμενος  
 σφίζεσθαι, others χρίεσθαι, χριᾶσθαι, χριῆσθαι only      <sup>8</sup> ἅμα  
 φορεῖν?      <sup>9</sup> Jebb: mss ἀναβαλλ.      <sup>10</sup> the remainder is  
 rightly transferred by most editors to Char. xi.      <sup>11</sup> V  
 λαβεῖν      <sup>12</sup> so M: others λαλῇ      <sup>13</sup> Schn: mss δῆ



## CHARACTERS XIX—XX

ments are hereditary ; his father and his grandfather had them before him and 'tis no easy matter to be foisted into *his* family. He is like also, I warrant you, to have gatherings on his shins and sores on his toes, and seek no remedy, but rather let them grow rank. He will keep himself as shaggy as a beast, with hair well-nigh all over his body, and his teeth all black and rotten.<sup>a</sup> These also are marks of the man :—to blow his nose at table ;<sup>b</sup> to bite his nails<sup>c</sup> when he is sacrificing with you ; to spit from his mouth when he is talking with you ; when he has drunken with you, to hiccup in your face. He will go to bed with his wife with hands unwashed<sup>d</sup> and his shoes on ; spit on himself at the baths when his oil is rancid<sup>e</sup> ; and go forth to the market-place clad in a thick shirt and a very thin coat, and this covered with stains.<sup>f</sup>

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## XX. ILL-BREEDING

Ill-breeding, if we may define it, is a sort of behaviour which gives pain without harm ; and the Ill-bred man is one that will awake you to talk with him when you are but now fallen asleep ; hinder you when you are this moment about to set forth on a journey ; and when you come to speak to him, beg

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Alciph. ii. 25 (iii. 28).

<sup>b</sup> They used no handkerchiefs.      <sup>c</sup> Or scratch himself.

<sup>d</sup> It was usual to wash the hands after supper, cf. Ar. *Eccl.* 419 ; they used no spoons or forks.

<sup>e</sup> And therefore thickened, so as to require supplementing.

<sup>f</sup> Or perhaps wear a thick shirt with a very thin coat, and go forth into the market-place in a coat covered with stains.

βηματίση<sup>1</sup>· καὶ τὸ παιδίον τῆς τίτθης ἀφελόμενος,  
 μασώμενος σιτίζειν αὐτός, καὶ ὑποκορίζεσθαι  
 ποππύζων καὶ πανουργημάτιον<sup>2</sup> τοῦ πάππου  
 καλῶν. καὶ ἐσθίων<sup>3</sup> δὲ ἅμα διηγείσθαι ὡς ἐλλέ-  
 βορον πιὼν ἄνω καὶ κάτω καθαρθεῖη, καὶ ζωμοῦ  
 τοῦ παρακειμένου ἐν τοῖς ὑποχωρήμασιν αὐτῷ  
 μελαντέρα <εἶη> ἢ χολή. καὶ ἐρωτῆσαι δὲ δεινὸς  
 ἐναντίον τῶν οἰκετῶν<sup>4</sup> Εἰπέ <μοι, ὦ> μάμμη,<sup>5</sup> ὅτ'  
 ὠδινες καὶ με ἔτικτες, ποία τις <ἦ> ἡμέρα;<sup>6</sup> καὶ  
 ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς δὲ λέγειν ὡς ἡδύ ἐστι καὶ <ἀλγεινόν,  
 καὶ><sup>7</sup> ἀμφότερα δὲ οὐκ ἔχοντα οὐ ράδιον ἄνθρωπον  
 λαβεῖν· καὶ <ἐστιώμενος δὲ εἰπεῖν><sup>8</sup> ὅτι ψυχρόν  
 ἐστι παρ' αὐτῷ <τὸ> λακκαῖον,<sup>9</sup> καὶ ὡς κῆπος  
 λάχανα πολλὰ ἔχων καὶ ἀπαλὰ<sup>10</sup> καὶ μάγειρος εὔ  
 τὸ ὄψον σκευάζων· καὶ ὅτι ἡ οἰκία αὐτοῦ παν-  
 δοκεῖόν ἐστι, μεστή γὰρ αἰεί<sup>11</sup>. καὶ τοὺς φίλους  
 αὐτοῦ εἶναι τὸν τετρημένον πίθον, εὔ ποτίζων γὰρ<sup>12</sup>  
 αὐτοὺς οὐ δύνασθαι ἐμπλῆσαι. καὶ ξενίζων δὲ  
 δεῖξαι τὸν παράσιτον αὐτοῦ ποιός τις ἐστι τῷ  
 συνδειπνοῦντι· καὶ παρακαλῶν δὲ ἐπὶ τοῦ ποτηρίου  
 εἰπεῖν ὅτι τὸ τέρψον τοὺς παρόντας παρεσκεύασται,  
 καὶ ὅτι αὐτήν, ἐὰν κελεύσωσιν, ὁ παῖς μέτεισι

<sup>1</sup> *i. e.* dum cacet: so M: others περιπατήση correction of gloss ἀποπατήση, cf. δεσμοστήριον for κέρανον vi. 6 <sup>2</sup> Cob.-E:

V πανουργιῶν, others omit καὶ παν. . . . καλῶν (introd. p. 23)

<sup>3</sup> ἐστιῶν? cf. xxiv. 9 <sup>4</sup> Courier, cf. xxx. 9: mss οἰκείων

<sup>5</sup> E introd. p. 23: V εἶπον (corr. to εἶπερ) μάμμη, others omit εἶπ. . . . καί

<sup>6</sup> Foss-E: V ὅτ' ὠδ. κ. ἔτικτές με τίς ἡμέρα, which would mean 'what day of the month,' cf. iii. 3 and Alciphr. 3. 4 init. 3. 7); other mss ὡς ποία ἡμέρα με ἔτικτες (introd. p. 24)

<sup>7</sup> Im.-E

<sup>8</sup> E (introd. p. 22)

<sup>9</sup> E: mss incorp. gloss ἰδῶρ after ψυχρόν <sup>10</sup> V adds incorp. gloss on λακκαῖον, ὥστε εἶναι ψυχρόν, others omit ὥστε. . . . σκευάζων

<sup>11</sup> Foss: mss ἐστι

<sup>12</sup> Pas: mss

ποιῶν γάρ: cf. xiv. 12 for the corruption

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you to wait till he have been round the corner. He will take the child from the nurse and feed it from his own mouth, and make sounds of kissing while he calls it by such pretty names as 'Daddy's bit of wickedness.'<sup>a</sup> When he is eating with you he will relate how he once took hellebore and was purged at both ends, and the bile from his bowels 'was as black as this soup.' He is prone to ask before the servants such questions as this: 'Tell me, Mammy, how went the day with you when you were brought to bed of me?' and will reply for her that there's both pleasure and pain to it, and that no man living can easily have the one without the other.<sup>b</sup> When he is out to dinner he will remark that he has *cold* water in his cistern at home, and *there's* a garden with plenty of *excellent* vegetables and a cook that knows his *business*; *his* house is a perfect inn, it is always so full of guests; and his friends are like the leaky cask<sup>c</sup>—drench them as he will he cannot fill them. When he entertains strangers, he displays the qualities of his parasite or goodfellow; and when he would make his guests merrier over the wine, tells them that the company's diversion is provided for; they have but to say the word and his man shall go

<sup>a</sup> The rest of the Character shows that this is intended more literally than some editors would think.

<sup>b</sup> ἔχοντα neuter plural; *lit.* can get things which have, etc.

<sup>c</sup> Of the Danaïds.

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παρὰ τοῦ πορνοβόσκου ἤδη, "Ὅπως πάντες ὑπ'  
αὐτῆς αὐλώμεθα καὶ εὐφραυνώμεθα.

### ΜΙΚΡΟΦΙΛΟΤΙΜΙΑΣ ΚΑ΄

Ἡ δὲ μικροφιλοτιμία δόξει εἶναι ὄρεξις τιμῆς  
ἀνελεύθερος,<sup>1</sup> ὃ δὲ μικροφιλότιμος τοιοῦτός τις,  
οἷος σπουδάσαι ἐπὶ δεῖπνον κληθεὶς παρ' αὐτὸν τὸν  
καλέσαντα κατακείμενος δειπνήσαι· καὶ τὸν υἱὸν  
ἀποκεῖραι ἀπαγαγὼν<sup>2</sup> εἰς Δελφούς· καὶ ἐπιμελη-  
θῆναι δὲ ὅπως αὐτῷ ὁ ἀκόλουθος Λιθίοψ ἔσται·  
καὶ ἀποδιδούς μνᾶν ἀργυρίου καυὸν ποιῆσαι  
ἀποδοῦναι· καὶ κολοῖῳ δὲ ἔνδοι τρεφομένῳ δεινὸς  
κλιμάκιον πρίασθαι, καὶ ἀσπίδιον χαλκοῦν ποιῆσαι  
ὃ ἔχων ἐπὶ τοῦ κλιμακίου ὁ κολοῖὸς πηδήσεται·  
καὶ βοῦν θύσας τὸ προμετωπίδιον ἀπαντικρὺ τῆς  
εἰσόδου προσπατταλεῦσαι<sup>3</sup> στέμμασι μεγάλοις περι-  
δήσας, ὅπως οἱ εἰσιόντες ἴδωσιν<sup>4</sup> ὅτι βοῦν ἔθυσσε.  
καὶ πομπεύσας δὲ μετὰ τῶν ἰππέων τὰ μὲν ἄλλα  
πάντα ἀποδοῦναι<sup>5</sup> τῷ παιδί ἀπενεργεῖν οἴκαδε,  
ἀναβαλόμενος<sup>6</sup> δὲ θοῖμάτιον ἐν τοῖς μύωψι<sup>7</sup> κατὰ  
τὴν ἀγορὰν περιπατεῖν· καὶ κυναρίου δὲ Μελιταίου  
τελευτήσαντος αὐτῷ, μνῆμα ποιῆσαι καὶ στηλίδιον  
ἀναστήσας<sup>8</sup> ἐπιγράψαι Κλάδος Μελιταῖος· καὶ

<sup>1</sup> mss also -ρον      <sup>2</sup> V ἀγαγὼν, but cf. ix. 2 ἀπελθὼν:  
Foss ἀπάγειν: Schneid. ἀναγαγὼν perh. rightly, cf. Diog. L.  
iii. 25 εἰς Ὀλύμπια ἀνιόντος      <sup>3</sup> V -λῶσαι      <sup>4</sup> εἰδῶσιν?  
<sup>5</sup> V δοῦναι      <sup>6</sup> mss ἀναβαλλ.      <sup>7</sup> cf. Ar. *Lys.* 1140,  
*Eecl.* 47, 303, Men. *Sam.* 166      <sup>8</sup> introd. p. 22: mss  
ποιήσας: Im. στηλίδιον, ποιήσας ἐπιγράψαι

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forthwith to fetch the girl from the brothel, 'so that we may all have the pleasure of listening to her music.'<sup>a</sup>

### XXI. PETTY PRIDE

Petty Pride will seem to be a vulgar appetite for distinction; and the Pettily-proud man of a kind that when he is invited out to dine must needs find place to dine next the host; and that will take his son off to Delphi to cut his first hair. Nothing will please him but his lackey shall be a blackamoor. When he pays a pound of silver he has them pay it in new coin. He is apt, this man, if he keep a pet jackdaw, to buy a little ladder and make a little bronze shield for that jackdaw to wear while he hops up and down upon the ladder.<sup>b</sup> Should he sacrifice an ox, the scalp or frontlet is nailed up, heavily garlanded, over against the entrance of his house,<sup>c</sup> so that all that come in may see<sup>d</sup> it is an ox he has sacrificed.<sup>e</sup> When he goes in procession with the other knights, his man may take all the rest of his gear away home for him, but he puts on the cloak and makes his round of the market-place in his spurs. Should his Melitean lap-dog die, he will make him a tomb and set up on it a stone to say 'Branch, of Melitè.'<sup>f</sup> Should he have cause to dedicate a bronze

<sup>a</sup> The ill-breeding prob. does not lie in speaking of the brothel, but the host should either have provided a flute-player or said nothing about it.

<sup>b</sup> Like a soldier on a scaling-ladder at the taking of a city.

<sup>c</sup> On the opposite side of the peristyle?

<sup>d</sup> Or perhaps more likely know.

<sup>e</sup> That he was sacrificing *some* animal would be clear from the smell.

<sup>f</sup> See *Index*, Melitè.

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- ἀναθεῖς δάκτυλον<sup>1</sup> χαλκοῦν ἐν τῷ Ἀσκληπιείῳ, τοῦτον ἐκτρίβειν, στεφανοῦν,<sup>2</sup> ἀλείφειν, ὄσημέραι.
- 11 ἀμέλει δὲ καὶ διοικήσασθαι παρὰ τῶν συμπρυτανέων<sup>3</sup> ὅπως ἀπαγγείλῃ τῷ δήμῳ τὰ ἱερά, καὶ παρεσκευασμένος λαμπρὸν ἱμάτιον καὶ ἐστεφανωμένος παρελθὼν εἰπεῖν ὦ ἄνδρες Ἀθηναῖοι, ἐθύομεν οἱ πρυτάνεις<sup>3</sup> τῇ Μητρὶ τῶν θεῶν τὰ Γαλάξια,<sup>4</sup> καὶ καλὰ τὰ ἱερά,<sup>5</sup> καὶ ὑμεῖς δέχεσθε<sup>6</sup> τὰ ἀγαθὰ· καὶ ταῦτα ἀπαγγείλας ἀπιὼν διηγήσασθαι οἴκαδε τῇ αὐτοῦ γυναικὶ ὡς καθ' ὑπερβολὴν εὐημερεῖ.<sup>7</sup>
- 12 Καὶ πλειστάκις δὲ ἀποκείρασθαι, καὶ τοὺς ὀδόντας λευκοὺς ἔχειν.<sup>8</sup> καὶ τὰ ἱμάτια δὲ χρηστὰ
- 13 μεταβάλλεσθαι, καὶ χρίσματι ἀλείφεσθαι. καὶ τῆς μὲν ἀγορᾶς πρὸς τὰς τραπέζας προσφοιτᾶν,<sup>9</sup> τῶν δὲ γυμνασίων ἐν τούτοις διατρίβειν οὐκ ἂν οἱ<sup>10</sup> ἔφηβοι γυμνάζωνται, τοῦ δὲ θεάτρον καθῆσθαι, ὅταν
- 14 ἡ θεά,<sup>11</sup> πλησίον τῶν στρατηγῶν. καὶ ἀγοράζειν αὐτὸς μὲν<sup>12</sup> μηδέν, ξένοις δὲ συνεργεῖν ἐπιστάλματα, <καὶ ἄλλας> εἰς Βυζάντιον καὶ Λακωνικὰς κύνας εἰς Κύζικον πέμπειν<sup>13</sup> καὶ μέλι Ὑμήπτιον εἰς Ῥόδον· καὶ ταῦτα ποιῶν τοῖς ἐν τῇ πόλει δι-
- 15 ηγεῖσθαι. ἀμέλει δὲ καὶ πίθηκον θρέψαι δεινός, καὶ

<sup>1</sup> Naber: mss -ιον    <sup>2</sup> mss -οῖντα    <sup>3</sup> Herw: mss συνδιοικ. and πρυτ. (introd. p. 22), after which they incorporate gloss τὰ ἱερά    <sup>4</sup> Wil: V τὰ γὰρ ἄξια, others ἄξια    <sup>5</sup> V τὰ ἱερά καλὰ, others omit τὰ ἱερά (i.e. τὰ ἱερά in marg. arch.)    <sup>6</sup> V δέχ.: others ἐδέχ.    <sup>7</sup> for tense cf. νικᾶ and for meaning Ath. 584 d: most mss -εῖν    <sup>8</sup> all mss and P ap. Hercul. 1457, have this and the following §§ after θλιβόμενος Char. V, see opp.    <sup>9</sup> P προσέρχεσθαι    <sup>10</sup> οἱ in P only    <sup>11</sup> mss also ἡ θεά    <sup>12</sup> mss and P αὐτὸν μὲν, mss also μὲν αὐτὸν    <sup>13</sup> introd. p. 25

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finger or toe in the temple of Asclepius,<sup>a</sup> he is sure to polish it, wreath it, and anoint it, every day. This man, it is plain, will contrive it with his fellow-magistrates that it be he that shall proclaim the sacrifice to the people ; and providing himself a clean coat and setting a wreath on his head, will stand forth and say ' The Magistrates have performed the rites of the Milk-Feast, Athenians, in honour of the Mother of the Gods ; the sacrifice is propitious, and do you accept the blessing.'<sup>b</sup> This done he will away home and tell his wife what a great success he has had.

He is shorn, this man,<sup>c</sup> many times in the month ; keeps his teeth white ; gets a new cloak when the old one is still good ; uses unguent for oil. In the market-place he haunts the banks ; of the wrestling-schools he chooses those to dally in where the youths practise ;<sup>d</sup> and when there is a show at the theatre he will sit next to the generals. He does no buying for himself, but aids foreigners in exporting goods abroad, and sends salt to Byzantium, Spartan hounds to Cyzicus, Hymettian honey to Rhodes ; and when he does so, lets the world know it. It goes without saying that he is apt to keep a pet monkey ; and

<sup>a</sup> As a votive offering in return for the cure of that member : or, *keeping the text*, ring.

<sup>b</sup> Text uncertain ; the point would seem to lie either in the (unusual ?) specification of the feast or in the unimportance of this particular feast ; *cf.* [Dem.] *Proem* 54.

<sup>c</sup> The following passage, which the mss., including P, give at the end of Char. V., is generally thought to belong here ; but it may have belonged once to a separate Char., *cf.* the previous § with § 16.

<sup>d</sup> *i.e.* the public ones, not the private ones for boys (Nav.).



τίτυρον<sup>1</sup> κτήσασθαι, καὶ Σικελικὰς περιστεράς,  
καὶ δορκαδεῖους ἀστραγάλους,<sup>2</sup> καὶ Θουριακὰς<sup>3</sup>  
τῶν στρογγύλων ληκύθους, καὶ βακτηρίας τῶν  
σκολιῶν ἐκ Λακεδαίμονος, καὶ αὐλαίαν Πέρσας ἐν-  
υφασμένην,<sup>4</sup> καὶ παλαιστρίδιον<sup>5</sup> κόνιν ἔχον καὶ  
10 σφαιριστήριον· καὶ τοῦτο περιῶν χρηνύναι<sup>6</sup> τοῖς  
φιλοσόφοις,<sup>7</sup> τοῖς σοφισταῖς, τοῖς ὄπλομάχοις,  
τοῖς ἀρμονικοῖς ἐνεπιδείκνυσθαι.<sup>8</sup> καὶ αὐτὸς ἐν  
τοῖς ἐπιδείξεσιν ὕστερον ἐπεισιέναι ἤδη συγ-  
καθημένων, ἢν εἶπη τῶν θεωμένων <ὁ ἕτερος><sup>9</sup> πρὸς  
τὸν ἕτερον ὅτι Τούτου ἐστὶν ἡ παλαίστρα.

ΑΝΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΑΣ ΚΒ'

Ἡ δὲ ἀνελευθερία ἐστὶ πάρεσις τις<sup>10</sup> φιλοτιμίας  
δαπάνην ἐχούσης,<sup>11</sup> ὁ δὲ ἀνελεύθερος τοιοῦτός τις,  
2 οἷος νικήσας τραγωδοὺς ταινίαν ἀναθεῖναι τῷ  
Διονύσῳ ξυλίην,<sup>12</sup> ἐπιγράψας μόνον<sup>13</sup> αὐτοῦ τὸ  
3 ὄνομα· καὶ ἐπιδόσεων γινομένων ἐκ τοῦ δήμου,<sup>14</sup>  
4 ἀναστὰς σιωπᾶν ἢ ἐκ τοῦ μέσου ἀπελθεῖν· καὶ ἐκ-  
διδούς αὐτοῦ θυγατέρα τοῦ μὲν ἱερείου πλὴν τῶν

<sup>1</sup> Sch. Δωρεῖς τῶν σάτιρον· καὶ ἐστὶ δὲ ὁ μικρὰν ἔχων οἶραν πύρκος and in one ms 3 obscure words, for the first 2 of which Knox suggests Πινθωνος ἢ χαῖσις <sup>2</sup> cf. Callim. 239 (85 Mair)

<sup>3</sup> Sch. (cf. Ambr. O) οἱ Θουριοὶ ἔθνος Ταυραντικὸν ἐν ᾧ Λήκιθοι εἰργάζοντο διαφέρειναι τῶν ἄλλων

<sup>4</sup> Cob. and P: mss ἔχουσιν Πέρσας ἐνυφασμένους (cf. Diog. I. vi. 102)

<sup>5</sup> so P: mss αἰλιδίων παλαιστριαῖον (παλαιστρικόν). incorp. gloss

<sup>6</sup> P χρωνύναι <sup>7</sup> P omits, perh. intentionally; Philodemus was a philosopher himself

<sup>8</sup> Cob. and P: mss ἐπιδ. <sup>9</sup> introd. p. 26 <sup>10</sup> E:

mss περιουσία τις ἀπὸ (ἀπὸ incorp. correction to ἀπουσία)

<sup>11</sup> Diels: mss -σα <sup>12</sup> V ξυλίην ἀναθ. τῷ Δ. (i.e. ξ. in marg. of arch.)

<sup>13</sup> Hanow: V μὲν, others omit; Madv. μέλανι <sup>14</sup> Meier ἐν τῷ δήμῳ, cf. Dem. 21. 161



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the ape he keeps is of the satyr kind ; his doves are Sicilian ; his knuckle-bones <sup>a</sup> antelope ; his oil-flasks the round flasks from Thurii ; his walking-sticks the crooked sticks from Sparta ; he has a tapestry curtain with Persians upon it ; and a little wrestling-place of his own with a sanded floor and a ball-court. The last he goes around lending to philosophers, sophists, masters-at-arms, teachers of music, for their displays ; <sup>b</sup> which he himself attends, coming in late so that the company may say one to another, ‘ That is the owner of the wrestling-place.’

### XXII. PARSIMONY

Parsimony is a neglect of honour when it involves expense ; and your Parsimonious man one that if he win the prize for staging a tragedy will consecrate to Dionysus a diadem of wood <sup>c</sup> with his own name and no other inscribed upon it ; <sup>d</sup> and when a public contribution is asked in the Assembly, rise without speaking or depart from the house. At his daughter’s wedding he will put away all the meat of the sacrificial victim except the priest’s

<sup>a</sup> For the game of that name *cf.* Ath. v. 194 a, *Pap. Soc. Ital.* 331 (257 B.C.).

<sup>b</sup> *Cf.* Diog. L. vi. 104.

<sup>c</sup> *i.e.* a plaque in imitation of a headband (Nav.).

<sup>d</sup> He does not even give the poet’s, let alone the tribe’s.

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ἱερέων<sup>1</sup> τὰ κρέα ἀποδόσθαι, τοὺς δὲ διακονοῦντας  
<sup>5</sup> ἐν τοῖς γάμοις οἰκοσίτους μισθώσασθαι· καὶ τρι-  
 ηραρχῶν τὰ τοῦ κυβερνήτου στρώματα αὐτῷ ἐπὶ  
 τοῦ καταστρώματος ὑποστορέννυσθαι, τὰ δὲ αὐτοῦ  
 ἀποτιθέναι. καὶ τὰ παιδιά δὲ δεινὸς μὴ πέμψαι  
 εἰς διδασκάλου ὅταν ἦ Μουσεῖα, ἀλλὰ φῆσαι κακῶς  
<sup>7</sup> ἔχειν, ἵνα μὴ συμβάλωνται. καὶ ἐξ ἀγορᾶς δὲ  
 ὀψωνήσας τὰ κρέα αὐτὸς φέρειν καὶ<sup>2</sup> τὰ λάχανα ἐν  
<sup>8</sup> τῷ προκολπῷ· καὶ ἔνδον μένειν ὅταν ἐκδῶ θοιμά-  
<sup>9</sup> τιον ἐκπλῦναι· καὶ φίλου ἔρανον συλλέγοντος καὶ  
 διηγγελμένου<sup>3</sup> αὐτῷ, προσιόντα προϊδόμενος ἀπο-  
 κάμψας ἐκ τῆς ὁδοῦ τὴν κύκλῳ οἰκάδε πορευθῆναι.  
<sup>10</sup> καὶ τῇ γυναικὶ δὲ τῇ ἑαυτοῦ <πλέον ταλάιτου><sup>4</sup>  
 προῖκα εἰσενεγκαμένη μὴ πρίασθαι θεράπαιναν,  
 ἀλλὰ μισθοῦσθαι εἰς τὰς ἐξόδους ἐκ τῆς γυναικειᾶς  
<sup>11</sup> παιδίον τὸ συνακολουθῆσον· καὶ τὰ ὑποδήματα  
 παλιμπήξει κεκαττυμένα φορεῖν, καὶ λέγειν ὅτι  
<sup>12</sup> κέρατος οὐδὲν διαφέρει· καὶ ἀναστὰς τὴν οἰκίαν  
<sup>13</sup> καλλῦναι καὶ τὰς κλίνας ἐκκορῆσαι.<sup>5</sup> καὶ καθεζό-  
 μενος παραστρέψαι τὸν τρίβωνα ὃν αὐτὸν φορεῖ.<sup>6</sup>

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Ἀμέλει δὲ ἢ ἀλαζονεῖα δόξει εἶναι προσδοκία  
 τις<sup>7</sup> ἀγαθῶν οὐκ ὄντων, ὃ δὲ ἀλάζων τοιοῦτός τις,  
 οἷος ἐν τῷ διαζεύγματι ἐστηκῶς διηγείσθαι<sup>8</sup> ξένους

<sup>1</sup> Holl. γερῶν      <sup>2</sup> V omits      <sup>3</sup> Holl.: V διελεγ., others  
 omit καὶ δ. . . . προσιόντα      <sup>4</sup> E      <sup>5</sup> mss also ἐκκορύσαι

<sup>6</sup> Münsterberg: mss αὐτὸς φ.      <sup>7</sup> mss also τῶν      <sup>8</sup> mss  
 διηγείτο

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portion, and covenant with the serving-men he hires for the feast that they shall eat at home.<sup>a</sup> As trierarch or furnisher of a galley to the state, he makes his bed on the deck with the helmsman's blankets,<sup>b</sup> and puts his own by. This man will never send his children to school when it is the Feast of the Muses, but pretend that they are sick, so that they shall not contribute. He will come home from market carrying his own buyings of meat and pot-herbs in the fold of his gown; <sup>c</sup> he will stay at home when his coat is gone to the fuller's; when a friend of his is laying another's acquaintance under contribution and he has wind of it, he no sooner sees him coming his way than he turns into an alley and fetches a compass home. The wife that brought him more than three hundred pound is not suffered to have a serving-maid of her own,<sup>d</sup> but he hires a little girl from the women's market to attend her upon her outings. The shoes he wears are all clouts, and he avows they are as strong as any horn. He rises betimes and cleans the house and brushes out the dining-couches.<sup>e</sup> When he sits down he will turn aside his frieze-coat when he has nothing under it.<sup>f</sup>

### XXIII. PRETENTIOUSNESS

Pretentiousness, of course, will seem to be a laying claim to advantages a man does not possess; and the Pretentious or Snobbish man will stand at the

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Men. 286 K, 450 K.

<sup>b</sup> The steersman on duty at night would not want them till morning. <sup>c</sup> Cf. Diog. L. vi. 36, 104. <sup>d</sup> Cf. Men. Sam. 170.

<sup>e</sup> These naturally would be covered with crumbs.

<sup>f</sup> Or perhaps the frieze-coat which is all he wears; cf. Diog. L. vi. 13, vii. 22.

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ὡς πολλὰ χρήματα αὐτῷ<sup>1</sup> ἔστιν ἐν τῇ θαλάττῃ· καὶ περὶ τῆς ἐργασίας τῆς δανειστικῆς διεξιέναι ἡλική, καὶ αὐτὸς ὅσα εἴληφε καὶ ἀπολώλεκε· καὶ ἅμα ταῦτα πλεθρίζων πέμπειν τὸ παιδάριον εἰς τὴν τράπεζαν ὄραχμῆς αὐτῷ κειμένης. καὶ συνοδοιπόρου δὲ ἀπολαῦσαι ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ δεινὸς λέγων ὡς μετὰ Εὐάνδρου ἐστρατεύσατο, καὶ ὡς αὐτῷ εἶχε,<sup>2</sup> καὶ ὅσα λιθοκόλλητα ποτήρια ἐκόμισε· καὶ περὶ τῶν τεχνιτῶν τῶν ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ, ὅτι βελτίους εἰσὶ τῶν ἐν τῇ Εὐρώπῃ, ἀμφισβητῆσαι· καὶ ταῦτα ψοφῆσαι<sup>3</sup> οὐδαμοῦ ἐκ τῆς πόλεως ἀποδεδημηκώς. καὶ γράμματα δὲ εἰπεῖν ὡς πάρεστι παρ' Ἀντιπάτρου τριττὰ<sup>4</sup> δὴ λέγοντα παραγίνεσθαι αὐτὸν εἰς Μακεδονίαν· καὶ διδομένης αὐτῷ ἐξαγωγῆς ξύλων ἀτελοῦς<sup>5</sup> ὅτι ἀπειρήται, ὅπως μὴδ' ὑφ' ἐνὸς συκοφαντηθῆ· Περαιτέρω φιλοσοφεῖν προσῆκε Μακεδόσι. καὶ ἐν τῇ σιτοδείᾳ<sup>6</sup> δὲ ὡς πλείω<sup>7</sup> ἢ πέντε τάλαντα αὐτῷ γένοιτο<sup>8</sup> τὰ ἀναλώματα δίδόντι τοῖς ἀπόροις τῶν πολιτῶν, ἀναγεύειν γὰρ οὐ δύνασθαι. καὶ ἀγνώτων<sup>9</sup> δὲ παρακαθημένων κελεῦσαι θεῖναι τὰς ψήφους ἕνα αὐτῶν, καὶ ποσῶν αὐτὰς καθ' ἐξακοσίας <καὶ κατὰ τριακοσίας><sup>10</sup> καὶ κατὰ μνᾶν, καὶ προστιθεὶς πιθανὰ<sup>11</sup> ἐκάστοις

<sup>1</sup> Lycius: mss -τοῖς

<sup>2</sup> cf. Men. Perinth. 7

<sup>3</sup> Hottin-

ger: mss ψηφῆσαι

<sup>4</sup> mss also τρίτον

<sup>5</sup> some mss

add εἰπεῖν: cf. Andoc. 2. 11

<sup>6</sup> Cas: mss σποδεία, σποδεία

<sup>7</sup> V πλείους

<sup>8</sup> cf. xiv. 2 τί γίνεται; mss also γένοιτο αὐτῷ

<sup>9</sup> mss also ἀγνώστων

<sup>10</sup> E, introd. p. 22

<sup>11</sup> V -νῶς

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Mole and tell strangers of the great sums he has ventured at sea, and descant upon the greatness of the usury-trade and his own profits and losses in it ; and while he thus outruns the truth, will send off his page to the bank, though he have there but a shilling to his name. He loves to make sport of a fellow-traveller by the way by telling him that he served under Evander,<sup>a</sup> and how he stood with him, and how many jewelled cups he brought home ; and will have it that the artificers of Asia are better craftsmen than these of Europe ;—all this talk though he have never been out of the country. Moreover, he may well say that he has no less than three letters from Antipater<sup>b</sup> requesting his attendance upon him in Macedonia,<sup>c</sup> and albeit he is offered free exportation of timber he has refused to go ; *he* will not lay himself open to calumny ; the Macedonians ought to have known better than expect it. He is like to say, also, that in the time of the famine<sup>d</sup> he spent more than twelve hundred pound in relieving the distress,—he cannot say no ; and when strangers are sitting next him he will ask one of them to cast the account, and reckoning it in sums of ten, twenty-five, and fifty, assign plausible names to each sum

<sup>a</sup> Apparently an intentionally thin disguise of the name of Alexander, against whom T. had written the pamphlet *Callisthenes* in 327.

<sup>b</sup> Regent of Macedonia after the death of Alexander, 323-319 ; *cf.* Xenocrates' refusal of Ant.'s offered gift, Diog. L. iv. 8 ; *cf. ibid.* vi. 66.

<sup>c</sup> Or that a letter has come from Antipater bidding him lead a commission of three to attend him in Macedonia.

<sup>d</sup> Prob. that of 329 B.C., *cf.* Dem. 34. 37 f.

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τούτων ὀνόματα, ποιῆσαι καὶ δέκα τάλαντα<sup>1</sup> καὶ τοῦτο φήσας εἰσηνηγοχέναι<sup>2</sup> εἰς ἑράνους αὐτῶν, καὶ τὰς τριηραρχίας εἰπεῖν ὅτι οὐ τίθησιν οὐδὲ τὰς λειτουργίας ὅσας λελειτούργηκε. καὶ προσελθὼν δ' εἰς τοὺς ἵππους, τοὺς ἀγαθοὺς τοῖς πωλοῦσι  
 8 προσποιήσασθαι ὠνητιῶν· καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς κλισίας<sup>3</sup> ἔλθων ἱματισμὸν ζητῆσαι εἰς δύο τάλαντα, καὶ τῷ παιδὶ μάχεσθαι ὅτι τὸ χρυσίον οὐκ ἔχων αὐτῷ  
 9 ἀκολουθεῖ· καὶ ἐν μισθῷ τὴν οἰκίαν<sup>4</sup> οἰκῶν φῆσαι ταύτην εἶναι τὴν πατρώαν πρὸς τὸν μὴ εἰδότα, καὶ διότι μέλλει πωλεῖν αὐτὴν διὰ τὸ ἐλάττω εἶναι αὐτῷ πρὸς τὰς ξενοδοχίας.

### ΥΠΕΡΗΦΑΝΙΑΣ ΚΔ'

Ἔστι δὲ ἡ ὑπερηφανία καταφρόνησις τις πλήν αὐτοῦ τῶν ἄλλων, ὃ δὲ ὑπερήφανος τοιοσόδε τις, οἷος τῷ σπεύδοντι ἀπὸ δείπνου κέντυγχάνειν  
 3 αὐτῷ<sup>5</sup> ἐντεύξεσθαι φάσκειν ἐν τῷ περιπατεῖν· καὶ  
 4 εὖ ποιήσας μεμνήσθαι φάσκειν· καὶ βαδίζων ἐν ταῖς ὁδοῖς<sup>6</sup> τὰς διαίτας κρίνειν ἐν τοῖς ἐπιτρέψασιν<sup>7</sup>.  
 5 καὶ χειροτονοῦμενος ἐξόμνησθαι τὰς ἀρχάς, οὐ  
 6 φάσκων σχολάζειν· καὶ προσελθεῖν πρότερος οὐδενὶ  
 7 θελήσαι.<sup>8</sup> καὶ τοὺς πωλοῦντάς τι ἢ μισθουμένους<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ποιῆσαι καὶ V; *i.e.* the five talents of § 5 have now grown to ten; mss also δέκα καὶ ποιῆσαι (*i.e.* καὶ in marg. arch.); ποιῆσαι corresponds to γίγνεσθαι xiv. <sup>2</sup> V εἰσηνηχέναι, which Foss keeps, reading αὐτῷ <sup>3</sup> E: mss κλίνας <sup>4</sup> Im. (*cf.* ἔμισθος and Xen. *Sym.* 4. 1): mss also μισθωτῇ οἰκίᾳ <sup>5</sup> Ast-E (introd. p. 23) <sup>6</sup> Schw: mss βιάζειν for βαδίζων, some ἐν τ. ὁ. καὶ β. (*i.e.* ἐν τ. ὁ. marg.) <sup>7</sup> ἐν is strange: τοῖς ἐν' (sc. λόγῳ) ἐπιτρέψασιν, *i.e.* a form of arbitration where the referee's decision was given in a single word (Yes or No)? *cf.* Men. *Er.* 198 καταμενῶ | αὔριον ὅτῳ βούλεσθ' ἐπιτρέπειν ἐνὶ λόγῳ | ἔτοιμος <sup>8</sup> mss -σας <sup>9</sup> Stroth: mss μεμισθωμ.

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given, and make it as much as three thousand pound.<sup>a</sup> This he declares is what he contributed to these poor men's subscription-lists, adding that he takes no account whatever of the trierarchies and other state-services he has performed. This man will go to the horse-market and pretend to the dealers that he wishes to buy thoroughbreds; and at the stalls<sup>b</sup> he asks after clothing worth five hundred pound, and scolds his lackey for coming out without gold.<sup>c</sup> And though he live in a hired house, he tells any that knows no better that he had this of his father, and is about to put it up for sale because it is too small for the entertaining of his friends.

### XXIV. ARROGANCE

Arrogance is the despising of all the world but yourself; and the Arrogant man of the kind that will tell any that hastes to speak to him after supper, that he will see him while he takes the air;<sup>d</sup> and any that he has benefited, that he is bearing it in mind. If he be made sole arbiter he will give judgement as he walks in the streets.<sup>e</sup> When he is to be elected to office he excuses himself on oath, because, please you, he has not the time. He will go speak to no man before the other speak to him. It is his way also to bid one who would sell to him or hire

<sup>a</sup> *Lit.* reckoning by 600 drachmas (=6 minas = a tenth of a talent), and 10 minas (a twentieth), and 1 mina (a sixtieth), make it ten talents: the ref. is not to the method of adding up the total (why should he have an abacus with him?), but to the (imaginary) list of his contributions; he does not trouble to invent any but round numbers (see p. 22).

<sup>b</sup> Another part of the market-place.

<sup>c</sup> *Lit.* the gold; but the article is idiomatic, see p. 51 n. a.

<sup>d</sup> *i.e.* he won't put off his evening walk for him.

<sup>e</sup> See critical note 7.

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8 δεινὸς κελεῦσαι ἤκειν πρὸς αὐτὸν ἅμ' ἡμέρα· καὶ  
 ἐν ταῖς ὁδοῖς πορευόμενος μὴ λαλεῖν τοῖς ἐντυγ-  
 χάνουσι,<sup>1</sup> κάτω κεκυφώς, ὅταν δὲ αὐτῷ δόξη, ἄνω  
 9 πάλιν· καὶ ἐστιῶν τοὺς φίλους αὐτὸς μὴ συνδειπνεῖν,  
 ἀλλὰ τῶν ὑφ' αὐτὸν τιμὴ συντάξαι αὐτῶν ἐπι-  
 10 μελεῖσθαι. καὶ προαποστέλλειν δέ, ἐπὶ πορεύηται,  
 11 τὸν ἐροῦντα ὅτι προσέρχεται· καὶ οὔτε ἐπ' ἀλειφό-  
 μενον αὐτὸν οὔτε λουόμενον οὔτε ἐσθίοντα ἐᾶσαι  
 12 ἂν εἰσελθεῖν. ἀμέλει δὲ καὶ λογιζόμενος πρὸς  
 τινα τῷ παιδὶ συντάξαι τὰς ψήφους διωθεῖν καὶ  
 13 κεφάλαιον ποιήσαντι γράψαι αὐτῷ εἰς λόγον· καὶ  
 ἐπιστέλλων μὴ γράφειν ὅτι Χαρίζιοι ἂν μοι, ἀλλ'  
 ὅτι Βούλομαι γενέσθαι, καὶ Ἀπέσταλκα πρὸς σέ  
 ληψόμενος, καὶ Ὅπως ἄλλως μὴ ἔσται, καὶ Τὴν  
 ταχίστην.

### ΔΕΙΛΙΑΣ ΚΕ'

Ἀμέλει δὲ ἡ δειλία δόξειεν ἂν εἶναι ὑπειξίς τις  
 2 ψυχῆς ἐν φόβῳ,<sup>2</sup> ὁ δὲ δειλὸς τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος  
 πλέων τὰς ἄκρας φάσκειν ἡμιολίας εἶναι· καὶ  
 κλυδωνίου<sup>3</sup> γενομένου ἐρωτᾶν εἴ τις μὴ μεμύηται  
 τῶν πλεόντων· καὶ τοῦ κυβερνήτου ἀνακύπτουτος  
 <εἰσομένου> εἰ μεσοπορεῖ, πυνθάνεσθαι<sup>4</sup> τί αὐτῷ  
 δοκεῖ τὰ τοῦ θεοῦ· καὶ πρὸς τὸν παρακαθήμενον  
 λέγειν ὅτι φοβεῖται ἀπὸ ἐνυπνίου τινός· καὶ ἐκδὺς  
 3 τὴν γῆν προσάγειν αὐτόν. καὶ στρατευόμενος δὲ

<sup>1</sup> <ἀλλὰ παριέναι>?

<sup>2</sup> E: mss ἔμφοβος

<sup>3</sup> V κλύδωνος

<sup>4</sup> E; for εἰς. cf. Men. Ep. 245: mss ἀνακόπτουτος (ἀνακύπτω  
 μὲν) πυνθαν. (αἰσθάν.) εἰ μεσ. καὶ



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him his labour to come to him at break of day. When he is walking in the street, he never talks to those that meet him, but goes by with his eyes on the ground till it please him to raise them. When he invites his friends, he does not dine with them himself, but commands one of his underlings to see to their entertainment. When he travels, he sends a footboy before him to say that he is coming. No man is admitted to his presence when he is anointing himself, or at his bath, or taking food. No need to say that when this man comes to a reckoning with you he commands his page to do the counting and adding and set the sum down to your account.<sup>a</sup> In his letters you do not find 'You would oblige me,' but 'My desire is this,' or 'I have sent to you for that,' or 'Be sure that you do the other,' and 'Without the least delay.'

### XXV. COWARDICE

Cowardice, of course, would seem to be a giving-way of the soul in fear; and your Coward he that if he be at sea will have it that the jutting rocks are pirate sloops, and when the sea rises asks if there be any aboard that is not initiated. If the helmsman look up to know if he is keeping mid-channel,<sup>b</sup> he asks him what he thinks of the weather;<sup>c</sup> or tells one that sits next to him that a dream he has had makes him uneasy: or takes off his shirt and gives it to his man;<sup>d</sup> or begs them put him ashore.

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* without asking if you agree with his arithmetic.

<sup>b</sup> *Or* is halfway of his course (in either case he would go by the relative position of mountain-tops, etc.).

<sup>c</sup> *Cf.* Eur. *Cycl.* 212 (Nav.).

<sup>d</sup> For ease in swimming; the cloak, having no arm-holes, could be thrown off with less delay.

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πεζῆ<sup>1</sup> ἐκβοηθοῦντός τε<sup>2</sup> <τοὺς συσσίτους><sup>3</sup> προσ-  
 καλεῖν πάντας πρὸς αὐτὸν κελεύων στάντας<sup>4</sup>  
 πρῶτον περιῦδειν, καὶ λέγειν ὡς ἔργον διαγνῶναι<sup>5</sup>  
 ἔστι πότεροί<sup>5</sup> εἰσιν οἱ πολέμιοι· καὶ ἀκούων  
 κραυγῆς καὶ ὄρων πίπτοντας, εἶπας<sup>6</sup> πρὸς τοὺς  
 παρεστηκότας ὅτι τὴν σπάθην λαβεῖν ὑπὸ τῆς  
 σπουδῆς ἐπελάθετο, τρέχειν ἐπὶ τὴν σκῆμην,  
 <καὶ> τὸν παῖδα ἐκπέμψας κελεύων<sup>7</sup> προσκο-  
 πείσθαι ποῦ εἰσιν οἱ πολέμιοι, ἀποκρῦψαι αὐτὴν  
 ὑπὸ τὸ προσκεφάλαιον, εἶτα διατρίβειν πολὺν  
 χρόνον ὡς ζητῶν· καὶ ἐκ τῆς σκημῆς<sup>8</sup> ὄρων  
 τραυματίαν τινὰ προσφερόμενον τῶν φίλων προσ-  
 δραμῶν καὶ θαρρεῖν κελεύσας ὑπολαβὸν φέρειν,  
 καὶ τοῦτον θεραπεύειν καὶ περισπογγίζειν, καὶ  
 παρακαθήμενος ἀπὸ τοῦ ἔλκουσ τὰς μυίας σοβεῖν,  
 καὶ πᾶν μᾶλλον ἢ μάχεσθαι τοῖς πολεμίοις. καὶ  
 τοῦ σαλπιστοῦ δὲ τὸ πολεμικὸν σημήναντος καθ-  
 ἤμενος ἐν τῇ σκημῇ <εἰπεῖν> "Ἄπαγ' ἐς κόρακας·  
 οὐκ ἔάσει τὸν ἄνθρωπον ὕπνου λαβεῖν<sup>9</sup> πυκνὰ  
 σημαίνων. καὶ αἵματος δὲ ἀνάπλεως ἀπὸ τοῦ  
 ἄλλοτρίου τραύματος ἐντυγχάνειν τοῖς ἐκ τῆς  
 μάχης ἐπανιοῦσι καὶ διηγείσθαι ὡς Κινδυνεύσας  
 ἕνα σέσωκα τῶν φίλων<sup>10</sup>. καὶ εἰσάγειν πρὸς τὸν  
 κατακείμενον σκεφομένους τοὺς δημότας, τοὺς

<sup>1</sup> V πεζοῦ corr. to πεζῆ, others omit πεζ. . . . τε <sup>2</sup> sc. τῶν στρατῶν or τοῦ στρατηγῶ (or ἐκβοηθῶντων? cf. Xen. Cyr. iii. 3. 51 ἰούτων εἰς μάχην, and συναγόντων below, xxx. 18)

<sup>3</sup> E, cf. Dem. 54. 4 <sup>4</sup> V κελ. πρ. αὐτ. στ., others πάντας πρ. αὐτ. καὶ στ. (i.e. κελεύων, afterwards mutilated, in marg. arch.) <sup>5</sup> mss also -ρον <sup>6</sup> Ilberg: mss εἰπεῖν, εἶποι (?)

<sup>7</sup> V καὶ κελεύσας, others κελεύειν <sup>8</sup> E: mss ἐν τῇ σκημῇ <sup>9</sup> cf. Long. 4. 36 fin. ὕπνον εἴλοντο <sup>10</sup> or, with V, ὡς κινδυνεύσας ἕνα κτλ.

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When he is serving on land and the troops are going into action, he will call his messmates and bid them all first stop and look about them ; it is so difficult to tell which is the enemy ; and then when he hears cries and sees men falling, he remarks to the men next to him that in his haste he forgot to take up his sword, and runs to the tent, and sending his man out with orders to reconnoitre, hides it under his pillow and then spends a long time pretending to seek for it. And seeing from the tent that they are bringing that way a wounded man that is a friend of his, he runs out, and bidding him be of good cheer, takes him on his back and carries him in <sup>a</sup> ; and so will tend the man, and sponge about his wound, <sup>b</sup> and sit beside him and keep the flies from it, do anything, in short, sooner than fight the enemy. And indeed when the trumpet sounds the charge he never stirs from the tent, but cries ‘ Ill take ye ! he’ll not suffer the man to get a wink of sleep with his continual bugling ! ’ And then, covered with blood from another’s wound, he will meet returning troops and tell them how he has saved one friend’s life at the risk of his own <sup>c</sup> ; and bring in his fellow-parishioners, his fellow-tribesmen, to see the wounded

<sup>a</sup> Or *perh.* on his arm ; Nav. compares Plat. *Sym.* 212 D where, however, it is ἀγειν not φέρειν.

<sup>b</sup> Not the wound itself.

<sup>c</sup> Or tell each of them, as if he had risked his life, how he has saved one of his friends.

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φυλέτας,<sup>1</sup> καὶ τούτων ἅμ' ἐκάστω διηγείσθαι, ὡς αὐτὸς αὐτὸν ταῖς ἑαυτοῦ χερσὶν ἐπὶ σκηνὴν ἐκόμισεν.

### ΟΛΙΓΑΡΧΙΑΣ ΚΣ'

Δόξειεν δ' ἂν εἶναι ἡ ὀλιγαρχία φιλαρχία τις ἰσχύος καὶ κέρδους<sup>2</sup> γλιχομένη, ὃ δὲ ὀλιγαρχικός<sup>3</sup> τοιοῦτος, οἷος τοῦ δήμου βουλευομένου τίνας τῶν ἄρχοντι προσαιρήσονται τοὺς συνεπιμελησομένους τῆς πομπῆς,<sup>4</sup> παρελθὼν ἀποφήσασθαι ὡς δεῖ αὐτοκράτορας τούτους εἶναι, κὰν ἄλλοι<sup>5</sup> προβάλλωνται δέκα, λέγειν Ἰκανὸς εἰς ἔστι, τοῦτον δὲ ὅτι δεῖ ἄνδρα εἶναι· καὶ τῶν Ὀμήρου ἐπῶν τοῦτο ἔν μόνον κατέχειν ὅτι

Οὐκ ἀγαθὸν πολυκοιρανίη, εἰς κοίρανος ἔστω,

<sup>3</sup> τῶν δὲ ἄλλων μηδὲν ἐπίστασθαι. ἀμέλει δὲ δεινὸς τοῖς τοιούτοις τῶν λόγων χρήσασθαι, ὅτι Δεῖ αὐτοὺς ἡμᾶς συνελθόντας περὶ τούτου<sup>6</sup> βουλευέσασθαι, καὶ Ἐκ τοῦ ὄχλου καὶ τῆς ἀγορᾶς ἀπαλλαγῆναι, καὶ Παύσασθαι ἀρχαῖς πλησιάζοντας καὶ ὑπὸ τούτων<sup>7</sup> ὑβριζομένους ἢ τιμωμένους ὅτε<sup>8</sup> ἢ τούτους δεῖ ἢ ἡμᾶς οἰκεῖν τὴν πόλιν. καὶ τὸ μέσον δὲ τῆς ἡμέρας ἐξιών<sup>9</sup> τὸ ἱμάτιον <μεμελημένως><sup>10</sup> ἀναβεβλημένος καὶ μέσην κουρὰν κεκαρμένος καὶ ἀκριβῶς ἀπωνυχισμένος σοβεῖν τοὺς

<sup>1</sup> mss also τοὺς φ. τὸν δῆμον

<sup>2</sup> mss and P (*Oxyrh.*

iv. 699) ἰτχιροῦ (-ρῶς) κέρδ.

<sup>3</sup> Cas: mss (and P?) -αρχος

<sup>4</sup> so V: other mss omit 2 ll. of arch. προσαιρ. τ. σιν- and

(from marg.) τῆς <sup>5</sup> mss ἄλλοι <sup>6</sup> so prob. V (Im.):

others -των <sup>7</sup> V adds αὐτοὺς: Nav. οὕτως <sup>8</sup> E: mss

ὅτι, cf. xvii. 9 <sup>9</sup> V adds καὶ, others omit καὶ τὸ ἱμ. ἀναβεβλ.

<sup>10</sup> E (one line of arch. lost by πρλ), cf. Plat. *Prot.* 311 b

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man, telling each and all that he carried him to the tent with his own hands.

### XXVI. OLIGARCHY

It would seem that the Oligarchical or Anti-Democratic Spirit is a love of rule, covetous of power and gain; and the Anti-Democrat or Tory of the Old School <sup>a</sup> is he that steps forth when the Assembly is considering whom to join with the Archon for the directing of the pageant, <sup>b</sup> and gives his opinion that these should have full powers; and if the other speakers propose ten, he will say 'One is enough,' adding 'But he must be a man indeed.' <sup>c</sup> 'The one and only line of Homer's he knows is this:

'Tis ill that many rule; give one man sway.

It is only to be expected that he should be given to using such phrases as these:—'We should meet and consider this by ourselves'; 'We should rid ourselves of the mob and the market-place'; 'We should give up dallying with office and suffering ourselves to be insulted or exalted by such persons, <sup>d</sup> when either we or these fellows must govern the city.' And he will not go abroad till midday, and then it is with his cloak thrown on with studied elegance, and his hair and beard neither too short nor too long, and his finger-nails carefully pared, to

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *Andoc.* 4. 16.

<sup>b</sup> The procession at the Greater Dionysia.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Men. Sam.* 137, *Pk.* 260.

<sup>d</sup> The reference is to the initial and final scrutinies of magistrates before the Assembly.

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τοιούτους λόγους <λέγων> τὴν τοῦ ᾽Ωιδείου<sup>1</sup>.  
 5 Διὰ τοὺς συκοφάντας οὐκ οἰκητόν ἐστιν ἐν τῇ  
 πόλει, καὶ ὡς ᾽Εν τοῖς δικαστηρίοις δεινὰ πά-  
 σχομεν ὑπὸ τῶν δικαζόντων,<sup>2</sup> καὶ ὡς Θαυμάζω  
 τῶν πρὸς τὰ κοινὰ προσιόντων τί βούλονται, καὶ  
 ὡς ἀχάριστόν ἐστι <τὸ><sup>3</sup> τοῦ νέμοντος καὶ διδόντος,  
 6 καὶ ὡς αἰσχύνεται ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ ὅταν παρα-  
 κάθηται τις αὐτῷ λεπτός καὶ αὐχμῶν· καὶ εἰπεῖν  
 Ἦότε παυσόμεθα ὑπὸ τῶν λειτουργιῶν καὶ τῶν τρι-  
 ηραρχιῶν ἀπολλύμενοι; καὶ ὡς μισητόν τὸ τῶν  
 δημαγωγῶν γένος, τὸν Θησέα πρῶτον φήσας τῶν  
 κακῶν τῇ πόλει γεγονέναι αἴτιον,<sup>4</sup> καὶ δίκαια  
 παθεῖν,<sup>5</sup> πρῶτον γὰρ αὐτὸν ἀπολέσθαι ὑπ' αὐτῶν.  
 7 καὶ τοιαῦτα ἕτερα πρὸς τοὺς ξένους καὶ τῶν  
 πολιτῶν τοὺς ὁμοτρόπους καὶ ταῦτ' αἰρουμένους.

### ΟΥΨΙΜΑΘΙΑΣ ΚΖ'

Ἡ δὲ ὀψιμαθία φιλοπονία δόξειεν ἂν εἶναι  
 ὑπὲρ τὴν ἡλικίαν, ὃ δὲ ὀψιμαθῆς τοιοῦτός τις, οἷος  
 ῥήσεις μανθάνειν ἐξήκοντα ἔτη γεγονώς, καὶ  
 3 ταύτας λέγων παρὰ πότον ἐπιλανθάνεσθαι· καὶ  
 παρὰ τοῦ υἱοῦ μανθάνειν τὸ Ἐπὶ δόρυ καὶ Ἐπ'  
 ἄσπίδα καὶ Ἐπ' οὐράν· καὶ εἰς ἡρώα συμβάλλε-  
 4 σθαι τοῖς μεираκίοις λαμπάδα τρέχειν. ἀμέλει δὲ

<sup>1</sup> cf. βαδίζων ὁδῶν Xen. Mem. ii. 1. 22, and Alciphr. 4. 7. 1 (l. 34) τῶν εἰς (sic legit) Ἀκαδημαίαν σοβείας (an imitation?)

<sup>2</sup> Schen: mss δικαζομένων: Meier δεκαζομένων <sup>3</sup> Bersanetti,

cf. τὸ τῆς τ. χης viii. 10 and Kühn.-Bl. ii. 1. 269 <sup>4</sup> V

adds incorp. gloss τὸν γὰρ ἐκ δώδεκα πόλεων εἰς μίαν καταγαγόντα λιμίσας βασιλείας; cf. ὑπ' αὐτῶν below, sc. τῶν δημαγωγῶν; other mss omit αἴτιον . . . ὑπ' αὐτῶν <sup>5</sup> mss αὐτὸν παθεῖν

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strut it in the Street of the Music-House, saying, 'There's no dwelling in Athens for the informers'; or 'The juries are the curse of the law-courts'; or 'I marvel why men take up public affairs'; or 'How thankless the task of him that has to pay!' or how ashamed he is when some lean and ill-kempt fellow sits next to him in the Assembly. And he will say 'When shall we cease to be victims of these state-services and trierarchies?' or 'O this detestable tribe of demagogues!' and add 'Theseus was the beginning of the misfortunes of our country; and he got his deserts; he was their first victim himself.'<sup>a</sup> And other such remarks does he make to strangers or to such of his fellow-citizens as are of his disposition and politics.<sup>b</sup>

### XXVII. OPSIMATHY OR LATE-LEARNING

Opsimathy would seem to be an activity too great for your years; and the Opsimath or Late-Learner one that being past threescore years of age will learn verses to recite,<sup>c</sup> and will forget what comes next when he delivers them over the wine. He will make his son teach him 'Right turn,' 'Left turn,' and 'Right-about-face.' On the feasts of the Heroes<sup>d</sup> he will compete in the torch-race for boys.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Plut. *Thes.* 35.

<sup>b</sup> Perhaps an addition by another hand.

<sup>c</sup> At dinner-parties.

<sup>d</sup> Or to the shrines of the Heroes (Hephaestus and Prometheus?); but if so it must be emphatic, and in this context one would expect the emphasis to lie on *μειρανίους*; *eis* rather than *in* is due to the idea of entering *for* the race, *to be* on a certain day; cf. the Orators *passim*.



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κᾶν που<sup>1</sup> κληθῆ εἰς Ἡράκλεια,<sup>2</sup> ῥύφας τὸ ἰμάτιον  
 τὸν βοῦν αἵρεσθαι<sup>3</sup> ἵνα τραχηλίση<sup>4</sup>· καὶ προσανα-  
 τρίβεσθαι εἰσιὼν εἰς τὰς παλαιίστρας· καὶ ἐν τοῖς  
 θαύμασι τρία ἢ τέτταρα πληρώματα ὑπομένειν τὰ  
 ἄσματα ἐκμανθάνων· καὶ τελούμενος τῷ Σαβαζίῳ  
 σπεῦσαι ὅπως καλλιστεύσῃ παρὰ τῷ ἱερεῖ· καὶ  
 ἐρῶν ἑταίρας<sup>5</sup> καὶ κριοὺς προσβάλλων ταῖς θύραις  
 πληγὰς εἰληφὼς ὑπ' ἀντεραστοῦ δικάζεσθαι· καὶ  
 εἰς ἀγρὸν ἐφ' ἵππου ἀλλοτρίου κατοχούμενος ἅμα  
 μελετᾶν ἱππάζεσθαι καὶ πεσῶν τὴν κεφαλὴν  
 καταγῆναι<sup>6</sup>· καὶ ἐν δεκαδισταῖς<sup>7</sup> συναίγειν τοὺς  
 <μῆ><sup>8</sup> μετ' αὐτοῦ συναύξοντας· καὶ μακρὸν ἀν-  
 δριάντα παίζειν πρὸς τὸν ἑαυτοῦ ἀκόλουθον· καὶ  
 διατοξεύεσθαι καὶ διακοντίζεσθαι τῷ τῶν παιδίων  
 παιδαγωγῷ, καὶ ἅμα μανθάνειν παρ' αὐτοῦ  
 <παρανείν>,<sup>9</sup> ὡς ἂν καὶ ἐκείνου μὴ ἐπισταμένου.  
 καὶ παλαίων δ' ἐν τῷ βαλανείῳ πυκνὰ ἔδρο-  
 στροφεῖν,<sup>10</sup> ὅπως πεπαιδεῦσθαι δοκῆ· καὶ ὅταν ὦσιν  
 ἐγγὺς γυναικες<sup>11</sup> μελετᾶν ὀρχεῖσθαι αὐτὸς αὐτῷ  
 τερετίζων.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ποι?                      <sup>2</sup> E: mss -κλειον (eis=at or on, cf. Lys. 21. 3)  
<sup>3</sup> Meier: V αἰρεῖσθαι, others omit καὶ ἐπ' ὄφραν . . . δικάζεσθαι                      <sup>4</sup> ἵνα τρ. perh. a gloss: Theophr.'s readers would surely not need this explanation                      <sup>5</sup> Schn: V ἱερᾶς corr. fr. -ρᾶς                      <sup>6</sup> E, cf. Plat. Gorg. 469 D: mss καταγεῖναι  
<sup>7</sup> Wilhelm: V ἐνδεκα δισταῖς, others omit καὶ . . . συναύξοντας                      <sup>8</sup> E                      <sup>9</sup> Hanow                      <sup>10</sup> E, cf. ἐδοστρεφίφος: mss (τῆν) ἐδραν στρέφειν                      <sup>11</sup> Meister, cf. Ar. Eccl. 880: V ὦσι . . . γυναικ. . . (introd. p. 23)                      <sup>12</sup> LATE ADDITION (only in V, where it follows Char. XXVIII): (16) οὕτως ὁ τῆς διδασκαλίας ἐρετισμὸς μανικοῦς καὶ ἐξεστηκότας ἀνθρώπους τοῖς ἥθεσι ποιεῖ



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If he be bidden to any man's on a feast of Heracles, he is of course the man to throw off his coat and raise the ox to bend back its neck<sup>a</sup>; when he goes to the wrestling-schools<sup>b</sup> he'll take a throw with the youngsters. At the jugglers' shows he will stay out three or four performances learning the songs by heart. When they are initiating him with the holy orders of Sabazius he takes pains to acquit himself best in the eyes of the priest.<sup>c</sup> If, when he is wenching and tries to break in the door, he be beaten by a rival, he takes it into court. He borrows a mount to ride into the country, and practising horsemanship by the way is thrown and breaks his head. At a tenth-day club's meetings he assembles men who have not the like objects with himself.<sup>d</sup> He will play long-stature<sup>e</sup> with his lackey; he will shoot or throw the javelin with his children's tutor, and invite him the while to learn of him, as if he did not know his own business. When he is wrestling at the baths, he keeps wriggling his buttocks so that he may be thought to have had a good education. And when women are near, he will practise a dance, whistling his own tune.<sup>f</sup>

<sup>a</sup> For the knife.

<sup>b</sup> A common diversion.

<sup>c</sup> Meaning uncertain.

<sup>d</sup> *συνάγειν* and *συνάγειν* are technical club-words, the latter meaning to further club-interests, *cf.* Lycon's will *ap.* Diog. L. v. 70.

<sup>e</sup> Prob. a children's gymnastic feat involving standing on another player's shoulders.

<sup>f</sup> LATE ADDITION: Thus can the prick of education make a man's manners those of one beside his wits.

## ΚΑΚΟΛΟΓΙΑΣ ΚΗ'

"Ἔστι δὲ ἡ κακολογία ἀγωγὴ<sup>1</sup> τῆς ψυχῆς εἰς τὸ χεῖρον ἐν λόγοις, ὁ δὲ κακολόγος τοίσοδε τις, οἷος ἐρωτηθεὶς 'Ὁ δεῖνα τίς ἐστιν; <εἰπεῖν> "Ἄκουε δὴ,<sup>2</sup> καθάπερ οἱ γενεαλογοῦντες. Πρῶτον ἀπὸ τοῦ γένους αὐτοῦ ἄρξομαι· τούτου ὁ μὲν πατὴρ ἐξ ἀρχῆς Σωσίας ἐκαλεῖτο, ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν τοῖς στρατιώταις Σωσίστρατος, ἐπειδὴ δὲ εἰς τοὺς δημότας ἐνεγράφη, <Σωσίδημος><sup>3</sup>. ἡ μέντοι μήτηρ εὐγενὴς Θραῦττά ἐστι, καλεῖται γοῦν ἡσυχῆ<sup>4</sup> Κρινοκοράκα· τὰς δὲ τοιαύτας φασὶν ἐν τῇ πατρίδι εὐγενεῖς εἶναι<sup>5</sup>. αὐτὸς δὲ οὗτος ὡς ἐκ τοιούτων γεγονὼς κακὸς καὶ μαστιγίας. καὶ <περὶ γυναικῶν ἀκκαῶν><sup>6</sup> δὲ πρὸς τινα εἰπεῖν 'Ἐγὼ δὴπου τὰ τοιαῦτα οἶδα ὑπὲρ ὧν σὺ πλανᾷ<sup>7</sup> πρὸς ἐμέ καὶ τούτους<sup>8</sup> διεξιὼν· αὐταὶ αἱ γυναῖκες ἐκ τῆς ὁδοῦ τοὺς παριόντας συναρπάζουσι· καὶ Οἰκία τις αὐτῇ τὰ σκέλη ἤρκυια, <καὶ> Οὐ γὰρ οἶον<sup>9</sup> λῆρὸς ἐστὶ τὸ λεγόμενον, ἀλλ' ὥσπερ αἱ κύνες ἐν ταῖς ὁδοῖς

<sup>1</sup> Cas: mss ἀγών      <sup>2</sup> E, usual before a list, story, formal announcement, or emphatic statement, cf. Plat. *Phaedr.* 230 c., *Sym.* 214 b., *Tim. Sch.* 20 d., Plat. *Com. Φάων* 173. 5 K' (cf. 174. 11) ἄκουε δὴ· ἄρξομαι κτλ., *Eupol.* KX. 151 K, *Men. Sym.* 93 and frag. p. 468 l. 25 Allinson, *Callim. Iamb.* 201, *Cleanthes* 3 Powell, *Luc. Gall.* 12: σ' ἀκοῖν δὴ quoted by Nav. from Plat. *Soph.* 256 d., 257 a is clearly unsuitable: Ὡ σ' ἀκοῖν δὲ with mark of corruption; others omit, changing ἄρξομαι to ἀρξασθαι and omitting τοῖσοι

<sup>3</sup> Meier      <sup>4</sup> E, cf. *Diog. Laert.* vi. 58, *Theocr.* 13. 27, *Men. Her.* 20: mss ἡ ἡσυχῆ, but the 'ornate alias' is hardly Greek (could it be an incorp. gloss translating κρ.?)

<sup>5</sup> introd. p. 14      <sup>6</sup> Im.-E      <sup>7</sup> Foss: V πλανᾶς, others omit καὶ . . . ἐμέ      <sup>8</sup> Ussing: mss -τοῖς      <sup>9</sup> Nav. compares *Polyb.* i. 20. 12

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### XXVIII. BACKBITING

Backbiting is a bent of the mind towards the worse in all a man says ; and your Backbiter one that, when you ask him ' Who is so-and-so ? ' is like to reply in the manner of a genealogist, ' Listen ; I will begin with his parentage ; this man's father was first called Sosias,<sup>a</sup> then among the troops<sup>b</sup> he became Sosistratus, and lastly when he was enrolled as a demesman or man of a parish,<sup>c</sup> Sosidemus ; but as for his mother, she's a high-born Thracian<sup>d</sup> ; at least she's called when nobody's listening<sup>e</sup> Krinokoraka,<sup>f</sup> and they say that women of that sort<sup>g</sup> are high-born in *her* country ; the man himself, as you might expect, coming of such a stock, is a knave and a villain.' And he will say to you about quite respectable women, ' I know only too well what trollops they are whose cause you are so mistaken as to champion to these gentlemen and me ; these women seize passers-by out of the street '<sup>h</sup> ; or ' This house is simply a brothel ' ; or ' The saying is all too true, *They couple like dogs in the streets* ' ;

<sup>a</sup> Common as a slave-name, though also borne by freemen.

<sup>b</sup> Prob. mercenaries (Nav.).

<sup>c</sup> It was possible at this time, by questionable means, for a foreigner or even a slave to become an Athenian citizen (Nav.).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Men. 469 K, Diog. L. ii. 31, vi. 1.

<sup>e</sup> Meaning doubtful ; perhaps Kr. is Thracian for ' courtesan.'

<sup>f</sup> The point perhaps lies in the outlandishness of the name ; attempts to derive it, *e.g.* from κρινον and κόραξ, Lily-Crow, Black-and-White (ref. to the practice of tattooing ? Knox) should be given up ; the κρινον, at any rate, was not proverbial for whiteness, as the lily is with us.

<sup>g</sup> *i.e.* prostitutes.

<sup>h</sup> Cf. Lys. 3. 46.

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συνέχονται<sup>1</sup>. καὶ τὸ ὄλον ἀνδρόλαλοι<sup>2</sup> τινες· καὶ  
 1 Αὐταὶ τὴν θύραν τὴν αὐλειον ὑπακούουσι. ἀμέλει  
 δὲ καὶ κακῶς λεγόντων ἐτέρων συνεπιλαμβάνεσθαι  
 καὶ αὐτὸς λέγων<sup>3</sup> Ἐγὼ δὲ τοῦτον τὸν ἄνθρωπον  
 πλέον πάντων μεμίσηκα· καὶ γὰρ εἰδεχθῆς τις ἀπὸ  
 τοῦ προσώπου ἐστίν· ἢ δὲ πονηρία, οὐδὲν ὅμοιον<sup>4</sup>.  
 σημεῖον δέ· τῇ γὰρ αὐτοῦ γυναικὶ <γ'><sup>5</sup> τάλαντα  
 εἰσειεγκαμένη προῖκα, ἐξ οὗ<sup>6</sup> παιδίον αὐτῷ γέ-  
 γονε, γ' χαλκοῦς εἰς ὄψον δίδωσι καὶ τῷ ψυχρῷ  
 λούεσθαι ἀναγκάζει τῇ τοῦ Ποσειδῶνος ἡμέρα.<sup>8</sup>  
 καὶ συγκαθήμενος δεινὸς περὶ τοῦ ἀναστάντος  
 εἰπεῖν <κακά>,<sup>9</sup> καὶ ἀρχὴν γε εἰληφῶς<sup>10</sup> μὴ ἀπο-  
 σχέσθαι μηδὲ τοὺς οἰκείους αὐτοῦ λοιδορῆσαι,  
 ἀλλὰ<sup>11</sup> πλείστα περὶ τῶν φίλων καὶ οἰκείων κακὰ  
 εἰπεῖν καὶ περὶ τῶν τετελευτηκότων, <τὴν> κακο-  
 λογίαν<sup>12</sup> ἀποκαλῶν παρρησίαν καὶ δημοκρατίαν καὶ  
 ἐλευθερίαν, καὶ τῶν ἐν τῷ βίῳ ἥδιστα τοῦτο ποιῶν.<sup>13</sup>

### ΦΙΛΟΠΟΝΗΡΙΑΣ<sup>14</sup> ΚΘ'

Ἔστι δὲ ἡ φιλοπονηρία ὁμοπαθεία<sup>15</sup> κακίας, ὃ  
 2 δὲ φιλοπόνηρός ἐστι τοιόσδε τις, οἷος ἐντυγχάνειν  
 τοῖς ἡττημένοις καὶ δημοσίοις ἀγῶνας ὠφληκόσι,<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup> κύνες ὡς ἐν ὁδοῖς συνέχονται?    <sup>2</sup> Foss -λάβοι    <sup>3</sup> V omits καὶ αὐτὸς and reads εἶπον (i.e. εἶπας), others and αὐτὸν λέγοντα  
<sup>4</sup> V ὁμοία corr. from ὁμοία    <sup>5</sup> or ί, cf. Men. 102. 11 K? Antiph. 224 K is not parallel  
<sup>6</sup> οὐ Im: V ἤs    <sup>7</sup> γέγονε V marg., cf. Mach. ar. Ath. xiii. 381 d: text γεννᾷ, others omit τάλαντα . . . γεννᾷ    <sup>8</sup> cf. C.I.A. iii. 77. 16: or τοῦ Ποσειδεῶνος ὁσημέραι (E)?  
<sup>9</sup> Cas.-E    <sup>10</sup> Schn: V -φότος, others omit καὶ . . . λοιδορῆσαι; cf. Men. Pk. 45    <sup>11</sup> καὶ V, others καὶ ἄλλα

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or 'Truth to tell, they are talkers with men'; or 'They answer the house-door themselves.'<sup>a</sup> I need not add that this fellow is apt, when others are maligning any man, to put *his* oar in and say, 'But I, I hate him above all men; what's more, he's ugly to look at, and his evil character—there's nothing to match it; and I'll tell you why: the wife that brought him two thousand pound, ever since she bore him a child has had but two farthings a day for her meat-money, and has been made to wash in cold water on Poseidon's day.'<sup>b</sup> He is prone to malign one of the company who is gone out; and, give him but the opportunity, he will not forbear to revile his own kin, nay he will often speak ill of his friends and kinsfolk, and of the dead, calling slander 'plain-speaking' or 'the democratic spirit'<sup>c</sup> or 'independence,' and preferring this among all the pleasures of life.

### XXIX. FRIENDSHIP WITH RASCALS

Friendship with Rascals is a sympathy with vice; and the Friend of Rascals he that will seek the company of unsuccessful litigants or persons found guilty

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Ar. *Pax* 980, *Thesm.* 790, 797, *Men.* 546 K.

<sup>b</sup> 8th Dec.-Jan. (the washing would be ritual): or every day of December?

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Andoc.* 4. 17.

<sup>12</sup> *E*: mss κακῶς λέγειν

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φιλοπονίας here, and similar forms below

1495 b 14: mss ἐπιθυμία

<sup>13</sup> for the LATE ADDITION in V

<sup>14</sup> V (the only ms for this Char.)

<sup>15</sup> *E*, cf. Arist.

<sup>16</sup> V ὠφέληκ.



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of crime, and suppose that their acquaintance will make him a man of the world and somebody to be afraid of.<sup>a</sup> Over the grave<sup>b</sup> of an honest man he will remark, 'As honesty goes,' or 'So they say,' and add 'No man is honest,' or 'We're all alike'; and when he says 'What an honest fellow,' it is a gibe. He declares of a scoundrel that he is a man of independent character if one shall only try him; and albeit he admits that all they say of him is mostly true, 'there are some things,' says he, 'they do not know; he is a man of parts, a good companion, and able too'; nay, will have it he has never met a more competent being. He is sure, moreover, to take his part when he has to pass scrutiny before the Assembly<sup>c</sup> or stand his trial at law; indeed at such a time he is like to remark to his neighbours, 'We should judge the act and not the person,' and to say that the man is the people's watchdog; for he keeps off evil-doers; and declare 'We shall have nobody to share our burdens for the public good if we throw over such men as this.' He is prone also to stand patron to worthless foreigners;<sup>d</sup> to form juntas on a jury in the support of bad causes; and when he is hearing a case,<sup>e</sup> to take the words of the parties in their worst sense.<sup>f</sup>

<sup>a</sup> For the disgrace attaching to 'evil communications' *cf.* Diog. L. vi. 6.

<sup>b</sup> For this use of *ἐπι* *cf.* Thuc. ii. 34. 8, Dem. 18. 285.

<sup>c</sup> As a magistrate, envoy, or the like.

<sup>d</sup> Resident foreigners were required to have a citizen as guarantor or legal representative.

<sup>e</sup> Certain kinds of cases went before a single judge as with us.

<sup>f</sup> Or accept the evil insinuations of the parties to the suit.  
LATE ADDITION:—In fine, Friendship with Rascals is sister to rascality, and true is the saying 'like to like.'



## ΑΙΣΧΡΟΚΕΡΔΕΙΑΣ Λ'

Ἡ δὲ αἰσχροκέρδειά ἐστιν ἐπιθυμία<sup>1</sup> κέρδους αἰσχροῦ,<sup>2</sup> ἔστι δὲ τοιοῦτος ὁ αἰσχροκερδής, οἷος ἐστιῶν<sup>3</sup> ἄρτους ἱκανοὺς μὴ παραθεῖναι· καὶ δανεί-  
 ; σασθαι παρὰ ξένου παρ' αὐτῷ καταλύοντος· καὶ  
 διανέμων μερίδας φῆσαι δίκαιον εἶναι διμοίρω τῷ  
 5 διανέμοντι δίδοσθαι, καὶ εὐθύς αὐτῷ νεῖμαι· καὶ  
 οἰνοπωλῶν κεκραμένον τὸν οἶνον τῷ φίλῳ ἀπο-  
 6 δόσθαι· καὶ ἐπὶ θέαν τηρικαῦτα<sup>4</sup> πορεύεσθαι ἄγων  
 τοὺς υἱούς, ἡνίκα προῖκα ἀφιασιν ἐπὶ θέατρον οἱ  
 ; θεατρῶναι.<sup>5</sup> καὶ ἀποδημῶν δημοσίᾳ τὸ μὲν ἐκ  
 τῆς πόλεως ἐφόδιον οἴκοι καταλιπεῖν, παρὰ δὲ  
 τῶν συμπρεσβευτῶν δανείζεσθαι<sup>6</sup>· καὶ τῷ ἀκο-  
 λούθῳ μεῖζον φορτίον ἐπιθεῖναι<sup>7</sup> ἢ δύναται φέρειν  
 καὶ ἐλάχιστα ἐπιτήδεια τῶν ἄλλων παρέχειν<sup>8</sup>· καὶ  
 ἀπὸ τῶν<sup>9</sup> ξενίων δὲ τὸ μέρος τὸ αὐτοῦ ἀπαιτήσας  
 8 ἀποδόσθαι· καὶ ἀλειφόμενος ἐν τῷ βαλανείῳ<sup>10</sup>  
 εἰπὼν Σαπρόν γε τὸ ἔλαιον ἐπρίω ὦ παιδάριον,<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Cob: V (the only ms for §§ 1-4, 11-15, 17-end, introd. p. 12)

πεμοισία <sup>2</sup> Nav. sugg. καὶ τοῦτον μικροῦ, cf. Arist. Eth. N. iv. 3. 1122 a 2 (τοῦτον written τού and then whole line of arch. lost by πβλ?) <sup>3</sup> Cor: V ἐσθίων <sup>4</sup> V

τηρικαῦτα from *teit* of arch., others ἡνίκα ἂν δέη from *marā*. (old var.), τηρικαῦτα being lost before they were copied

<sup>5</sup> V ἐπι θεατρῶν, others οἱ θεατρῶναι (i.e. ἐπὶ θέατρον in marg. arch., whence V's ancestor corrected, incompletely, οἱ θεατρῶναι): Holl. ἐπιθέατρον, cf. Bull. Corr. Hell. xviii.



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### XXX. MEANNESS

Meanness is the desire of base gain;<sup>a</sup> and the Mean man's way is, when he entertains his friends to a feast, not to set enough bread before them; to borrow of a stranger that is staying in his house; to say as he carves the meat<sup>b</sup> that the carver deserves a double portion, and help himself without more ado; and when he is selling his wine, to sell it watered to his friend. He chooses those days to take his sons to the play when the lessees of the theatre throw it open for nothing.<sup>c</sup> When he goes into foreign parts on the public service, he leaves at home the travel-money given him by the State, and borrows, as occasion demands, of his fellow-ambassadors; loads his lackey with a greater burden than he can well carry, and of all his fellows feeds his man the worst; and even demands his share of the presents they receive, in order to sell them. When he is anointing himself at the baths he cries 'The oil you brought, boy, is rancid,' and uses another's.

<sup>a</sup> Perhaps 'in small things' has fallen out; 'Meanness' is not quite low enough, but it is not avarice.

<sup>b</sup> At a club dinner or the like, where expenses are shared.

<sup>c</sup> Or perhaps throw open the upper rows for nothing.

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164, cent. iii. B.C.      <sup>6</sup> V -βενόντων δανείσασθαι      <sup>7</sup> so V:  
 others ἐπιθ. μ. φ. (i.e. ἐπιθ. marg. arch.)      <sup>8</sup> some mss  
 prefer the old variant τῶν ἱκανῶν and some omit παρέχειν  
 (i.e. ἄλλων παρέχειν marg. arch.)      <sup>9</sup> some mss omit καὶ  
 ἀπὸ τῶν (lost by πβλ from under τῶν ἱκανῶν)      <sup>10</sup> mss  
 add καὶ      <sup>11</sup> Reiske: V only παιδ'ρ, others ἐπρίω (from  
 marg. ?) τῷ παιδαρίω (from τῷ ἄλλοτρίω below)

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9 τῶ ἄλλοτρίῳ ἀλείφεσθαι. καὶ τῶν εὐρισκομένων  
 χαλκῶν ὑπὸ τῶν οἰκετῶν ἐν ταῖς ὁδοῖς<sup>1</sup> δεινὸς  
 ἀπαιτῆσαι τὸ μέρος, κοινὸν εἶναι φήσας τὸν  
 10 Ἑρμῆν· καὶ θοῖμάτιον<sup>2</sup> ἐκδοῦναι πλῦναι καὶ  
 χρησάμενος παρὰ γνωρίμου ἐφελκύσαι<sup>3</sup> πλείους  
 11 ἡμέρας ἕως ἂν ἀπαιτηθῇ. καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα<sup>4</sup>  
 Φειδωνίῳ<sup>5</sup> μέτρῳ τὸν πῦνδακα εἰσκεκρουμένῳ<sup>6</sup>  
 μετρεῖν αὐτὸς τοῖς εἶδον σφύδρα δὲ ἀποψῶν τὰ  
 12 ἐπιτήδεια<sup>7</sup>. ὑποπριάσθαι φίλον<sup>8</sup>. δοκοῦντος πρὸς  
 13 τρόπου πωλεῖν· ἐπιβαλὼν ἀποδόσθαι. ἀμέλει<sup>9</sup>  
 δὲ καὶ χρέος<sup>10</sup> ἀποδιδὸς τριάκοντα μῶν ἔλαττον  
 14 τετραδράχμῳ<sup>11</sup> ἀποδοῦναι. καὶ τῶν υἱῶν δὲ μὴ  
 πορευομένων εἰς τὸ διδασκαλεῖον τὸν μῆνα ὅλον  
 διὰ τὴν ἀρρωστίαν,<sup>12</sup> ἀφαιρεῖν τοῦ μισθοῦ κατὰ  
 λόγον, καὶ τὸν Ἀνθεστηριῶνα μῆνα μὴ πέμπειν  
 αὐτοὺς εἰς τὰ μαθήματα διὰ τὸ θέας εἶναι πολλὰς,  
 15 ἵνα μὴ τὸν μισθὸν ἐκτίη· καὶ παρὰ παιδὸς κομιζό-  
 μενος ἀποφοράν, τοῦ χαλκοῦ τὴν ἐπικαταλλαγὴν  
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 16 τοῦ χειρίζοντος <τοῦ ἀργυρίου>.<sup>13</sup> καὶ φράτορας  
 ἐστιῶν αἰτεῖν<sup>14</sup> τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ παισὶν ἐκ τοῦ κοινοῦ  
 ὄψιον, τὰ δὲ καταλειπόμενα ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης  
 ἡμίσεια τῶν ραφανίδων<sup>15</sup> ἀπογράφεσθαι, ἵνα οἱ δια-  
 κοινοῦντες παῖδες μὴ λάβωσι. συναποδημῶν δὲ

<sup>1</sup> V ὑπὸ τ. οἰκέων ἐν τ. ὁ., others ἐν τ. ὁ. ὑπὸ τ. οἰκετῶν  
 (i.e. two 11-13 letter lines inverted) <sup>2</sup> Mein: V ἱμ.

<sup>3</sup> cf. Herodas 2. 9, Long. 3. 5, Plut. Luc. 33 <sup>4</sup> old vari-  
 ant (?) τὰ δὲ δὴ τ. <sup>5</sup> cf. Arist. Const. Ath. 10 (Φειδωνείων):

mss also Φειδουμένῳ <sup>6</sup> E (κ for ιϞ): most mss ἐκκ.: Ambr.  
 O ἐγε. <sup>7</sup> V σφ. δὲ ὑποσπῶν τὰ ἐ., others τὰ ἐ. σφ. ἀποσπῶν

(i.e. σφ. δὲ ἀπ. in marg. arch.) <sup>8</sup> E: mss φίλον, but  
 compds. of ὑπὸ in this sense take accus. <sup>9</sup> V omits

ἐπιλ. . . ἀμέλει, others omit δοκ. . . . πωλ.: V πωλεῖσθαι (see

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He is apt also, when his servants find ha'pence in the streets, to cry 'Shares in thy luck!' <sup>a</sup> and claim his part: and to put out his coat to wash and borrowing a friend's, keep it for days till it be asked back. <sup>b</sup> These things likewise will he do: measure out his household's corn with his own hand, using a Pheidonian measure <sup>c</sup> with a knocked-in bottom and striking it off very even; buy a thing too cheap from a friend; offer to sell a guessed quantity; sell above the market. This fellow, I warrant you, will pay a debt of fifty pound half-a-crown short; if his sons go not to school the full month because of the sickness, will reduce their school-money accordingly; will keep them from their lessons all the month of February because there are so many festivals, so that he may save the fee. Receiving hire-money from a servant, he demands the discount on the copper; and coming to a reckoning with his steward, requires the premium on the silver. <sup>d</sup> When his fellow-clansmen dine under his roof he will beg meat from the common table for his servants, and yet note down the half-radishes left over from the dinner to prevent the hired serving-men carrying them off.

<sup>a</sup> *Lit.* Hermes (God of gain) is common (to both).

<sup>b</sup> *Cf.* Diog. L. vi. 62.

<sup>c</sup> *i.e.* obsolete (and smaller).

<sup>d</sup> The servant works at a trade and pays his owner for the right to do so; the steward or manager is entrusted with money from his owner's chest.

introd. p. 23): ἐπιβαλίων Ussing: mss ἐπιλαβών <sup>10</sup> V καὶ  
 χρέη δὲ <sup>11</sup> sugg. Holl: mss τέτταρσι (τέτρασι) δραχμαῖς  
 (δραγμαῖς corr. to δραγμῶν B), τετραδράχμῳ in marg. arch.?  
*cf.* Diog. L. ii. 34 <sup>12</sup> some epidemic; or read τῶν?  
<sup>13</sup> E, *sc.* τὴν ἐπικαταλλαγὴν <sup>14</sup> V omits καὶ and ἐστ. αἰτ.  
<sup>15</sup> V ῥαφ. ἡμίσεια: ἡμῖραφανίδια?

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17 μετὰ γνωρίμων χρήσασθαι τοῖς ἐκείνων παισί, τὸν  
 δὲ ἑαυτοῦ ἕξω μισθῶσαι καὶ μὴ ἀναφέρειν εἰς τὸ  
 κοινὸν τὸν μισθόν. ἀμέλει δὲ καὶ συναγόντων παρ'  
 18 ἑαυτῷ ὑποθεῖναι τῶν παρ' ἑαυτοῦ δεδομένων  
 ξύλων καὶ φακῶν καὶ ὄξους καὶ ἁλῶν καὶ ἐλαίου  
 τοῦ εἰς τὸν λύχνον· καὶ γαμοῦντός τινος τῶν  
 19 φίλων καὶ ἐκδιδομένου θυγατέρα πρὸ χρόνου τινὸς  
 ἀποδημῆσαι, ἵνα <μή><sup>1</sup> προπέμψῃ προσφοράν  
 καὶ παρὰ τῶν γνωρίμων τοιαῦτα κίχρασθαι ἵ-  
 20 μήτ' ἂν ἀπαιτήσαι μήτ' ἂν ἀποδιδόντων ταχέως  
 ἂν τις κομίσειτο.

<sup>1</sup> Siehenkees

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Men. Ep. 195 ; Pk. 55.

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If he travels abroad with men he knows, he will make use of their servants and let out his own without placing the hire-money to the common account. Should his club meet at his house,<sup>a</sup> needless to say he will put down to the common account the fuel, lentils, vinegar, salt, and lamp-oil which he provides.<sup>b</sup> When a friend or a friend's daughter is to be married, he is like to go into foreign parts some time before the wedding to avoid the giving of a present. And all his borrowings from his acquaintance are such as you would never ask back nor readily accept the return of were it offered you.

<sup>b</sup> Such things would usually be left out of the reckoning; for the genitive *cf.* Plat. *Gorg.* ταύτης τῆς εὐεργεσίας δύο δραχμὰς ἐπράξατο, Xen. *Cyr.* iii. 1. 37 ἀπάγου τοὺς παῖδας μηδὲν αὐτῶν καταθεῖς.



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# HERODES, CERCIDAS

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## PREFACE

My aim has been to group together various writers whose works, from a similarity of metre, are connected with the study of Herodes. With the general literature on Herodes I have recently kept fairly well abreast; and if for other writers there are errors of acknowledgement and oversights I can only plead the schoolboy's argument of *tu quoque*: that every continental writer on Herodes (with the exception of R. Herzog) produces conclusions, readings and illustrations which may be found in the Cambridge edition to which presumably he has not access.<sup>1</sup>

My list of acknowledgements is very large. As to institutions, I owe very much to King's College, which enabled me to work many years unencumbered with duties of teaching: to the Cambridge Press, which has been exceedingly generous in other ways and in the matter of copyright: to the Bodleian Library and British Museum: and to the *Classical Review*, *Philologus* and *Phil. Wochenschrift*, which have enabled me to compress introductions and contro-

<sup>1</sup> On the other hand I have not neglected to view all the papyri which I publish. There is one anecdotum below: but I do not publish a photograph, since after having three separate exposures taken I have failed completely to secure a picture which distinguishes between ink and brown discolorations.

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versial matter. To individuals my debt is great : far greatest to Mr. Milne of the British Museum, whose extraordinary skill in palaeography has recreated one writer and provided many valuable new readings in others. A similar debt I owe to Mr. Bell, on points of papyrology to Mr. Lamacraft of the British Museum, and on one matter to Prof. W. Schubart. I have had the benefit of discussion on several vital points with Mr. E. Lobel ; and I have to thank for courteous or useful communications Prof. P. Groeneboom, Dr. Hunt, Mr. J. U. Powell, Prof. Crönert of Baden, Prof. Collomp of Strassburg, Sir Frederic Kenyon, and Prof. R. Herzog, and of Cambridge scholars, Mr. E. Harrison, Prof. Pearson, Mr. Rackham, Dr. Nairn, and Prof. Adcock. My main debts to Kenyon and Mr. J. T. Sheppard are of the past : but in this way I owe an even larger debt to the dead, first to Dr. Walter Headlam (Cambridge edition of Herodas, 1922), and secondly to the researches of Dr. Gerhard of Heidelberg. At the last moment I have been fortunate enough to secure the expert assistance of Professor Bilabel of Heidelberg, whose careful work has far outweighed in value the little I could do in a brief stay.

Throughout the authors dealt with present problems of a controversial character, where it is impossible to sit on a fence ; and I have tried to express my views in full elsewhere, and in this book to take a bold and consistent line. For this reason much that has been written helps but little. As most of the writers included are poets or verse-writers (too many, I fear, of the second category) and as, after all, the most important raw material of poetry or verse is metre, I have occupied some of



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the available space in the discussion of the iambic metre, the various types of which are not yet recognized. For general information on matters of life or philosophical ideas the reader should consult (according to the author) Headlam's notes on Herodes or Gerhard's edition of Phoenix of Colophon. On various archaeological details a small edition of Hero(n)d(a)s by R. Herzog may be consulted : always with the proviso that the author has not yet sufficiently reconsidered many of the errors of Crusius. For all this the text is good and up-to-date. There is an attractive edition of Herodes (Mimes 1-6) by P. Grooneboom.

Other recent work, Italian, French and English, is wholly different. Just as on the great arterial roads of England the traveller by night receives warning of pitfalls by an intricate system of red lamps, so these may serve for warning to the student or editor. But it is unhappily only too possible to see the warning signal and yet to end in the ditch. I have used the translation to give frankly my own idea of the character of the author. Where little metrical skill or individuality is shown I have used prose : where the metre is striking or impressive I have used metre ; and in order to restrain metrical discussion within a reasonable limit have given, in general, the metre of the original. The attempt to reproduce the metrical mastery of Hipponax is, of course, a failure ; and it is impossible to represent the tripping quality of Phoenix' work in a metre so unfamiliar to English ears as the lame iambus (ending with three long syllables). The advantage rests with Cercidas, whose very accurate metre is at the same time of a kind which is or could be used

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nowadays, and deserves a metrist of the class of W. S. Gilbert for translator.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Perhaps I may be permitted the luxury of meeting some critics in advance. My translation of Herodes is unlike Spenser from whom I have borrowed many words. But for each mistake I will produce one from Herodes and another from his copyist. The structure of the sentence is often modern: but so is that of Herodes. Again, it is almost unintelligible. But it was two or three years before the Greek scholars of Europe made any headway in the interpretation of Herodes. The spelling adopted is a matter of necessity if we are to suggest the existence of pure Attic words (like *δηποιθεν*) in an Ionic dress (*δηκοιθεν*): and inconsistency of spelling is necessary in translating an author, who, alone of all Greeks who dealt with every-day speakers, allowed the use of any or every form or scansion of words (e.g. *κεινος*, *εκεινος*, *ιγιη*, *ιγυειη*, κτλ.) even from the lips of the vulgar.

Again, I may be accused of giving too many or too few conjectural "supplements" in my text. My principle has been to complete standard phrases and insert necessary particles and formations of words. Further, the text of Herodes, at least, has not so much been read by palaeographers as guessed by scholars: and where subsequent investigation by palaeographers has found many confirmatory traces, I give the whole guess. To give less would be sheer pedantry.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Bgk. = Bergk	F.D. = quis (?)
Schnw. = Schneidewin	C.E. = Cambridge Edition of Herodes
Cr. = Crusius	Herw. = Herwerden
Wilam. = Wilamowitz	J. = H. Jackson
Kal. = Kalinka	Hg. = R. Herzog
P. = The Papyrus	H. = Hunt
R. = Rutherford	A. = von Arnim
Mn. = Milne	G. = Gerhard
K. = Kenyon	Bi. = Bilabel
Hdl. = Headlam	K.-Bi. : see page 229
Buech. = Buecheler	Byz. = Byzantine version
Bl. = Blass	Arm. = Armenian ver- sion
M. = Meister	Müll. = Müller (Carolus)

## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Of the authors whose remains are collected below, and apart from the writers of one or two isolated fragments, Herodes possesses for us still the greatest interest. Yet this interest is in the main due partly to a misconception and partly to a mere chance. It is chance that has presented to us a papyrus which in length and preservation is unmatched except by those of Hyperides, Aristotle (*Resp. Ath.*) and Bacchylides. It was chance that gave the papyrus to the modern world before the lesser and incomplete papyri of Menander. And it is a malign chance that has given us Herodes when we might have had so much more of Hipponax or Callimachus' Iambi, or the whole of Cercidas' meliambi. This introduction is forced to view and measure other writers from the standpoint of Herodes: but this is merely because we live "not as we wish but as chance drags us," not because there should now be any misapprehension as to the merits of Herodes' work.

By common consent one of the greatest of Greek poets was Hipponax,<sup>1</sup> who was the founder of chol-

<sup>1</sup> His remains were collected by Welcker in a volume easily accessible. Others were added from a British Museum ms. of Tzetzes by Musgrave, by Herwerden and from an *Etymologicum* by Reitzenstein. The best collection is in

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iambi<sup>1</sup>: for though this title was often given to Ananius of whom we know nothing, yet the absurdity of Ananius' metre and the poverty of his fragments prevent us from considering his claim in any serious sense.

HIPPONAX  
and  
ANANIUS

Hipponax wrote in a simple adaptation of the Ionic plain iambus of his date, merely substituting a final spondee for the final iambus of Archilochus. The metre has always been misunderstood and confounded with the iambus of Attic tragedy with which it has nothing in common.

The metre was invented to suit the exceptional bitterness of the man. Of his life we are fairly well informed. He was (Suid. *s.v.*) πατρὸς Ἡΐθου (whence Metriche's parentage in Hrd. Mime I.). His mother was Protis.

A native of Ephesus<sup>2</sup> he was expelled by its tyrants and went to Clazomenae.<sup>3</sup> His enmity with the Bergk's *Poetae Lyrici Graeci*: and the best abbreviated edition in Hoffmann's *Griechische Dialecte*, iii. p. 135 (including Reitzenstein's addenda). A long but not very able discussion of the fragments is given by ten Brink in early numbers of *Philologus*.

<sup>1</sup> Greek verse is measured by length of syllables, not by stress (like English). The mark ∪ is for a short, — for a long syllable. Breaks (*i.e.*, end of sense groups) are marked |. The iambic metre of Hipponax' date was ∪—∪—∪—, or ∪—∪—∪—|—∪—|—∪—|∪—. One or both of the first breaks are sufficient. Hipponax' metre is ∪—∪—∪—|—∪—|—∪—, the two breaks being again alternative. There is some evidence for ∪—∪—∪—|—∪—∪—|—∪—. The first two syllables are ∪—, but there is slight evidence that he may also have permitted himself ∪∪∪ or —∪. Such substitutions are alleged in other places, but the evidence proves worthless. See *Journal of Cambridge Philological Society*, 1927, for a full discussion.

<sup>2</sup> Callim. *Iamb. passim*, Strabo, p. 642, Clem. Al. i. 308.

<sup>3</sup> So Sulpicia, *v.* 6.



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sculptors Bupalus and Athenis is derived from the insulting statues of him which they made. He must have lived about 550 B.C. (Pliny, *N.H.* xxxvi. 5). He is said by the author of the *Ibis* and a commentator on Horace (*Epod.* 6. 14) to have committed suicide: but their accounts do not tally. In person he was small, thin and ugly (Ael. *V.H.* x. 6), but strong (Ath. 552 c).

Such details are in themselves unimportant. Even the scanty fragments show that the quarrel with Bupalus was due not to the studied distortions of the latter's art, but to the natural attractions of his mistress, for whom Hipponax conceived an infatuation. But they are evidence if not of the popularity, at least of the great fame alike of his works and of his very unpleasant character. This fame is further attested by four epitaphs. That of Philippus (*A.P.* vii. 405) scarcely deserves quotation: Alcaeus (of Mitylene), *ib.* vii. 536, gives us little: 'Theocritus' (in choliambics) is given below. Leonidas (*ib.* vii. 408) adds one detail:—

Ἄτρεμα τὸν τύμβον παραμείβετε, μὴ τὸν ἐν ὕπνῳ  
πικρὸν ἐγείρητε σφῆκ' ἀναπαυόμενον.  
ἄρτι γὰρ Ἰππώνακτος ὁ καὶ τοκέωνε<sup>1</sup> βαῦξας  
ἄρτι κεκοίμηται θυμὸς ἐν ἡσυχίῃ.  
ἀλλὰ προμηθήσασθε τὰ γὰρ πεπυρωμένα κείνου  
ῥήματα πημαίνειν οἶδε καὶ εἰν Ἀΐδῃ.

“ Quietly pass by the tomb lest ye rouse the bitter wasp that rests there. For but lately has rest been found and quiet for the soul of Hipponax that barked even at his parents. But beware: even in Hades can his fiery words injure.”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> So W. Headlam for *τοκέωνεια*.

<sup>2</sup> The allusion (?) in [Archil.] 80 (D.) is too doubtful and fragmentary.

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The subject of so much curiosity and admiration, who inspired two of the world's greatest poets, Callimachus and Catullus, has left us a mere hundred verses or so. We owe them to the collection of a son of one who copied his style (Lysanias, son of Aeschrius). This book we have not: we only have some few verses quoted by Athenaeus, sometimes misquoted, often misattributed, and usually corrupt. Even some grammarians, like those on whose work Hesychius' dictionary rests, had very poor texts; though the Etymology has preserved us one or two fine and vigorous lines. Later Tzetzes, out of mere passion for the obscure, has preserved in his commentaries several quotations, haphazard, inaccurate and corrupt: we can still thank him for his habit of quoting complete lines and sense which has preserved for us of the poet far more than we otherwise might have had.

Beyond the shadowy name of Ananius we know nothing—perhaps there is nothing to be known of Hipponax' immediate successors. It may be held for certain that for the period when Athens ruled supreme over Greek literary taste the metre and manner was disused. The development of Greek literature was entirely in a different direction. There is indeed one remark in Aristophanes which shows that even at Athens these two writers had some readers: but it is perhaps even more remarkable that the poet makes an error in attribution.

Simultaneously with the fall of Athens as a power, the old styles, subjects, metres and dialects were revived; but with the curious and wholly typical

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Greek rule that these four ingredients must never be used in the exact and original manner.

The  
Revival

It is true that until the third century A.D. a certain weak reminiscence of the

Ephesian sixth-century dialect still flavours the writings of those who employ this metre; and the gradual relapse from this dialect is perhaps the surest test of date. The metre of Hipponax was wholly misunderstood and some writers substituted the rhythms of Attic tragedy, preserving only the final spondaic foot. Even Callimachus, who is the nearest to Hipponax, does not fully represent him: and Catullus, the Latin poet who copies Archilochus faithfully, wholly deserts the Ephesian model. As far as subjects go, it is impossible to draw any lines. The metre was used for short poems on all subjects by Phoenix, for dramatic idylls by Herodes, for mythology or the like by Apollonius Rhodius and Pseudo-Callisthenes, for fables by Babrius,<sup>1</sup> for literary controversy by Callimachus,<sup>1</sup> for the introduction to a moralist anthology by [pseudo-]Cerkidas, and in isolated epigrams by Theocritus and Aeschrion. Of some of these a few words may be said.

Aeschrion is said on doubtful authority to have been a younger contemporary of Alexander. His

The writers  
of the  
revival,  
AESCHRION

son Lysanias may be the same as the author of a book on the writers of choliambics, and this Lysanias a pupil of Eratosthenes: the son then can hardly

have been born before 260 B.C. In this case it

<sup>1</sup> Not included here. I hope to help to revise Callimachus' Iambi from the papyrus, a task which has not been attempted since Hunt.

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is a little difficult to accept the statement which Suidas gives on the authority of "Nicander" but is generally supposed to rest only on that of Ptolemaeus Chennus. But there appears to be no good grounds for refusing to place his floruit in the first years of the third century B.C. Some of his writings called *Ephemerides* concerned Alexander and may have been written in hexameters (Tz. *Chil.* viii. 404): others, whether on this or other subjects, were in choliambics and marked by extreme frigidity.

Perhaps a somewhat younger contemporary was Phoenix of Colophon. We are told by Pausanias i. 9. 7. that when Lysimachus destroyed  
PHOENIX Colophon its dirge was sung by Phoenix. It may be hoped that his dirge did not resemble the plea for Thebes which Pseudo-Callisthenes puts in the mouth of Ismenias the flute-player. He may have written as early as 280 B.C. He made no effort to copy the metre of Hipponax: his metre depends normally on the Athenian stage writers. But his short poems possess a certain tinkling elegance and follow closely the Alexandrine method of clothing in new garb hackneyed themes. The short moralistic excerpt quoted in the Anthology of [Cercidas] is considered by Gerhard<sup>1</sup> to display cynicizing tendencies: but it contains nothing which might not have been prompted by a normal indignation against war profiteers. We cannot conjecture what may have prompted Aeschryon (of Samos or Mitylene) to use this metre: but if Phoenix followed his compatriots

<sup>1</sup> In his magnificent collection *Phoenix von Kolophon* (Teubner, 1909), which must be consulted for references to the literature on these writers.

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to the enlarged city of Ephesus his model was near at hand; and this accident may well have been the reason which brought the metre into wide prominence. More probable is his intimate connexion with Attica, which is now suggested by a coincidence in his fourth poem. It is, like his other poems, a brief piece of about thirty verses, apparently an elegy on Lynceus. With Professor Crönert we could identify Lynceus with Lynceus of Samos, a contemporary of Menander, mentor of the young Poseidippus (Meincke, *Com. Gr.* i. p. 458) and writer of Attic comedy, and further, identify Poseidippus of frag. 3 with the comic writer and make Phoenix somewhat junior to Menander. We may, I think, go further and identify with certainty the Strassburg papyrus from which this poem is taken as containing some later sheets of the "Cercidean" anthology.

Callimachus (who lived at Alexandria, 260-240), Theocritus (more or less his contemporary) and Apollonius Rhodius, who long outlived his instructor Callimachus, need no introduction. Theocritus and Apollonius perhaps wrote hardly anything in this metre. The same may be true of Asclepiades of Samos who ranks in time with the two first-named. Of Diphilus,<sup>1</sup> Parmeno and Hermeias of Curion we *know* nothing whatever. Others, like Alcaeus of Messene,<sup>2</sup> have left nothing in this metre. We may pass on to two writers for us far more important and more disputable.

The age of Cercidas<sup>3</sup> of Megalopolis, once a matter

<sup>1</sup> Gerhard, *op. cit.* pp. 211 *sqq.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ib.* p. 226.

<sup>3</sup> *Ib.* p. 206.

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of dispute, is now fairly well known. The attack on a disciple of Sphaerus, and the apparent CERCIDAS censure of Stoicism as having degenerated since Zeno, would encourage us to place Cercidas in the second half of the third century B.C., when we know a famous Sphaerus to have been one of the diadochi of Zeno. In antiquity Cercidas, who had great weight in the councils of his country, was famed even above other learned poets for his literary enthusiasms. He hoped after his death to meet Pythagoras, Hecataeus, Olympus and Homer: the first two books of Homer were to be buried with him. Above all he appears passionately devoted to the Catalogue (Book II.): and the children of his city were compelled to learn it by heart. He boasts of his early devotion to the Muses: and it is no very wild guess that the anthology of which we have an introduction in choliambics comes from his selection. This theme I have developed in a separate book.<sup>1</sup> Whether he is actually the author of the sorry verses which formed the introduction thereto is another question. There is little doubt that Gregory of Nazianzus attributes them to him: but equally there is little doubt that the clumsy and almost random inanities are wholly unworthy of the skilled and competent metrist of the meliamb. If they are by him they are merely some juvenile epistolary doggerel preserved by Parnos to whom they are addressed: if not, they are an anonymous introduction to his collection. Wholly different from these are the meliambi. For the most part these are

<sup>1</sup> *First Greek Anthologist*, Cambridge, 1923. It may now be dated, on palaeographical grounds, as little later than 250 B.C. See below on the Strassburg fragment of Phoenix: also for the metres of Phoenix and [Cercidas].

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metrically a clever and vigorous combination of the iambic and hexameter metres, each managed in the strictest and most graceful fashion. Whatever view be taken of their contents, in the narrower sense of the word style they are masterpieces. To our taste they suffer merely from their Alexandrinism: that is from the adaptation to one purpose of a form<sup>1</sup> designed for another use: the bombastic verbiage proper in a comedian or the writer of a mock cookery-book appears ill to become the gravity of a quite serious philosophy of life: and the excellent technique seems to detract from the seriousness of the writer.

Last—except for the verses in pseudo-Callisthenes<sup>2</sup> and some isolated epigrams—Herodes or Herodas.

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his date The position of Herodes is an enigma to moderns. His immediate audience was the literary world of Alexandria and Attica in the middle of the third century B.C. Even this may be said with hesitation. There are several words and ideas which appear to belong to a later literature and life. The mention of an artistic idea—the Boy and the Goose<sup>3</sup>—associated with Boethus, an artist of the second century A.D., with these may be urged in support of a theory which, while allowing that his mines were written *about* the third century B.C., would hold that they were written

<sup>1</sup> So too the use of Doric dialect (of a conventional kind) for Ionic metres.

<sup>2</sup> See below.

<sup>3</sup> In this matter Dr. Groeneboom says that the Boy and Goose cannot be derived from Boethus' famous statue because Herodes is earlier. But it would be fairer to say that this is *pro tanto* an argument for a later date for Herodes.



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about a time long since past, and suffer, like Shakespeare's plays, from anachronisms. If, as appears to be the case, Professor Herzog has rightly identified the temple of Aesculapius at Cos with one which was replaced about 200 B.C., even so it would be just possible to suppose that the IVth mime rested on literary guide-books. The one solid argument against such a theory is that at no other time would such a method of writing have been tolerated or considered: that there are certain considerations which connect the VIIIth mime (Herodes' Introduction) with a similar poem by Callimachus in the same metre; and that such a connexion is incredible in a considerably later writer. Again, on the artistic side in Mime IV, there appear to be allusions to artistic feuds that at a later period may have been buried, and *v.* 25 suggests a date before 270 B.C.

It is useless to discuss further a theory which is rarely if ever heard now: except as a protest against too ready assumption that Herodes' date is, within limits, *certain*.<sup>1</sup>

Of his art many misconceptions are current. The recovery of parts of Mime VIII, should surely dispel these. Herodes puts on realism or doffs it with

<sup>1</sup> The only certain date is the superior date. It must have been possible to use the phrase 'demesne of the *θεοὶ ἀσκληπιοὶ*.' Prof. Herzog has adduced reasons for believing that the phrase may have been used of the first Ptolemy (Soter) and his consort. In the other direction we get no result. Queen Anne's Mansions tower to-day over St. James' Park; and Queen Anne (like St. James) is dead. If we could be certain that Stobaeus took over the citations of Herodes in his anthology from the old Cercidean anthology, we could be quite certain of a date before 240 B.C.



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his subject. Mime I. is no more, or less, realistic than the Middle or New Comedy: Mime II.

*His art* is sheer parody—which is very different. Mimes III., IV., V. and VI. have a sort of realism due to their being borrowed from the mime of Sophron.<sup>1</sup> Mime VII. is a scene out of Middle Comedy. Mime VIII. is a purely personal—even sentimental fantasy. The treatment is, as literary drama, magnificent: and may even be compared favourably with that of Lucian, whose methods in his dialogues are exactly parallel. Where Herodes suffers is in his Alexandrine mannerisms.

*His style* He must at all costs be bookish and removed wholly from common life and common idiom. Apart from his subjects (dubious, perhaps, but artistically well-chosen) and his skilful miniature-work, his whole idea is obscurantist. Lucian, it is true, makes his hussies speak in pure Attic: but that was intelligible and familiar to his literary audience. Herodes' whole process is one of distortion. The vocabulary is taken from the Attic drama. The structure of the sentence is Attic. Over this is laid a thick coating of Ionic forms taken perhaps largely from corrupt mss of Hipponax. His metre is the more or less loose metre of Attic tragedy, not of old Ionic: with variations and licences introduced arbitrarily. Even so Herodes' metrical talent is too small for his task. He is compelled to mix Attic and Ionic forms to suit his metre. A passion for alliteration has the same distressing result. Even with all these loosenesses his metrical ability is

<sup>1</sup> At the same time it must be noticed that in IV. we have serious art criticism, not the sillinesses of the poor woman who is supposed to be speaking.

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at fault: and he is compelled constantly to distort sentences in such a manner that all illusion of real conversation is lost—still more all illusion of the plain simple tongue of vulgar folk. Where we might expect plain speech, we find a mass of literary allusions with difficulty woven into an unmetrical metre by the medium of an unreal, unstable and imaginary dialect. When Sappho wrote she turned the speech of those about her into poetry of beauty: when Herodes wrote he took the stuff of literature and converted it into a thing of ugliness.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The question of criticism of Herodes may be put very briefly. (a) The huge notes of Walter Headlam clearly reveal the numerous literary sources which Herodes employs. (b) But the negative argument which Headlam never expressed is far stronger. All Greek writers who took their language from the spoken language of one city used an exact and unvarying dialect. When Herodes, as in IV. 72 *sqq.*, uses the variant forms *κοῖνος* and *ἐκείνον* in one sentence spoken by one uneducated person he is using an imaginary and unreal language. And this instance is only one of a thousand. In real language, for example, 'doubtful quantities' do not occur. Where then a word-architect is so utterly careless in the choice of his main materials—where he romances about his words—it is idle to pay any attention to his facts. Archaeology has its uses in discovering the *latest* date at which he can have written: it has still failed to discover *ἡ τέραννος* of Ephesus and solve many other problems. But it will never convince anyone who has studied the regularities of the Attic comedians or many early poets that we have anything but a centoist *littérateur* writing for effect and with no eye on accuracy of speech, facts or details. Just as we know that Herodes' Ephesian boots came out of an Athenian bootmaker's, so at any moment his coins, statues, feasts, chronology or topography may be Attic or Ionic rather than Coan, or again Attic or Coan rather than Ionic. If anyone seriously believes Herodes to be a painter from life they must first make his speech realistic: expel all doubtful syllables, standardize

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When Menander writes we can see an Athenian speaking plain and natural Attic. When Herodes writes we see an alleged Coan speaking in an Ionic dialect with many Attic phrases, and his sayings twisted into a clumsy metre. When Herodes tries to hint at a vulgarity he fails grotesquely. His proverbs are often misapplied: and from misunderstanding of the proverb-dictionary (such as had been collected by Aristotle, Theophrast and doubtless others) he either inserts words belonging to the dictionary, as *ὁμοίως* 'τὸν σιδήρον τρώγοντι,' and (*μη*) *πρός τε* (! *καὶ* *πρός γε*) 'κυσός' φησὶ 'χὼ τάπης,' or omits words quite essential to the phrase as belonging to the explanation—e.g. in *κατὰ μὲν ὄλεθρον* he appears to divide *κατὰ μὲν ὄλεθρον*.<sup>1</sup> Quite impossible, in vulgar mouths, are such contortions as *ἀλλὰ μὲν βροντέων αὐτὸς σὺ τρέψῃς μέζον ἐς φυγὴν ἡμέας, φέρειν ὄσας ἂν . . . σθένη* and the like.

Such points are important when we consider the question of Herodes' home, and the period of his

his use of elisions, of *ν* *ἐφελυστικόν*, insist that he should always write *ἔων* (or *ἔων*)—not just as suits his metre, rule out (as Meister did) all Attic forms, cut out all constructions that savour too much of Attic, and rewrite the Coan mimes in a Dorian dialect. When this task is completed they can prove that Herodes' borrowings from previous authors (unread by Coan schoolboys and bawds) are really pure coincidences. Then we shall consider their claims seriously. There is no evidence whatever of influence of the *Κοινή*, and the one Alexandrinism *πάλι* is probably a corruption.

<sup>1</sup> This, I think, is the solution of these strange difficulties: in my text and translation I have made the minimum corrections which give any sort of sense.

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writing. As to the first we may have his own word for it that he was Athenian; for the only clue  
Home in Mime VIII. is where he says 'as we do at the Dionysia'; and the rite described is one which *in all literature* is associated with the Athenian villages alone.<sup>1</sup> He may have visited Cos (Mimes I.-IV.): perhaps he was familiar with Ephesus (V.-VII.). In either case there were literary reasons for placing his scenes at the homes of Philetas or Hipponax. It is not impossible that he may have lived at Ephesus, since in the Coan mime IV. he is careful to call the nomad Apelles an Ephesian. But his actual home is a matter of no moment whatever; though one would like to think that Mime II. was taken from a dull day's duty in the Attic courts, literary evidence is conclusive that it is mere parody of orators wholly or partially accessible to us. What is important to notice is that among the writers of the third century who used this metre, hardly any are pure Alexandrines. There is a far closer connexion with Attica. Phoenix is the friend of writers of Attic comedy.<sup>2</sup> Aeschrion defends a lady of Athenian ill-fame against an Athenian attack. Moschine, an Athenian lady (*Philologus*, lxxxi. p. 247), used this metre. Even the use of the metre for the *short* poem may be due less to Alexandrine canons than to the practice of Hipponax. Only the use of an old form for new ideas remains typically Alexandrine. Cercidas is a Megapolitan and follower (presumably) of Ananius. So we are left only with Callimachus, whose protests seem to be directed against the Atticism of Hipponax' followers.

<sup>1</sup> The Ptolemies introduced Attic rites into Alexandria; but climatic data preclude an Alexandrian scene.

<sup>2</sup> If the view given on p. xvii is right.

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The popularity of this metre in the first three centuries A.D.<sup>1</sup>—extending even to the discovery of Herodes whom his contemporaries failed to notice—is perhaps partly due to its use by Roman poets. We have (besides Babrius) a few epigrams in quite vulgar style. Again, the choliambic metre, still more the second half of the verse, was commonly used in proverbs: and collectors tended to twist well-known quotations into this form. On the other hand these were again likely to degenerate into pure iambs; and it is quite unsafe to take any of these as belonging even probably to early writers.

Hipponax perished save as a quarry for the lexicographer and the pedant-poet. Herodes and Phoenix were barely known and little read. The paltry verses of pseudo-Cercidas were known only from their position at the head of a school-thumbed Anthology. Callimachus' Iambi are the least quoted, and now probably the least read of his works. Babrius' fables alone attained a wide public. But those who think of Greek writers as exclusively 'classics,' and 'classics' as necessarily 'high-brow,' and vaguely picture a cultured antiquity which read the private speeches of Demosthenes without fear of impositions, or the *Electra* of Sophocles except at the risk of the birch, should study carefully the doggerel which is the basis of at least one-third of the pseudo-Callisthenic life of Alexander. For these are surely the worst verses, in every respect except that of metre, that

<sup>1</sup> From 230 B.C. to about A.D. 100 there is a total eclipse of the metre. The revival is due to the popularity of the metre in Latin.

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were ever written : bereft of humour, pathos, sense, truth, style and elegance. Despite considerable efforts I have been unable in my translation to avoid flattering them. Yet the work which was based on them, the life of Alexander, was edited and re-edited again and again by the Greeks : there was even a rendering into Byzantine politic verse. There was a popular Latin version. The Armenians read a literal translation of the doggerel. Persian and Syrian, Arabian and Ethiopian knew the book in their own tongue.<sup>1</sup> Early manuscripts of the more popular recensions, unread and uncollated, litter the libraries of Europe. Possessing no other quality except that they were easy to read, they had a circulation comparable with that of a modern novel. It is not inconceivable that these rhetorical ineptitudes and childish fables between the third and twelfth centuries A.D. reached a public as large as that which was attained by any other book except those of the New Testament.

<sup>1</sup> For references see Kroll, *Introd.* p. x.

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ONE difficulty in the study of Hipponax is the question of authenticity. Early editions usually contained a number of 'Hipponactean' verses of various length and rhythms having little but this in common that the final foot was a spondee (- -) or a trochee. But the various metrists who quote these do not profess that they come from the works of Hipponax, and Bergk (*P.L.G.*<sup>4</sup>) though giving the majority of them with asterisks rejected one as 'obviously a mere invention'<sup>1</sup> (p. 491) χαῖρ' ὦ σὺ Λαερτιάδι Σαπυῖώ, and E. Diehl in his *Anthologia Lyrica* rightly follows Bücheler in omitting many more. For the sake of completeness I give the fragments in the order and with the numeration of Bgk.<sup>4</sup>, but without reference :

(1 inc.) \*89 Ἑρμῆ μάκαρ, κάταπνον αἴθης ἐγρήσσειν (so ten Brink) : "Blest Hermes to awake sleepers knowing."

90 εἴ μοι γένοιτο παρθένος καλή τε καὶ τέρεια. This verse is actually called τοῦ Ἰππώνακτος (Hephaest. 30 *al.*) ; but there can be little doubt that this is a slip for Ἰππωνάκτειον.

\*91 ὁ Κιθαρῖον Λιόοισιν ἐν χοροῦσι Βακχῶν (so Gaisford-Bgk.).

<sup>1</sup> But ten Brink may be right in attributing it to Diphilus' play in which Hipponax was a character.



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\*92 καὶ κνίσῃ τινὰ θυμύσας.

\*93 ο θεοι τα λοινα τανταλοιο δοντες (Plotius 280):  
it is not worth attempting to find an acceptable reading for this or for

\*94 πισηνπασαντες (Plotius 293). Neither give as they stand the metre which Plotius professes to illustrate. Bk. rightly rejects them.

To these may be added without hesitation the example of the ordinary choliambus given by Plotius and Juba (ap. Rufin *de Metr. Com.* p. 386):

\*13 ἀκούσατ' Ἴππώνακτος οὐ γὰρ ἀλλ' ἦκω. For we know that this is the first verse of Callimachus' iambi. Callimachus perhaps imitates Phoenix *fr.* 1. 15: but οὐ γὰρ ἀλλά though an Atticism is common in the later choliambists. Clearly it could not have been used by Hipponax. See Callim. *fr.* 92 Schneider. It is never attributed to Hipponax.

With this Bergk gives (2 *Inc.*) ὦ Κλαζομένιοι, Βούπαλος κατείνε or καθῆινε, e.g. τε κάθητις (Bgk.): 'Ye Clazomenians, Bupalus (and Athenis)'. It is quite possible that this verse is by Hipponax: but the reading is wholly uncertain and it may well be that Putsch the editor of Plotius was right in supposing it to be a mere variant of Hippon. *fr.* 11. (Bgk.<sup>4</sup>) ὡς οἱ μὲν ἀγεί Βουπάλω κατηρῶντο. It is quite possible that the two verses quoted by Rufinus both come (as Bergk thought) from the same poet, but that this poet is Callimachus.

Callimachus in his iambi professedly follows Hipponax, saying that all those who wish to write 'lame' iambi must beg light from Ephesus. And this would justify us if there were no evidence to the contrary in supposing that in simple details the model is the same as the copy. Now Callimachus rigorously

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avoids the spondee (—) in the fifth foot, and besides this we have the direct testimony of Tzetzes and others. If, therefore, it is true that Hipponax too did so, Hephaestion the metrist when he was seeking for an example of the spondee in the fifth foot would have gone elsewhere; and we need not allow our judgement to be influenced by the anonymous citation (B<sub>gk.</sub> 48<sup>#</sup>: Hephaest. 31. *Inc.* 3) εἰς ἀκρὸν ἔλκων ὄσπερ ἀλλὰντα ψήλων (l. ψήλων: 'as one that strokes a sausage, drew tipward')—the more so as ὄσπερ is doubtful in early Ionic. The writer may be Herodes since it is easy to take the words *in malam partem*. No such disability attaches to the other example quoted of the long fifth foot in Plotius (273), (B<sub>gk.</sub> 44: *Inc.* 4) ἀναβῖος (l. ἀνὰ ὀπίος: Simmias *fr.* 20, 15 (so Powell). *Lyr. Adesp.* 7, p. 185 in Powell's *Collectanea Alexandrina*) πλάνητι προσπταίων κώλω, 'stumbling about the dell with leg errant'; and the example might be a mere mistake since the syllable πταί- might be short. Quite possibly it is from another writer: indeed it would be very attractive to place it after *v.* 67 of Herodes' *Mime VIII*. In fact it will be found on examination that no satisfactory instance of a certain spondee in the fifth foot occurs except in proper names: for a fuller discussion see elsewhere. There is yet another violation of Porson's law, this time as applied to the beginning of a trochaic tetrameter in *fr.* 78<sup>#</sup> (Hephaest. 34: *Inc.* 5), Μητροτίμω<sup>1</sup> ὀηῖτέ με χρῆ τῶ σκότῳ δικάζεσθαι, 'with Metrotimus runaway must

<sup>1</sup> The flaw could be removed by reading Μητρότιμω; and it would be strange were the runaway to possess such an honourable name.

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I to law once more,' and it may be noticed that this is again from the metrist Hephaestion (p. 34) : though ὁ σκότος (*tenebrio* Meineke) is, it is true, found in an authentic fragment of Hipponax (51 Bgk.<sup>4</sup>). It is probably actually from Hipponax, but may need alteration. With some misgivings I have included certain anonymous citations (*e.g.* 61 Bgk.), since this is attributed to 'one of the old iambists' by grammarians : and it is certain that many grammarians had easy access to copies of Hipponax' works and cared little for other writers in this metre. But for them we should have little or no accurate knowledge of what the poet did write.

It might be supposed that three citations in the anthologist Stobaeus might help us. For what he has preserved for us is, as far as text goes, fairly good. But by some singular and unfortunate accident all the passages which he attributes to Hipponax are from other authors. As to two of these no serious doubt exists. One is in a plain iambic metre of a type at this time certainly non-existent. It runs (Stobaeus lxxii. 5 : 72 Bgk., who agrees with Meineke in attributing it to Hippothoon) :

Γάμος κράτιστός ἐστιν ἀνδρὶ σῶφρονι  
 τρόπον γυναικὸς χρηστὸν ἔνδον λαμβάνειν·  
 αὕτη γὰρ ἢ προἴξ οἰκίαν σῶζει μόνη.  
 ὅστις δὲ †τρυφῶς† τὴν γυναῖκα ἄγει λαβῶν  
 συνεργὸν οὗτος ἀντὶ δεσποίνης ἔχει,  
 εὐνον, βεβαίαν εἰς ἅπαντα τὸν βίον.

In *v.* 2 Haupt suggested ἔδιον. In *v.* 4 if τρυφῶσαν<sup>1</sup> be read we must, of course, assume with Meineke a

<sup>1</sup> Better ἀτρίφερον perhaps. The first four verses all contain rhythms impossible in any early Ionic writer.

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hiatus, perhaps even allot the last two verses to another author, and the sense is :

Best marriage is it for a prudent man  
To take as dower a noble character :  
This bridal gift alone can save the house.  
But whoso takes to wife a spendthrift girl

He finds a helpmeet, not a mistress stern :  
A kind and true companion to the end."

Nor has another of Stobaeus' attributions found any defenders : *Flor.* xxix. 42 (B<sub>gk.</sub> 28 : *Inc.* 6) runs :  
χρόνος δὲ φειγέτω σε μηδὲ εἰς<sup>1</sup> ἀργός. Apostolius the collector of proverbs gives it as Δημόνακτος. Style and subject are most akin to [Cercidas] : see below. The sense is ' Let not one moment pass thee by idle.' A third again seems equally unsound, and has, like the foregoing, been generally rejected :

Δύ' ἡμέραι γυναικός εἰσιν ἡδίσται<sup>2</sup>  
ὅταν γαμῇ τις κάκφερον τεθνηκυῖαν (B<sub>gk.</sub> 29 : *Inc.* 7),

' Two days in life of woman are sweetest, when she is wed, and when she is buried.' These verses in a Berlin anthology (P. 9773) recently discovered (*Berliner Klassiker Texte* v. 2. 130) are attributed (the lemma is very fragmentary) to . . . λν . . . σ. Unhappily this does not quite remove all doubt. Professor Schubart has very kindly sent me a sketch of the traces, pointing out that *a* is as likely as λ. σ as against *v* does not seem wholly certain. In the jumbling of citations common to all Anthologies it is possible that these verses were out of order and

<sup>1</sup> μηδὲ εἰς is Sicilian Doric, borrowed in Attic Comedy. Hipponax would have divided μὴ δέεις.

<sup>2</sup> Compare *Com. Fr. Adesp.* p. 1224.

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attributed to τῆς αὐτῆς or τοῦ αὐτοῦ 'by the same.' At all events we are justified in leaving it out of account in any generalization we may hope to make. But there is one fragment which, though possessing far higher claims than much which Bergk included, may be relegated (*Inc.* 9, Meineke, *Anon.* 3) perhaps to a very late date. It is the history of Hipponax' discovery of the choliamb which I give from schol. Heph. p. 214 (C. : for other references see Leutsch and Schneidewin on Apostolius, viii. 59): . . . ἡ ἀπὸ γραῶς τινος ἰάμβης καλομένης ἢ πλευρούση συντηχὼν ὁ Ἱππώναξ καὶ ἀψάμενος τῆς σκάφης ἐφ' ἧς ἔπλευεν ἡ γραῦς τὰ ἔρια ἤκουσε λεγούσης

"Ἀνθρωπ' ἀπελθε· τὴν σκάφην ἀνατρέπεις

(read -τρέψεις, Tricha p. 9 Herm.). 'Another derivation of the word iambus is from an old woman named Iambé who was washing clothes when Hipponax came along. He touched the wash-tub in which she was washing her woollen clothes, and was met with :

Hence sir ! you'll overbalance my wash-tub.'

To conclude the list of false fragments Suidas attributes to Hipponax the verse rightly assigned by Meineke to Aristocles (Choerobosc. in *E.M.* 376. 21 says Aristotle).

(*Inc.* 10) εὐνοῦχος ὄν καὶ δοῦλος ἦρχεν Ἑρμίας. The iota is short (Choerob.) and the fragment need not delay us.

But perhaps even greater difficulties attach to those citations, whose genuineness are undoubted, but which are given by the Byzantine grammarian Tzetzes. We cannot do better than to examine his citations from other authors and select, at hap-

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hazard, a few citations on Lycophron's *Cassandra*. In his citation (v. 87) of *Il. Z* 356 εἴνεκ' ἐμείω κυνὸς κακομηχάνου the last word really belongs to v. 314 (κυν. κακ.), two quotations having been boiled down into one.

On v. 39 he quotes ἀνίκεστον λάβειν ἄλγος as ἀν. ἄλγος ἔλαχεν which sheds a curious light on some of the metrical irregularities in his citations of Hipp.

Often his citations are mere rephrasings. On v. 175, Pindar's verse (*Pyth.* iv. 436), ὅς πάχει μάκει τε πεντηκόντορον ναῦν κρυτεῖ appears as ὅσον π. ναῦς μάκει τε πάχει τε. Just above the same poem v. 175 is quoted with two words transposed.

On v. 209 Euripides' verse (*Bacch.* 920) is given as καὶ πρόσθε μὲν ἡγείσθαι δοκεῖ: Eur. wrote καὶ ταῦρος ἡμῖν πρόσθεν ἡγείσθαι δοκεῖς.

On 219-222 Aratus' verses, vv. 257-8 and 261-4, are run together and 261 is filled out from . . . ἐπὶ τὰ δὲ κείναι το ἐπὶ τὰ δὴ τοι ταίγε (from 257).

In the very next citation from the first verses of the *Lithica*, οἴζυος ἀτρεκὲς ἕλκαρ is cited as ὁ. ἄλκαρ αἰνῆς.

These verses are selected out of the few citations on Lycophron, 1-225. They are probably due to errors of memory or bad writing clumsily corrected. Another source of error was a habit of glossing, on the part of Tzetzes, as probably as of his copyists. Thus in citing (*l.c.*) Pind. *P.* iv. 149 over ἀταρβύκτοιο he wrote ἀφόβον, which duly appears in two codd. as ἀτὰρ ἀφόβον βύκτοιο. On v. 176 he cites a fragment of Hesiod, in which the reading we know from other sources to be τέκεν Διάκον. Unfortunately he wrote (how inanely) υἱὸν over Διάκον. So one ms has τέτοκεν υἱὸν, another τέκεν Διάκον Διάκον, and two

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leave out *Λιάκον* altogether. But the most striking verse in the narrow limits to which I have confined myself is Ap. Rhod. i. 755 τὸν δὲ μεταδρομάδην ἐπὶ Μυρτίλος ἤλασεν ἵππους, which appears (on v. 157) as τῷ δ' ἐπὶ Μυρτίλος (-ω) ἐκ στίθους γράφων ἤλασεν ἵππους. As we have a true text we can see that three words are parenthetical. But it is pertinent to ask, when we have no other text, how much of our Hipponax, as editors present it, is really a compound of glosses and parentheses. At any rate when a reading is on two or three accounts unsatisfactory, it is in the highest degree absurd to be satisfied with tinkering at two or three points. We can never be remotely certain of the cause of error. It is clear that in few, if any, of the cases above cited could the original have been restored with the smallest degree of certainty.

There is one hope, although I fear a slight one. It might be that in all these cases Tz., who had presumably no text of Hipp., always copied direct from the source: that is, from older scholia on Lycophron. Up to a point that is true. But these scholia were no doubt cramped and corrupt. Tzetzes had read them, but by no means always did he copy them where they belonged.<sup>1</sup> He was far too cunning and spread his citations over a wide area. Only too often it may be feared he quoted ἐκ στίθους, from memory. Only too often the junctures are invented and words are repeated to fill the gaps in his mnemonic exercises. As he had little metrical ear of his own he often transfers the order of words and gives merely

<sup>1</sup> All quotations including the word *πάλλω* are presumably from one source: yet examine and see how they are scattered.



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a rough notion of what the author conveyed. With these facts in view we clearly cannot, if we are honest, profess where there is a small difficulty to recover the true text. Such corrections as seem to me absolutely necessary for the sense I give in the text, but for the most part we must never suppose that we possess more than an outside chance of recovering the truth.

For our other resources are slight. Aristophanes, we are told, and certainly Callimachus and Herodes, imitated him. But with writers of such genius we cannot hope to dis-entangle whole phrases. There is a profusion of words in Hesychius' dictionary: but unfortunately the ms of Hipp. from which some previous Alexandrine scholars took the words was hopelessly corrupt: and the errors have grown in transit. Test this where we have a sound text: what can be made of  $\delta\iota\sigma\pi\lambda\eta\eta\tau\alpha$ :  $\iota\sigma\chi\upsilon\rho\sigma\pi\lambda\acute{\iota}\kappa\tau\eta\upsilon$ ?

Our finest sources, the Etymologica, taking from far older scholars, are liable to the corruption of centuries. Erotian does not quote by verse or preserve the order of the original but subordinates everything to medical interest. Despite the poor character, in parts at least, of our mss of Athenaeus, we might hope much from him. Yet here we are faced by a strange but significant fact. Two citations are admittedly second-hand, one from a critic of Timaeus and one from a work on the (chol) iambographers: a third which gives two (really three) passages is clearly from the same source since it compares a use (of  $\pi\acute{\epsilon}\lambda\lambda\alpha$ ) in Hipp. and Phoenix: another is quoted with a parallel from Ananius (*fr.* 18: see however p. 85): a fifth is more probably from Attic comedy: and we may take leave to



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doubt the directness of a sixth<sup>1</sup> which is usually connected with the second. That so voluminous a reader should derive at second hand seems to show that mss of Hipponax at his time were non-existent or unprocurable. Plutarch appears to have had no general knowledge of his works. Of other sources Stobaeus the anthologist gives, as stated, extracts none of which can conceivably be by Hipp. : and we are left perhaps with a dozen verses.

To decide questions of dialect and metre on such evidence is clearly difficult, but fortunately we have better authority. Callinachus openly professes that in his iambic he copies the *metre* of Hipponax : Hephaestion, far our best metrical authority, allows him great regularity : and even Tzetzes, who disputes Hephaestion's rulings, can find no evidence against them worth the name. The solitary dissentient voice is that of a certain Heliodorus whose total incapacity may be judged by such of his criticisms on other authors as Priscian quotes.

It is impossible here to enter into an elaborate inquiry. Elsewhere I shall show (*a*) that the early iambus is the most strict of all metres, (*b*) that of choliambic writers Hipponax alone observes all its laws in a majority of his verses, (*c*) that of the minority of verses a large minority are wholly unmetrical on any standard, and, therefore (*d*) that having cast out these verses we should not hesitate to remove also the small minority of cases in which Hipponax appears to use licences or metrical contrivances not found in

<sup>1</sup> There are three single citations, not included in this collection. One comes to Athenaeus *via* Pamphilus (Bggk. 135), another *via* Hermippus (Bggk. 136), and the third (97) from Theophrast (p. 87).

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other Ionic poets. It is far easier to hold the hypothesis that Hipponax was wholly indifferent to metre than to hold that he foresaw and forestalled contrivances and metres used by Attic poets: especially as during a third of the long time between Hipponax and Tzetzes these licences and contrivances were precisely those which were most likely to creep in. Only after about A.D. 300 is there a probability of corruptions which offend any metrical canon of the iambus.

As we find on close examination<sup>1</sup> that Hipponax obeys subtle rhythmic tests; that, except on the direct statement of metrists whose conclusions in eight cases out of ten are mistaken, his rhythm is regularity itself; that he is wholly consistent in his usage of dialectal forms; and above all that Callimachus in his carefully restricted iambs openly claims to copy the example of Ephesus, we may at least be pardoned if we prefer the testimony of the poet-scholar of the third century B.C. to the ignorant *σχολαστικοί* of the twelfth or twentieth century A.D. For, as we have said, in reading a text of Hipponax over the second class of citations we are in a curious position: there is no evidence that Tzetzes was successful in disentangling the text of Hipponax from the comments of the scholiast. In *fr.* 68. 6 one might even suppose a predecessor took the comment for text: in *fr.* 61 Tzetzes is probably the culprit: while to complete the chain we may quote the text of Hipponax as elicited from Tzetzes by John Potter (*fr.* 59).

ὄδς χλαῖναν σφύκτουριν Ἰππώνακτι  
καὶ κυπασσίσκον καὶ σαμβάλικα κάσκέρικα  
καὶ χρυσοῦ μοι στατήρας ἐξήκοντα  
τοῦ νερέρου τοίχου.

<sup>1</sup> See my notes *Journal Camb. Ph.* 8. 1927 p. xii.

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This was precisely the way in which some ancient scholars like the unreliable 'Heliodorus metricus' picked out the text for their metrical criticisms of Hipponax' versification. The sane critic will place as little trust in the discrimination of the pedants of Constantinople as in that of the future Archbishop who was probably a finer Greek scholar. For Tzetzes' metrical criticism, when we may suspect him of writing at first hand, is exceedingly poor. On Lycophron 167 he says that ἴσθην is right whether short or long: in the later case it has merely *πάθος τὸ λεγόμενον χωλίαμβρον!* Yet it is, in the main, on the evidence of Tzetzes and on his ability to form an edition of fragments out of obscure and cramped scholia that Hipponax' work is commonly judged.

In closing a long and dull preface some apology for its length and dullness is necessary. But it is manifest that it is wholly impossible to judge of the aims or methods of the later writers who revived this metre unless we have a vague notion of its original character.

[P.S.—Much of what has been written above has been rendered superfluous by the discovery of a papyrus fragment printed on pp. 62-63. The thesis of the previous pages that Hipponax was neither an anticipator of metrical licenses used first in the Attic Tragic or Comic Drama, nor an incompetent versifier, is now established beyond the necessity of argument. As all readers of early Greek poetry, for instance of Sappho and Alcaeus, know, "the only correct procedure is to approach the quotations by way of the book texts." Unfortunately this course has not been open to me. Above all we see that there is no similarity between the metres of Hipponax and Herodes.]

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## EARLY CITATIONS

### BOOK I

#### GENUINE FRAGMENTS FROM EARLY CITATIONS

1<sup>33</sup><sub>12</sub> τίς ὀμφαλητόμος σε τὸν διοπλήγη  
ἔφησε κἀπέλουσεν ἀσκαρίζοντα.

(*Et. Vat.* ed. Reitz., *Ind. Lect. Rost.* 1890-91, p. 7. *E.M.* 154. 27 ἀσκαρίζεν σημαίνει τὸ κινεῖσθαι Ἴππῶναξ (v. 2). Hesych. ὀμφαλητόμος· μαῖα. διοπλήγη· ἰσχυροπλήκτην cft. Reitz.)

2<sub>14</sub> δοκέων ἐκτῆνον τῇ βα[κ]τηρίῃ κόψαι . . .

3<sub>14</sub> ἡμίεκτον αἰτεῖ τοῦ φάλεω κολαψταίετ

(Choerobosc. *Exeg. in Hermaest.* xlvi. 6 (τὰ ἄφωνα) εἰρήθη ποιοῦντα σπανίως κοινῆ ἐν αὐτοῖς τὸ π̄τ καὶ τὸ κ̄τ, οἶον . . . παρὰ Ἴππῶνακτι ἐν τῷ πρώτῳ ἰάμβων (2) καὶ πάλιν παρὰ τῷ αὐτῷ (3).)

1 The upper number 33 is that of the last edition of Bergk's *Poetae Lyrici Graeci*; the lower, of Diehl's *Anth. Lyrica.* v. 1. -λιτομος cod.

2 *l.* τ' ὀ' ἐκ. I doubt whether either illustration is really sound. If Hippon. wrote βακτηρίῃ (-α ms), so must Herodes have done (viii. 60): and our choice lies between the two traditions as to Hipponax' text. 3 ἡμίεκτον may scan ἡμιέκτον. If φάλης (-εω) = φαλῆς (-ῆτος) as Θαλῆς (-ῆτος, -εω, we might correct to κολάψασα, 'exsucta mentula,' or place a note of interrogation after αἰτεῖ and read κολάψαι με. One cod. of Choerob. has ἐν τῷ τρίτῳ ἰάμβων: corr. Hoffmann.

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- 1 What navel snipstress<sup>1</sup> wiped you, dolt blasted,  
And, as you hoofed around yourself, washed you.

(‘Hoofing around’ means ‘struggling.’ *Hipp. Etymol.* Navel-snipstress’: midwife, *Hesych.* ‘Blasted,’ strength-smiter.)

- 2 Thinking ’twas him I smote with my cudgel.

- 3 She asks eight obols for her tongue’s service.<sup>2</sup>

(Mute consonants seldom allow the preceding syllable to be of doubtful quantity in the case of pt and kt; *e.g.* . .

*Hipponax* has *bakteriai* in his first book of Iambi (?). So too the same writer has *Hemiekton* (3). *Choeroboscus.*)

<sup>1</sup> Midwife. Such allusions were the height of bad manners. So presumably Theophrast’s *anhōs* asks (xx. 7) *είπ’ ὦ μάμμη ὅτ’ ὠδίνες καὶ ἔτικτές με τίς ἢ μαία* (for *ἡμέρα*): *Hesych*’s second explanation is corrupt. The real meaning is *ἐμβρόντητος*, ‘dunderhead.’

<sup>2</sup> *Videor mihi fata Aretes videre quae ‘nunc in quadriviis et angiportis glubit magnanimi Remi nepotes.’*

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4<sup>3 8</sup><sub>1 6</sub> ἐκ πελλίδος πίνοντες· οὐ γὰρ ἦν αὐτῇ  
κύλιξ· ὁ παῖς γὰρ ἐμπεσὼν κατήραξεν.

5<sup>3 9</sup><sub>1 7</sub> ἐκ δὲ τῆς πέλλης  
ἔπινον ἄλλοτ' αὐτός, ἄλλοτ' Ἀρήτη  
προὔπιεν.

(Ath. xi. 495 c **πέλλα**· ἀγγεῖον σκυφοειδές, πυθμένα ἔχον πλατύτερον εἰς τὸ ἡμελγον τὸ γάλα. . . τοῦτο δὲ Ἴππ. λέγει πελλιδα (4), δῆλον, οἶμαι, ποιῶν ὅτι ποτήριον μὲν οὐκ ἦν, δι' ἀπορίαν δὲ κύλικος ἐχρῶντο τῇ πελλιδί. καὶ πάλιν (5). Φοῖνιξ δὲ . . . Κλείταρχος πελλητῆρα μὲν καλεῖν Θεσσαλούς καὶ Λιολεῖς τὸν ἀμολγέα πέλλαν δὲ τὸ ποτήριον. Φιλητᾶς δὲ ἐν Ἀτακτοῖς τὴν κύλικα Βοιωτούς.)

6<sup>4 0</sup><sub>1 8</sub> σπονδῆ τε καὶ σπλάγχνοισιν ἀγρίης χοίρου

(Ath. ix. 375 c χοῖρον δὲ οἱ Ἴωνες καλοῦσι τὴν θήλειαν ὡς Ἴππ. ἐν <α'> (6).)

7<sup>4 1</sup><sub>1 9</sub> βακκάρει δὲ τὰς ρίνας  
ἤλειφον.

(Ath. xv. 690 a παρὰ πολλοῖς δὲ τῶν κωμωδοποιῶν ὀνομάζεται τι μέρος **βάκκαρις**· οὐ μνημονεῖει καὶ Ἴππῶναξ διὰ τούτων (7). ἐσθ' οἷη περ κρόκος.)

8<sup>1 2</sup><sub>0 0</sub> τί τῷ τάλαντι Βουπάλῳ συνοίκησας;

(Herodian ii. 301 (Choerobosc. i. 280. 31) ὅτι δὲ καὶ τοῦ τάλας τάλαντος ἦν ἡ γενική, δηλοῖ ὁ Ἴππ. εἰπὼν (8).)

4. 1 *v.l.* αὐτοῖς. So Eust. 1561. 37.

5. 2 Perhaps Ἀρήτη προὔπιον should be read, or ἔπιεν . . . Ἀρήτη (Schnw.). I have adopted the former for purposes of translation.

6 ἀγρίας codd. (em. by Bgk.: <α'> ins. id.).

7 ἐσθ' οἷη περ κρόκος] cod. E ἐστί δ'. Both are corrupt. The words probably belong to Ath., not Hipp.

8 συνώκησας plerique codd.

## FRAGMENTS 4-8

4 Drank from a paillet : she had no tumbler :  
Her slave had fallen on it and smashed it.

5 Now myself

I drank out of the pail, now Aréte  
Had from me what I left.

( ' Pail ' means a vessel shaped like a drinking-cup with a rather broad bottom into which they used to milk. . . *Hipponax* calls this paillet (4) ; and what he says shows clearly that they had no cup, but in the absence of a tumbler used the pail. And again (5). But *Phoenix* . . . *Cleitarchus* says that the Thessalians and Aeolians spoke of the milking utensil as a ' paillier ' but of the cup as ' pail. ' *Philetas* in his *Stray Notes* says that the Boeotians gave the name ' pail ' to the tumbler. *Athenaeus*.)

6 With drink offerings and a she-boar's entrails

( ' Boar ' was used of the female by the Ionians. *Hipponax* Book I. (6). *Athenaeus*.)

7 With bakkaris nostrils

Anointing

(Many of the comedians use the word ' bakkaris ' of a kind of ointment : *Hipponax* too mentions it in these words (7). It is rather like saffron. *Athenaeus*.)

8 Why with rogue Bupalus didst cohabit ?

( ' τάλαις ' too (like μέλαις) has the genitive τάλαντος as is clear from *Hipponax* (8). *Herodian*.)

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9<sub>2</sub><sup>10</sup> ἐγὼ δὲ δεξιῶ παρ' Ἀρήτην  
κνεφαίως ἐλθὼν ῥωδιῶ κατηγλίσθην.

(Herodian ii. 924. 14 λέγεται δὲ ἐρωδιῶς εἶσθ' ὅτε καὶ  
τρισηλλάδως ὡσπερ καὶ τὸ παρ' Ἴππωνακτι (9): *id.* i. 116. 25,  
ii, 171. 7, 511. 28, *E.M.* 380. 40)

10<sub>2</sub><sup>10</sup> κύψασα γάρ μοι πρὸς τὸ λύχνον Ἀρήτην

(*Et. Vat.* Reitzenstein, *Ind. Lect. Rostoch.* 1891-2, p. 14  
λύχνος: λέγεται ἀρσενικῶς καὶ οὐδετέρως ὁ λιχνος καὶ τὸ λιχνισί·  
Ἴππ. (10).)

10B<sub>103</sub><sup>10</sup> λίθινον ἀνδρίαντα

(*Antiatt. Bekk. An.* i. 82. 13 ἀνδρίαντα τὸν λίθινον ἐφη  
ππ. Βούβαλον τὸν ἀγαλματοποιόν.)

11<sub>5</sub><sup>20</sup> μακάρις ὅστις . . . θηρεύει ἱπρήσαστ.

12<sub>1</sub><sup>20</sup> καίτ<ο>γι' εὔωνον αὐτὸν εἰ θέλεις δώσω.

13<sub>2</sub> τέκέλευεῖ βάλλειν καὶ λεύειν Ἴππώνακτα.

(Choerobosc. *Ench. in Pherast.* ὁμοίως καὶ τὴν εὔ εἰ-  
σκομεν ποιεῖσαν κοινῆν, αἶον ἐν τῷ πρώτῳ Ἰαυζῶ (-ων Καλ.)  
Ἴππώνακτος. ἐνθα φησι (11), τὴν ῥῆν ἐν τετάρτῳ (?) ποδὶ  
συνεστ ἰλε· καὶ πάλιν ὁ αἶτος ἐν δευτέρῳ ποδὶ τὴν εἰ (12)· εἶτα  
πάλιν ὁ αἶτος (13) τὴν ῥῆν ἐν τετάρτῳ ποδὶ λεύειν δὲ φησιν  
ἀντὶ τοῦ λιθοβολεῖν.)

9. 1 παρὰ ῥητήρ *cod.*: *em.* Schneidewin.

10 Probably the beginning of a tetrameter.

11 The Attic μακάριος ὅστις of two mss is clearly false.  
Choeroboscus or his source may be deceived: or *e.g.* θύρετρα  
of amatory quarries. *μικρῆ δ' τις* one *cod.*

12 'him': since Hipponax appears to use *μιν* of things.

13 Scan ἐκέλευε, εὔωνον, λεύειν, θηρεύει.



## FRAGMENTS 9-13

9 So I with heron favouring<sup>1</sup> at nightfall  
 Came to Aréte's dwelling and lodged there.

(‘*ἐρωδιός*’ is sometimes trisyllabic (*ῥωδιός*) as *Hipponax*’ saying shows (9). *Herodian.*)

10 Facing the lamp stooped to me Aréte

(*Νίχρος* and *Νίχρον* are both used (masculine and neuter) : *Hipponax* (10). *Etymologicum Vaticanum.*)

10 B Statue of stone

(Statue of stone was the title given by *Hipponax* to Bupalus the sculptor. An *antiaticist* in *Bekker's Anecdota.*)

11 Happy is he who hunteth (such quarries).

12 Yet, if you will, I'll give you him dirt-cheap.

13 He bade them pelt and stonecast Hipponax.

(In the same way we find  $\tilde{\epsilon}\tilde{\nu}$ , as in the first book of the Iambi of *Hipponax*, where he says (11), he shortens  $\tilde{\rho}\tilde{\epsilon}\tilde{\nu}$  in the fourth foot ; again he has  $\tilde{\epsilon}\tilde{\nu}$  in the second foot (12) ; again (13)  $\tilde{\lambda}\tilde{\epsilon}\tilde{\nu}$  in the fourth foot. ‘Stonecast’ is for ‘stone.’ *Choeroboscus.*)

<sup>1</sup> ‘On my right’ : a favourable omen.

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14<sup>22</sup> μ<υ>δῶντα δὴ καὶ σαπρόν

(Erotian p. 115 σαπρόν: σσηπῶτα ἕς Ἴππ. ἐν ᾧ Ἰάμβων φησί (14).)

### BOOK II

15<sup>34</sup> ἀκήρατον δὲ τὴν ἀπαρτίην <ἴ>σχει

(Pollux x. 18 τοιοῦτα δὲ ἢ ἀπαρτία ἐστὶ μὲν Ἴωνικον ἀπομακρυῶν οἷτω παρ' αὐτοῖς τῶν κοινῶν σκειῶν ἢ ἐστὶ παρ-  
αρτήσασθαι . . . εἰ μέντοι καὶ ἐν βιβλίῳ τιτὶ τὴν ἀπ. εὐρεῖν  
μέλιος . . . εἰρησὶς ἐν τε τῷ ὀκτιέτῳ τῶν Ἰππωνιακῶν ἰαμβῶν  
(15) καὶ παρὰ Θεοφράστῳ . . .)

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16<sup>31</sup> συκκέ>ην μέλαιναν ἀμπέλου κασιγνήτην

(Ath. iii. 78 b Φερένικος δὲ . . ἀπὸ Συκῆς τῆς Ὀξύλου  
θυγατρὸς προσαγορευθῆναι Ὀξύλον γὰρ . . . γεννηῆσαι . . .  
Ἄμπελον, Συκὴν . . . ὅθεν καὶ τὸν Ἴππ. φάναι (16).)

17<sup>33</sup> οὐκ ἀτταγᾶς τε καὶ λαγούς καταβρύκων,  
οὐ τηγανίτας σησάμοισι φαρμάσσων,  
οὐδ' ἀττανίτας κηρίοισιν ἐμβάπτων

(Ath. xiv. 645 c Πασίλος θε τὸν ἀττανίτην καλοῦσιν  
ἐπιχίτην φησὶ καλεῖσθαι τὸ δὲ ἀττανίτην Ἰππῶναξ ἐν ταῖσι  
μνημονίαι (17). ix. 388 b ἀνημονίαι αὐτῶν ἀτταγῶν Ἰππ.  
οἷτως (17. 1). Hesych. ὀμπν[ε]ρή δαιτί ἄντι τοῦ πολλῆς )

14 μαδῶντα corr. by Stephanus.

15 ἀπαρτίαν codd.: -ίην Bgk. ἔχει codd.

16 σικκην codd.: corr. Schw. Perhaps Aeschionitic.

17. 1 Ath. 645 c ἀκατταστέ: ἀτταγῆας. In both places  
λαγῆς is given: corr. by Meineke. καταβ. κων 645 c,  
διατρώων 388 b. 2 τηγανίτας mss: corr. by Casaubon.

3 οὐκ Meineke, prob. rightly.

## FRAGMENTS 14-17

### 14 Clammy and rotten

(‘Rotten’: rotted. *Hipp.* Book I (14). *Erotian.*)

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### 15 Untarnished his appendages keeping

(The word ‘appendages’ is Ionic, the name applying to light articles which may be hung on the belt; . . . if you wish for documentary evidence you may go to the second book of *Hipponax*’ Iambi (15) and to *Theophrast* . . . *Pollux*.)

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### 16 (?) The fig-tree black, which is the vine’s sister

(*Pherenicus* . . . says that the word  $\sigma\upsilon\kappa\acute{\eta}$  came from Suke, the daughter of Oxylus; he . . . . begat . . . . Ampelos and Suke . . .; hence *Hipponax*, he says, said (16). *Athenaeus*.)

### 17 Not partridges and hares galore scrunching, Nor flavouring with sesamé pancakes, Nor yet with honey drenching fried fritters<sup>1</sup>

(*Pamphilus* speaks of the ‘fritter’ as a sort of cake. It is mentioned by *Hipponax* in the following verses (17). Of partridges *Hipp.* speaks as follows (17. 1). *Athenaeus*. *Here may belong* ‘rich feasting’: for ‘much.’ *Hesych*.)

<sup>1</sup> See on *fr.* 75.

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18<sup>1</sup><sub>1</sub> ὁ δ' ἐξολισθὼν ἰκέτευε τὴν κράμβην  
τὴν ἐπτάφυλλον ἧ θύεσκε Παιδῶρη  
Ταργηλίοισιν ἔγχυτον πρὸ φαρμάκου.

(Ath. ix. 370 a μηποτε δε ὁ Νικανδρος μάντιν κέκληκε τὴν κρᾶμβην ἰεῖραν οἴσαν. ἐπει και παρ' Ἰππῶνακτι ἐν τοῖς ἰαμβοῖς ἐστὶ τι λεγόμενον τοιοῦτον (18). και Ἀνάσιος δέ φησιν . . .)

19<sup>1</sup><sub>1</sub> και τοὺς σολοίκους, ἦν λάβωσι, περναῖσι  
Φρύγας μὲν ἐς Μίλητον ἀλφιτεύσοντας,

(Herodian, *de Barbarismo et Solocismo*, Valck. Ammon. p. 193 Σολοίκους δε ἐλεγον οἱ παλαιοὶ τοῖς βαρβάρους. ὁ γὰρ Ἀνακρέων φησι . . και Ἰππῶνας (19). c.l. in Eust. 368. 1.)

20<sup>1</sup><sub>1</sub> οἴκει δ' ὄπισθεν τῆς πόλ(κ)η(σ)ος ἐν Σμύρνη  
μεταξὺ Τρηχέ(ι)ης τε και Λέπρης ἀκτῆς.

(Strabo p. 633 και τοπος δε τις τῆς Ἐφέσου Σμύρνα ἐκαλετο, ὡς ὀηλοῖ Ἰππ. (20). ἐκαλεῖτο γὰρ Λέπρη μὲν ἀκτὴ ὁ πρῶτος ὁ ὑπερκειμενος τῆς τῶν πόλεως, ἔχων μέρος τοῦ τείχους αὐτῆς· τὰ γοῦν ὄπισθεν τοῦ πρῶτου κτήματα ἐτι νυνὶ λέγεται ἐν τῇ Ὀπισσολεπρῆ· Τρηχέια δ' ἐκαλεῖτο ἢ περὶ τῶν Κορησῶν παρῶρειος.)

21<sup>1</sup><sub>1</sub> ἔπειτα μάλθη τὴν τρόπον παραχρίσας

(Harporat. p. 123 μάλθη· ὁ μεμαλαγμένος κησός· Ἰππ. (21).)

18. 1 ? ἐξ-πισθεν Callim. *Iamb.* 413 s.v.l. ? ἰκέτσει since Hrd. seems to shorten ἰκτεστω. But cf. καπηλεῖται *Jr.* 70. The forms *μεεσκε* and perhaps *ικετῆε* are not from the vernacular, the dialect being made appropriate to the myth. 3 *vv.ll.* Θαργ-, Γαργ-: Ταργ- Schw.

19. 1 ἴν' ἐθέλουσι *Eust.* 2 *vv.ll.* ἀλφιτεύοντας, -σαντας.

20. 1 οἴκει codd.: corr. Schw. and ten Brink. πολιοι cod.: corr. Bgk. πρῶτος also Anton. Lib. xi.

21 *v.l.* τρόπην.

FRAGMENTS 18-21

18 So slipping off,<sup>1</sup> adjuréd the cabbage,  
 The cabbage seven-leaved, which Pandora  
 At the Thargelia gave as cake-off'ring  
 Ere she was victim.

(We may suggest that *Nicander* (*fr.* 85) speaks of the 'cabbage' as 'prophetic' because it is holy since we find in the Iambi of *Hipponax* something of this sort (18). And *Ananius* too says . . . *Athenaeus*.)

19 And the soloeci sell, if they take them,  
 The Phrygians to Miletus for mill-work,

(The ancients gave the name soloeci to barbarians. *Anacron* says . . . And *Hipponax* (19). *Herodian* (explaining the origin of the term solecism. The work is not considered authentic).)

20 Behind the city lived he in Smyrna  
 Halfway between Cape Rough and the Crumbles.

(A part of Ephesus used to be called 'Smyrna' as is clear from *Hipponax* (20); for the Crumbles was the name given to the cape situate above the present city containing a part of its wall; the property behind the cape is still spoken of as 'in the Back Crumbles': 'Rough' was the name given to the mountain side round *Koressos*. *Strabo* (who further tells how Smyrna was founded thence).)

21 Anon the keel along with grease smearing

('Grease': melted wax, *Hipponax* (21). *Harpocration*.)

<sup>1</sup> *v.* 1 Presumably off a height. Bergk connects with the accident to the slave (*fr.* 4 above). On the story see *Schweighäuser*. Conceivably the verses are Callimachean.

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22<sup>2</sup><sub>1</sub> καί μιν καλύπτει<ς>; μῶν χαραδριὸν πέρνης;

(Schol. Plat. 352 Bekker on *Georg.* 494 B χαραδριῶν βίον λέγεις of the incontinent man) χαραδριὸς ἔρως τις ὃς ἅμα τῷ ἐπιθῆναι ἐκείνῳ. εἰς ὃν ἐποβλεψάντες, ὡς λόγος, οἱ ἱκτερίζοντες ῥῆον ἀπαλλάσσονται· ὅθεν καὶ ἐγκρίπτουσι αὐτὸν οἱ πιπράσκοντες ἵνα μὴ πρόωκα ἀφελήθῃεν οἱ κύνοντες, (22) ὡς φησιν Ἴππ.,

23<sup>5</sup><sub>1</sub> ἀλλ' αὐτίκ' ἀλλήλοισιν ἐμβιβάξαντες

(*E.M.* 334. 1 ἐμβιβάξαντες: παρ' Ἴππ. (23) ἀντι τοῖ ἐμβοήσαντες.)

24<sup>2</sup><sub>0</sub> κριγῆ δὲ νεκρῶν ἄγγελός τε καὶ κῆρυξ

(*E.M.* 539. 1 (ὡν κρίκει) καὶ ῥηματικὸν ἔνσημα κριγῆ· ὡς παρὰ Ἴππώνακτι (24).)

25<sup>2</sup><sub>1</sub> ὤμιξεν αἶμα καὶ χολὴν ἐτίλησεν.

(*E.M.* 624. 4 ὀμιχύν· . . ἔστι δὲ αἶμα . . . οὐίχων· ὁ μέλλον ὀμίξω ὡς παρ' Ἴππ., οἶον (25).)

26<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub> σίφῳνι λεπτῷ τοὔπιθ<η>μα τετρήνας

(Pollux vi. 19 καὶ σίφωνα μὲν, ὅτῳ ἐγεύοντο, Ἴππ. εἴρηκεν (26).)

27<sup>2</sup><sub>1</sub> στάζουσιν ὡσπερ ἐς τροπήιον· σάκ<κ>ος.

(Pollux x. 75 καὶ ὁ τρύγοιπος καὶ ὁ σάκκος ἐπὶ τοῖ τρυγοίῳσι εἰρημένος, καὶ ὁ ὕλιστήρ. Ἴππ. δὲ φησιν (27).)

22 Corr. Bgk. μὴν for μιν is read in Suid. s.v. and Ar. *An.* 266 schol. τῶας schol. Ar. (Ven.), -rās cett., ὡς schol. Ar.

23 Also Zonaras, p. 706 Tittmann.

24 Also Zonaras, p. 1258 T., *An. Ox.* i. 268. 12, *Et. Gud.* 347. 27, Choerobosc. ii. 590, 657.

25 Also Zonaras, p. 1451 T., *An. Ox.* iv. 191. 6 ὠμιξεν, 416. 7 (these have ἐτίλησεν), schol. Hom. E 531.

26 ἐπίθημα for ἐπίθεμα Welcker.

27 ὡσπερ ἐκ τροπήῳσι Bgk., since (Meineke) the wine goes from the vat into the sieve. Better ὡσπερ εἰς τροπήῳσι since ὡσπερ requires a main verb. σάκος corrected to σάκκος by Salmasius. τροπή- should probably be read (Hemsterhuys).

FRAGMENTS 22-27

22 And veilest<sup>1</sup> it? Sellest thou a bustard?

(The 'bustard' is a bird which evacuates while it eats. People suffering from jaundice are eased by the sight of it: so those who sell it wrap it up to prevent patients from being relieved free of cost (22), as *Hipp.* says. *Commentator on Plato, Gorgias*, 494 B, 'life of a bustard.')

23 Anon they shrieked aloud to each other,

('Shriek to': in *Hipponax* (23)='yell to.' *Etymologicum Magnum*.)

24 And screech, the ghost-announcer, ghost-herald

(There is also a noun 'screech,' e.g. in *Hipponax* (24). *id.*)

25 Bile in his urin, blood in 's stool brought up.

(Urine . . .; also . . . urin; *Hipponax* (25). (ὄμχεῖν or -ίχεῖν: fut. ὀμιξω.) *id.*)

26 With a thin tube he bored through the stopper.

('Tube' used for tasting mentioned in *Hipp.* (26). *Pollux*.)

27 They dribble like a winepress-sieve flowing.

(And 'strainer': and 'sieve' in the same sense: and 'filter.' *Hipponax* says (27). *id.*)

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps καλύπτει could be kept as a middle (καλύπτει;) if *uv* is a part of the body.

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28<sup>5 1</sup> κάλειφα Ῥόδι[ν]ον ἦδὺ καὶ λέκος πυροῦ

(Pollux, x. 87 ἐν δὲ τοῖς Δημοπράτοις λέκος εἰρίσκομεν, εἰπόντος Ἴππ. (28).)

29<sup>3 3</sup> πρὸς τὴν μαρίλην τὰς φ<ο>ῖδας ἰθερμαίνωνι  
οὐ παύεται.

(Erotian p. 131 φῶδες· ἐστὶ μὲν ἡ λέξις Δωρικὴ. καλοῦσι δὲ φῶδας τὰ ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς γινόμενα μάλιστα δὲ ὅταν ἐκ ψύχους ἐν τῷ πυρὶ καθίσωσι στρογγύλα ἐπιφλογίσματα . . . ὅτε δὲ καὶ ἐξανθήματα φοινιᾶ οἷον φῶδες περὶ τὸν θώρακά ποιν γινόμενα. καὶ Ἴππ. δὲ φησι (29). Tzetzes on Ar. *Plut.* 535 τὰ ἐκ ψύχους ἐκκαύματα ὡς καὶ Ἴππ. φησί (v. 1).

30<sup>6 6</sup> κύμινδις ἐν λαύρῃ  
ἔκρωζεν.

(*Et. Flor.* p. 231 Miller *Mélanges* Οὐδὸν ἐς λαύρην (Hom. χ 128). τὴν δημοσίαν ὁδὸν . . . τινὲς μὲν ὁδὸν ἀπέδοσαν, τινὲς δὲ τὸν κοπρῶνα, ὡς Ἴππ. (30). στολή (στόμα Mill.) δὲ λαύρης τὴν ἔξοδον τιν εἰς αὐτὴν (χ 137). Cf. Hesych. ἐρκανηέντα πυλῶνα (Dindorf for ἐρχ-) τὸν πεπιναμένον καὶ συνεχόμενον.)

31<sup>6 7</sup> ἐν ταμ[ε]ίῳ τε καὶ χαμευνίῳ γυμνόν

(*Mélanges* p. 402 Mill. χαμεύνιον· κραζβατιον καθάπερ καὶ παρ' Ἴππώνακτι (31). p. 307 Ἴππ. ἐν μίφ τε κτλ. Hesych. τάμ[ε]ιον· θάλαμος.)

28 Ῥόδιον I conjecture as Ar. *Ac.* 944, where Blaydes' crit. n. is most misleading. See Pape-Benseler *s.v.* Ῥόδος. The converse error in Poll. vi. 104. ἦδὺ with ῥόδιον appears otiose. Scan as *Ροδγον*.

29 See note on opposite page.

31 The initial trochee may be supported from Herodes and is more likely than an initial dactyl, for which there is no good pre-Attic evidence. Corr. Hoffm. *Et. Vat.* has lost several sheets at the end, so that the entry χαμεύνιον is missing.



## FRAGMENTS 28-31

28 And Rhodian unguent sweet and a wheat-crock

(In the *Demioprata* (*Goods Sold by Public Auction*) we find 'crock,' used by *Hipp.* (28). *id.*)

29 Cease warming at the embers your chilblains.<sup>1</sup>

('Chilblains': the word is Doric and applied to the round inflammations that result from the fire, especially when people sit right in the fire after being out in the cold. . . Sometimes it is applied to crimson eruptions in the region of the chest. *Hippocrax* says (29). *Erotian*. Inflammations from cold as *Hipp.* says. *Tzetzes'* note on *Aristophanes' Plutus*.)

30 A raven was croaking

In rear.

('Passage to the "rear" *Homer*': the public way . . . Some explain the word as back-street, others as the privy: *cf. Hipp.* (30).<sup>2</sup> Mouth of the 'rear' means the exit to it. *Etymologicum Florentinum*. (*cf.* 'Fenced gateway': narrow-set or straitened. *Hesychius*.)

31 Lay in a room on pallet-bed naked.

('Pallet-bed': a small bed as in *Hipp.* (31). *Didymus Areius* on *Difficult Words in Plato*. So *Et. Flor.*)

<sup>1</sup> A most puzzling quotation. *Erotian* has τοὺς παιδάς for τὰς φωίδας (*Tzetzes*): but *Hoffmann*, who rightly changes to φωίδας, is also right in regarding this as a mere error.

The verse . . . as | θερμαίνων appears unmetrical. Perhaps it is an injunction, 'up and be doing': θερμαίνων | π. τ. μ. τ. φ. οὐ πάσσαι: So I translate. μαρλην is also cited as ἰλλαν or ἰλλην, here and in 39.

<sup>2</sup> *Et. Flor.* has ἐκρωῖεν κ. ἐς λ. *Et. Vat. Reitz. Lect. Rost.*, 1891-2, p. 14, gives the true reading, ἐν λαύρη.

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32<sup>6 5</sup><sub>0 0</sub> καὶ νῦν ἀρειᾶ σύκινόν με ποιῆσαι.

(*Et. Flor.* p. 41 Mill. ἀρειῶ· τὸ ἀπειλῶ ὡς παρ' Ἴππ. (32)· ταιτεστίη ἀπειλεί. *E.M.* 139. 36 one cod. ἀπειάς . . . ἀπειλείς, sed ἀρειᾶ *Et. Vat.*)

33<sup>4 5</sup><sub>6 1</sub> καὶ Μύσων ὄν ὠπόλλων  
ἀνεῖπεν ἀνδρῶν σωφρονέστατον πάντων.

(*Diog. L.* i. 107.)

34<sup>6 8A</sup><sub>2</sub> Σινδικὸν διάσφαγμα

(*Schol. Ap. Rhod.* iv. 321 καὶ Ἴππῶνας δὲ μηχανοκίεαι (τῶν Σινδῶν) πρὸς τὸ (34). *Hesych.* Σινδικὸν διάσφαγμα· τὸ τῆς γυναικός.)

35<sup>6 8B-6</sup> σηπίης ὑπόσφαγμα

(*Ath.* vii. 324a Ἴππ. δ' ἐν τοῖς ἰατροῖς εἰπόντος (35) οἱ ἐξηγησάμενοι ἀπέδωκαν τὸ τῆς σηπίας μελαν· ἐστὶ δὲ τὸ ὑπόσφαγμα ὡς Ἐρασίστρατος φησὶν ἐν Ὀφαρτικῷ ὑπόσφραγμα. *Eust. H.* 1286. 6.)

36<sup>6 9</sup> πασπαληφάγον γρόμφιν

(*Phot. Lex.* ii. 67. 12 Naber πασπάλη· τὸ τεχόν, οἱ δὲ κέγχρον· οἱ δὲ τὰ κέγχρμα ἀλείρα. Ἴππ. (36). *Cf. Eust.* 1752. 121.)

37<sup>7 0A</sup> βολβίτου κασιγνήτην

(*E.M.* 204. 28 βόλιτον· βόλβιτον δὲ Ἴωνες οἱ τε ἄλλοι καὶ Ἴππ. οἶον (37). *Bekk. An.* 186. 10 βόλβιτον· Ἴππ.)

33 Probably Callimachean (ten Brink).

34 In the schol. Meineke reads πρῶτω for πρὸς τὸ rightly: for a weak caesura would be incredible. All the same Cr. is very likely right in connecting with *fr.* 43, since Tz. appears to have quoted or meant to quote both verses.

36 πασπάλιν φαγῶν codd.: corr. Porson.

## FRAGMENTS 32-37

32 And menaces to render me senseless.

(To 'menace': threaten, as in *Hipp.* (32): *i.e.* threatens.  
*id.*)

33 Whom Apollo  
Declared the wisest man of all, Myson.

(*Diogenes Laertius.* (Probably from *Callimachus.*))

34 Sindian fissure<sup>1</sup>

(*Hipponax* mentions the Sindi in his first book (?) (34).  
*Commentator on Apollonius Rhodius.*)

35 Squid-pudding

(*Hipp.* in his iambs says (35). The interpreters explain it  
of the ink of the fish. It is really a pudding made of its  
blood as *Erasistratus* says in his *Cookery.* *Athenaeus.*)

36 Middlings-fed porker

('Middlings': scraps. Others say millet, others millet-  
flour. *Hipp.* (36). *Photius.* *Hipp.* uses porker either of  
any sow or of an old one. *Eustathius* on *Homer's Odyssey.*)

37 Cow-dung's sister

(*Bolitos* was called *bolbitos* in general by the Ionians:  
and so *Hipp.* (37). *Etymologicum Magnum.*)

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* γυναικείον αἰδοῖον *Hesych.*

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38<sup>7 0B</sup> ὥσ<τε . . . > Ἐφεσίη δέλφαξ  
(Ath. ix. 375 a καὶ Ἴππ. δὲ ἔφη (38).)

39<sup>7 1</sup> πολλὴν μαρίλην ἀνθράκων  
(Erotian p. 96 μᾶλλον δὲ ἢ θερμιοσποδιά μαρίλη λέγεται ὡς . . . καὶ Ἴππ. φησι (39).)

40<sup>8 E</sup> <τὸν δὲ> ληὸν ἀθήσας  
(Anon. *Λη. Ολ.* i. 265. 6 τὸ λαὸς τῆ μεταγερεστέρα Ἰάδι τραπέν' (40) Ἴππ.)

41<sup>7 7</sup> κρε<ῖ>ας ἐκ μολοβρίτ<εω>  
συός  
(Eust. *Od.* 1817. 20 Ἀριστοφάνης γούν ὁ γραμματικὸς . . . ἰταγεῖ ὡς καὶ Ἴππ. τον ἴδιον ἰόν μολοβρίτην ποι λέγει ἐν τῷ (41). *Λελ. Ν.Η.* vii. 47 ἀκούσας δ' ἄν καὶ τοῦ Ἴππ. καὶ αἰτὸν τὸν ἐν μολοβρίτην που λέγοντος.)

42<sup>1 27</sup> μεσσηγυδορποχέστα  
(Eust. *Od.* 1837. 42 κατὰ δὲ Ἴππ. καὶ ὁ μεσσηγυδορποχέστης ἠγούν ὅς μεσοῦντος δειπνὸν πολλακίς ἀποπατεῖ ὡς πάλιν ἐμπύπλασθαι. Sueton. *περὶ βλασφ.* is no doubt the source : Miller's text, p. 425 *Mil.*, gives the same explanation but does not name *Hipp.*)

42A<sup>1 00</sup> ἄδηκε βουλή.  
(Eust. *Od.* 1721. 61 χρήσιως Ἴππώνιακτος ἦν Ἡρακλείδης παραφέρει, εἰπόντος (42A) ἠγούν ἤρεσκε τὸ βουλευμα. Compare and perhaps add Hesych. Πανθρ ὁ φ δήμω παρρησίαν ἀγοντι κτλ., Ἀελλῆσι θυμοῖς ἀνυποστολοῖς μετὰ παρρησίας. Τίσκε μύθους ἐτίμα λόγους.)

38 *ε.μ.* ὀητις. Unless the word was pronounced Ἐφευτίη. Ἐφεσητη ten Brink. Others suggest ἐπιστήη.

40 <δὲ> Bgk. invito metro.

41 μολοβριτέω for -ου Schneidewin.

FRAGMENTS 38-42A

38 Like Ęphĕsĭān piglet

(*Hipponax* says (38). *Athenaeus*.)

39 Embers of charcoal many

(Better to say that 'embers' mean hot ashes as *Hipp.* . . . says. *Erotian*.)

40 Seeing the foulk

(Folk: the vowel is changed in later Ionic. (40) *Hipp.* *Grammarian* in *Cramer's Anecdota Oxoniensia*.)

41 Flesh from a beggar

Pig

(*Hipponax* calls his own son <sup>1</sup> 'beggar pig,' in the following (41). *Aristophanes the grammarian* in *Eustathius* on *Homer Odyssey* (v 219). You will find *Hipp.* calling even the pig 'beggar.' *Aelian*.)

42 In-mid-feast-voiding

(According to *Hipp.* we have also (42), that is one who in the midst of dinner retires often in order to make room for more. *Eustathius* on *Homer* using *Suetonius'* work on *Opprobrious Names*.)

42A (This) counsel pleased.

(A use of *Hipponax* adduced by *Heracleides*. *Hipp.* says (42A), *i.e.* The proposal met with favour. *Eustathius* on *Homer's Odyssey*. Cf. 'Licentious-tongued people': speaking with license, etc. *Hesych*. 'Flighty of spirit': fearless in license of speech, *id.* 'His rede did honour': honoured his words, *id.*)

<sup>1</sup> There seems to have been some confusion in the text of a previous grammarian between ὕc pig and υἱόc son. *Aelian's* version is clearly right. It was fashionable to explain *μολοβρός*, a Homeric word of doubtful meaning, as food-seeker. The Greeks turned their pigs loose early to find food. *Hrd. Mime* viii. init.

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42B<sup>1</sup> βεβρενθ<ονευ>μένον <δέ>

(Hesych. (42B)· παρ' Ἰππώνακτι ὀργιζόμενον.)

## LATER CITATIONS, AND CITATIONS FROM CORRUPT TEXTS

### BOOK I

43<sup>2</sup> Κοραξικὸν μὲν ἡμφισμένη λῶπος

(Tzetz. *Chil.* x. 377 περὶ τῶν Μηλιῶν κεν ἔσαν πολλὰ ἔριων. περὶ ἔριων Κοραξῶν ἐν πρώτῳ δὲ ἰαμβῷ Ἰππῶναξ οὕτως εἶρηκε μέτρῳ χωλῶν ἰαμβῶν (43). τοῖς Κοραξοῖς δὲ καὶ Σινδοῖς ἔστη τυγχανεῖν ὕδα. Hesych. Κοραξοί· Σινθῶν γένος καὶ τὸ γυναικείον αἰδοῖον.)

44<sup>1</sup> ἔβωσε Μαίης παῖδα Κυλλήνης πάλμυν.

(Schol. *Lyc.* 219 Μαίας καὶ Διὸς Ἐριμῆς. ὡς . . . ὁ Ἰππ. ἐν τῷ κατὰ Βοιπάλου πρώτῳ ἰαμβῷ (44). Tzetz. *ad loc.*)

With this is generally connected:—

45<sup>1</sup> Ἐρμῆ κυνάγχα Μηνοιστὶ Κανδαῦλα  
φωρῶν ἑταῖρε δευρό [τί] μοι σκαπαρδεῦσαι.

(Tzetz. *An. Ox.* iii. 351. ἡ τὸ ὄ. Κανθαίλης Λιδικῶς τῶν σκελλοπρῆκτῆν λέγει, ὡς περὶ Ἰππῶναξ δείκνυσι γράφων ἰαμβ.: πρώτῳ (45). So Tzetz. *on Iliad* p. 843 v.)

42B βεβρενθόμενον Hesych. This is the only form which I can find which admits of easy scansion and appears to be sufficiently attested by such corrupt glosses as γρονθονεύεται and πωσθενεύεσθαι. We might perhaps attribute to Hipponax forms in Hesychius like ἀναγαγαγανεύουσι, κατμονεύει, λαγγονεύει.

44 *vv. ll.* Κικλήσιον, Κυλλῆς, κικλήης: βασιλέα πάλμυν almost all codd. ἐβόησε codd.: corr. Schneidewin.

45. 2 [τι] bracketed by Bgk. σκαπαρδεῦσαι is explained by σκυπαχῆσαι superscribed. σκαπερδεῦσαι· λαιθοῦται Hesych., who also explains κυνάγχα by κλέπτα. These and other glosses σκαρπαδεῦσαι· κρίναι and καπαρδεῦσαι· μαντεύεσθαι are cited by Bgk.

## FRAGMENTS 42B-45

42B With choler puffed

((42B): angry in Hipponax. *Hesychius.*)

### LATER CITATIONS, AND CITATIONS FROM CORRUPT TEXTS

#### BOOK I

43 Attired in a Koraxian mantle

(Many writers have mentioned Milesian wool, but *Hipp.* mentions Koraxian wool in his first book of iambi as follows in choliambic metre (43). You must know that the Koraxi and Sindi<sup>1</sup> are tribes. *Tzetzes.* Koraxians: A race of Scythians, etc. *Hesychius.*)

44 On Maia's son, Cyllene's tsar, called he.

(Hermes was son of Maia and Zeus, as . . . *Hipp.* says in the book of Iambi written against Bupalus (44). *Tzetzes* and *Commentator on Lycophron.*)

45 Dog-throttling Hermes, thief-mate, whom Maeons  
Kandaules call, come give me a shove up.<sup>2</sup>

(Kandaules in the Lydian tongue means puppy-throttler, as Hipponax shows in his first book of iambi (45). *Tzetz.* in *Cramer's Anecdota Oroniensia* and on *Homer's Iliad.*) *Hesychius* translates dog-throttling as 'thief,' and gives several erroneous translations of 'to my aid come.'

<sup>1</sup> Hence Cr. is probably right in connecting this with *fr.* 34.

<sup>2</sup> *Cf.* λακκοσκάπερδος *Hesych.*

46<sub>2</sub> Κίκων δ' ὁ παιδαλιχτος<sup>1</sup>, ἄμμορος καύης,  
τοιόνδε <μο>ι κατ'εἶπε, κρήτ' ἔχων  
<δαῦλον>

δάφν<η>σ<ιν>, οὐδὲν δ' αἴσιον προθεσπίζων

(Tzetz. on *Ilia* p. 76. 811 *ἀφρη ἢ σ' ἰσείς τοι ἴλιος ἦτοι μάρτεες καὶ μάγοι. ὡς ἦν καὶ ὁ Χρυσῆς, στεφανομένη ἔποσε οὐτὸ καθὼς θεοὶ καὶ Ἴππ.* ἢ τῶν κατὰ Βοιωτῶν ἰάμβων (46. 1) τοιόνδε τι θάρνας κατέχων. id. on Lycophron *Alex.* 424. 5 *καί γε θεὸς ὁ Λαῖος κατὰ Διόνεον, ὡς φησὶ καὶ Ἴππ.* (46. 1). Hesych. (added by ten Brink) Κίκων ὁ Κίκων Ἀμισσοῖος ἦν οὐδὲν αἴσιον προθεσπίζων.

47<sub>1</sub> πόλιν καθαίρειν καὶ κράδησι βάλλεσθαι<sup>2</sup>

48<sub>2</sub> βάλλοντες ἐν λειμῶνι καὶ ραπίζοντες  
κράδησι καὶ σκίλλησι ὥσ<τε> φάρμακον.

49<sub>2</sub> δεῖ δ' αὐτὸν ἐς φάρμακον ἐκποιήσασθαι<sup>3</sup>,

50<sub>1</sub> κάφῃ παρέξει<sup>4</sup> ἰσχάδας τε καὶ μᾶζαν  
καὶ τυρὸν οἷον ἐσθίουσι φάρμακοι.

51<sub>1</sub> παλαὶ γὰρ αὐτοὺς προσδέχονται<sup>5</sup> χάσκοιτες  
κράδας ἔχοντες . . . . .

. . . . . ἔχοντας ὡς ἔχουσι φάρμακοις

46 The Hesychian gloss, whose language shows that it is not a gloss but a quotation, was rightly incorporated by ten Brink. 1 παιδαλιχτος, παιδαλιχτος, al. Κίκων is glossed ἄνομα μάρτεως and καύης λάος. 2 Supplevi e.g.: τοιόνδε τι θάρνας κατέχων Tzetzes. Hereabouts come the words *ὠμυθέωνος*.

47 κρ. is glossed by σικαίς. ἰφαρμάσσειν for βάλλεσθαι, as Tz.

48. 2 ὥσπερ codd.

49-51a are probably misquoted in details. It cannot be certain that they were not consecutive. In 49 ἐκπ. must mean 'select': if corrupt it has replaced a passive. In 50. 1 I suspect the truth is *παρεῖν* (or *-εῖν* Hrd. viii. 47). On this verse there is a note (*ἀφρη καὶ ὄνομα καὶ τα λοιπα οἱ Ἴωνες ψεύσασαν*) whence κάφῃ must be read. *πρασθοκεσι* is probable for *πρασθῆσι*—a slip of memory. The ms. used by Herodes had



## FRAGMENTS 46-51

46 Kikon the hideous, cormorant<sup>1</sup> luckless,  
 Amythaon's son, his head with bay-leaves crowned,  
 With naught auspicious in his forecast

((Laurel) which the priests of the sun (*i.e.* prophets and wise-men, like Chryses) wore as a crown when they walked abroad, as is shown by Hipponax in his book of iambi against Bupalus (46. 1, 2). *Tzetzes* on *Homer's Iliad*. 'Kikon' was the son of Amythaon (46. 3). *Hesychius*.)

47 Must cleanse the city, and with twigs †pelted†

48 Pelting him in the meadow and beating  
 With twigs and squills like unto a scapegoat.

49 He must be chosen<sup>2</sup> from you as scapegoat

50 And in his grip take barley-cakes, dried figs  
 And cheese, such cheese as scapegoats may feed  
 on.

51 For long have they awaited them gaping  
 With twigs in hand; . . . . .  
 . . . . . as trembling as scapegoats.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Priests are always represented as greedy. I translate *πανδήλητος*: *cf.* *πανλώβητος*.

<sup>2</sup> If this fragment be not read consecutively it is possible to explain *φάρμακον* as in *fr.* 18 and *Tzetzes'* comment as equalling *καθαρόν* (not *-μα*): and (with scansion *ἐκπῶμήσ.*) to translate 'put him forth for a purification.' Again, if 51 be not consecutive on 50, we could read:

*πάλαι γὰρ αὐτοῦ προσδέχονται χάσκοντες  
 κράδας, ἔχοντες ὡς ἔχουσι φάρμακοι.*

'They await there the twigs agape in such (pitiable) state as scapegoats are in.'

*χασκεῦντες*: *cf.* *Hrd.* iv. 42. In 51. 2 the people who hold the twigs are those who wait: hence *-τες* for *-τας* (*Meineke*). But as *ὡς ἔχουσι* could only mean 'at once' in reference to the subject of the sentence we need another *ἔχοντας* (*e.g.* *δέους*) to refer to the state of mind of the victims.

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52<sub>11</sub><sup>9</sup> λιμῶ γένηται ξηρός, ἐν δὲ τῷ θυμῶ  
[ὄ] φάρμακος ἀχθεῖς ἐπτάκις ραπισθείη.

(Tzetz. *Chil.* v. 726 ὁ φαρμακὸς τὸ κάθαρμα τοιοῦτον ἦν τὸ πάλαι. ἂν συμφορὰ κατέλαβε πόλιν θεομηρία, εἴτ' οὖν λιμός, εἴτε λοιμός, εἴτε καὶ βλάβος ἄλλο, τῶν (? τὸν) πάντων ἀμορφότερον ἦγον ὡς πρὸς θυσίαν, εἰς καθαρμὸν καὶ φαρμακὸν πολέως τῆς νοσοῦσης· εἰς τόπον δὲ τὸν πρόσφορον στήσαντες τὴν θυσίαν τυρόν τε δόντες τῇ χειρὶ καὶ μᾶζαν καὶ ἰσχάδας, ἐπτάκις γὰρ ραπίσαντες ἐκείνον εἰς τὸ πέος σκίλλαις σικκαῖς ἀγρίαις τε καὶ ἄλλοις τῶν ἀγρίων τέλος περὶ κατέκαιον ἐν ξύλοις τοῖς ἀγρίοις. . . ὁ δὲ Ἴππωναξ ἄριστα σύμπαν τὸ ἔθος λέγει (47), καὶ ἀλλαχοῦ δὲ πού φησιν πρῶτῳ ἰάμβῳ γράφων (48), καὶ πάλιν ἄλλοις τόποις δὲ ταῦτά φησι κατ' ἔπος (49-51), καὶ ἀλλαχοῦ δὲ πού φησιν ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ἰάμβῳ (52).)

53<sub>15</sub><sup>4</sup> τούτοισι θηπέων τοὺς Ἐρυθραίων παῖδας  
τούς φησὶ μητροκοίτας Βούπαλος σὺν  
Ἄρῃτῃ  
[κνίζων καὶ] ἰφέλιζωντ τὸν δυσώνυμον  
<χό>ρτον

(Tzetz. on *Posthomerica*, 687 θήπων· ἐθαύμαζον· τὸ θέμα θήπω καὶ Ἴππ. (53). ἐλλίζων· τίλλων. Cf. *id.* ψελιστήν· λίχων (for λιγ· Mus.) and χναύων· περικνίζων, περιτίλλων; χναύει· λαμβάνει, κνίζει.)

52. 1 θυμός· τὸ ἄρρην αἰδοῖον Sch. A rightly. Hesych. confuses with θῦμος, thyme. 2 [ὄ] del. Blomfield.

53. 1 θήπων codd. : corr. Bgk. (Hesych. θηπητής· ἀπατεῶν). 2 *l.* τοὺς (ten Brink). 3 ἄρτον codd. κνίζων (in best cod.) might be an explanation of a participle meaning eat, gnaw : possibly δρυψελίζων (Bgk.). A simpler correction would be καὶ κνυελίζων or ἐκνυελιζε. in which case Hesych. would be using a corrupt text. We should then further read κνυελιστήν in gloss above. But there are many other possibilities, e.g. κείται (ten Brink) with ψελίζων an otherwise unknown verb.

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52 That he be parched with famine and, led out  
 A scapegoat, seven times on 's piece beaten.

(The scapegoat (expiatory offering) in old times was as follows. Did misfortune, by the wrath of heaven, overtake a city, whether famine or plague or other mischief, they led out as to sacrifice the ugliest of all the citizens to be an expiation and scapegoat of the diseased city. And having set the sacrifice at such a spot as seemed fit they placed in his hand cheese and barley-cake and dried figs. For after beating him seven times on the penis with squills and (rods of) wild fig and other wild trees they finally burnt him on a fire of timber of such trees. . .<sup>1</sup> Hipponax describes the custom best (47). Elsewhere he writes in the first book of iambi (48), and again elsewhere in these words (49-51) and elsewhere in the same book (52). *Tzetzes.*)

53 Th' incestuous Erythrean folk fooling  
 With these things Bupalus with Aréte  
 From day to day scuffled<sup>2</sup> his damned fodder.

θήπων 'they marvelled'<sup>3</sup>: pres. θήπω: so Hipp. (53). *Tzetzes.* 'scuffle': tear. *Hesych.* Cf. *id.* 'scraping': 'scratching round, tearing round'; 'scrapes, gets, scratches.'

<sup>1</sup> Tzetzes first cites Lycophron 'as well as he can recall him' and then these passages, which is merely a hypocritical cloak for the fact that he has borrowed them from commentators on Lycophron.

<sup>2</sup> Like a hen, I take it.

<sup>3</sup> θηπ<ε>ω must, however, be taken transitively.

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54<sup>1</sup><sub>5</sub> ἴτε ἀρεδεύειε† τὴν ἐπὶ Σμύρνης  
 ἴθι† διὰ Λυδῶν παρ[ά] τὸν ἴ' Ἀττάλεω†  
 τύμβον  
 καὶ σῆμα Γύγεω καὶ †μεγαστροῦ† στήλην  
 καὶ μνήμα †τωτος μυττάλυτα παλμυδοσ†,  
 πρὸς ἥλιον δύνοντα γαστέρα <σ>τρέψας. 5

(Tzetz. in *An. Ox.* iii. 310. 17 στίχοι Ἴππ. τρισυλλάβους ἔχοντες τοὺς παραλήγοντας πόδας . . . καὶ †πάσαν† (54). Schol. Nicander *Theor.* 633 Γύγον δὲ σῆμα τοῦ ἐκεῖ βασιλεύσαντος, ὡς φησιν Ἴππ. ἐν τῷ πρώτῳ τῶν [Λυδίας] ἱάμβων. μυττάλυτα· μεγάλου Hesych.)

55<sup>6</sup><sub>3</sub> [καὶ] τὴν ρίνα καὶ τὴν μύξαν ἐξαράξασα

(Tzetz. in *An. Ox.* iii. 308. 20 τὸ μέτρον τὸ Δωρικὸν παρέλειψα λήθη· δέχεται δὲ πλεῖον τῶν ἄλλων ἱαμβ. μ. κατὰ τὴν β' χώραν ἢ καὶ δ' ἢ 5' σπονδαίων, σπανιάκισ δὲ καὶ δάκτυλον ὡς ἰσόχρονον τῷ σπονδαίῳ· Δωρικὸν Ἴππ. (55).)

54 In the text of Tzetzes read πάλιν (Meineke) for πάσαν. In schol. Nicand. *Λυδίας* (idem) is a gloss on ἐκεῖ. 2 scans ἰθὶ ὁμὰ λ. : but read ἰθὶ. 4 μιταλιδοί Tz. : Hesych.'s gloss was connected by Bgk. and M. Schmidt. For suggestions on text see notes. No weight of textual evidence will induce me to believe that the list contained foreign dynasts, paramours and bastards. I fancy there is an allusion to the conquest of Lydia. Perhaps begin ὁδὸν τεωρείεσκε . . . ἰθὶ. τεωρεύς . . . κακοῦργος, ληστῆς (Hesych.).

55 ? μίσπαν : and give μισπίη (Hesych.) to Hippon.

<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately we are helpless here. There seems no reason to suppose the corruptions are slight. Attales (Nicol. Dam. *fr.* 63) is mentioned as a bastard, Σεσώστριος Bgk.'s suggestion in v. 3 intrudes a foreigner, and any unknown name or person is improbable. Perhaps μεγαστροῦ is partly

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54 Along the road to Smyrna he ravag'd  
 Through Lydia straight by Alyattes' burrow,  
 By Gyges' grave, and Ardys' tomb mighty  
 And Sadyattes' monument, great tzar,  
 His belly turning, as he went, westward.<sup>1</sup>

(Verses of Hipp. with trisyllabic penultimate feet . . .  
 Again (54). *Tzetzes* [He mis-scans Ἀττάλεω̄ as Ἀττάλέω̄!].  
 The tomb of Gyges who was king there, as Hipp. says in  
 the first book of his [Lydian] iambi. *Commentator* on  
*Nicaner's Theriaca*. μυττάλυτα: 'great.' *Hesychius*.)

55 [And] her nose, and the discharge therefrom  
 knocking

(By a slip of memory I passed over the Dorian metre,  
 which more than other iambs contains spondees in the second,  
 fourth or sixth place, or rarely a dactyl as its metrical  
 equivalent. A Dorian verse of Hipponax (55). *Tzetzes*.)  
 [Tz.'s next citation suggests that he scanned μωξᾶν: but  
 I fancy he read τὴν μύξᾶν κατὰ τῆς ῥινός when we need only  
 read ἐκ for κατὰ to get good sense and metre.]<sup>2</sup>

composed of an old gloss μεγίστου on †μυτταλυτα† (*infra*)  
 like *Hesych.*'s μεγάλου. The remainder may be καὶ <παρ>  
 Ἄρδουος στήλην. In v. 2 Ἀλυάττεω *Schw.* is the nearest.

τοσαδναττ  
 In v. 4 τωτοσμουττάλυτα might stand for τωλυαττεω. πάλυδος  
 is known (*Choerob.* i. 232) to be an error, and anyhow it  
 must have υ. I suggest e.g. καὶ τὸ Σαδνάττεω μνήμα Λυδίων  
 πάλυμος or πάλυμ. Ἄλυος (*Cr.*) is nearer, but Λ. was never  
 a ruler (*Hdt.* i. 34): so παλυμ. would have to go into another  
 verse. On the main point, that we have a list of Lydian  
 kings, I fancy the version is not misleading.

<sup>2</sup> Before this may have come ἀποσκαμυνθίζειν: ἀπομυκτηρί-  
 ζειν *Hesych.*: cf. σκινθαρίζειν 'to strike the nose with the  
 middle finger,' *id.*

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56<sup>17</sup><sub>2 4 n</sub> δὸς χλαῖναν Ἴππώνακτι· κάρτα γὰρ ρίγῳ  
καὶ βαμβα<λ>ύζω.

(Plutarch *Mor.* 1058 ε ὁ δὲ ἐκ τῆς Στοᾶς βοῶν μέγα καὶ κεκραγῶς 'ἐγὼ μόνος εἰμι βασιλεὺς, ἐγὼ μόνος εἰμι πλοῖσιος,' ὁρᾶται πολλάκις ἐπ' ἀλλοτρίαις θύραις λέγων (56). The first verse is quoted with variations of the moral 1068 β and 523 ε. See below. It is possible that the order is *fr.* 57 and *fr.* 56. I — ἐπέιχομαι — ρίγῳ — καὶ β. So I translate. Then follows 59 perhaps with only two words missing.

57<sup>16</sup><sub>2 4 1 A</sub> ἐρ<έ>ω, φίλ' Ἐρμῆ, Μαιαδεῦ Κυλλήν<ε>ιε  
[ἐπέυχομαί τοι· κάρτα γὰρ κακῶς ρίγῳ].

(Tzetz. Lycophron 855 ἡ χρεῖα σοὶ καὶ ἐτέρας μαρτυρίας; ἄκουσον (57)· καὶ μετὰ τινὰ φησιν (59). Priscian *de metr. Com.* p. 251 L. 'Hipponactem etiam ostendit Heliodorus iambos et choliambos confuse protulisse (57) ἐπέιχομαι τοι· κάρτα γὰρ κακῶς ρίγῳ. p. 247 L. (21 β Bgk.) Heliodorus metricus ait: Ἴππ. πολλὰ παρέβη τῶν νενομισμένων ἐν τοῖς ἰάμβοις. . . Hipp. in primo ἐρέω [γὰρ οὕτω Κυλλήμει Μαιάδος Ἐρμῆ]. Iste enim versus cum sit choliambus, in quarto loco et quinto habuit dactylos, cum in utroque debuerit a brevi incipiens pes poni. In eodem (58). Iste iambus habet in secundo loco spondeum et in quarto (an error for tertio) dactylum.)

58<sup>15</sup><sub>2 8</sub> ἢ δ' ὄσφυῆγα καὶ ὄδυνοςπᾶδ' αἰρέϊται  
γέροντα <νωδὸν . . . . . κάτερόφθαλμον>

(Plut. *Mor.* 1057 F καὶ κατ' Αἰσχίλον (an error of memory) ἐξ ὄσφραλοῖς κῶδυνοςπᾶδος λυγροῦ γέροντος,' . . . *Lex. de Spir.* p. 234 Valck. ὄσφυῆξ· . . . ὡς τὸ ὄσφυῆγος γέροντος. Priscian (*l.c.*) gives [τοῖς ἀνδρας τούτους] ὄδυνη παλλιρεῖτ (or π)αε.)

56. 2 βαμβακῦζω: corr. Schnw.

57. 1 ὦ φίλ' Tz. ἐρμη or εραις Prisc.<sup>1</sup> ἐρέω Prisc.<sup>2</sup> Μαιάδος Tz. ex gloss. quod integrum in Prisc.<sup>2</sup> habemus. In Prisc.<sup>2</sup> ἐπέυχομαι is perhaps an explanation of ἐρέω. The words from γὰρ to Ἐρμῆ are clearly a parallel citation, e.g. Ἀντίμαχος γὰρ οὕτω φησὶ κτλ. 'Iste enim versus,' etc.—not unnaturally in a citation from Epic. κυλλήμει Welcker.

58. 2 e.g. ὦδε. νωδὸν etc. Plut. *Mor.* 1058 λ. The Lexicon is no doubt quoting from a better ms. of Plutarch than we possess.





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59<sup>1 1/2</sup> δὸς χλαῖναν Ἴππώνακτι καὶ κυπασσίσκον  
καὶ σαμβάλισκα κάσκερίσκα καὶ χρυσοῦ  
στατηῆρας ἐξήκοντα τοῦτέρου τοίχου.

(Tzetz. Lycophron 255 οἷτος ἀσκέρας τα ἵποδῆματα οὐ καλῶς λέγει (59). ἀσκεραι<sup>1</sup> δ: κίριως τὰ ἐν τοῖς ποσὶ πηλὶα ἦται ὀρτάρια<sup>1</sup> λέγονται καὶ χλαῖναν<sup>1</sup> τὸ σφικτοῖνον<sup>1</sup> καὶ κυπασσίσκον<sup>1</sup> τὸ ἐπιλωρικόν.<sup>1</sup> οἷτος δὲ ὁ Λικύφρων, καίπερ ἀπ' Αἰσχίλου κλέπτων λέξεις τινάς, ἐξ Ἴππ. θε πλέον, ἢ ἐπιλήτιων ὦν, ἢ μὴ τοῶν ταύτας. ἀλλην ἄλλως ἐκτίθει . . . ἀλλ' ἄκουε πῶς φησὶν Ἴππ. (60). ἐγνωσ ἔτι δια τὸ εἰπεῖν θασείας τὰς ἀσκέρας τὰ ὀρτάρια φησιν; ἢ . . (57). καὶ μετὰ τινά φησιν (59).)

60<sup>1 3/4</sup> ἔμοι γὰρ οὐκ ἔδωκας οὔτε χλαῖναν<sup>1</sup>  
θασείαν, ἐν χειμῶνι φάρμακον ῥίγεις,  
οὔτ' ἀσκέρησι τοὺς πόδας θασείησιν  
ἐκρυψας ὡς <μοι μὴ> χίμετλα γίγνηται.

(Tzetz. *vide sup.*)

61<sup>2 3/4</sup> ἔμοι δὲ Πλοῦτος, ἔστι γὰρ λίην τυφλός,  
ἐς τῶκ' ἔλθων οὐδ' ἀμ' εἶπεν· Ἴππῶναξ,  
δίδωμί <σ>οι μν<έ>ας ἀργύρ[ι]ου τριήκοντα.

(Tzetz. on Ar. *Plut.* 90 τερλὸν δὲ τὸν Πλοῦτὸν φησὶν ἐξ Ἴππώνακτος τοῖτο σφετερισάμενος· φησὶ γὰρ οὕτως Ἴππ. (61) καὶ πόλλ' ἔτ' ἄλλα· δειλαῖος γὰρ τὰς φρένας.

59 In almost all codd. the text is covered with glosses. Besides the three explanations above, over τοῦτεροι is ἰωνικῶς (sc. for Attic τὰτ.) and μεροῖς over τοίχου. One codd. has τοὶ κερτέροι τοίχοι (? an error for ἐνδοτέροι). μοι after χρυσοῦ codd. plur.

60. 1 One cod. has τὰν χλαῖναν. e.g. οὔτε κω Scaliger. 3 θασείησι: one cod. αησι. 4 ῥίγνεται one cod.: γίγν. corr. Hoffmann. μὴ μοι codd.

61. 3 τοι codd.: σοι Bgk. ἀργυρίοι codd.: corr. id. καὶ πῶλλ' κτλ. has falsely been given to Hipponax: cf. καὶ πολλαχοῦ δισσημα τοιαῦτι λέγει Aeschion (*fr.* 1 q.v.). Those who insist on giving them to Hipponax should read δειλαγος γαρ and find a substitute for τὰς φρένας.



## FRAGMENTS 59-61

59 Give to Hipponax a great-coat, shirtlet,  
Sandals and carpet-slippers ; and sixty  
Staters of gold by th' inner wall hidden.<sup>1</sup>

(Lycophron wrongly uses the word 'slippers' for boots (59). 'Slippers' properly mean the felt-shoes, that is *ortaria*, worn on the feet, great-coat the *sphictorium*, and shirtlet the *epiloricum*. This Lycophron, though stealing some words from Aeschylus, while preferring Hippon., either from forgetfulness or ignorance of their sense uses them anyhow. . . . Listen to what *Hipp.* says (60). You realize that by calling them 'shaggy' he means *ortaria*. But cf. (57). Later he says (59). *Tzetzes* on *Lycophron*.)

60 To me thou gavest never (yet) great-coat  
Shaggy, a cure for ague in winter,  
Nor hid'st in carpet-slippers right shaggy  
My feet, to hinder my chillblains growing.

(See above 59 *Tzetzes*.)

61 But never came there Plutus, the blind one,  
Unto my house, nor spake thus : 'Hipponax  
Minas of silver give I thee thirty.'  
[Etcetera : for his intelligence is paltry].<sup>2</sup>

(He calls Plutus blind, borrowing the epithet from *Hipponax*, who says as follows (61). *Tzetzes* on *Aristophanes'* Plutus.)

<sup>1</sup> *τούτερου τοίχου* is of course the inner wall by which the host sits (Hom. I 219), and the gold is to be there since the task of the thief who digs under the walls (*τοιχωρύχος*) would thereby be rendered more difficult. Refer perhaps to this passage the word *τοιχοδιφήτωρ* = *τοιχωρύχος* cited by Hesych. *ὀρτάρια* and *σφικτ.* are both late mediaeval words. I note *πόδορτα* and *σφικτ.* in Achmes the onciromancer.

<sup>2</sup> *Tzetzes*, who presumably borrowed this citation from an earlier commentator, perhaps on Lycophron (1102?), included the last words (which are really the grammarian's criticism of L.) in his note. Or they may be Tz.'s own criticism on *Aristophanes'* peculations from Hipponax.

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## LATE CITATIONS

### FROM UNCERTAIN BOOKS

62<sup>3</sup><sub>1</sub><sup>0A</sup> ὦ Ζεῦ πάτερ <Ζεῦ> θεῶν Ὀλυμπίων πάλμυ

(Tzetz. on Lyc. 690 ἡ δὲ λέξις ὁ πάλμυς ἐστὶν Ἰώνων καὶ χρῆται ταύτῃ Ἴππ. λέγων (62, 63).)

63<sup>3</sup><sub>5</sub><sup>0B</sup> τί μ' οὐκ ἔδωκας χρυσόν, ἀργύρου [πάλμυ];

(*Vid. supra.*)

64<sup>3</sup><sub>1</sub> τὰπό σ' ὀλέσειεν Ἄρτεμις, σέ δ[ἐ κ'] ὀπόλ-  
λωντ,  
<σέ δ'>. . . .

(Tzetz. *An. Ox.* iii. 310. 17 στίχοι Ἴππ. τρισηλλάβους ἔχοντες τοὺς παραλήγοντας ποδας (64). Contrast (B<sub>gk.</sub>) Hephaestion p. 30 (33 Gaisf.) τὸ δε χωλόν οὐ δέχεται τοὺς παραλ. τρισ. πόδ. *id. Exeg. in Il.* 797 v.)

65<sup>3</sup><sub>1</sub> παρ' ὦ σὺ λευκόπεπλον ἡμέρην μείνας  
πρὸς μὲν κυνήσει<ς> τὸν Φλυησίων'  
'Ερμῆν.

(Tzetz. *Il.* p. 83. 25 H. ἐπὶ μῦθον ἔτελλεν ἰπερβατόν· ἐστὶ δὲ καὶ τοῦτο Ἰωνικόν ὡς φησι καὶ Ἴππ. (64). καὶ ἀλλαχοῦ (65). Hesych. Φλυησίος· Ἐρμῆς καὶ μῆν τις.

62 Ζεῦ rectissime Meineke ex Archil. 88 (B<sub>gk.</sub>). *v.l.* Ὀλ. θεῶν.

63 πάλμυ] *v.l.* πάλμυν : see opposite.

64 δὲ κώπ. : corrected by Meineke.

65. 2 κυνήσειν cod. : corr. Welcker. Φλυησίων' B<sub>gk.</sub> olim rectissime. Hesych. φλυησι<sup>†</sup>ος is (?) corrupt, for months may end in -ων or -ῶν (so perhaps -ῶν' here). Nor do they say ὁ Δηλίων Ἀπόλλων but ὁ Δῆλιος.

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#### FROM UNCERTAIN BOOKS

62 Zeus, tsar of Gods Olympian, father

(The word 'tsar' is Ionic and used by *Hipponax* when he says (62, 63). *Tzetzes* on *Lycophron*.)

63 Why, tsar of silver, me no gold gav'st thou ?<sup>1</sup>

(See above.)

\*64 May Artemis destroy thee, [and] Apollo,

(Verses of *Hipp.* (64) with the penultimate foot trisyllabic. *Tzetzes* in *Cramer's Anecdota Oxoniensia*. Contrast *Hephaestion* : the choliambic does not allow trisyllables in the penultimate foot.)

65 Whereat awaiting day of white raiment  
Phlyesiary Hermes thou 'lt worship.

('Gave a harsh order': transposition (for made good his word); this is Ionic as *Hipponax* too says (64). And elsewhere (65). *Tzetzes*. 'Phlyesian': Hermes: also a month. *Hesych.*<sup>2</sup>)

<sup>1</sup> 62 and 63 I have given separately. But more probably they came together and *πάλλω* is mere dittography, 'Why gavest not gold nor mountains of silver,' e.g. *χρ. <ῆ>* (so *Lobeck*) *ἄργυρον πολλόν*;

<sup>2</sup> *Hesychius*' note 'Phlyesian': Hermes, also a month—shows that Phlyesiary is the right reading.

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66<sup>4 1/2</sup><sub>1</sub> ἐπ' ἀρμάτων τε καὶ Θρακείων πύλων  
λευκῶν ὀκρούουσας ἐγγὺς Ἰλίου πύργων  
ἀπηναρίσθη Ῥῆσος Αἰν[ε]ίων πάλμυς.

(Tzetz. on *Posthomer.* 186 ὁ δὲ Ῥῆσος Αἰνειῶν Θράκης ἢν βασιλεὺς, υἱὸς Στράιμονος ἢ Ἡιονέος καὶ Τερψιχόρης . . . καὶ Ἴππ. (66). On *Il.* 78. 1 H. καὶ ἀντὶ τῶν δασέων ψάλα ἐξεφώνουν ὡς ἔχει ἡ ἀρχαία Ἰωνική, ἐπιβούκων ἀντὶ τοῦ ἐπιβρέχων. καὶ τὸ (66. 1), καὶ μεταμούσας. Hesych. Νεαίρησιν ἵπποις· τοῖς ἀπὸ Νεαίρης.

67<sup>4 3/2</sup><sub>4</sub> κακοῖσι δώσω τὴν πολύστονον ψυχὴν,  
ἦν μὴ ἀποπέμψης ὡς τάχιστα μοι κριθέων  
μέδιμνον ὡς ἂν ἄλφιτον ποιήσωμαι,  
κυκεῶνα πίνων, φάρμακον πονηρ[ι]οῖσκι).

(Tzetz. *An. Ol.* iii. 308 δέχονται καὶ τρισυλλάβοις ποδας εἰς (?) 5', πλὴν τοῖς ἀπὸ βλαχίας ἀρχαίοις, τὸν χομεῖον φημί καὶ τὸν ἀναπαιστον ὡς ὁ Ἴππ. (69) καὶ πάλιν (so Meineke) (68). Hesych.)

68<sup>4 3/2</sup><sub>4</sub> Μιμνῆ, †κατωμηχανε† μηκέτι γράψης  
ὄφιν τριήρευσ ἐν πολυζύγῳ τοίχῳ  
ἀπ' ἐμβόλου φεύγοντα πρὸς κυβερνήτην·  
αὕτη γὰρ ἔστ' αἰ συμφορὴ τε καὶ κληδῶν  
†νικύρτα καὶ σαβωνι† τῷ κυβερνήτῃ 5  
ἦν αὐτὸν <ὁ> ὄφισ †τῶντικνήμιον δάκη†.

(Tzetz. on *Lycophron* 425 "Αποθεν· τὸ πὸ αἰκρὸν γράφε.

66. 1 Θρακείων: correxit Fick. 2 οἰείους κατεγγής codd. 3 παλάμυς one cod.: βασιλεὺς cett. Text Schneidewin. Perhaps there was an incorrect variant οἰείους, and καὶ ἐγγής was written in the margin. If so ὁ is all that is left of the participle except that one cod. has an explanation οἰών in the margin.

67. 3 Scan ποιήσωμαι or l. ποῖσι. 4 πονηρίοις cod.: corr. Fick. ? πᾶσι for πίνων with ἀλφίτων in 3.

68. 1 κακῶν μοχλοτά ten Brink. If a vocative, κατωμάδαρτε is near the traces, but perhaps it is a verb; e.g. κακοῖ μὴ ἔχαινε or κατ' ὦν αἴη χαινε (Hes. καταχηνῆ) which might have degenerated into ἔχαινε. γράψης one cod. v.l. 4 ἔστι: v.l. αἴτη. 5 vv.ll. σινωνι, σαβωνι, σααωνι. 6 vv.ll. τ' ἀνακείμενον, τῶν τι κνημένον. See Addenda.

66 On cariot and Thraciān horses

All white he sallied and near <sup>1</sup> Troy's castles

There was he slain tsar Aeneian Rhesus.

(Rhesus was king of the Aeneians in Thrace, son of Strymon or Eioneus and Terpsichore (66). *Tzetzes on Post-homerica*.<sup>2</sup> They used smooth consonants instead of aspirated like old Ionic souting instead of shouting, and (66. 1), and resaping. *id.* 'Neaerean Horses': from Neaera. *Hesych.*)

67 To woe my weeping soul I 'll surrender

Unless at once you send me a bushel

Of barley, wherewithal I may find me,

By drinking groats, of all my ills respite.

(Trisyllables are allowed in the sixth foot except those beginning with a short vowel, *i.e.*  $\cup\cup\cup$  and  $\cup\cup-$ : *e.g.* *Hipp.* (67), and again (68). *Tzetz. in Cramer's Anecdota Oxoniensia.*)<sup>3</sup>

68 Yearn not for mischief, Mimnes.<sup>4</sup> Cease painting

A snake upon the trireme's benched bulwarks

Which runs from prow abaft to the helmsman.

For this brings evil fame and fate evil,

Thou slave of slaves and yid, to the helmsman,

If right upon his shin [the] snake bite him.

(*ἄποθεν*: write *sic* with omicron. Scribes ignorant of

<sup>1</sup> Read either 'straight for' or 'sallied: hard by.'

<sup>2</sup> Tzetzes purloined this note from a long note by an earlier editor of Lycophron on the use of *πάλαμυς* 'tsar.'

<sup>3</sup> The criticism (that *κριθεῶν* is trisyllabic) is erroneous, as erroneous as the criticism of the next citation *ἄποθεν*. Nor can anyone have written *ὄφεις* in 68. 6, as the snake has already been mentioned. In view of this, *-τῶντικνήμιον* and *δάκη*, the verse may be an early gloss. If the steerer exposes to the snake the *back* of his leg or calf the sense of *ἀντικν.* in Hipp.'s time—'shin' or the forepart—is somewhat unsuitable. *δάκη* has been altered to *δάκνη*. *Σάμορνα*, "God help us," is said to have been another name for Ephesus from its Semitic inhabitants: Schmidt on Hesych. *s.v.* *Σαμονία*.

<sup>4</sup> ? Mimnes thou well-bespankéd.

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οὔτοι (the ms.?) δὲ ἀγνοήσαντες τὸ μέτρον μέγα τοῦτο γράφουσι. σὺ δὲ τοῦτο γίγνωσκε ὅτι τὸ δασὺ ἐκτείνειν δύναται ὅτε βούλεται ὁ στιχιστὴς ἴσως τοῖς διπλοῖς ὡς . . . Τρῶες δ' ἐρρίγησαν ὅπως ἴδον αἰόλον ὄφιν (Hom. M 208). εἰ δὲ μείουρον τοῦτον νομίζεις ἄκουσον καὶ τῶν κατὰ Μιμνῆ τοῦ ζωγράφου χωλῶν ἰάμβων Ἰππωνακτείων στίχων (68). ἰδοῦ τοῦ ὄφιν τὸ ὁ μακρὸν ἐστὶν ἐκταθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ φ̄ δασέος ὄντος. νικύρτας· δουλέκδουλος. Ath. vi. 267 c (cit. ten Brink) σίνδρωνα δὲ τὸν δουλέκδοιλον.)

69<sup>7</sup><sub>6</sub><sup>1</sup> οὐ μοι δικαίως μοιχὸς τάλῳναι δοκεῖτ  
†Κριτίης ὁ Χίος ἐν τῷ κατωτικῷ δούλωτ

(Tzetz. *vid. supra* 68. Hesych. δούλος· ἡ οἰκία ἢ τὴν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ συνέλευσιν τῶν γυναικῶν.)

70<sup>5</sup><sub>4</sub><sup>1</sup> ὁ δ' αὐτίκ' ἐλθὼν σὺν τριοῖσι μάρτυ<ρ>σιν  
ὄκου τὸν ἔρπιν ὁ σκότος καπηλεύει  
ἄνθρωπον εὔρε τὴν στέγην ὀφέλλοντα—  
οὐ γὰρ παρῆν ὄφελμα—πυθμένι στοιβῆς.

(Tzetz. on Lycophron 579 ἔρπιν· χάλις καὶ ἔρπις ὁ οἶνος. χάλις μὲν παρὰ τὸ χαλᾶν τὴν ἰνα ἤγουν τὴν δύναμιν ἔρπις δὲ κτλ. ὅθεν καὶ οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι τὸν οἶνον ἔρπιν καλοῦσι. Ἰππωνάκτειοι δὲ εἰσιν αἱ λέξεις. φησὶ γὰρ (72). ἀλλαχοῦ δὲ πάλιν (70. 1-3). On 1165 ὀφελτρεῦσῳσι: σαρώσῳσι· σάρον γὰρ καὶ ὄφελτρον καὶ ὄφελμα καὶ ὄφελμος ἢ σκοῖπα λέγεται. καὶ τοῦτο Ἰππ. φησὶν (70). On Ar. *Plut.* 435 (v. 2). The second verse is quoted in an older scholium on *Lyc. ll. cc.* Hesych. Πέρδικος καπηλεῖον· χωλὸς καπηλὸς ὁ Π. ἦν. ἐνθεν ἔνιοι τὴν παροιμίαν φασὶ διαδοθῆναι.)

69. 2 mss give either κατωξ or κτωξ (*i.e.* κτωικω). See Bast's *Commentatio Palaeographica*, Tab. vii. 7, 8. Bgk.'s remark, 'Sunt enim iambi (sc. recti)' is inane, since Tz. quotes for trisyllables (exc. υ υ υ and υ υ —) in the final place of choliambi. On 2 see nn.

70. 1? αἴτις. μάρτυρσιν Buttmann. 2 ὄπου only schol. Ar. *Plut.* v.l. σκοπὸς. 3 εὔρων and ὀρων *vv. ll.*

<sup>1</sup> See crit. n. Bgk.'s suggestion κασωρ- is excellent. Hesychius' inane note rightly referred here by Ahrens should have provided food for thought for scholars who believe in

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metrical rules write omega. But you, gentle reader, must realize that an aspirate may at the will of the author count two letters and lengthen the previous vowel, *e.g.* ὄφης in *Homer, Il.* (M 208). If you think this verse 'docked' cf. further *Hipp.*'s choliambi attacking Mimnes the painter (68). Here you have ὄφης before φ aspirate. *Tzetzes* on *Lycophron.* νικύρτας : slave of slave birth. *Hesychius.*)

69 †Unjust the Chian court that condemned you  
Tamquam adulter in lupanari<sup>1</sup>†

(*Tzetzes* : see on 68. *Slave* : House or a collection of women in the same place. *Hesychius.*)

70 With three to witness he returned straightway  
To where the runaway his swipes peddles  
And found a man who, having no besom,  
Was besoming the house with a broom-stick.

( 'Swipes' : booze and swipes are names for wine. The former is derived from brawn and loose, *i.e.* loosening the strength : the latter (etc.). Hence the Egyptians call wine swipes. The words are used by *Hipp.*, who says (70). Again elsewhere (70. 1-3). *Tzetzes* on *Lycophron*, 579). On 1165 commenting on the unfamiliar verb "besom" *Tz.* gives various forms for 'sweep,' 'sweeping,' and quotes all four verses. He quotes *v. 2* again on *Aristophanes' Plutus*. They were also given by a previous critic of *Lycophron*. 'The hostel of Perdix' : Perdix was a lame innkeeper after whom some say this proverb became traditional.<sup>2</sup> *Hesych.*)

the word *μαλις* and the like. As *δοκεῖ* is not a trisyllable with a long vowel it follows that we must end the second verse ἐν κασωρίτῳ : one may therefore write (*e.g.*) with *Ahrens* οὔ μοι δικάως ὥστε μοιχὸς ἀλῶναι δοκεῖ Κριτίης ὁ Χίος ἐν κ., but it is perhaps permissible to suspect that the whole is a satirical attack on *Bupalus* : οὔ μοι δικάως ἐν κρίτῃσι Χίοισι δοκεῖς ἀλῶναι μοιχὸς ἐν κασωρίτῳ. This I translate. There is a further doubt that really we may have *κατωτάτῳ*, a favourite word of *Tz.* in explanation, *e.g.* on *Lyc.* 121 ἐν τῷ τοῦ κρυπτοῦ καὶ κατωτάτου τόπου σήραγγι.

<sup>2</sup> I suggest that there was an older *Perdix* who gave rise to this tag if it is choliambic. The famous innkeeper (*Av.* 1292) of this name was, however, an Athenian. See *Addenda*.



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71<sup>6 4</sup><sub>5 6</sub>

<Ἰθηννα<ίη>>

<ί>λ<ά>σκο<μαί σ>ε καί με δεσπότε<ω>  
βεβροῦ  
λαχόντα λίσσομαί σε μὴ ραπίζεσθαι.

(Tzetz. *An. Ox.* iii. 310. 17 στίχοι Ἰππώνακτος τρισυλλάβους ἔχοντες τοὺς παραλήγοντας πόδας. . . πᾶσα (l. πάλιν Meineke) (71). Hesych. βεβρός· ψυχρός, τετυφωμένος. βέβροξ· ἀγαθός, χρηστός, καλός· and see below.)

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72<sup>7 3</sup><sub>6 6</sub> ἰόλιγὰ φρον<έ>ουσιν οἱ χάλιν πεπωκότες.†

(Tzetz. on Hes. *Op.* 336 ὁ γὰρ οἶνος τὰς φρένας ἐξιστᾷ· ἐνίστε καὶ θυμὸν ἐπάγει ὡς καὶ Ἰππ. (72). Sch. *Ar. Plut.* 437, on Lycophron 579 (see *fr.* 70), Miller, *Mél.* 307). Verses possibly to be ascribed to Ananius.)

73\*<sup>5 5</sup><sub>2 6</sub> Ἐρμῆς δὲ Σιμώνακτος ἀκολουθήσας

(Miller, *Mél.* 19 ἀκολουθήσας (73). ἐκτάσει τοῦ ᾠ· οὔτως Ἡρωδιανός.)

71. 1 Ἰθηνναίη ita Bgk.? The word Ἰθηννα is a gloss on the corrupt μάλις: but it is quite probable that Ἰθ. preceded.

Μαλισκομισκε ms. A: κομισκεχαιρε cett. χαιρε Bgk. rightly explained as a gloss. μάλις· Ἰθηννα Hesych. For my reading cf. Ἰθην· χαιρε Hesych. 2 δεσποτεα βεβροῦ: corr. Schneidewin. The last word is glossed μα[. . .]οῦ: ? μαλακοῦ Hoffmann.

72 Very doubtful. Perhaps οἱ . . . πεπόκασιν. v.l. πεπτ-



71 O Athéne,  
I cry thee hail and beg that I gentle  
Master may win, and feel not his cudgel.

(Verses of *Hipponax* with trisyllables in the penultimate feet. . . Again (71). *Tzetzes* in *Cramer's Anecdota Oxoniensia*.)

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72 †Full little wit have men who sup on booze.†

(For wine removes wits: occasionally too it induces passion as *Hipp.* says (72). *Tzetzes* on *Aristophanes' Plutus, Lycophron*. Also the *Etymologicum*, but without naming the author.)

73 †Hermes who followed, son of Simonax<sup>1</sup>†

(ἀκολουθήσας. So *Herodian* explains the scansion.)

<sup>1</sup> I am inclined to think the citation spurious and post-Attic. See on Herodas ii. 47. I read ἀ or ὠκ.

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73 If *Herodian* is to be trusted, and his authority is great, it is perhaps more likely that  $\bar{\alpha}\kappa$  is some peculiarity of Ephesian dialect, than that it is an innovation of a later writer. *Lehrs* reads Ἐριμῆς δ' ἐς Ἰππώρακτος. But even *Herodian* may have been deceived by a false text, and ἀκολ. is far more fitted to a gloss than to any early Ionic writer. Even *Hrd.* eschews it. The real word may have taken the genitive.

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71\*<sup>61</sup><sub>64</sub> ἀνήρ ὄδ' ἐσπέρης καθεύδοντα  
ἀπ' <ᾠ>ν ἔδ<υ>σε τχλούνην.†

(Schol. Hom. I 539 χλούνην: οἱ μὲν ἀφριστήν· χλουθεῖν γὰρ τὸ ἀφρίζειν τινες Δωριέων ἔλεγον· ἄλλοι δὲ κακοίργον· καὶ γὰρ τῶν ἀρχαίων ἰαυδοποιῶν τινα φάναι (74). Ξενοφῶντα δὲ γένος τι Ἰνδῶν φάναι τὸν χλούνην εἶναι.)

(See also Introduction and after *fr.* 86.)

75<sup>35</sup><sub>30A</sub> See Phoenix *fr.* 8.

76\* ἐκ πελλίδος <δὲ> τάργανον κα[ι]τηγυίης  
χλωλοῖσι δακτύλοισι τήτέρῃ σπένδει  
τρέμων οἶόν περ ἐν βορηίῳ νωδός.

(Ath. 495 c Πέλλα· . . . εἰς ὃ ἤμελλον τὸ γάλα. . . Ἴππ. λέγει πελλιδα (4, 5), Φοῖνιξ δὲ ὁ Κολοφώνιος ἐν τοῖς Ἰάμβοις ἐπὶ φιάλης τίθησι λέγων οὔτως (Phoenix *fr.* 4). καὶ ἐν ἄλλῳ δὲ μέρει φησὶν (76). Hesych. τάργανον· ὄξος, Λυδοί.)

74 Dindorf may be right in placing χλούνην at the end of v. 2, or Meineke in placing it at the beginning. More probably Bgk. is right in placing χλοῖνης at the beginning of v. 1. 2 οἶν codd.: corr. Schnw. ἔδησε codd.: corr. Hermann.

76. 1 <δὲ> Schnw. καὶ τηγ. Ath.: corr. Porson.

<sup>1</sup> I translate Bergk's conjecture: see *crit. n.*

<sup>2</sup> Xenoph(anes) and (S)indi: so Hermann and Bergk.

<sup>3</sup> 76 appears to me certainly Hipponactean. (a) There

74 †This rogue<sup>1</sup> here as I was at eve sleeping  
Stripped me.†

(‘Rogue’ (of a boar): some explain as ‘foaming’: for certain Dorians spoke of foaming as ‘roguing.’ Others as ‘villain’: for, they say, one of the old (chol)iambic writers said (74). Xenophanes says that rogue was the name of a clan of Sindi.)<sup>2</sup>

75 (See Phoenix *fr.* 8.)

76 And tarragon out of a smashed paillet  
With limping fingers of one hand dribbles,  
A-tremble like the toothless in north wind.<sup>3</sup>

(‘Pail’: . . . into which they used to milk. . . *Hipp.* speaks of it as ‘paillet’ (4, 5). Phoenix of Colophon in his Iambi uses it of a cup, as follows (Phoenix, *fr.* 4). And in another portion of his works he says (76). *Athenaeus.* ‘Tarragon’: vinegar, a Lydian use. *Hesych.*)

are no difficulties of metre in the ascription. Every other verse in our *frs.* of Phoenix is metrically impossible for Hipp. So in *fr.* 1 *v.* 1, 3?, 6, 8 (*bis*), 9, 12, 14 (τοῖσι), 15, 17 (see *J. Camb. Phil.* 1927). (*b*) The tone is that of a virulent lampoonist, not of a plaintive cynic. (*c*) The misery of the sketch is accentuated if we transfer this paragraph to the ‘pail’ illustrations. (*d*) Hipp. certainly *used* not only πᾶλλῖς but also the word ταραγον as the gloss shows. Phoen. is not very fond of direct imitations, despite λέκος πυρῶν *frs.* 1, 2. If I am right in supposing Plut. had Hipp. in mind when writing on the ultra-poetical absurdities of the Stoics *νωδός* may also be Hipponactean. As against these arguments we may set χωλοῖσι (deb. κυλλ.) and οἶονπερ (deb. ὄσονπ.). (*f*) They are far too good and concentrated for Phoenix. Contrast his *fr.* 3. (*g*) What ‘other portion’?

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77<sup>7</sup><sub>6 9</sub> ἰλαιμώσσει δέ σ<ε>υ† τὸ χεῖλος ὡσ<τ>'  
ἔρωδιου.

(Schol. Nicand. *Theor.* 470 μαιμώσσων: ἀντὶ τοῦ ζητῶν καὶ ὀρμῶν. γράφεται δὲ καὶ λαιμώσσων ἀντὶ τοῦ πεινῶν ὡς Ἴππ. (77). Hesych. λαιμᾶ· εἰς βρῶσιν ὄρμηται.)

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78<sup>8</sup><sub>7 11</sub> λάβετέ μ<ε>υ ταίματι<α>, κόψω Βουπάλου  
τὸν ὀφθαλμόν.  
ἀμφιδέξιος γάρ εἰμι, κοῦκ ἀμαρτάνω κόπτων.

(Suid. Βουπάλος: ὄνομα. Ἀριστοφάνης· εἰ νῆ Δι[α] ἤδη [τις] τὰς γνάθους τούτων· τις ἢ δὶς ἢ τρίς ἔκοψεν ὡσπερ Βουπαλου, φωνὴν ἂν οὐκ ἂν εἶχον. παρὰ τῷ Ἴππ. (78. 1). *id.* κόπτω· εἰ νῆ Δία . . . αὐτῶν . . . καὶ αἰθῆς (78. 1). Erotian p. 43 ἀμφιδέξιος . . . ὁ δὲ Ἴπποκράτης . . . ἐπὶ τοῦ εὐχρήστου κατὰ ἀμφοτέρα τὰ μέρη . . . ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ ὁ Ἴππενάξ φησι· (v. 2). Galen, *Gloss. Hippocr.* 430, *Aphorism.* xviii. 1. 148 also quote v. 2 but without κόπτων.)

79<sup>7</sup><sub>1 11</sub> καὶ δικάζεσθαι Βίαντος τοῦ Πριηνέ<ο>ς  
κρέσσων

(Strabo xiv. 636, Diog. L. i. 84, Suid. *s.v.* Βίαντος Πριηνέως (one cod. -ίος) δίκη and δικάζεσθαι.)

77 The words can easily be arranged, with slight alterations, for a tetrameter. But see n. *v.l.* λαιμῶ. σου codd. Some om. δέ σου.

78. 1? τῆτε for λαβετε. μου corr. by Schnw. θαιμάτια Bgk. for θοιμάτιον: ταί. (trisyll.) Hi.-Cr. *v.l.* Βουπάλω. 2 The fragments were connected by Bgk. καὶ οὐχ, κοῦχ mss.: corr. ten Brink. Suidas was copying a lost schol. on Arist. *Lys.* 360.

79 ἂ καὶ κτλ. Diog. L.: Meineke cj. πρώτω. ἂ καὶ om. Suid. δικάσασθαι Strabo. Πριηνέως codd. omn. κρέσσον Strabo: κρέσσων Suid.: κρέσσον Diog. L.

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77 But thy lip raveneth as a heron's.<sup>1</sup>

(‘Raving’: seeking and hastening. Some write ‘ravening,’ meaning hungry: *cf. Hipp. (77). Commentator on Nicander's Theriaca.*)

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78 Here take my clothes, so in the eye I'll Bupalus  
pummel;  
For I am ambidexterous and pummelling miss  
not.<sup>2</sup>

(‘Bupalus’: a name. Aristophanes ‘In faith if some one twice or thrice the jaws of these had pummelled, as it was done to Bupalus, no voice would they have left them.’ In *Hipp. (78. 1). Suidas.* ‘Pummel.’ ‘In faith,’ etc. And again (78. 1). *id.* ‘Ambidexterous’: . . . Hippocrates . . . uses of those whose limbs are equally efficient on both sides of the body . . . So in *Hipp. (78. 2). Erotian.* Also twice cited by *Galen.*)

79 Than Bias of Priene far a better judge (finding)

(*Strabo, Diogenes Laertius, Suidas* on ‘Bias of Priene’ and ‘judge.’)

<sup>1</sup> With the Greeks almost all diving birds and sea birds are types of gluttony. With us only the cormorant enjoys that position. Probably read τὸ σενὸν δὲ χεῖλος ὥστε ῥωδιῶν λαιμῶν.

<sup>2</sup> It is by no means certain that these verses are consecutive.

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80<sup>9</sup>/<sub>4</sub> μηδὲ μοιμύλ[α]λειν Λεβεδίην ἰσχάδ' ἐκ  
Καμανδωλοῦ

(Sext. Emp. *adv. Math.* i. 275 Λεβεδίων γοῦν διαφορομένων πρὸς τοὺς ἀστρυγίτους περὶ Καμανδωλοῦ ὁ γραμματικὸς τὸ Ἰππωνάκτειον παραθέμενος ἐνίκα (80). Hesych. μοιμύλλειν· θηλάζειν, ἐσθλείν.)

81<sup>8</sup>/<sub>3</sub> Κυπρίων <λ>έκος φαγοῦσι κάμαθουσίων  
†πυρῶν†

(Strabo viii. 340 συγκαταλέγειν τὸ μέρος τῷ ὄλῳ φασὶ τὸν Ὅμηρον. . . χρῶνται δὲ καὶ οἱ νεώτεροι Ἰππ. μὲν (81). Κύπριοι γὰρ καὶ οἱ Ἀμαθούσιοι. Eust. *Il.* 305. 23.)

82<sup>6</sup>/<sub>1</sub> οἱ δέ μευ ὀδόντες  
<οἷ κοτ' > ἐν τοῖσι γναθοῖσι πάντες <ἐκ>-  
κεκινέαται.

(Cram. *An. Ox.* i. 287. 28 μεμετρίαται. . . Ἰωνικόν. . . καὶ παρ' Ἰππώνακτι (82). *Et. Mag.* 499. 41. Miller, *Mél.* 181. 8 (omitting γναθοῖσι.)

83<sup>7</sup>/<sub>6</sub> †ἐξ†. . . | τίλλοι τις αὐτοῦ τὴν τράμιν τ'  
ὑποργά<ζο>ι.

(Erotian p. 124 τράμιν· τὸν ὄρρον ὄνπερ καὶ ὑποταίριον καλοῦμεν ὡς καὶ Ἰππ. φησὶν (83). μέμνηται καὶ Ἀρχίλοχος. Λυσίμαχος δὲ τὸν σφιγκτήρα.)

80. 1 μοι μὴ λαλεῖν codd.: corr. Meineke. Καμανδωδοῦ most codd. Λεβεδίην trisyll.?

81 βέκος codd. φαγοῦσι om. Eust. πυρῶν Eust.: πυρῶν Strabo: ? πυρέων Hrd.; cf. ii. 80.

82 Metre restored by Ahrens. 2 ἐκ· ten Brink. οἷ κοτ' I have inserted *metri gratia*.

83 τράμιν ὑποργάσαι cod.: <τ'> Meineke. Clearly the difference of tense is indefensible. For the alteration comp. crit. nn. on 79. I have placed the fragment here following Bgk. who suggested ἐκ τρίχας, but translate ἐξ — — | κτλ. Certainly the more probable cause of corruption is the loss of a word after ἐξ. Meineke's ἐξάκεις is wholly pointless. Erotian does not quote by verses, so that a trimeter is more probable.

80 Nor mumble figs Lebedian, from far Kaman-  
dolos

(When the Lebedians disputed with their neighbours over Kamandolus, the scholar won the case by citing *Hipponax*' verse (80). *Sextus Empiricus*. 'To mumble': chew, eat. *Hesychius*.)

81 Of Amathusian loaves a crock and Cyprian eating<sup>1</sup>

(They say that Homer mentions together both the whole and the part. . . So do later writers: *Hipp.* (81). For the Amathusians are Cyprians. *Eustathius* on *Homer's Iliad*.)

82 But my grinders  
[That once] were in my jaws have now been all of  
them knock'd out.<sup>2</sup>

( 'Number'd': . . . Ionic. . . In *Hipponax* (82). *Etymologicum Magnum*.)

83 His anus  
Let some one pluck withal and knead gently.

( 'Anus': the rump or hypotaarium: *e.g.* *Hipp.* (83). *Archilochus* too mentions it. *Lysimachus* says it is the sphincter muscle. *Erotian*.)

<sup>1</sup> I do not believe in the form βέκος in *Hdt.* ii. 2, in view of the ms. discrepancies and *Aristophanes*' βεκεσέληνος. Why βέκος Κυπρίων, not Κύπριον, and Ἀμαθουσίων not -ιον? And why should a Greek in Lydian territory use a Phrygian word of a Cyprian produce? λέκος removes these difficulties.

<sup>2</sup> Or simply 'have fallen out.' Teeth are thus said κινεῖσθαι in the medical writers: *Areteus*, p. 17 *Kuehn*.

## HIPPONAX

84<sup>1 inc.</sup> [ἀ] π <έλ>λα γὰρ τρυγὸς γλυκείης ἦν ἔτικτεν  
ἀνθηδών.

(*Et. Gud.* 57. 33 ἀνθηδών· ἡ μέλισσα παρά τὸ τὰ ἀνθη  
ἐ[ν]βέν (so *Et. Gen.*) ἐν αὐτῇ Ἰππ. ἐν πρώτῃ Wilam.) (84.)

[85<sup>1</sup> στέφανον εἶχον κοκκυμήλων . . . καὶ  
μίνθης]

(*Ath.* ii. 49 εἰπέ δὲ πλείστον ἐν τῇ τῶν Δαμασκηῶν ἐστὶ χάρις  
τὸ κοκκύμηλον καλοῦσθαι . . . ἰδίως καλεῖται τὸ ἀκρόδρον  
Δαμασκηόν. . . κοκκύμηλα μὲν οὖν ἐστὶ ταῦτα· ὧν ἄλλος  
τε μέμνηται καὶ Ἰππ. (85).)

86<sup>1 = "</sup> καὶ Διὸς κούρ<α>ς Κυβή<β>η<ν> καὶ  
Θορ<ε>ϊκίτην Βενδίν

(*Hesych.* Κυβήβη· ἡ μήτηρ τῶν θεῶν . . . παρ' ἧ καὶ Ἰππ.  
φησι (86)\* ἄλλοι δὲ Ἄρτεμιν.)

(*Inc.* 8) διὰ δέριον ἔκοψε μέσσην καδ δὲ λῶπος  
ἐσχίσθη.

86 Cod. κούρος, -ηκη, -ικη : corr. Schmidt.

*Inc.* 8 I include here for convenience. It is attributed to Anacreon by writers on Homer, P 542. It is difficult to believe that Anacreon wrote seasons, but it is far more probable that we should read ἐσχίσεν than attribute to Hipponax or Aeschriion. δέριον is impossible for Hipp. or Anacreon, hence read δὲ ῥίν(α).



## FRAGMENTS 84-86

84 A pail there was of honey sweet born of the  
flower-eater.<sup>1</sup>

(‘Flower-eater’: the bee because it sucks from the flowers. (Hipp.) Book I. (84). *Etymologicum Gudianum*.)

85 A garland wore of damson flower, and mint [full  
sweet smelling]<sup>2</sup>

(Since the ‘damson’ . . . grows in profusion in the Damascene district . . . the fruit is specially named ‘damascene.’ Hipp. among others mentions it (85). *Athenaeus*.)

86 Daughters of Zeus Cybebe hight and Thracian  
Bendis

(‘Cybebe’: the mother of the Gods. . . Whence Hipp. has (86). Others identify her with Artemis. *Hesychius*.)

(Inc. 8) Clave through the middle of his (nose) and  
rent was his mantle.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The fragment has been allotted to Aeschylus on the ground of the pedantic word. But I find the diction no more tasteless than that (*e.g.*) of *fr.* 15. *πέλλα*: so Bgk.

<sup>2</sup> In English damson is of course derived from damascene. The Greek words differ. I have given the verse in the only form in which it approaches metre: it is still irregular and probably the attribution is mistaken. In Ionic tetrameters separate words cannot form the first two feet, and *είχον* is improbable. See however *Journal Camb. Phil. Soc.*, 1927, p. 46. Perhaps read *στέφρα μὲν . . . . -λα καὶ μίνθην*.

<sup>3</sup> *Inc.* 8 is really a plain tetrameter ‘and rent his mantle wide.’

## HIPPONAX

87\* (Anan. 4)                    καί σε πολλὸν ἀνθρώπων  
    ἐγὼ φιλέω μάλιστα ναὶ μὰ τὴν κράμβην.  
 (Ath. 370 b μήποτε δὲ ὁ Σικανὸρος . . . (see on 18): καὶ  
 Ἄνάνιος δὲ φησι (87\*.)

(Inc. 9) καὶ σαῦλα βαίνεις ἵππος ὡς κορωνίτης  
 (E.M. 270. 45 διασανλούμενος\* παρὰ τὸν σαῦλον, τὸν  
 τριφερόν και ἀβρόν. Σιωσιῶδης ἐν Ἰάμβοις (Inc. 9).)

(Inc. 10)                            ὥσπερ ἔγχελυσ κατὰ γλοιοῦ  
 (Ath. vii. 299 c Σιωσιῶδης δ' ἐν Ἰάμβοις (Inc. 10).)

## HEXAMETERS

89<sup>s</sup><sub>2</sub><sup>5</sup><sub>7</sub> Μοῦσά μοι Εὐρυμεδοντιάδε<ω> τὴν π<α>ντο-  
    χάρυβδι  
    τὴν ἐγγαστριμάχαιραν, ὅσ' ἐσθίει οὐ κατὰ  
    κόσμον,  
    ἔννεφ' ὅπως ψηφίδι κακ<ῆ> κακὸν οἶτον ὄληται  
    βουλῇ δημοσίῃ παρὰ θῖν' ἀλὸς ἀτρυγέτιο.

(Ath. xv. 698 b Πολέμων δ' ἐν τῷ δωδεκάτῳ τῶν πρὸς Τίμαιον  
 περὶ τῶν τὰς παρῶδίας γεγραφότων ἱστορῶν τάδε γράφει . . .  
 εὐρετὴν μὲν οὖν τοῖς γένοις Ἰππώνακτα φατέον τὸν ἰαμβοποιόν.  
 λέγει γὰρ οὗτος ἐν τοῖς ἐξαμέτοις (89). Hesych. ἐγγαστριμάχαι-  
 ραν\* τὴν ἐν τῇ γαστρὶ κατατέμνουσαν.)

87\* Metre forbids us to accept the attribution to Ananius.  
 I suspect a dislocation in Ath.'s text or a misunderstanding  
 of Lysanias. As the rhythm of the first verse is unparalleled  
 in early Ionic writers, it may belong to Herodes.

Inc. 10 ὥσπερ γὰρ Α.

89. 1 εὐρυμεδοντιάδεα: corr. Wilam. παντοχ.: corr. Bgk.?  
 2 ὅς: corr. Kal. 3 κακῆ (om. tres codd.): corr. quis? ἐννεπ'  
 inepte recentiores.

<sup>1</sup> If by Hipp. this must be satirical—'I swear on nothing.'  
 But the metre is late and the author more probably Phoenix  
 or Herodes. Ananius avoided all choliambi but those which  
 ended with four long syllables.

## FRAGMENTS 87-89

87\*

Beyond all men

I love thee most I swear by this cabbage.<sup>1</sup>

(Perhaps Nicander (. . . see on 18): and Ananius says (87). *Athenaeus*.)

(*Inc.* 9) And treadest proudly like a horse arch-necked

("Proudifying": from proud = luxuriant, dainty. Simonides in his Iambi (*Inc.* 9). *Etymologicum Magnum*.)

(*Inc.* 10) Like eel on oil-scrapings<sup>2</sup>

(Simonides in his Iambi (*Inc.* 10). *Athenaeus*.)

## HEXAMETERS

89 Eurymedontiades his wife with knife in her belly,<sup>3</sup>  
Gulf of all food, sing Muse, and of all her disorderly eating:

Sing that by public vote at the side of th' unharvested ocean

Pebbled with stones she may die, an evil death to the evil.

(Polemon in his twelfth book of Criticisms of Timaeus dealing with parodists writes as follows: Boeotus and Euboeus . . . surpassed their predecessors. But the actual inventor of this class of poetry we must admit to have been Hipp. the writer of (chol)iambics. In his hexameters he says (89). *Athenaeus*.)

<sup>2</sup> *Inc.* 8, 9 and 10 are included here for convenience. Their true authorship is uncertain and their resemblance to Choliambi perhaps fortuitous. ὠσπερ (10) is probably unsound for the old Ionic. Aeschriion and Simonides are confused (6).

<sup>3</sup> *v.* 1 That is she bolts her food without slicing it: Hesychius' explanation appears to be very much abbreviated and is as hard as the original.

# HIPPONAX

90<sup>2</sup> 2

τί με σκιδάφοισ' ἀτιτάλλεις;

(Eust. *Od.* 1397. 26 . . . Ἀθηναίους οἱ καὶ ἐν ἱεροῖς ἀθροισόμενοι ἐκίβηον καὶ μάλιστα ἐν τῷ τῆς Σκιδάδος Ἀθηναῖς τῷ ἐπὶ Σκιδῷ. ἀφ' οὗ καὶ τὰ ἄλλα κίβητήρια σκιδάφεια ὠνομάζετο. ἐξ ὧν καὶ πάντα τὰ πανουρηγήματα διὰ τὴν ἐν σκιδάφειοις βραδιουρηθίαν σκιδάφοι ἐκαλοῦντο· Ἴππ. (90).)

91<sup>2</sup> 1 πῶς παρὰ Κυψοῦν ἦλθε

(*Gramm. Hort. Adonid.* p. 268<sup>a</sup> οἱ δὲ Ἴωνες . . . Σαπφοῦν καὶ Λητοῦν . . . ὁμοίως καὶ παρὰ Ἰππώνακτι (91).)

91 Κυψοῦν is unlikely in an Homeric imitation: read with Bergk (?) κῶς παρ Καλυψοῦν ἦλθε.

## PAPYRUS FRAGMENT

92 ἡὔδα δὲ λυδίζουσα β(ασγ)[ικορλαζε·  
 πυγιστὶ τὸν πυγεῶνα παρ[  
 καὶ μοι τὸν ὄρχιν, τῇ σφαλ[ε  
 κ'ράδῃ συνηλοίησεν ὡς<τε> [φαρμάκω,  
 ἐ(ν τ)οῖς διοζίοισιν ἐμπε(δ)ῶθέντι. 5  
 καὶ δὴ δυοῖσιν ἐν πόνοισ[ιν  
 ἢ τε κράδῃ με τοῦτέρωθ[εν  
 ἄνωθεν ἐμπίπτουσα· κ[ώ  
 π(αρα)ψιδάζων βολβίτω [·  
 ὦζεν δὲ λαύρη· κίνθαροῖ δὲ 10  
 ἦλθον κατ' ὄσμῃν πλεῦν[ες  
 τῶν οἱ μὲν ἐμπίπτοντε[ς  
 κατέβαλον· οἱ δὲ τοὺς ὀδόοντας ὠξυνοῖ·  
 οἱ δ' ἐμπέσοιτες τὰθυ(ρ)ά[γ+ματ' ἔγραινον  
 τοῦ Πυγέλησι [ 15

(For all notes see p. 65.)

## FRAGMENTS 90-92

90 Why cozenest me with thy dicings? <sup>1</sup>

(. . . the Athenians who even used to assemble in temples to play dice and most of all in that of Athene Sciras in the quarter Sciron. Hence all other dicing-places were called σκίραφεία. Hence too rogueries in general were called σκίραφοι ‘dicings’ on account of the cheating that went on in the dicing-places. Hipp. (90). *Eustathius on Homer’s Odyssey.*)

91 How unto Kypso came he

(The Ionians . . . formed the accusative of Sappho and Leto in -oun. . . . So in Hipponax <you get Kypsoun> (91). A Grammarian in the *Horn of Amalthea and Gardens of Adonis*, Aldine ed. p. 268 verso.)

<sup>1</sup> ‘In the quarter Sciron.’ So clearly Eust. took it: the derivation of Sciras is disputed.

## PAPYRUS FRAGMENT

92 Then spoke she foreign wise : [Venez plus vite ;  
 Hereafter I will pluck your foul anus ;  
 Then with a bough [where tripped I lay kicking],  
 Battered my . . . s as though I were scapegoat,  
 Emprisoned fast in place where twain planks split.  
 Yes, truly was I [caught] in two evils ; 6  
 On one side fell the rod above on me,  
 [To my sore pain : below upon th’ other]  
 Befouled my . . . dripped with fresh cow-dung.  
 Then stank the midden ; [numberless] beetles 10  
 Came at the stench [like flies in midsummer].  
 Whereof some shoved away as they fell on  
 [Perforce their neighbour] ; some their teeth  
 whetted ;  
 Some, that had fallen, first devoured th’ ordure.  
 More than Pygelean woes did I suffer. 15

COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF FRAGMENTS  
OF HIPPONAX IN BERGK, P.L.G. AND THIS  
EDITION

Bgk.	Knox	Bgk.	Knox	Bgk.	Knox	
1	44 and 45	32	65	64	71	56
2	46	33	1	65	32	60
3	43	34	16	66	30	58
4	47	35	75	67	31	53
5	48	36	17	68A	34	
6	49	37	18	68B	35	
7	50	38	4	69	36	
8	51	39	5	70A	37	
9	52	40	6	70B	38	
10	10	41	7	71	39	
11	2 Inc. (Introd.)	42	66	72	See p. 5	(81)
12	8	43	67	73	72	66
13	2 Inc.	44	Inc. 4	74	69	57
14	53	45	33	75	Herodas v. 74	
15	54	46	19	76	77	69
16	57	47	20	78	Inc. 5 Introd.	72
17	56	48	Inc. 3	79	79	72
18	59	49	68	80	80	74
19	60	50	21	81	85	57
20	61	51	70	82	81	72
21	See 57	52	22	83	78	70
22A	11	53	23	84	83	76
22B	12	54	24	85	89	77
23	14	55A	25	86	90	75
24 (inc.)	84	55B	73	87	91	
25	om.	56	26	88	40	
26	15	57	27	89 and 91-99	om	
27	om.	58	28	90	See p. 2	70
28	Inc. 6	59	29	100	42A	
29	Inc. 7	60	55	109	42B	
30A	62	61	74	120	86	
30B	63	62	82	127	42	
31	64	63	9			

NOTE.—So profuse is Hesychius in glosses from Hipponax that I venture to suggest that some of the following anonymous citations may belong to him. Some I have included as illustrations in what *might* be their approximate contexts. In addition most of the Hesychian glosses referred in German texts to Herodes are more probably due to his original.

Words in ἰβη-, various Lydian glosses, ἀπναυ and other

## FRAGMENTS AND NEW DISCOVERIES

Clazomenian glosses, Schmidt *s.v.* ἀριβάτας (Lyd. adv.), λουταρίζημα, μασίγδονπον | βασιλέα, Νεαίρησιν | ἵπποις, ὀδώδυσται, ὀμπνίη δαιτί, ἴσιωφάται†, Πέρδικος καπηλείον, τοιχοδιφήτωρ, τίσκε μύθους, Τοξίου βουνός and *e.g.* τομεύουσι, χατεύουσα, φραδεύουσι.

To complete list of addenda to Bergk's edition, I give the following fragment (Diehl addenda): Inser. Ostrak. Berlin. 12605 ὦρος· ἐνιαυτός . . . . Ἰππώνακτος·

πονηρὸς [ ]οι πάντας

Ἄσωποδώρου παῖδα κ[ ]

apparently with the sense 'wicked for all his years beyond the son of Asopodorus.'

Of certain fragments given by Bergk we may guess at metre in *fr.* 133 κίων λιμῶ σαρκῶν, a dog gnawing In hunger, and *frs.* 110, 111 ἢ βορβορῶπις κἀναστυτόλις πύρνη, which I do not translate.

Fragment 92 was found at Oxyrrhynchus. Ed. pr. *Rivista di Fil. Class.* 1928, pp. 500 *sqq.* by G. Coppola.

I ζι corr. from ξι P. 6 καιῶν ex καινη. 8 πίπτ ex πειπτ P. Iotas subscr. om P exc. βολβίτω (9). Accents, etc., at 2 πυγεῶνα, 3 καί, 4 ηλοιη, 7 ἦ and τοιτέρ, 8 ἐμπίπτονσα·κ, 9 ἄζων, 10 λαύρη. 11 κατ' and πλεῦν, 13 ον·οιδε, 14 οιδ', 15 πυγέλησι, and perhaps 10 ὦζεν. Supplements v. I Vogliano and Lobel, v. 4 Coppola (corr. E. Lobel from ὠσπ[ερ]), v. 5 (init.) Co., v. 10 Lobel, 11, 12, and 13 (ὀδόντας) Co., v. 4 . . ]ποις Co., vv. 3, 5, 8, 13, 14 (ἔγρ. vel ἔχναυον) supplēvi.

I translate v. 2 -is ἐλάκτιζον, v. 6 ἡγρέυμην, v. 7 ἦλγνεν, v. 9 κατασχύνθη, v. 10 τῶριθμῶ, v. 11 ἢ θέρεος μύϊαι (following Co.), v. 12 ἐκ βίης ἄλλους. Only a few letters of the three next verses remain. In vv. 2 and 9 the sense is highly controversial. I translate παρτιλῶ σ' αὔθις and φαλῆς καινῶ (vercor ne σπέρμα legendum sit). τὰ διόζια sunt sedes (planks) τῆς λαύρης in quibus Hipponactem aut fraude (*Decameron*, ii. 5) aut casu captum et pronum jacentem Arete spe frustrata tamquam cinaedum (Petron. ch. 138) et impotentem (Burton, *Arabian Nights*, x. 250) contumelia punit. Nescio an cantharorum dapes et titillationes providerit mulier. βολβ. de stercore bovino tantum dici potest. In λαύρη ('midden') excrementa omnium generis coacervantur. Pro ἀθυράγματα vid. Hesych. θυραγμ- (extra ordinem): ἀφοδεύματα.

## ANANIUS

1<sup>1</sup> "Απολλον ὄς <κ>ου Δῆλον ἢ Πυθῶν' ἔχεις,  
 ἢ Νάξον ἢ Μίλητον ἢ θείκην Κλάρον,  
 ἴκ<ε>υ κα<τ>' ἱεῖρά· †† Σκύθας ἀ<π>ιξέαι.

(*Ag. Ran.* 659 Dionys. (1. 1). Xanth. ἠλγητην' οὐκ ἤκουσας;  
 Di. οὐκ ἔγωγ' ἐπεὶ ἱαμβον Ἰππωνακτος ἀνεμεινήσκομεν. Schol.  
 ἱαμβον Ἰππ.· ὡς ἀλγήσας καὶ συγκεχυμένος οὐκ οἶδε τί λέγει·  
 ἐπεὶ οὐκ Ἰππ. ἀλλ' Ἀνανιον. ἐπιφέρει δὲ ὁ Ἀνανίας αὐτῷ  
 (1. 2, 3).)

2<sup>2</sup> χρυσὸν λέγει Πύθερμος ὡς οὐδὲν τᾶλλα.

(Heraclid. Pont. (Ath. xiv. 625 c) οὕτως ἐστὶ Πύθερμος οὗ  
 μνημονεῖει Ἀνάνιος ἢ Ἰππωνας ἐν τοῖς ἱάμβοις † ἐν ἄλλω†  
 οὕτως (2).)

1 πον, θείαν, ἱοσι, καθ', ἱοσι. ἀφιξ·: corr. Meineke. 3 for  
 ἢ read καὶ, the usual error, 'and then you may return  
 home,' or better τί . . .;

2 ? χρυσῶ. On the score of metre Ananius must be the  
 author. Note that Athenaeus quotes at second hand.

<sup>1</sup> The subject seems to be clear. It is an appeal to Apollo  
 who had a tendency to wander to the north. Himerius  
 (*Or.* xiv. 10) tells us (from Alcaeus) how on his birth A. was  
 sent on his swan-car to Delphi by Zeus to give law to the  
 Greeks. He immediately turned his team to the Hyper-  
 66



## ANANIUS

- 1 Apollo, now at Delos, Pytho town,  
Naxos, Miletus, or Claros divine,  
First to our rites : why Scythiaward must hie ?<sup>1</sup>

(*Dionysus* (1. 1). *Xanthias*. It hurt. Didn't you hear?  
*Dionysus*. Not it indeed : a verse of Hipponax I hunted  
for. *Aristophanes, Frogs*, 659. 'Hipponax': this is said  
in his pain and confusion inaccurately, since the verse is  
not by Hipp. but by Ananius. The next verses are (2, 3).  
*Commentator* on this passage.)

- 2 Aught else but gold is naught, saith Pythermus.

(This is the Pythermus whom Ananius or Hipponax  
mentions in his iambs † . . †<sup>2</sup> as follows (2). *Heraclides*  
*Ponticus* quoted by *Athenaeus*.)

boreans. He spent a year there before bidding his swans  
return (ἐξ Ἰππεριβορέων ἐφιπτασθαι). See Wernsdorf *ad loc.*,  
J. U. Powell on Simias *fr.* 1 (*Collectanea Alexandrina*,  
p. 111). Clearly the address is not that made on this  
occasion but merely alludes to Apollo's migratory habits.

<sup>2</sup> († . . †) perhaps ἐν ἀδύλῳ βιβλίῳ, 'I cannot say in which  
book.

## ANANIUS

3<sup>3</sup> εἴ τις καθείρξει χρυσὸν ἐν δόμοις †πολὺν  
καὶ σῦκα βαιὰ καὶ δὺ' ἢ τρεῖς ἀνθρώπους  
γνοίη <κ>όσον τὰ σῦκα τοῦ χρυσοῦ κρέσσω.

(Ath. iii. 78 d ὅτι δε πάντων τῶν καλουμένων ξυλίνων καρπῶν  
ὠφελιμώτερα ἐστὶ τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ σῦκα . . . (f) καὶ Ἀνάμιος  
δ' ὁ ἰαμβοποιὸς ἔφη (3). Stob. iv. 33 Ἰππώνακτος (3).)

4<sup>4</sup> = Hippon. 87.

5<sup>5</sup> ἔαρι μὲν χροῖμιος ἄριστος, ἀνθί<κ>ης δ' ἐ<ν>  
χειμῶνι,  
τῶν καλῶν δ' ὄψων ἄριστον καρὶς ἐκ συκῆς  
φύλλου,  
ἡδὺ δ' ἐσθίειν χιμαίρης φθινοπωρισμῶ  
κρε<ῖ>ας,  
δέλφακος δ' ὅταν τραπ<έ>ωσι καὶ πατέωσιν  
ἐσθίειν.  
καὶ κυνῶν αὕτη τό<τ>' ὄρη καὶ λαγῶν  
κάλωπέκων. 5  
οἷος αὐτ' ὄ<ε>ταν θέρος τ' ἡ κήχεται βάβρα-  
ζωσιν.  
εἶτα δ' ἐστὶν ἐκ θαλάσσης θύννος οὐ †κακὸν  
βρῶμα,  
ἀλλὰ πᾶσιν ἰχθύεσσιν ἐμπρεπῆς ἐν μυ<σσ>ωτῶ.

3. 1 -ξει codd. πολλὸν edd. But it is doubtful if  
Ananius ever used the verse-ending ∪ — — and the right  
reading might be e.g. ἄλις. δόμοις is not Ionic: δόμοισ' is.  
3 γνώη σχάσοντας Stob.: γνοίη χ' ὄσω Ath. Both writers  
(see on Hipp. 75) draw ultimately, I fancy, from Lysanias  
on the Choliambists. This book probably contained a parallel  
quotation from Hipp.

5. 1 -ias: corr. Schn. 2 (Cas.) ἐν . . . φύλλοις. ὄψων  
absent in some codd. 3 χιμέρης: corr. Heringa. 5 αὐτῆμος

FRAGMENTS 3-5

3 Should any in a room enclose much gold  
 And a few figs and two or three mortals,  
 He'd learn that figs than gold are far better.

(That figs are more useful than all so-called orchard fruits . . . Ananius the iambist says (3). *Athenaeus*. Also quoted by *Stobaeus* the anthologist in his *Comparison of Wealth and Poverty*.)

4 See Hippon. 87.

5 For best in spring the salmon<sup>1</sup> is, in winter the  
 mack'rel<sup>1</sup>;  
 And best of dainties is the prawn that peeps from  
 green fig-leaves,  
 And sweet in autumn 'tis to eat the flesh of a  
 young kid,  
 And sweet to eat the flesh of pigs the autumn  
 grapes treading.  
 This is the time to eat of whelps, of hares and  
 of foxes.<sup>2</sup> 5  
 But mutton eat when summer comes and grass-  
 hoppers chatter.  
 And then the tunny from the sea no paltry food  
 renders,  
 But set in cheese-cake shineth out among other  
 fishes.

<sup>1</sup> 'Salmon,' really umber: see Isaac Walton, *Compleat Angler* ch. vi. I avoid the familiar English "grayling," since the date does not fit. *Our* mackerel is most pleasantly caught in August (in a light wind, sails reefed) off the Devon coast and eaten within an hour or two, but it keeps ill in summer. <sup>2</sup> See Casaubon.

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Meineke is prob. right: τόθ' codd. 6 οἶος: expl. Casaubon. αὐτοεταν: corr. Heringa. 7 ? for κακόν—ε.γ. δειλόν. 8 ἐμπρεπεῖς v.l. μῦττ.: corr. Bgk. ?

## ANANIUS

βοῦς δὲ πιανθείς, δοκέω μὲν, καὶ μεσέων  
 νυκτῶν ἥδὺς  
 κῆμέρης. 10

(Ath. vii. p. 282 b ἀνθίας· καλλιγμῆς. ποτόν μείνηται  
 Ἐπίχαριμος ἐν Ἡθῶν Γάλλῳ (fr. 58 Kh.) καὶ σκιφίας χρῆσις ἢ  
 ὅς ἐν τῷ ἡμῖ καττὸν Ἄναμιον ἰχθυῶν παντῶν ἀριστος ἀνθίας δι  
 χείματι. λέγει δὲ Ἄν. οὕτως (5).)

## FRAGMENT 5

A fattened ox, I ween, is sweet o' day and at  
midnight.<sup>1</sup>

(‘Anthias’: beauty-fish. Mentioned by *Epicharmus* in his *Marriage of Hebe*: ‘The sword-fish and the chromis which in spring Ananius says Is best of fish, as winter brings the beauty-fish the best.’ Ananius’ words are (5). *Athenaeus*.)

<sup>1</sup> One would have expected the sense ‘when day and night are equal.’



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MIMES AND FRAGMENTS

## INTRODUCTION

THE papyrus of Herodes is in the British Museum (135).<sup>1</sup> The editio princeps by Kenyon dates from 1891. Rutherford's edition, based on Kenyon's proofs, was published soon after. Rutherford contributed something: but his very loose handling of the text drew violent criticisms from Nicholson (Librarian of the Bodleian, Oxford) in the *Academy*, September 26-October 31. Since then few English scholars have ventured to publish without an examination of the papyrus. Many other English critics, notably Walter Headlam and E. L. Hicks (subsequently Bishop of Lincoln), published in the same journal. In 1922 Bücheler published an edition based on a wide knowledge of classical literature, especially the more obscene Roman writers: Crusius' *Untersuchungen* appeared the same year. Crusius had spent great care on certain writers of whom Babrius was one: but his editions display a grave lack of judgement in preferring the text to the corrections, in sustaining the most obviously false readings, and in regarding Herodes as tending rather to the vulgar style than, as is the fact, to excessive artifice. His treatment of the text was honest and exceptionally careful, but he was quite devoid of palaeographical

<sup>1</sup> Milne, *Catalogue* 96, p. 66.



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skill. Blass was the only sound reader, always with the exception of Kenyon, who had to sustain the facts of palaeography like Athanasius against a world of heretical misreadings : and performed the task with extreme courtesy and an admirable firmness which in only one case<sup>1</sup> relaxed. The only flaw in Kenyon's work was that neither he nor anyone else had then any distinct idea of the proper treatment of papyri : in consequence the mounting was in places very faulty, and only lately several errors have been removed. In 1892 an edition by Herwerden appeared in *Mnemosyne* ; and in 1893 R. Meister published an edition, the interest of which lay in the view that Herodes wrote in perfectly good Ionic ; a view which can only be disproved by the number of cases (*e.g.*  $\alpha\iota\kappa$ -) where the true Ionic ( $\acute{\alpha}\epsilon\iota\kappa$ -) does not suit the metre. For the following years only Crusius and Headlam continued the intensive study of Herodes : Headlam with an obstinate refusal to publish a full edition when problems remained of which an accurate solution might be found ; and Crusius with a stream of editions (last 1914) which displayed a satisfaction in a quite illiterate text and conjectural supplements. Meanwhile, however, R. Herzog made some excavations in Cos, which appear to complicate the problems of Mime IV., and some valuable notes on archaeological points. In 1904 (Dr.) J. A. Nairn, headmaster of Merchant Taylors' School, published an edition embodying most previous research : the main flaw being that the editor continually accepted theories based on quite inconsistent premises. In 1922 appeared an edition of Mimes I.-VI. by Professor

<sup>1</sup> Nairn's reading i. 82 is wholly impossible.

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P. Grooneboom<sup>1</sup>: which displays the sound taste of a widely read scholar and clear, lucid and consistent judgement. The editor wisely follows Blass and Kenyon for text, but was unable himself to contribute anything. At about the same time Headlam's complete notes were published by the Cambridge University Press with an illustrative text and what was practically an editio princeps of *Mime VIII.*, with the loose fragments pieced together. The main value of this edition (and, in a lesser degree, of Grooneboom's) should be to destroy the idea that Herodes was a writer who shows any relation to the ordinary speech, or that his connexions, aims, and methods are other than literary.

The following is a list of some recent work on Herodes:—

<sup>2</sup> *Herodas: The Mimes and Fragments.* With notes by Walter Headlam, Litt.D., Cambridge, 1922.

*Les Mimiambes d'Hérodas I-VI* par P. Grooneboom, Groningue, 1922.

<sup>2</sup> *Eroda I Mimiambi.* Testo Critico e Commento per cura di Nicola Terzaghi. Torino, 1925.

<sup>2</sup> Otto Crusius: *Die Mimiamben des Herondas.* . . . Zweite Auflage . . . von Rudolf Herzog. Leipzig, 1926.

<sup>3</sup> Articles (excluding reviews):

R. Herzog, *Philologus*, lxxix. pp. 370 *sqq.*, lxxxii. pp. 28 *sqq.*

<sup>1</sup> This edition should be consulted for work between 1906 and 1922.

<sup>2</sup> With translations.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. H. I. Bell's Bibliography of work on Papyri has been very helpful. Dr. P. Grooneboom has also sent me kind notes on recent literature.

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- A. D. Knox, *C.R.* xxxix. pp. 13 *sqq.*, *Philologus*, lxxxi. 241 *sqq.*, *Phil. Woch.*, 1926, 77 *sq.*, *C.R.* xlii. 163.
- A. E. Housman, *C.R.* xxxvi. 109 *sqq.* (a certain explanation of ii. 65-7).
- Kalinka (*Akad. der Wiss. in Wien Sitzb.*, 197 Bd. 6 Abh.).
- Meerwaldt (*Mnemosyne*, liii. 393 *sqq.*).
- Radermacher (*Der Lehrer des Herondas: Sonderabsdr. aus Wien. Zeitschr. für Volkskunde*, 30, 1925).
- Vogliano (*Riv. di Fil.*, 1925, 395 *sqq.*).
- W. M. Calder, *C.R.*, xxxviii. 113 *sqq.* (a useful note on Nannakos).
- H. J. Rose, *C.Q.*, 1923, 32 *sqq.*
- J. M. Edmonds, *C.Q.*, 1925, 129 *sqq.*
- W. Vollgraff, *Mnemosyne*, 1927, p. 104.
- W. R. Halliday, *C.R.* xxxvii. 115.

Of these writings it is only necessary for immediate purposes to observe that Terzaghi (1925) makes no effort to give a correct text, and that Edmonds' notes are wholly deficient in objectivity and appear to be wanting in appreciation of the author's meaning and style. Rudolf Herzog's<sup>1</sup> articles are of course in a different category. Bound, in some sort, to the cartwheels of earlier Teubner editions, he has yet adopted and contributed a large number of improvements. Unfortunately on many points he retains theories of Crusius' which are obviously inadmissible: and his valuable discoveries in Cos have led him to take Herodes as a critic of actual life in a way which would surprise no one more than Herodes.

To return to the papyrus. It is of curious form, with few verses to the column. It dates from perhaps about A.D. 100. It is written by an untrained

<sup>1</sup> Besides acknowledged points I owe to him the allocation of parts in VII.

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hand, and various errors suggest a more cursive hand for its immediate archetype. It was checked with indifferent care, the reviser writing the mark / against the left of the dubious verse and calling attention to false scansions by the usual method of placing quantitative marks on the top. The actual corrector missed many false verses even where his attention was so called. Even so there are very numerous corrections; and apart from cases where, as so often happens, the corrections (written above or in the margin with occasional cancellation of the false letters) are themselves inaccurately placed, all corrections of every sort by whatever hand are for the better.<sup>1</sup> The theory that corrections to normal grammar were ever made is absurd, since it is patent that no scholar ever touched this text or any ancestor; otherwise we might have valuable marginal notes. Long *i* is indifferently written *i* or *ei*, and *ei* is indifferently written *ei* or *i* or *ī* or *éi*. To save space I have not noticed cases in my critical apparatus. For  $\lambda\acute{\omega}$ , etc. (P) I write  $\langle\kappa\rangle\acute{\omega}$  without note in crit. app. And so in other crases and elisions except after prepositions: but see iv. 83, viii. 52. Similarly I have standardized the contraction  $\kappa\acute{\iota}$  for  $\kappa\alpha\acute{\iota}$   $\acute{\epsilon}$ , giving  $\kappa\acute{\iota}$  - where P has  $\kappa\acute{\alpha}$ . I have omitted to note places where P gives punctuation (by gaps), and numerous omissions of iota subscript. I give the speakers' names, which are not given by P, and note by the symbols [ ] in text, and in translation where P fails to note change of speakers (by paragraphus —). Further I have omitted to note

<sup>1</sup> Except at iii. 91, and vii. 104 where, in any case, the erroneous correction is by the first hand. Occasionally, as at iii. 53, the correction has miscarried.

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where P writes in full or contracts, except in cases of possible interest. It need only be pointed out that at vii. 96 either  $\pi\rho\hat{\eta}\xi\iota\varsigma$  or  $\pi\rho\acute{\eta}\xi\epsilon\iota\varsigma$  is admissible.

The papyrus has suffered little from worms except at vii. *init.* Some damage due to incompetent handling before reaching the British Museum has been set right.

Of the Bude edition (1928 Laloy et Nairn) I have taken all the notice necessary for a student of Herodes: see the crit. nn. on ii. 15 and viii. 8. The reader should be warned that the Bude text (*e.g.* at i. 81, 82; viii. 47; ix. 8) is very inaccurate. I should have included among the list of signs omitted in my crit. app. cases (*e.g.* v. 6) where a hard verse is measured for metre by insertion of dots between feet. In iv. 70 I ought to have noted  $\pi\eta\mu\eta\epsilon\nu\eta$ .

I

ΠΡΟΚΥΚΛΙ[Σ] Η ΜΑΣΤ(ΡΟΠ)ΟΣ

ΜΗΤΡΙΧΗ

Θ[ρέϊσ](σ'), ἀράσσει τὴν θύρην τις· οὐκ ὄψει  
μ[ή] τ[ις] παρ' ἡμέων ἐξ ἀγροικίης ἦκει;

ΘΡΕΙΣΣΑ

τ(ίς τ)[ῆν] θύρην;

ΓΥΛΛΙΣ

ἐγῶδε.

ΘΡΕΙΣΣΑ

ἄσσον προσελθεῖν; · τίς σύ; δειμαίνεις

ΓΥΛΛΙΣ

ἦν ἰδού, πάρειμ' ἄσσον.

ΘΡΕΙΣΣΑ

τίς δ' εἶ σύ;

1. <sup>η</sup>θυραν P, suppl. R.  
3. suppl. Bl.

2. μή τις Bl.

<sup>γρ</sup>αποικίης P.

I

THE BAWD OR MATCHMAKER

(*Metriche, a respectable well-to-do lady, still young and attractive, is sitting at home with her slave Threissa in the room. A knock is heard. The season is winter. Time and (for us) place are not clearly marked. For the latter Cos is perhaps suggested. v. 56 has the clue.*)

METRICHE <sup>1</sup>

Threissa, list, a rap at the door : go see an any of ours be here from the estate.

THREISSA

Who knocketh ?

GYLLIS

'Tis I.

THREISSA

Who art thou ? Art afraid to come nearer ?

GYLLIS

See there : I have come nearer.

THREISSA

Who art thou ?

<sup>1</sup> The speakers are allotted (mainly by punctuation) accurately except that in v. 8 δούλη 'wench,' is given to Gyllis.

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## ΓΥΛΛΙΣ

Γυλλίς, ἡ Φιλαινίδος μήτηρ. 5  
ἄγγελιον ἔνδον Μητρίχη παρ(ε)ῦσάν με.

## ΜΗΤΡΙΧΗ

κάλει. τίς ἐστιν;

## ΓΥΛΛΙΣ

Γυλλίς, ἀμμί<η> Γυλλίς.

## ΜΗΤΡΙΧΗ

στρέφον τι, δούλη. τίς σε μοῖρ' ἔπεισ' ἐλθεῖν,  
Γυλλίς, πρὸς ἡμέας; τί σὺ θε<sup>ς</sup> πρὸ<sup>ς</sup> ἀνθρώπους;  
ἤδη γάρ εἰσι πέντε κου, δοκέω, (μῆνες) 10  
ἐξ οὗ σε, Γυλλίς, οὐδ' ὄναρ, μὰ τὰς Μοίρας,  
πρὸς τὴν θύρην ἐλθοῦσαν εἶδέ τις ταύτην.

## ΓΥΛΛΙΣ

μάκρην ἀποικέω, τέκνον, ἐν δὲ ταῖς λαύραις  
ὁ πηλὸς ἄχρις ἰγνύων προσέστηκεν·  
ἐγὼ δὲ δραίνω μυῖ' ὅσον· τὸ γὰρ γῆρας 15  
ἡμέας καθέλκει κῆ σκιὴ παρέστηκεν.

## [ΜΗΤΡΙΧΗ]

. . .]·ε καὶ μὴ τοῦ χρόνου καταψεύδεο·  
οἷη τ' ἔτ' εἶ] γάρ, Γυλλί, <κ>ῆτέρους ἄγχειν.

5. γυλλίς and φιλαίνοι P, with correction in margin.

6. μητρίχη P. 7. αμμία P: corr. R. 9. π<sup>ρος</sup> P  
(i.e. παρ' corr. to προς) K. suppl. R. 10. suppl.  
K. 12. ταυτην by correction from ταιτης P (K.).

15. αι, οσον P with αισοσον in faint small letters in margin



MIME I. 5-18

GYLLIS

Gyllis, mother of Philaenis. Take news to Metriché within that I am here.

METRICHE (*hearing a woman's voice*)

Admit her. Who is it ?

GYLLIS

Gyllis, nurse Gyllis.

METRICHE

To your wheel, wench. What fate, Gyllis, beguiled you to come to us? Why camest angel-wise? 'Tis now, I ween, five months since any beheld you, even in fancy, come to this door, the Fates be witness.

GYLLIS

I live afar off, childe, and in the alleys the mud is knee-deep; and I can no more than a fly; for eld weigheth upon me, and the Shadow standeth by me.

<METRICHE<sup>1</sup>>

Frolick and belie not Father Time: for thou not past it yet, Gyllis.

<sup>1</sup> *vv.* 17-19 Changes of speakers may have been indicated in left margin.

(J. H. Wright). 16. ημε]ας P supplied by K. from Stob. *Fl.* cxvi. 18 where some codd. have *v.* 15 μνισων, μνοσων, κην for και, and παραστηκει or παρεστηκη. 17. . . ] (δ)εκαιμη P.

(so Mn.): ? ἔρειδε, unless νέαιζε be possible. καταψευδου P.  
18. suppl. by Tucker.

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<ΓΥΛΛΙΣ>

σίλ(λαιν)ε· ταῦτα τῆς νεωτέρης ὑμῖν  
πρόσεστιν.

<ΜΗΤΡΙΧΗ>

ἀλλ' οὐ τοῦτο μή σε θερμήνη. 20

<ΓΥΛΛΙΣ>

ἀλλ', ὦ τέκνον, κόσον τιν' ἤδη χηραίνεις  
χρόνον μόνη τρύχουσα τὴν μίαν κοίτην;  
ἐξ οὗ γὰρ εἰς Αἴγυπτον ἐστάλη Μάνδρις  
δέκ' εἰσὶ μῆνες, κούδὲ γράμμα σοι πέμπει,  
ἀλλ' ἐκλέλησται καὶ πέπωκεν ἐκ καινῆς. 25  
κεῖ δ' ἐστὶν οἶκος τῆς θεοῦ· τὰ γὰρ πάντα,  
ὅσ' ἔστι κου καὶ γίετ', ἔστ' ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ·  
πλοῦτος, παλαιστρη, δύναμις, εὐδί(η), (δ)όξα,  
θείαι, φιλόσοφοι, χρυσίον, νεηνίσκοι,  
θεῶν ἀδελφῶν τέμειος, ὁ βασιλεὺς χρηστός, 30  
Μουσῆον, οἶνος, ἀγαθὰ πάν<τ>' ὅσ' ἂν χρήζῃς,  
γυναῖκες, ὀκόσους οὐ μὰ τὴν (Α)ιδεω Κούρην  
ἰαστέρας ἐνεγκεῖν οὐραϊ<sup>ο</sup>ς κεκαύχηται,  
τὸ δ' εἶδος οἶαι πρὸς Πάρι<sup>ν</sup> κο<τ>' ὄρμησαν  
θειαι κρι<sup>θ</sup> ἦναι καλλονῆν—(λ)άθοιμ' αὐτάς 35  
γρύξασα. κοίτην οὖν τάλαινα σὺ ψυχὴν  
ἔχουσα θάλπεις τὸν δίφρον; κατ' οὖν λήσεις  
γηρᾶσα] καί σευ τὸ ὄριον τέφρη κάψει.  
πάπτη]νον ἄλλη κῆμέρας μετάλλαξον  
π(όν)] νοῦν (δ,υ' ἢ τρεῖς, <κ>ίλαρῆ κατάστηθι 40  
... (πρ)]ὸς ἄλλον· ιηῦς μιῆς ἐπ' ἀγκύρης  
οὐκ ἀσφ]αλῆς ὄρμ(ε,υ'σ)α· κείνος ἦν ἔλθη—

19. σιλ(λαι)ε P: suppl. by K. νεωτε, ηισυμιν P.

23. μάνδρις P. 25. εκλελησται P, and καινη's P: κινης in

MIME 1. 19-42

<GYLLIS>

Jest on : 'tis the way with you merrie wives.

<METRICHE>

Let not this irk thee.

<GYLLIS>

Well, childe, how long art thou a widow, in lonesomed wearying thy sole bedde ? Since Mandris fared to Egypt 'tis ten months ne a jot sent thee. He hath forgotten thee and quaffed anew. There is the goddess house. No being nor creacioun but what is in Egypt : wealth, grounds of disport, power, climate fayr, fame, exhibiciouns, sages, gold, children, the demesne of the Brethren Gods, right noble the king, the Museum, wine, all boons man mote crave, women, 'a Hell-Maids name, more than sky vaunteth of stars, and in countenance as what [goddesses] of yore came unto Paris for deeming of their beautie, pray they hear not my prating. [With] what intendiment then warmest thy seat ? [Eld] will steal on thee and ash <sup>1</sup> devour thy bloom. Spy elsewhither, and for two or three days make change of your mind, and be chearfull [once more] toward another. Ships ride [not] safely on one anchor. An He come, <thence> shall

<sup>1</sup> As the ash on a torch creeps over the ember.

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margin.	26. κῖ P.	28. πα'λαιστρη P. (θα)	29. θέαι P.
31. marked as corrupt.		αγα πανθ P.	32. suppl. K.
33. so Hicks.	34. τηνῶ οψιν P with . . . .	δος superscr	
explained by Hdl., Bl.	35. so Buech.	36. suppl. Hdl.	
(e.g.)	37. suppl. R.	κατοὺνλησεις P.	38. suppl. R.
		κ'	
ωριμόν P.	39. suppl. Weil.	χημ P.	40. suppl. Bl.
χιλαρ.ηκαταστηθι P.	41. e.g. αὐτις.		42. so Hicks.

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.....]...[.]ν[.] μηδὲ εἰς ἀναστήση  
 ἦ]μεας φίλ(η) τὸ δεῖν(α) δ' ἄγριος χεῖμων  
 .....](λα), κοῦδὲ εἰς οἶδεν 45  
 τὸ μέλλο]ν ἡμέων· ἄστατος γὰρ ἀνθρώποις  
 .....](θλη)[.]s. ἀλλὰ μήτις ἔστηκε  
 σύνεγγυ[s] ἡμῖν;

### ΜΗΤΡΙΧΗ

οὐδὲ ε[ί]s.

### ΓΥΛΛΙΣ

ἄκουσον δὴ

ἄ σοι χρ[εῖ]ζουσ' ὦδ' ἔβην ἀπαγγεῖλαι·  
 ὁ Ματαλ[ί]νης τῆς Παταικίου Γρύλλος, 50  
 ὁ πέντε νικέ[ω]ν ἄθλα, παῖς μὲν ἐν Πυθοῖ,  
 δις δ' ἐν Κορίνθῳ τοὺς ἴουλον ἀνθεῦντας,  
 ἄνδρας δὲ Πί(ση) (δ)ῖς καθεῖλε πυκτεύσας,  
 πλουτέων τὸ (καλόν), οὐδὲ κάρφος ἐκ τῆς γῆς  
 κινέων, ἄθικτ[ο]s [ἔς] (Κυ)θηρίην σφρη(γ)ίς, 55  
 ἰδῶν σε κ(α)θό(δ)ω (τῆς) Μίσσης ἐκύμνη  
 τὰ σπλάγχν', ἔρω[τι] καρδίην ἀνοιστρηθείς,  
 καί μευ οὔτε νυκτὸς οὔτ' ἐφ' ἡμέρην λείπει  
 τὸ δῶμα, [τέ]κνοι, ἀλλὰ μευ κατακλαίει  
 καὶ ταταλ[ί]ζει καὶ ποθέων ἀποθνήσκει. 60  
 ἀλλ', ὦ τέκνον μοι Μητρίχη, μίαν ταύτην  
 ἀμαρτίην δὸς (τῇ) θεῶ· κατάρτησον  
 σαυτήν, τὸ [γ]ῆρας μὴ λάθῃ σε πρόσβλεψαν.

43. *e.g.* τέθνηκεν· (R.) οἴκοιν. 44. φιλη· τὸ δεῖνα Bell, Nairn. I conjecture and translate 'φιλεῖ τόδ' εἶν' ὁ δε.  
 45. *e.g.* [ισε]ῖει χαμαὶ τὰ φύ]λα. 46. ἰνημεων P: τὸ μέλλον  
 ἀνθρώποις  
 Buech., W.H., and others. γαρημιων P (ἀνθρώπων first  
 written in superser.). 47. *e.g.* ζοή (Cr.) γενέθλησ' with

none raise us again, deere. †So runs the world.†  
The wild winter [shakes down the leav]es, and none  
of us conneth [what will be]: for [life] is unstable  
to the [generaciouns] of man. But say an any be  
hard by.

## METRICHE

None.<sup>1</sup>

## GYLLIS

Hear then the newes whereof I wolde come here  
messenger. Gryllos, son of Mataline, woman of  
Pataikios, victor of five prizes, as boy at Pytho. twice  
at Corinth over downy youth, while twice at Pisa in  
boxing he overwent his rival men, of fair wealth,  
moving no mote from ground, seal untouched to  
Cytherea—he at the Descent of Misé set eyne on  
thee, and his harte was stung with passion, and his  
entrayles swollen: night and day long he quitteth  
not my house, childe, but weepeth over me, calling  
me fond names, and of yearning perdy dyeth. But  
childe Metriche, prithe, this one error grant to  
the goddess: devote thyself to her,<sup>2</sup> lest eld espy

<sup>1</sup> 'None' is said by M., but the changes of speaker are  
marked only by spaces.

<sup>2</sup> Understand ἐξ αὐτῆς: so Grooneboom. One might com-  
pare Michael Psellus (p. 244. 34 Sathas) ἐπειδὴ προσηλωμένην  
εἶδον τῇ θεῶ καὶ οἶον ἐξηρημένην (which normally takes genitive  
or ἐκ . . .).

ἀνθρώπων, εστῆκεν P, a mark of error prefixed: ν  
is cancelled before completion. 48. read and supplied by

Nicholson: ἡμῶν P. 49. suppl. Hardie. 50. Μᾶτᾶκ P.

γυλλος P, corrected in margin. 54. καλόν Hicks: καρπος  
P. 55. suppl. Nicholson. 56. καθόδω and μύσης P.

57. suppl. Hicks, Hdl. 59. suppl. K. 60. τὰτάλιζει P.

61. μητριχηί P. 63. suppl. K.

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καὶ δοιὰ πρήξεις· ἠδέω[ν] (τεύ)[ξ]ει (κα)[ί] σοι  
 δοθήσεται τι μέζον ἢ δοκεῖς· σκέψαι, 65  
 πείσθητί μεν· φιλέω σε, ναὶ μὰ τὰς Μοίρας.

### ΜΗΤΡΙΧΗ

Γυλλί, τὰ λευκὰ τῶν τριχῶν ἀπαμβλύνει  
 τὸν νοῦν· μὰ τὴν γὰρ Μάνδριος κα[τ]άπλωσιν  
 καὶ τὴν φίλην Δήμητρα ταῦτ' ἐγὼ 'ξ ἄλλης  
 γυναικὸς οὐκ ἂν ἠδέως ἐπήκου(σ)α, 70  
 χωλὴν δ' αἰδεῖν χῶλ' ἂν ἐξεπαίδευσα  
 καὶ τῆς θύρης τὸν οὐδὸν ἐχθρὸν ἠγεῖσθαι.  
 σὺ δ' αὖτις ἔς με<υ> μηδὲ ἔν<α> φίλη τοῖον  
 φέρουσα χῶρει μῦθον· (ὄν) (δ)ὲ γρήαι(σ)ι<ι>  
 πρέπει γυναιξὶ ταῖς νέαις ἀπάγγελλε· 75  
 τὴν Πυθέω δὲ Μητρίχην ἕα θάλπειν  
 τὸν δίφρον· οὐ γὰρ ἐ<γ>γελαῖ τις εἰς Μάνδριν.  
 ἀλλ' οὐχὶ τούτων, φασί, τῶν λόγων Γυλλίς  
 δεῖται· Θρεῖσσα τὴν μελαινίδ' ἔκτ[ρ]υφον  
 (κῆ)κτημόρους τρεῖς ἐγγέ(α)[σα τ](οῦ ἄ)κρήτου 80  
 καὶ ὕδωρ ἐπιστάξασα δὸς πιεῖ[ν].

### ΓΥΛΛΙΣ

κ(αλ)ῶ(ς).

### ΜΗΤΡΙΧΗ

τῆ, Γυλλί, πίθι.

64. δοῖα P: expl. Hdl.: suppl. Hdl., F.D. (καί σοι).  
 65. σκέψαι· P (? such marks after ῖ are often accidental; cf.  
 viii. 24 αἰφι in Nairn's facs.). 65-66. a change of speakers  
 wrongly marked but cancelled. 67. 3 of ἀπαμβλύνει ex

correctura. γυναι for Γυλλί Stob. Fl. cxvi. 24.

71. χῶλον<sup>α</sup>

thee ere thou wot. Twain ends shalt thou win :  
 thou shalt have joyaunce and gifts beyond thy fancy.  
 Think on't, be of my persuasioun. 'A Fates name  
 thy friend am I.

METRICHE

Gyllis, white hair blunteth wit : for, by Mandris  
 return and Demeter deare, had other woman spoken  
 so, I had not heard her out, but made her as lame as  
 her lays, and hate the threshold of my door. But  
 thou, deare, come thou never again to my house with  
 sike tale : tell girls what semeth old women ; but  
 let Metriché, childe of Pytheas, warm her seat ; for  
 none scoffeth at Mandris. But, 'tis said, 'tis not  
 words whereof Gyllis hath need : so Threissa, scour  
 out the chalice and pour in three noggins of neat  
 wine.

GYLLIS

That is well.<sup>1</sup>

<METRICHE>

There, Gyllis, drink.

<sup>1</sup> 'When !' see Appendix.

P. 73. corr. Buecheler ( $\mu\epsilon$  P), and Cr. ( $\epsilon\nu$  P). 76.  $\pi$   
 $\epsilon\chi$   $\delta\iota$  P. 77.  $\mu\eta\tau\rho\iota\chi\eta\nu$  P.  $\mu\eta\tau\rho\iota$  cancelled.  $\mu\acute{\alpha}\nu\delta\rho\iota\nu$  P.  
 $\epsilon\nu\gamma\epsilon\lambda\alpha\iota$  P. 78.  $\sigma\upsilon\delta\epsilon$  P.  $\chi\iota$   $\alpha$   
 $\phi\upsilon\sigma\epsilon\iota$  P. 79. in margin  
 $\kappa\upsilon\lambda$   $\gamma(\epsilon)$  ( $\kappa\upsilon\lambda\acute{\iota}\kappa\omega\nu$   $\gamma\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omicron\varsigma$   $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\tau\epsilon\lambda\acute{\epsilon}\varsigma$  Edmonds). 80. suppl. Hdl.,  
 Cr. 81.  $\kappa\alpha\lambda\acute{\omega}\varsigma$  Alexis *fr.* 230. After  $\nu$  there must  
 have been a large space. The change of speaker is marked  
 here only.

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### ΓΥΛΛΙΣ

δέξον· οὐ [ ] . . . . . (πον) [ . .  
 πείσουσά σ' ἤλθον, ἀλλ' ἔ(κ)[ητι] (τ)ῶν ἰ(ρ)ῶν,  
 ὦν οὐνεκέν μοι—

### ΜΗΤΡΙΧΗ

Γυλλί, ωνα[ . . . . .  
 οσσοῦ γένοιτο.

### ΓΥΛΛΙΣ

μᾶ, (τ)έκνον (π)[.] . . . . . 85  
 ἠδύς γε, ναὶ Δήμητ[ρ]α, Μη[τρι](χ)[η]· τού[τ]ου  
 ἠδίου' οἶνον Γυλλίς οὐ πέ[π]ω(κέν) [κ](ω).  
 σὺ δ' εὐτύχει μοι, τέκνον, ἀσ[φα](λ)ί[ζ]ο[υ] [δέ  
 σαυτήν· ἐμοὶ δὲ Μυρτάλη τε κ[αὶ] (Σί)μη  
 νέαι μένοιεν, ἔστ' ἂν ἐμπνέ[η] Γυλλίς. 90

82. δείξον P corr. by Meister. e.g. οὐ [σ]πέῖσαι  
 σπον[δὴν] (i.e. to give me a drink). 83. suppl. Cr.  
 84. *distinxi*. No Greek ever said ἔγραδ' μοι 'you got from  
 me.' For the break compare vi. 15, iii. 58, 88, v. 73:  
 see pp. 177 *sqq.*: also *Addenda*, p. 354. Perhaps ἔγραψ



MIME I. 82-90

<GYLLIS>

Give it me : I came not here to persuade thee  
[to spill liquor] but for holy rites'<sup>1</sup> sake, wherefore  
my—

<METRICHE>

Gyllis, let yon mucky man [drub] his own.

<GYLLIS>

La ! childe, [I am past that]. Good 'a Demeter's  
name, Metriché : better wine than this Gyllis ne'er  
drank. But fare thee well, childe, and hold thyself  
in gard ; but may my Myrtale and Simé remain  
young while Gyllis hath breath in nostrils.

<sup>1</sup> The rites in *v.* 56.

ἴσχοι ὅσ' οὐ γένοιτο (ii. 83).  
μᾶ P. 86. suppl. Milne.  
88. suppl. Hdl. after Buech.  
from ταυτην P : suppl. Nicholson, Buech.

At 85 *e.g.* παρήβηκα.  
87. so Bl., al. : ἠδέιον P.  
89. σαντην by correction

## II

### ΠΟΡΝΟΒΟΣΚΟΣ

#### ΒΑΤΤΑΡΟΣ

ἄνδρες δικασταί, τῆς γενῆς μ[έν] οὐκ ἐστέ  
 ἡμέων κριταὶ δῆκουθεν οὐδὲ [τῆς δόξης,  
 οὐδ' εἰ Θαλῆς μὲν οὗτος ἀξίην τῆν νηὺν  
 ἔχει ταλάντων πέντ', ἐγὼ δὲ μῆδ' ἄρτους,  
 . . . .] ὑπερέξει Βάτταρον τι πημῆνας· 5  
 πολλο (ὑ γε) καὶ (δεῖ)· [τῶλυκὸν γάρ [ἀν] κλαύσαι  
 . . . Κ[α]ρ[ί]η (γ') ὄμαστος ἢ ἀσπ[ι]τέων χώρη.  
 . . . .] ὅς μέτουκός) ἐστι τῆς [πό]λιος κῆγώ,  
 καὶ ζ[ω]μεν) οὐχ ὡς βουλ(ό [με]κσ)θ', ἀλλ' ὡς ἡμέας  
 ὁ και ρὸς ἔλκει. προστάτην [ἔ]χει Μέννην 10  
 ἐγὼ] δ' Ἀριστοφῶντα· πύξ[ι]ν ἐνίκηκει  
 Μέννης, (Ἀριστοφῶν δὲ κῆτι) νῦν ἄγχει·  
 κεί μῆ ἐστ' ἀληθέα ταῦτα, τοῦ ἡλίου δύντος

1. ἐστε P : suppl. by K.      2. suppl. by K.      3. /ουδ  
 P, whence τ[ην] εἶπεν : explained by Bl.      4. εχει P who  
 started to write ειχ. ἀ[ν]ή[σ]τατοις P : suppl. by Cr.      5. ε.γ.  
 νομοῦ.      [τι πημῆνας] suppl. by Nicholson, Bl.      6. sqq.  
 first spaces missing with the two halves correctly mounted of  
 five letters narrowing to three.      6. πολλο] suppl. Mn.  
 γε και δι legi.      [τῶλυκον and [ἀν] C.E. errata.      7. so  
 Mn. : γ' ego : ἦν Bl.      fin. supplevi dubitanter : vid. n.  
 8. ε.γ. (σ)οῦτος Cr.      μέτουκος F.D. (rightly Mn.). Rest K. :

. . . λεω P.      9. suppl. Hdl., Cr. (imit.). ἡμεας P. Before  
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## II

### THE BROTHEL-KEEPER

*(A court of law, nominally in Cos. Battaros, a villainous old rogue shoddily clad, addresses the jury. One of his protégées, whom he alleges to have been assaulted by the defendant Thales, is present.)*

#### BATTAROS

Gentlemen of the jury ye wot ye are no judges of our lineage nor renown: nor an Thales here hath a ship worth five talents, and I lack loaves, shall he [therefore] do Battaros a hurt and hold mastery of law. Nay, far from it. Salt tears should he weep, if Carian isle be a land of cities that are united into one city.<sup>1</sup> For I am in this city as he—an alien. We live not as we wolde but as needs drive us. His patron is Aristophon, Mennes mine. Mennes has won boxing bouts: Aristophon can still hug. An this be not true, sirs, let him come out at

<sup>1</sup> *Kapía* or *Kapís* = *Kōs*, St. Byz. *s.ve.* For the end compare Nairn's introduction, p. xix., Diod. Sic. xv. 76, *C.R.* xlii. 163.

*aλλ* a *κ̄* deleted. 10. suppl. Stadtmueller. [*ε(χ)εε*] P (so Mn.) with *νέμεω* in margin, the *ν* being presumably a slip. 11. suppl. Cr. and K. (*νε*). 12. suppl. Cr. and Buech. (*ητι*). 13. suppl. Bl. (init.), K. fin.

HERODES

ἐξε(λ)θε(τω) [᾿]χων, ἄνδρες, [᾿]ν] (᾿)χ(ει) χλαῖναν  
 . . . ]γνώσε(τ) ᾿ οἶω προστάτ[η τ]εθώρ(ηγ)μαι. 15  
 ἐρεῖ τ[ι] (ἀ)χ' (ὕ)μι ν " ἐξ "Ακης ἐλή[λου]θα  
 πυρ[ο]ὺς ἄγ(ω)ν κῆστησα (τ)ήν κακὴν λιμὸν,"  
 ἐγὼ δ(ἐ) (πόρ)νας ἐκ Τύρου· τί τῷ δήμῳ  
 . . . . . ; δ[ω]ρεὴν γὰρ οὔθ' οὔτος πυρούς  
 δίδωσ' ἀλή]θειν οὔτ' ἐγὼ πάλιν κείνην. 20  
 εἰ δ' οὔτεκεν πλεῖ τὴν θάλασσαν ἢ χλαῖναν  
 ἔχει τριῶν μνέων Ἀττικῶν, ἐγὼ δ' οἰκέω  
 ἐν γῆ τρίβωνα καὶ ἀσκέρας σαπρὰς ἔλκων,  
 βίη τιν' ἄξει τῶν ἐμῶν ἔμ' οὐ πείσας,  
 καὶ ταῦτα νυκτός, οἴχε(τ) ᾿ ἡμῖν ἢ ἀλεωρῆ 25  
 τῆς πόλιος, ἄνδρες, κ(ῆ)φ' ὅτῳ σεμνύνεσθε,  
 τὴν αὐτονομίην ὑμέων Θαλῆς λύσει.  
 ὃν χρῆν <έ>αυτὸν ὅστις ἐστὶ κ(ῆ)κ ποίου  
 πηλοῦ πεφύρητ' εἰδὸτ' ὡς ἐγὼ ζῶειν  
 τῶν δημοτέων φρίσσουντα καὶ τὸν ἥκιστον. 30  
 νῦν δ' οἱ μὲν εἶοντες τῆς πόλιος καλυπτῆρες  
 καὶ τῇ γενῇ φυσῶντες οὐκ ἴσον τούτῳ  
 πρὸς τοὺς νόμους βλέπουσι κῆμὲ τὸν ξεῖνον  
 οὔδεις πολίτης ἠλόγησεν οὔδ' ἦλθεν  
 πρὸς τὰς θύρας μεν νυκτός οὔδ' ἔχων δᾶδας 35  
 τὴν (ο)ικίην ὑφῆψ[ει]ν οὔδὲ τῶν πορνέων  
 βί[η] λαβὼν οἴχωκεν· ἀλλ' ὁ Φρυξ οὔτος  
 ὁ νῦν Θαλῆς εἶον, πρόσθε δ', ἄνδρες, Ἀρτίμης,  
 (᾿)παντα ταῦτ' ἐπρηξε κοῦκ ἐπηδέσθη  
 οὔτε νόμον οὔτε προστάτην οὔτ' ἄρχοντα. 40  
 καίτοι λαβὼν μοι γραμματεῦ τῆς αἰκείης  
 τὸν νόμον ἄνειπε, καὶ σὺ τὴν ὀπὴν βῦσον  
 τῆς κλειψύδρης, βέλτιστε, μέχρις οὐ εἶπη,

14. init. suppl. Cr. [᾿]ωρ supplevi (or [᾿]χ Mn.).  
 fin. nescioquis. 15. Legi et εἶ supplevi (contra Hdl.)

sun wane in that cloke he weareth, and he shall know what kind of patron is my habergeon. Perchance he will tell you 'From Acre came I with cargo of wheat and allayed the curst famine.' Aye but I have brought gylots from Tyre. What is that to the folk? Neither giveth he wheat free to grind, nor give I her so. But an he claim, for that he sayle the sea or be dight in a cloke worth three Attic minae, while I live ashore trayling my ragged shoon an he claim therefore to take amaine of mine sans mendes made, aye and by night, then gone is the saufgard of the city, and your pride of self-rule by Thales fordone. Nay he should know who he is and of what clay mingled, and live as do I, in awe of the least of his townsfolk: but in fact those who be top-tiles of the city, and puffed of lineage far more than he, these look to the laws, and no citizen ere wronged me the straunger nor came of night to my doors, nor with torches flamed my habitaunce, nor took of my gylots amaine: but this Phrygian, now Thales hight, but once Artimmes did this all sans hede of law or governour or ruler. Now sir clerke, take and read me the law of batterie, and thou, sir, stop the hole of the water-clocke till he end his

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p. 75 and crit. app., unde *κὶ δὲ* Edmonds; ut suum profert Nairn! Melius *e.g.* *καὶ* 16. init. Cr. Fin. Blass. 17. init. Cr. *κῆσθηστα* P with τ deleted. (τ) vel [τ]ην me iudice P. 18. suppl. Hdl. 19. suppl. Hicks. Init. *e.g.* *τοῦτ' ἐστὶ* Hdl. 20. suppl. Hdl., Bl. *κωνῆν* P. Can the accent be misplaced and point to *οὐτ ἐγω(γρε) ἀλείν κωνῆν* in the original? 24. *ἐμ'* P. 28. *ἐχρην* P, corr. Blass. 29. *ζωιην* P: ex compendio ζῶ ortum (*cf. Philol.* 1925 Bd. 3-4). 36. (*ο,μικίαν* P. 38. After *εων* an *α* cancelled P. 43. I translate (*ἀ*)*νείπη* Herwerden.

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ἰμὴ πρὸς τε κυσὸς φῆσι †κκ>ὠ τάπης ἡμῖν,  
τὸ τοῦ λόγου δὴ τοῦτο, ληΐης κύρση.

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### ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΕΥΣ

ἐπὴν δ' ἐλεύθερός τις αἰκίση δούλην  
ἢ ἐκὼν ἐπίσπη, τῆς δίκης τὸ τίμημα  
διπλοῦν τελείτω.

### ΒΑΤΤΑΡΟΣ

ταῦτ' ἔγραψε Χαιρώνδης,  
ἄνδρες δικασταί, καὶ οὐχὶ Βάτταρος χρήζων  
Θαλῆν μετελθεῖν. ἦν θύρην δέ τις κόψη, 50  
μ(ν)ῆν τιέτω, φκίς' > ἦν δὲ πύξ ἀλοιήση  
ἄλλ]ην πάλι μνῆν· ἦν δὲ τὰ οἰκί' ἐμπρήση  
ἢ ὄρους ὑπερβῆ, χιλίας τὸ τίμημα  
ἐν]ειμε, κῆν βλάψη τι, διπλόον τίνειν.  
ὦ]κ]ει πόλιν γάρ, ὦ Θαλῆς, σὺ δ' οὐκ οἶσθας 55  
οὔ]τ]ε πόλιν οὔτε πῶς πόλις διοικεῖται,  
οἰ]κ]εῖ]ς δὲ σήμερον μὲν ἐν Βρικινδήροις  
ἐ]χ]θὲς δ' ἐν Ἀβδῆροισιν, αὔριον δ' ἦν σοι  
ν]α]λοῖ]ν διδοῖ τις, ἐς Φασηλίδα πλώση.  
ἐ]γ]ὼ δ' ὅκως ἂν μὴ μακρηγορέων ὑμέας, 60  
ὦνδρες δικασταί, τῇ παροιμίῃ τρύχω,  
πέπονθα πρὸς Θάλητος ὅσα κῆμ πίσση  
μῦς· πύξ ἐπλήγην, ἢ θύρη κατήρακται  
τῆς οἰκίης μεν, τῆς τελέω τρίτην μισθόν,  
τὰ ὑπέρθυρ' ὀπτά. δεῦρο, Μυρτάλη, καὶ σύ· 65  
δεῖξον σεωυτὴν πᾶσι· μηδέν' αἰσχύνειν.  
νόμιζε τούτους οὐ]ς] ὀρῆς δικάζοντας  
πατέρας ἀδελφοὺς ἐμβλέπειν. ὀρῆτ', ἄνδρες,

44. Corrupt: see Hdl.: I suggest 'πρόετε' κυσὸς φῆσι.  
ὁ λογος huiusmodi fuerit. Venator post immodicam ficorum  
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reading, lest, as the saw goeth, arse cry 'shoot' and sheets bag the spoyle.

## CLERK

An a freeman assault a slave, or follow her of malintent, let him pay double the assessment.

## BATTAROS

So wrote Chaerondes, gentlemen of the jury, no<sup>t</sup> Battaros with intent to prosecute Thales. "An one batter the dore, let him pay a mina; an he pommel with his fist, another mina; an he burn the habit-aunce, or trespass, a thousand minae is the price set, and an he injure aught, restore double. For Chaerondes was aedifying a city, Thales, but thou knowest not city, nor how a city be aedified, but livest to-day in Bricindéra, yesterday in Abdera, and on the morn, an any give thee his fare, thou wilt sayl to Phaselis. But I, leaste in long speche, gentlemen of the jury, I frett you with my saws, I have been so entreated by Thales as mouse in pitch: I was smot with fists, the dore of my house, wherefore I pay a third as rent, is broken down, the lintell brent. Come hither Myrtale: shew thyself to all: be shamefast toward none: think, in this jury thou seest, that thou beholdest fathers and brethren. See,

immaturorum cenam visus est audire consocios clamantes.

*Cf. Philogelos* 243      45 λήϊης P.      49. βαττα<sup>ρο</sup>ς P.  
51 *sqq.* suppl. K.      φησιν P.      57. βρικινδήροις P.  
59. πλωση P.      61. I translate τῆ'ς παροιμίη'ς Blass.  
62. καπισση<sup>ημ</sup> P.      64. μισθον P corr. from μοῖραν.      67. οραις P.

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τὰ τίλματ' αὐτῆς καὶ κάτωθε κᾶνωθεν  
 ὡς λεία ταῦτ' ἔτιλλεν ὠναγῆς οὔτος, 70  
 ὅκτ' εἶλκεν αὐτὴν κ<ῆ>βιάζετ'—ὦ Γῆρας,  
 σοὶ θυέτω ἐπ[εῖ] τὸ αἶμ' ἄν ἐξεφύσησεν  
 ὥσπερ Φίλι[π]π(ο)ς ἐν Σάμῳ κοτ' ὁ Βρε<ῦ>κος.  
 γελαῶς; κίν[αι]δ(ό)ς εἶμι καὶ οὐκ ἀπαρνεῦμαι  
 καὶ Βάτταρός μοι τοῦνομ' ἐστὶ <κ>ῶ πάππος 75  
 ἦν μοι Σισυ(μ)βρᾶς <κ>ῶ πατὴρ Σισυμβρίσκος,  
 κῆπορνοβός[κ]ευν πάντες, ἀλλ' ἔκητ' ἀλκῆς  
 θαρσέων λέ[ον]θ' [ἴλλοιμ' ἄν, εἰ Θαλῆς εἴη††].  
 ἐρᾶς σὺ μὲν ἴσως Μυρτάλης· οὐδὲν δεινόν·  
 ἐγὼ δὲ πυρέων· ταῦτα δούς ἐκεῖν' ἔξεις. 80  
 ἦ νῆ Δί', εἴ σευ θ(ά)λπεταί τι τῶν ἔνδον  
 ἔμβυσον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα Βαττάρῳ τιμῆν,  
 καυτὸς τὰ σαυτοῦ θλῆ λαβὼν ὅκως χρήξεις.  
 ἐν δ' ἐστίν, ἄνδρες—ταῦτα μὲν γὰρ εἴρηται  
 πρὸς τοῦτον—ὑμεῖς δ' ὡς ἀμαρτύρων εὔντων 85  
 γνώμη δικαίη τὴν κρίσιν διαιτᾶτε.  
 ἦν δ' οἶον ἐς τὰ δοῦλα σώματα σπεύδη  
 κῆς βάσανον αἰτῆ, προσδίδωμι κ<ῆ>μαυτόν·  
 λαβὼν, Θαλῆ, στρέβλου με· μόνον ἢ τιμῆ  
 ἐν τῷ μέσῳ ἔστω· ταῦτα τρυτάνη Μίνως 90  
 οὐκ ἄν δικάζων βέλτιον διήτησε.  
 τὸ λοιπόν, ἄνδρες, μὴ δοκεῖτε τὴν ψῆφον  
 τῷ πορνοβοσκῷ Βαττάρῳ φέρειν, ἀλλὰ  
 ἅπασι τοῖς οἰκεῦσι τὴν πόλιν ξείνοις.

69. κατωθεν P (ν deleted)      70. λῖα P.      ὠναγῆς P.  
 73. Φιλίππος can hardly be right but the correction above  
 ππ is unfortunately illegible. ποτ (κ superser.) and βρεγκος  
 (νθ)  
 P: corr. Hdl.      76. βρίσκος P.      78. λε(ων)[. .]οιμαν  
 P (teste Milne). Perhaps in λέοντ' ἴλλοιμ' ἄν (cf. Hom. λ 573)  
 the second word was read as εἴμ' οἴμ' ἄν and hence λέων



sirs, round about her smoothness, how smooth was this pluckt by this mucky man when he raunched and shent her.—Eld, let him render thankoffering to thee : els had he spat forth his blood, as did once Philip the Locust in Samos. Dost laugh ? I am a Boye, I deny not—and my grandsire was Patchouli hight, and my sire Patchouletto, and panders were they all : but for prowes wolde I chivy a lion, were I as Thales. You lust after Myrtale perchance ; small matter that ; and I, after loaven : give one and thou shalt get the other. Or els 'a god's name, an thou be inly warmed, stuff the price into Boye Battaros his hand, and take thine own and drub thine own to thy desire. One thing, sirs—for this has been said unto him—do ye sirs, since witnes is there none, rule your sentence by acquitie. And, an he will merely assay the bodys of slaves and call unto torture, lo ! I offer mine own self freely : take me Thales and torture me : only let the price be in the midst : no better ruling could Minos himself have made were he judge here with his balaunce. For the rest, sirs, deme not that ye give vote for Battaros the pandar but for all the straungers

arose. The false breathing (*ειλ-, ιλλ-*) is fairly common. Ap. Rhod. ii. 27 ; Ruhnck. on Timaeus *Lev. Plat.* 80<sup>b</sup>. Fin. : *ειη P, ειην Kaihei* ; see Grooneboom's crit. n. which is very sound.

79. *σν* superscribed. P here and 83 (fin.) most falsely gives a change of speaker !

80. *πυρεων* auctor non scriba.

82. *ιωιτιμηγι P.*

83. *θληη P.*

*τασ, αυτου P* (, deleted). Mark of corruption cancelled.

84. *ενδ<sup>σ ν</sup>ετισ P*, the last *σ* being deleted. *εστ' ετ'* Herw.,

which I translate. *ανδ<sup>ε</sup>ρας P.*

87. *οιον* (not *οιον*) Rutherford.

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νῦν δείξε<τ> ἢ Κῶς κῶ Μέρουσι κόσον δραίνει, 95  
 <κ>ῶ Θεσσαλὸς τίν' εἶχε <κ>ήρακλῆς δόξαν,  
 <κ>ῶσκληπιὸς κῶς ἦλθεν ἐνθάδ' ἐκ Τρίκκης,  
 κῆτικτε Λητοῦν ὦδε τεῦ χάριν Φοίβη.  
 ταῦτα σκοπεῦντες πάντα τὴν δίκην ὀρθῇ  
 γνώμη κυβερνᾶτ', ὡς ὁ Φρῦξ τὰ νῦν ὑμῖν 100  
 πληγεῖς ἀμείνων ἔσσειτ', εἴ τι μὴ ψεῦδος  
 ἐκ τῶν παλαιῶν ἢ παροιμίη βράζει.

95. δίξεθηκῶς P.      96. εἶχεν<sup>χ</sup> P.      97. κῶς P.  
 98. κῆτικτε, Λητοῦν and τεῦ.      Post φοιζῆ punctum P.  
 102. βαζει P: ? l. κράζει.

within your gates. Now shall ye prove Cos and Merops their puissaunce, and Thessalus and Hercules their glorie, and with what intencioun Aesculapius came hither from Tricca, and wherefore 'twas here that Phoebe bare Leto. Think on all these thynges and steer justice by aequity, sin now this Phrygian ye will find better for his beating, an out of ages past yon saw spit<sup>1</sup> sooth.

<sup>1</sup> Like the sea. Herodes is thinking of such phrases as *ἐξήρπυγες* Callim. p. 32 Pfeiffer, *ἐξεργύγη* (ita legendum) *fr.* 67 Schneider.

## III

## ΔΙΔΑΣΚΑΛΟΣ

## ΜΗΤΡΟΤΙΜΗ

Οὕτω τί σοι δοίησαν αἱ φίλαι Μοῦσαι,  
 Λαμπρίσκε, τερπνὸν τῆς ζοῆς τ' ἐπαυρέσθαι—  
 τοῦτον κατ' ὤμου δειρόν, ἄχρισ ἢ ψυχὴ  
 αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ χειλέων μῦνον ἢ κακὴ λειψθῆ.  
 ἕκ μεν ταλαίνης τὴν στέγην πεπόρθηκεν 5  
 χαλκίνδα παίζων· καὶ γὰρ οὐδ' ἀπαρκεῦσιν  
 αἱ ἀστραγάλοι, Λαμπρίσκε, συμφορῆς δ' ἤδη  
 ὄρμᾳ ἐπὶ μέζον. κοῦ μὲν ἢ θύρη κεῖται  
 τοῦ γραμματιστέω καὶ τριηκάς ἢ πικρὴ  
 τὸν μισθὸν αἰτεῖ κῆν τὰ Ναννάκου κλαύσω, 10  
 οὐκ ἂν ταχέως λκέξιε· τὴν γε μὴν παίστρην,  
 ὄκουπερ οἰκίζουσιν οἱ τε προύνεικοι  
 κοὶ δρηπέται, σάφ' οἶδε κῆτέρω δεῖξαι.  
 κῆ μὲν τάλαινα δέλτος, ἦν ἐγὼ κάμνω  
 κηροῦσ' ἐκάστου μηνός, ὄρφανὴ κεῖται 15  
 πρὸ τῆς χαμεύνης τοῦ ἐπὶ τοίχον ἐρμῖνος,  
 κῆν μήκοτ' αὐτὴν οἶον Ἀίδην βλέψας  
 γράψῃ μὲν οὐδὲν καλόν, ἐκ δ' ὄλην ξύση·

6. χαλκίνδα P.

See Hippon. 31.

7. ἀστραγάλοι P:

αἱ δορκάδες R., M.

10. αἰτε κην P.

11. ληξίε P: corr. by

### III

## THE SCHOOLMASTER

(*Scene : A school, the master and boys present. There are statues of Muses round the walls. Enter Metrotime with her boy Kottalos. She addresses Lampriskos the master.*)

#### METROTIME

An thou hope, Lampriskos, that the deare Muses mote give thee some pleasaunce and joyaunce of lyfe, so do thou beat this boye lefte ashoulder, till his last curst breath hang ons lips. Playing hazardry he hath spoiled the roof from his poor mother : for, Lampriskos, the knucklebones suffice not, but our affayres ever wax warre. Where lieth the dore of the writing-master, and the curst last day o' month ask his sold, weep I as much as Nannacus, this note he say forthright : but the gaming-place, where dwell the churles and runagates, he wotteth enow to direct his fellow. And the poor tablet which each month I werke to cere, lieth beaft before the wallward post of our pallet, an it so be he scowl not on it as 'twere Death, and write naught fair thereon, but

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Bl., Hicks. 17. I take 'Αἰδῆν as acc. after βλέψας : Callim.  
*Iamb.* 297. 18. ξυλη<sup>σ</sup> P.

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αἱ δορκαλίδες δὲ λιπαρώτεραι πολλόν  
 τῆς ληκύθου ἡμέων τῇ ἐπὶ παντὶ χρώμεσθα 21  
 ἐν τῆσι φύσης τοῖς τε δικτύοις κείνται. 20  
 ἐπίσταται δ' οὐδ' ἄλφα συλλαβὴν γνῶναι,  
 ἣν μή τις αὐτῷ ταῦτ' ἀπεντάκις βώσκη>.  
 τρι<τ>ῆμέρ<η> Μάρωνα γραμματίζοντος  
 τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῷ, τὸν Μάρωνα ἐποίησεν 25  
 οὗτος Σίμωνα ὁ χρηστός· ὥστ' ἔγωγ' εἶπα  
 ἄνουι ἐμαυτήν, ἣτις οὐκ ὄνους βώσκειν  
 αὐτὸν διδάσκω, γραμμάτων δὲ παιδείην,  
 δοκεῖσ' ἀρωγὸν τῆς ἀωρίης ἔξειν.  
 ἐπεὰν δὲ δὴ καὶ ῥῆσιν οἷα παιδίσκον 30  
 ἦ ἄγω μιν εἰπεῖν ἢ ὁ πατὴρ ἀνώγωμεν,  
 γέρονι ἀνὴρ ὡσὶν τε κῶμμασιν κάμνων,  
 ἐνταῦθ', ὅπως νιν ἐκ τετρημένης ἠθεῖ  
 "Ἀπολλων—Ἀγρευ—, 'τοῦτο,' φημί, ' <κ>ῆ  
 μάμμη,  
 τάλης, ἐρεῖ σοι, κῆστὶ γραμμάτων χήρη, 35  
 κῶ προστυχὼν Φρύξ'. ἦν δὲ δὴ τι καὶ μ<έ>ζον  
 γρύξαι θέλωμεν, ἢ τριταῖος οὐκ οἶδεν  
 τῆς οἰκίης τὸν οὐδόν, ἀλλὰ τὴν μάμμην,  
 γρηὺν γυναῖκα κῶρφανὴν βίου, κείρει,  
 ἢ τοῦ τέγευς ὑπερθε τὰ σκέλεα τείνας 40  
 κάθη<τ>' ὅπως τις καλλίης κάτω κύπτων.  
 τί μεν δοκεῖς τὰ σπλάγχνα τῆς κακῆς πάσχειν,  
 ἐπεὰν ἴδωμι; κού τόσος λόγος τοῦδε·  
 ἀλλ' ὁ κέραμος πᾶς ὡσπερ ἴτρια θλῆται,  
 κῆπὴν ὁ χειμὼν ἐγγὺς ἦ, τρί' ἡμαιθα 45  
 κλαίουσ' ἐκάστου τοῦ πλατύσματος τίνω·  
 ἐν γὰρ στόμ' ἐστὶ τῆς συνοικίης πάσης,  
 τοῦ Μητροτίμης ἔργα Κοττάλου ταῦτα,

scrape it elene. But his dibs, glossier far than our oil-flask, the which we use algates, lye in theyre bags and nets. And he note comne the letter A, save one schriech it to him five times. Two daies agone when his father dictated ' Maron ' to him this fine fellow made Simon o't: wherefore I dubbed myself fool that taught him not to pasture asses but gave him an educacioun in lettres, deming I sholde be holpen when smit in yeres. And when or I or his father, an old man ylfavoured of eyen and ears, bid him say a speche, as one doth a child, then while he leaketh the words—' Apollo '—' Hunter '—' why that,' quoth I, ' even grandam could tell you albe she hath lost her lettres, or any Phrygian serf in the stretes ' ; and should we rate him more raucously, then for three daies he knoweth not the threshold of our habitaunce, but despoyleth his granddam, an old dame beraft of sustenaunce, or else stretcheth his legs astride the roof and sitteth pering alow like some monkey. What thinkest my poor harte suffereth when I see him? Nay, and this is a small matter: but all the tyling are disshivered like wafers, and whensoever winter be nigh, sobbing I pay three grotes for each tyle; for all the tenement hath but one voice, ' 'Tis the werke of Kottalos, childe of

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19. <sup>ελι</sup> δαιπαρωτεροι P. 21. <sup>ι</sup> την P. 20, 21. transposed by Pearson; but see Addenda. 23. <sup>β</sup>ωται P: corr. R.
24. <sup>τριθημεραι</sup> P: corr. Meister. 33. <sup>η</sup> ιθι P (first ι deleted).
34. <sup>γ</sup> αυρευ P. Verse first punctuated by Tucker. 36. <sup>μίζον</sup> P: corr. by M. 43. <sup>ιδωμι</sup> κουτόςος P. 44. <sup>ωσπερι</sup> τια P: corr. by R. 45. <sup>κημην</sup> P, with a dot, not a mark of corruption. 46. <sup>αι</sup> κλαιουσα εκαστου P, perhaps the α is deleted.

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κάληθίν', ὥστε μηδ' ὀδόντα κινήσαι.  
 ὄρη δ' ὀκοίως τὴν ῥάκιν λελέπηκε 50  
 πᾶσαν καθ' ὕλην, οἷα Δῆλιος κυρτεύς  
 ἐν τῇ θαλάσῃ τῶμβλὺ τῆς ζοῆς τρίβων.  
 τὰς τ' ἐβδόμας δ' ἄμεινον εἰκάδας τ' οἶδε  
 τῶν ἀστροδιφέων, κοῦδ' ὕπνος ἰν αἰρεῖται 55  
 νοεῦν<τ>' ὀ<π>ῆμος παιγνίην ἀγιν<εί>τε.  
 ἀλλ' εἴ τί σοι, Λαμπρίσκε, καὶ βίου πρῆξι  
 ἐσθλὴν τελοῖεν αἶδε κάγαθῶν κύρσαις  
 μῆλασσον αὐτῶ—

### ΛΑΜΠΡΙΣΚΟΣ

Μητροτίμη, <μῆ> ἐπεύχεο·

ἔξει γὰρ οὐδὲν μείον. Εὐθίης κοῦ μοι, 59  
 κοῦ Κόκκαλος, κοῦ Φίλλος; οὐ ταχέως τοῦτον  
 ἀρεῖτ' ἐπ' ὄμου τῇ Ἀκέσειω σεληναίῃ  
 δείξοντες; αἰνέω τᾶργα, Κότταλ', ἃ πρήσσεις·  
 οὐ σοι ἔτ' ἀπαρκεῖ τῆσι δορκάσιν παίζειν  
 ἀστράβδ', ὄκωσπερ οἶδε, πρὸς δὲ τὴν παίστην  
 ἐν τοῖσι προ<υ>νεῖκοισι χαλκίζεις φοιτέων; 65  
 ἐγὼ σε θήσω κοσμιώτερον κούρης  
 κινεῦντα μηδὲ κάρφος, εἰ τό γ' ἥδιστον.  
 κοῦ μοι τὸ δριμὺ σκυῦτος, ἢ βοδὸς κέρκος,

49. κάληθίν' ὥστε P. Verse marked as corrupt. 50. ὄρη-  
ο  
 ὀκοίως P. 53. ἐβδόμασται P (correction miscarried).  
 Terzaghi reads δ' on other grounds. 55. ὀπνιος P: corr.  
 Hdl. αγινητε corr. R. 58. ὑη inserted by Jackson.

κ  
 μητροιτ P. 59. που P. 61. ἀκέσειω P. 62. Κοτταλα-  
 πρήσις P. 63. ταισι P: corrected by R. πεμπειν P,  
 corrected to παίζειν. 64. ἀστράβδ P. 65. προνεκοισι P:  
 corrected by K. 68. σκυλος P: corrected by Jackson.



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Metrotime, and sooth is it, so they may keep their teeth whole.<sup>1</sup> And see how he hath peled all his chine in the woodland, like some Delian lobster-fisher,<sup>2</sup> dragging out his blunted life afloat. But the seventh daies and twentieth he wotteth of better than the stargazers, and not e'en sleep o'ertaketh him as he reckoneth when ye kepe playday. But Lampriskos, as thou hopest these dames<sup>3</sup> may render thee fair avauntage in life, and mayest encounter fortune, give him not less—

#### LAMPRISKOS

Metrotime, cease imprecacions: he shall lose naught. Hither Euthies, hither Kokkalos, hither Phillos; lift him forthright ashoulder and shew him to Aceses' full moon.<sup>4</sup> (*They do so.*) Kottalos, I admire your haveour. Sufficeth it not to play dibs quick-eyed<sup>5</sup> like these, but must hie to the gaming-place and play with the churles at toss-penny? I will make thee moe modest than a maid ne'er moving mote, an that be thy pleasaunce. Bring hither the smarting lash, the bull's pizzle wherewith I flay the

<sup>1</sup> 'Otherwise I would have knocked them out.' See *Philologus*, lxxxi. 246 n. 7. A similar interpretation was simultaneously proposed by Radermacher.

<sup>2</sup> The absurdity of statement (chine for back), and of metaphor (for the Delians were not idle lobster-fishers but divers) is possibly designed.

<sup>3</sup> The Muses.

<sup>4</sup> *i.e.* my patience is exhausted, though I have waited as long as A.—a proverbial dawdler.

<sup>5</sup> ἀστράβδα I take of the quick graceful glances (*Diect. s.v.* ἀστράπτω) of the youths engaged at the game.

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ὦ τοὺς πεδήτας κάποτάκτους λωβεῦμαι;  
 δότω τις ἐς τὴν χεῖρα πρὶν χολῆ βῆξαι. 70

### ΚΟΤΤΑΛΟΣ

μή <μ> ἱκετεύω, Λαμπρίσκε, πρὸς σε τῶν Μουσέων  
 καὶ τοῦ γενείου τῆς τε Κόττιδος ψυχῆς  
 μὴ τῶ με δριμεῖ, τῶ ἔτέρω δὲ λώβησαι.

### <ΛΑΜΠΡΙΣΚΟΣ>

ἀλλ' εἰς πονηρός, Κότταλ', ὥ<στ>ε καὶ περνάς  
 οὐδεὶς σ' ἐπαιέσειεν, οὐδ' ὄκου †χώρης† 75  
 οἱ μῦς ὁμοίως τὸν σίδηρον τρώγουσιν.

### ΚΟΤΤΑΛΟΣ

κόσας, κόσας, Λαμπρίσκε, λίσσομαι, μέλλεις  
 ἔς μ' ἐ<μ>φορῆσαι;

### <ΛΑΜΠΡΙΣΚΟΣ>

μὴ ἴμέ, τήνδε δ' εἰρώτα.

### <ΚΟΤΤΑΛΟΣ>

ταταῖ, κόσας μοι δώσεται;

### <ΜΗΤΡΟΤΙΜΗ>

εἴ τί σοι ζώην,  
 φέρειν ὅσας ἂν ἡ κακὴ σθένη βύρσα. 80

70. χολη P; corrected by Hicks, Tucker. 71. μημη-  
 κειτω προσπρισκε P: over προς λαμ is written, προσ being  
 cancelled. The marks over εν may be an error (washed  
 out) for ου which in 72 is written over των and γενειων.

-εῖω is short (Buech.). 72. κοιτιδος P. 74. ἰς P. ωτεκαι

MIME III. 69–80

gyved and unruly : put it in mine hand ere I  
choke with choler.

KOTTALOS

I adjure thee, Lampriskos, by the Muses, and thy  
beard and the life of thy deare Kottalos, damnify  
me not with the smarter but with the other.

<LAMPRISKOS>

But thou art bad, Kottalos. E'en selling none  
would prayse thee, e'en where mice eat iron summer-  
tyde<sup>1</sup> and winter-tyde alike. (*He beats him.*)

KOTTALOS

How many, how many blows, Lampriskos, wilt lay  
on me ?

<LAMPRISKOS>

Ask not me, but her.

<KOTTALOS>

Ow ! how many will ye give ?

<METROTIME>

As thou wishest me life, as many as your wicked  
hyde can bear.

<sup>1</sup> See crit. note.

πέρνας P. 75. <sup>ου</sup> οκως P. ? χωρης or κωρης should be read :  
So I translate (= και θερους και χειμωνος). 78. εσμεν P.

ε̅ς μ' ενφ. Rth. 79. τ̅ατ̅α P. <sup>ειν</sup> ι̅τισοιζων P. 80. φερ  
P with mark of corruption. βυρσαι (ι deleted) P.

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< ΚΟΤΤΑΛΟΣ >

παῦσαι· ἱκαναί, Λαμπρίσκε.

ΛΑΜΠΡΙΣΚΟΣ

καὶ σὺ δὴ παῦσαι  
κάκ' ἔργα πρήσσω.

< ΚΟΤΤΑΛΟΣ >

οὐκέτ' οὐχί <τι> πρήξω,  
ὄμνυμί σοι, Λαμπρίσκε, τὰς φίλας Μούσας.

ΛΑΜΠΡΙΣΚΟΣ

ὄσσην δὲ καὶ τὴν γλάσσαν οὗτος ἔσχηκας· 84  
πρὸς σοι βάλω τὸν μῦν τάχ', ἣν πλέω γρύξης.

ΚΟΤΤΑΛΟΣ

ἰδοῦ, σιωπῶ· μή με, λίσσομαι, κτείνης.

ΛΑΜΠΡΙΣΚΟΣ

μέθεσθε, Κόκκαλ', αὐτόν.

ΜΗΤΡΟΤΙΜΗ

οὐ<κ ἔ>δε<ι> λῆξαι,  
Λαμπρίσκε, δεῖρον δ'—

< ΛΑΜΠΡΙΣΚΟΣ >

ἄχρισ ἥλιος δύση;

MIME III. 81-88

<KOTTALOS>

Stop! Enow, Lampriskos.

LAMPRISKOS

Stop thou too thy villainy.

<KOTTALOS>

Ne'er again will I do aught, I swear to thee,  
Lampriskos, by the deare Muses.

LAMPRISKOS

And what a tongue hast thou gotten, boye! I  
will set the gag on thee an thou prate moe.

KOTTALOS

See, I am silent: prithee slay me not.

LAMPRISKOS

Kokkalos, lose ye him. (*They do so.*)

METROTIME

Thou shouldest not have ceast, Lampriskos, but  
beat him—

<LAMPRISKOS>

Till sun welke?

82. <sup>σ</sup>πρησων P.

<sup>ρη</sup>ουκετουχιπαιξω P: οὐχί τι or τοι Ellis.

83. <sup>σ</sup>ομνυμιλοι P.

84. <sup>ασ</sup>εσχηκε(ν) P.

87. ουδεκληξαι P.

Here as L. has stopped εἶδει (Buecheler?) is necessary (C.E.)  
with λῆξαι or ἐκλήξαι (Pearson).

88. δὺς ἦ Meister.

δειρονδαχρι P.

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< ΜΗΤΡΟΤΙΜΗ >

ἀλλ' ἐστὶν ὕδρης ποικιλώτερος πολλῶ,  
καὶ δεῖ λαβεῖν νιν—

< ΛΑΜΠΡΙΣΚΟΣ >

κ<ῆ>πὶ βυβλίῳ—

< ΚΟΤΤΑΛΟΣ >

τὸ μηδέν—

δήκου 90

< ΜΗΤΡΟΤΙΜΗ >

ἄλλας εἴκοσιν γε, κῆν μέλλῃ  
αὐτῆς ἄμεινον τῆς Κλεοῦς ἀναγνῶναι.

< ΚΟΤΤΑΛΟΣ >

ἰσσαῖ.

< ΜΗΤΡΟΤΙΜΗ >

λάθοις τὴν γλάσσαν

< ΛΑΜΠΡΙΣΚΟΣ >

ἐς μέλι πλύνας.

< ΜΗΤΡΟΤΙΜΗ >

ἐρέω ἐπιμηθέως τῷ γέροντι, Λαμπρίσκε,  
ἐλθοῦσ' ἐς οἶκον ταῦτα, καὶ πέδας ἦξω  
φέρουσ', ὅκως νιν σύμποδ' ὦδε πηδεῦντα  
(αἱ) π(ότνι-αι βλέπ(ωσι)ν ἄς ἐμίσησεν.

95

91. μηδεν P. 92. κλεοῦς P. 93. ἰσαῖ P. ἰλασσαν  
P: corr. K. 97. αἱ π. legit Hdl.

MIME III. 89-97

<METROTIME>

Aye, far more knavish than hydra is he, and he must get—

<LAMPRISKOS>

An he studie his book ?

KOTTALOS

Naught whatsoever.

<METROTIME>

Aye, twenty moe blowes, e'en though he shall read better than Clio herself.

<KOTTALOS>

Yah !

<METROTIME>

Mayst wake to find tongue cu—<sup>1</sup>

<LAMPRISKOS>

—ltured in honied eloquence.

<METROTIME>

I will hie home, Lampriskos, and tell the old man of this so een he can grasp <sup>2</sup> it, and return with gyves that the Ladies <sup>3</sup> whom he hated may see him daunce here foot-tight.

<sup>1</sup> M. would have gone on to say 'cut out,' but this word (which also meant 'castrated') would have shocked the prim pedagogue. He substitutes a phrase which implies 'skilled in poetry and oratory,' σοφός, educated. Many may prefer van Leeuwen's conjecture μάθοις . . . . . πλῦναι.

<sup>2</sup> ἐπιμηθέως is objective, not subjective. Herodes recalls Thuc. i. 140 ἐνδέχεται γὰρ τὰς ξυμφορὰς τῶν πραγμάτων οὐχ ἡσσαν ἀμαθῶς χωρῆσαι ἢ τὰς διανοίας τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

<sup>3</sup> The Muses.

## IV

ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΩΙ ΑΝΑΤΙΘΕΙΣΑΙ ΚΑΙ  
ΘΥΣΙΑΖΟΥΣΑΙ

ΚΤΝΝΩ

Χαίροις, ἄναξ Παίηον, ὃς μεδεῖς Τρίκκης  
 καὶ Κῶν γλυκῆαν κῆπίδαυρον ᾤκηκας,  
 σὺν καὶ Κορωνίς ἢ σ' ἔτικτε κώπόλλων  
 χαίροιεν, ἧς τε χειρὶ δεξιῇ ψαύεις  
 Ἰγίεια κῶνπερ οἶδε τίμοι βωμοί, 5  
 Πανάκη τε κῆπιώ τε κῆσῶ χαίροι,  
 <κ>οὶ Λεωμέδοντος οἰκίην τε καὶ τείχ<εα>  
 πέρσαντες, ἰητήρες ἀγρίων νούσων,  
 Ποδαλείριός τε καὶ Μαχάων χαιρόντων  
 <κ>ῶσοι θεοὶ σὴν ἐστίην κατοικεῦσιν 10  
 καὶ θεαί, πάτερ Παίηον· ἴλεω δεῦτε  
 τῶλέκτορος τοῦδ', ὄντιν' οἰκίης τοίχων  
 κήρυκα θύω, τὰπίδορπα δέξαισθε.  
 οὐ γάρ τι πολλὴν οὐδ' ἐτοῖμον ἀντλεῦμεν,  
 ἐπεὶ τάχ' ἂν βοῦν ἢ νενημένην χοῖρον 15  
 πολλῆς φορίνης, κοῦκ ἀλέκτορ', ἴητρα  
 νούσων ἐποιεύμεσθα τὰς ἀπέψησας  
 ἐπ' ἠπίας σὺ χεῖρας, ὦ ἄναξ, τείνας.

1. α(ν)αξ, παι(η)ον, and (μ)εδις P. 3. χωπολλων P,  
 corr. to κωπ. 5. νγιῶατεκ' marked as corrupt P:



## IV

### OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES

*(The Temple of Aesculapius at Cos. There are two poor women, Kynno and Kokkale, with their slave and a cock which they bring as an offering. They are early for the moment of entering the inner chamber and they look round at the statues and sculptures.)*

#### KYNNO

Hail, King Paieon, that art sovran of Tricca and hast gotten braw Cos and Epidaurus as thine habitance, and Koronis withal that bare thee and Apollo I cry hail, and Hygieia whom thou touchest with thy right hand, and those whose honoured shrines are here, Panace and Epio and Ieso and Podalirius and Machaon that sack'd house and walls of Leomedon, physickers of fell sicknesses, and all gods or goddesses, father Paieon, that inhabit thine hearth : hither come graciously to accept as side-dish this cock, herald of the walls of my habitance whom I sacrifice. For small and scanty are our sources : els might no cock but some ox or sow crammed with mochell fat be our guerdon for physicking of those sicknesses which thou, O King, hast brushed away by laying on of

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corr. Bl.      11.  $\iota(\delta^{\lambda})\epsilon\omega$  P.      12.  $\tau\omicron\upsilon\alpha\lambda$ . P with  $\omega$  superscr.  
 16.  $\alpha\lambda\epsilon\kappa\tau\omicron\rho'$   $\iota\eta\tau\rho\iota\alpha$  P.

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ἐκ δεξιῆς τὸν πίνακα, Κο<κκ>άλη, στήσον  
τῆς Ὑγείης.

< ΚΟΚΚΑΛΗ >

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μᾶ καλῶν, φίλη Κυνοῖ,  
ἀγαλμάτων· τίς ἦρα τὴν λίθον ταύτην  
τέκτων ἐποκίει καὶ τίς ἐστὶν ὁ στήσας;

< ΚΥΝΝΩ >

οἱ Πρηξιτέλεω παῖδες· οὐχ ὀρῆς κεῖνα  
ἐν τῇ βάσει τὰ γράμματ'; Εὐθίης δ' αὐτ<ήν>  
ἔστησεν ὁ Πρήξωνος.

< ΚΟΚΚΑΛΗ >

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ἴλεως εἶη

καὶ τοῖσδ' ὁ Παιῶν καὶ Εὐθίη καλῶν ἔργων.  
ὄρη, φίλη, τὴν παῖδα τὴν ἄνω κείνην  
βλέπουσαν ἐς τὸ μῆλον· οὐκ ἐρεῖς αὐτήν,  
ἦν μὴ λάβῃ τὸ μῆλον ἐκ τάχα ψύξει<ν>;—  
κεῖνον δέ, Κυνοῖ, τὸν γέροντ'—ἂ πρὸς Μοιρέων 30  
τὴν χημαλώπεκ' ὡς τὸ παιδίον πνίγει.  
πρὸ τῶν ποδῶν γοῦν εἴ τι μὴ λίθος, τοῦργον,  
ἐρεῖς, λαλήσει. μᾶ, χρόνω κοτ' ὠνθρωποι  
κῆς τοὺς λίθους ἔξουσι τὴν ζοὴν θεῖναι—  
τὸν Βατάλης γὰρ τοῦτον, οὐχ ὀρῆς, Κυνοῖ, 35  
ὄκως βέβ(η)[κ](ε)ν, ἀνδρ[ι]άντα τῆς Μύττεω;  
εἰ μ(ή) [τι]ς (αὐ)τὴν εἶδε Βατάλην, βλέψας  
ἐς τοῦτο τὸ εἰκόμισμα μὴ (ἐτέρ)ης δείσθω.

19. κοτταλη P: corr. R., Buech.      20. μᾶ P.      21. τον<sup>η</sup>  
P.      24. αυτα P: corr. Richards.      26. ευθιης P:

gentle hands. Kokkale, set the picture by the right hand of Hygieia.

<KOKKALE>

Lo! Kynno deare, what fayre statues: what artificer, prithee, made this stone, and who was it that did set it here?

<KYNNO>

The children of Praxiteles: seest not yon letters on the base? And Euthies son of Prexon set it up.

<KOKKALE>

Gracious be Paion unto these and Euthies for their fayre werkes. See deare, yon child looking up toward the apple: woldest not say that, an she get not the apple, she will expire forthwith? Aye and yon old man, Kynno! Lo, 'a Fates' name how the babe doth throttle the goose. Were it not at close quarters of stone, the werke, motest say, wolde speke. La! time will be when man shall wot to put life e'en into stones! This image of Batale, daughter of Myttes, seest not, Kynno, its gait? None that had seen not Batale but only glanced at this likenes wolde need the other.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| corrected by Bl., R.               | 27. κειμένην P.               | 29. ψυξι                 |
| P: corrected by Bucch.             | 30. ιτονγεροντάπρος P.        |                          |
| 32. Marked as corrupt.             | 33. λαλήσειν R.               | <sup>χ</sup> μακρονωι P. |
| 34-5. There is a paragraphus in P. | 36. <sup>κ</sup> οπως P.      | suppl.                   |
| Bl.                                | ανδρ[ι]αντα suppl. K.         | 37. supplied by          |
| Hicks, R.                          | 38. <sup>ε</sup> εικονισμα P. | <sup>σ</sup> ηδισθω P.   |

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### ΚΤΝΝΩ

ἔπει, φίλη, μοι καὶ καλόν τί σοι δείξω  
 πρῆγμ' οἶον οὐχ ὄρηκας ἐξ ὄτ<ε>υ ζώεις. 40  
 Κύδιλλ', ἰοῦσα τὸν νεωκόρον βῶσον.  
 οὐ σοὶ λέγω, αὕτη, τῇ ᾧ(δε) <κ>ᾧδε χασκεύση;  
 μᾶ, μή τιν' ὄρηγν ᾧν λέγω πεποίηται  
 ἔστηκε δ' εἰς μ' ὄρεῦσα κα(ρ)κ[ι]νου μέζον.  
 ἰοῦσα, φημί, τὸν νεωκόρον βῶσον. 45  
 λαίμαστρον, οὔτ' ὄργῆ<sup>†</sup> σ[ε] κ(ρ)ηγγύην οὔτε  
 βέβηλος αἰνεῖ, πανταχῇ δ' (ἴσω) κείσαι.  
 μαρτύρομαι, Κύδιλλα, τὸν θ[ε]ὸν[ν] τοῦτον  
 ὡς ἔκ με κάεις οὐ θέλουσαν οἰδῆσαι.  
 μαρτύρομαι, φήμ'. ἔσσετ' ἡ(έρη) κείνη 50  
 ἐν ἣ τὸ βρέγμα τοῦτο τὸ ἀσυρὲς κινήση.

### ΚΟΚΚΑΛΗ

μὴ πᾶνθ' ἐτοιμῶς καρδιη<βολεῦ>, Κυνοῖ.  
 δούλη 'στί, δούλης δ' ὦτα νωθρίη θλίβει.

### ΚΤΝΝΩ

ἀλλ' ἡμέρη τε κῆπὶ μέζον ὠθεῖται.  
 αὕτη σύ, μείνον· ἡ θύρη γὰρ ὠϊκται 55  
 κάνεῖ<τ>' ὁ παστός·

### < ΚΟΚΚΑΛΗ >

οὐχ ὄρηγς, φίλη Κυνοῖ;  
 οἶ' ἔργα! <ν>αὶ <μ>ῆν ταῦτ' ἐρεῖς Ἀθηναίην

40. σοι P: corrected by M. 41. κυδιλλ' P. sqq. suppl.  
 K. 42. αὕτη P. χασκούση Bl. 43. over ι of τιν  
 P has an accent deleted. 44. suppl. by K. 46.  
 λαίμαστρον P. 46. ? ἀργή. fin. suppl. K. 47. αινῖ-

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KYNNO

Follow, deare, and I will shew you a fayre thyng  
such as hast not seen in thy life. Kydilla, go and  
cry lowd to the sacristan. Speke I not to thee that  
starest hither and thither? La! no reke hath she  
of what I say, but standeth goggling at me more  
agape than a crab. Go, I repeat, and cry lowd to  
the sacristan. Thou gluttonry, ne close ne common  
clepes thee werthy, but algates art thou held naught.  
Kydilla, I call this god to witnes that thou flamest  
me albeit I wolde not rage: god be witnes, I repeat:  
day shall tide when thou shalt scratch this fowl noddle  
of thine.

KOKKALE

Lay not all things to heart readily, Kynno: she is  
a slave, and slaves ears are choked with slombrihed.

KYNNO

But 'tis day, and the pres increaseth. So bide  
thou: for the door is oped, and the sanctuary is  
free of ingate.

<KOKKALE>

See'st not, Kynno deare? What werkes! In  
sooth motest say 'twas Athena did chisell the fayre

*πανταχη* P. The first missing letter was  $\epsilon$  or  $\iota$ , the  
last  $\omega$ :  $-\epsilon\sigma\omega$ ) suits the traces better than any other  
conjecture, but it is not quite satisfactory:  $\epsilon\iota\kappa\eta$  (Cr.)  
is impossible: I translate  $\delta'$   $\dot{\iota}\sigma\omega\varsigma$ . 48. suppl. K.

?  $\delta\theta\nu$  P. 50. *φιμι εσσετημ(ερη)κείνη* P: corr. Palmer  
(*φημι* R.). A mark between  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  unintentional?  
Marked corrupt. 51.  $\eta\iota$  with  $\iota$  crossed out P. *τωνσυρ(ε)ς*

P: corr. Bl. 52. *καρδιηβαλλ(ει)* P (apparently): cor-  
rected by Paton. 56. *κάνειθο* P. 57. *οιεργα κόνην*  
P: for this reading see *Philol.* 1925, Bd. 3-4.

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γλύψαι τὰ καλά—χαιρέτω δὲ δέσποινα.  
 τὸν παῖδα δὴ <τὸν> γυμνὸν ἦν κνίσω τοῦτον  
 οὐχ ἔλκος ἔξει, Κύννα; πρὸς γὰρ οἱ κεῖνται 60  
 αἱ σάρκες οἷα θερμὰ θερμὰ πηδεῦσαι  
 ἐν τῇ σανίσκῃ· τῶργυρεῦν δὲ πύραυστρον  
 οὐκ ἦν ἴδη Μύελλος ἢ Παταικίσκος  
 ὁ Λαμπρίωνος, ἐκβαλεῦσι τὰς κούρας  
 δοκεῦντες ὄντως ἀργυρεῦν πεποιῆσθαι; 65  
 ὁ βοῦς δὲ <κῶ> ἄγων αὐτὸν ἢ <τ> ὀμαρτεῦσα  
 <κ>ῶ γρυπὸς οὔτος κῶ ἀνάσιλλος ἄνθρωπος  
 οὐχὶ ζόην βλέπουσι <κ>ῆμέρην πάντες;  
 εἰ μὴ ἐδόκ<ε>υν τι μέζον ἢ γυνὴ πρήσσειν,  
 ἀνηλάξ' ἄν, μή μ' ὁ βοῦς τι πημήνη· 70  
 οὔτω††† ἐπιλοξοῖ, Κυννί, τῇ ἐτέρῃ κούρῃ.

### ΚΤΝΝΩ

ἀληθιναί, φίλη, γὰρ αἱ Ἐφεσίου χεῖρες  
 ἐς πάντ' Ἀπελλέω γράμματ', οὐδ' ἐρεῖς “ κεῖνος  
 ἄνθρωπος ἐν μὲν εἶδεν, ἐν δ' ἀπηρνήθη;”  
 ἀλλ' ὃ οἱ ἐπὶ νοῦν γένοιτο ἥκαιῆ θεῶν ψαύειν 75  
 ἠπειγέτ'· ὅς δ' ἐκεῖνον ἢ ἔργα τὰ ἐκείνου  
 μὴ παμφαλήσας ἐκ δίκης ὀρώρηκεν,  
 ποδὸς κρέμαιτ' ἐκεῖνος ἐν γναφέως οἴκῳ.

### ΝΕΩΚΟΡΟΣ

κάλ' ὑμιν, ὦ γυναῖκες, ἐντελέως τὰ ἱρὰ  
 καὶ ἐς λῶον ἐμβλέποντα· μεζόνως οὔτις 80

59. τονπαιδαδῆ γυμνοι P: corrected by K. 60. κύννα P.

61. θερμαπηθῶσαι P. 62. δὲ πῆρᾶ(σ' τῶν P: corr. W. Vollgraff.  
 ελ 63. ἰδημιλος P with mark of corruption. ἰδησι

thynges—Lady I cry mercie. This bare boye, an I scratch him, wolde he not be wounded, Kynno? For his flesh lieth on him in the picture as with right warm pulsaciouns; and the silvern fire-box—an Mycellos or Pataikiskos see it, wolde not their eyne fall out for belief 'twere in sooth silvern ywrought? And the ox and his leader and her that followeth, and this man of hooked nose, and this of heyre erect, are not day and livelihood in their eyne? An I demed not I sholde defame my sex, I sholde have cryed out for feare the ox mote do me an hurt: so askaunce looketh he with one eye.

KYNNO

Yea, deare, for true are the hands of Apelles of Ephesus in all paintings ne motes say 'Yon man looked on one thyng, and gave no thought to another,' but all that was his of wit or inspiracioun, he was fain to assay: and whoso examine not him ors werkes with judicious ocillades, may he hang by the foot in fullers house.

SACRISTAN

Full fayre, dames, are your meat-offerings, and fayrer their signifaunce: none hath ere found moe

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- Μύλλος Hdl.      66. χο P.      67. χω P.      ουτοσουκκω  
<sup>λλ</sup>  
 [ar]ασι(μ)ος P. ουκ is cancelled by line and dots superscribed.  
 μ itself is formed out of a λ. Verse marked corrupt.  
 68. ζόην P.      σινημερην P: corr. Hicks.      69. -κουν P.  
 75. ωι P: explained by Hdl.      Read κακ: i.e. ὅ τι καὶ  
 οἱ θεοὶ ἐπὶ νοῦν αὐτῶ ποιήσειαν Hdt. i. 27.      76. Verse  
<sup>τα</sup>  
 marked corrupt.      ἡέργαεκεινου P.      79. εντελεωσ-  
 σταιρα P but the second σ is cancelled by a vertical stroke.  
 80. μεζονω<sup>σ</sup>ουτις P.

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ἤρέσατο τὸν Παιῖον', ἥπερ οὖν ὑμεῖς.  
 ἰὴ ἰὴ Παιῖον, εὐμενῆς εἴης  
 καλοῖς ἐπ' ἱροῖς ταῖσδε κεί τινες τῶνδε  
 ἔασ' ὀπινηταί τε καὶ γενῆς ἄσσον.  
 ἰὴ ἰὴ Παιῖον· ὦδε ταῦτ' εἴη.

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### ΚΤΝΝΩ

εἴη γάρ, ὦ μέγιστε, <κ>ύγιή πολλῇ  
 ἔλθοιμεν αὐτίς μέζον' ἴρ' ἀγινεῦσαι  
 σὺν ἀνδράσιν καὶ παισί.—Κοκκάλη καλῶς  
 τεμεῦσα μέμνεο τὸ σκελύδριον δοῦναι  
 τῷ νεωκόρῳ τοῦρπιθος, ἔς τε τὴν τρώγλην 90  
 τὸν πελανὸν εἶθες τοῦ δράκοιτος εὐφήμως  
 καὶ (ψ)αιστὰ δεῦσον· τᾶλλα δ' οἰκίης ἔδρη  
 δαισόμεθα—καὶ ἐπὶ μὴ λάθη φέρειν, αὕτη,  
 τῆς ὑγίης δ', ὃ οἱ προσδός· ἦ γὰρ ἱροῖσιν  
 μέ(ζ)ων ἀμαρτ<εῖν> ἢ ὑγίη 'στὶ τῆς μοίρης. 95

83. *καλοισευπροις* P, but *u* is cancelled and so is a mark of corruption at the beginning of the verse. 86. *χυγαμη* P: corrected by R. 88. Change of speaker falsely marked.



favour in Paieons eyne than ye. Hail, hail Paieon ; mayst be propitious for fayre offerings to these and any that be their spouses or near sybbe. Hail, hail, Paieon. Amen.

## KYNNO

Amen, most mighty, and may we return anon in goodly health, bearing withal larger offerings, with husbands and children.—Kokkale, take hede fayrly to cutte the leg of the fowl and give it to the sacristan, and silently set the cake in the snakes den, and dip the wafer<sup>1</sup> : of the rest shall we make feast in the seats of our habitaunce, and don't forget to give him some too of the health-offering : for soothly in sacrifices a health-offering is sorer loss than the portion.

<sup>1</sup> The 'cake' is probably (Hgr.) a piece of money and the 'den' a collecting-box. 'Him' two lines below is the husband, implied from οἰκίης ἔδρη.

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| 89. $\overset{\lambda}{\tau\epsilon\mu\omicron\upsilon\sigma\alpha}$ most edd.   | 90. $\tau\omega\iota$ P. | 91. $\overset{\lambda}{\pi\acute{\epsilon}\lambda\alpha\nu\omicron\nu}$ P. |
| 94. $\overset{\lambda}{\delta\omega\iota}$ P, <i>i.e.</i> $\overset{\lambda}{\delta}$ , $\overset{\lambda}{\omicron}$ $\overset{\lambda}{\omicron\iota}$ ( $\omega\iota$ for $\overset{\lambda}{\omega\iota}$ ). |                          | 95. $\alpha\mu\alpha\rho\tau\iota\eta\varsigma$ P : corr.                  |
- Hdl.

V  
ΖΗΛΟΥΤΥΠΟΣ

BITINNA

Λέγε μοι σύ, Γάστρων, <εἶ> δ' ὑπερκορῆς οὔτω,  
ὥστ' οὐκέτ' ἀρκεῖ τὰμά σοι σκέλεα κινεῖν  
ἀλλ' Ἀμφυταίῃ τῇ Μένωνος ἔγκεισαι;

ΓΑΣΤΡΩΝ

ἐγὼ Ἀμφυταίῃ; τὴν λέγεις ὀρώρηκα  
γυναῖκα;

< BITINNA >

προφάσεις πᾶσαι ἡμέρ<η>ν ἔλκεις. 5

ΓΑΣΤΡΩΝ

Βίτινα, δοῦλός εἰμι· χρῶ ὅτι <μοι> βούλει  
καὶ μὴ τό μεν αἶμα νύκτα κήμέρην (πῖ)νε.

BITINNA

ὄσῃν δὲ καὶ τὴν γλάσσαν, οὔτος, ἔσχηκας·  
Κύδιλλα, κοῦ ἴστι Πυρρίης; κάλει μ' αὐτόν.

1. η P: corr. Buech. 4. ἀμφυταιην P: corr. J. μενων  
crossed out and λεγεις superser. P. 5. προφασῖς P.  
ημεραν P. 6. βίτινα P. μοι inserted by R.  
after βούλει; but cf. Hippon. fr. 45. 7. suppl. K.

9. ποιμοι P (μο crossed out and στ superser.)

V

A JEALOUS LADY

(*Scene: A lady's chamber in a house in Ephesus. Bitinna the lady harangues Gastron, her slave, also her unfaithful paramour. Kydilla, her confidential slave-girl, is also present.*)

BITINNA

Tell me Gastron, art so surfeited, that it sufficeth thee not to stir my legs, but must woo Amphytaea, Meno's woman<sup>1</sup>?

GASTRON

Amphytaea? I. Have I e'en seen her of whom thou speakest?

<BITINNA>

Excuse on excuse all day long!

GASTRON

Bitinna, thy slave am I: use me as thou wilt, ne sup my blood day and night.

BITINNA

And what a tongue hast gotten, slave! Kydilla, where is Pyrrhies? Call him to me.

<sup>1</sup> Probably wife.

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## ΠΥΡΡΙΗΣ

τί ἐστί;

### < BITINNA >

τοῦτον δῆσον—ἀλλ' ἔθ' ἕστηκας;— 10  
 τὴν ἱμανήθρην τοῦ κάδου ταχέως λύσας.  
 ἦν μὴ κατακίσασα τῇ σ' ὄλη χώρα  
 παραδείγμα θῶ, μᾶ, μὴ με θῆς γυναῖκ' εἶναι.  
 ἦρ' οὐχὶ μᾶλλον Φρύξ; ἐγὼ αἰτίη τούτων  
 ἐγῶμι, Γάστρων, ἦ σε θεῖς ἐν ἀνθρώποις. 15  
 ἀλλ' εἰ τότ' ἐξήμεarton, οὐ τὰ νῦν εὖσαν  
 μῶρ<ο>ν Βίτιναν, ὡς δοκεῖς, ἔ<τ>' εὐρήσεις.  
 φέρ', εἰς σύ, δῆσον, τὴν ἀπληγίδ' ἐκδύσας.

### ΓΑΣΤΡΩΝ

μὴ μῆ, Βίτινα, τῶν σε γουνάτων, δεῦμαι.

### BITINNA

ἐκδυθι, φημί. δεῖ σ' ὀτεύνεκ' εἰ δοῦλος 20  
 καὶ τρεῖς ὑπέρ σευ μν<έ>ας ἔθηκα γινώσκειν.  
 ὡς μὴ καλῶς γένοιτο τῆμέρη κείνη,  
 ἦτις σ' ἐσήγαγ' ὦδε. Πυρρίη, κλαύση·  
 ὀρῶ σε δήκου πάντα μᾶλλον ἢ δεῦντα.  
 σύ<σ>φιγγε τοὺς ἀγκῶνας, ἔκπρισον δήσας. 25

### ΓΑΣΤΡΩΝ

Βίτινα, ἄφες μοι τὴν ἀμαρτίην ταύτην.  
 ἀνθρωπός εἰμι, ἦμαρτον· ἀλλ' ἐπὴν αὖτις  
 ἔλῃς τι δρῶντα τῶν σὺ μὴ θέλῃς, στίξον.

11. τοι τοι P with second τοι crossed out. 14. εἰρ P  
 changed to ηρ. 15. εγῶμι P. 17. μῶραν P: corr. HdI.

18. φερῖς P: expl. by Ellis. 19. δονμαι was

MIME V. 10-28

PYRRHIES

What is it ?

<BITINNA> <sup>1</sup>

Bind this fellow—what ? Standest still ?—loosing anon the rope of the bucket. An I mar thee not and set thee as an example to the countriesyde, la ! call me no woman. Am I not rather an Eunuch ? 'Tis I, Gastron, I that fault herein, that I set thee among men.<sup>2</sup> But, an I erred then, thou shalt find Bitinna a fool now no moe, for all thou thinkest. Come, thou, bind him unayded when thou hast stripped him of his smock.

GASTRON

Nay, nay, Bitinna—by thy knees, prithee.

BITINNA

Strip him, I repeat. Must wot that art a slave and that I payd for thee three minae. Ah ! ill betyde that day that brought thee hither. Shalt rue it, Pyrrhies—I see that dost aught els save bind him. Truss his arms ; bind till they be perdy severed.

GASTRON

Bitinna, forgive me this errour. Mortal am I, I have erred ; but an thou find me moe doing aught thou woldest not, then tattoo me.

<sup>1</sup> The second change of speaker is adequately indicated by a large space.

<sup>2</sup> Treated you as fellow man.

first written by P.  
dot below μ.

20. ὅτεννεκ P.  
γινωσκειν P.

21. μνας P with  
25. συγσφ P : corr.

Buech.

26. αμαρτιαν P.  
η

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BITINNA

πρὸς Ἀμφυταίην ταῦτα, μὴ ἔμὲ πληκτίζου,  
μεθ' ἧς ἀλινδῆ καὶ ἐμὲ χρῆ π(ο)δόφηστρον 30

< ΠΤΡΡΗΣ >

δέδεται καλῶς σοι.

BITINNA

μὴ λάθῃ λυθεὶς σκέψαι.  
ἄγ' αὐτὸν ἔς τὸ ζήτρειον πρὸς Ἑρμωνα  
καὶ χιλίας μὲν ἔς τ(ὸ) νῶτον ἐγκόψαι  
αὐτῷ κέλευσον χιλίας δὲ τῇ γαστρί.

ΓΑΣΤΡΩΝ

ἀποκτενεῖς, Βίτιννα, μ' οὐδ' ἐλέγξασα 35  
εἴτ' ἔστ' ἀληθέα πρῶτον εἴτε καὶ ψευδέα;

BITINNA

ἄ δ' αὐτὸς εἶπας ἄρτι τῇ ἰδί(κ)ῃ γλάσση  
' Βίτινν', ἄφες μοι τὴν ἁμαρτίην ταύτην';

ΓΑΣΤΡΩΝ

τήν σευ χολὴν γὰρ ἤθελον κατασβ(έ)σαι.

BITINNA

ἔστηκας ἐμβλέπων σύ, κοῦκ ἄγεις αὐτόν 40  
ὄκου λέγω σοι; <θλ>ῆ, Κύδιλλα, τὸ ῥύγχος

30. δι καιεμ(ε)χρηπ(ο)δοψ P (read by Milne). There is no doubt as to this reading. I translate a v. 30<sup>a</sup> ὑμέων γενέσθαι

MIME V. 29-41

BITINNA

Playne not to me, but to Amphytaea with whom  
thou lvest, and needs must I <your> foot towell <be  
. . . >.

<PYRRHIES>

Thou hast him well bound.

BITINNA

See he escape not loose. Take him to the abode  
of torment to Hermon, and bid him hammer thousand  
stripes into his back and thousand into's belly.

GASTRON

Wilt kill me, Bitinna, ne try first an it be sooth or  
false ?

BITINNA

What of thine own tongues utteraunce ' Bitinna  
forgive me this errour ' ?

GASTRON

Aye, for I wolde quench your choler.

BITINNA

Standest agape, and leadest him not where I bid  
thee ? Kydilla, dint this losells beak, and thou,

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. . . . 31. μέ<sup>η</sup>θλαθη P. 33. τοννωτον P. 36. ψευδεα  
P (doubtful mark over ε'). 37. ιδιαι P: corr. by R.  
39. κατασβεσαι P: corr. by Bl. 41. οδῆ P: corr. by Hdl.

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τοῦ παντοέρκτεω τοῦδε, καὶ σύ μοι, Δρήχων,  
 ἤδη ἴφαμάρτει <τῆ σ' ἄν> οὗτος ἠγῆται.  
 δώσεις τι, δούλη, τῷ κατηρήτῳ τούτῳ  
 ῥάκος καλύψαι τὴν ἀνώνυμον κέρκον, 45  
 ὡς μὴ δι' ἀγορῆς γυμνὸς ὢν θεωρῆται;  
 τὸ δεύτερόν σοι, Πυρρή, πάλιν φωνέω,  
 ὅκως ἐρεῖς Ἐρμῶνι χιλίας ὧδε,  
 καὶ χιλίας ὧδ' ἐμβαλεῖν ἀκήκουκας;  
 ὡς, ἦν τι τούτων ὢν λέγω παραστείξῃς, 50  
 αὐτὸς σὺ καὶ τάρχαϊα καὶ τόκους τίσεις.  
 βάδιζε καὶ μὴ παρὰ τὰ Μικκάλῃς αὐτόν  
 ἄγ', ἀλλὰ τὴν ἰθείαν. οὐ δ' <ὕ>πεμινήσθην  
 κάλει, κάλει δραμεῦσα, πρὶν μακρῆν, δούλη,  
 αὐτοῦ>ς γενέσθαι.

### ΚΥΔΙΛΛΑ

Πυρρήης, τάλ<κ>ης, κωφέ, 55  
 καλεῖ σε. μᾶ, δόξει τις οὐχὶ σύνδουλον  
 αὐτὸν σπαρά<σ>ειν ἀλλὰ σημάτων φῶρα·  
 ὀρῆς ὅκως νῦν τοῦτον ἐκ βίης ἔλκεις  
 ἐς τὰς ἀνάγκας, Πυρρή; <σ>έ, μᾶ, τούτοις  
 το<ί>ς δύο Κυδίλλ' ἐπόψε<τ>' ἡμερέων πέντε 60  
 παρ' Ἀντιδώρῳ τὰς Ἀχαϊκὰς κείνας,  
 ἅς πρῶν ἔθηκας, τοῖς σφυροῖσι τρίβοντα.

### BITINNA

οὗτος σύ, τοῦτον αὐτίς ὧδ' ἔχων ἦκε  
 δεδεμένον οὕτως ὥσπερ ἐξάγεις αὐτόν,  
 Κόσιν τέ μοι κέλευσον ἐλθεῖν τὸν στίκτην 65  
 ἔχοντα ραφίδας καὶ μέλαν. μιῇ δεῖ σε

42. τοῦτο κα. P: το is crossed out and δε superser. 43. αὐ-  
 λητισσοῦσαν P: corrected by Danielss. 49. -κὰς P. 53. επειαν.



Drechon, follow now by the way thy fellow leadeth. Slave, wilt give a rag to this curst fellow to hyde his bestiall nakedness, that he be not seen bare through the market? Once moe a second time I cry thee Pyrrhies to tell Hermon that he lay on thousand here and thousand there: hast heard? Soothly an thou traverse aught of my orders thou shalt thine own self pay debt and interest. Walk on and lead him not by Mrs. Smallwaies<sup>1</sup> but on the Mall. But I mind—run, slave-girl, and call them, call them ere they be afar.

KYDILLA

Pyrrhies, deaf wretche, she calleth thee. La, one mote deme 'twas no fellow-slave he mauleth, but a grave-robber: look how dost drag him perforce to the torments, Pyrrhies. La! 'tis thee that Kydilla will live to see with this pair of eyne in five daies time rubbing with thine ankles at Antidorus abode those Achaeon gyves that but yestereen didst doff.

BITINNA

Ho there, come back bringing him bound even as dost lead him out, and enjoyne Kosis the tattooer to come with needles and ink. Thou must be spotted

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* through the back slums.

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P: corr. Hdl. 54. δραμοῦσα is usually read. 55. Mark of change of speakers misplaced below 56: *i.e.* at μᾶ.

αυτος P: corr. J., Bl. ταλας P. 56. συ<sup>σ</sup>ουχιδουλον P.  
59. verse marked as corrupt. πυρρηγμα P: corr. by Bl.

60. τους P: corr. Bl. 61. αχαϊκας P. 63. αυθις P.  
66. φ of ραφιδας first written as δ. δῖ P.

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ὁδῶ γενέσθαι ποικίλον. κατηρτήσθω  
οὔτω †καταμνος† ὥσπερ ἡ Δάου τιμή.

### ΚΥΔΙΛΛΑ

μή, τατί, ἀλλὰ νῦν μὲν αὐτόν,—οὔτω σοι  
ζῶῃ Βατυλλίς κῆπίδοις μιν ἐλθοῦσαν 70  
ἐς ἀνδρὸς οἶκον καὶ τέκν' ἀγκάλαις ἄραις—  
ἄφες, παραιτεῦμαί σε· τὴν μίαν ταύτην  
ἀμαρτίην—

### BITINNA

Κύδιλλα, μή με λυπεῖτε,  
ἢ φεύξομ' ἐκ τῆς οἰκίης. ἀφέω τοῦτον  
τῶν ἐπτάδουλον; καὶ τίς οὐκ ἀπαντῶσα 75  
ἐς μεν δικαίως τὸ πρόσωπον ἐμπτύοι;  
ο(ὕ), (τ)ῆν Τύραννον, ἀλλ' ἐπέιπερ οὐκ οἶδεν,  
ἄνθρωπος ὢν, ἐωυτόν, αὐτίκ' εἰδήσει  
εἶν) τῶ μετώπῳ τὸ ἐπίγραμμα' ἔχων τοῦτο.

### ΚΥΔΙΛΛΑ

ἀλλ' ἔστιν εἰκὰς καὶ Γερίμι' ἐς πέμπτην— 80

68. see nn. 69. τατί P. σ<sup>οι</sup> P. 70. μεν P:  
corr. R. 71. Non ἀγκα'λ. 73 μῆλυπιτεμε P: corr.  
by R. 77. ἐπεῖ π εἰπερ P, who wrote ἐπει first but oddly  
turned the ι into π. 80. ἐστιν—the ι is a correction as if  
the writer had started to write ε.

<sup>1</sup> Herodes may have misread an old proverb collection: see introd. The proverb, which refers to a quiet death, is, however, inapposite. The correct sense is given by Horace, *Sat.* ii. 5. 91 *Dacus sis comicus atque stes capite obstipo, multum similis metuenti.* There is fair evidence for καταμν- in the sense 'capite obstipo,' perhaps by early confusion with

MIME V. 67-80

attone. Let him be taught to cringe as low as his honour Davus.<sup>1</sup>

KYDILLA

Nay, mamma, but now—e'en as thou hopest Batyllis may live and maiest one day see her come to a mans house, and maiest lift her children in thine arms—now let him be : this one errour—

BITINNA

Kydilla, vex me not, all of you : or will flee the habitaunce. Am I to let be this slave of slaves ? Who then that encountred me wolde not rightly spit in my face ? Nay by the Queen,<sup>2</sup> but since, though mortal he be, he knoweth not himself, soon shall he know it with this inscripcioun<sup>3</sup> on his forehead.

KYDILLA

But 'tis the twentieth, and but four days to the Gerenia.

the Doric *κατάμνω*. Either Herodes coined *κατάμνος* incorrectly or *καταμύων* should be read.

<sup>2</sup> οὐ τὴν Τύραννον. The title is unknown for any Greek divinity : yet it is fairly clear that *v.* 80 suggests an Ionic colony and that the immediately following mimes are likely to be Ephesian. There the oath is 'by Artemis,' and it may be presumed that we have Artemis here. The commonest error in Greek texts, as in proofs and books to-day, is the writing of a somewhat similar word for another by false association : *cf.* *vi.* 34-38. I fancy Herodes wrote *Κυνναγόν*, 'Huntress.'

<sup>3</sup> Inscriptioun : ἌΝΘΡΩΠΟΝ ΕΙΜΙ ?

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## BITINNA

νῦν μὲν σ' ἀφήσω, καὶ ἔχε τὴν χάριν ταύτη,  
 ἣν οὐδὲν ἠέσσον ἢ Βατυλλίδα στέργω,  
 ἐν τῆσι χερσὶ τῆσ' ἐμῆσι θρέψασα.  
 ἐπεὰν δὲ τοῖς καμουῦσιν ἐγχυτλώσωμεν  
 ἄξεις τότε ἀμελικτίτιν ὄρτην ἐξ ὄρτης. 85

82. ηττον P: corr. by Meister.

83. εμησι P.

85. αμ(ε)λιτ(η)ν εορτην ἐξ εορτης P: corr. by Hdl.

## MIME V. 81-85

### BITINNA

Now shall I let thee be, and be thankfull to this girl whom I love as Batyllis and in mine own hands did nurse. But whenas we have done libacioun to those that sleep, then shalt have unhoneied <sup>1</sup> festivall on festivall.

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* πικράν 'bitter.' Honey was not offered to the dead.

## VI

## ΦΙ(Λ)ΙΑΖ(Ο)ΥΨΑΙ Η ΙΔΙΑΖΟΥΨΑΙ

## ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

Κάθησο, Μητροῖ· τῇ γυναικὶ θῆς δίφρον  
 ἀναστα(θ)ε(ῖ)σα· πάντα δεῖ με προστά<σσ>ειν  
 αὐτήν, σὺ δ' οὐδὲν ἄν, τάλαινα, ποιήσῃς  
 αὐτῇ ἀπὸ σαυτῆς· μᾶ, λίθος τις, οὐ δούλη  
 ἐν τῇ οἰκίῃ <κ>εῖσ'· ἀλλὰ τάλφιτ' ἦν μετρῇ 5  
 τὰ κρίμν' ἀμιθρεῖς, κῆ<ν> τοσοῦτ' ἀποστάξῃ  
 τὴν ἡμέ[ρ]ην ὄλην σε τοιθορύζουσαν  
 καὶ πρημιονῶσαν οὐ φέρουσι οἱ τοῖχοι.  
 ἰὺν αὐτὸν ἔκμάσσεις τε καὶ ποεῖς λαμπρόν,  
 ὅτ' ἐστὶ χρ[εῖ](η), ληστρί; θυέ μοι ταύτη 10  
 ἐπεὶ σ' ἔγ(ευ)σ' ἄν τῶν ἐμῶν ἐγὼ χειρέων.

## ΜΗΤΡΩ

φίλη Κοριττοῖ, ταῦτ' (ἐ)μ(ο)ὶ ζυγὸν τρίβεις.  
 κῆγῶ ἐπιβρύχουσ' ἡμέρην τε καὶ νύκτα  
 κύων ὑλακτέω ταῖ[s] ἀνωρύμοις ταύταις.  
 ἀλλ' οὔνεκεν πρὸς σ' (ῆ)λ[θ]ον—

1. κῆθεσ P (δ cancelled by vertical stroke and θ formed out of ο (Buech.)). 2. legit K. ταππειν P: corr. by R. 3. some marks over δε of οἰθερ. 5. εις P: corr.

Richards. <sup>η</sup>μετρεω P. 6. κη P: corr. by Bl.

## VI

### A PRIVATE CHAT

*(Scene : Ephesus? The house of Koritto, a lady. Her friend Metro bursts in unannounced. A slave-girl is present.)*

#### KORITTO

Sit down, Metro—Arise and set a chayre for the lady! Must I bid thee myself do all thy devoyrs, and thou woldest do naught of thine own self? La! thou'rt a stone in the house, not a slave-girl: but an thou takest thy measure of wheat, each crumb thou tellest, and an ne'er so litell driblet escape, the walls burst with thy day-long playnts and lamentaciouns. So thou dost wipe it and render it clean now, thou thief, when need is? I counsell thee render oblacioun to this lady: els had I given thee taste of my handes.

#### METRO

Deare Koritto thou'rt galled by the same yoke as I. I too day and night long yap like a dog gnashing at these bestiall wenches. But for my errand—

7. suppl. by K.            10. suppl. by Bl.            11. χείρων  
 is a customary hyper-Ionicism due doubtless to Herodes:  
 χειρών editors.        13. ε of επιβ. is due to a correction by P.  
 14. suppl. by K.        non ἰλακτέω P.        15. suppl. by K.

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ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

ἐκποδῶν ἡμῖν 15  
 φθείρεσθε, νώβυστρ', ὦ(τ)[α] μούνον καὶ γλάσσαι  
 τὰ δ' ἄλλ' ἑορτή—

ΜΗΤΡΩ

λίσσομα[ί σ](ε), μὴ ψεύση,  
 φίλη Κοριττοῖ, τίς <κ>οτ' ἦν ὃ σοι ράψας  
 τὸν κόκκινον βαυβῶνα;

ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

κοῦ δ' ὀρώρηκας,  
 Μητροῖ, σὺ κείνον;

ΜΗΤΡΩ

Νοσσίς ε[ί]χεν ἡρίννης 20  
 τριτῆμέρη νιν· μᾶ, καλόν τι δῶρημα.

ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

Νοσσίς; κόθεν λαβοῦσα;

ΜΗΤΡΩ

διαβαλεῖς ἦν σοι  
 εἴπω;

ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

μὰ τούτους τοὺς γλυκέας, φίλη Μητροῖ,  
 ἐκ τοῦ Κοριττοῦς στόματος οὐδεὶς μὴ ἀκούσῃ  
 ὅσ' ἂν σὺ λέξῃς.

ΜΗΤΡΩ

ἡ Βιτᾶ<δ>ος Εὐβούλη 25  
 ἔδωκεν αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπε μηδέν' αἰσθέσθαι.



MIME VI. 15-26

<KORITTO>

Get ye gone, ye slightfull ones ; naught but ears  
and tongues, and the rest of ye idlenes—

METRO

Prithee, lie not, Koritto deare ? Who did stitch  
thee the scarlet baubon ?

KORITTO

Where hast seen it, Metro ?

METRO

Nossis, Erinna's childe, had it two daies agone.  
La ! a fayre gift.

KORITTO

Nossis ! Whence gat she it ?

METRO

Wilt bewray an I tell thee ?

KORITTO

By these sweet eyne, Metro deare, none shall hear  
from Koritto's mouth aught thou saiest.

METRO

Eubule, wife of Bitas, gave it her and bade her  
that none discover it.

16. suppl. by Hicks.

17. εορτη P : corr. by Bl.

Suppl. by K.  
corr. W. Schulze.

19. <sup>κ</sup>κοκκινον P.

25. ἡβιῆρατος P :

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### ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

γυναῖκες, αὕτη μ' ἢ γυνή <κ>οτ' ἐκτρίβει.  
 ἐγὼ μὲν αὐτὴν λιπαρεῦσαν ἠδέεσθην  
 κῆδωκα, Μητροῖ, πρόσθεν ἢ αὐτὴ χρήσασθαι.  
 ἢ δ' ὤ<σ>περ εὔρημ' ἀρπάσα<σα> δωρεῖται 30  
 καὶ τ<ῆ>σι μὴ δεῖ. χαιρέτω, φίλη, πολλά,  
 ἐοῦσα τοίῃ, <κ>ῆτέρην τιν' ἀνθ' ἡμέων  
 φίλην ἀθρείτω τᾶλλα. Νοσσίδι χρῆσθαι  
 τῇ Μηδοκέω—μέζον μὲν ἢ δίκη γρύζω,  
 λάθοιμι δ' Ἀδρήστεια—χιλίων εὔντων 35  
 ἐν' οὐκ ἂν ὅστις σαπρός ἐστι προσδοίην.

### ΜΗΤΡΩ

μὴ δὴ, Κοριττοῖ, τὴν χολὴν ἐπὶ ῥινός  
 ἔχ' εὐθύς, ἦν τι ῥῆμα μὴ καλὸν πεύθη.  
 γυναικός ἐστι κρηγύης φέρειν πάντα.  
 ἐγὼ δὲ τούτων αἰτίη λαλεῦσ' εἰμι 40  
 ἴπολλάτ' τὴν μεν γλ<ά>σσαν ἐκτεμεῖν δεῖται.  
 ἐκεῖνο δ' οὐ σοι καὶ μάλιστ' ἐπεμνήσθην,  
 τίς ἔσ<τ>' ὁ ῥάψας αὐτόν; εἰ φιλεῖς μ' εἶπον.  
 τί μ' ἐ<μ>βλέπεις γελῶσα; νῦν ὀρώρηκας  
 Μητροῦν τὸ πρῶτον; ἢ τί τᾶβρά σοι ταῦτα; 45  
 ἐνεύχομαι, Κοριττί, μὴ μ' ἐπιφεύση,  
 ἀλλ' εἶπέ τὸν ῥάψαντα.

### ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

μᾶ, τί μοι ἐνεύχη;

Κέρδων ἔραψε.

27. πω P: corr. R.

30. omissions suppl. by K.

31. ταῖσι P: corr. R.

33. χρῆσθ<sup>αι</sup> P.

34. ηγυ-

νημαζω P with ἠδικηγαζω superser.

36. λεπρος and  
σα.

## KORITTO

Oh womankind, this woman shall one day fordo me. I granted her prayers, and gave it her, Metro, ere I used it myself: and she seized it like trove, and gives it to whom she ought not. To such an one, dere, bid I long farewell, and let her quest henceforward other friend in my room. To Nossis, wife of Medokes—I speke beyond due limit and may Adrasteia hearken not—though I had a thousand yet wolde I not lend one that were rotten.

## METRO

Prithee, Koritto, let not ire sit anon on thy nostrils an thou hear word of no fayre import. Gentle woman sholde suffer all things. 'Tis I that fault herein for speking o'ermuch: I sholde cut out my tongue. But—to my main intendiment—who did stitch it? Say, an thou love me. Why these mowes at me? Hast neer seen Metro before? What mene these bashings? I adjure thee, Koritto, false me not, but say who stitched it.

## KORITTO

La! why adjure? 'Twas Kerdon.

προσδωσω <sup>οιην</sup> (ωσω erased) P. 37. κόρη τι Stob. Fl. lxxiv.

14. 38. σοφον P: σοφόν Stob. 41. <ῆ> πολλά K.  
 But the writer is here half asleep and quite probably has substituted πολλά (as λεπρός) for a word of the same sense: e.g. περισσά or ἄκαιρα (Greg. Naz. ii. 726, v. 984 ἰδοὺ προτείνω τὴν ἄκαιρον καὶ λάλον γλῶσσαν· ὁ θέλων νηλέως ἐκτεμνέτω).  
 γλωσσαν P: corr. by M. 43. ἵπον P. 44. ενβ. P.  
 46. μαημοι P: corr. Bl., Hdl.

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### < ΜΗΤΡΩ >

κοῖος, εἶπέ μοι, Κέρδων;  
 δὺ' εἰσὶ γὰρ Κέρδωνες, εἷς μὲν ὁ γλαυκός  
 ὁ Μυρταλίνης τῆς Κυλαίθιδος γείτων· 50  
 ἀλλ' οὗτος οὐδ' ἂν πληκτρον ἐς λύρην ράψαι·  
 ὁ δ' ἕτερος ἐγγὺς τῆς συνοικίης οἰκέων  
 τῆς Ἐρμοδώρου τὴν πλατεῖαν ἐκβάντι,  
 ἦν μὲν κοτ', ἦν τις, ἀλλὰ νῦν γεγήρακε·  
 τούτῳ [Κ](υλ)αιθῖς ἢ μακαρίτις ἐχρήτο— 55  
 μινησθεῖεν αὐτῆς οἵτινες προσήκουσιν.

### ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

οὐδέτερος αὐτῶν ἐστὶν ὦ<κ> λέγεις, Μητροῖ,  
 ἀλλ' οὗτος οὐκ οἶδ' ἢ <κ> Χίου τις ἢ ῥυθρεῶν  
 ἦκει, φαλακ(ρ)ός, μικκός—αὐτὸ ἐρεῖς εἶναι  
 Πρηξῖνον· οὐδ' ἂν σῦκον εἰκάσαι σύκῳ 60  
 ἔχουσι ἂν (οὔ)[τ]ω· πλὴν ἐπὴν λαλῆ, γνώσῃ  
 Κέρδων ὀτεύνεκ' ἐστὶ καὶ οὐχὶ Πρηξῖνος.  
 κατ' οἰκίην δ' ἐργάζετ' ἐ<μ>πολέων λάθρη,  
 τοὺς γὰρ τελώνας πᾶσα νῦν θύρη φρίσσει—  
 ἀλλ' ἐρ(γ)' ὀκ(οῖ)' (ἔ)στ' ἐργάτης; Ἀθηναίης 65  
 αὐτῆς ὀρ<κῆ>ν τ(ὰς) χεῖρας οὐχὶ Κέρδωνος  
 δόξεις· ἐ[γὼ] μὲν—δύο γὰρ ἦλθ' ἔχων, Μητροῖ—  
 ἰδοῦσ' ἄμ' ἰ(δμ)ῆ τῶμματ' ἐξεκύμηνα·  
 τὰ βαλλί' οὕτως ἄνδρες οὐχὶ ποιεῦσι—  
 αὐταὶ γὰρ ἐ(σ)μειν—ὀρθά· κοῦ μόνον τοῦτο, 70  
 ἀλλ' ἢ μαλακό(τ)ης ὕπνος, οἱ δ' ἱμαντίσκοι  
 ἔρι, οὐχ ἱμ(ά)ντες· εὐνοέστερον σκυτέα  
 γυναικ[ῖ] διφῶσ' ἄλλον οὐκ ἀνευρ[ή]σ[εις].

### ΜΗΤΡΩ

κῶς οὖν ἀφήκας τὸν ἕτερον;

## &lt;METRO&gt;

Which Kerdon? Tell me. There are two Kerdon, one of grey eyne, neighbour of Myrtaline daughter of Kylaithis: but yon note stich plectre for lyre. The other has habitaunce forby the tenement of Hermodorus as one quitteth the Broad Way: of mark once but now eld hath him. Him had Kylaithis, who is now at peace. May her kin memorize her.

## KORITTO

'Tis neither of these, Metro. This one haileth from Chios or Erythrae, I wot not which: bald and short: a very Prexinos motest say: fig to fig notest so compare: but whenas he prateth thou'lt ken him to be Kerdon not Prexinos. At home he werketh bartering by stealth, for every door now shuddereth at the tax-gatherers. 'But what werkes is he werker?' Athenes own handes woldest deme to see, not Kerdon. I—for he came with twain of them, Metro—at first glaunce were mine eyne extent: e'en straighter than the livelihood—none listeth—: nay moe—as soft as sleep, and the thonglets no thongs but wool: kinder cobbler to feminitee notest find. quest how thou wilt.

## METRO

How gattest not the other?

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52. οικεων P.                      57. ως P: corr. Bl.                      58. ηχιου P:  
 corr. W. Schulze.                      60. αισουκωι P.                      61. suppl. by K.  
 63. κατοικειν P with mark of error at beginning: corr. R.  
 65. I give the letters as Milne reads them exc. (ε)στ for (α)στ.  
 Construction as τὰ μετεωρὰ φροντιστής (Plat.), μυρία πεμπαστάν  
 (Aesch.).                      66. ορ(α)ν P.                      67. suppl. Bl., Buech.  
 68. ἀμι(δμ η P.                      72. suppl. R.                      73. suppl. Hdl.  
 (ησ.[.] superscr.).                      74 etc. suppl. K.

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< ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ >

τ[ί] δ' οὐ, Μητροί,  
 ἔπρηξα; κοίην δ' οὐ προσήγαγον πειθοῦν 75  
 αὐτῶ; φιλεῦσα, τὸ φαλακρὸν κ[α]ταψῶσα,  
 γλυκὺν πιεῖν ἐγχεῦσα, ταταλίζ[ο]υσα,  
 τὸ σῶμα μουνον οὐχὶ δοῦσα χ[ρ]ήσασθαι.

ΜΗΤΡΩ

ἀλλ' εἴ σε καὶ τοῦτ' ἠξίωσ' ἔδει δοῦ[ν]αι.

ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

ἔδει γάρ· ἀλλ' ἄκαιρον οὐ πρόπον (γ') εἶναι· 80  
 ἦληθεν ἢ Βιτᾶ<δ>ος ἐν μέσῳ <Εὐβ>ούλη·  
 αὕτη γὰρ ἡμέων ἡμέρην τε καὶ νύκτα  
 τρίβουσα τὸν ὄνον σκωρίην πεποίηκεν,  
 ὅκως τὸν ωύτης μὴ τετρωβόλο[υ] κόψη.

ΜΗΤΡΩ

κῶς δ' οὔτος εὔρε πρόσ σε τὴν ὁδὸν ταύτην, 85  
 φίλη Κοριττοῖ; μηδὲ τοῦτό με ψεύσ(η).

ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

ἔπεμφεν αὐτὸν Ἄρτεμῖς ἢ Κανδᾶ<δ>(ο)[ς]  
 τοῦ βυρσοδέψεω τὴν στέγην σημήνασα.

ΜΗΤΡΩ

αἰεὶ μὲν Ἄρτεμῖς τι καινὸν εὐρήσει,  
 πρόσσω ἰπιεῦσα τὴν προκυκλίη . . . . . 90  
 ἀλλ' οὖν γ' ὅτ' οὐχὶ τοὺς δὺ' εἶχες ἐ<κ>λῦσαι  
 ἔδει πυθέσθαι τὸν ἕτερον τίς ἢ ἐ<κ>δοῦσα.

MIME VI. 74-92

<KORITTO>

All things tryed I: all persuasiouns trayned:  
kissing, stroking his bald pate, flagons of mead, fond  
names, albut surrendring mine own bodie.

METRO

But an he asked, e'en this sholdest have given.

KORITTO

Aye—but all things in tyde. Eubule wife of Bitas  
was grinding before us. For day and night long  
doth she weare our stone into scrapings, enaunter  
she pay a grote to set her own.

METRO

And how found he his way hither to thee, deare  
Koritto? Eke herein false me not.

KORITTO

Artemis, wife of Kandas the tanner, sent him  
hither, shewing the house.

METRO

Artemis will aye find some new device drinking  
deep down in bawdy bottles. But sin notest salve the  
twain, algates sholdest have found who bid the other.

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81. *ηληθενγαρ* P. *τατος* corr. W. Schulze. *ενμεσ(ω)ι-*  
*δουλη* P: corr. Jevons. 86. *ψευσ(η)[ι]* P. 87. *Καν-*  
*δατος* P (so Bl.): corr. W. Schulze. 90. P has *ιηνθα(λπην)*,  
but there is a quite different correction (unfortunately illeg-  
ible) above. I imagine *της προκυκλιης σταμνης*. 91, 92. *εγ*  
for *εκ* P.

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### ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

ἐλιπάρεον ὁ δ' ὤμνυ' οὐκ ἂν εἰπεῖν μοι·  
 †ταύτη γὰρ <ἦλω> κῆγάπησέ ν<ιν>, Μητροῖ.†

### <ΜΗΤΡΩ>

λέγεις ὀδόν μοι· νῦν πρὸς Ἀρτεμῖν εἶ<μι>· 95  
 ὄκως ὁ Κ(έρδω)ν ὅστις ἐστὶν εἰδ[ή](σ)ω.  
 ὑγίαινέ μ(ο)[ι, Κοριτ]τί· λαιμᾶ τ[ις] <κ>ῶρη  
 ἡμῖ[ν] ἀφ[έρπειν] ἐστί.

### ΚΟΡΙΤΤΩ

τὴν θύρην κλείσον,  
 αὐτ[η σ]ύ, (ν)[εο]σσοπῶλι, κάξαμίθρησαι  
 αἰ ἀλ(ε)κτ[ορῖ]δες ε(ὶ) [σ]όαι εἰσί, τῶν τ' αἰρέων 100  
 αὐτῆσ[ι . . . ο]ν· οὐ γὰρ ἀλλὰ πορθεῦ(σι)  
 ὠρν[ι]θ(ο)[κ]λέ[π]ται, κῆν τρέφη τις ἐν κόλπῳ.

94. This verse at top of the column with ᾗ right mg. of 93. The article was only granted to a lady in return



MIME VI. 93-102

KORITTO

I besought but he swore he would say : †for he was charmed with her and she with him, Metro.†

METRO

Thy tale speedeth me : now hie I to Artemis to know what man Kerdon be. Fare thee well, Koritto : one hungereth and I must move off.

KORITTO

Shut the door—ho you there, chick-girl—and tell an the hens be safe, and toss darnel to them. For indeed the bird-thieves spoyle e'en an one rear abosom.

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for services.	<i>vai</i> P : corr. by R.	96. suppl. Buech.
97. init. suppl. Buech.	fin. corr. ( <i>λαιμαι</i> ) and suppl. by Grooneboom.	99. init. suppl. R.,
med. Diels.	98. init. suppl. Cr.	101. <i>e.g.</i> <i>ρίψον</i> Bl.
102. suppl. Hdl.	100. suppl. by Cr.	

## VII

## C]KY(T)[E]YC

## ΜΗΤΡΩ

Κέρδων, ἄγω (σ)οι τάσδε τὰς (γ)[υνάς, εἴ] τι  
 τῶν σῶν ἔχεις αὐτῆσιν ἄξιον δεῖ(ξ)αι  
 χειρέων νοῆρες ἔργον.

## ΚΕΡΔΩΝ

οὐ μάτην, Μητρ(οῖ),  
 ἐγὼ φ[ι]λέω σε. ταῖς γυναιξίν οὐ θήσεις  
 τὴν μέζον' ἔξω σανίδα; Δριμύλω φωνέω. 5  
 πάλιν καθεύδεις; κόπτε, Πίστ(ε), τὸ ρύγχος  
 αὐτοῦ, μέχρις τὸν ὕπνον ἐκχέη πάντα.  
 μάλλον δὲ τὴν ἄκαιθα[ν], ὡς ἔχ[ω]ν κ<λά>η,  
 ἐκ τοῦ τραχήλου δῆσο[ν. εἴ]α δῆ, [κέρκω]ψ,  
 κίνει ταχέως τὰ γούνα· μέζον [ἴχη](νας) 10  
 τρίβειν ψοφεῦντα νου(θ)[ετημάτων] τῶνδε;

1. γινάς Diels, εἰ τι Ellis. 3 fin. an erasure. 4. φ[ι]λέω  
 P. 8. καλεῖ P: correxi et supplēvi. 9. εἰα δη suppl.  
 Diels, κέρκωψ Hdl. 10. supplēvi dubitanter. 11. sup-  
 plied by Hdl. τοι τῶνδε P (τοι being cancelled by  
 dots). The gap here when the mounting is corrected is of  
 about one letter more than would appear from the facsimile;

## VII

### THE COBBLER

(*Scene : A street in Ephesus (?) by a cobbler's shop. Metro arrives and introduces two customers to Kerdon. Slaves are at work inside. Metro appears to have made Kerdon's acquaintance since Mime I I— and to some effect.*)

#### METRO

Kerdon, I bring thee these dames an hast slic handy craft to shew them.

#### KERDON

My loves labour for thee, Metro, is not lost. Set the larger plank outside for the dames. 'Tis Drimylos I speke to. Asleep again? Smite his snout, Pistos, till he shed all his sleep. Nay rather, that his penaunce may endure, hang the teasell from his neck. Ply thy knees apace, sir Kerkops; yearnst to chafe louder<sup>1</sup> chastisements than these? *Now*

<sup>1</sup> 'louder,' *i.e.* chains.

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here of seven or eight letters. See Kenyon in the Cambridge Edition.

## HERODES

νῦν ἔκ μιν αὐτήν, λε[. . . . ., λαμπ]ρύνεις  
 κ(α)[ι] ψ[ῆς; (έ)γώ] σευ τή(ν) [. . . . .]ψήσω.  
 ἔ(ζεσ)[θε, Μ](η)τροῖ. Πίστ[ε τήν . . . . .ο]ιξας  
 πυργίδα, μὴ τήν ᾧδ[ε, . . . . .](ν), 15  
 τὰ χρήσιμ' ἔργα, τοῦ τρ[ιωρόφου . . .]ος  
 ταχέως ἔνεγκ' ἄνω(θ)[εν. . . . . Μη]τροῖ,  
 οἱ' ἔργ' ἐπόψεσθ'. ἡσυχή [. . . . .]ον  
 τήν <σ>αμβαλούχην οἰ(γ)[ε. . . . .] πρῶτον,  
 Μητροῖ, τελέων ἄρη[ρεν ἐκ μερ](έ)ων ἴχνος· 20  
 θηεῖσθε κύμε[ι]ς, ᾧ γυ[ναῖκες· ἡ πτ]έρνη  
 ὀρήθ' ὅκως πέπηγε, <κ>[ὡς σά]φ' ἡν[ίσκ]οις  
 ἐξηρτίωται πᾶσα, κ[οῦ τὰ] μὲν κ[αλω]ς  
 τὰ δ' οὐχὶ καλῶς, ἀλλὰ πά[ν]τ' ἴσαι χ[εῖρε]ς.  
 τὸ χρώμα δ', οὕτως ὑμ[ι]ν ἡ Πα[.]δοίη 25  
 .[. . . . .π]ερ ἰχανᾶσθ' ἐπαυρέσθαι,  
 (π)[. . . . . ἄλ]λο τῶδ' ἴσον χρώμα  
 κ[οῦ . . . . . οὔ]τω, κοῦ δὲ κηρὸς ἀνθήσει;  
 χ[ρυσοῦ στατηῆρα](ς) τρεῖς ἔδωκε Κανδᾶ<δ>(ι)  
 Κ[έρδων . . . . .] τοῦτο κῆτερον χρώμα· 30  
 β[ραχεῖ λόγῳ δ' ὄμνυ]μι πάν<τ>' ὅσ' τέστ' ἰ[ρ]ά  
 κώ[σος] ἔστιν ὅσια] τήν ἀλη[θείη]ν βᾶ† . . †ζειν  
 . . . . .] οὐδ' ὅσον ῥοπήν ψευδός  
 . . . . .] Κέρδωνι μὴ βίου ὄνησις  
 μ[ηδ'] . . . . .]ων γίνοιτο—κα[ι] χάριν πρὸς με 35  
 . . . . . οὐ γ](ὰ)ρ ἀλλὰ μεζόνων ἤδη  
 . . . . .] κερδέων ὀριγνῶνται.

12. If λαμπ]ρύνεις (Blass?) is right at most six letters are missing. λειόπιγε may be better than λευκόπιγε Cr.  
 13. init. supplevi (judice H. Rackham certissime): ψ superser. ἐγώ Cr. fin. cf. Diels. κοχώνην ἐκψήσω fills the space well.  
 14. init. suppl. by Hdl. τήν Cr., e.g. διπλῆν Hg. 15. τήν δ' ἐκεῖσ', ἄρον. 16. supplevi e.g. with δ' οἶος. They are so precious as to be kept at the top of the house and none

<smooth-rump>, dost clene and wipe it: I'll wipe thy <posteriours> for thee. Sit ye down, Metro. Pistos, ope the <double> chest—not this <here but yon, and have out> my noble werkes, bringing them <thysself> speedily the third floor adown. Happy Metro, what werkes shalt behold! Quietly, <sir greedy-belly>, ope the shoecase. <This> sole Metro is fixed of perfect <parts>: discern ye, too, ladies: see how fast it is, and how truly finished with straps all about, nor is it part-fair part-fowl, but equall handicraft algate. And for tint,—so may Paphos queen grant ye joyaunce of all things <soever> ye yearn for—, no tint like this hath <any yet chaunced on>. Where shall <dye or> wax bear sike flowers? Three gold staters did K<erdon> pay to Kandas who sold him this and another colour.—nay I swear by all things holy <and hallowed> that I speke sooth and that no lye <shall escape the barrier of my teeth> one moment: or may Kerdon have no profit of life <or trafficking>— and bade me thank him: for, and true is it, <the skimmers> clutch after greater gains now. <As with

but Pistos may touch them. 17. suppl. Bl., K. *e.g.* ὀλβίη (Hdl.). 18. 9 or 10 letters missing, *e.g.* σί, λαίμαστρον. 19. corr. by Bl. Seven letters missing after οίγε: *e.g.* τοῦτο (Bl.) δῆ or σοι. 20. supplevi. 21. suppl. by R. 22. οπως P (who started to write ορ). supplevi *e.g.* 23. suppl. Bl., Hdl. 24. supplied by Cr., Bl. 25. ? Πάφου, 26. *e.g.* μεδέουσ', with ὄσωνπ]ερ Hdl. 27. *e.g.* <ε>ἰληχεν οὐδ' εἰς 28. suppl. Cr. Hg.: *e.g.* φύκος. 29. supplevi: ἀτ(ι) P: corr. W. Schulze. 30. suppl. Cr. Then *e.g.* ὁ δ' ἐδίδον. 31. εστιν[. ] α P: ὄμνυμι πάνθ' ὅσ' ἔστ' ἰρά Bl. 32. init. suppl. Hdl. βαδίζειν P: suppl. and corrected by Bl. A mark of doubt is prefixed. 33. *e.g.* ἔρκος δ' ὀδόντων. 34. *e.g.* ἀμείψεται ἦ. 35. supplevi *e.g.* ἐμπολέων. 36. suppl. Cr. init. *e.g.* ἦτησεν. 37. *e.g.* οἱ ῥινοδέψαι.

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. . . . .] τάργα τῆς τέχνης ἡμ(έ)ων  
 . . . . . ὁ πίσυγγος δὲ δειλαίην οἰζύν  
 . . . . .] . ναι[ . . . ]έων νύκτα <κ>ἡμέρην θάλπω· 40  
 . . . . .]s ἡμέων ἄχρις ἐσπέρης κάπτει  
 . . . . .] (αμ πρὸς] ὄρθ[ρ]ον; οὐ δοκέω τόσ(σ)ον  
 τὰ Μικκί(ωνος (κ)ηρί' εὐπ[ . . . . . ]  
 κοῦπω λέγω, τρεισκαίδε κ' . . . . . β](ό)σκω,  
 ὀτεύνεκ' ὦ γυναῖκες ἀργ[ . . . . . ]s, 45  
 οἷ, κῆν ὕη Ζ(ε)ύ(ς), τοῦτο μοῦνον . . . . .]ν  
 'φέρ' εἰ φέρεις τι, τ' ἄλλα δ' ἀψ[ . . . . . ]έ](ά)ται  
 ὅκως νεοσσο[ι] τὰς κ(σ)χόνας θά[λ]π[ο]ντες.  
 ἀλλ' οὐ λόγων γάρ, φασίν, ἡ ἀγο(ρ)ῆ δεῖται  
 χαλκῶν δέ—τ(ο)ῦτ' ἦν μ(ῆ) ὑμῖν ἀ[νδ]άνη, Μητρ[οῖ],  
 τὸ ζεῦγος, ἕτερον <κῆ>τε[ρ]ον μάλ' ἐξοίσει, 51  
 ἔστ' ἂν (ν)ό(ω) πεισθῆτε [μῆ] λ]έγει[ν] ψευδέα  
 Κέρδωνα. τὰς μ(οι σ)α[μ]βα[λ]ουχίδας πάσας  
 ἔνεγκε, Πίστε· (δεῖ 'γ[κ]αλίστ' (εῦ) νηθείσας  
 ὑμέας ἀπελθεῖν, ὦ γυναῖκες, εἰς [ο]ἶκον. 55  
 θήσεσθε δ' ὑμ[εῖς]. (γένεα ταῦτα πα[ν]τοῖα·  
 Σικυώνι', Ἀμβρακίδια, Νοσσίδες, <Χ>ῆαι,  
 ψιττάκια, καιναβίσκα, Βαυκίδ[ες], βλαυττία,  
 Ἰωνίκ' ἀμφίσφαιρα, νυκτιπήδηκες,  
 ἀκροσφύρια, καρκίνα, σάμβαλ' Ἀργεῖα, 60  
 κοκκίδες, ἔφηβοι, διάβαθρ'· ὦν ἐρᾶ θ[υ]μός  
 ὑμέων ἐκάστης εἶπατ'· ὡς ἂν αἰσθοισθε  
 σκύττα γυναῖκες καὶ κύνες τί βρώζουσιν.

38. ταεργα and γων P. e.g. ὅκως μελίσσης. 39. suppl. Bl.  
 e.g. φορεῖτ'. De mensura huius loci mire agit Edmondsius  
 C.Q. 1925, qui ea quae falsis rationibus adductus conjecerat,  
 tamquam spatiis congruentia iterat. 40. e.g. πάστων, and  
 ἀνώγειων Postgate. 41. e.g. ἐπ' εἰ τις. 42. e.g. ἡ πιεσται: cett.

bees, so ye enjoy > my handicraft, dames, but I, the cobbler, <suffering> piteous woe, <this> <chamber> warm night and day long. <Which of us> eateth till even? <Or shall drink> at dawn? Not Mikion's <combs> I ween are so <bounteous to all els>. And—which is more—tho' thirteen slaves I browse—they are all idleness itself, and e'en an rain come know naught but 'Bring an bringest': but for aught els sitt croakles, like chicks warming their posteriors. But say they, 'Market needs not words but brass.' So, an this pair beseme thee not Metro, he will bring out another and yet another till ye be persuaded o' mind that Kerdon telleth no lies. Bring me, Pistos, the shoecases all: soothly, dames, must ye have arms well laden ere ye go home. Ye shall discern: here are all these kinds: Sicyonian, little Ambracians, Nossians, Chians, parrots, hemps, Baucises, slippers, Ionian buttoned, hop-o'-nights, ankle-tops, crabs, Argive sandals, scarlets, lads, stairs; say each what heart wish, that ye may know why women and dogs devour leather.

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suppl. K. τοςον P: corr. K. 43. μικρωνος P: corr. Cr. κηρία recte Cr.<sup>1</sup>, Hg. fin. e.g. ἐν ποιεῖν ἄλλους. 'Sic vos non vobis mellificatis apes.' Mikion misellus apibus suis ne decimam quidem partem mellis (*Georon.* xv. 5. 4) reliquerit. 44. \*κου P: suppl. Buech., Cr. fin. e.g. εἰ Κᾶρας. 45. στουρεκ with ε superscr. P. e.g. ἀργίη πάντες Hdl. 46. ὄ P. e.g. μόνον ἄδοσι Hdl. 47. suppl. by Cr.: e.g. ἀψήφως Hdl. 48. ὅπως P with κ superscr.: corr. and suppl. by Jackson. κηχωνας P. 51. χατε[ρ]ον P. 52. ν,ο,ω P: read and corrected by Bl. fin. supplied by Buech. (?). 53. σαμβαλουχιδας Buech. μοι Bl. 56. θήσεσθε P? rest as R. 57. σικυνια P and λειαι: corr. Hdl. 58. ψιντακαια P: ψιττακια in *E.M.*, Hsch. βλαυττια P. See *Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc.* 1927.

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### ΜΗΤΡΩ

κόσου χρειζεις κείν' ὁ πρόσθεν ἤειρας  
ἀπεμπολήκν τὸ ζευγος; ἀλλὰ μὴ βροντέων 65  
οὔτος σὺ τρέψον μέζον εἰς φυγὴν ἡμέας.

### <ΚΕΡΔΩΝ>

αὕτη σὺ καὶ τίμησον εἰ θέλεις αὐτό  
καὶ στήσον ἧς κοτ' ἐστὶν ἄξιον τιμῆς.  
(εἶ)τ', (ἐκ) τό(σ)ων γὰρ οὐ σε ῥηδίως κρ(ῖ)ναι  
ζευγέων, γύναι, τῶληθές—

### <ΜΗΤΡΩ>

ἦν θέλης, ἔργον 70  
ἐρεῖς τι—

### <ΚΕΡΔΩΝ>

ναὶ μὰ τήνδε τὴν τεφρὴν κόρσην,  
ἐφ' ἧς ἀλώπηξ νο[σ]σίην (π)ε(πο)ί(η)τ(αι)—  
τάχ' ἀλφιτηρὸν ἐρ(γ)α(λε)ῖα κινεῦσι.  
Ἐρμῆ τε Κερδέων καὶ σὺ Κερδείη Πειθοῖ,  
ὡς, ἦν τι μὴ νῦν ἡμῖν ἐς βόλον κύρση, 75  
οὐκ οἶδ' ὅκως ἄμεινον ἢ <κ>ύ<θ>ρη πρήξει.

### ΜΗΤΡΩ

τί τονθορούκζεις κούκ ἐλευθέρη γλάσση  
τὸν τίμον ὅστις ἐστὶν ἐ<ξ>εδίφησας;

### ΚΕΡΔΩΝ

γ(ύ)να(ι), μιῆς μ[νῆ](ς) ἐστὶν ἄξιον τοῦτο  
τὸ ζευγος· ἢ ἄνω "σ<τ>" ἢ κάτω βλέπειν· χαλκοῦ 80

65. (marked as corrupt): <ν τὸ> inserted by K.  
69. (κ) (εἰ)ναι and (εκ) το(σ)ων legi: ('possible' Milne).  
70. ζευγεων legi Milne: sed vide addenda. 72. ἀλώπηξ



MIME VII. 64-80

METRO

That pair thou tookest up just now—at what price woldest barter? Ho, thou, roar not overlwd ne put us to flight.

<KERDON>

Ho thou, prithee, price it thine self and weigh the price thereof: next, for 'twas no random chance, lady, that led thee, out of all these pairs, to the true one—

<METRO>

Prithee talk some busines.

<KERDON>

Aye, busines indeed will I talk—I swear by this grey pate whereon fox nests<sup>1</sup>—to bring quick bread to toolpliers. Ah gainster Hermes and gainstress Suasioun in troth, an naught now rencounter our casting, I know not how pot shall prosper.

METRO

Why mumblest ne freetonged descryest the pryce?

KERDON

Lady this pair is worth a mina, scan sky, scan

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* bald.

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P. suppl. Hdl. 73. marked as corrupt: suppl. Diels.  
74. *Κερδέων* Danielss. and others. 76. *χυτρη* P by  
correction of some letters: *κύθρη* Buech., Meister.

77. *τονθορν<sup>σ</sup>ξει* P: corr. by Buech. 78. *εξεδιφ* (imitating the  
form of *ξ* used in the text copied) P: *cf.* on 77. 79. sup-  
plied by K. 80. *ηνωση* P: corr. by Hdl.

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ρίνημ' ὁ δῆκοτ' ἐστὶ τῆς Ἀθηναίης  
ὠνευμένης αὐτῆς ἂν οὐκ ἀποστάξαι.

### ΜΗΤΡΩ

μάλ' εἰκότως σευ τὸ στεγύλλιον, Κέρδων,  
πέπληθε δαιφιλέων τε καὶ καλῶν ἔργων.  
φύλασσε κἀργασ' αὐτά· τῇ γὰρ εἰκοστῇ 85  
τοῦ Ταυρεῶνος ἢ 'κατῇ γάμον ποιεῖ  
τῆς Ἀρτακηνῆς, κύποδημάτων χρεῖη·  
τάχ' οὖν, τάλης, (ἄξουσι) σὺν τύχῃ πρὸς σε,  
μᾶλλον δὲ πάντως· ἀλλὰ θύλακον ράψαι  
τὰς μνέας ὅκως σοι μὴ αἰ γαλαῖ διοίσουσι. 90

### ΚΕΡΔΩΝ

ἦν τ' ἢ 'κάτ<η> ἔλθῃ, μνῆς ἔλασσον οὐ<κ> οἴσει,  
ἦν τ' ἢ Ἀρτακηνῆ· πρὸς τὰδ', εἰ θέλεις, σκέπτειν.

### ΜΗΤΡΩ

οὗ σοι δίδωσιν ἢ ἀγαθὴ τύχη, Κέρδων,  
ψαῦσαι ποδίσκων ὧν πόθοι τε κῆρωτες  
ψαύουσιν, ἀλλ' εἰς κινῦσα καὶ κακὴ λώβη· 95  
ὥστ' ἐκ μὲν ἡμέων †Λιολέος† ἔω πρήξεις,  
τ(α)ύτῃ δὲ δώσεις κεῖνο τὸ ἕτερον ζεῦγος  
κόσου; πάλιν πρήμηνον ἀξίην φωνήν  
σεωυτοῦ.

85. φυλασσεια[. ]ατ P: two short letters missing.  
87. [-]ησα μ[τα] κημῆσ P: supplied by K. 88. marked  
as corrupt. Reading (Cr.) is doubtful. 91. ηκατελθη

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earth<sup>1</sup> : no fying of copper whatsoever might ooze therefrom were Athena customer.

METRO

Full metely, Kerdon, is thy hovel packed with plenty of fayre werkes : keep them and make them. On the twentieth of Taureon Hecate holds marriage of the Artacene, and need is of shoon. Mayhap, wretche, nay assuredly will they hye to thee. Stitch thee a purse enaunter the cats dispred thy minas.

KERDON

Come Hecate, come th' Artakene, a mina, no less, ere they take them : prithee recorde that.

METRO

Fayre Fortune, Kerdon, granteth thee not to touch dainty feet that loves and desires touch : thous a scald knave and an infamy. So from us thou'lt get no more than Acoelus' dawn<sup>2</sup> : but at what price wilt give yon other pair to this lady ? blatter think time some utteraunce beseming thee.

<sup>1</sup> The *ὑπερήφανος* of Theophrast carefully cuts people in the street, looking above or beneath them : so here the sense is 'affect to despise' (*περιορᾶν, ὑπερορᾶν*).

<sup>2</sup> Conceivably *ἄλωτος* dreamt of great riches and woke to find himself robbed. The whole would mean 'less than nothing.'

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and <sup>κ</sup>οιχοισι P.      92. ηντι P.      96. marked as corrupt.

97. κ ex χ.      99. σεωτου in left margin with <sup>ρϋ</sup>σεωτου στατη. at top of column.

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## ΚΕΡΔΩΝ

στατῆρας πέντε, ναὶ μὰ θεοῦς, φο[ι]τᾶ  
 ἢ ψάλτρι' <Εὐ>ετηρίς ἡμέρην πᾶσαν 100  
 λαβεῖν ἀνώγους', ἀλλ' ἐγὼ μιν [ἐ](χθ)[α]ίρω,  
 κῆν τέσσαράς μοι Δαρ<ι>κοὺς ὑπόσχηται,  
 ὄτεύνεκέν μευ τὴν γυναῖκα (τ)ωθάζει  
 κακοῖσι δέννοις· εἰ δὲ [. . . . ἔχ]ει χρεῖη  
 φέρ',—εὐλαβοῦ<μαι> τῶν τριῶν . . . . δοῦναι—  
 καὶ ταῦτα καὶ ταῦτ' ἦ ὑμιν ἐπτά Δαρεικῶν 106  
 ἔκητι Μητροῦς τῆσδε· μηδέν ἀντεί(πη)ς·  
 δύ<ναιτό μ' ἐλάσαι σ<κῆ> ἂν [ἰῆ] τὸν πίσ<υ>γγον  
 ἐόντα λ<κί>θινον ἐς θεοὺς ἀν(α)π<τῆ>(ν)αι·  
 ἔχεις γὰρ οὐχὶ γλάσσαν ἠδ<ο>νῆς δ' ἠθ(μ)όν· 110  
 ᾧ, θεῶν ἐκεῖνος οὐ μακρὴν ἀπ(ε)<στ' ὦν>(ήρ)  
 ὁτέω σὺ χεῖλεα νύκτα κῆμέρην οἶγ<εις>·  
 φέρ' ὦδε τὸν ποδίσκον· εἰς ἴ<χ>νος θῶ (μιν).  
 πάξ· μῆτε προσθῆς μῆτ' ἀπ' οὖν ἔλλη<ς] μηδέν·  
 τὰ καλὰ πάντα τῆς καλῆσιν ἀρμόζει· 115  
 αὐτὴν ἐρεῖς τὸ πέλημα τὴν Ἀθηναίην  
 τεμεῖν. δὸς αὕτη καὶ σὺ τὸν πόδ'· ᾧ, ψωρῆ  
 ἄρηρεν ὀπλῆ βούς ὁ λακτίσας ὑμ<έ>ας.  
 εἴ τις πρ[ὸ]ς ἴχνος ἠκόνησε τὴν σμιλήν,  
 οὐκ ἄν, μὰ τὴν Κέρδωνος ἐστίνην, οὕτω 120  
 τοῦργον σαφέως ἔκειτ' ἂν ὡς σαφ<έ>ως κέϊται.  
 αὕτη σύ, δώσεις ἐπτά Δαρικοὺς τοῦδε,  
 ἢ μέζον ἵππου πρὸς θύρην κιχλίζουσα;  
 γυναῖκες, ἢν ἔχητε κῆτέρων χρεῖην  
 ἢ σαμβαλίσκων ἢ ᾧ κατ' οἰκίην ἔλκειν 125

100. corr. by Bl. R (εν om. P). 101. suppl. by K.  
 102. δαρεικοῦς P. 103. οτοινεκεν P: corr. by Meister.

104. δέννοις P. e.g. τῶνδ'. 105. correxi et supplevi e.g.  
 The placing of a fragment is uncertain (Lamacraft): perhaps  
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## KERDON

Five staters, 'a gods name, doth the harpist Eueteris bid me take, and haunteneth me daylong, but I hate her, tho' she promise me four Darics, in that she wyteth my wyfe with ill reprieves. But an ye nede such, come—<I am ware of giving les than the three>—let these and these be<sup>1</sup> yours for Darics seven, for Metros sake: gainsay thou me naught. Thy voice might drive me the stony cobbler to fly heavenward: for no tongue hast thou but a sieve of joyaunce: in sooth not far from heaven is he unto whom thou opest thy lips day and night long. Here with thy dainty foot: let me set shoe thereon. Ah! no more, no les: all things fayre fit the fayre: Athena herself, motest say, cut the sole. Give me thy foot, eke thou: the lout that trod on you had a clumsy hoof.<sup>2</sup> Had one but whetted his knife on the sole, 'a Kerdons hearth, the werke were not so true as true 'tis. Ho thou, woldest give seven Darics for this, thou that gigglest against the door moe lowd than horse? Dames, an ye have need of other sandals dainty or

<sup>1</sup> ἦ: the subjunctive (as Soph. *Phil.* 300) is softened by the sense (δῶ) as in Soph. (διδάξω).

<sup>2</sup> Appears to be a mere touch of picturesque flattery.

- ὄν[αρ], perhaps [με]ῖον. I translate the latter. He does not want to 'split the set.'  
 106. *καίτανταυτακαίταντ* P: corrected by K. *η υμιν* P. 107. *ita* Hg.  
 108. *δίναίτο* Buech., marked as doubtful. *εἰλασαι* P.  
 supplevi et correxi: *η* om. P (*cf. v. 91*): post *αν* unius literae spat. 109. *εονταληθινον* P. corrected by Hdl.  
 110. *ηδηνησδηθ(μη)ν* (or *(ι)ν*) P. The verse is marked as doubtful. 111. supplied by Buecheler.  
 112. supplied by Bl. 113. legit id. 114. *παξ. μητε* P.  
 115. *της* P. 118. *οπλη* P: corr. Hdl. *υμας* P: corr. Meister. 121. *σαφως* P: corr. Meister.

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εἴθισθε, τήν μοι δουλ[ιδ'] ὦδε <δεῖ> πέμπειν.  
 σὺ δ' ἦκε, Μητροῖ, πρὸς με τῇ ἐνάτῃ πάντως  
 ὄκως λάβῃς καρκίνια· τήν γὰρ οὖν βαίτην  
 θάλπους ἄνευ δεῖ <καὶ> φρονοῦντ' <ἔ>νδον ράπτειν.

126. marked as doubtful.  
 crossed out P: corr. Bl.  
 φρονοντακαιραπτιν P.

<sup>ειν</sup>  
 πεμπεται the last ι being  
 129. correxi: ανειδεινδον-

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housewear ye mote send me the handmaid.<sup>1</sup> But be ware Metro that thou come to me on the ninth to get thy 'crabs,' for jerkins inner seam must be sticht sans haste and warily withal.

<sup>1</sup> The suggestion seems to be that Metro's commission needs inordinate care. The subject matter of Mime VI. is perhaps suggested. *ἐνδον* objective 'on its inside.'

## VIII

## ENYPIINION

Ἄσθηθι, δούλη Ψύλλα· μέχρι τέο κείση  
 ῥέγχουσα; τὴν δὲ χοῖρον αὐόνη δρύπτει·  
 ἢ προσμένεις σὺ μέχρι σευ ἥλιος θάλψει  
 τὸν κυσὸν ἐσδύς; κῶς δ', ἄτρυτε, κοῦ κάμνεις  
 τὰ πλεῦρά κνώσσουσ'; αἱ δὲ νύκτες ἐννέωροι.  
 ἄσθηθι, φημί, καὶ ἄψον, εἰ θέλεις, λύχρον, 6  
 καὶ τὴν ἀναυλον χοῖρον ἐς νομὴν πέμψον.  
 τὸν θρυζε καὶ κνῶ, μέχρις κοῦ παραστά[ς σοι  
 τὸ] βρέγμα τῶ σκίπωνι μαλθακὸν θῶμα[ι.  
 δειλῆ Μεγαλλί, κ(α)ῖ] σὺ Λάτμιον κνώσσεις; 10  
 οὐ τάρ(γ)α σὲ τρύχου[σιν· ἀλλὰ μὴν στέμμ[α  
 ἐπ' ἱρὰ διζόμε(σ)θ[α; βα(ιὸ)ς οὐχ ἡμῖν  
 ἐν τῇ οἰκίῃ <σ>τι μαλλ[λὸς εἰρίων. δειλῆ,  
 ἄσθηθι· σὺ τέ μοι τού[ναρ), εἰ θέλεις, Ἄννᾶ,  
 ἄκουσον, οὐ γὰρ ν(η)[πίας] φρένας βόσκες. 15  
 τράγον τι' ἔλκειν [διὰ] φάραγγος ὠήθ[ην  
 μακρῆς, ὁ δ' εὐπώ[γω]ν τε κευκέρωσ ἦεν·

3. θαλ[ση] P (ηι deleted and ι superscr.). 4. τον] κ[ισον].  
 The supplements in this and following vv. are due to Diels,  
 Palmer, Hdl. 6. ασθη]θι φημι P. αστησον P but  
 with σησ cancelled and τ changed to ζ. 8. τον]θρυζε K.  
 ρισει P: correxi Camb. Ed. 1922. 9. το]βρεγμα P. θωμα[ι  
 P. 10. δι]λημεγαλλί P. κ(α)[ι]σν P. 11. ου]ταερ(γ)α  
 P. 'The width of the damaged surface is so small that if



## VIII

### THE DREAM

*(A monologue (probably) on a winter's day at dawn in a country farm. Herodes, as master of the house, rises and wakes the servants. A sow grunts outside.)*

Rise up, Psylla wench ! How long wilt lye snoring and the sow forswat ? Tarriest till the sun steal into thy parts and warm them ? Art not thy ribs tired, tireless one, of sleping these agelong nights ? Rise up, again I say, and light the lamp, prithee, and escort her unmelodious pigship to pasture. Oh, mutter and scratch thyself till I stand o'er thee and make me thy noddle soft with my stave. Megallis, wretche, snorest thou too like ympe of Latmos<sup>1</sup> ? Not with werkes art weary : for seeke we a wool fillet for rytes, not a wisp of wool is in our habitaunce. Wretche rise up : and thou Annas, prithee, list to my dreame, for thou nounslest not sorry wits. Mesemed I dragged through a long gorge<sup>2</sup> a gote, fayre of

<sup>1</sup> Like Endymion.

<sup>2</sup> 'led a goat'; the phrase implies 'to sacrifice.'

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it (the letter after ρ) is a γ̄ the horizontal stroke must have been exceptionally short' K. 13. εϋτῆ P. ετι P: corr.  
Hdl. μα[λ]λοσ P. 14. P, suppl. by Bl. ανῶ P. Verse marked as doubtful. 15. suppl. by K. 16. ηῦ[ superscr. above ισμ[ P. suppl. Cr. 17. med. suppl. by Cr.

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ἐπεὶ δὲ δὴ [μ](υ), [. . . . .](α) τῆς βίσης,  
 ἔω φα[ούσης . . . οὐ] γὰρ ἔσσωμαι,  
 σύριγξι. . . . . ν]τες αἰπόλοι πλέ[γδην 20  
 τῆ[ις . . . . . χλ]ωριῶντ' ἐποιεῦ[ντο.  
 κήγῳ οὐκ ἐσύλευν [. . . .] αἶξ[. . . .] ἄλλης  
 καὶ ἄλλης δρυὸς [. . .] (γ)ε[  
 οἱ δ' ἀμφὶ κάρτα (ἀ[ρῶν]τες [ 25  
 τὸν αἶγ' ἐποίκευ]ν [. . . .] π[  
 κα[(ὶ)] [π]λησίον με[. . . .](υ)  
 κ[. . . .] (αυ)μα, [μ]εχρὶ (τῶ)ν  
 σχ[ιστ. .] κροκωτ[. . . .]φι[  
 ῶ[. . . .] λεπτήης ἄντυγος . αθ(ἐξ)[  
 σ(τικτῆ)ς δὲ νεβροῦ χλαι[ῖ] ῥίω κατέζω[στ]ο 30  
 κ αθαιμέν]ην κύπα σσι]ν ἀμ[φ]ι τοῖ[ς] ὄμοις,  
 κόρυμβα δ' ἀμφὶ κρο[νη]τὶ κ[ῖ]σσ[ι]ν], ἔστεπτο·  
 κνήμη κο[θορ]νου [. . . .] η κατ[α]ζώστρη  
 <ε>ἴλικτο· κ[ῶ] μὲν το σσάδ[ε] αἰ[θ]ρίου] φρίκι]ς  
 . . . . ἀλ(ε)]ώρην εἶχ[. . . .] .θι .[. . . .] 35

18. *e.g.* εἰς τὸ τέλος Hg. 19. ἦ[. . .] σφα[ P: supplevi.  
*e.g.* εἰς τὸ τέλος (i.e. I was late for the beginning).  
 20. supplevi *e.g.* coll. Milton, *Sams. Ag.* 1596, 'Occasions  
 drew me early to this city And as the gates I entered with  
 sunrise The morning trumpets . . . ' Here the dreamer was  
 always going to the festival or he would not have been  
 dragging the goat. After τῆς, *e.g.* τῆς ἀλκυόνες: then  
 πλεῖστα: cf. Eratosthenes *fr.* 27 Powell περὶ πλεῖστων ἡμετέρας  
 (from the *Erigone*, which I conjecture to be related to these  
 verses). 21. marked as corrupt. init. suppl. Herzog,  
 fin. Cr. cett. *e.g.* χρῆσι ὄσσω, like the *oscilla*: cf. Eratosth.  
*fr.* 26 ἀσπιδος καὶ χλαῖνας ὀσσωσας ἑσπιδας. For the  
 whole scene, Greg. Naz. ii. 11β γὰρ οὐκ ἔστιν ἡμετέρας  
 καὶ ἀσπιδος σταχὶν ὄσσω πλεῖστα στέσσαν ἡμετέρας τε περὶ  
 κεφαλῆς ἐγγερέτω κισπέστω. 22. supplevi *e.g.* ἰδὲ δ' (Hg.)  
 φρίκων. 23. *e.g.* ἀπὸ τῶν ἀπέλων τρωων: cf. Hesychius  
 ὄσσω οἰνοχίτωνες. 24. *e.g.* ἀπὸ τῶν ἑσπιδων. 25. *e.g.* ὄσσω

beard and horn. And whenas at long last I <dragged him> from the dell—with dawn for I failed not my task, <mid pleasaunt ditties on> flutes goteherds were twining grene <bonds>. No hurt did I but <the gote scaped> and nibbled <of the vine shoots now from this> tree now from that.

But those around, seeing how he <did> right <wantonly>, made the gote <an oblatioun>. Now against the altar and hard by me saw I <a young man clad> in a very fayre cloke of gold to his feet.<sup>1</sup> He was dight with a slit frock round <his thighs> so as it mote reach down to their thin curve: and he had about his shoulders a long gowne bound by a stole of dappled fawn, and a crown of ivy tendrils around his hed. His nether shin was <swathed> with the binding of a high boot. Such a garb had he as fayre protectioun from savage chill,<sup>2</sup> e'en as real.<sup>3</sup> Mean-

<sup>1</sup> For the number of clothes see the excerpts from Athenaeus in the Cambridge edition.

<sup>2</sup> The supplement is certain enough from Hesych. Ἀλεξιάθριον· θερμὸν σκέπασμα· Σοφοκλῆς Ἀμφιαράω. αἴθρος· ψύχος τὸ ὀρθρινόν ἰδ.

<sup>3</sup> Init. *e.g.*: καλήν: fin. *e.g.* εἶχ' ἀληθίνησ' ἴσα (*v.* 38).

πρὸς δὲ τῷ βῶμω. 26. *e.g.* μεν δὴ τιν' εἶδον ἔλκοντα. 27. *e.g.* καλὸν μαλ' (εἶμα, and ποδῶν, χρυσοῖν (the punctuation is certain from the space in P. μα (feminina ejulatio) is impossible. χρυσοῖν and εἶμα are necessary: see Callixen. Ath. 197 e and Cambridge Ed. p. 384.

28. *e.g.* σχιστὸν κροκωτὸν (Vogl.) ἠμφίεστο τοὺς μηροὺς. 29. ὦν δοξε and καθίξεσθαι.

30. supplevi. fin. suppl. Hg. Traces of last letter (in adjoining column) noted by Cr<sup>5</sup>. στικτῆς ex *v.l.* in *v.* 32

certum: improbat Edmondsius. 31. init. supplevi (vel Κορα-

ξικῆν): καὶ is impossible. 32. supplevi. εστεπτο P (from *v.*

30). 33. supplevi: *e.g.* ν εἰάτη. 34. supplevi: longiora

ἔσφικτο (Hg.) etc. 35. supplevi.

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οἱ δὲ αὖ τ' ὀ λῶπο[ς ἡλί]κον [πε]π(ο)ιῆσθαι  
 ..... Ὀδ]υσσεός οἰκός] Αἰόλ[ου] δῶρον  
 ..... ] τὸ (δ)[έρμ]α λακτίζειν  
 ..... βεβη](κ)έν[αι] λῶστον  
 ὥσπερ τελευμεν ἐν χοροῖς Δικω>νύσου. 40

<κ>οἱ μὲν μετώποις ἐ[ς] κόνιν κολυμβῶντες  
 ἔκοπτον ἀρνευτῆρ\_ε](s) ἐκ βίης οὔδας  
 οἱ δ' ὑπτι' ἐρριπτεῦντο· πάντα δ' ἦν Ἀνω[ᾶ  
 εἰς ἐν γέλως τε κἀνίη [. . . . .]έντα.

κ<ῆ>γὼ δόκεον δις μ(οὔ)νο[ς ἐκ τόσης λείης 45  
 ἐπ' οὖν ἀλέσθαι, κῆλά(λα)ξαν ὄνθρω[ποι  
 ὡς μ' εἶδ' οὖν . . . ]ως τὴν ὁσ[ρῆ]ν πιεζεῦσαν  
 καί φ . . . . . ]τ(α) . . . . .

οἱ δ' ἐ . . . . .

γρυπ[ . . . . . 50

ρύπ[ . . . . .

τ[ . . . . .

τ[ . . . . .

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ἄτα δεῖνα πνεῦσαι λάξ πατέ[ων  
 ἔρρ' ἐκ προσώπου μή σε καίπ[ερ ὦν πρέσβυς  
 οὔλη κατι(θὺ) τῆ βατηρή κό[ψω]. 60

36. init. supplevit e.g. Lobel. αιτω(ι) primum scrip-

serit. λῶπος = ὄμμα (Hg.). med. supplevi. ὠλωπος

P. πεποιῆσθαι Mn. recte 37. ]σσεως ὁ P. suppl.

Cr. : correxi et med. supplevi. init. e.g. εἰς πλοῖον Hg.

38. supplevi e.g. π. οὔρεντ'· ἐ]φη [δὲ δειν. 39. e.g. κῆχσαν

τὸν αὐτ]ε π[ροσβ. 40. Διον. P : corr. K. 42. ἀρ-  
 νευτῆρες ceu urinatores explicavi (C.E. trad.). 41. e.g.

time they <set forth> the hide in size such as mote have been the gift of Aeolus for Ulysses <voyaging, while he bade that they> sholde lepe on the skin<sup>1</sup> <while he sholde win that> was best at landing again thereon, e'en as we observe in the dances of Dionysus. And some plunging with their forehedes on to the dust smit as dyvers the erthe amain: others were cast aback; and all thynges, Amnas, both laughter and payne were mingled in one. And mesemed I too had share and alone of that sore havecke leped on twice, and they acclaymed me as they saw me burdened and <o'erprest with the> skin <around my shoulders after the order of victors>. But others <did cast me out with mocking words . . .>. But an <old> man hooked of nose and fowl of . . . . .

'to be proud for thy tramlings. Out of sight, leaste aged though I be I smit thee athwart with my rod.'

<sup>1</sup> I give a suggestion in accordance with *δῖς* in 45. After the first impact the leaper would bound up.

*ῥαμχθέντα.* 45. *καγω* P with mark of doubt. *μόνος* rectissime Hg. *δῖς* may have been explained as *δ' εἰς* (so Hg.?) in right hand margin. 47. *supplevi.* *e.g. αἰνῶς:* in fine *δορὴν* suppl. Cr. 48. *e.g. καὶ φλώσαν ἀμφὶ ὤμοισιν οἶα νικῶντα* (Ar. *Ran.* init.). 49. *e.g. οἱ δ' ἐξέβαλλον ἔπεισι μιξιάμβοισι.* 50 *sqq.* a description of the old man (ed.). 57. fin. *e.g. κῶς δ' ἤρθης.* 58. fin. *e.g. δορὴν μόνος.* 59. *sq.* supplied by K. from Schol. Nicander, *Ther.* 397 *Ἡρώδης . . . ἐν τῷ ἐπιγραφομένῳ Ἰππῶ (l. ἐν ἰπνίῳ) φεύγων ἐ. π. μὴ σ' ἐκπερῶν π. ο. κ. β. καλύψη.*

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κήγῶ μεταυτίς ὦ παρεόν[τες] ἠμείφθην  
 ἑταυῦμι ὑπὲρ γῆς εἰ ὁ γέρον μ[  
 μαρτύρ[ο]μαι δὲ τὸν νεηνίην  
 ὁ δ' εἶπεν ἄμφω τὸν δορέα (ξ[ύ]λοι δῆσαι.  
 καὶ τοῦτ' ἰδῶν ἔληξα. τοῦνδου του 65  
 Ἄν[ι]νά δ' ὅς] ὠδε. τκοῦ>ναρ ὠδ' ἰδῶν  
 . . . . . ν αἶγα τῆς φάραγος ἐξεἰλκον  
 ἔξω τι κ[α]λου δῶρον ἐκ (Δ[ι]ων)[ύ]σου.  
 ὡς δ' οἱ αἰπόλοι μιν ἐκ βίης [ἔ]δα[ι]ντρο  
 [τ]ὰ ἔνθεα τελευντες καὶ κρεῶν ἐδαίνυτο 70  
 τὰ μέλεα πολλοὶ κάρτα τοὺς [ἔ]μοὺς (μ[ι]ν)όχθους  
 τιλευσιν ἐν Μούσησιν ὠδ' ἔγω γ' (οἱ)μαι.  
 τὸ μὴν ἄεθλον ὡς δόκ<εο>ν ἔχειν μούνος,  
 πολλῶν τὸν ἄπνου κώρυκον πατησάντων,  
 κῆ τῶ γέροντι ξύν' ἔπρηξ' ὀριθέντι, 75  
 ἐπὶ κλέος ναὶ Μούσαν ἢ μ' ἔπεα κλίσει  
 μ]έγ' ἐξ ἰάμβων, ἢ με δευτέρῃ γνώμη  
 ἐ[μ]οῖς μεθ' Ἰππώνακτα τὸν πάλαι κέυον  
 (τ)ὰ κύλλ' ἀείδων Ξουθίδαις ἐπι<θ>ύσει.

61. *εργα* ex *ω* P.      62. *e.g. με κελ σκα*.  
 63. end *ξ αἰ τ ν*.      64. suppl. Hg. (me judge proba-  
 bilitery).      65. suppl. Cr. Then *e.g. τον του*;      66. suppl. vi.  
*τανα* P: correxi. in fine *e.g. τον του*.      67. suppl. Cr.      70. suppl.  
*e.g. ὡς καλόν*.      68. init. suppl. vi, fin. Cr.      69. init.  
 suppl. vi: fin. (Mn.): non fuit *εταυῦμι*.  
 Cr.      71. suppl. Cr.      72. suppl. vi dubitanter.  
 73. *δοκουν* P.      76. suppl. vi *e.g.*      77. init. suppl.  
*nescioquis*: fin. *γκαυ* Cr.<sup>1</sup>      78. init. suppl. Hg. vel  
*τι[(μη)ς* Mn. *εμοί = οἱ Ἀθηναῖοι*.      79. *κυλλ'* P.  
*επίτουσι* P: correxi.

And I answered back ' O folk. I will die for the country an the old man <summon> me : thereunto call I the young man to witnes.' And he bad the flogman to <bind> both in the stocks. Thereat ended my swevening. <Where is my> coat<sup>1</sup>? Hither with it, Annas. Thus saw I : thus expound I. <E'en as fayre> was the gote I dragged out of the gorge, e'en so shall I have some gift from Dionysus fayre : and as amain the gotheards cleved him and rendered their rites and ate the flesh thereof, e'en so shall a many poetards<sup>2</sup> clever rend my writings. So reckon I. But as mesemed alone to have the guerdon, while many trod in vain the breathles<sup>3</sup> skin, for all I shared<sup>4</sup> with the old man enraged, e'en so by Muses troth, either shall iambickes call me to great fame, or my second intendiment gode me after the order of Hipponax of yore to sing halting measures to my Xuthos-born kin.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> He shivers with *fear*: cf. Callim. *fr. anon.* 80, and my note in C.E. So Ovid *Heroides* xv. 173 *ego frigida surgo* after a dream: *Amor.* iii. 5 *dixerat interpres: gelido mihi sanguis ab ore fugit.*

<sup>2</sup> The dream is interpreted by a series of puns to retain which I have taken liberties with the Greek, which runs: 'Many in a literary line (high brows) shall tear up (criticize) my poems.'

<sup>3</sup> 'breathles': *i.e.* air-tight; see Camb. Ed.

<sup>4</sup> 'fared alike' Hg.

<sup>5</sup> my Ionian brethren; *i.e.* to Athens.

## IX

## ΑΠΟΝΗΚΤΙΖΟΜΕΝΑΙ

Ἐ]ζεσθε πᾶσαι. κοῦ τὸ παιδίον; δέξ[ον  
 κ]αὶ π[ρ]ὸς Εὐέτειραν [κ]αὶ Γλύκην· (β)[.....  
 χ]ιτ[ῶνα λ]αιδρή· τὴν ἐτοῖμον οὐ [.....  
 .....]εις; μὴ σε [κν]ισμάτων [.....  
 .....]ινα τ[αὐτ' ἀ]νηνύτω[ς ..... 5  
 .....]ν ἤ[δη κάλλ]αχῆ πεπο[ίκι]σαι.  
 .....] φέρ' [ἐς] κό[ρον] .....  
 (κ)ρ[...](ο)(λλ)[.....]α δειλαίοις βλέ[ψαι].  
 φέρ' ὦ(δ)[ε] (κ)[αὶ τὴν κύλι](κ)α· καὶ τὰ νῦ[ν] .....  
 αὐτῆ σύ, [.....]ζεται νό[ου] ..... 10  
 οὐ πρόσθ' ἀ[.....]νις ἡ ξ[.....]  
 τίθεσθ' ἄμ[ιλλαν] .... ἄ[εθλον] ἐξοί[σ]. ...  
 γλή[χωνα] ..... τοῖς το]κεῦσί σ' ἦειρα

1. suppl. K. fin. supplevi. 2. suppl. K. Eὐέτ.  
 Cr. rightly. fin. e.g. βρέχεις τόν μεν. 3. sup-  
 plevi. fin. e.g. σμήχεις. 4. e.g. αἰὲ καθεύδεις;  
 quamvis probante Edmondsio. fin. e.g. μνήσω. 5. e.g.  
 ἦν περ τὰ δειρα. fin. e.g. κνώσσης. 6. e.g. ὄσσοισιν. med.  
 ἦδη κ ego ἀλλαχῆ Cr. fin. supplevi. 7. e.g. τὴν Εἰέτειραν  
 προσφερ. med. suppl. by Cr. fin. e.g. ἐς κόρον δ' ὄσσοις.  
 8. so Mne. e.g. χρή πολλά και δυστηρά . . . 9. supplevi



## IX

## BREAKING FAST

*(Scene and plot unknown.)*

Sit ye all down. Where is the baby? Bring him hither—and Eucteira too and Glyke. Clumsy thing, thou <soaking my dress>. <Soap> the one that's ready. <Ever> asleep? I fear lest I mind thee of all those prickings wherewith hast oft been tattooed e'er now, an thou continue these fearsome <yawns>. Hither with <Eucteira>—<sholdest> have had enow of all these <sorry> hangdog grimaces. Hither too with the <cup>. Still <asleep>? Ho there—has <Nossis> lost all those wits that once <were hers>?—and our visitaunt, are ye in pitched combat? Seekst to carry off yon salad for prize? Yet sooth I raised thee to be thy parents <staff and . . . .

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(φέρ' ὠδε Cr. rightly).      fin. e.g. εὔδεις.      10. e.g. μᾶρῃ  
πλάζεται.      in fine nomen: φρ<sup>vo</sup> P (i.e. φρ[ενῶν]).  
11. e.g. ἀμαρτοῦσ' ἢ τε νηπις ἢ ζείνη.      12. init. supplevi,  
fin. Cr.<sup>2</sup>      in med. e.g. μῶν . . . -οίσεις.      13. init. suppl.  
Cr.      med. e.g.; καίτοι.      fin. supplevi.      14. e.g. σκίπωνα  
γῆρως.

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### X

Ἡ χαλκήν μοι μύϊαν ἢ κύθρην παίζει  
ἢ τῆσι μηλαίθ<η>σιν ἄμματ' ἐξάπτων  
τοῦ κεσκ<ί>ου μοι τὸν γέροντα λωβῆται.

Stob. *Fl.* lxxviii. 6 (51 Hense) (περὶ νηπίων) Ἡρώδου  
Μιμιάμβων.

1. *vv.ll.* χαλκαίην, μύϊην.    2. *vv.ll.* ταῖσι, τμήσι: *corr.*  
by Meineke.                    *μηλανθασιν, μηλολοθησ:* *corr.* Gaisford.  
3. *κεσκέου codd.:* *corr.* by Salmasius.

### XI

Ὡς οἰκίην οὐκ ἔστιν εὐμαρέως εὐρεῖν  
ἀνευ κακῶν ζώουσαν· ὃς δ' ἔχει μείον,  
τοῦτό<ι> τι μέζον τοῦ ἑτέρου δόκει πρήσσειν.

Stob. *Fl.* xcviii. 28 (27 Hense) Ἡρώδα Μιμιάμβων (sine  
accentu duo codd.)

3. *τοῦτου corr.* by Schneidewin.    *δοκεῖ corr. id.*    *μείζον*  
*corr. Meister.*

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### X

Or 'brassfly'<sup>1</sup> or 'pot'<sup>1</sup> playeth he, or tying  
threads to cockchafers robbeth my distaff of flax.

Mimes of Herodes . . . *Stobaeus* in his *Anthology*: book  
*On Infants*.

<sup>1</sup> Forms of blind-man's-buff.

### XI<sup>2</sup>

Sin 'tis no light task to find a habitaunce that  
liveth sans ills: but whoso hath least thereof him  
reckon to fare better than another.

Mimes of Herodas . . . *id.*

<sup>2</sup> X and XI. Either or both of these might belong to  
Mime IX.

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### XII

#### ΜΟΛΠΙΝΟC

Ἐπὴν τὸν ἐξηκοστὸν ἥλιον κάμψης  
 ὦ Γρύλλε, Γρύλλε, θνήσκε καὶ τέφρη γίνε·  
 ὡς τυφλὸς οὐπέ[ρ]κειν<α> τοῦ βίου καμπτήρ·  
 ἥδη γὰρ αὐ<γ>ῆ τῆς ζωῆς ἀπήμβλυνται.

Stob. *Fl.* cxvi. 21 (56 Hense) Ἡρόδου ἐκ Μολπεινοῦ (corr. by Meineke).

3. ὁ ἴπτερ κείνο or ἵπερ κείνο codd.: corrected by Porson.  
 4. (Stob. *ibid.* 22 Ἡρόδου μωμάλισαι): the conjunction is due to Salmasius. αἴτη codd.: αἰγὴ Salm. ζωῆς codd.: corrected by Porson. ἀπήμβλυτο codd.: corrected by Salm.

### XIII

#### ΣΥΝΕΡΓΑΖΟΜΕΝΑΙ

προσφῦς ὄκως τις χοιράδων ἀν<η>ρίτης

Ath. 86 b Ἡρόδου δ' ἐν Συνεργαζομέναις.

προσφῦς' Buecheler. ἀναρίτης codd.

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### XII

#### MOLPINOS

Gryllus, Gryllus, when hast entered lifes sixtieth lap,<sup>1</sup> die and become ashes : for blind is the lap that follows, seeing that lifes ray is dimmed.

From Herodes' *Molpinos* . . . *id.*

<sup>1</sup> The mss of Stobaeus give a most unusual phrase for 'passed your sixtieth birthday'—'rounded your sixtieth sun' as a runner entering the straight rounds the corner. ἥλιον 'sun,' can hardly be correct. I have omitted it and slightly changed the metaphor.

### XIII

#### FACTORY GIRLS

Clinging like limpet to rocks

But Herondas in the *Factory Girls* says . . . . *Athenaeus* (discussing the word limpet.)

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From Cn. Mattius (see Cambridge Herodas, p. 419).

### XIV

- 1 Nuper die quarto, ut recordor ; et certe  
aquarium urceum unicum domi fregit.
- 2 iam iam albescit Phoebus, et recentatur  
commune lumen hominibus voluptatis.
- 3 quapropter edulcare convenit vitam  
curasque acerbis sensibus gubernare.
- 4 sinuque amicam refice frigidam caldo  
columbulatim labra conserens labris.
- 5 iam tonsiles tapetes ebrii fuco  
quos concha purpura imbuens venenavit.
- 6 ficorum  
in milibus tot non videbitis grossum.
- 7 sumas ab alio lacte ditfluos grossos.
- 8 pressusque labris unus acinus arebat.
- †9 dein coquenti vasa cuncta deiectat  
nequamve scitamenta pipulo poscit.†

## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX I

(i. 80-85)

The readings of P proposed and generally accepted here (in col. 6) are quite impossible: this is due in the main to mismounting. There are several strips but these may be considered as two strips since some join up. A the left hand strip is mounted touching B the right hand: really there is a gap throughout of one letter ( $\tau$  in the top line ( $\tau\omicron\hat{\nu}$  ἀκρήτων) and  $\eta$  in the bottom line (where the  $\omicron$  of  $\mu\eta(\omicron)$  ἄρτους would have filled the slight gap shown). The following *placita* are all wrong.

Line 2. C. E. presents Cr.'s reading as  $\pi\epsilon\iota[r\alpha\delta\rho](\omega)$ . The gap is of 5 letters, not  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Nor can the traces be fitted. Moreover, if the *μελαινίς* is a *ποτήριον*, ἀδρῶ (*sc.* ποτηρίῳ) is nonsense.

Line 3.  $\delta\epsilon\acute{\iota}\xi\omicron\nu \cdot \omicron\acute{\nu}$  (παράλλάττει) Nairn. This does not fit the traces. Further (a) there is a letter ( $\epsilon$ ) of which some traces are visible before ( $\pi$ ). (b) Before this another letter must have gone. Blass'  $\omicron\acute{\nu}[\kappa]$  (ἐγὼ) (πάρ)  $\pi(a)r$  fits the spaces. I doubt, however, if it or ( $\omicron\upsilon\delta\grave{\epsilon}$  γὰρ) be right.

Line 4. If  $\acute{\epsilon}(\kappa)[\eta\tau\iota]$  ( $\tau$ ) $\hat{\omega}r$  is right, the gap here =  $\tau\iota$  in space.

Line 5. The traces after  $\omicron\nu\alpha$  [ ] are far too dubious for discussion.

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But there is another error of mounting. At the bottom line the strip (or combined strips) B are  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a letter too low. But the papyrus has stretched unequally and at the top verses the letters on B are a whole letter too low. At line 6 *τεκνον* ( $\pi$ ) they would be about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a letter too low. The distinct traces after ( $\pi$ ) (*i.e.* after ( $\pi$ )[.]) give therefore the tops of letters.

Only at line 2 can guessing at the exact word be profitable. Here Mne. read  $\pi\epsilon\iota\epsilon\iota$ [r] ( $\kappa$ ). *.(ως)* and between (doubtfully) (*ι*) or (*ιδ*). But here I think it is safe to leave the shadowy traces, merely noting that they are all diagonal, that there must have been a wide gap after [r], and that there is a paragraphus, which can only refer to a change of speaker in or at the end of this verse.

Alexis (*fr.* 230) reads  $\mu\eta\ \pi\alpha\rho\tau\epsilon\lambda\omega\varsigma\ \alpha\upsilon\tau\omega\ \delta\iota\delta\omicron\upsilon\varsigma\ \epsilon\delta\iota\rho\eta\ \kappa\alpha\tau\alpha\nu\theta\epsilon\iota\varsigma\ : \ \dot{\iota}\sigma\alpha\nu\ \dot{\upsilon}\pi\omega\ \mu\iota\kappa\rho\acute{\omicron}\varsigma\ \kappa\alpha\lambda\omega\varsigma\ ! \ \eta\delta\acute{\omicron}\ \gamma\epsilon\ \tau\acute{\omicron}\ \pi\acute{\omicron}\mu\alpha$ . We may I think safely read  $\pi\epsilon\iota\epsilon\iota$  (space)  $\kappa\alpha\lambda\omega\varsigma$  and give this word to Metriché in the sense of 'Thanks' or 'When!' See also Alexis 111, Men. 292. Milne considers this reading a legitimate interpretation of the traces. There would, with change of speaker, probably be a gap of the space of about one letter before  $\kappa$ .

It is not my purpose to argue in favour of any 'supplements.' It is rather to draw attention to a point which should have been noted before. As Crusius and Headlam certainly read a vast amount of Greek literature, it is quite safe to assume that there is in Greek literature no parallel whatever for  $\acute{\omicron}\nu\alpha\sigma\ \mu\acute{\omicron}\iota\ \tau\iota\nu\omicron\varsigma$ , 'you got something at my hands.' As well might you say  $\epsilon\lambda\alpha\beta\epsilon\nu\ \epsilon\mu\ \tau\omega\ \mu\omicron\iota\ \dot{\iota}\pi\pi\omicron\nu$ , 'he got a horse from me.' The dative of advantage inherent in the middle form wholly precludes another dative



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of advantage (or disadvantage): and the common use is, of course, *παρ' ἐμοῦ*. The question is simply where to divide the speakers (for P gives no paragraphi and no clues). Anyone familiar with the style of Herodes will easily recognize, I hope, that *ὦν οὔνεκέν μοι* can hardly be other than an introduction to a request and that it is suitably followed by an interruption—precisely because the speaker falters: compare exactly vi. 15 (at the beginning of a conversation):—

vi. 15 A. ἀλλ' οὔνεκέν πρόσ σ' ἦλθον—  
B. ἐκποδὼν ἡμῖν  
φθείρεσθε, νόβυστρο' . . . .  
A. λίσσομαί σε.

Even if the speakers be not changed, the interruption remains.

But we have a similar phenomenon (without the speaker faltering, but at the *end* of a plea) in iii. 56 :—

A. ἀλλ' εἴ τί σοι, Λαμπρίσκε . . . ἀγαθῶν κίρσαις  
μῆλασσον αὐτῷ—  
B. Μητροτίμη, μὴ ἐπέυχεο.

The final appeal is interrupted. Probably too  
iii. 88 A. δέϊρον δ'— B. ἄχρις . . . So in v. 73 τὴν  
μίαν ταύτην ἀμαρτίην— B. Κύδιλλα, μὴ με λυπεῖτε.  
A. . . .

In fact in almost all cases where there is an appeal we have the request broken off in mid verse. In all the wholly visible words you have here exactly the same thing almost as if it were traditional to the mime :—‘ I came for no petty ends, but for those sacred rites for whose sake . . . ’ ‘ Gyllis . . . ’ ‘ La ! child . . . ’

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vi. 94. It is amazing to see the egregious blunder of Buecheler in reading *kai* as *ἄρθη* (!!) still repeated by editors. Yet there is no palaeographer in Europe who has or could support such an attempt. In editing a text it is fatal to proceed without expert advice.

### APPENDIX III

(on vii. 8. 9)

vii. 8. The spacing of the papyrus here which I gave in 1922 and for which I had secured Dr. Kenyon's assent in 1913 (C.E. p. 230 *in/.*) is sound; like Dr. Headlam's conclusions. The exact reading is *μᾶλλον θε τῶν ἀκοντῶ[ν] ὡς εἰ[ ]ν καλῆ ἐκ τῶν τραχιῶτερ ὀφίων*, the space left being of one large or two small letters. Now no satisfactory explanation of *καλῆ* has been given: it could only mean 'with a fair bond,' which is absurd. Wrongly I have suggested the reading *δαίμων* and supposed a blow to be indicated. But this is inconsistent with *τριβεῖν* which must be of something galling which is worn (v. 62). 'Do you wish to wear louder reminders than these' indicates a heavier form of the same unpleasant gyves. Dr. Headlam might have noted

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that though ἄκανθα itself is not used elsewhere of any instrument of this sort, yet similar words are so used. On κήρυκες or sharp shell-shaped prongs Christian martyrs were made to lie (*Eccl. Smyrn. Ep.* Jacobsen, p. 590). The Latin is *murices*, a phrase also used to translate the Greek τρίβολοι, so called from the plant or 'burr.' As an instrument in the shop we have no evidence for ἄκανθα: but a spiked instrument hung down the back underneath the dress would certainly prevent the slave from going to sleep.<sup>1</sup>

What of ὡς εχ ν κάλη? ὡς εχει εν is not only meaningless but impossible. As I have shown (*C.É. l.c.*) ὡς ἔχεις is necessary. ὡς ἔχρην which I suggested (*F.G.A.* 1923) lacks support. They did not say 'Do so as you ought to have done.' Moreover καλη is at fault. Far the easiest correction is to κλάη, and this with ἔχων gives excellent sense: *Eccl. Sm. Ep. l.c.* κήρυκας ὑποστρωνόμενοι . . . ἵνα . . . διὰ τῆς ἐπιμόνου κολάσεως . . . That at least they did say: *Ar. Nub.* 58 δειρ' ἔλθ' ἵνα κλάης, and the order is good, for ἔχων is stressed as *ibid.* 131 τί ταῦτ' ἔχων στραγγέομαι;

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(vii. 31 and 40 *sqq.*)

vii. 31. Of this verse we have only β. . . . .  
 μι πάνθ' ὅσ' ἐστὶν ι[.]α, and yet it is very probable that the whole can be reconstructed. Building

<sup>1</sup> See also Wesseling on *Hdt.* i. 92.

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on Blass' sure foundation we get ὄμνημι πάνθ' ὅσ' ἔστ' ἰρά. Now very often the Greeks avoided anything so bold as the use of πᾶς, οὐδέεις, etc., without an apologetic phrase. In an Attic tragedian, if we had πάντας ὡς εἰ[ ], we might with fair safety conjecture ὡς εἰπεῖν (εἶπος): and it is attractive to suppose that this line is whole and that we have another and common phrase here:—

Aesch. *P.F.* 521 βραχεῖ δὲ μύθῳ πάντα συλλήβ-  
δην μάθε.

715 πάντα γὰρ Δαρεῖ' ἀκοίση μῦθον ἐν βραχεῖ λόγῳ  
(so recc.).

Eur. *Or.* 446 πάντων πρὸς ἀστῶν ὡς θάνω βραχὺς  
λόγος.

Lucian iii. 362 ἀνὸρὸς ὡς βραχεῖ λόγῳ περιλαβεῖν  
. . . οὐδεπώποτε . . . ἅπαντα . . .

The same phrase is used with πολλά: βραχεῖ δὲ μύθῳ πολλὰ συλλαβῶν ἐρῶ Eur. *fr.* 362. 5; cf. 704. 3. Contrast *Mime* iv. init.

vii. 40 *sqq.* The conditions have been changed by recent work on the papyrus. Herzog ('rightly' Bell) has recalled the reading κηρί(α) in 43, giving it the signification of 'wax-lights.' At first sight neither 'honey' nor 'honey-combs' gives sense, and the apparent verbal resemblance in Theocr. v. 126 τὸ πότορθρον ἅ παῖς ἀνθ' ἑδατος τῆ κάλπιωι κηρία βάζου (with 112 τὰ Μίκωνος) cannot possibly assist. Perhaps Kerdon likens himself to the 'little busy bee' *Coll. Alex. Lyr.* Ad. 7, which works for others, Lucian. *A.P.* x. 41. There is a chance that †Μικρῶι† is plagued with κηρία (an unpleasant type of sore) and that Kerdon complains that his sedentary habits have

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given him an even more distressing disease ; and this can easily be reconciled with Greek diction and the traces in P leaving a wide choice of alternatives, *e.g.* :—

ἐντεῦθεν ἡμεῖς] (s) τᾶργα τῆς τέχνης ἡμέων	38
φορεῖθ', ὁ πῖσ]υγγος δὲ δειλαίην οἰζύν·	
γάγγρα]ιαν . . . ἔων νύκτα κῆμέρην θάλπω	40
ἢ σάρκα]ς ἡμέων ἄχρις ἑσπέρης κάπτει·	
. . . ἴ]αι πρὸς ὄρθρον! οὐ δοκέω τόσσον	
τὰ Μικίωνος κηρί' εὐπ]ορεῖν . . .	

See Aesch. *fr.* 253, Eur. *fr.* 792 (*φαγέδαινα* quod fort. leg.). There is then a wide choice of unpleasant details to fill up the gaps still left. Without leisure to read Greek medical works again for this one purpose, I suggest at random *v.* 40 ἀλγέων, *v.* 43 ἀπνίαι (Herzog), and *v.* 43 ψόρης. But I hope that this restoration is not the true one.

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### viii. (THE DREAM)

Herodes, who is at no point in contact with life except where it touches letters, gives us plenty of clues for the identification of the scene. It is a feast to Dionysus at midwinter where a game of leaping on a bladder is played. At all points this tallies with the country festivals of Dionysus in Attica ; and no other festival of this sort is known in Greek

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letters. Herodes appears to be defending himself against a criticism of Callimachus in his iambs that the modern writers of lame iambs did not use the metres of Hipponax. Herodes replies with a poem in which he uses the 'Ephesian' metre at least as accurately as Callimachus. Resolved feet are rare (only one except in the first foot): and there are no verses ending in four long syllables. Herodes professes to have attended the festival, won the prize and contested afterwards with an old man. The old man is Hipponax: and other punning prophecies are made. Callimachus appears to have known of Herodes' work; presumably because the first seven mimes were current earlier.

It may be remarked that Phoenix' verses also show changes of this type. His moralist poem follows the licence of Ananius: his other two poems avoid the four long syllables at the end of the verse: and to the (oriental) Ninos he gives frequent use of the resolved syllable, following Aeschylus in the *Persae*.

The idea that the speaker is a woman (Terzaghi, Vogliami) has been mercilessly refuted in reviews by Herzog and by the present writer. In *vv.* 27 and 47 I have chosen illustrative supplements to show on how shadowy a foundation the idea rests. Many will prefer my earlier version of 47, especially as the skin at the county Dionysiaca was not fully blown up. In 45 δ' εἶς seems possible.

There is no reason to suppose that I was right (in C.E.) in making a story out of *vv.* 20 *sqq.* The whole thing is quite normal and τὸ λῶπος covers all need for details. Herodes merely dreamed he was going to a country Dionysia and chooses to paint the

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dress and the leaping scene, rather than recount familiar details like a scholiast. How far the quarrel with the old man is a new incident, or part of the normal ritual, is uncertain. At least, there is nothing in it to conflict with theories of vegetation festivals so familiar to us from the *Golden Bough*.

If this be so, we must explain on normal principles for such dreams. The priest of Dionysus (*vv.* 26 *sqq.*) both is (*v.* 68), and must be referred to, the god whose priest he is. Artemidorus is quite definite on the point at issue (ii. 30 οἶον δ' ἂν ἐπολάβῃ τις θεοῦ ἱερεὺς εἶναι, τοιοῦτον αὐτῷ καὶ τὸ ἀγαθὸν ἀποβήσεται ἢ ἀπὸ τοιούτων ἀνδρῶν ἢ γυναικῶν. Conversely *id.* iii. 13).

Whatever men may say, Dionysus, the god of all dramatic art, will place Herodes next to Hipponax among all those who have used his metre. There is no evidence that Muses were present: indeed Herodes especially uses an odd and forced expression ἔρθεος (*v.* 70) to introduce the Muses (*v.* 71).





CERCIDAS  
MELIAMBS, FRAGMENTS, AND  
CERCIDEA



## INTRODUCTION

THE papyrus of Cercidas is in the British Museum. For a description see the *editio princeps* (A. S. Hunt, *P. Oxy.* viii. 1082). Latest edition in *Coll. Alex.* (J. U. Powell), p. 203. See also Diehl, *Anthologia Lyrica*, iii. 305. For recent work on the papyrus see articles by the present writer in *C.R.* xxxviii-xxxix. There are still a large number of small isolated fragments : but there is no reason to believe that they were all once contiguous (Hunt). The general character of the metre was pointed out by P. Maas and von Arnim. For references to periodicals see Milne *Catalogue* 59, p. 45 (where read 1138 for 1158).

I

col. i	]ε γὰρ ο[.]ξεν.ς εἰδέμεν	1
	]νετοι[. . .] ἀδ' ἐπ' εἰλαπι-	
	]αιρω(ν)[. . . β]λεινο(το)ι(σ)υ-	
	πηρί](δ)ας ἀλ[. . . .]υσω καὶ δο-	
	]νυν[. . . .] . . . . .	5
	]ρ τον λαμβα[ν ]	
	]μι τοῦτο· (ν)[ ]	
	<sup>εκτε</sup>	
	]συντελῆς τ[ ]	
	]φέρει καὶ γ(α)[ ]	
	]ως μὴ λεγο[ ]	10
	]ελθε· (δω).[ ]	
	](ν)εσυμ[. . .]ηνα· καιτ[ ]	12
	](ο)μιζ[. . .]υτευση[ ]	
	]μ[. . . .]αρ μοι το[ ]	
	]ατα .[. . .]. αλαιος [ ]	15
	]ινο[. . .]τεων· ὦ[ ]	
	<sup>(νμ)</sup>	
	]των ἀ(ὕτῳ)ν ἄ λαβοῦ[σα ]	
	]Ζεὺς κοιραν[ ]	
	(σ). .ορειν παρεστιν ε[ ]	

Col. i. 1. The placing of ξεν is doubtful: nor can we be certain how many letters are missing at the beginning of the lines. εἰδέμεν P. 3. λεινο, τοι(σ)υ P (marked as (part of) one word). τ(ο)ι not τει (Lobel, Bell): (σ) me

I

Col. i

. . . but little in feasting 2  
This man delighteth  
Child of oily-ragged clothes . . .

. . . how  
If Zeus be master 18  
Never fair result we see?

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indice, (possible) Bell: βλεννοτ = βλεννο-νοτ-οισυπ-[. . . .  
7. τὸυτο P. 8. as above P. 11. ελθε P. 12. ηνα P.  
16. so P.

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col. ii	κα[.....γ]ἄρ ὁ	
	σχ(ε)[.....ἀλ]λά	
	τι(λλ)	
	τα(η)[.....]εν	
	τ' ὄυ[.....](γ)α	5
	καιτ[.....]	5
	μυε[.....]ν	
	πιδ[.....]	7
	.....]α	
fr. 9	]η πολιο[	? 7
	]ινακολα[	? 8
	]λεων πυκιν[	? 9
	]χουσι γήρα δ[	? 10
	ο]υκέτι πάνθ' ὦ[	? 11
	]σᾶπ.[	? 12
	marg. σπ]ανιοψιάδα	12
	]τος	13
	]καί σπυροί οἱ πυροί	14

Col. ii. 1. κᾱ P (e.g. καλὸν). 3. 1. ita P. 3. superscr. ?  
 τι(ν). 10. (?) ]χου σιγηροί H. 12. schol. suppl.  
 Wilamowitz. Perhaps we have (fr. 26) the ends of some

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### Col. ii (?)

Fragment 7 (? = 25 *fr.* H. : see *crit. n.*).

So it appears to me that our 'pot friend' Ulpian, as my Cercidas of Megalopolis says, watches his fellow guests to see if they have overlooked a fish-bone or lumpy piece of gristle in their food before them (Athenaeus).

### ' Child of but frugal repasts '

verses (about 12-14) (δυσ παλεστωι.[/ι]λον ενθα/(κι)ς καθιζει[ : also below this and just above κ.λ. *fr.* 25 αλ] λους ακα[/ω παλι. [/]εσσοσι...]/... ικελευ'. This fragment suggests a loose citation in *Ath.* viii. 347 e οίτω μοι δοκεῖ καὶ ὁ λεῖψιτοχάρων Οὐλπιανός, κατὰ τὸν ἐμὸν Μεγαλοπολίτην Κερκίδα, (. . . .) τηρεῖν (. . .) τοὺς ἐσθίοντας εἰ παρῆδον ἢ Ἄκλινθαν ἢ τῶν τραζανῶν .τι [ῆ] χονδρῶδες τῶν παρατεθέντων, which agrees well enough with the margination just *above* it. In this case *fr.* 26 probably belongs elsewhere, since it is hard to bring this in line with the notes. (λ ους ακα [. . .]) would be 14 fin., (κελευ) [. . .] 17 fin., μέλι 18 fin., γερπε[ 2<sup>ο</sup>] fin., καὶ τῶν 22 fin., and λάρων 23 fin. It is not possible to read σπ[ῆ]ριδια in *fr.* 32 nor to place it by the lowest note.

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## II

	.....]κ.λ.[	
	.....] μέχρι	
	.....](β)ριδιατριβα <sup>ω</sup> [	
	.....] ᾿ γερπε[	
	.....	
col. ii.	..... εἰς [. .]κ' αὐτῶν	
fin.	.... ὀ]λβοθύλακον	
col. iii.	λαρόν   τε καὶ ἀκρασίωνα	
	θῆκε πενητ(υλίδ)αν	
	Ξένωνα, ποτάγαγε δ' ἀμίν	5
	ἄργυρον <τὸν >	
	<εἰς ἀνόνατα> ρέοντα;	
	κα[ἰ] τί τὸ κώλυον ἦς	
	αἶ τι<ς> σφ' ἔρο[ι]το,	
	(ῥεῖα γάρ ἐστι θεῶ	
	πᾶν ἐκτελέσ<σ>αι	
	χρῆμ'   τόκκ' ἐπὶ νοῦν ἦ†),	
	ἢ τ[ὸ]ν ῥυποκιβδοτόκωνα	10
	καὶ τέθνακοχαλκίδαν  ,	
	ἢ τὸν παλινεκχυμενίταν	
	τῶν κτεάνων <ᾗ>λεθρον  ,	
	τοῦτον κενῶσαι	
	τᾶς συοπλουτοσύνας,	

ante 1. ? ἀ]βρίδια, γ' ἔρπε., (εριδια H.). 1. εἰσόκ' :  
*cf.* μέχρ' *supra*. 2. ταγόν (*e.g.*). Up to this point  
 I have not attempted to place the words in metrical  
 setting. Between γερπε and εἰσοκ' might be two—three



## II

- Chose out that greedy  
     Cormorant, of wealthy purse,  
 And child of licentiousness, Xeno,  
     Turn him to poverty's child,  
 And gave unto us <who deserve it><sup>1</sup> 5  
     Rivers of silver that now  
 Are wasted on profitless uses?  
     What should there be to prevent  
 —Ask God the question,  
     Since it is easy for him,  
 Whate'er he fancy,  
     Sure execution to find—, 10  
 10 If one be the ruin of money,  
     Pouring out whate'er he has,  
 Or usurer dross-stain-begrimed,  
     Ready to perish for gold,  
 That God should drain him,  
     Void of his swine-befouled wealth,

<sup>1</sup> The lacuna may have been ἄργυρον τὸν αὐτόθεν ἔχον.

verses (or half-verses). (The numeration at the side is that of J. U. Powell, *Coll. Alca.*: the vertical lines mark the lines of the ed. pr.) On *Ξένωνα* is a note ἀκρατῆς [ὁ Ξένων καὶ ἀπο]γνωστός τις καὶ (πικρὸς (supplevi post Hunt), and on ii fin. ἀπό)λανο(ν, (?). 3. ἀκρασίωνα P. 5. ξένωνα ποταγαγε δ' P. 7. ερωιτο P. σ om. P: correxit H. αι ex ει P. sqq. ἴδαν, ἴταν P. 8. τελεσαι P: corr. A(rnim). 9. μ' ὄκ. P. e.g. ἐπὶ νοῦν ὄκ' ἴη A. 13. for τῶν perhaps read τῶν with M(aas). πλεθρον but ολεθρον in margin. 14. -σύνασδομενδ' P.

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	δόμην δ' ἐπιταδεοτρώκτα	15
	κοινοκρατηροσκύφῳ	
	τὰν ὀλλυμέναν δαπάνυλλαν;	
	μήπο<κ>' οὖν ὁ τᾶς Δίκας	
	ὀφθαλμὸς ἀπεσπαλάκωται,	
	χῶ Φαέθων μονάδι	20
	γλήνα παραυγεῖ,	
	(κ)αὶ Θέμις ἅ λιπαρὰ	
	καταχλύεται;	
	πῶς ἔτι δαίμονες οὖν	
	τοὶ μήτ' ἀκουὰν	
	μήτ' ὄπα<ς> πεπαμένοι;	
	καὶ μὰν τὸ τάλαντον ὁ σεμνὸς	
	ἄστεροπαγερέτας	25
col. iv.	μέσσον τ' <ἀ>ν' Ὀλυμπον [. . . . . †]	
	(ο)ρθον[†. . . . .	
	[κ](α)ὶ νένευκεν οὐδ(α)μῆ·	
	καὶ τοῦθ' Ὀμηρος	
	εἶπεν ἐν Ἰλιάδι·	
	ρέπην, ὅταν αἴσιμον ἄμαρ,	30
	ἀνδράσι κυδαλίμοις τῆντ'	
	πῶς οὖν ἐμὶν οὐ ποτέρεψεν	
	ὀρθὸς ὦν ζυγοστάτας,	
	τὰ δ' ἔσχατα Βρύγια Μυσῶν—	
	ἄζομαι δέ θην λέγ<η>ν—	35

15. -τρωκται· (and so often) P.      16. φωί·      17. δα-  
 πανύλλαν P.      18. μηποτ P.      19. schol. ζῶον δ  
 τι ποὺς μ(έν) ὀφθαλμ(ῶν) ἔχει, ὀφθαλμοῦ δ' οὐκ, οὐδ(ἐ) βλ[έ]πει  
 (ita Mn.).      20. ·χω, φαεθων, μονάδι, P.      schol.  
 ἐνὶ ὀφθαλμῶ π(αρα)βλέπει.      21. αὶ· πωσ P.      schol.
22. οἰτοιμη P, but ομοιομη in margin.  
 23. οπαν P.      25. Delirant Powell, Wilamowitz, alii

- 15 And give to one frugally feeding, 15  
 Dipping cup at common bowl,  
 The cash that is wasted on trifles?  
 Is the eye of Justice then  
 Beshrunk that a mole might outsee her?  
 Phaethon, too, doth he squint 20  
 With single pupil?  
 Themis the bright—doth a mist  
 Bedim her vision?  
 How can man hold them for gods  
 That neither hearken,  
 Nor have any eyes to see?  
 Yet say they the gath'rer of lightning  
 Mighty monarch holds the scales 25  
 Aloft in the midst of Olympus,  
 Nodding not a moment's space.  
 E'en so doth Homer<sup>1</sup>  
 Set in his *Iliad* down:—  
 'By fate to the mighty of valour  
 Sinks the balance of the day.'  
 Why then doth the balancer even  
 Never unto me incline? 30  
 But Brygians,<sup>2</sup> farthest of mortals,—  
 Clearer words I dare not say— 35

<sup>1</sup> Θ 72.

<sup>2</sup> Apparently the Macedonians.

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Homerici στεροπηγερέτα immemores. 26. τον P: correxi. Between "Ολυμπον and ὄρθον 5-11 letters missing: I suggest *metri gratia* ἀνορθοῖ glossed ἀνὰ τὸ ὄρθον ἔχει. 27. suppl. H. 30-31. ρεπειδ P: -ειν Λ. †ην† del. A.: fuit verborum ρεπειδ correctio (cf. H. praef. 24-5): ῥέπειν G. Murray: terminationes huiusmodi tacite (<η>ν) mutavi. 32. εμεν is corrected into εμιν in P. 34. φρυγια P, while εσχάτᾱ has an accent on ε cancelled: the truth is given in the margin. 35. ἄζομαι P.



How far they pull down in their favour  
 Zeus' scales of equity !  
 What lords them that lord it above us,  
 Whom then of Uranos' sons  
 May any seeking  
 Merit's retribution find, 40  
 When the offspring of Kronos, our parent  
 Who begat us one and all,  
 Some men as father,  
 Others as stepfather know ?  
 Fit talk for astrologers truly ;  
 Let us refer it to them : 45  
 For them to settle  
 It will be slightest of tasks ;  
 To us is Paean  
 Good, and fair-dealing is good—  
 A very goddess—  
 Nemesis too, upon earth :  
 What time the godhead  
 Blows in our favour astern,  
 Hold *her* in honour, 50  
 Mortals : though bravely they fare,  
 A sudden tempest  
 Swooping down from other airt  
 Sinks to perdition

correct than ἐπιπατωρ. 44. ἄλιον P. 45. μετεωροκοποις :  
 is glossed in margin by αστρολογοις. 46. ουθεν P?

corr. Wilam. <sup>η</sup> εχειν ἄμιν P. 47. ἀγαθὰ secl. Wilam.  
 μεταίδως P : corr. Wilam. ; schol. has ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀγαθῆ, whence  
 it appears that καὶ Μετάδως ἀγαθὰ must have been the read-  
 ing. 48. (γ αν' P. 50. suppl. H. 51. ]ταίξ supplevi  
 et correxi : pessime H., cett. μετᾶξαντες. 52. αντ. π  
 vel (. γ) : non fuit (εσ). Cf. e.g. Theod. Presb. de incarn.  
 Dom. p. 245 ἐνθα καὶ ἐτέρας καταγιγδοσ ἀντιπνευσάσης.



Puffed-up wealth or fortunes proud :  
 And who can youward 55  
 Vomit them back from the deep ?

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is uncertain. The meaning of the end is hard to fit: the nautical metaphor is clear from the schol., and the use of ἐξευέω in Hom. *μ* 237, 437. On 56 there is a marginal note ἐκ βαθ(έω)[ν. 54. τύχας' P. 55. ταυτ' P.

## III

Thou, O Damonumus, art  
 Not ill instructed :  
 ' Twain are the blasts ' we are told  
 ' That Aphrodité's  
 Offspring doth breathe from his cheeks,  
 The azure-wingéd.  
 Unto whomsoe'er of men  
 With gentle mildness  
 Kindlily-out-of-the-right  
 His jaw hath breathéd,  
 Tranquil the sea of love,  
 Whereon that mortal

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with *ν* cancelled: supplevi et correxi. There is no need (apart from metre) to assume gaps at either point: possibly <ὄτῳ>. [ὄτῳ] Hunt.

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σῶφροني πηδαλίῳ  
 πειθοῦς κυβερνή· |  
 τοῖς δὲ τὰν ἀριστερὰν  
 λύσας ἐπόρση |  
 λαίλαπας ἢ λαμυρὰς 10  
 πόθων ἀέλλας, |  
 κυματίας διόλου  
 τούτοις ὁ πορθμός· |  
 εὐ λέγων Εὐριπίδας·  
 τοῦ κάρρον οὖν ἐστὶν  
 δὴ ὄντων |† ἐκλέγ<η>ν  
 τὸν οὐριον ἀμιν ἀήταν |  
 καὶ μετὰ σωφροσύνας 15  
 οἶακι πειθοῦς |  
 χρώμενον εὐθυπλο<η>ν  
 ὅκ' ἦ κατὰ Κύπριν ὁ πορθμός·  
 μῆ· 18  
 col. vi. | ]α[ 18 a  
 fr. 13 | .....]στω βι[  
 | .....]κυβερν[  
 | .....]σω ὁόξα[  
 fr. 53 | .....]ν μὲν ἀλλ[  
 | .....]καν Ἰκάρω[  
 | .....]φ . . . πι[  
 νομ 19  
 δαπ[ 20  
 ]καὶ τ[. . . (. . .)] 21  
 ..(. .) . . . (τ) . (ρ)ηξέει .[  
 ἀστρα(π)[. . .] (σ)[. . .] (π)λόος·  
 πᾶν γ[ὰρ] τὸ βι(αι)οπόν[ηρον]  
 (κ)αὶ προκοθ[η]λυμαν[ές]



Ruddered by discipline calm  
 His ship directeth.  
 But 'gainst whomsoe'er the boy,  
 His left jaw loosing,  
 Rouseth the storms or the fierce  
 Typhoons of passion,  
 These have their voyages fraught  
 With waves unceasing.'  
 Nobly said, Euripides !  
 Since twain the choice is,  
 Better far it is for us  
 To choose out the wind in our favour,  
 So that with calmness of soul,  
 Where leads the goddess,  
 Voyage we straight on our course  
 And steer us by discipline's tiller.

Icarus . . . .

Lightning besetting his course : 23  
 For all that is violent, wicked,  
 Mad in pursuit of its mate,

7. ατρεμία P, and 8. πηδαλιω and κυβερνη P. 9. ορη  
 quae exempla sufficient. 10. αελλᾶς P. 12. ευρι-  
 πιδας P. οὐκοῦν δὴ ὄντων κάρρον ἐστὶν ἐκλ. recte Maas.  
 14. ἀμινανταν\* και P. 16. ευθυπλοειν ὄκη P. 17. πορθμος.  
 P. schol. ἀφροδιτιος. col. vi. fr. 13 huc certe referen-  
 dum : dubites de columnae lineis. conieceram νομ . . σω/δαπ . .  
 ν/καὶ τόκ' ἀνικα : sed refragantur vestigia πι/πλ. Ἰκάρω  
 bene Powell. 21. ε.γ. τόκα πρὸς ταῦτα ῥηξεῖν. ηξεῖ P.  
 22. στρᾶπ. P. ? -ὄβλητος. 23. supplevi. 24. προ-  
 κοθηλ. Λ.

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φέρει ταναβλαψιτέλειαν 25  
 (κ)αὶ μεταμελλοδύναν·  
 ἃ δ' ἐξ ἀγορᾶς Ἀφροδίτα,  
 καὶ τὸ μη[δε]νὸς μέλ<η>ν  
 ὄπ[α]νίκα λῆς, ὄκ(α) χρήζης,  
 οὐ φόβος οὐ ταραχά· 30  
 τ(α)[ύ]ταν ὀβόλω κατακλίνας  
 Τ[υν]δαρέοιο δόκει  
 γαμβ(ρ).[

τημεν· κο
γα
γα
ρ(ε)

(Stob. *Fl.* lviii. 10 περιήγησις: Κερκίδα μελιόμβων: (ημιόμβων  
 codd.: corr. Meineke) τὸ τὰς μελῆς χελώνας ταπειναμονεῖ  
 (em. Meineke)· οἶκος γὰρ ἄριστος κτλ.: *vid. inf.*)

25. λειαν· and δύναν· ἃ P. 28. suppl. H. 29. νί-  
 καλῆσθ P. 30. ταραχα· P. 31. κατακλίνας· P.  
 (There are faint traces of scholia against *vv.* 22, 23, 30, 31.)  
 32. γαμβρῆστατ' ἔμεν potius quam γαμβρὸς τοῦ κ' ? 33. τει  
 μεν· νι P. si huc pertineret fr. ῖ (H.) legi non posset quod

Engendereth woe of repentance <sup>1</sup> 25  
 And ruin <sup>1</sup> far-spread in the end :  
 But Venus that paces the market—  
 In repletion of desire  
 Demanding no thought or attention :—  
 Here is no fear and no care : 30  
 One obol will win you a mistress,  
 Son-in-law fancy yourself  
 To Tyndarus (favoured 'mong suitors) :  
 (Yet remains one more advice) :—  
 <Remember always  
 What the wrinkled tortoise said :  
 ' Both dearest and best, my good masters,  
 Truly, of all things, is home.' >

<sup>1</sup> These Greek words *ταναβλ.* and *μεταμελλ.* appear easiest as two words despite the strange nature of the compounds. The latter would have to be connected with *μεταμέλειν*, which may be compared with, but not excused by, *e.g.* Nicand. *Alex.* 81 ξηρὰ δ' ἐπιλλύζων ὀλοῆν χελλύσσειται ἄτη. μέλος Ebeling, *Lex. Hom. s.v.*

proposui *γαμβρες* (nam *ρ* vix aut ne vix quidem possibile): metri et spatiorum gratia potest *e.g.* γαμβρ(ο)[ς χαρι]έσ[τατά] τ' ἤμεν' . . . [τὸ] τὰς ῥ[ικνᾶς] γὰ[ρ δὴ χελώνας μναμόν]ειν ε)· οἶκος γὰρ [ἄριστος ἀλαθέως] καὶ φίλος, [ῥ]εῖ[—]. Certe hic poema finem habet: sub *καιφίλος* spatium: *e.g.* ὦνδρες ἔφα.

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## IV

col. vii.

ἀ]κίς

δμαθεῖς βροτὸς οὔτι ἐκὼν |  
ἐκλαξε καθῶς.

τὴν δ' ἀμάλακτον ἔσω |  
στέρνων καὶ ἀνί-  
κατον κέαρ ἔσκειν |

πιμελοσαρκοφάγων  
πάσας μελεδώνας.

5

ἴτοιτ' τὴν διέφευγεῖντ' καλῶν  
οὐδέν ποκα· πάντα ἴδ' ὑπὸ  
σπ[λ]άγχνοις τεοῖστ' ἔσκ'

(ἀ)βρ(ἀ) Μουσ(ἀ)ν κνώδαλα· |

Πιερίδων θ' ἀλ[ι]ευ-  
τὰς ἔπλεο, θυμέ, καὶ ἰχν-  
(ευτ)ὰς ἄρισ(τ)[ο]ς. |

10

νῦν δ' ἴσκα μὲντ' ἐκφανέες  
λευκαὶ κορυφ[ᾶ] (περι)αι- |  
ωρεῦντ' ἐ(θ). . . (ν).

(ἀκαλέω) < > λάχνα,  
κνα[κ]ὸν δὲ (γένη)-  
ον, καί τι ματεύει |

1, 2. metre uncertain. Above at top of column a schol. *ἴμερον*. The writer appears to address himself. In this poem the metrical divisions do not appear to correspond, as they do elsewhere, to sense divisions. 1. *v.g.* — ∪ ∪ μυριάκίς.

2. ἐκλαξε καθῶς P. 3. τὴν P. ἀμάλακτον P: superser. (α)·πε·(καρτον): margin ἀμάλακτον. 4. ἐσκ'εν οἴην εἰσι Powell: dubito. πῖμελοσαρκοφαγῶν πασᾶς . . . νᾶς P.

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IV

Many a time  
Man loses the fight e'er his orbs  
Full loath he closes.

*Thou* hadst a heart in thy breast  
Unsoftened and un-  
Tamed ever in fighting

'Gainst all the desires of fat flesh  
Which gluttons may cherish.

Nothing on earth that was fair  
Escaped you : but ever you kept  
Within your bosom

All the Muses' cublets young.

Thou wert a fisher my soul  
Of all the Pierian maids  
And keenest tracker.

But now that there gleam on my head  
White hairs but a few at the edge  
Around encircling

Still with incipient down,  
Still yellow my beard,  
And still doth my summer

6. *e.g.* τὴν διέφενγε(ν) (ex ταιδιεφ).: τιν Wilam. ται delen-  
dum. P καλον. <sup>ω'</sup> 7. οὐδένποκα πάντα τειοισιν (ν cancelled)  
διποσπ P. 8. Μουσῶν P. 9. πει(cancelled)ιεριδων P.  
11. † . . . † *e.g.* ὄκα τ'. ὕδν P. 12. -ωρευνται P. *e.g.*  
ἀμιν. ἀκαλέφ(α) is false (?) Doricism for ἡκαλέφ(η). A  
short syllable is missing: *e.g.* πι. λαχναί P. κρα[κ]οι  
suppl. H. γέν(ε)ιον H.

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κράγνον [ἀ]λικίαισι  
 <χοῖον> κολακεύει<ν>

15

<τῶ> χρόνω τ' ἐπάξιον

δερκομένα βιοτᾶς  
 εὐρὺν (ποτὶ) (τέ)ρματος οὐδ-  
 ὄν· | τᾶμος ἐσλᾶς

14. κἀ P (non κῶι). superser. (above κρ᾿αγνον) ἴτ.[.]. ἀλικία Murray, which I translate. 15 is devoid of metre and sense. It runs χρ. τ. ἐ. κολακεύει. It seems necessary to make the half iambus correspond to ἀβρά M. κ. 16. βιοτᾶς P.

IV (?)

(a) col. viii.

(b) fr. 59 + 11 + 39

(c) col. ix

μὲν	δ[όμον	]	ον· μὴ νόμιζ[ε		
	[		]	τω ῥευσε[ι	
	γ[		π]όκα· μία πέλ[λα		
	νο.[		]. μην[. .]. μι· τουτῶ[		]στ[
	σῖκ	5	]	οις· [. .]. με(ι)[	]· εὐτω
	ἄχαρι(ν)		πολ[λο(ι)] [(δ)έ] κ(αῖ)[		]οιμ
	ναν, (ο)[		σοφ[ίας·   πολλαῖν] δ[έ]		
	μεθα .[		σό[φ]οις· ἄ δὲ (π)ν[		

17. τᾶμος ἐσλᾶς P with gloss τᾶμος ἐ[πειτα : suppl. H.

(a) 1. e.g. μὲν δόμον—οὐ ἐκ κρηπίδος... In margin opposite v. 9 (κρῶδαλα): ἀγρεύματα κ(αι) ἐνεργήματα ('objects of chase,' i.e. activities). opp. 14: ἡ[λικίαν] φ. ματει[ει]ν αἰ(τι τοῖ) τ[οις] ἡδ[ε] σι[τα] ἡ μελιεν [ 'Age,' he says, 'seeks': that is, delights in these things or has a care for them. Opp. 16: πρ[ο] ορ[ῶ]ντι [δη][λαδῆ] [εἰς] π[ο]λ[ύ]ν τ[ο]ν and a much rubbed line: e.g. τοῦ γήρως χρόνον: 'looking forward to a long span of old age.' I give the be-

MELIAMB IV. 14—IV (?). 8

Seek for the thing that is fair  
And able to flatter

Worthy of my riper years

Looking ahead to my life's  
Broad threshold of eld at its close,  
Then from foundation  
Fair <

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Think not

One cup

Mind doth see  
And mind doth hearken

<Poets have said> : can they then  
Though standing < . . . > at their doors  
Behold true wisdom

ginnings of col. viii. and ix. (*e.g.*) which it appears hopeless to combine as viii. init. and fin. Between I give *e.g.* the *frr.* 59 + 11 + 39 and the literary *fr.* 4 connecting *παλῶ* with Prometheus: for a correction of a previous error of mine my thanks are due to Hunt. There is of course no certainty that ix. follows on viii., nor that (*b*) and (*c*) should be connected. (*b*) 7. *πολλᾶ* P et cett.; vid. Hunt. 8. *metri gratia σοφοῖς ἃ δὲ πινθαρόμεσθα, κοῖκ ἀπάτελλα φάτις.* 9. suppl. 11. (*c*) *ll.* 4, 5, 6 (*οὕτως μέν*), 14, 18. are scholl. The juncture of *fr.* 41 (and 9\*) is certain; of 40 probable.

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τίς ἀλα[	ἀ]πα <sup>τ</sup> . υλλα.[	
περ.[ 10	]καλον[	
νω		
ταν[	]. δρυ[	
ηκὸρυ[φ	]..[.]υ.[	φῦναι . . . .
(τ)ας δα	πα_λῶ· πέφ(υ,κε . αλλ' ὀλ.	
κτο[ 15	][ ]ρ Προμαθεὺς	
πάιλ.[		](ισαρ)ο
εκτα[		](τ)άχα ῥή-
στακ.[		(λ)[.]
βεβ[		
με.[ 20		
ἀκτ(ι)[		

(Stob. Fl. iv. 42, 13 M. (περ ἀφ. στυγῆς : νόος ὀρή | καὶ νόος ἀνοει. - - - πῶς κεν ἴδωεν ταν σοφίαν πέλας ἐστακίαν <- - | - - - - - - - | -> ἀνέρες ὧν τὸ κέαρ παλ<ῶ> σέσακται ; καὶ δισσεκίπτω τρυγῶς (παλος and -τρ. cod.): corr. Bentley.)

17. τάχαρῆ P.

V

col. x.	{ οὐ. [. . . .] νῆς πυ[θι	1
	{ ουτ[. . . .] ἀκάρδιον[	2
	{ [. . . .] (φ)ρίκαν τ' ] Λ] πό[λ(λων    συγ-]	3
	{ κροτῆσιγόμεφιον	4

The conjunction of the col. which I call (*e.g.*) ix. and x. is certain. I conjecture that no verse is missing and that *fr.* 37 (with coronis) may begin. The spot above, if ink, might be part of a gloss. Metre as poems 2, 3 but without equal correspondence of sense and cola. 1-2. *e.g.* οὐ μάταν ἦς Πότιος



MELIAMB IV (?). 9—V. 4

< . . . . . >  
 Those < . . . > mortals whose heart  
     With mud is filléd,  
 Stained with lees that wash not out.

(Cercidas quoted in Stobaeus' *Anthology: On Madness*.)

V

Not in vain the Pythian<sup>1</sup>  
 Is so entitled:  
     Unto each man cowardly blight  
 Apollo sendeth  
     Or cold fear teeth-chattering,

<sup>1</sup> The Cynic regarded Apollo and the Muses (music) with as great suspicion as any other patrons of pleasure.

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βοατὸς οὔτως\* ἀλλ' . . . βλάβαν. 3-4. γόμφ P. supplevi.  
*e.g.* νέμει: gaps [ ] from two to eight letters. τωι P.

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κα]τὰ καιρὸν ἐκάστω,	5
(π)[άντα] θεῖ κῆ(λ)αύνεται	
γὰρ (ά)[ ]τα	
φευξιπόνων ἀν[ὰ γᾶν	
φῦλα σκιόθρεπτ'	
ἄδον[ο]π[λ]άκτων βροτῶν	10
ἀκ[ήρ]ιος ἐγχεσίμωροσ'	9
καὶ μ[ά]λ' ἐπισταμένωσ	11
[ύ]ψι[ι]τράγ[ωδο]σ	13
(θεά) χ(λ)[ι]δᾶγασ ὄπασ(ασ)	12
πίειρ]αῖν <sup>†</sup> μὲν ὠλεσίκαρπο<σ>	14
[δὲ Φρ]ύγα φυσαλέτα <sup>†</sup> ν	15
(Λ)υδάν τ' . . . . . ]ῆ'	
νεῦρα δὲ καὶ κρα[δα . .	
δι'] ὦτ' ἐλέλιγμα[. . . . . ]σ	
εὐπα(λ)[αμ	

About four lines lost in col. x. and ten in col. xa. The next ten lines begin ταῖτα|γαρον|αθεσ|ραται.|τοσσεικ|ω φιλος  
 τασι|ησκαί|ν σωκ.|πεικα ποτιφ|τιμοτατω δεπ|π[.]ια μρο[. There  
 the poem ends and the remainder of the column is lost.

5. suppl. H. 6. θεῖκηλα<sup>†</sup> P. e.g. αἰοντα. 7. supplevi.  
 10. suppl. Wilam. 9. supplevi e.g. et transtuli. φῦλαι

VI

col. xi.	αιο]λόπωλον[			
	βουσόω   μύω[π			2
	ιππον χρέ[ων;			3

1. suppl. H. 2. σόω P: suppl. Wilam. fin.  
 et 3 supplevi. 3. fin. supplevi.

MELIAMB V. 5—VI. 3

Alike unto each in their season.  
 See how smoothly all things glide,  
 For those that hearken,  
 Races that live in the shade  
 Avoiding turmoil,  
 Men by stroke of pleasure numbed—  
 The spear-spurning spiritless godhead :  
 Aye, and with cunning intent  
 The lofty-tragic,  
 Fertile dam of sterile stock,  
 Muse gendereth luxury-shattered  
 Phrygian of puffing cheeks  
 And Lydian wanton :  
 Strings and reverberant twang  
 Of dexterous fingers resounding

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P (i cancelled). 13, 12. *ωπασ(ασθεα) χλ.* [ι]ψ P.  
 suppl. et transtuli. 14. *ν* *seclusi.* -καρπον  
 P: correxī. Accents on *σκιόθ.*, -*ιωρος*, -*άκτων*, *χλιδᾶγας*, *πί.*  
 15. *φῦσάλέαν* P: read *φυσαλέον*. 16. *χιδαν* might just be read:  
 not *αῦδάν*. 17. *ἦνεύρα* P. e.g. *κραδαλᾶ . . . ἐλέλιγμα . . . . .s*  
*εὐπάλαμός τε λύρα.* schol. ] .. *σκρα* [ ] (*αια*)s. 18. *ωτ'*  
*ελέλ* P. 19. suppl. Maas.

VI

What driver of team of four horses  
 Brightly sparkling in the sun  
 Should use to spur them  
 Goad that galleth oxen's flanks ?

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τοῦ]το γάρ ἐστ' ἀγάθω	4
τουτ' εὐθυδίκω [δελ]εαστᾶ,	5
Στωικὲ Καλλιμέδων·	
. . . . . π[.] (σ)[.] στι πονηρὰ	
καὶ [ . . . . . ] μένα·	
Σφαίρω γὰρ [αἴ τι	
. . . . . ] (π)ροβάλης	10
ἢ καί τι [ . . . . .	
οὐ]χὶ τὸν εἰς ἀρετὰν	
[καὶ . . . . . ] δεσ ἰχνεύεις	
ἀλ[λὰ τὸν εἰς . . . . .]	
φέροντ' ὀπώραν	15
[ . . . . . ]·	
κο(ὐ) (το)ῦτ[ο]ν (α)ὐ[τὸν	
[ < , ἀλλ > ]	
[ ]	

5. τᾶ and δων· P.      1-4. e.g. ποτ' αἰολόπων ὤ — — ὤμο-  
 πληξιβουσόφ μῖωπι χρῆσθαι ἀνδρὶ τέθριππον χρέων; πολλοῦ δεήσει.

### VI (?)

col. xii.	]ηθρα	1
(e.g. 20) σκωπτίλλ(ιο)[. . .]	αὐ̄,	
	(λ)η[ . . . . . ] ιδ[ί]κ]ως,	
	βλαβὰν (ἀκλ)η[	
(e.g. 25) . . . . ]ετρ[ . . . ]	μοφλυακῆν†	5

col. xii. (e.g.) probably from same poem and possibly  
 the next column. See appendix.      Ληρολογ. K. F. W.  
 Schmidt: φόβος, ἀποστομοί Η.      1. ηθρασκώπτίλλ.ο P.

<Far be it from him.>  
 This is the action of one,  
 O Stoic Callimedon, seeking  
 To entice the good and just :  
 Nay, this is the pathway of villains  
 Trodden by the base and ill :  
 Whoso to Sphaerus  
 Giveth up aught that is dear,  
 Or aught confideth,  
 It is no guide unto calm  
 Or virtuous life he pursueth :  
 Nay, it is one who will lead  
 To madness' harvest

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7. π superscr. *e.g.* τᾶδ' ἀτρακτός ἐστι. 8. *e.g.* κακοῖς  
 τετριμμένα : μενᾶ P. 9. supplēvi. 10. *e.g.* τῶν ἰδίων.  
 11. *e.g.* πεισθῆς. 12. supplēvi. 13. supplēvi *e.g.*  
 τὰ παραχῶδες (ita fere Mayer). 14. supplēvi: *e.g.* μανίας.  
 16. *e.g.* κάσεβῆ διδάσκαλον. 17. supplēvi.

VI (?)

Of idle jestings  
 Pettifogging lawyers they,  
 Disaster <bringing  
 With their sharp and prickly thorns>  
 To babbling of pitiful nonsense  
 <Whetting well their pointed tongue> :

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2. ἀν P: but corrected to circumflex. λη is more probably a  
 gloss. There is a stop after ως. 5-6. ἀκεῖν τοπος (ο is certain)  
 P: ? κοπος. αυτο P. There is not room for Φοῖβος.  
 see Appendix.

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- | τόπος ἢ φ[ό]βος αὐτὸ  
 συ(μ)[πα]ρῶν [ἀ]ποστ(ο)μ[οῖ];  
 τᾶς δὴ το[ι]αύτας  
 σκεπτοσύνας κεν[ἀ] | μὴ  
 (e.g. 30) σπουδὰν ποιεῖσθ[αι  
 τῶ] | στρέφ<η>ν ἄνω κάτω, 10  
 ἰ(ἀ)[λλ', αἶ] | (τ)[ι]ν' εὐρησ διὰ (π)ασᾶν  
 (μ)[ου]|σικῶς ἄρμοσμένον, |  
 †. ]οτανισοντον πόθον ἔλκ[ε],  
 (e.g. 35) (κ)αὶ | [(μ)άθ' εὔ τὸν ἴμερον,  
 τ[ί]ς [τ'] ἐστὶ ποτ' ἄρσενας ἄρσ(η)[ν | 15  
 τίς] τ' ἔ[ρ]ως Ζα(ν)ωνικός.

Κερκίδα  
 κυνός  
 με]λίαμβοι

MELIAMB VI (?). 6-16

Nor habit of discipline blunteth  
 Nor fatigue its bitter edge.  
 Aspire not therefore  
 Into the follies to probe  
 Of suchlike tenets,  
 Turning on from page to page,  
 But an thou discover a fellow  
 Formed in perfect harmony,  
 To companionship equal of passion  
 Take him, finding what desire  
 Can be for a man of another,  
 And what Zeno's love doth mean.

9-10. *κενὰ* is object of *στρέφειν*. 11. suppl. Wilam.  
 for *εὐρησ* e.g. *ἀθροῆς, ἰδῆς*. *διὰ (π)ασαν* lucide P: . (θεα),ν H.  
 hic quidem dormibundus. 12. suppl. H. 14-16. sup-  
 plevi post H. 13. locus desperatus. After *ἔλακε εἰς πόθον*  
 would be usual. I suggest *ποτὰν ἴσον εἰς πόθον ἔλακε κτλ.* (C.R.).

## FRAGMENTS

(All fragments of papyrus of over thirty letters have received some adjuncts and been placed in their columns: except those to which I give the name of column xi. (*e.g.*) and col. viii. 9. The remainder, with one possible exception, appear, as long as they remain separate, of little interest. The following meliambic fragments must be added to those read, or cited, above.)

1. (2 Bgk. ii. P.)

οὐ μὰν ὁ πάρος <γα> Σινωπεύς,  
 τήνος ὁ βακτροφόρ<ο>ς,  
 διπλοτείματος, αἰθεριβόσκας,  
 ἀλλ' ἀν' <~ - ~> ἔβα  
 χ<ῆ>λος ποτ' ὀδόντας ἐρείσας  
 καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα συνδακῶν.  
 <Ζανὸς γόνος> ἦς γὰρ ἀλαθέως †Διογένηστ † 5  
 †Ζανὸς γόνος† οὐράνιός τε κύων.

(Diog. L. vi. 76 οἱ δὲ τὸ πνεῦμα συγκρατήσαντα, ὧν ἐστὶ καὶ Κερκίδας ὁ Μεγαλοπολιτῆς ἢ Κρής (? ἀντίκρως) λέγων ἐν τοῖς Ἰάμβοις οὕτως (1).) So perhaps *fr.* 19 αταν|ο υ μα) above which is a note which *might* be expanded into ἐκ τούτων ἀκριβ]ῶς γν ῶ)[ναι . . . . . ὅποι] αν ὁ [ῆ τοῦ βίου τελευτήν εἶχεν ὁ Διογέν]ης.

2. (5 Bgk., 15 P.) Θέσσαλος δὲ ἅμα τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ σοφισταῖς ἐφ' ὑψηλοῦ θρόνου καθήμενος ἐν κριομύξ<α>ις ἀνδράσι, ὡς ὁ Κερκίδας φησίν. εὐδοκιμήσει. Galen (x. 406). C. may have written

ἐν κριομύξ<α>ις  
 ἀνδράσι εὐδοκιμῶν.



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1. Others say that he committed suicide by holding his breath : among these is Cercidas of Megalopolis [or Crete ?], who says <plainly ?> as follows in his *Iambi* :—

Not so did the old Sinopean  
 Famed for the cudgel he bore,  
 The double-cloaked liver in ether ;  
 Nay but he rose to the sky  
 By clipping his lips with his grinders,  
 Thereby biting off his breath :  
 Zeus' son was he rightly entitled,  
 Rightly ' the heavenly dog.'<sup>1</sup>

(*Diogenes Laertius's Lives.*)

2. But Thessalus sitting among his sophists on a lofty seat will, as Cercidas says,

find favour  
 'mong sheepishly-drivelling<sup>2</sup> folk.

(*Galen.*)

<sup>1</sup> From the Dog (κύων) the Cynics took their name.

<sup>2</sup> -μυξής is the common form, e.g. Anon. c. Synes. 32 fin. The writer like Synes. may have read Cercidas.

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1. 1. γεα codd. : corr. Bgk.      2. φoρas codd.      3. ο  
 seclisit A.      4. e.g. <“Ολυμπον>.      χείλος codd.  
 5-6. Διογένησ seclisit et Z. γ. transtulit A.  
 2. 1. κριομίξοις codd.

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3. (1 Bgk., 15 P.)

ἦν καλλιπύγον ζεῦγος ἐν Συρακούσαις.

(Ath. xii. 551 d αἴται ἐπὶ τῶν πολιτῶν καλλιπύγοι ἐκαλούντο ὡς καὶ ὁ Μεγαλοπολίτης Κ. ἐν τοῖς ἰαμβοῖς ἱστορεῖ λέγων (3).)

4. (7 Bgk., 16 P.) Greg. Naz. ii. 213 is a mere paraphrase of portions of [Cercid.] προοίμιον.

5\*. (10 P. : Cronert, *Rh. Mus.* lxii. 311.)

τῷ περι<σσαν> -  
θηροπέπλου μανίας  
ὑβρεός τε περιστάσιμον  
στοὰν ἔχοντι  
Πυθαγόρου πελάτα

5

(Ath. iv. 163 e πρὸς ὃν ἐπιστέλλων ὁ Στρατόνικος ἐκέλευσε τὸν ἀπαίροντα τὸ ῥηθὲν ἀπαγγεῖλαι (5).)

6. (28 H.)

αρσε  
ρέθος βλε[π  
β]λοσυρομ ματ

7. See above (on col. ii.).

4. See my *First Greek Anthologist*, Cambridge, 1922.

5. 1-2. σσαν inserui (*cf.* Eur. *I. A.* 73). 5. πελάτα coa. The metrical agreement of this *fr.* with that of poem iv. is extraordinary; but it should be remembered that the metre is also that of Philoxenus and no doubt others. Chronological considerations preclude the authorship of Cercidas, unless we suppose that the characters Strat. and Demetrius Aspendius (πρὸς ὃν) are wrongly given by Athenaeus.

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3. These girls were called 'fair-rumped' by their fellow-citizens as pseudo-? Cercidas of Megalopolis narrates in his *Iambi*. Here are his words :—

There was a fair-rumped pair in Syracuse.  
(*Athenaeus.*)

4. (*Fr.* 17 Bgk., 16 Powell from *Gregory of Nazianzus* : see over and n.)

5. Stratoniceus sent a message to Demetrius of Aspendus and told the messenger dispatched to deliver his words to the

Pythagorean expert  
Whose portico ever is thronged  
With pride and over-  
Gorgeously-raimented crowds.  
(*Athenaeus.*)

(These verses—older than C.—are interesting as showing that his style and one at least of his metres had previously been applied to kindred topics.)

6. (See n.) It is not probable that he will brace himself up and

with austere eyes

look gold in the face : nay rather would he be struck with awe thereof and yield and finally embrace it. (*Synesius.*)

7. (See col. ii.).

6. 3. Supp. H. ? ὁ βλοσυρομματίας. I subjoin this fragment which might belong to our second column in order to call attention to a possible adaptation of it in *Synesius, de Regno*, p. 54 Krabinger οὐκ εἰκὸς γε αὐτὸν διαράμενον βλοσυροῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς ἀντιβλέψαι χρυσίῳ· τοῦναντίον μὲν οἶν)· αἰδεσθῆναι τε καὶ ἐνδοῦναι καὶ τελευτῶντα περιπτύξασθαι.

## APPENDIX

THE last column of the papyrus of Cercidas' *Meliambi* provides several problems of difficulty : of some of these I have attempted to provide a solution. But the gravest difficulties lie in the first few lines. Scanty as the remains are, they should be sufficient to guide us as to the general sequence of thought and metre ; and this they fail to do.

Here are the traces as I see them :

[ ]ηθρασ[ ] κῶπτίλλ. .αῦ·(λη)[  
 [ . . . . . ]ιδ[ . . ]ως · βλαβαν(ακλ)η  
 [ . . . . . ]ετ[ . . ]μοφλ(ν)ακεί(ν)  
 τοπος ηφ[.] (β)οσαντοσυ(μ)[ . . . . . ]  
 ρων[.]ποστ(ο)μ[.] τας δητο[.] κτλ. 5

1. αῦ by correction from αῦ·λη or ση·ηθρας may or may not join κῶ.
2. parts of two letters below ηθρα (ν.) visible.
3. no room for οι after φ. ι(μ) or ι(δ) only.
4. τῶπος certain.

Hunt read v. 4. τῶπος ἢ φόβος. As to the second ο of τῶπος his doubts are to me unintelligible. The fragment fits close up not as in the facsimile and ο is as certain as any letter in the papyrus (and that is a high order of certainty). Further Hunt, disregarding ἐπὶ στόμα which we know now to be metrically false, rightly read ἀποστομοί.

It may safely be predicted of the metre of this

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poem (especially if *frr.* 5 and 6 belong to it) that it follows the common metre of Cercidas, that is

$$A \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{---}\cup\cup\text{---}\cup\cup\text{---}^1 \\ \text{or } \text{---}\cup\text{---}\cup\text{---}\cup\text{---}^2 \end{array} \right. + B \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cup\text{---}\cup\cup\text{---}\cup\cup\text{---}\cup^1 \\ \text{or } \cup\text{---}\cup\text{---}\cup^2 \end{array} \right.$$

Whether this is the *whole* law we do not know.

Now these verses flagrantly transgress this rule. At  $(\sigma)\epsilon\mu\text{. . . } \acute{\alpha}\pi\omicron\sigma\tau\omicron\mu\omicron\iota$  we are in  $A^2$  and at  $\tau\acute{\alpha}\varsigma \delta\grave{\eta} \tau\omicron\iota\alpha\iota\tau\alpha\varsigma$  in  $B^2$ . Hence at  $\tau\acute{o}\pi\omicron\varsigma \grave{\eta} \phi\acute{o}\beta\omicron\varsigma \alpha\iota\tau\acute{o}(s)$  we are at the end of  $B^1$ . But immediately before this

$\tau\text{. . . } \mu\omicron\phi\lambda$ , or  $\tau\text{. . . } \mu\omicron\phi\lambda\nu\alpha\kappa\grave{\eta}\nu$  is also an end of  $B^1$ . In view of the punctuation—for Cercidas always unites

metre and sense in cola— $\iota\delta\text{. . . } \omega\varsigma \cdot \beta\lambda\alpha\beta\alpha\nu$  is clearly the end of  $A^1$  or  $A^2$  and beginning of  $B^1$  or  $B^2$

Line 1 is hopeless.

Of this phenomenon (the complete disappearance of two As running) there can be three solutions:—

(a) One A is really B. This is secured in current texts by three errors (or wholly improbable corrections):—

( $\alpha$ ) Reading  $\tau\grave{o} \pi(\acute{\omega})\varsigma$ : this is impossible.

( $\beta$ ) Followed by  $\grave{\eta} \Phi\omicron\iota\beta\omicron\varsigma$ : this is impossible.

( $\gamma$ ) By the metre  $\text{---}\cup\phi\lambda\nu\alpha\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\iota\nu \tau\grave{o} \pi\acute{\omega}\varsigma$ : this is unheard of.

(b) Extensive lacunae. But why should these lacunae be so regular?

(c) The only theory which seems conceivable is that the *Meliambi* of Cercidas in the papyrus from which this is copied ended the roll: that a square piece was torn out: and that the writer simply missed the letters which he did not see. It is a simple calculation that a gap averaging ten syllables

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would account for all difficulties after line 1. If the letters λη there are an adscript, there is a certain improbability, since, *ex hypothesi*, the parent papyrus had no adscripts here. They would have either to be text or an adscript λε[ίπει . . .] due to the actual scribe.

Clearly we must consider on independent grounds of language whether the view (a) with its corrections of text is more or less probable than (c). We have to choose—since τω and even τὸ π[τ can well follow φλυακεῖν—between (c) τ]ύπος ἢ φόβος ἀντὶ (for H.'s ἀντὸς is meaningless) συμ[ ]ων ἀποστομοί, and (a) ἢ Φοῖβος ἀντὸς ἐμ' [ὄ]ρων ἀπ., always remembering that the papyrus in no way favours this reading.

Now to (a) there are three further several objections.

(i) It appears that here as in *fr.* 5 and 6 only one person is addressed (*l.* 9 ἐῖρης). Probably H. was right in reading ποιέισθ[αι in 7.

(ii) Phoebus is never spoken of, as far as I know, as blunting anything or anybody.

(iii) ὄρων is wholly pointless.

To (c) I can only see one reason why it should fail here of general acceptance. That is that it falls in line with a commonplace figure in Greek poetry which has no exact counterpart in modern languages. I will take the words singly.

(i) -ος ἢ φόβος. Fear has several companions, e.g. Menand. *fr.* 418 λίπη (so often) φόβος φροντίς, Callim. *fr.* Anon. 176 αἰεὶως καὶ θεὸς ἀλλήλων, φόβοι καὶ πόνοι, Plat. *Legg.* 635 c, Plut. *M.* 128 c (so that you can go as far back as κ]ύπος), Plat. *Symp.* 197 D, ἐν πόνῳ, ἐν φόβῳ, ἐν πόθῳ, ἐν λόγῳ.

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(ii) φόβος συμπαρόν. In certain writers, especially Xenophon and Plutarch, συμπαρ. means little more than συνείναι (*Thest. s.v.*). Compare *Rep. Lac.* 2. 2 ὥστε πολλήν μὲν αἰδῶ, πολλήν δὲ πειθῶ ἐκεῖ συμπαρεῖναι, *Cyrop.* viii. 7. 7 φόβος μοι συμπαρομαρτῶν. But this is of an ever-haunting fear and probably the sense is nearer 'reverence.' For the Greek συνών we use some wholly different metaphor such as 'ingrained.' If κ[ό]πος be right we should think of some rather strained sense such as 'pain': *Soph. Phil.* 880 ἡνίκ' ἂν κόπος μ' ἀπαλλάξῃ ποτε. *Ar. Plut.* 321 has τῷ κόπῳ ξυνείναι.

(iii) Fear blunts. *Pind. Nem.* iii. 39 οὐδέ νιν φόβος ἀνδροδάμας ἔπαισεν ἀκμὴν φρενῶν—just as in old age αἰ φρένες ἀπαμβλίνονται *Hdt.* iii. 134. Conversely courage sharpens: so expressly *Christodor. Ecphr.* 295 θάρσει τολμήεντι τεθηγμένος.

(iv) What is blunted? Clearly anything that has an edge on which fear operates unfavourably. Edged tools are:—

(a) The person sharpened: *Ar. Nub.* 1107 εἶ μοι στομώσεις αὐτόν (*Blaydes*), *Poll.* ii. 100 Ἀριστοφάνης δὲ στ. εἶρηκε τὸ λάλον ἀπεργάσασθαι.

(b) γνάθος: *ibid.*

(c) ὀδόντες: *Ar. Ran.* 815 ἡνίκ' ἂν ὄξυλάλον †περὶ ἴδη θήγοντος ὀδόντας.

(d) γλώσσα: *Soph. Aj.* 584, *Pindar, Ol.* vi. 82 ὀξάν ἔχω τιν' ἐπὶ γλώσσῃ ἀκονᾶς λιγυρᾶς, *Trag. Fr. Anon. Adesp.* 423 γλώσσαν ἠκονημένος.

(e) λόγοι: *Lucian.* ii. 517, *Aesch. P.V.* 327.

(f) φρένες: *Eur. Hipp.* 689.

(g) ψυχὴν: *Xen.*; see *Index s.v. ἀκονᾶν, θήγειν.*

Thus we see that speakers, instruments of speech,

or words spoken are most commonly sharpened whether by courage or anger. But we are seeking a neuter noun (*αὐτό*) and the choice lies between *λήμα* Eur. *Or.* 1625, or, what seems more suitable, *στόμα* :—

Soph. *O.C.* 794 τὸ σὸν . . . στόμα πολλὴν ἔχων στόμωσιν.  
*Trach.* 1176 μή πικρῆναι τοῦρον ὀξύναι στόμα.

(v) Can fear blunt the mouth or tongue? Though this exact metaphor does not occur we have—

Soph. *Ant.* 180 ὅστις . . . ἐκ φόβου τον γλώσσαν ἐγκλήσας ἔχει. 505. *Ajax* 171 σιγῇ πτήξειαν ἄφωνοι : whence it may be questioned whether Sappho's texts (p. 16 Lobel) had not once ἀλλὰ κάμ μὲν γλώσσα τρέθ αἰετ by error for τρέθαπε : if such be possible in Aeolic.<sup>1</sup> So interlinked are the ideas of fear, silence, confidence and loquacity.<sup>2</sup>

A case has, I hope, been made out for a lacuna -μοφλακῆν τὸ [στόμ' <sup>κό</sup>πος ἢ φόβος—the intervening words being e.g. εἰ τρεθαγμένω—; τίς ἢ . . . For the rest we can hope for little. But βλάβαν ἀκλή strikes no obvious note and it might be considered whether λη is not part of the same verse as -φλακῆν (e.g. *λήριμα δὲ τρισμοφλακῆν*—with *κι] να] μὲ[ικ] ὄς* above), and whether ἀκ does not belong to βλάβαν. Certainly ἀκ- sharp gives us a wide field of choice, with ἀκμά, ἀκονά (Pind. *Il. cc.*), ἀκι-, or even ἄκρον : *P.* i. 86 ἀφειδὲι δὲ πρὸς ἄκρονι χάλκευε γλώσσαν. But I prefer ἀκονα- in view of those two difficult sayings of Aeschylus :—

<sup>1</sup> Hesychius's gloss *πάπαν* shows that the root is not only found in Ionic.

<sup>2</sup> *E. M.* s. v. βοή . . . ἡ μὲν γὰρ δειλία θραύουσα τὸ πνεῦμα βραχίστην ἀπεργάζεται τὴν φωνήν. Ach. *Tat.* ii. 25.



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*Ag.* 1537 Δίκη δ' ἐπ' ἄλλο πρῶγμα θίγεται βλάβης  
 πρὸς ἄλλαις θηγάναισι Μοῖρα,

*Eum.* 861 αἵματηρὰς θηγάνας, σπλάγχνων βλάβας  
 νέων,

where, however you read or explain, it seems to me that some subtle and lost connexion between βλάβη and θηγάνη lies—as if, for instance, βλάβη could bear the sense of a good or true sharpening surface. As to the first lines of the column in Cercidas palaeographical difficulties are so grave that it seems idle to make suggestions: on metrical grounds it would be desirable to separate (σ)κωπίλλ . . . and αῖ . . . But κ(αὶ ὀ)πίλλ ~ ~ also gives sense and, if the theory of a considerable gap is right, it is useless to attempt precision.

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THE following verses appear to be continuous and to have been attributed to Cercidas at least as early as the end of the fourth century A.D. The evidence is produced and considered in a work by the present writer (*The First Greek Anthologist*, Cambridge, 1922). They clearly formed the beginning of an Anthology. But it is difficult to believe they actually were by Cercidas, though the anthology may have been due to his efforts. The chief discrepancy lies not so much in style, as Mr. W. E. Barber thinks, but in metre. For style may easily be assumed but, once a metrist as skilful as the writer of the *Meliambi*, always a metrist. Not that the metre is irregular (see on Phoenix *fr.* 4). It is the norm of the moralist, admitting the spondee freely in the fifth foot, and rigidly limiting resolution. But the adaptation of sense to metre is careless and clumsy. As I find it impossible to represent such metrical shortcomings, I translate into prose.

Such an unfavourable verdict could not fairly be given on evidence of the text of the two English papyri<sup>1</sup> which is very unsound: but what remains of the Heidelberg<sup>2</sup> papyrus is excellent. On this

<sup>1</sup> Lond. 155 verso, Bodl. ms gr. class. f, 1 (p).

<sup>2</sup> No. 310.

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magnificent<sup>1</sup> work was done by Dr. G. A. Gerhard of Heidelberg (*Phoenix von Kolophon*, Teubner, 1909): full illustrations being given of the moral ideas underlying these lines of doggerel verse. Dr. Gerhard's work is also of great bibliographical value for other choliambic writers: but it loses to some extent by a failure to recognize essential metrical differences, and by a theory that the metre was used especially by moralist writers (see on Phoenix). Recently I have visited Heidelberg and with the subsequent aid of Prof. F. Bilabel solved one or two doubtful points. Professor Bilabel has also very kindly examined many doubtful passages. Where he has confirmed my reading I use the symbol (K.-Bi.); where he has detected flaws and helped with sketches to the establishment of a new reading, I use the symbol (Bi.-K.). Where the suggestion is due entirely to him, it is so accredited.

Later leaves of our anthologist may be found at Strassbourg (*Wiss. Ges. Pap.* 304-7: see Phoenix, *fr.* 4).

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Gerhard, however, was not a skilled palaeographer. Among several errors one may especially mention his failure to allow for the form of  $\tau$  used by the scribe. The text of the London papyrus is almost entirely due to Milne, assisted, or hindered, by the present writer.

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. . . . . ](οὐδ)εἰς οὐ[. . . . . ἀνθ](ρ)ώποις  
 . . . . . ](ι) κ' ατ)εἶδ' ε]ν . . . . ἀ]ν(ν)θρώπων  
 . . . . . σα(ς) οὐς κατ, εἶδει] ἀνθρώπο(υ)ς  
 . . . . . ](ὁ, ἐ π)ρός (σ, ε χ ρήσο]μαι πάση  
 . . . . . ](π)ο[ιή] (μ, ατ, ' οὐ μάτ[. . .] ἀκούοντα· 5  
 . . . . . ] . (παρνεσωσπα[. . .] ἀνθρώπων  
 . . . . . ]|καιδ[. . .] εν καλή κεί(ται)  
 . . . . . κυλλ' ὄχειρες ὦ σπ' ἐρ Ἀρπυῖαι  
 . . . . . ἀναγνον κέρδος ἐκ λίθου παντός  
 . . . . . ἔ]καστος ἔνθεν ἀρπάξῃ 10  
 . . . . . κ]υβιστῶ κῆπινῆχεται πᾶς τις  
 . . . . . ἐ]ταῖρον καὶ (κασί, γμῆτ]ον κ' αἰ] ὦρα  
 . . . . . ἐ]αυτοῦ τὴν τρισσοῦζύρη]ν ψυχὴν  
 . . . . . οὐ] (δέν) [. . . ἦ] θά[λασσα μέ]ν πεζή  
 . . . . . ἀν]θρώποι σιν ἢ δὲ] (γ)ῆ πλωτή· 15  
 . . . . . περ]ιφέρουσι τήμδ' ε τ]ὴν ῥῆσιν  
 κέρδαιν' ἐταῖρε καὶ θέρευσ κ' αἰ] χειμῶνος  
 . . . . . πάντοθ' ἐν κέρδ(αινε· μηδέν' αἰσχύνου  
 . . . . . ἀ]ἰδοῦ· τοῦτ' ὄνειδι(εἶτα(ί σοι).

1. e.g. τοῖς νῦν μὲν and καταπάται. 2. e.g. ὅς κ' ἂν ὄσον and ζῆσι. 3. e.g. ἀποπειρήσας: fin. suppl. evi. 4. e.g. πλοθιμαρ (Hans. vix legi potest), suppl. Guérhard). 5. suppl. evi. e.g. χριστῶν and ματρῶν. 6. e.g. εἰαν δ' ἴσῃ. Hans. ε' εσπαρ'. 7. e.g. ἀγακὲν Αἰδώς καὶ δ' ἐφ' ἔν. 8. suppl. Hdl. e.g. αἰτοὶ δέ. ὡσπερ Kenyon. 9. suppl. Cr. e.g. ζητοῖσ' ἰδ.

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There is no one who has glanced <for a moment> on the <character> of mankind at present, without <cursing> mankind, and <hating> mankind on whom he has glanced : but to you I shall display all <zeal>, since you are no idle listener to poems of <worthy> writers, <if, maybe, I might teach> you, Parnos, that from mankind <Shame has departed> and in no respect is considered fair : while <men themselves> with <crooked> fingers like Harpies seek from every stone an unholy gain : and each <hunting> for a stretch to pillage, dives thither and swims to his prey, <destroying> comrade, brother or wife, but <preserving> his own thrice wretched life. <To them> nothing is <sacred> : <by such> of mankind the sea is trodden under foot and the land sailed over : all alike they carry on their lips this saying : ‘ win gain, my friend, summer and winter alike : from everywhere win gain : have no reverence or shame of any man : he will merely mock you for it.’ ‘ Un-

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10. *e.g.* διζήμενος δ'.      11. suppl. Cr.      *e.g.* ἐκεῖ *id.* or εὐθύς.  
 12. *e.g.* ἄλλός.      13. *e.g.* σφίζων δ' cett. ex P Bodl.  
 14. *e.g.* οὐδέν ἰρὸν (Mn.), and τοῖς δ'.      ἠθαλλα(σ)α P Bodl. :  
 corr. *id.*      15. *e.g.* τοίοισιν Mn.      (σηδετυ) P Bodl. : corr.  
*id.*      16. *e.g.* πάντες δέ.      τουτο το ρη P Bodl.      17. κην  
 λερους P Bodl. : see Sext. Emp. *adv. Doctr.* v. 122.  
 18. ἀπαντόθεν Sext. Emp. rightly.      ! P habuerit ἀπανταχόθεν.  
 19. *e.g.* καὶ μηδένα.      See Addenda.

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. . . . . ](ι) τὴν χεῖρ' ὅκου λαβεῖν δεῖ τι 20  
 ὅκου [δ]έ δοῦναι μηδ' ὅλως φόρει χεῖρα  
 ἐρουσί πολλοί· πολλά σαυτὸν ἀσπάζου  
 ἐπὴν ἔχῃς τι· πάντα σοι φίλων πλήρη· 23  
 πένητα δ' ὄντα χῆ τεκοῦσα μισήσει· 25  
 πλουτοῦντα γάρ σε χοῖ θεοὶ φιλήσουσι, 24  
 εἰάν <δὲ> μὴ ἔχῃς μηδέν, οὐδὲ κηδεσταί. 26  
 ἐγὼ μὲν οὖν, αἵτα, καὶ καταρῶμαι 27  
 τοῖς νῦν βίοις καὶ πάντας ἀνθρώπους μισῶ  
 τοὺς ζῶντας οὕτω, καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον μισήσω,  
 ἀνεστρόφαν γὰρ τὴν ζέλον ἡμῶν οὗτοι· 30  
 ἢ γὰρ πάροιθεν ἦν δ' [ἄ]χρ[ι [ν]ῦν (ἐστὶν σεμνή)†  
 δικαιοσύνης ᾧ(χωκεν) ἔ(ιθ)ε[ν ο]ὔχ ἤξει·  
 ἀπιστίη ζῆ· π(ίστι)ς (ε) . . . . .  
 ἰσχυκεν ἡ (ἀναίδε)ια (τ)οῦ [Δ]ιὸς μείζον·  
 ὄρκοι τεθ[νήκα]σ†ι†· οἱ θ(εο)ὶ δ' (εἰά)κασ(ι)ν· 35  
 ἡ δυσγένεια κριθ(ι)ᾶ κατ' ἀνθρώπου  
 τῆς δ' εὐγενεί(α)ς ἀλμυρὸν κ(ατ)έπτυσ(ται).  
 τῆμαι δ' ἂν οὐ[δεῖ](ς) ο[ὔ]δὲ τὴν (Ἡρ)κ(η)ν θέλοι†  
 πτωχὴν (ἐοῦσα)ν τ[. . . . .](ε) . . . (ο)ντο(ς),  
 μᾶλλον δ' ἔλοι(τ)ο τὴν [(έ)π(ι)](σ)(τέ)γους Λυδὴν ἄ  
 ἔχων ὀπιείν (εἶδ)ο[ν ἦ]ν φέρη χαλκοῦς. 41  
 κα(ι) [
 οἱ τᾶ[
 (εἰάν) [
 ο . . . [ 45
 μο.[
 αι.[
 ε(χ).[
 κα(ι).[
 ὄτα[ν 50

fold your hand when you are to receive anything ; but when you are to give have no hand at all,' is what many will say : 'embrace yourself heartily when you have anything : then the world is full of friends for you : but if you are poor even your mother will hate you. For if you are rich even the gods will love you : if you have nothing, not even your relatives will love you.' I then, my comrade, curse the lives men lead now, and hate all mankind who live thus, and shall hate them even more. For these have overturned our life ; for justice, holy until now, has departed beyond recall. Faithlessness flourishes, faith <has left the earth> : shamelessness has won greater strength than Zeus. The sanctity of oaths has perished, while the gods suffer it. Low birth runs riot among mankind and men spit salt on noble birth. And none now would wed even Hera herself, were she poor, and bereft of all that might profit him ; rather would he choose to keep in his house as wife a Lydian harlot, if he<sup>1</sup> get brass with her.

<sup>1</sup> Not 'she bring,' which would be φέρηται.

20. *e.g.* διπλήν φορεῖ : better perhaps ἀναπέτ(α)σο|ν. fin. ὄκον (τι) δεῖ λαβεῖν P Lond. ὄκον λαβεῖ[ P Bodl. which has the middle portions of 22, 23, 26 in this order. I follow J. U. Powell. 21. suppl. Kenyon. 26. corr. id. δε om. P Lond. P Bodl. χεῖς μηδεν ο(ιη) absurdly. 27. αἰτία P : corr. J. U. Powell. 29. l. καὶ ἐπι. 30. ζῶην P : corr. C. 31. supplevi. fin. (lectio vix dubia) Mn. : *e.g.* del. ἦν δ Mn. 32. suppl. Mn. 33. *e.g.* ἐκ τῆς γῆς ἔρρει. 34. suppl. Mn. l. μέζον. 35. suppl. Mn. (there are vague traces of (νηκα)). 37. suppl. Mn. κ(ατ) ἐπτυσ(. . .) P : text Sitzler, dubitante Mn. 38. suppl. Mn. -αν P. *e.g.* γ. θ. δ' ἄν. οὐδὲ τ. "H. οὐδεῖς. 39. εουσαν K.-Mn. *e.g.* τοῦ νιν ὠφελήσοντος. 40. suppl. Mn. (ἀπό). 41. supplevi : ἦν Cr. οπιειν P.

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κ[ οὐ](δ)ἐ μαίον[ται  
 (π)[λήν ]ων  
 .[ γα](σ)τρος  
 ..[ (υ)]σεν  
 χρ[ 55  
 α.[.]ν[

]σων  
 ]α  
 ο](υ)τοι 60  
 ]φης

.....[  
 όσ.[  
 ..[  
 όν .. (α)[ 65  
 κε(ν) .....

P Heid εοικ' ἐνεῦναι· π[αντό](θ)εν γὰρ ἔλκουσιν  
 κούκ ἔστιν οὐ[τ]ε [σ]υγγενῆς οὔτε ξείνος  
 ὁ[ς ο]ὐχ[ὶ λα]ιμᾶ τ[ουδ'] (ὄ)κως ἔξει μέζον·  
 χ[ω]ρίς δέατος ὁ (θ)εσ[μὸς ο]ὐδὲ μέμνηται  
 θεοῦ Δικαίης ἀλλ(ὰ) [..](χλ)ευάζουσιν· 71  
 ὄκως δὲ χ(ρ)ῆ ζῆν [..].[...] (ἔγ)ωγε θαυ-  
 μ(ά)[ζω·

ἐν θηρίοισιν; ἀλλὰ δ.[.].. (ζ)ωαί·  
 ἀπιστίη γε παντα[...].[...].[...]αι[  
 τὸ τῆς (ἀχ)....[...].[...]πενια† τ' ἴσως πάντα 75  
 τὸ μειλιχῶδες κ(α)ὶ προσηνὲς δὴ τοῦτο.  
 ἐκεῖνο μ[έ]ν γὰρ ο[ἰδ]α, σὺν θεοῖς εἰπεῖν,  
 ὅπερ κ(ρά)[τιστ](όν) [έ]στιν, οὐ νενίκημ(α)[ι  
 [...].[.....] καὶ γαστ[ρὸ](ς) ἀλλ' ἀπ-  
 (α)ρ[κ]εῦμαι  
 ...] (ἔχ)εις γὰρ πρῆ(ον, ἦ) τ(ί) κερδαί(ν)[εις



51. How well could I have spared, for thee, young swain,  
 Enow of such as for their bellies' sake  
 Creep and intrude and climb into the fold;  
 Of other care they little reckoning make  
 Than . . .

MILTON, *Lycidas*, 112 sqq.>

Such goad <of avarice> is in their souls: they drag gain from every source: and there is neither kin nor friend but ventures all in quest of gain. Divine Law has no terrors, nor are they mindful of the goddess of justice but mock at her. I wonder only how one should live among these beasts: nay here life is unlivable. All around faithlessness overcomes the cause of spotless faith and all things, perchance, riot on this comfortable and attractive doctrine. Nay, but, by heaven's grace, I know that old rule which is best: I am no slave of pleasures or of my belly, but am content with little. What<sup>1</sup> civil-

<sup>1</sup> One is tempted to *conjecture* *πρῆξις* or *πλεῖον* 'profit,' but neither can be read.

55. A mark of corruption. If the equation with P Heid. is sound five *vv.* have dropped out. The endings of *vv.* from P Heid. are *v.* 38 and *v.* 40 *ην* etc. 55. ? χρόνος δὲ φενγέτω σε μηδὲ εἰς ἀργός (p. 6). 57-61. ? om. P Lond., which marks corruption. 59, 61. So Bi. 66. *e.g.* κέντρον: or κε(ί)νοῖς? (Mn.) 67. . . . κ.ε(ν)[ (optime quadrat εἰκε εν vel εἰκε ειν) P Lond.: εἰκεν P Heid. suppl. G. 68. καὶ οὐκ P Heid.: vestigia P Lond. cum κοικ εστιν quadrant. suppl. G. 69. non fuit το[λμ]ᾶ π[άνθ] Bi.-K.: supplevi. 70. θεσμός supplevi probante Bi.: cett. Gerhard. 71. suppl. Hense: praecessit *e.g.* *ιν.* 72. supplevimus ego et Powell: *e.g.* τοῖσδε. 73. (K.-Bi.) *e.g.* δ' ἄσβιοι). 74. *e.g.* πανταχου πίστεως μικᾶ. 75. *e.g.* ἀχράντου Sitzler: nullum spatium ante πενία G.-Bi.: στρηνιᾶ reposui, coll. *v.* 36. fin. legi rectissime (iudice Bi.). 77, 78, 79. suppl. G. 79. init. *e.g.* λαιμαργίης. 80. πρηον Bi.: ad *v.* 73 refero: init. *e.g.* τί δῆτ'. cett. leg. K.-Bi.

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ἰδὼ(ν γ)έ πως κἀνδ(υλ)ον (ὡ)ς οὔτως εἰ-  
 π(ώτητ); 81

εἰς] (γ)ὰρ στόμι' ὡς ἔοικ[εν] (ἴ)στ(α)[τ]αι  
 μο(ῦ)νον

χρό]νον τοσ[οῦ]τον [ὅσσον ἄν] τις ἔσθη [τι],  
 (ὄτα)ν δ' ἀμείψητα[ι αὐτ](ὸ) καὶ τ(ὸ)[ν ἦκι-  
 σ](τ)ον

εἰς ζῆν χ(ά)ρυβδ(ιν) [ . . . . . ]. οἴχεται πά[ν]-  
 τ](α)· 85

καὶ ταῦτα τευ[ . . . . . ].[.].ε καὶ ἕτερ(ο)  
 [ . . . . . ]

ὑπὲρ δὲ τούτων [μὴ πάτει λίνων [ . . . . . . . . .  
 ἐγὼ μὲν οὖν, ὦ Π[ά]ριε, (τα)ῦτ' οὐχὶ ζ[ηλω]  
 ἀλλ' ἐν χαλ[ινοῖς .].[.] ἐ(μ)αυτὸν ὡς [ . . . . . . .  
 γαστρὸς κατ(ί)σ(χ)[ω. .].[. . .]βιά[ζ]ομαι τ[οῦ]-  
 τον 90

πρὸς εὐτέλε(ια)ν τ[ὸ]ν[βί](ον) κα(θ)ίστασ(θ)[αι]  
 καὶ μῆν ὅτ[α]ν γε (θῆ)δ). [ . . ] σ(π)έν(δ)ειν . [ .  
 κάμνω· με[γ]ίσ(τη δ') [ . . ] [ . . ] [ . . ] (μοι) χό(ν)-  
 [δρος

τέρπει δέ μ' οὔτως (ο)[ῦ](δ)[ἐ]ν ὡς τὸ κερ-  
 δ(αί)[ν]ειν

ἐκ] τοῦ δικαίου το[ . . . . . ]. [τ]οῖς ἀν[θ]ρώ-  
 (π)[οις] 95

.. λαμ]βάνειν [ . . ] [ . . ] ἐκ τρόπ[ων] ἀ[ί]-  
 σχρῶν

.....[.](νενο)ν ..[. . . . .]. ουθεν ..[.].[

..... χρ]όνω π[λ]ο(υ)τοῦντας ἐξ ἀ[ . . . . . . . . .

.....[.](τ)..(ν)...(ῶ)σπ(ερ) ουδ(ο). [

ἔστιν γάρ, ἔστιν, ὅ(ς τ)ά(δε σ)κοπεῖ (δ)αίμων  
 ὅ(ς ἐ)ν χρόνῳ τὸ θεῖον οὐ καταισχύνει, 101  
 ἰέ]μαι δ' ἐκάστῳ τὴν καταίσιον μοῖραν.

ization is it, what boots it, to glimpse, so to say, a *bonne bouche*? For what is set in the mouth remains only for the moment of eating: after it has passed through but a moment, all goes into a live<sup>1</sup> abyss. Eat then cheerfully just so much as I do and no more: beyond this walk not as a bird into the net. These maxims, Parnos, I not only admire, but keep myself obedient as <a horse> in belly-bands, and force myself to order my life to simplicity. Aye and when I must sacrifice to some pleasure I am weary of it, since a pinch of salt is enough pleasure for me, and nothing delights me so much as to win from just dealing that <which never> comes to men from base courses, <as I now see many> for a short while enriching themselves by shamelessness, <though their wealth vanishes> as if <it had never come>. For there is indeed a divinity who looks on these things and in time's course brings not to shame the god-head, but gives to each his due portion. So I,

<sup>1</sup> γαστήρ is derived (*E.M.*) to mean ἡ πάντα τὸν βίον λαμβάνουσα μὴ πληρουμένη.

81. init. leg. Bi.-K.	supplevi. fin. leg. εἶπω.	82. supplevi: ἴσταται K.-Bi.	83. init. supplevi ex Greg. Naz. (ii. 444).	ἴσθη . . vel ἴσθη Bi.	supplevi.	84. supplevi.
85. suppl. G. init. K.-Bi.	med. e.g. δὴ τιν'.	86. e.g. τένδειν χρῆ σε καὶ ἐτέρω δοῦναι.	87. πατ. K.-Bi.	[ὄρνις.	88. suppl. G.	89. suppl. G. e.g. vûv]
ἐμαντὸν ὡς (leg. K.-Bi.) [πῶλον.	90. e.g. καὶ ἐκβ. Hense.	τοῦτο G.: τοῦτον Hense.	91. suppl. G.	92. suppl. G.	93. supplevi e.g. ἐσθ' ἄλος γ' ἐμοί: praccesserit (92) χρῆζω.	94. suppl. Kroll, Powell, ed.
95. suppl. G. e.g. οὐ. ἔξεστιν.	e.g. τοῦθ' ὅπερ.	96. init. suppl. G. fin. supplevi. Cf. e.g. Plut. <i>Mor.</i> 570	97 sqq. I translate as <i>F.G.A.</i> p. x.	102, 103. suppl. G.	102. καταισιαν	P. After this <i>v.</i> follows Ἰαμβὸς Φοῖνικος, another citation (from Phoenix?), then a comic <i>fr.</i>

## CERCIDEA

ἐγ]ὼ μὲν οὖν, ὦ Πά(ρ)νε, βουλοίμην εἶναι  
 τάρκευντ' ἐμαυτῶ καὶ νομίζεσθαι χρηστός  
 ἢ πολλὰ πρήσσειν, καί ποτ' εἰπεῖν τοὺς  
     ἐχθρούς 105  
 ' ἀλῶν δὲ φόρτος ἔνθεν ἦλθεν ἔνθ' ἦλθεν.'

106. αλων ex αλλων.

CERCIDEA, 103-105

Parnos, would wish to have just what sufficeth me,  
and to be considered worthy, rather than to busy  
myself and give my enemies scope for saying ' The  
salt cargo returns whence it came.'<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A proverb of wasted labour—with a gibe at the Cynic's  
diet (*v.* 93).



FRAGMENTA  
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## EUPOLIS

Ἀνόσια πάσχω ταῦτα ναὶ μὰ τὰς νύμφας.  
πολλοῦ μὲν οὖν δίκαια ναὶ μὰ τὰς κράμβας.

(Priscian *de metr. Com.* 415 K. Eupolis Βάπταις . . . hos  
. . . posuit in fine habentes spondeos (1, 2).

## PHOENIX

### IAMBOC A. NINOC

#### *fr.* 1 (1 Powell)

Ἀνὴρ Νίνος τις ἐγένετ' ὡς ἐγὼ κλύω  
Ἀσσύριος ὅστις εἶχε χρυσοῦ πόντον,  
τὰ δ' ἄλλα πολλῶ πλεῖσθ' ἄνα Κασπίης ψάμμου·  
ὅς οὐκ ἴδ' ἀστέρ' οὐ [δίξ]ων ἐδίξητο,

1. ἐγὼ 'κούω Bgk. 3. τάλαντα πολλῶ E: καὶ τᾶλλα πολλὸν  
cod. A. The above reading seems to explain the variants,  
but it may be Ph. wrote τὰ δ' ἀγαθὰ: cf. the proverb πόντος  
ἀγαθῶν. 4. e.g. οὐχ ἄλων.



## EUPOLIS

Unholy wrongs I bear by Nymphs swear I!  
Nay rightfully by cabbages swear I.

(Eupolis in the *Baptae* wrote the following verses with spondees at the end (1, 2). *Priscian* on *Comic Metres*.)

## PHOENIX

### POEM I. NINOS<sup>1</sup>

1

There was a man called Ninus, I am told,  
Assyrian, who possessed a sea of gold  
And all things else more than the Caspian sand:  
Who ne'er the stars nor orb of heaven scanned

<sup>1</sup> The song is one of many variants of an alleged inscription on the tomb of Sardanapallus in the Chaldaean tongue, of which two translations, one in verse and one in prose, were current in Greek. The poise of the fingers of the statue was interpreted as dismissing everything else as worth no more than a flick. I do not think that Phoenix wrote *books* of Iambi. This was the first poem in his book.

## FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

οὐ παρὰ μάγοισι πῦρ ἱερὸν ἀνέστησεν, 5  
 ὥσπερ νόμος, ῥάβδοισι τοῦ θεοῦ ψαύων.  
 οὐ μυθιήτης οὐ δικασπόλος κείνος·  
 οὐ λεωλογεῖν ἐμάνθαν' οὐκ ἀμιθρήσαι.  
 ἀλλ' ἦν ἄριστος ἐσθίειν τε καὶ πίνειν 9  
 κήρᾱν, τὰ δ' ἄλλα πάντα κατὰ πετρῶν ὄθει.  
 ὡς δ' ἀπέθαν' ὠνήρ, πᾶσι κατέλιπε ῥῆσιν,  
 ὅκου Νίνος νῦν ἐστί <sup>†</sup>καὶ τὸ σῆμ' αἰδέεσσι<sup>†</sup>.  
 "Ακουσον εἴτ' Ἀσσύριος εἶτε καὶ Μῆδος  
 εἰς ἢ Κοραξός, ἢ 'πὸ τῶν ἄνω λιμνῶν  
 <Σ>ινδὸς κομήτης· οὐ γὰρ ἀλλὰ κηρύσσω· 15  
 ἐγὼ Νίνος πάλαι ποτ' ἐγενόμην πνεῦμα,  
 νῦν δ' οὐκέτ' οὐδέν, ἀλλὰ γῆ πεποίημαι·  
 ἔχω δ' ὀκόσον ἔδαισα [χῶκόσ' ἤεισα],  
 χῶκόσ[σ]' ἠράσθην,  
 τὰ δ' ὄλβι' ἡμέων δῆιοι συνελθόντες  
 φέρουσι ὥσπερ ὠμὸν ἔριφον αἱ Βάκχαι· 20  
 ἐγὼ δ' ἐς Ἀιδην οὔτε χρυσὸν οὔθ' ἵππον  
 οὔτ' ἀργυρῆν ἄμαξαν ὠχόμην ἔλκων  
 σποδὸς δὲ πολλή χῶ μιτρηφόρος κείμαι.

(Ath. 530 e Φοῖνιξ δὲ ὁ Κολοφώνιος ποιητὴς περὶ Νίνου λέγων ἐν τῷ πρώτῳ τῶν Ἰάμβων γράφει οὕτως (1).)

7. μυθιήτης codd. : corr. Schweighäuser. 12. is often regarded as an insertion. σῆμα ἵδαι cod. A. 15. corr. by Schweig. 18. χῶκόσσι' ἠράσθην cod. : corr. Bgk. Perhaps we should write two verses : so translation. Hdl. read ὀκόσσι' ἔπαισα (Kaibel), χῶκ. ἤεισα. χῶκόσσι' ἐδ' ὠκα γαστρι. κτλ. (c.l. ὀκόσσον ἐδ.). For this I would compare exactly Greg. Naz. *Carm.* (ii. 780 Colon) ἔπαιξεν. ἤσε. γαστρός ἐπλητεν νόσον.

## PHOENIX

Nor duly at his magi's side with rod  
 Stirred up the holy fire and touched his god.  
 No spokesman was, nor counsellor this man,  
 No marshal, no reviewer of his clan ;  
 Wine, food, and lust of all men he adored  
 The most : aught else but these went by the board :  
 And when he died he left, to all to say  
 (Where town and tomb alike are hid to-day)<sup>1</sup> :—  
 ' Assyrian and Median, give ear  
 Unto my preaching ! hear Koraxian ! hear  
 Thou long-haired Sindian from the Upper Mere :  
 I Ninus once of yore was living breath :  
 And now am nought but common earth in death.  
 All that I ate <or drank> †and all my song†  
 And all my lechery to me belong.  
 But all my goods my foes have ravishéd  
 And sundered as a Maenad doth a kid.  
 And I to Hades neither gold did bring  
 Nor horse, nor car of silver panelling :  
 I that did wear the diadem on my brow  
 A far-flung scattering of ash<sup>2</sup> am now.'

(Phoenix the poet of Colophon speaking of Ninus in his first Iambus says (1). *Athenaeus*.)

<sup>1</sup> See Addenda.

<sup>2</sup> πολλή whether "wide-spread" as I take it, or "a heap" as Mr. J. U. Powell suggests to me, is probably right. To my ear it suggests ὡσπερ οἱ πολλοί, which is the point of the poem. I have introduced this in *v.* 16 (transl.). Ninus did not have the grand burial of the old Assyrian princes, as to which we are learning new details. For the earliest burials with jewelled cars and asses see C. L. Woolley in the *Times*, p. 11, Jan. 12, 1928.

## ΚΟΡΩΝΙΚΤΑΙ

fr. 2 (2 Powell)

Ἐσθλοί, κορώνη χεῖρα πρόσδοτε κριθέων,  
 τῇ παιδί τῷπόλλωνος, ἢ λέκος πυρῶν  
 ἢ ἄρτον, ἢ ἡμαιθον, ἢ ὅτι τις χρήξει.  
 δότω, ἄγαθοί, τις, τῶν ἕκαστος ἐν χερσίν  
 ἔχει, κορώνη. χάλα λήψεται χοιδρόν· 5  
 φιλεῖ γὰρ αὕτη πάγχυ ταῦτα δαίνυσθαι·  
 ὁ νιν ἄλας δούς αὕθι κηρίον δώσει.  
 ὦ παῖ, θύρην ἄγκλινε, Πλούτος ἠήκουσε,  
 καὶ τῇ κορώνη παρθένος φέρ<ο>ι σῦκα.  
 θεοί, γένοιτο πάντ' ἄμεμπτος ἢ κούρη 10  
 κάφνειὸν ἄνδρα κῶ<υ>νομαστὸν ἐξεύροι  
 καὶ τῷ γέροντι πατρὶ κοῦρον εἰς χεῖρας  
 καὶ μητρὶ κούρην εἰς τὰ γούνα κατθείη, 13  
 < . . . . . > 13a  
 θάλας, τρ<ό>φ<ε>ιν, γυναῖκα, τοῖς κασιγνήτοις.  
 ἐγὼ δ' ὄκο<ι> πόδες φέρ<ω>σιν, ὀφθαλμούς  
 ἰάμειβ'ομαι Μούσησι, πρὸς θύρησ' ἄδων, 16  
 καὶ δοντὶ καὶ μὴ δοντί, πλεῦνα <τετ>τίγων. 17

ἀλλ', ὦγαθοί, ἄπορέξαθ' ὦν μυχὸς πλουτεῖ· 18  
 δός, ὦ <ἄ>ναξ, δός καὶ σὺ πότνα μοι νύμφη·

1 (and 20). <s> χεῖρα? 4. τις after ἕκαστος codd.  
 Ath. 7. αὕθις codd. 8. e.g. l. ἦκει σοι.  
 9. φέρει codd.: corr. Bgk. 14. τρέφειν codd.  
 15. ὄκοι, φέροισι codd.: corr. Dind., Bgk. 16. -αισι,  
 -αις codd.: corr. Cr. 16. See on Herodas (C.E.), p. 395,  
 where add Opp. *Cyp.* iv. 199. ii. 222. e.g. ἐρείδομαι:  
 Greg. Naz. *Or.* i. 417 B αἰ μὲν πόδες ἐφέρον[το] ἢ δὲ ὄφεις εἶχε  
 τῶν θαλατταν fixes the sense and punctuation. 17. τῶν γεω  
 codd. 19. so Cr.

## PHOENIX

### THE CHOUGH-BEGGARS

2

Good sirs, give to Apollo's child the chough  
 A fist of barley, crock of loaves, enough  
 Of bread, a farthing. Each give what he will  
 Of what he has in hand, kind sirs, to me  
 The chough. Coarse salt will not distasteful be. 5  
 On all these things she loves full well to thrive.  
 Who now gives salt a honeycomb shall give.  
 Sir slave ! open the door. Let wealth come in  
 What time the girl brings figs from store within.  
 Pray God the maiden lead a virtuous life 10  
 And to a famous man and rich be wife.  
 And set a son upon her father's knee, 12  
 A daughter on her mother's : and may she  
 As child or girl or woman <bring delight,  
 When forth she ventures> <sup>1</sup> to her brothers' sight.  
 I, as I wander over dale and hill,  
 Keep my eyes fixed upon the Muses still ; 15  
 And, be ye churl or lavish, at your wicket  
 More blithely will I sing than any cricket. 17  
 . . . . .  
 Kind sirs, set forth what cupboard has in store, 18  
 Kind master give, kind mistress give me more.

<sup>1</sup> Clearly a verse is missing. The sense is secured by Hom. ζ 154 *sqq.* τρισμάκαρες μὲν σοί γε πατήρ καὶ πότνια μήτηρ, τρισμάκαρες δὲ κασίγνητοι· μάλα ποῦ σφισι θυμὸς αἰὲν εὐφροσύνησιν λαίνεται εἴνεκα σείῳ λευσσόντων τοιόνδε θάλας χορὸν εἰσοιχενέεισαν. The line lost was something like κῆρ εὐφρανέεισαν ἡμῖκ' εἰς χορὸν φοιτῆ. The Greeks (in literary tradition) were very fond of their sisters. We are not.

νόμος κορώνη χεῖρα δοῦν' ἐπαιτούση. 20  
 ἴτσιαυτ' εἰδῶσι δός τι καὶ καταχρήσει.

(Ath. viii. 359 e οἷα δὲ Φοῖνικα τὸν Κολοφώνιον ἱαμβοποιῶν  
 νημιονεῖοντα τιμῶν ἀνδρῶν ὡς ἀγειρόντων τῇ κορώνῃ καὶ λέγοντα  
 (? -ων) ταῦτα (vv. 1-17). καὶ ἐπι τέλει δὲ τοῦ Ἰαμβου φησὶν  
 (vv. 18-21).)

It is remarkable that these verses differ (metrically)  *toto caelo*  from those of I and III: perhaps they are written after Callimachus' criticisms in his *Iambi*. More probably Phoenix varies metre with subject.

21. e.g. τσαυτ' αἰείδω Bgk.

### <ΝΕΟΠΛΟΥΤΟΙ>

fr. 3 (6 Powell)

π(ολ)λοῖς γε θνητῶν τὰ γ[ά]θ', ὦ Ποσειδίππε,  
 οὐ [σύ]μφορ' ἐστίν, ἀλλὰ δεῖ τοιαυτ' αὐτοὺς  
 τ](έμν,ειν, ὀκοῖα καὶ φρονε[ῖ]ν ἐπίστανται.  
 (νῦν) δ' οἱ [μ]έν ἡ μῶν κ(ρή)λ(γυ)οι καθεστῶτες  
 (π)ολλὴν ἀφειδέως ν(η)[σ](τήν) ἐρεύγοντα[ι] 5  
 (οἱ) δ' οὔτε σῦκα, φασίν, οὔτ' ἐρίν' εὔντες  
 (π)λουτοῦσι. τῷ πλούτῳ δὲ πρ(ὸς) τί δεῖ χρῆ[σθ]αι  
 τοῦτ' αὐτὸ πάντων πρῶτον οὐκ ἐπίστανται,  
 ἀλλ(λ)' (ο)ἰ(κ)[ία]ς μὲν ἐκ λίθου σμαραγδίτου,  
 εἴ πω[σ] ἀνυστόν ἐστι τοῦτ' αὐτοῖς πρήσσει(ν) 10  
 π(ά)το(ν) [τ'] ἐχούσας καὶ στοὰς τετραστύλους  
 πολλῶ[ν] τ(α)λάντων ἀξίας κατακτῶ(ν)ται.  
 . . . . .(δ) ἑαυτῶν τὴν ἀναγκαίην (ψυχ)ήν  
 . . . . .]η σκ[ωρή το]ύτων πάντων.  
 . . . . .]ρα [πλοῦ](τ)[ο]ν ἐκπορίζουσιν 15  
 . . . . λ](ό)γοις χρηστοῖ(σ)ι σωφρονησθεῖσα

1, 2. so Gerhard. 3. suppl. Bi.-K.; cf. Poseidippus  
*A.P.* ix. 359. 4. νῦν etc. Cr. κρήγνοι G. 5. νηστήην  
 Bücherer-Cr. 6. *τσαυτ* Papyrus. 7, 9, 10. so G.

## PHOENIX

So give the chough a fistful as is fit. 20  
 So sing I. Give. You 'll ne'er repent of it.

(I recall that Phoenix the (chol)iambist of Colophon mentions certain men as collecting for the chough, and says (saying?) as follows (1-17). At the end of the Iambus he says (18-20). *Athenaeus*.)

### [THE PROFITEERS]

#### 3

Unto full many mortals goods are not  
 Good, Poseidippos : such should be men's lot  
 As is their power to stomach. Now, God wot,  
 Our nobles belch not save on sorry fare,  
 Those who nor garden figs nor wild figs are, 5  
 Are rich. But how their riches they should spend  
 They know not. An they gain their dearest end,  
 Houses they buy for millions houses bright  
 With colonnades and floor of malachite.  
 But for the food whereon their souls should feed, 10  
 They mix it with the scourings of their greed.  
 For base are gains when men seek wealth alone  
 And listen not to words of righteous tone,  
 To learn precisely what is right and fit.  
 O Poseidippus let us say of it : 15  
 Their houses costly are and fair of note

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11. . .](στων)[.] Heidelb. legere visus sum: sed "besser ]των["  
 monet Bi. 12. so G. 13. see G. and read with him  
 ψυχῆ. Beginning e.g. τροφήν. 14. το]ύτων G. be-  
 ginning (for sense) ἐφυρεν ἀργή. 15. e.g. κέρδη γὰρ αἰσχρά.  
 πλοῦτον dubium (Bi.). 16. e.g. οὐ μὴ. λόγοις G.

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.....] (τ)ὰ χρηστὰ καὶ τὰ συμφέροντ' εἰδῆ.  
 [. . . . .] τοιούτοις ἀνδράσιν, Ποσειδίππε,  
 ..σ]υ(μ)βέβηκεν (οἰκ)ίας μὲν κεκτηῆσ(θ)α(ι)  
 κ](α)λὰς καταξίας τε χρημάτων πολλῶν, 20  
 α]ὐτοὺς δ' ὑπάρχειν ἀξίους τ[ρι]ῶν χ(α)[λκῶ]ν;  
 κ]αὶ μάλα δικαίως, ἦν τις ἐνθυμῆτ' [ὀρ]θῶς  
 .....]ν γὰρ καὶ λίθων φροντίζουσιν.

(In Cercidas' Anthology with lemma Ἰαμβος Φοῖνικος (ῆ).  
 Follows at once (? τοῦ αὐτοῦ))

3\*

..... (μ') [οἰ]κι. [. .] (ἀ)νιστᾶσιν

17. e.g. ὀρθῶς. 18. e.g. τοῖς οὖν G. 19. οὐ συμβ. G.  
 20, 21, 22, 23. So G.

<sup>1</sup> The anthology does not add materially to the reputation of the poet. Athenaeus would appear to have selected his two best pieces. But it gives us their scope—say twenty to fifty lines—and shows us that 1 and 2 may be nearly complete. Moreover, Poseidippus gives us a clue as to date: that is that this poem may be later than 275, if this (Gerhard)



## PHOENIX

But they themselves are worth not half a groat.<sup>1</sup>  
And rightly, too, such verdict may we give,  
<For stones they are and> unto stones they live.<sup>2</sup>

(The first citation in *Cercidas*' anthology, 'One of *Phoenix*' *Iambi*.' The citation which follows in the same metre—the title has been lost—runs :)

3\*

. . . set up hous. . .

is the Poseidippus who was then studying in Athens under Zeno and Cleanthes. Another identification (see below) is with the comic poet who lived later. But again, if my reading in *v. 2* is rightly approved by Bilabel, the epigrammatist (of the same date as the comic poet) must also be considered. Indeed the piece might be a commentary on the epigram *ποίην τις βίοτιοι τάμοι τρίβον* ;

<sup>2</sup> Such seems to be the most apposite ending but it is somewhat hard to fit in. See Gerhard pp. 134, 140. Perhaps *λίθοι τ' ἔφυν* (Pind. *P. i. 42*), written *ἔφυσαν*.



## PHOENIX (?)

A Papyrus at Strassburg (*W.G.* 304-307)<sup>1</sup> contains on the recto an anthology of lyrics from tragedy. On the verso is what appears undoubtedly to be part of the Cercidas anthology. In general the metres are iambic and the subjects chosen for their ethical value. There are no names of authors given. The date of the hand, according to Bell, Lobel, and Bilabel, is the middle of the third century B.C. It can hardly be doubted that the author of the choliambi given below is Phoenix. The metre is identical with that used by Phoenix in the Heidelberg fragment; and the loose flowing repetitive style is typical of all we have of him. Another reason, observed by W. Crönert, is that the name Lynceus occurs in this, and Poseidippus in the Heidelberg fragment. Lynceus is known to have written letters to Poseidippus, possibly those of an elder to a pupil. If, as may be, it is Lynceus who is dead, the verses may have been written about 280 B.C.: for Lynceus is called a contemporary of Menander, Poseidippus being younger, or at least younger as a writer: see *Suid. s.v.*, *Ath.* viii. 337 d. The anthology, then, is almost contemporary with the verses, if these names are those of the well known writers of Attic comedy.

<sup>1</sup> *Gött. Gel. Nachr.*, 1922, i. 31.

## FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

This may be a convenient place to note two points: *firstly*, the metre of the fragment. There are two licenses employed by Greek writers as a variant of the rigid form  $\simeq - \cup - \simeq - \cup - \cup - - -$ . One is to allow many resolutions. Phoenix adopts this in two pieces. The other is to allow the ending  $- - - -$ . This is adopted by Phoenix in two pieces; also by the author of the anthology whom Gregory calls Cercidas. Callimachus eschews both licences, though occasionally admitting an undivided trochee: Herodes uses both. *Secondly*, we may now place the anthology collector, who contributed the preface, as writing about 250 B.C., and roundly assert that this metre was as far as we know and in all probability not used between 200 B.C. and the Christian era. Earlier columns of the Strassburg portion of the Anthology are not well re-assembled yet. Below this poem we have the verses (already edited by Crönert):

ἀγαπᾶτε τοῦτον πάντες ὃς ἔχει τὰγαθά<sup>1</sup>  
 ἅπαντ' ἐν αἰτῶ, χρηστός, εὐγενής, ἀπλοῦς,  
 φιλοβασιλείς, ἀνδρείος, ἐν<sup>2</sup> πίστει μέγας,  
 σώφρων, φιλέλληγ, πρᾶς, εὐπροσήγορος,  
 τὰ πανοῦργα μισῶν, τὴν ἀλήθειαν σέβων.

Next column contains three pseudo-Epicharmic verses, ἐπίστα . . . | τιμὰν θεοὶ . . . | αὐτὸν κνίβερ(ν)[—clearly of ruling the tongue. At the bottom is a fragment of Attic comedy of which I give the beginnings of the last nine verses: Ἀπολλων' Ἀ(γρ εὔ ? ?) | οὕτως ὃ' ἂν ἐμ | ἡμῖν ἰβριζ . . . | καὶ τρίποδες ἀλ. . | καὶ μὴν ἀδικεῖται ψ . . . . . | νῦν μοι διακόνουν . . παιδίον | ἀστειὸν οὐχ ὄμ . . . ἐκ κει. | ἂ ὃ' ἂν λάβω τοι δεῖ

<sup>1</sup> a horrid pun, ἀγαπα and ἀγα(θα) πα(ντ).

<sup>2</sup> for ἐμ.

## PHOENIX (?)

διπλό' ἀπο[δοῦναι | τὰ πάτρια γὰρ δι' τῆς τέχνης |. In between are the interesting verses:

οὔτ(ω) τὰ πρόσθεν[  
 κοινῆς τραπ[έξης ἀξίωμ' ἔχων ἴσον,  
 ἀκόλαστον ἔσ[χε γλώσσαν αἰσχίστην νόσον.  
 κορυφῆς ὑπε[ρτέλλοντα δειμαίνων πέτρον<sup>1</sup>  
 τυχ. . .ετα[  
 ἦ που τ[

These I quote, (a) since they give clearly the subject of this section of the anthology—praise or blame of the tongue: (b) since, as will be seen, the three verses taken from the first ten lines of Euripides' *Orestes* may be choliambic (*ἴσον, νοῦσον, πέτρον*).

We must consider briefly the subject matter. A poet is dead. The speaker (Phoenix or, as in the Ninos poem, another) wishes consolation for the loss. He longs to see Lynceus, and will render him famous by iambs at feast of bowls (and in the country? ?). For us there is an unfortunate ambiguity. Does Apollo or some representative of poetry mourn a dead writer, e.g. Menander, and beseech Lynceus to replace him, with promises to inspire him at the Dionysia in city (see *ap. Dem.* 531) and country? Or is the request for the robe merely an aside to a slave, and is "that which was my robe" Lynceus, and the iambs those of Phoenix who speaks? On the whole, I believe this is so, but have no confidence in either interpretation.

<sup>1</sup> *vv.* 2, 3, 4 suppl. E. Lobel.

<ΑΝΩΝΥΜΟΥ ΕΠΙΤΥΜΒΙΟΣ>

fr. 4

.....]. . ο.[ο.] (ελπ)[. . . .] δεινοῖς  
 .....] . . (μι)[. . .] (πι)ε[. . . .]ν λέσχη  
 .....] (συ)[. . .] (ν) δὲ (λ)αιψηρήν  
 .....] (υ)δαί . . .] (ἀσφαλ)ῆ ᾿π(ού)ρ(α)ς  
 .....] ην.(φ). [ἐν] αὔεσθαι λύχνον. 5  
 .....(ε).(αλ)ος, καὶ πα(νοι)κίη θάλλων  
 ἐτοῖμον †. τον κ(τῆσι)ν ὦ(ν) ἐ(κ)εῖτ τήρει,  
 καὶ κάε χρεῖην καὶ π[ἐν](η)τος ἐμβλέψας.  
 ... [. . .] . . ε(ς) τ. (θοιλπα) τῆς τύχης κρίνων  
 .....] τὸ μηδὲν καὶ κενῶ προσεμβ(α)[. . . . . 10  
 .....] (ω)δεστ.ν[ε](ξ)αγ. . πάρ σευ  
 .....] . [. . . . .] . [. . . . . 12  
 (duo versus desunt)  
 ..... ἄ(φν)εα [. . .] (μηδ)[. . . . . 15  
 ..... .δ]εξιῆς ἤψ(ω) τ' ἡμῶ[ν  
 .....]τι τ(ῶ) θεῶν ξείνω  
 . ](α)[. . .] . οι(το) (σοὶ) μὲν (X)εῖος (ῆ) (ἀ)πὸ τῆς  
 Σμύρνης

3. e.g. σεαυτὸν ἴσθι τὴν τύχην . . . 4. e.g. δαίμον'  
 (init. ἐνταῖσα μινε). 5. e.g. ἐνθενδὲ σ' ἐχρήν ὄψ'. 6. e.g.  
 προφρανε καλός; 1. -οικίη. 7. . . . τογ P: ? 1. αὐτοῦ. Dein  
 suspicor ὡς ἔχει. 8. εβλ. P with μ superser.: 1. χρεῖη.  
 9. e.g. τὰ κοινά, τα δεινά cett.: init. e.g. σὺ δ' ἤλιτες.  
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<EPITAPH (ON LYNCEUS ?)>

4

Full often would I say in idle] talk,  
 “Beware of] dangers [if abroad you walk.  
 Know you are mortal] and swift Fate is not :  
 Abide at home where] safety is your lot. 4  
 There are the fires] from which your lamp to light,  
 Flourish both you and yours, and shining bright  
 Keep it a ready vessel there<sup>1</sup> with heed  
 And burn it, apt to serve the poorest’s need.  
 Alas! you] scoffed at Fate’s alarms, and found  
 Faring abroad] your [feet] on hollow ground. 10  
 No profit is there more of you for me

. . . . .  
 . . . . . ‘rich’ . . . . . 15  
 . . . . . ‘my right hand clasped’ . . . . . 16  
 . . . . . ‘the host of gods’ . . . . . 17  
 Praise you in Smyrna, †Cretet, or Chios<sup>2</sup> bred 18

<sup>1</sup> In v. 7 I translate αὐτοῦ . . . ὡς ἔχει. P seems to have ωρεκει. There may be an allusion here to Lynceus as a poet: Callim. *Iamb.* 334 Ἐφεσον ὄθεν πῦρ οἱ τὰ μέτρα μέλλοντες τὰ χεῖρὰ τικτεῖν μὴ ἀμαθῶς ἐναίονται. v. 8 ‘Give a light even to the poorest’ encourages this interpretation.

<sup>2</sup> Clearly Homer who was born at Smyrna, Chios, Colophon, Salamis, Rhodes, Argos or Athens. The reading ‘Crete’ is an error, perhaps for ἡ Ἀκτῆς—‘from Smyrna or Attica.’

10. e.g. εἶναι and προσεμβαίνων. 16. ? ἡμέων. 18 e.g. κλήζοιτο.

FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

(ῆ) (Κρής) ὄ,τ' εἴη καὶ κεν(ὸν κεν)ῶ (β)ά(ξ)α(ι).  
 ἐγὼ δ' ὑπ' Ἰδου (δὴ σε πε)[ί]θομαι γλῶσσαν 20  
 . . . . [ . . . . . ] (τα π)[ερί] πασ(ῶ)ν χελιδόνων.  
 ὁ δ' (εὐκο)[ . . . . . ] (π)[ . . . . . ] (φ)η(μ)[ . ] (μυστα)ισι[ . ]  
 (σὺ)ν εὐλαβείῃ τ(ρι) . . . . [ . . . . . ] . . . . .  
 τί πόλλ' αἰείδω; μ(ω)ρίη γὰρ ἢ λέσχη.  
 στεῖλόν μ(ε χ)λ(αί)ιη· κῶς δ' ἔχω ποθέω(ν) βλέψαι  
 Λυγκεῦ σε; . . . . σύ· νῦ(ν γ)ὰρ ῶ κατέσταλμαι 26  
 κατερρύηκε καὶ εἰς τὸν Ἰδὴ βαίνει.  
 ἐγὼ δ' ἰάμβ(ο)ις κῆπι Κρητήρων Θοί(ν)η  
 θήσω σε τιμήεντα καὶ ἐν χώρῃ παντί.

19. Beginning very uncertain. (ἄκρως would fit traces better. 21. read περι χ. π. 25. στειλομ P. 26. lectio incertissima: μή olim dedi: fort. ἄγρει. νυγ ex νῦν? 29. εγ P.

fr. 5 (3 Powell)

Νίνου κάδοι μάχαιρα καὶ κύλιξ αἰχμή,  
 κ<ύ>μ<β>η δὲ τόξα δῆιοι δὲ κρητῆρες,  
 ἵπποι δ' ἄκρητος κάλαλῆ ' μύρον <χ>εῖτ<ε>.'

(Ath. x. 431 d καὶ ὁ Κολοφώνιος δὲ Φοῖνιξ φησιν (5).)

5. 2. κόμη corrected by Haupt. 3. κείται by Lachmann.



## ANECDOTUM ARGENTINENSE

Some empty singer to an empty head <sup>1</sup> :	
But you have ta'en below, I wot, a tongue	20
That has all twittering swallows far outsung. <sup>2</sup>	21
. . . . .	22
'with caution'	23
Why sing I long; for idle talk is folly.	24
Robe me! How suffer I, who long to see	25
You, Lynceus, once again! Come! robe thou me.	
For that which was my robe has vanished quite <sup>3</sup>	
And treads the path to Hades out of sight.	
But I at country-side and Feast of Bowls <sup>4</sup>	
Will win your verses honour from all souls.	30

<sup>1</sup> See *Paroem.* κενοὶ κενὰ βουλευέονται and πρὸς κενὴν (or -ὸν) ψάλλεις.

<sup>2</sup> vv. 20 and 21 echo Phoenix *fr.* 1 v. 21 and *fr.* 2 v. 17.

<sup>3</sup> See Headlam's note on Herodes ii. 15.

<sup>4</sup> 'Feast of Bowls': conceivably two mixing-bowls, one for the living and one for the dead. Ionic has no dual. As Phoenix lived at Ephesus, the probable scene for Mime V. of Herodes, this appears as a *possible* name of the feast which Herodes paraphrased with the words ἐπεὰν δὲ τοῖς καμῶσιν ἐγχυτλώσωμεν (84). But see above.

### 5

For casks were Ninus' sword and jugs his spear,  
 Cups were his arrows, bowls his enemy,  
 Ho ointment! his alarm, liqueurs his cavalry.

(And Phoenix of Colophon says (5). *Athenaeus.*)

*fr. 6* (4 Powell)

Θαλῆς γὰρ †ᾠστis† ἀστέ[ρ]ων ὀνήιστος  
καὶ τῶν τότε, ὡς λέγουσι, πολλκὸν ἀνθρώπων  
ἔων ἄριστος, ἔλαβε πελλίδα χρυσῆν.

(Ath. xi. 495 d Φοῖνιξ δ' ὁ Κολοφώνιος ἐν τοῖς Ἰάμβοις ἐπὶ φιάλης τιθησι τὴν λέξιν λέγων οὕτως (6). καὶ ἐν ἄλλῃ δὲ μέρει φησὶν (7).)

*fr. 7* (5 Powell)

Hippon. *fr.* 76\*.

*fr. 8*

ὁ μὲν γὰρ αὐτῶν ἡσυχῆ τε καὶ ῥύδην  
θύνντον τε καὶ μυττωτὸν ἡμέρας πάσας  
δαινύμενος ὡσπερ Λαμψακηνὸς εὐνοῦχος  
κατέφαγε δὴ τὸν [σ]κλήρον, †ᾠστε χρῆ†  
σκάπτειν

6. 1. ᾠστis: read *ε.η.* ἀπτοῖς. ἀστέων (from false mss. of Hdt.): Casaubon's certain correction (*quam nemo umquam dubitavit literarum Graecarum vel minime peritus*). Here are the disjecta membra in Hdt. alone: —τῶν τότε — superlative i. 23, viii. 8, ix. 72, *cf.* iii. 125: ἀνθρώπων + sup. i. 24, 45, iv. 91, viii. 68: τῶν ἀστῶν · sup. or δόκιμος i. 158, iii. 20, iv. 14, 161, v. 63, 97, 126, vi. 61, 101, vii. 118, viii. 46, ix. 93. It is true that the expression is intolerably diffuse, but so is all that we have of Phoenix. Compare Theogn. v. 23. On ἀστείς see my *First Greek Anthologist*, p. 24. 2. -ῶν  
Λ: corr. by Toup. 3. *v.l.* πελλιίδα.

## PHOENIX (?)

### 6

For Thales, to his townsmen usefulest  
Of townsmen, and, say they, by far the best  
Of men then living took the paillet gold.

(Phoenix of Colophon in his *Iambi* uses the word (paillet) of a cup as follows (6). Elsewhere<sup>1</sup> he says (7). *Athenaeus*.)

### 7

Hippon. *fr.* 76.

### 8

One day by day luxuriously dined  
In ease on cheese-cake spiced and tunny brined,  
Like eunuch Lampsacene : his portion done  
He fain would dig 'mid mountain rocks and stone ;

<sup>1</sup> It is clearly impossible to suppose these words are right. In what other part? For these are iambi like the others. But we know of various books of Hipponax, and if we transfer the text of Athenaeus (or of Lysanias behind it) we get a natural sequence *καὶ πάλιν* (495 d) . . . *καὶ ἐν ἄλλῳ δὲ μέρει* (495 e). The gravest stylistic argument is that Phoenix was wholly incapable of such compression as the three verses show.

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8. 2. *θύνναν* A, *θύννον* C, *θυννίδα* Meineke. 4. *σκληρόν*  
cod. Ath.: corr. Dalecamp. ὥστε χρῆ cod. Ath.: leg.  
*χρῆ*: Soph. *Ant.* 887 (Jebb). So ten Brink.

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πέτρας [τ'] ὀρείας σῦκα μέτρια τρώγων  
καὶ κρίθινον κόλλικα δούλιον χόρτον.

(Ath. vii. 303 c θυννίς . . . 304 b Ἴππῶναξ δὲ ὡς Λισανίας ἐν τοῖς περὶ τῶν ἰαμβοποιῶν παρατίθεται, φησὶν (8).)

The evidence for attributing this fragment to Hipponax appears faulty. On the one hand Athenaeus' attribution is plain, the divisions and the breaks are good, and the connexion with *fr.* 17 (so most edd.) attractive. Against this we have (a) *ῥῖθην* so typical of later choliambists (*ἐμπύοι* Hrd., *καταπτῦ* (?) *Cercid.*, *κλύω* Phoenix). (b) The moral tone. (c) Three cases of resolution in the first foot—for Athenaeus seems to have read *θιννίδα* in *v.* 2. Of course his text may have been corrected from better codd.,

## AESCHRION

- fr.* 1. μήνη τὸ καλὸν οὐρανοῦ νέον σίγμα  
2\*. στενὸν καθ' Ἑλλήσποντον ἐμπόρων χώρην  
ναῦται θαλάσσης ἐστρέφοντο μύρμηκες.  
3\*. ὁ δ' ἐξελὼν ἱμάντα φορτίου ζώνην  
4\*. Ἴρις δ' ἔλαμψε καλὸν οὐρανοῦ τόξον.  
5\*. καὶ πίσσαν ἐφθῆν ἦν θύραι μυρίζονται

(Tzetz. *Rhet. Gr.* iii. 650 Walz ὡς τὴν σελήνην οὐρανοῦ πάλιν Αἰσχυρίων σίγμα· οὕτω γὰρ λέξουσιν αὐταῖς αὐτὸ Αἰσχυρίων λέγει (1) τὸν λόγον ἐκτραχένοισι, σκληρόνοισι δὲ πλέον ἢ μάλλον εἰς ψυχρότητα σίρουσι γελαστέαν, ὡς καὶ ὁ γράφας τὰ ψυχρὰ ταυτὶ τῶν ἰαμβείων (2) καὶ πολλαχοῦ δυστηνὰ τοιαυτὶ λέγει (3-5).

## AESCHRION

And peck at fodder whereon slaves are fed,  
A modicum of figs and barley bread.

(Tunny . . . ; Hipponax, as Lysanias says in his work on the (chol)iambic poets, remarks (8). *Athenaeus.*)

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if these were extant. Again, *v.* 4 is wholly unsatisfactory though the resolution is not objectionable. (*d*) The fact that the citation is second-hand. If genuine we should have to read *e.g.* *v.* 1 *ρίβδην* (B<sub>gk.</sub>), *v.* 2 *μισσωτὸν ἰδ.*, *v.* 3 *ῶστε*, *v.* 4 *κατ' ὧν φαγῶν* and *ῶστε θῆς σκάπτει* and in *v.* 2 keep *θιννόν C* (*θίνναν A*). Even so *μέτριά τρώγων* is wrong for Hipponax, but right for Phoenix (2. 1, 6. 3).

## AESCHRION

1. O Moon the heaven's pretty new sigma<sup>1</sup>
- 2\*. Sea-ants the sailors swarmed, where their  
business  
The merchants have in Hellespont's narrows.
- 3\*. So he unloosed a strap, a bale's girdle
- 4\*. A rainbow shone, the heaven's fair iris.<sup>2</sup>
- 5\*. And boiling pitch, a portal's anointment

(Or again as Aeschion calls the moon the heaven's pretty sigma. Here are his exact words (1). Thus style is rendered 'rougher,' I should rather say 'harsher,' or better still 'diverted to a ridiculous bathos,' as is the case with the author of these iambs which are typical of bathos (2). With him these unfortunate effects are common (3-5). *Tzetzes in Rhetores Graeci.*)

<sup>1</sup> C, not Σ.

<sup>2</sup> Transposing the original.

## fr. 6

ἐγὼ Φιλαινὶς ἠπίβωτος ἀνθρώποις  
 ἔνταυθα γήρα τῷ μακρῷ κεκοίμημαι.  
 μή μ', ὦ μάταιε ναῦτα, τὴν ἄκρην κάμπτων  
 χλεύην τε ποιεῦ καὶ γέλωτα καὶ λάσθην·  
 οὐ γὰρ μὰ τὸν Ζῆν', οὐ μὰ τοὺς κάτω Κούρους, 5  
 οὐκ ἦν ἐς ἀνδρας μάχλος οὐδὲ δημώδης·  
 Πολυκράτης δὲ τὴν γενὴν Ἀθηναῖος  
 λόγων τ<ε> παιπάλλημα καὶ κακὴ γλώσσα  
 ἔγραψεν <ᾠ>σ' ἔγραψ'. ἐγὼ γὰρ οὐκ οἶδα.

(Ath. viii. 335 b Φιλαινίδος εἰς ἣν ἀναφέρεται τὸ περὶ  
 Ἀφροδισίων ἀκόλαστον σίγηγραμμα ὅπερ φησὶ ποιησαὶ Αἰσχρίων  
 ὁ Σάμιος ἰαμβοποιὸς Πολυκράτη τὸν σοφιστὴν ἐπι διαβολῇ τῆς  
 ἀνθρώποι σωφρονεστάτης γενουμένης. ἔχει δὲ οἴτως τὰ ἰαμβεῖα (6).  
 A.P. vii. 345 ἀδέσποτον· οἱ δὲ Σιμωνίδου.)

## fr. 7

καὶ θεῶν <βρῶσιν>  
 ἄγρωστιν εὐρες ἦν Κρόνος κατέσπειρεν.

(Ath. vii. 296 e Αἰσχρίων ὃ ὁ Σάμιος ἐν τινι τῶν ἰαμβῶν  
 Ἰόνης φησὶ τῆς Σκυλλοῦ (cf. A.P. ix. 296) (Hdt. viii. 8) τοῦ  
 Σκιωναίου κατακολιμβητοῦ θιγατρὸς τὸν θαλάσσιον Γλαῦκον  
 ἐρασθῆναι. ἰδίως δὲ καὶ περὶ τῆς βοτάνης λέγει ἦν φαγῶν  
 ἀθάνατος ἐγένετο (7).)

6. vv. II. 4 λάσθην. 5 Ζεῖν, οἰδέ, 6 ην, 7 γενήν, 8 οἶα  
 and ᾄσσα. 8. τι Ath., A.P.

7. 1. so Haupt.

## AESCHRION

### 6

Philaenis I, the whole wide world's byword,  
Lie resting here after a long old age.  
O idle sailor, rounding the headland,  
Spare me your jeers, derisions and mockings,  
For so I swear by Zeus, and by Hell's Youths<sup>1</sup>  
Ne'er was I common woman, nor lustful.  
Polycrates, Athenian native,  
Evil of tongue and crafty word-monger,  
Wrote of me what he wrote : for I know not.

(Philaenis, to whom is ascribed the obscene work on erotics, said by Aeschriion of Samos, the writer of iambi, to have been written by Polycrates the sophist to libel the woman, who was, in fact, a model of chastity. *Athenaeus*. Also in the *Palatine Anthology* with lemma "On Philaenis the courtesan from Elephantine who painted on a tablet the famous *γυναικείας μίξεις* on account of which she is lampooned by the Athenian wits." A scholiast (*A.P.*) repeats the charge quoting Lucian (*Amor.* 28).

### 7

#### And agrostis

Did'st find, the Gods' repast, sown by Kronos.

(Aeschriion of Samos in one of his iambi says that the sea deity Glaucus was enamoured of Hydna, daughter of Seyllus<sup>2</sup> the Scionean diver. And he has an original statement about the food which he ate and became immortal (7). *Athenaeus*.)

<sup>1</sup> The Dioscuri. For the ellipse of (Dios) compare Herodes, i. 32.

<sup>2</sup> Seyllus or Scyllis was (Hdt. viii. 8) the famous diver who deserted to the Greeks before the naval fighting round Artemisium in connexion with the battle of Thermopylae. He swam ten miles under sea! Agrostis is a kind of grass. Glaucus was originally a fisher of Anthedon.

## THEOCRITUS

ὁ μουσοποιὸς ἐνθάδ' Ἰππῶναξ κεῖται·  
 εἰ μὲν πονηρός, μὴ προσέρχεν τῷ τύμβῳ·  
 εἰ δ' ἐσσι κρήγυός τε καὶ παρὰ χρηστῶν,  
 θαρσέων καθίζεν, κῆν θέλῃς ἀπόβριξον.

(A.P. xiii. 3 and one cod. Theocr.)

2. A.P. ποτέρχεν: cod. Med. προσέρχον.  
 A.P. 4. καθίζου cod. Med.

3. χρηστῷ

## DIPHILUS

στρωφᾶς δὲ πώλους ὡς ὁ Μαντινεὺς Σῆμος  
 ὁς πρῶτος ἄρματ' ἤλασεν παρ' Ἀλφειῷ.

(Scholl. Pind. Ol. x. 83 (a) παρατιθεται δὲ Δίδυμος) καὶ τὸν γράφοντα τὸν Θησηίδα μαρτιροῦντα τῷ Ἡρωί τὴν τοῦ ἄρματος ἡμοχευτικὴν ἀρετὴν· τρέψας δὲ πώλους ὡς ὁ Μαντινεὺς Ἡρως. (b) Ἀριστόδημος δὲ φησι μὴ δύνασθαι σιγχρονεῖν Ἀλιρρόθιον τὸν κατὰ Κέκροπα Ἡρακλεῖ ἀλλὰ μηδὲ Ἀρκάδα εἶναι ἀλλ' Ἀθηναῖον. Σῆμον δὲ τινα νῦν νεκικηκέται ἄρματι ὡς φησι Δίφιλος ὁ τὴν Θησηίδα ποιήσας ἐν τινι ἰάμβῳ οὔτω τρέψας δὲ κτλ. (v. 1-2).

1. v.l. τρέψας, Ἡρως schol. (a).



## VARIOUS FRAGMENTS

### THEOCRITUS

Stranger, here lies the poet Hipponax :  
If thou art wicked, to his tomb come not ;  
If thou art goodly and thy sires gentle,  
Be bold : sit here : and if thou wilt, slumber

(In the *Anthologia Palatina* and one ms. of *Theocr.*)

### DIPHILUS<sup>1</sup>

And swervest colts like Mantinese Semus  
Who won the car race first by Alpheus.

((a) Didymus cites the author of the *Theseis* as witness to the driving skill of the Hero (v. 1). (b) Aristodemus says that Halirrhothius being contemporary of Cecrops cannot have been alive with Heracles, nor was he an Arcadian but an Athenian. In fact the victor in the car race was a certain Semus, as is stated by Diphilus the author of the *Theseis* in a (chol)iambic verse as follows (vv. 1, 2). Two Commentators on an *Olympian Ode* of Pindar.)

<sup>1</sup> Of Diphilus nothing is known beyond the statements above. In the second verse it is not clear whether *πρῶτος* means 'was first to' or 'to victory.' The second schol. suggests that this was part of a fugitive epigram. Quite possibly a quotation from the *Theseis* is lost and these iambs are by another hand. The Diphilus of schol. Ar. *Nub.* 96 might be the same, but this is improbable.

# FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

## RHINTHON

(*fr.* 10 Kaibel)

A. ὁ σὲ Διόνυσος αὐτὸς ἐξώλη θείη.

B. Ἰππωνά[κ]τειον > τὸ μέτρον.

A. οὐδέν μοι μέλει.

(Hephaest. p. 9 Ῥινθῶν μὲν γὰρ καὶ ἐν ἰαμβῶ ἐπισημασίας ἔδειξε τὸ τοιοῦτον. ἐν γὰρ Ὀλέττῃ ὁρίματι φησιν (v. 1), εἶθ' (v. 2). So Choerob. in Theodos. ii. 796 Hillgard πολλάκις εἰσκόονται καὶ ἐν τοῖς μέτροις ἀποτελούμενα κοινῆ τὸ κ̄τ̄ καὶ π̄τ̄, . . . ὡς παρὰ τῷ Ῥ. (v. 2).)

1. θείης ἴθ' cod.

2. Ἰππωνᾶκτος codd.: correxi.

The apparent choliambic fragment in Clement of Alexandria, p. 14 Potter, attributed to Rhinthon, is really a trimeter: see Potter's citations. For another fragment of Rhinthon see my *First Greek Anthologist*, p. 22.

## ASCLEPIADES OF SAMOS

*fr.* 1

ὁ καὶ κυνὸς καλοῦσι δυσμόρου σῆμα

(Schol. Eur. *Hec.* 1273 περὶ δὲ τοῦ κυνὸς σήματος καὶ Ἀσκληπιάδης φησὶν ὅτι κυνὸς καλοῦσι δυσμόρον σῆμα. Schol. Lyc. 315 σκύλαξ' . . . σκύλακα τὴν Ἐκάβην λέγει, ὅτι κύων ἐγένετο ὡς φησὶ μισθικῶς Ἐπιπιδῆς (*l.c.*). . . καὶ Ἀσκληπιάδης περὶ τοῦ τόπου οὐ ἀνηρέθη (1).)

1. ὁ καὶ om. schol. *Hec.*

## VARIOUS FRAGMENTS

### RHINTHON

A. May Dionysus be thy perdition.

B. A Hipponactean<sup>1</sup> verse !

A. I do not mind.

(Rhinthon in an iambus calls attention to this practice. In his play *Orestes* he says (v. 1) and proceeds (v. 2). *Hephaestion*. *Kt* and *pt* often have the syllable before them either short or long: e.g. Rhinthon (v. 2). *Choeroboscus*.)

<sup>1</sup> Rhinthon is satirizing the scansion *θεΐη* (*Hephaestion*) and *ἄκτ-* (*Choeroboscus*). The latter depends on the false reading *βᾶκτηρίη* in *Hipponax* (p. 14).

## ASCLEPIADES OF SAMOS

### 1

The luckless 'bitch's tomb' they now call it.

(About the 'bitch's tomb' Asclepiades says that (1). *Commentator* on *Euripides' Hecuba*. 'Whelp': . . . Lycophron gives this name to Hecuba since she was turned into a bitch according to Euripides' legend. Asclepiades says about the place where she was killed (1).)

# FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

*fr. 2*

κούφη κεραί<η> κεύσταλεῖ παρήνεγκεν

(Plut. *Mor.* 476 A *kān tis* ἔξωθεν ἀρχὴ πάθους ὡσπερ διαδρομὴ γένηται σπιλάδος (ε. καὶ κ. κ. π.) ὡς φησιν Ἀσκλ.)

## APOLLONIUS RHODIUS

CANOBUS

*fr. 1*

Κορινθιουργές ἐστι κίωνων σχῆμα.

(Steph. Byz. *Κόρινθος* . . . \*καὶ σύνθετον Κορινθιουργῆς ὡς Ἀττικουργῆς. Ἀπ. ὁ Ῥόδιος Κανώππῳ [δευτέρῳ] (1).)

*fr. 2*

τρέφει δὲ νηὸντ ὁ γλυκὺς σε χωρίτης  
πλόος κομίζων δῶρα πλουσίου Νείλου.

(Steph. Byz. *χώρα* . . . Ἀπολλώνιος ἐν τῷ Κ. (2).)

1. δευτέρῳ del. Meineke. In text ?? σῆμα.

2. 1. *τέρψει* δὲ νηῶν Pinedo, which I translate. χω-  
ρίτης : em. Meineke. 2. *Νείλου πλουσίου* codd. : em.  
Gavel.

## VARIOUS FRAGMENTS

### 2

Rides out the storm with light and bare yard-arm

(And if from outside comes the beginning of any evil like the passage of a storm<sup>1</sup> he as Asclepiades says (2). *Plutarch on Tranquillity.*)

<sup>1</sup> σπιλάς 'storm': see *J.Th.S.* xiv. 56, xvi. 78. Add *Plut. Dio 10 τοῦ χειμῶνος παραφερομένου.*

## APOLLONIUS OF RHODES

### CANOBUS

#### 1

A pillared group Corinthian-fashion

('Corinth': . . . there is a compound 'Corinthian-fashion' like 'Attic-fashion.' Apollonius of Rhodes in his [second] *Canobus*.<sup>1</sup> *Stephanus of Byzantium.*)

#### 2

Thou shalt delight in the ships' sweet passage  
That brings the countryfolk rich Nile's presents.

('Country' . . . : compound 'countryfolk.' Apollonius in his *Canobus. Id.*)

<sup>1</sup> Canobus was the steersman of Menelaus who was turned into a star. The Corinthian pillars marked his alleged grave. Out of Helen's tears for him grew, as Apollonius no doubt did not fail to mention, the plant *ἐλένειον*. *E.M. s.v.* Neither Apollonius nor Asclepiades seem to have written more than one choliambic poem.

# FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

## PARMENO

### *fr. 1* (1 Powell)

ἀνὴρ γὰρ ἔλκων οἶνον, ὡς ὕδωρ ἵππος,	1
Σκυθιστὶ φωνεῖ	2
οὐδὲ κόππα γιγνώσκων	3
κέϊται δ' ἄναυδος ἐν πίθῳ κολυμβήσας	4
κάθυπνος ὡς μήκωνα φάρμακ<ο>ν πίνων.	5

(Ath. v. 221 a (1) φησὶν ὁ Βυζάντιος Παρμένων.)

### *fr. 2* (2 Powell)

ἦλθον μακρὴν θάλασσαν, οὐκ ἄγων σῦκα  
Κα[ι]ν<αῖ>α φόρτον.

(Ath. iii. 75 f Παρμένων ὁ Βυζάντιος ἐν τοῖς ἰάμβοις τὰ ἀπὸ Κανῶν τῆς Αἰολικῆς πόλεως ὡς διάφορα ἐπαινῶν φησὶν (2).)

### *fr. 3* (3 Powell)

Αἰγύπτιε Ζεῦ Νεΐλε

(Ath. v. 203 c. Schol. Pind. P. iv. 97.)

### *fr. 4* (8 Powell)

παῖδ' οὔτε γέν<ουσι> πυρρὸν οὔθ' ὑπηγήτην

(Schol. Theocr. vi. 3 πυρρός· ὁ ἀρτίχρους . . . Παρμενίσκος (-ων Haupt) (4).)

1. 3. κόππα Α: κάππα cett. 5. φαρμάκων AC: corr. Cas.

Meineke saw that the order was unsatisfactory. For sense lost e.g. πρῶτον· εἰτά που πλείον πῶν σεσίγηκ'

2. 2. Καινεα Α: corr. Palmerius. φόρτον Α: corr. Cas. Sense ἀλλά — πόρνας?

4. γένειον sch.: corr. Bücheler.

## VARIOUS FRAGMENTS

### PARMENO

#### 1

For one that drinketh wine, as horse water,  
First speaks like Scythians: <then when drunk  
deeper>

Silent he lies, and cannot say 'Koppa,'<sup>1</sup>  
Since he has fallen to a tub's bottom,  
As with some opiate, with sleep druggéd.

(Parmeno of Byzantium says (1). *Athenæus*.)

#### 2

<Crossing>

Far seas I came hither, no figs bringing,  
Produce of Canae, <but some fair ladies>.

(Parmeno of Byzantium in his iambi praises figs from Canae the Aeolian city as of superlative quality. *Athenæus*.)

#### 3

O Nile, Egyptian Zeus,

(*Athenæus*. A Commentator on a Pythian ode of Pindar.)

#### 4

A boy nor yellow-chinned nor yet downy

('Yellow': used of one whose beard is just beginning to grow. . . . *Parmeniscus* (†). *Commentator on Theocritus*.)

<sup>1</sup> To the Greeks the northern tongues appeared to have an undue preponderance of ugly guttural sounds (Hdl. on Hrd. vi. 34). *ko* is both the 'first' letter of the Scythian or as the hiccup of the drunkard's alphabet. The Greeks said οὐδ' ἄλφα.

# FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

## HERMEIAS

(p. 237 Powell)

Ἄκουσατ', ὦ Στοίακες, ἔμποροι λήρου,  
 λόγων ὑποκρ<ι>τῆρες, οἳ μόνοι πάντα  
 τὰν τοῖς πίναξι, πρὶν <τι> τῷ σοφῷ δοῦναι  
 αὐτοὶ καταρροφεῖτε, κᾶθ' ἀλίσκεσθε  
 ἐναντία πράσσοντες οἷς τραγωδεῖτε. 5

(Ath. xiii. 563 d τούτων τῶν Ἀλέξιδος ἀπομνημονεύσας ὁ Μυρτίλος κᾶτα ἀποβλέψας εἰς τοὺς τὰ τῆς Στοῦς αἰρουμένους τὰ Ἑρμείου τοῦ Κοιριέως ἐκ τῶν ἰάμβων προειπῶν (vv. 1-5), παιδοπίπαι ὄντες καὶ τοῦτο μόνον ἐξηλωκότες τὸν ἀρχηγὸν ἰμῶν τῆς σοφίας Ζήνωνα τὸν Φοίνικα, ὃς οὐδέποτε γυναικὶ ἐχρήσατο παιδικοῖς δ' αἰεὶ, ὡς Ἀντίγονος ὁ Καρύστιος ἱστορεῖ ἐν τῷ περὶ τοῦ βίου αὐτοῦ.)

1. στοάκες A : στοίακες (E).      2. ὑποκρητῆρες corr. Mus.  
 3. πρηνή: corr. Porson. Read προεῖπεν in Ath. Perhaps continue (for otherwise there is no construction), e.g.

ὡς παιδοπίπαι τ' ἐστὲ καὶ μόνον τοῦτο  
 Ζήνωνα τὸν Φοίνικα εἰόκατε ζηλοῦν  
 ὃς οὐδ' ὄναρ γυναικί, παιδικοῖς δ' αἰεὶ  
 ἐχρήσατ'.

## CHARINUS

Ἐρροῖς πλανῆτι καὶ κακῇ πέτρῃ Λευκάς·  
 Χαρίνον, αἰαῖ, τὴν ἰαμβικὴν Μοῦσαν  
 καταθάλωσας ἐλπίδος κενοῖς μύθοις.  
 τοιαῦτ' Ἐρωτος Εὐπάτωρ ἐρασθεῖη.

(Ptolemaeus Chennus (Phot. Bibl. p. 153. 5) Χαρίνος δὲ ἰαμβογράφος ἠράσθη Ἐρωτος εὐνοίχου τοῦ Εὐπάτωρος οἰνοχόου, καὶ πιστεύσας τῷ περὶ τῆς πέτρας λόγῳ κατέβαλεν ἑαυτὸν. ἐπεὶ δὲ καταβαλὼν τὸ σκέλος κατεάγη καὶ ὑπὸ ὀδύνης ἐτελεύτα ἀπέρριψε τὰδε τὰ ἰαμβεῖα (vv. 1-4).)



## VARIOUS FRAGMENTS

### HERMEIAS

Hear me, ye Stoics, merchants of twaddle,  
Verbiage-fakers : you yourselves gulp down  
All that is in the dishes, ere wise men  
Can get a sup or bite : and your actions  
Belie your fair pretences :<sup>1</sup> †you're caught out 5  
In lust unnatural, herein Zeno  
Your founder, and herein alone, aping :  
For this Phoenician never knew woman.†

(After quoting these verses of Alexis, Myrtilus stared round at those of the Stoic persuasion present and quoted the words of Hermeias of Curium (*vv.* 1-8), as Antigonus the Carystian states in his *Life. Athenaeus.*)

<sup>1</sup> Verses 5-8 are merely paraphrased in Athenaeus : see *crit. n.* Of Hermeias of Curium (in Cyprus) nothing more is known.

### CHARINUS

Damn thee, Leucadian rock,<sup>1</sup> thou vile truant :  
Alas the Muse iambic Charinus  
Thou didst burn up with flattering tales empty.  
Eupator's love for Love I pray end thus.

(Charinus a (chol)iambic poet fell in love with Love, a eunuch who was cup-bearer to Eupator, and trusting in the tale about the rock threw himself over the edge. In falling he broke his leg and just as he was dying in agony threw off these iambic verses (*vv.* 1-4). *Ptolemaeus Chennus* in *Photius's Catalogue.*)

<sup>1</sup> Diving over the Leucadian precipice into the sea was supposed to have the effect of winning the love of a reluctant loved one. The whole of the narrative of Ptolemaeus is suspect : but these verses can hardly be later than A.D. 100 or 200. *πλανήτης* seems to mean 'deceitful.' See [Ovid], *Heroid.* xv. 163 *sqq.*

## FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

### APOLLONIDES (NICAENUS)

Γλῆνιν παρηονίτις ἀμπέχω χερμάς  
 πικρῆ κατασπασθέντα κύματος δίνῃ,  
 ὅτ' ἰχθυάζετ' ἐξ ἀκρῆς ἀπορρώγος·  
 χῶσαν δέ μ' ὄσσοσ λαὸσ ἦν συνεργήτης,  
 Ποσειδον, οὖσ σὺ σῶζε καὶ γαληναίην 5  
 αἰὲν διδοίῃσ ὀρμηβόλοισ θίνα.

(*A.P.* vii. 693 'Απολλωνίδου ιαμβικόν.)

4. ὄσσοσ ἦν συνεργάτης λαὸσ conj. Jacobs.

### HERODIANUS

Ἡρωδιανὸσ Νικί[κ]ου πα[τ]ρὸσ [σ]τῆσεν  
 χαλκείον ἀνδρίαντα πατρίδος ψήφῳ  
 γνώμησ τ' ἐκ<η>τι, μείλιχοσ γὰρ ἦν [π]ᾶ[σι]ν  
 τερπνῶν τε μ[ί]μων οὖσ ἔγραψεν ἀσ[τ]ε[ί]ωσ.

(Cougny, *A.P.* iii. p. 589, from a grave-stone at Ergissa (Eski-Zaghra).)

3. τε ἔκατι lapis.

### PARDALAS

Ὁ Σαρδιηνὸσ Παρδαλᾶσ δισ ἤκουσα·  
 μεμνήσομαί σου κὰν ἐμῆσι βύβλοισι.

(Cougny, *A.P.* iii. p. 30. One of a number of inscriptions on the left leg of the famous statue of Memnon in Egypt.)

2. Num σευ?

## VARIOUS FRAGMENTS

### APOLLONIDES (OF NICAEA?)

Here, sea-side cairn, do I embrace Glenis,  
In woeful whirl of wave to death sucked down,  
What time he sat on rugged cliff fishing.  
His mates did pile me here, O Poseidon :  
Them save thou : evermore give calm weather  
To all who from this sea-board their lines cast.

(In the *Anthologia Palatina*.)

### HERODIAN

Herodianus set this bronze statue  
To Nicias his sire by his town's vote  
Memorial to his character gentle  
And to his pleasant mimes with wit written.

(On a grave-stone : see *Cougny's Appendix to A.P.*)

### PARDALAS OF SARDIS

I, Pardalas of Sardis, twice heard thee  
And in my books I promise thee mention.<sup>1</sup>

(*Appendix to the Palatine Anthology*.)

<sup>1</sup> Ancient tourists who listened for the sound of Memnon's statue at dawn scrawled their semimetrical testimonies all over the statue and base. Cougny i. 175, 184, 185 are mainly in pure iambs and I omit them despite an occasional choliambus, due to the incompetent author or authoress. Pardalas seems to have had some knowledge of the metre and appropriate dialect.

## FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

## ANON. I

Ὁ κλεινὸς ἴνις βασιλέως Ἀμάζασπος,  
 ὁ Μιθριδάτου βασιλέως κασίγνητος,  
 ᾧ γαῖα πατρὶς Κασπί<οι>ς παρὰ κλήθρ<οι>ς,  
 Ἰβηρ Ἰβηρος ἐνθαδὶ τετάρχεται  
 πόλιν παρ' ἱρὴν ἣν ἔδειμε Νικάτωρ 5  
 ἐλαιόθηλον ἀμφὶ Μυγδόνοσ νᾶμα.  
 θάνεν δ' ὀπαδὸς Λύσόνων τ' ἀγήτορι  
 μολῶν ἀνακτι Παρθικὴν ἐφ' ὑσμίνην,  
 πρὶν περ παλάξαι χεῖρα δητῶ λύθρῳ,  
 ἴφθιμον, αἰαῖ, χεῖρα δουρὶ †κανοζωρ† 10  
 καὶ φασγάνου κνώδοντι, πεζὸς ἰπ<πεύς τε>.  
 ὁ δ' αὐτὸς ἴσος παρθένοισιν αἰδοίαις . .

(Cougny, *A.P.* iii. p. 132. In Rome? Non inveni.)

3. -ias -ras corr. by Meineke. 7. ? ταγήτορι and  
 ἀναξι (8). 10. καὶ τόξῳ M. Haupt. 11. supplied  
 by Scaliger.

## ANON. II

. . . . .]ων ἴχνος, εἰ θέλεις γνῶναι  
 . . . . .]ις τῆδε λαίγη στήλη.  
 . . . . .] ἐν φθιτοῖς ἀνὴρ χρηστός,  
 . . . . .] λέλοιπεν ἠλίου φέγγος,  
 . . . . .]ων μηδέπω τελειώσας. 5  
 πάντ' . . . . .]ι δέδοκτο, μῦθος ἀνθρώπων,  
 καὶ πάντας] ἀρετῇ τοὺς ὀμήλικας προὔχεν  
 εἰς πᾶν δέ]καιος, θεοσεβής, φιλόφρων.  
 τίς οὐχ ἐ]ταίρων τὸν τεὸν μόρον κλαίει;

1-5. I translate the general sense given by Cagnat (so  
 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 (δαινόν) and 14). 3. χρ. ἐν φθ. ἀν. lapis.  
 6. δέχοιτο lapis: corr. Cagnat.

## ANONYMOUS FRAGMENTS

### ANON. I

The famous son of a king, Amazaspus,  
And of king Mithridates own brother,  
Who by the Caspian gates was born, here lies,  
Iberian of Iberian, balméd,  
By holy city <sup>1</sup> built by Nicator 5  
On the Mygdonian stream 'neath grey olives.  
Unto the Roman emperor <sup>2</sup> fighting  
Against the Parthian he went ally,  
(And fell his hand not yet in foes' blood steeped,  
That hand alas ! both with the bow mighty 10  
And with the sword-hilt) horse and foot leading.  
Withal he was of modesty maiden . . .

<sup>1</sup> Nisibis.

<sup>2</sup> The emperor seems to have been Trajan.

### ANON. II

<Halt passing> if thou wouldest learn, stranger,  
<Who buried lies> beneath this stone pillar.  
Once was he <so and so>, a man righteous,  
<But now hath gone and> left the fair sunlight  
And left unfinished <his life's due course>. 5  
Alone of men was he <in all blameless>  
<And all> his fellows he in worth outdid.  
<In all things> just, humane, and god-fearing  
<Which of> thy comrades at thy fate weeps not ?

ἅπας] μὲν ὄχλος οἰκετῶν σε δακρύει, 10  
 ἐν παν]τὶ δ' ἦσθα σεμνὸς ὡς δοκεῖν εἶναι  
 ἔτ' ὄν]τα παῖδα τοῖς νοήμασιν πρέσβυν.  
 . . .]ον, ποθητὴ μῆτερ, εὔνασον θρῆνον,  
 π[έ]νθους τιθηνόν, ὃς μάτην σε πημαίνει·  
 οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἐξήλυξε τὸν μίτον Μοιρῶν, 15  
 οὐ θνητός, οὐκ ἀθάνατος· οὐδ' ὁ δεσμώτης  
 οὐδ' αὖ τύραννος βασιλικὴν λαχὼν τιμὴν  
 θεσμοὺς ἀτρέπτους διαφυγεῖν ποτ' ᾤήθη.  
 Φαέθοντα Τίταν οὐκ ἔκλαυσ' ὅτ' ἐκ δίφρων  
 ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ κατέπεσεν εἰς πέδον γαίης; 20  
 Ἐρμῆς δ' ὁ Μαίας οὐκ ἔκλαυσεν ὄν παῖδα  
 [Μυρτίλον ἱ] ἀπὸ δίφρων ἱ κύμασιν φορούμενον];  
 οὐδ' αὖ Θέτις τὸν σ<θ>νεαρὸν ἔστενεν παῖδα  
 ὅτ' ἐκ βελέμνων θνήσκε τῶν Ἀπόλλωνος;  
 οὐδ' αὖ βροτῶν τε καὶ θεῶν ἄναξ πάντων 25  
 Σαρπηδόν' οὐκ ἔκλαυσεν, οὐκ ἐκώκυσεν;  
 οὐδ' αὖ Μακεδῶν ὁ βασιλεὺς Ἀλέξανδρος  
 ὄν τίκτεν Ἄμμων θέμενος εἰς ὄφιν μορφὴν . . .

(Cougny, *A.P.* iii. p. 123. In Alexandria.)

16. read οὐδὲ.      22. is corrupt.      23. στεναρόν lapis.  
 25. πάντων ἄναξ lapis.      28. incomplete.

## ANONYMOUS FRAGMENTS

<Aye all> thy household servants are mourners ; 10  
 And always wast thou dignified, seeming,  
 Though yet a boy, in intellect man-like.  
 O yearning<sup>1</sup> mother, thy lament cease thou :  
 It doth but nurse the grief that hurts idly.  
 For none have yet escaped from the Fates' thread,  
 Nor mortal nor immortal : nor pris'ner<sup>2</sup> 16  
 Nor tyrant borne to consequence kingly  
 Has ever thought to flee their laws fixed.  
 Titan did mourn for Phaethon fallen  
 Out of his car from heaven to earth's plain. 20  
 And Hermes Maea's son his own son wept,  
 Myrtilus, thrown to waves <that his name bear>.<sup>3</sup>  
 Thetis lamented for her son valiant  
 When by Apollo's darts he lay stricken.  
 Aye and the king of all gods and all men 25  
 Bewailéd and lamented Sarpedon.  
 Aye Alexander, Macedon's ruler,  
 Whom Ammon did beget disguised snakewise . . .

<sup>1</sup> *ποθητή* must mean weeping. Read *ποθητι*.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Ps.-Call. pp. 290 *sqq.* for these and following verses. They might actually be by the same writer.

<sup>3</sup> I suppose the author to have written something like *Μυρτίλον ἰαφθέντ' εἰς φερώνυμον κύμα. φορηθέντα* would suffice.

## FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

## DIOGENES LAERTIUS

## 1 (1 Meineke)

Τί δὴ γέρων ὦν καὶ φάλανθος, ὦ ῥίστων,  
τὸ βρέγμα δῶκας ἡλίῳ κατοπτῆσαι;  
τ<οι> γὰρ τὸ θερμὸν πλεῖον ἢ δέον ζητῶν  
τὸν ψυχρὸν ὄντως εὔρες οὐ θέλων Ἄιδην.

(Diog. L. vii. 164 τοῦτον λόγος φαλακρὸν ὄντα ἐγκανθῆναι ὑπὸ τοῦ ἡλίου καὶ ὡδε τελευτῆσαι . . . (1).)

## 2 (2 Meineke)

Οὐκ ἄρα μῦθος ἦν ἐκείνος εἰκαῖος  
ὡς ἀτυχῆς τις ἐών  
τὸν πόδα κολυμβῶν περιέπειρέ <πως> ἦλω·  
καὶ γὰρ ὁ σεμνὸς ἀνὴρ,  
πρὶν Ἄλφειόν ποτ' ἐκπερᾶν, Ἄλεξιῖνος 5  
θνήσκει νυ<γ>εῖς καλάμῳ.

(Diog. L. ii. 109 ἔπειτα μέντοι νηχόμενον ἐν τῷ Ἄλφειῷ νυχθῆναι καλάμῳ καὶ οὕτω τελευτῆσαι . . . (2).)

## 3 (3 Meineke)

Εἰ καὶ σέ, Ξενοφῶν, Κραναοῦ Κέκροπός τε πολῖται  
φεύγειν κατέγιων τοῦ φίλου χάριν Κύρου,  
ἀλλὰ Κόρινθος ἔδεκτο φιλόξενος, ἧ σὺ φιληδῶν  
οὕτως ἀρέσκη· κεῖθι καὶ μένειν ἔγνωσ.

(Diog. L. ii. 58 ὡς ἐτελεύτα (3). *A.P.* vii. 98 (3) ἐκ τῆς βίβλου τῆς ἐπιγραφουμένης Βίων Φιλοσόφων. *rv.* 3, 4 *Suid.* *s.v.* φιληδῶν from *A.P.*)

1. 3. τὸ γὰρ corr. Meineke.

2. 3. τὸ cod.: em. Stephanus. 6. νυχθεῖς corr. Hermann.

3. 2. φευγόμεναι *A.P.* 4. ? ὄκως.



DIOGENES LAERTIUS

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1

Why, O Ariston old and bald-headed,  
Did'st to the sun to bake give thy noddle?  
Withal didst thou, excess of heat seeking,  
Discover that cool death which thou shunnédst.

(It is said that Ariston, who was bald, was scorched by the sun and so died. Here is an epigram of mine (1). *Diogenes Laertius, Lives of the Philosophers.*)

2

That witty jest was no mere jest random  
How an unfortunate wight,  
In swimming, on a nail his foot piercéd :  
So did that reverend man  
Named Alexinus crossing Alphéus  
Pierced by a bulrush expire.

(Later while swimming in the Alpheus Alexinus was pierced by a reed and so died. Here is my epitaph (2). *id.* See Addenda.)

3

Xenophon, though by the townsmen of Cecrops  
and Cranaus dooméd  
To exile since thou followedst Cyrus,  
Yet did Corinth receive thee hospitable : where  
both in comfort  
Thy life thou passed'st and wast there buried.

(On Xenophon's death *id.* Also in the *Palatine Anthology* whence *Suidas* quotes the last two verses.)

FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

4 (om. Meineke)

Καὶ σὲ Πρωταγόρῃ σοφίης ἴδμεν βέλος ὀξύ  
 ἀλλ' οὐ τιτρώσκον<τ>', <ὄντα> δὲ γλυκὺ  
 <χ>ρ<ι>μα.

(*A.P.* vii. 132. Not in our codd. of Diog. L.)

5 (om. Meineke)

Ἰλιγγίασε Βάκχον ἐκπιὼν χανδόν  
 Χρύσιππος, οὐδ' ἐφείσατο  
 οὐ τῆς Στοᾶς, οὐχ ἧς πάτρης, οὐ τῆς ψυχῆς,  
 ἀλλ' ἦλθε δῶμ' ἐς Ἀΐδεω.

(Diog. L. vii. 184 τούτων ἐν τῷ Ἰλιδίῳ σχολάζοντά φησιν Ἑρμιππος ἐπὶ θεσίαν ὑπὸ τῶν μαθητῶν κληθέναι· ἐνθα προσ-  
 ενεγκάμενον γλυκὺν ἄκρατον καὶ Ἰλιγγιάσαντα πευπταῖον ἀπελθεῖν  
 ἐξ ἀνθρώπων . . . (5). *A.P.* vii. 706.)

4. 2. -ον, -ων corrected by Jacobs. κρήμα corrected  
 by Boissonade.

5. 3. οὐχ ἧς *A.P.*: οὐδ' ἧς some codd. D.L. (vitiosissime):  
 Jacobs οὐ τῆς perhaps rightly. πάτρας *A.P.*

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Thee too Protagoras do we know, sharp spear-  
point of wisdom,  
Not wounding us but sweet as an ointment.

(In the *Palatine Anthology* only.)

5

Chrysippus had a fit upon gulping  
A drink, and spared not anyone,  
Nor Stoa, nor his land, nor his own self,  
But into Hades passed away.

(Hermippus says that Chrysippus was resting in the Odeum when he was summoned by his pupils to a sacrifice: there he took a liqueur and had a fit and five days later departed this life . . . (5). *Diog. L.* Also in the *Palatine Anthology*.)



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Poems I and II and those later ones which concern the death of Darius were edited by Kuhlmann, a pupil of W. Kroll (Munster, 1912). Since then Kroll has produced a text of the one best codex, or recension of the life of Alexander (Berlin, 1926). This is codex A (Paris Graec. 1711). Some other codices present quite different versions, B and C (codd. dett.): and I have constantly referred to the Bodleian cod. Barocc. 20, a ms. in the main of type C. Further we have the excellent Armenian version (Arm.) translated into Greek by Richard Raabe<sup>1</sup> (Leipzig, 1896), the Latin translation of Valerius (Val. : printed by Müller-Didot: Arrian etc. 1865), and the Byzantine version (Byz.) into politic verse (W. Wagner,<sup>2</sup> Berlin, 1881), all of which preserve something of value. Of the recensions A (only preserved in one bad codex) is by a stylist more or less faithful to his original: B and C represent a version into the vulgar language. In a way they are more helpful, since wherever a literary metrical phrase peeps out that is necessarily original.

Besides the verses in i. 42 preserved only in the Latin of Julius Valerius, Kuhlmann recognized only three

<sup>1</sup> To whom most of the improvements in the text of i. 46 are due.

<sup>2</sup> *Trois Poèmes grecs du moyen âge.*

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choliambic portions : and to these Kroll in his critical notes adds an oracle (which is quite separate) and an account of Darius' appearance when Alexander goes to the Persian camp as his own herald. But, as the verses in i. 46 show, there is far more. For we have no mere song of Ismenias the flute-player : the narrative between his verses and those of Alexander—and indeed, though obscuredly, the narrative before—is all choliambic. Further, in the fable of the mice and wasps, which I give below in verse for the first time,<sup>1</sup> the conclusion is

ὡς ὁ εἶπε[ν ὁ] βασιλεὺς πάντες αὐτὸν ἠνθήμουν

and the verses continue. It is clear that for large portions this life of Alexander rests on a choliambic basis : and we may hazard a guess that the whole is based on an anthology of Alexander's deeds in which the choliambic verses (as far as they extended) occupied pride of place. The only known poet who wrote of the fall of Thebes was Soterichus, who lived under Diocletian ; but he seems to have been an epic poet.<sup>2</sup> There are difficulties in placing our choliambist later (when the art of the iambus was beginning to be lost), or earlier (when Soterichus must have merely copied the theme of the fall of Thebes). But the first appears the less unlikely hypothesis. The coincidence of parts of the story with far earlier sources is by no means fatal to this. It is best merely to give what can be found of these verses and leave entirely the question as to when this curious narrative—compound of Egyptian and

<sup>1</sup> So with many other portions.

<sup>2</sup> For another epic poem on this subject introduced into a history see *P. Oxy.* 1798.

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Aethiopian fable, anecdote, forged letters and choliambic verse, with some traces of sound historians as sources—finally took shape. The only certain test of a very late date does not apply to our author, who uses words like the nominative Ἀλέξανδρος in which the accent does not fall on the penultimate.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> As the verses have to be picked from various sources I use the following signs :—

- i. The reading of Codex A is given without mark.
- ii. Insertions from codd. dett. are given in round brackets ( ).
- iii. Insertions or corrections whether conjectural or from the versions are marked < >. When they are from the versions the source is given in the crit. app.
- iv. Where I indicate omissions ( . . . ), I give the general sense in italics on the English side. Often one or two isolated traces of metre are omitted. Where no traces of metre occur I give a résumé in English in italics and round brackets.

# I

i. 42. ὃ καὶ παριγίγεται εἰς Φρυγίαν καὶ εἰσελθὼν  
 εἰς αὐτὴν Ἴλιον τὴν πόλιν ἔθυσεν Ἑκτορι καὶ Ἀχιλλεῖ  
 καὶ τοῖς ἄλλοις ἥρωσιν. praecipue tamen Achillem  
 veneratur ac rogat uti sibi et ipse faveat et dona  
 quae ferret dignanter admittat; haec enim a sese  
 non ut ab externo ac superstitioso verum ut con-  
 sanguineo ac religioso dedicari;

hinc primus exstat Aeacus Iovis proles,  
 atque inde Peleus Phthiae regna possedit,  
 quo tu subortus inelyta cluis proles.  
 Pyrrhusque post id nobile adserit sanguem,  
 quem subsecuta est Pieri fama non dispar; 5  
 Pierique proles Eubius dehinc regnat.  
 post Nessus ardens excipit domus nomen,  
 Argusque post id, qui potens fuit Xanthi;  
 ex hoc Arete nobilis genus ducit.  
 Areta natus Priami nomen accepit, 10  
 Tryinus unde et Eurymachus post illum,  
 ex quo Lycus fit dives et dehinc Castor.  
 Castore natus est Dromon qui dat Phocum;  
 atque hinc suborta est Metrias, quae suscepit  
 Neoptolemei nominis vicem dignam, 15  
 cui substitutus Charopus. hic Molossorum

5. Pieri *codd.*: *corr. Mai.*



## I

i. 42. 9<sup>1</sup> Alexander arrived in Phrygia and entered the city of Ilium itself and sacrificed to Hector and Achilles and the other heroes. Most of all he honoured Achilles and asked him to favour him and deign to accept the gifts he bore. These he dedicated not as a superstitious stranger, but as a relative and a religious man.

Aeacus son of Jove your race founded,  
 Next Peleus held the Phthian dominion,  
 Whose world-famed progeny you are called  
 Next Pyrrhus vindicates thy blood nobly,  
 And Pielus of equal fame follows. 5  
 Thereafter Eubius, Pielus' son, reigns.  
 Next glorious Nessus name of thy house bore ;  
 Thereafter Argus, master of Xanthus,  
 From whom Arete noble her race drew.  
 Priamus was the son of Arete, 10  
 Tryinus and Eurymachus next came ;  
 Whence wealthy Lycus and anon Castor.  
 Dromon was Castor's son and bore Phocus ;  
 Hence Metrias was born, and her son bore  
 The name Neoptolemcian with full worth ; 15  
 Charopus, his successor, the kingdom

<sup>1</sup> All our Greek mss. omit this poem.

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regni potitus auctor extitit stirpis  
nostrae <

> eritque viscus inclytum matris.  
e qua subortus vestro sanguini adnector, 20  
quaesoque nomen adseras tuum nobis,  
bellisque praestes gloriasque subtexus  
velut feracis seminis < > fructum,  
quod cuncta late spatia terrae pervadat ;  
unaque metis nostra fac Phaethonteis 25  
regna explicari mundus adserat cunctus.

II

(ii. 46. 11)

χείρ δὲ Μακεδοικὴ οὐκ ἔκαμε τὸν  
πολυσφαγῆ σίδηρον αἵματώσσασα. i

(46a. 3)

Ἰσμηνίας (-)ηβαῖος, τῆς αὐλομελωδίας ἔμπειρος  
ἄνθρωπος, . . . . . τὴν χεῖρα προτείνας  
ἄρχεται λέγειν οὕτως. 2

(Βασιλεῦ μέγιστε, φεῖσαι ἡμῶν εὐτελῶν· μὴ τοιού-  
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Molossian gat, and of our race founder  
Became . . .<sup>1</sup>

will be his mother's famed offspring.

Whose son I, with your race thus connected, 20

Beg that your name by us be asserted,

Given to wars and crownéd with glories :

For fruit are we of a seed right fertile,

A seed to range over the whole wide earth.

Grant the whole world declare that our realm be 25

By Phaethontean goals alone bounded.<sup>2</sup>

*(Alexander wins over the cities on the Black Sea, and enters Greece. The first resistance comes from Thebes.)*

<sup>1</sup> Here should follow the names of Alcetas and Neoptolemus (Kuhlmann).

<sup>2</sup> As we should say, 'the sun should never set on it.'

## II

*(The Thebans close their gates but Alexander forces an entrance.)*

The hand of Macedon tired not

Dipping in gore its sword all blood-spattered. 1

(A certain Ismenias of Thebes, a flute-player, stretched forth his hand and with many tears)

did thus begin speaking :— 2

Spare, Alexander of all kings greatest,<sup>1</sup> our sorry

<sup>1</sup> *v.* I was *e.g.* φείσαι μέγιστε βασιλέων Ἀλέξανδρε. Where we can see a basic verse I drop into verses in the translation.

τω κινδύνῳ τὴν πόλιν ἡμῶν εἰς τέλος ἀφανίσῃς).  
 Ἄλέξανδρε, νῦν πείρα μαθόντες τὸ σὸν (ἰσόθεον)  
 κράτος σεβόμεθα<sup>α</sup>. ἐπίσχεσ τὰς ἀνικήτους χεῖρας  
 ἀπὸ Θηβαίων <ἀγνοία μήπως ἀσεβεῖν δόξεις  
 τὰ συγγενῇ σου. Ἡράκλεος, Διόνυσος, οὗτοι  
 θεοὶ Θηβαῖοι><sup>β</sup>, ἐπιδοξότατοι θεοὶ καὶ προγονικῆς  
 μίξεως ἀρχέγονον βλάστημα. Διὸς τε καὶ Σεμέλης  
 πυριλοχευτὸς Διόνυσος ἐν Θήβαις <ἐτέχθη><sup>β</sup>.  
 Ἡρακλῆς <παρὰ><sup>β</sup> Διὸς τε καὶ Ἀλκμήνης  
 <ἐσπάρη><sup>γ</sup>. οὗτοι<sup>δ</sup> πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις <βοηθοὶ καὶ  
 εἰρηνικοὶ><sup>ε</sup> σωτηρίας φύλακες ἐφάνησαν

σοῦ δὲ τυγχάνουσ' [ιν] Ἄλέξανδρε 3  
 προπάτορες ὄντες. 4

τούτ<ους><sup>φ</sup> σε χρὴ μιμήσασθαι καὶ εὐεργετεῖν,  
 ὥσπερ ἐκ θεῶν γενόμενος. μὴ ὑπερίδῃς τὰς  
 Διονύσου καὶ Ἡρακλέους τροφούς Θήβας ἀπολ-  
 λυμένας μηδὲ τὸ βοόκτιστον ἄστν κατασκάψῃς.  
 ὄνειδος γὰρ ὕστερον Μακεδόσι γενήσεται.

ἀγνοεῖς Ἄλέξανδρε 5  
 < > Θηβαῖον [καὶ] οὐχὶ Πελλαῖον. 6

<ὄλη><sup>η</sup> σε Θηβαίων χώρα λιτανεύει

<θρηνοῦσα>, τοὺς σοὺς προπάτορας κομίζουσα 7  
 θεούς, Λυαῖον 8

εὐφροσύνης καὶ χορείης θιασώτ<ην><sup>η</sup>, Ἡρακλέα  
 δίκαιον ἔργοις καὶ βοηθὸν ἀνθρώποις. 9

<sup>α</sup> from σεβόμεθα we have only the versions as a check on  
 the readings of cod. A. <sup>β</sup> Byz. <sup>γ</sup> Byz.: κατέσπειραν A.  
<sup>δ</sup> οὕτω A. <sup>ε</sup> Arm. (Byz.) <sup>φ</sup> Byz.: τούτῳ A. 6. e.g.

persons. Do not in such a disaster destroy our city completely.

Taught by experience your divine puissance<sup>1</sup>  
 We worship thee : keep off from us Thebans  
 Your hands unconquered,

lest you appear in ignorance to wrong your kin. Heracles and Dionysus are the gods of Thebes, most glorious gods and ancestral offspring of earliest union between Zeus and Semele. Dionysus,<sup>2</sup> with fire for his midwife, was gotten in Thebes. In Thebes was born Heracles, offspring of Zeus and Alcmene. These appeared to all the world preservers, as helpers and peaceful guardians of safety. (3, 4) And they are your ancestors, Alexander. As you are born of gods, you should imitate these and do good. Do not allow the continuance of the destruction of Thebes which nursed Dionysus and Heracles, nor raze the ox-founded city. For hereafter it will be a reproach to the Macedonians. (5, 6) Do you not know, Alexander, that you are a Theban and not a citizen of Pella? The whole land of Thebes calls on you wailing and entreats you through my mouth, (7, 8) Thebes that displays your ancestral gods, Lyaeus, god of delight and revel-leader of the dance, and Heracles

Righteous of deed and all mankind's helper. 9

<sup>1</sup> *e.g.* *ισόθεον τὸ σὸν κάρτος.*

<sup>2</sup> Dionysius Zagreus, distinguished thus by later writers from D. the late-born.

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ἔχων γένος            <sup>9</sup> πόλις A : ὅλη Byz. : *e.g.* ὅλη δὲ λιτανεύει σε  
 Θ χ.            7. Byz. : διὰ τῆς ἐμῆς φωνῆς A.            Num νομίζουσα?  
 8. Byz. : λύσαι οὖς A.            <sup>h</sup> -ας A.

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ἤδη καὶ μιμητῆς τῶν προγόνων <φαινόμενος><sup>a</sup>,  
καλῶν καὶ ἀγαθῶν ὄντων τὸ πλεῖον, εἰς εὐεργεσίαν  
μετατρ<απεῖς ἐκ> τῆς ὀργῆς, 10

[πρὸς]<sup>b</sup> τὸ προχειρότατον <πρὸ><sup>c</sup> τοῦ κολάζειν  
τὸ ἐλεεῖν ἔχε.

μὴ θῆς ἐρήμους 11

τούς σε σπείραντας θεούς,

τῶν σῶν γενεῶν ἀρχῶν <ἄστνυ> μὴ καθαιρήσης,  
ἰδίαν πατρίδα σου μὴ ἀγνοῶν κατασκάψης.

ὄρας τὰ τεῖχη ταῦτα; <ταῦτα δέδμηται>  
Ζῆθός <θ'> ὁ ποιμὴν καὶ ὁ λυρωδὸς Ἀμφίων, 15  
οἱ Ζηνῶν]ός υἱοί, <τ>οὺς λάθρα ἔτε<κ>εν νύμφη  
ἢ Νύκτεως <παῖς> ἐν χοροῖς πλανηθεῖσα.

[τὰ] θεμέλια ταῦτα καὶ τὸ πλούσιον δῶμα  
πύργωσε Κάδμος. ὦδε λαμβάνει νύμφη<ν> 19  
<τῆν> Ἀρμονίαν ἣν ἔτεκεν ἀφρογενῆς Κύπρις  
τῷ κλεψικοίτῃ Θρηκίῳ συνελθοῦσα.

τὴν σὴν ἄρουραν μὴ ἀκρίτως ἐρημώσης,  
μη<δὲ> καταφλέξης πάντα Θηβαίων τεῖχη.  
<τῆ Λαβδακοῦ> ἔ]στι [α]δῶμα<θ'>. ὦδε δυσ-  
δαίμων

<ὁ> Λαῖος <γυναῖκα λαμβάνει>. τίκτει 25  
<τὸν> πατροῦ <φ>ό<γ>ο<ν> τῆν <Οἰδίπουν> λυγρὰ  
μήτηρ.

τοῦ<θ'> Ἡρακλ<ῆ>ος τέμενος ἦν, τὸ μὲν πρῶτον  
Ἀμφιτρύωνος οἶκος. <ὦ>δ' ἐκοιμήθη  
τρεις νύκτας ὁ Ζεὺς εἰς μί<κ>ην ἀριθμήσας.

<sup>a</sup> ἢ φαινῆ Byz. 10. Byz.: -τρεπε τὰ Α. <sup>b</sup> del. Kroll.  
<sup>c</sup> Müller, Arm. 12. καθ. πόλιν Α. 13. σου π. Α.  
14. δεδουμημενα Α. A verse is lost 'with poems, lyre and  
lute': Byz., Arm. 15. Kroll. Λοῦδομος Α: cf. Arm.

Do you too imitate your ancestors, persons of  
general excellence ;

Turn your anger to benevolence, 10  
prefer pity to over-hasty punishment.

Desolate not 11  
the gods that begat you,

The city of your ancestors raze not : 12

Nor thine own land in ignorance ruin.

Seest thou yon walls ? they are the walls builded  
By shepherd Zethus, poet Amphion, 15

The sons of Zeus, whom at a feast erring  
The child of Nycteus secretly brought forth.

And these foundations here, and the rich house  
Were built by Cadmus, who to wife took once  
Harmonia nymph, child of foam-born Cypris, 20  
By union with ravisher Thracian.

Lay not thine own demesne thus unjudged waste  
Nor burn down all the walls of us Thebans.

This is the house of Labdacus : here took  
A wife the ill-starred Laius ; here bore 25

Oedipus patricide his poor mother.

Here shrine of Heracles : it was erstwhile

Amphitryon's house : here on a time Zeus slept  
Three nights which he did turn to one only.

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| 16. Müll., Arm.               | ἔτεμεν A.                                | 17. Arm.    | χοροῖς Byz., |
| Arm. : χρόνοις A.             | 18. Byz., Arm. : δόγμα A.                | 19. Kroll   |              |
| ex Byz. προσεπύργωσε :        | πύργος καὶ A.                            | ᾧδε Arm.    | τὴν ν.       |
| 'A. A : corr. Kroll.          | 21. κλεψοκίτει θρησκείῳ A :              | corr. Müll. |              |
| 22. ἀκρίτως μὴ A.             | 24. πλαγίου τε A.                        | ᾧδε A.      |              |
| 25. πλαγίου τε A.             | τίκει : τί δὲ A, which gives one verse : |             |              |
| suppl. et corr. ex Byz., Arm. | 26. -ψ- A.                               | 27. Kroll.  |              |
| -κλέος A.                     | 28. Arm. : Ἀμφικτύονος A, Byz.           | ᾧδε A.      |              |
| 29. εἰς μίαν ἀθροίσας A :     | ἀριθμήσας Arm., Byz.                     |             |              |

- ὄρας ἐκείνους τοὺς πεφλεγμένους οἴκους 30  
 ἀκμὴν ἔτ' ἐκστάζοντας οὐρανοῦ μῆν<ι>ν;  
 ἐκ<εῖ> κεραυνῶ τὴν ποθουμένην βάλλει  
 Σεμέλην ποθ' ὁ Ζεὺς· <ῶ>δε τοῦ πυρὸς μέσ<σ>ον  
 τὸν Εἶραφιώτην ἀπεκύησε <Ληναῖον>.  
 <ῶ>δ' Ἑρακλῆς μέμνηεν· ἔνθεν οἰστρηθεῖς 35  
 Μεγάραν ἀνεῖλεν τὴν γυναῖκα τοξεύσας.  
 ὁ βωμὸς οὗτός ἐστιν ὃν βλέπεις Ἕρας,  
 <ῆ τις> λόφου τέτμηκε βῶλον ἀρχαῖον,  
 ἔνθ' Ἑρακλῆς κιθῶνι σάρκα δαρδάπτων 40  
 κατηθαλώθη, χερσὶ τῆς Φιλοκτῆτου  
 <δοὺς τόξα βαφθένθ' αἵματι δρακοντείῳ>.  
 ταῦτ' ἐστὶ Φοῖβου λόγια, Τειρεσίου δῶμα·  
 ὁ τρισγέρων <ἐν τοῖσδε> γίνεται μάντις  
 ὃν εἰς γυναῖκα μετετύπωσ<ε> Τριτων<ίς>. 45  
 Ἄθάμα<ς> μανεῖς ἐνταῦθα παῖδα Λε<ί>αρχον  
 τόξοις ἀνεῖλεν εἰς νε<β>ρὸν τυπωθέντα·  
 ἐνθένδε <δ'> Ἰνώ <φ>ήλατ' εἰς βυθοῦ κῦμα  
 σὺν τῷ Μελικέρτῃ τῷ νεογνῷ λυσσώδης.  
 ἐνθένδε πηρὸς Οἰδίπους ἀπηλάσθη 50  
 ταγ<αῖ>ς Κρέοντος· οὗ τὸ βάκτρον Ἰσμήνην  
 ἐπέφριε Τυδεύς· ἧς ἐπώνυμος κρήνη>

31. Byz.: -ταξ- A. -ην A: μῆριν Arm., Byz. 32. ἐκεῖ  
 Arm.: ἐκ A. κεραυνῶ Kroll: -νοῦ A. 33. ὄδε A. μ. τ. π.  
 A. 34. ἦρα- A, Byz. Ληναῖον Byz., Arm.: λιναῖον A.  
 35. ὄδε A. 38. ἦ τις inserui: conf. ΗΡΗC et HITIC.  
 λ. τ. β. Byz. fere: ἰψηλὰ κέκυηκεν βῶμον ἀρχαῖον A. A verse  
 is missing, e.g. βάθροισιν ἰψηλοῖσι χωρὶς ἰδρύσας: cf. Arm.  
 40. κιθῶνα A. δαρδάπτειν A: corr. Maas. 41. κατηλώθη  
 A: corr. Maas. 42. supplevi e.g. ex Arm. 43. ταί-  
 ταις τῆ A: corr. Müller. 44. ἐν οἷς Byz. 45. -α -α  
 A: corr. Müller. 47. Arm.: νεῦρον A. 48. ἐκεῖνο  
 A: δ' Müll. (Arm.). 49. λυσσώτην A: corr. Müll.



Beholdest over there those burnt houses, 30  
 That even now do heaven's wrath ooze out ?  
<sup>1</sup> There Semele belovéd did Zeus once  
 With levin smite ; and in the fire's own midst  
 Th' Eiraphiot Lenaeon from thigh brought forth.  
 Here was to madness Heracles goaded 35  
 And Megara his wife slew with arrow.  
 This altar that thou see'st is of Hera,  
 Where the hill's ancient sod is by man cut  
 With lofty steps apart : Heracles here,  
 In anguish of the shirt his flesh burning, 40  
 Was burnt on pyre : unto Philoctetes  
 His arrows steeped in dragon's blood leaving.  
 See here is Phoebus' pulpit ; three ages  
 Teiresias living in this house outlived ;  
 Tritonis changed to woman his manhood. 45  
 Here Athamas went mad and Leiarchus  
 His child did shoot with bow a deer deeming.  
 Hence Ino leapt into the sea's depths down  
 With Melicertes her young child frenzied.  
 Hence Oedipus was driven, at Creon's 50  
 Behest, all lame : his staff, his Ismene,<sup>2</sup>  
 <Did Tydeus slay : from whom this spring gat  
 name >

<sup>1</sup> *vv.* 14 *sqq.* may be older. Not once is 'O Alexander'—useful padding in this metre—introduced. The sack is only mentioned in 22 and 23. The diction is not so late, the style high-faluting instead of prosaic, the catalogue straightforward, and the metre excellent. But it is very poor stuff. *A Midsummer-Night's Dream* provides an easy model for translation.

<sup>2</sup> Schol. Eur. *Phoen.* 53 Ἴσμήνη ἦν ἀναίρει Τυδεὺς ἐπὶ κρήνῃ καὶ ἡ κρήνη ἀπ' αὐτῆς Ἴσμήνη ἐκλήθη.

*l. τ. ν. τ. Μ.* 50. ἀπελάσθην A : corr. Müller. 51. ταγες,  
*οὔτω Α.* 52. supplevi ex schol. Eur. *Phoen.*

οὗτός <θ' > ὁ ποταμὸς ἐκ μέσου Κιθαιρῶν <ο>ς  
 Ἴσμηνός ἐστι Βάκχιον φέρων ὕδωρ.  
 ἐλάτην ὄρας κλάδουτιν ὑψός' ἀρθείσαν; 55  
 ἐν τ<ῆ>δε Πειθεὺς[ι] τοὺς χοροὺς κατοπτεύων  
 πρὸς τῆς τεκούσης δυστυχ<ῶ>ς διεσπάσθη.  
 πηγὴν ὄρας βρύουσαν αἰμιόχρον ὕδωρ,  
 ἐξ ἧς βοὸς μύκημα δεινὸν ἠχεῖται;  
 τοῦτ' ἐστὶν αἷμα τ<ῆς> σεσυρμένης Δίρκης. 60  
 ὄρας ἐκείνην <ὕ>στάτην ἀκρώρειαν  
 τὴν ἐξέχουσαν τῆς ἀταρπιτοῦ <τ>αύτης;  
 ἢ Σφιγξ ἐπ' αὐτῆς ἔζεθ' ἢ τεριστ<ε>ία  
 πρόσταγμα προστάττουσα δημ<ό>ταις πᾶσιν  
 ἦν Οἰδίπους ἀνείλε πολλὰ μερμήρας. 65  
 αὕτη θεῶν πηγὴ ἔστι καὶ ἱερά κρήνη,  
 ἐξ ἧς ἀναβλύζουσ<ιν> ἀργυραῖ νύμφαι.  
 εἰς <ταῦ>τα λιβάδι' Ἄρτεμις κατελθοῦσα  
 φαίδριν<ε> χρώτας· ὁ δὲ δύσαγνος Ἀκταίων  
 ἂ μὴ θέμις κατεῖδε λουτρὰ <Λητ>ώας. 70  
 <μετ>αλλαγεῖς <δ' ἐς> ἔλαφον ἀκλεῶς σῶμα  
 κυ<σ>ὶν <ῶ>μοδ' ἰαίτοις διὰ τὸ λουτρὸν ἠγγρεύθη.  
 <ὄρ>ᾶς ἦν Ἄρης ἐπολέμησε τὰς Θήβας,  
 ἐνθά Πολυνείκης ἠρξεν Ἀργείου λ<η>οῦ,< > 74  
 στραπτῶν λοχαγὸς <ἐπ>τὰ <θ<ο>υρίων λόγ<χ>η<ς>;  
 ἐνταῦθα Κα[μ]πανεὺς παρὰ τὸ χεῖλος ἐφλέχθη.  
 τὰς μὲν πύλας καλοῦσι <ταῦ>τας Ἡλέκτρας.

53. οὕτω ἀπότομος Α: ποταμ. Kroll. eis μέσον and -νωσ  
 Α: corr. Müll. 54. -εον φέρον corr. id. 55. eis ὕψος  
 ἀρ. κλ. Α. 56. τιδε Α. 57. τῆ -ση and -χοις Α: corr.  
 Müll. 58. τὴν Ἀθήνοιο Α: πηγὴν ὄρας Müll. (Arm., Byz.)  
 ἔμοχθον Α: αἰματόεν Arm.: αἷμα χρυσό κτλ. Byz.: ita Kroll.  
 60. τι Α. 61. Müll.: ὕ om. Α. 62. σατάρπη του  
 Α: corr. Müller, Arm. αὐτῆς Α: ταύτης Sitzler.  
 63. εἰσφῆξ Α: corr. Müll., Arm. 64. -ώταις Α.

And eke Ismenus from mid Cithaeron  
 In his stream bearing Bacchian water.  
 Dost see that fir with branches aloft borne ?      55  
 Thence Pentheus Dionysus' rites witnessed  
 Whom did his mother tear apart sadly.  
 Dost see the fount whose waters are bloody  
 And echo up a dreadful bull's bellow ?  
 This is the blood of Dirce, by bull dragg'd.      60  
 Dost see that ridge upon the horizon  
 That juts from out the path of man trodden ?  
 Upon it sat the Sphinx, that great marvel,  
 And bade the townfolk all do her bidding,  
 Till she was slain by Oedipus crafty.      65  
 This is the Gods' Well and the spring sacred  
 From which do silver nymphs gush out water.  
 Unto these pools did Artemis climb down  
 To wash her body ; impious Actaeon  
 Saw the Letoan's bath that none may see.      70  
 His form uncouthly to a stag's changéd,  
 Slain by his ravening hounds he paid dearly.<sup>1</sup>  
 See'st thou, when Ares fought 'gainst Thebes' city,  
 Where Polynices led the host Argive,  
 Gleaming of seven spear hosts commander ?      75  
 There Capaneus was burnt at wall's coping,  
 Where are the gates men call the Electrae.

<sup>1</sup> διὰ τὸ λυτρὸν can hardly be correct. A phrase like δι' ἀσέβειαν, 'for his impiety,' is needed. I translate λυτρὸν.

65. μερμήνας A : corr. Müll., Arm.      66. π. θ. ἐστὶ A :  
 corr. Müll.      67. -σα A.      69. Byz. : -αι A.      70. Arm. :  
 διστ-Α.      71. ins. Kroll : -αγῆς A.      72. κυριν A : corr.  
 Müll.      ὁμοδι- A : corr. Sitzler ex Arm.      73. ἐν πᾶσιν  
 A : παῖδες Arm.      74. λεῶς A (Byz.).      75. Byz. :  
 ἔνθα A.      -ην A.      77. Kroll.      δε υλοκορας A : corr. Müll.,  
 Kroll.

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πύλαις δὲ ταύταις Προίτισιν <τὸν> ἄρρηκτον >  
 Ἀμφιάραιον χαί<ν>ουσα δέχ<νυται> γαῖα.  
 Ὠγωγίαις πύλ<αι>σιν ἐν τρίταις κλήθρ<ω> 80  
 <Ἴπ>πομέδοντα <παῖς> Μεγα[νευ]σθέν<ους>  
 κτείνει.

ἔπεσε <δὲ> Νηίσταισι παρὰ πύλαις <ταύταις>  
 Παρθενοπαῖος· ὁ δ' Ὀμολωῖσιν γαί<ων>  
 πύλαισ<ι> <Τυδεὺς> μυρί<οι>σιν ἐ<β>λήθη. 84  
 <φεύγει δ' Ἄδραστος· ἐβδόμαι πύλαι δ' αὐται>.

θάν<ο>ντα [ἐθάψ<αι> τὸν λ<οχ>αγὸν Ἀργείων  
 [ἦ] διώ<ρι>σ[α] ἀγνὰ <πα>ῖς ἔτ' εὖσα[ι] Καδ-  
 με<ί>α[ν],

αὐται Λυ<αί>ου τοῦ φιλεῖου (Ἡ)ῖβαι 90  
 αὐ<λ>αὶ πέφυκαν ἄς ἐπ<έκτ>ισ' Αἰσώπ<ω>, > 91a  
 < > Βακχίους < >  
 ἄς <νῦν> κελεύεις ἐκ βάρων ἀναιρεῖσθαι.  
 ὄρᾳς σὺ σηκὸν Ἡρακλέους πυρὸ<ς> μεστόν>;  
 τοῦ σοῦ γεν[ε]άρχου καὶ πατρὸς φιλ<ανθρῶ>που  
 τεμένη σεαυτὸ<ν> ἀγνοῶν θέλεις φλέξει. 95  
 τί τοὺς γον<ῆ>ας τοὺς τεκόντας ὑβρίζεις,  
 Ἡρακλέους γένος <τε> καὶ κλυτοῦ Βάκχου;  
 Ἴσμηνίας μὲν ἰκέτευσε τοσ<σ>αὐτα  
 πεσὼν παρὰ ποσὶ βασιλέως Ἀλεξάνδρου.

78. προσθεθείσαις ἡμῖν: corr. Müller, Kroll. -τες A:  
 corr. Müll. 79. Arm.: χαιρ- A. Kroll: δεχοίοιτε  
 A. 80. -εσιν A. -ρε A. 81. παῖς Arm.: τὸν A.  
 εἰτ' A: ἀναιρεῖ Arm. 82. ἔπεσε Arm.: εἶπεν τὲ A. δὲ  
 suppl. Sitzler. Νηίσταισι Arm.: κεδίστασιν A. 83. Arm.:  
 ὅτε ἡμὸν A. γαίης A: cf. θασσῶν Arm. 84. Arm.  
 -εσιν A, ἐκλ. A, Arm. 85. supplevi e Byz., Arm. 86.  
 e.g. ἐνταῦθα πόλεως Ἀντιγονῆ παρὰ γνάμην. 87. -ψε A.

At these the Proetid gates the unshatter'd 78  
 Amphiarus was by earth swallow'd.  
 At third Ogygian gates with the gate-bar <sup>1</sup> 80  
 Hippomedon Megasthenes' son felled.  
 Fourth at the Neistean gates perish'd  
 Parthenopaeus ; at th' Homoloid  
 Slain Tydeus was, struck down by darts countless.  
 Adrastus fled : these are the gates seventh. 85  
 <Here notwithstanding the townsfolk's bidding,>  
 Antigone, unwedded maid Theban,  
 The leader of the Argive host buried,  
 <And with her love in living tomb perished>.  
 These Thebes upon Asopus are founded 90  
 Courts of Lyaeus that doth love 'Evoe,'  
 <That> Bacchic <revelry once supported> 91a  
 Which now to be uprooted thou biddest.  
 Dost see the shrine of Heracles song-famed ?  
 Homes of thine ancestor and sire, lover  
 Of all mankind, would'st burn ? Thyself know'st  
 not ? 95  
 Why dost insult thy parents, thy fathers,  
 Scion of Heracles and famed Bacchus ?  
 Ismenias did supplicate thuswise  
 Falling at feet of King Alexander.

<sup>1</sup> I translate κλήθρω and what the Armenian version suggests, παῖς Μεγασθένους for slayer of Hippomedon. But I find no warrant for either guess.

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-έντα and λαν- Α : corr. Müll. 88. λιστενσαι Α. From  
 this verse to end of speech we have only Α. 89. see  
 translation. 90. Λικου του φιλέα υἱός ως οὐ Α : corr. Kroll.  
 91. αὔται Α. έσωπω Α : corr. Müll. 92. σὺ Α :  
 corr. Kroll. 93. πυρούμενον Α. 94. σ ευγενεαρχου Α.  
 Φιλίππου absurde Α. 95. σεαντοῦ τεμ. Α. 96. -εας Α.  
 97. Ἡρ. γεν. Α : corr. Müll. 98. -τος αὐτὸς μὲν ἱκετεύσας  
 Ἰσμ. έπεσεν π. π. Α. β.

ὁ δὲ Μακεδῶν πρὸς αὐτὸν ὄμμα <τρηχ>ύνας 100  
 καὶ τοὺς ὀδόντας τοῖς ὀδοῦσι συντρίζων  
 ὀργὴν ἀναπ<ν>έων τοῖον εἶπε τὸν μῦθον·  
 ᾧ παγκάκιστ<ον> ἐκλόχευμα Καδμείων,  
 ᾧ παγκάκιστον ζῶον, <ᾧ> θεοῖς μῖσος,  
 ᾧ δῆμι<ο>ν βλάστημα βαρβάρου ρίζης, 105  
 ᾧ τῆς ἐπ' Ἴσμήνη σ<ὺ> λείψανον λύπης,  
 < . . . . . >.,  
 σοφιστικούς μοι καὶ πεπλασμένους μύθους  
 εἰπὼν ὑπέλαβες ὅτι πλανᾶς Ἀλέξανδρον;  
 <ἦν> γὰρ προ[σ]πᾶσαν τὴν πόλιν καθαιρήσω, 110  
 καὶ πυρὶ τεφρώσω < >.,  
 καὶ πάντας ὑμᾶς μετὰ πάτρας κατασκάψω,  
 <πῶς> τῶν <γενεαρχῶν ἐξέκοψα τὴν ρίζαν>;  
 εἰ γὰρ σὺ πᾶσαν τὴν σποράν <ἐ>γίνωσκε[ι]ς  
 [καὶ] πόθεν <π>έφυ<κ>α, καὶ τίνες λοχεύσαντες,  
 οὐκ ἦν σε (Θ)ηβαίοισ<ι> ταῦτα κηρύ<σσ>ειν; 116  
 ὅτι ἐστὶν ἡμῖν συγγενὴς Ἀλέξανδρος,  
 μὴ πρὸς πολίτην [α]πο<λέμιοι> καταστῶμεν·  
 <θ>ῶμεν στρατηγ<ὸ>ν· σύμμαχοι γενηθῶμεν·  
 ἡμεῖς πολῖται, συγγενεῖς Ἀλεξάνδρου. 120  
 δόξ' ἐστὶν ἡμῖν τῆς γεραῖ[ο]τάτης ρίζης,  
 <ἦ>ν οἱ Μακεδόνες ἐπιπλακῶσι Θηβαίοις.  
 ὅτ<ε> δ' εἰς ἄμυναν οὐδὲν ἄτονησατε†  
 καὶ τὸ θράσος ὑμῶν τῆς μάχης κατησχύνθη,  
 τότε <δῆ> μεταβολὴ καὶ δέησις ἀγνώμων, 125

100. Kroll?: ὁ. π. αὐ. Α. μηκύνας Α.  
 -πτειων Α. 103. Arm., Byz.: -τε Α.  
 (or ἀνθρωπε καὶ θ. Arm.: τῶν κακίστων Byz.).

102. Byz.:  
 104. καὶ Α:  
 105. -ων

The latter gave at him a glance savage, 100  
 And gnashing upper teeth upon lower  
 Spake out as follows his irate answer :  
 Most evilly begotten of Thebans !  
 Most evil beast ! Of heaven's hate object !  
 Of root barbarian a growth common ! 105  
 Last relic of the woe of Isméne !  
 <O dotard of blind mind and of blind eyes> ! 107  
 With barrister-like cunning of false tales  
 Didst thou expect to cheat Alexander ? 110  
 Suppose that I destroy the whole city  
 And burn to ashes <all the walls Theban>  
 And raze you all to earth with your township,  
 How do I then root out my forefathers ?  
 If thou hadst known of my descent truly  
 Whence I was born and who they were gat me, 115  
 Should'st not have told the Thebans as follows ?—  
 ' Since Alexander is our own kinsman,  
 Let us not go to war 'gainst our fellow :  
 Let 's make him general, be his allies :  
 Kin are we, fellow-citizens are we. 120  
 To us the honour of the branch eldest  
 If Macedonians join with us Thebans.'  
 Now when you 've shown no spirit in combat,  
 And all your boast of battle disgraced lies,  
 Now you revert to prayers and pleas idle, 125

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Λ. 106. -νησι Λ. 107. Arm. : see transl.  
 110. εν Α : recte Arm. (Byz.). 111. om. Α, Arm., Byz. :  
 ε.γ. πάντα Θεβαίων τετραη. 113. την Α, Byz. cett. Byz. :  
 γονέων Α. 114. σύ μου γ. τ. σ. π. Α. 115. -σα Α.  
 ? κάκ τίνων -ων. 116. -ττ- Α. 118. παραταχῶμεν Byz. :  
 λ  
 πο for ἀπο. 119. δῶμεν -ιαν Α. 122. ἐὰν Α. 123.  
 Arm. : ὅτι Α. ἠϋτονήσατε Raabe ex Arm. : λ. -άντων τὸ  
 θάρσ. 125. Müller.

<οἴ, μὴ δυνάμενοι νο>ῦν ἔχοντ<ες αἰρεῖσθαι 126  
 δόξῃ> ἴδυνασθε πρὸς μάχην Ἀλεξάνδρου>. 126a  
 ἀλλ' οὐδὲ Θηβαῖοι[ει]σιν οὐδέ σ<οι> πρ<ῆξις>,   
 κάκιστα <ἐφ' ὑμᾶς> τοῦ τέλους <ἐπ>ελθόντος   
 Θήβας <μὲν> αὐτ<ὰ>ς <αὐτόθεν> καταφλέξω.   
 [καὶ] Ἰσμηνίαν <δ> ἐ τὸν κράτιστον αὐλητήν 130  
 τ<ῶ>ν ἡμιφλέκτω>ν δωμάτων ἐφεστῶτα   
 οὔτω [σε] κελεύω δίδυμ<ο>ν ὀργάνων ἦχος   
 βοιωτιά<ζει>ν <τὴν θ'> ἄλωσιν αὐληῆσαι.   
 <οὔτω>[ς εἰπὼν ἐ'] κέλευσε τοῖς στρατοῖς κατα-   
 σκάπτειν

ἐπτάπυλα τείχη καὶ πόλισμα Θηβαίων. 135  
 πάλιν <Κιθ>αιρῶν ἐπεχόρευε Θηβαίοις·   
 Ἰσμην[ι]ος αὐτὸς αἰμόφυρτος <ἔρ>ρευσ<ε·   
 βέβλητο τείχη καὶ πόλισμα Θηβαίων.   
 καὶ πᾶσα γαῖα ταῖς σφαγαῖς κοπωθεῖσα, 139  
 κατα<ρ>ριφέντων δωμάτων πολυκ<λ>αύστων,   
 βαρὺ σ<τ>ένουσα τ', > ἀπ' ἐ<δαφ>ῶν ἐμυκάτο.   
 Ἰσμηνίας δὲ δίδυμον ὀργάνων ἦχος   
 ἦν ἀρμοσάμενος, τ<ῶ>ν <ἐ>ρειπί<ω>ν ἐστῶς   
 <ῆ>περ ἐκέλευσεν ὁ Μακεδῶν Ἀλέξανδρος.   
 ἐπεὶ δὲ τείχη πάντ' ἔπιπτ<ε> Καδμείων 145  
 καὶ μέλαθρα <τὰ> Λύκου καὶ τὸ <Λα>βδάκου   
 δῶμα,   
 εἰς εὐσέβειαν τῆς πάροιθε παιδείας   
 τὴν Πινδάρου <τῆρησεν οἴ>κ<ί>αν <μούνην>,

126, 126 a. iniuria desperat Kroll: ita Arm., nisi quod   
 σωφρονοῦντες et ἠβούλεσθε τὴν δόξαν vertit Raabe: μὴ δυνα-   
 μένη συνεχόντων ἀναιρῆσαι ὅτι οὐ δύνασθε πρ. μ. Ἀλεξάνδρῳ   
 A. 127. Arm.: σὺ A. πρωτο A: συμφέρει   
 Arm. 128. Byz.: sive ὑμῖν κάκ. αὐθέντος A: ἐλθ.   
 Byz.: ἐπιφανέντος Arm. 129. δὲ A: μὲν Byz., Arm.: ὅς   
 A. Kroll e Byz. (ἐκ ῥιζῶν): Arm. ἐν ταύτῃ τῇ ὥρᾳ.



Who, since before you could not choose rightly, 126  
 Imagined you could fight Alexander. 126a  
 But neither do the Thebans, nor dost thou  
 Avail : and now the evil end cometh,  
 When I will burn the town of Thebes wholesale.  
 And bid Ismenias, ' best flute-player,' 130  
 Standing upon the half-consumed houses,  
 The double harmony of pipes <pouring>  
 Bocotian-wise<sup>1</sup> to play the town's sacking.  
 Thus did he bid his hosts to earth raze down  
 The seven-gated walls and fort Theban. 135  
 Once more Cithaeron raved and Ismenus  
 With stream of blood did rush on Thebes' city.  
 Fallen the walls and fort of the Thebans.  
 And all the earth was by the spade harassed,  
 As were cast down the houses much wept for, 140  
 And bellowed from its very foundations.  
 Ismenias stood there on the ruins,  
 The harmony of his twin pipes fitting,  
 Where he was bidden by Alexander.  
 But as fell all the walls of the Thebans, 145  
 And Lyeus' halls and Labdacus' mansion,  
 In pious mem'ry of his young training  
 The house of Pindar did he spare only,

<sup>1</sup> The Bocotian *νόμος* here alluded to was symbolical of an unhappy ending.

130. σε Α.	Arm., Byz. : κάκιστον Α.	131. Arm. :
τήν -ιν Α.	132. Byz. : -ων Α, Arm.	133. δύο τι ἀναλ.
Α : recte Arm., Byz. : sive Βοιωτίων χεῖν.		134. Byz. :
αὐτόν Α.	136. Arm., Byz. : ἐκεῖ χαίρων Α.	137. Byz. :
Ἰσμηνίας Arm., -νιος Α.	ρέυσας Α.	140. cf. Arm.
141. Arm. : γένους Α.	ἀπελθών Α.	142. τῆς μηνίας
Α : corr. Müll.	143. τὸν ἠρίπιον corr. Müll.	144. ὅπερ Α :
ὡς Arm.	145. -ον corr. Müll.	146. λαβ. Arm.
148. codd. dett. i. 27 (Arm. ἐπιμεν).		codd. dett. ibid.
μόνην : Α κατανα τύμβον, Arm. πύργον : fort. οἰκίας πύργον		

ἐν<θ' > ἦλθε παῖς ὦν καὶ μετέσχε ταῖς Μούσαις  
 πρὸς τὸν λυρ<ω>δὸν τὸν γέροντα φοιτήσας. 150  
 πολλοὺς μὲν ἄνδρας περὶ πάτραν κατασφάξας  
 ὀλίγους κατέλιπε παντελῶς ἔτι ζῶντας,  
 καὶ τοῦνο<μ>' αὐτῶν τοῦ γένους ἀπήλειψεν.  
 Θήβας γὰρ εἶπε μή<τιν' > ἔτι <κ>αλεῖν Θήβας  
 ἀλλ' ἄπολιν αὐτῶν τὴν πόλιν γεν[ν]ηθῆναι, 155  
 ὡς <οὐ>νομ<ῆ>ναι τὸν τοιοῦτον ἄνθρωπον.

(ii. 14. 5.)

ἔξω<θεν> ἐπὶ λόφου (γὰρ) ἦν ὁ Δαρείος  
 (τάφρους) ὀρύσσων καὶ φάλαγγα[s] συντάσσω  
 [ῶς] δέ<κει> [τῶν] Μακεδόνων <οὐ> μενοῦσαν >  
 ὑσμίνην.  
 ὁ δὲ <τότ' > ἀθρήσας τὸ πολὺ θαῦμα Δαρείου 160  
 παρ' ὀλίγον αὐτὸν προσεκύνησεν ὡς Μίθραν  
 θεὸν νομίζων οὐρανοῦ κατελθόντα  
 τοῖς βαρβάροις πέπλοισιν ἐγκοσμηθέντα.  
 ἦν γὰρ <καθάριον> τῶν τύπων τὸ προσχῆμα.  
 <ἀνὴρ μεσῆλιξ>· <καὶ> λίθοι πολὺ<τιμοὶ> 165

149. ἐνθ' : ἐν φ' A. παῖς ὦν Arm. : πεσῶν A. 150. -οδῖν  
 A. 153. Arm. : τοῦ νοῦ A. 154. μηκέτι λαλεῖν A :  
 recte Arm. καλεῖν. 156. ὡς ἔννομον εἶναι A : ἄνομον Arm.  
 Fuit ὅς ἄν ὄνομον ἦν vel εἰ τις . . . -ῆναι. 157. Byz. : order  
 varies in A, B, C : γὰρ C. 158. Byz. : τάφρους cod.  
 Barocc. 20 : στρατοῦς cett. ὑποτάσσω A. 159.  
 ὡς δε ὁ A. συνεισημησιδῶς (i.e. φόβῳ) A : recto propius  
 Byz. : καὶ φόβῳ συσταλλόμενος πολλῶ τῶν M. 160. Arm.  
 161. θεῶν Μίθραν A : Μιθρ. om. cett. Hic demum usque ad  
 σελισα Δαρείου choliambos agnovit Kroll. 163. στολαῖς

Where as a boy he went to learn music—  
 His master the old lyrical poet.<sup>1</sup> 150  
 Many he slew around their own city,  
 And very few indeed he left living,  
 The very name of all their race rubbed out.  
 He bade that Thebes should be on no man's lips,  
 And that their city should be no city, 155  
 When anyone should speak of such fellows.

(Here the traces of choliambi cease for the time till ii. 13, when Alexander is in Persia. But, as the last verse shows, the story of the refounding of Thebes, and much else, was in this metre once.)

(ii. 13-14. 5 *Alexander sees a vision of Ammon in guise of Hermes with wand and cloak (and staff) and Macedonian felt hat and is told to proceed in this disguise as his own herald. He crosses the frozen Strangas and tells the outposts of his errand. They take him to Darius.*)

Apart upon a hill sat Darius 157  
 Deep ditches digging, and his hosts training  
 That feared the Macedonian combat.  
 When he saw Darius, that wonder, 160  
 He very nearly worshipped him ; Mithras  
 He thought to see from heaven descended,  
 Adornéd with barbarian raiment ;  
 For holy was the monarch's appearance.  
 He was of middle age. With stones precious 165

<sup>1</sup> Comment is perhaps superfluous.

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διαδήματος [τὸ] κάρηνον ἔσκεπ<ο>ν σφιγθέν[τος].  
πέπλω δ' ἐχρήτο <ὄπ>οῖον ἄλλον οὐκ εἶδ<ε>ν.  
Βαβυλωνί<ω>ν (ὑφασμα) χρυσί<ω>ν νῆμα  
σειραὶ δὲ χρυσ[ε]αῖ καὶ πέδιλα [χρυσέων]  
φοινικ<ᾶ>, 169

<σκέποντα> δε<ιρ>ὴν καὶ δυοῖν ποδοῖν κνήμα[ι].

(χρύσεια δὲ λυχνίδια ἐπάνωθεν αὐτοῦ ἤπτοντο.  
ἕτερα δὲ περὶ τοῖς πόσιν αὐτοῦ καὶ κύκλω περι-  
έστραπτον λυχνία.)

λοχαγέται <δὲ> μυρίοι<σι> κηρύκων 171  
(σκήπτροισιν) ἐκατέρωθε[ν] μυρίων φωτῶν  
κυκληδὸν ἐστέψαντο σῶμα Δαρείου.

σοὶ μὲν ἄγων, (ὡς) παρὼν Ἀλέξανδρος, 174

βασιλεὺς βραδύνων εἰς μάχην <κατέρχεσθαι> 175

ἤδη πρόδηλός ἐστιν ἀσθενῆ ψυχῆν

<κεκτημένος καὶ δειλός> ὥστε μὴ μέλλε,

<πότε δὲ συνάπτεις τὸν πόλεμον>, (ἀνάγ-  
γειλον). 178

οὐ μὴ [με] ταράξῃς <. . .> ἀλλ' ἐπεὶ δεῖπνον  
[τὸ] συνηθὲς [τοῖς] ἀγγέλοισ<ι> δεῖ τελειοῦ-  
σθαι, 180

καὶ γὰρ αὐτὸς Ἀλεξάνδρος (δεῖπνον ἐποίησε τοῖς  
ἐμοῖς γραμματοφόροις, συνδείπνησόν μοι. καὶ)

χειρὸς (κρατήσας) δεξιᾶς (Ἀλέξανδρον) 181

166. A δ. σ. τὸ κ. ἔσκεπεν: φορῶι cett. 167. A οἶον οἶν οἶκ  
εἶδον ᾗ. 168. A -ιον (bis) et εὑφασιν. 169. -κων A:

codd. dett. give the colours *vice versa*. 170. σκήπτρον A.

171. ἀλλ' οἶ A. 172. εἴθεα ταῖς A: σκήπτρα (and σπιση)

cett. 174. ἐγὼ σοι μὲν ἄγων omnes: ὡς om. A. 175.

A diadem his head around girded.  
 A robe he wore,—the other had ne'er seen  
 Its like, of Babylonian gold lace :  
 Necklets of gold he wore and shoes crimson  
 Cov'ring his neck and calves of his two legs. 170

Golden lamps were alight above him, and larger  
 lamps shone at his feet and around him.

While generals with countless heraldic 171  
 Sceptres arrayed on this and on that side  
 Circled around the form of Darius.

(*Alexander is brought to Darius and delivers his  
 message :—*)

I tell thee, as I were<sup>1</sup> Alexander, 174  
 A king who is sloth to enter the combat, 175  
 At once is shown to have a weak spirit  
 And cowardliness of heart. Without halting  
 Announce to me when combat may open. 178

(*Darius, after commenting on A.'s boldness, says :—*)

Thou shalt not trouble me. But, since dinner 179  
 Must be prepared as usual for heralds, 180

for so did Alexander himself give dinner to my envoys,  
 dine with me. So

He took the right hand of Alexander 181

<sup>1</sup> ὡσπερ ὄν.

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ὀφείλεις εἰδέναι βασιλεὺς Δαρεῖε ὅτι βρ. ε. μ. β. πρ. ε. τῶ ἀντιδίκῳ :  
 τῶ ἀντιδ. om. Byz. recte. 176. ἀσθενῆ ἔχων τὴν Α.  
 177. κекτημένος Byz. : καὶ ἀνανδρον Arm. : δειλ- and μαλθακ-  
 Byz. 178. init. Byz. (exc. δέ): codd. dett. ἀλλὰ ἀνάγ-  
 γειλὸν μοι πότε βοῦλη σὺναψαι . . . 180. τὸ σ. δ. τοῖς ἀγ. Α :  
 sim. Byz. 181. τῆς δ. χ. Α.

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εἶσ] ἤνεγκεν αὐτὸν <τῶν ἀνακτόρων εἶσω>  
 ὁ δ' [ε Ἀλέξανδρος] (ἀγαθὸν) ἔσχ' ἐν καρδίᾳ τὸ  
 σημεῖον

ἤδη κρατήσκειν > τῶν τυραινικῶν <ἐδρῶν>.

ὁ δὲ <οὖν> ἐῖσελθὼν εἰς τὰ μέλαθρα Δαρείου  
 καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν] δεῖπνον εὐθέως ἐκηρύχθη. 186  
 πρῶτος δ' ἄνω κλιντῆρος ἦν ὁ Δαρείος > ,

δεύτερος δὲ ἀδελφὸς ἦν Ὁξυάθρης <ὁ> Δαρείου,

τρίτος δὲ <Δίοχος> σατράπης Ὁξυδράκων > , 188

εἶτα πάλιν <Ἀ>δου<λ>ίτης<sup>a</sup> ὁ ἐπὶ Σούσης,<sup>b</sup> καὶ  
 Φραόρτης<sup>c</sup> <. . .>

μετ' αὐτὸν <ἐκλίθη δὲ> Μιθριδάτης ἔκτος 189

καὶ Τιριδάτης τοξοτῶν <ὅς ἦν> πρῶτος, 190

ἔτι τε Κανδαύλης ὁ νυκτίχρως Ἰμένωπος<sup>d</sup>,<sup>d</sup> εἶτ'  
 ἀνέκειτο Αἰθιοπῶν ἀναξ,

καὶ Πολυάρης ἔγγιστος > ἠγέμων 191

μέγας,<sup>e</sup> Ὀρνιράτης, Διόσιος, Καρδερωκέτης, Σουλ-  
 βάτης, Ἀλκίδης,

τοῖσκι > δ' ἀντίκρυς 192

ἀνέκειτο μο<ῦ>νος αὐτὸς ἐπὶ μιᾷ κλίνης

ὁ πάντ' ἄριστος ὁ Μακεδῶν <Ἀλέξανδρος>. 194

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182. Byz. (except for εἶσω): ἐνδοῦ τῶν βασιλείων A. 183.  
 better ἐντὶν δε. (καλὸν). 184. -ησης A. τόπων Byz.: δε-  
 σποτῶν absurde Arm.: τον τῆραννονικῶν A. 185. οὖν inserui.  
 186. e.g. πρὸς (πρῶτος codd. dett.). 187. Arm., Byz.: -ου

And led him by it into his palace ;  
 The other treasured up the fair omen,  
 That he would take the tyrant's throne right soon.  
 So to Darius' halls did he enter 185  
 And even unto dinner was summoned.  
 Now first on couch aloft lay Darius, 187

second came Oxyathres brother of Darius,

Third Diochus the Oxydrak's satrap, 188

then next Adoulites warder of Susa, and Phraortes  
 < .> ,

And Mithridates next to him lay sixth 189  
 And Tiridates chief of the archers, 190

and Menops' son the dusky Candaules, then the king  
 of the Ethiopians < . . > ,

And Polyares nearest great general, 191

Ornirates, Diosius, Carderocetes, Sulbates, Alcides.

over 192

Against them lay alone on one divan  
 Hero of Macedon Alexander. 194

*(The Persians marvelled at his small size, not knowing  
 that a drop of heavenly soul resides in a small vessel.  
 Now the cupbearers plied the cup freely.)*

A. 188. Byz. : δὲ ὄχος A. Kroll : -ησαν A.  
 " δουρίτης A : -λίτης Byz. : Ἄνδ- Arm. <sup>b</sup> Arm. : ἐκ πισσ- A.  
<sup>c</sup> Here and elsewhere the forms differ in our three authorities  
 between whom I choose : all miss the description of Ph.  
 189. συναρεκλ. post ἕκτος A. 190. τῶν τῶν A. <sup>d</sup> Per-  
 haps ὁ νυκτίχρως παῖς Μέροπος ὁ Κανδαύλης. 191. ἐγ-  
 γιστα A. <sup>e</sup> e.g. δεινός. 193. αὐ. μ. ἀν. A. 194.  
 'Αλ. Byz.

μεσάσαντος δὲ τοῦ πότου ἐπινοεῖ τι ὁ Ἀλέξανδρος·  
 (ὄσους σκύφους <γὰρ> ἔλαβ') ἔσωθεν ἔκρυ<π-  
 τ>εν· 195

οἱ δὲ [πινεγχύται] βλέποντες ἐνεφάνιζον Δαρείω.  
 ὁ δὲ Δαρείος ἐκ τοῦ κλυτῆρος ἀναστὰς εἶπεν· ὦ  
 γενναῖε

πρὸς τί ταῦτ' ἐγκολπίζ[η]; 197

νοήσας δὲ ὁ Ἀλέξανδρος ἀπὸ τοῦ σχήματος τῆς  
 ψυχῆς <τὴν μωρίαν> εἶπε· μέγιστε βασιλεῦ,

οὕτω <γὰρ> ὁ ἐμὸς δεσπότης Ἀλέξανδρος 198  
 ὁτὰν δεῖπνον ποιῆ τοῖς ταξιάρχαις καὶ ὑπερ-  
 ασπισταῖς)

τὰ κύπελλ' ἐν οἴσιν ἂν πίωσι > δωρεῖται 199  
 <αὐτοῖσιν>· ὑπενόουν δὲ καὶ σε τοιοῦτον, 200  
 καὶ) ὡς παρὰ τῷ ἐμῷ βασιλεῖ ἐνεκολπισάμην . . .

πρὸς ταῦτα . . . ὀρώντες <τῶν λόγων Ἀλεξ-  
 ἀνδρου> 201

(τὴν πιθανότητα) <πάντες ἦσαν ἔκθαμβοι>  
 πλαστός <γὰρ> αἰεὶ μῦθος <ἦ>ν ἔχρη πίστιν  
 εἰς ἔκστασιν πεποίηκε τοὺς ἀκούοντας.

[. . .] σιγῆς γενομένης <οὐν τις> ἀνεπόλησεν]  
 αὐτόν 205

ὄνομα[τι] (Πασάργης), [. . .] ἡγεμὸν γῆς Περ-  
 σίδος·

195. ἔκρυβε A. <sup>a</sup> Arm. 199. ἐνσιπῆμοις A (i.e. ἐν <οἶ>σι  
 πινοῦσι). 200. Arm., Byz. 201. {οἱ Περσῶν ἀφ} delen-  
 dum. fin. Byz., Arm. 202. πιθανότητι (misplaced)  
 codd. dett.: π. π. Arm., Byz. Byz. (ἀπ-). 203. ἐπ codd.  
 σχῆ A. 204. Better ἐξιστάμαι πέφικε. 205. [ ]: πολλῆς



And when the drinking was well started Alexander  
devised a ruse.

As the cups came to him, in his bosom 195  
He hid them : which was shown to Darius. 196

Darius leaping up from his couch said, ' Good sir,

Why put these in your bosom ? 197

Alexander, diagnosing from his appearance the folly  
of his soul, said, ' O most mighty King,

My master even so, Alexander,<sup>1</sup> 198

if he gives a feast to his own spearmen and  
colonels

Gives them the cups whereof they have drunken<sup>2</sup> ;  
And I supposed you had the same custom, 200

and put them in my bosom as I would at my king's  
table. (*But if you have not this custom, take them  
back.*)

Wherefore they when they saw the persuasion 201  
Of Alexander's words were astonished.

For ever lying tale if it wins faith  
Drives to bewilderment all its hearers.

Silence ensuing, one, the embassy's 205  
Chief leader, called Pasargès, remarked him.

<sup>1</sup> Om. 'Αλέξ, et lege ότ. δ. τ. τ. και ύ. ποιή.

<sup>2</sup> Professor Kroll adds to our difficulties by reading  
*έκείνοις* for *ένσπιήνοις*. What A copied badly was *έν οίσι πινοσι*  
and the original perhaps *κόπελλ' έν οίσιν άν πίωσι*. See also  
crit. n.

οδν codd. : ής Α. 206. Α : όνόματι άσάργης : παράγης C.  
[ ] : ός ήν γενόμενος. Notandum Ηερσίδος. ! της πρεσβείας.

ἦδει γὰρ αὐτὸν κατὰ πρόσωπον, εἰς Πέλλην  
 ἠνίκα τὸ πρῶτον ἦλθε[ν ὑπὸ] Δαρείω < > πεμφθείς  
 Μακεδονίας < γ > ἦς (τοὺς) φόρους ἀπαιτῆσαι.  
 (ἔστη δ' ἐπιστὰς ἀντίκρῦς Ἀλεξάνδρου). 210

καὶ πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ἔλεγεν,

οὐκ ἔστιν οὗτος ὃν λέγουσ' [ιν] Ἀλέξανδρον; 211

ἔστιν < γε >· δεῖ με τοὺς τύπους ἐπιγνώναι. 212

καὶ κατανοήσας ἐκ δευτέρου εἶπεν· αὐτὸς ἔστιν  
 ἀσφαλῶς·

ἢ φωνὴ γὰρ αὐτὸν ἤλεγξε 213

< εἰ καὶ πλανᾶ τύπος με >· 214

(πολλοὶ γὰρ ἄνθρωποι τῇ φωνῇ γινώσκονται κἂν  
 ἐν σκότει διαύωσιν). . . . παρανακλιθεὶς δὲ τῷ  
 Δαρείῳ εἶπε· [μέγιστε]

(βασιλεῦ < τε > καὶ δυνάστα < Περσικῆς > χώρας)  
 οὗτός < γ' > ὁ πρεσβεὺς αὐτὸς ἔστ' [ιν] Ἀλέξανδρος

(ὁ παλαὶ Φιλίππου < γειόμενος > ἀριστεύων) 217

. . . . .

ὁ δὲ Ἀλέξανδρος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ βοηθούμενος

ᾧξυνε ([τὸν] πῶλον τὴν ὁδὸν διευθύνων). 218

νῦξ γὰρ βαθεῖα (καὶ σκότος κατ' Ο < ὕ > λυμπον)·

< πλείστοι δ' ἐφ' ἵππων βάρβαροι διώκοντες > 220

< ἴσχυσαν οὐδὲν καταλαβεῖν > < Ἀλέξανδρον >·

(ὁ μὲν γὰρ εἶχε τὴν ὀδευτικὴν) πεύκη

207-8. order ἠνίκα . . . ἦλθεν εἰς Πέλλην τῆς Μ. ὑπὸ  
 Δαρείου π. 209. Better ἀπαιτήσων. 210. so codd.

Barocc. 20 (ἐπιστὰς ἔστη). 212. ἀσφαλῶς ἔστι Α. 213. ἔστιν  
 γάρ? 214. ita fere Byz.: sim. codd. dett. 215. πάσης

For by his face he knew him, since erstwhile  
 He came to Pella town, for Darius  
 Demanding Macedonian tribute.  
 He took his stand facing Alexander 210

and said to himself

Is not this he they call Alexander ? 211  
 'Tis he. I ought to recognize full well. 212

And observing again he said : Certainly it is he ;  
                   His voice so betrays him, 213  
 Even if his shape trick me. 214

For many people even in the dark are recognized  
 by their voice. (*Pasarges then concluding certainly  
 that he was Alexander himself*) lay down beside Darius  
 and said,

The envoy, King and Lord of all Persia, 215  
 Is none but Philip's son Alexander  
 Who among Philip's sons (?) showed most manhood

(*Alexander seeing he is recognized escapes with the  
 cups and a torch which he snatches from a sentry.*)

                  And with God's aid 217  
 He spurred his colt and held on a straight course.  
 The night was deep, and dark was Olympus.  
 And many following him on horseback 220  
 Entirely failed to catch Alexander.  
 For he held out, unto himself shining,

B: Περσ. Byz. 217. γεγονώς B (num τῶν γόνων!?)  
 Μοχ τοῦ θεοῦ βοηθοῦντος. 218. δι. τιμ ὁ. αὐτῶ B; cf. Byz.  
 219. ἦν γὰρ ν. β. Α. Ὀλ. C, Byz. 220. Byz.: πλ.  
 δι τοῦτον β. ὁ. μεθ' ἱπ. κατ. οὐκ ἴσχ. sim. B. 222. C, Arm.  
 γῆν C: πεύκην A, Arm.

λάμπ<ων> ἑαυτῶ, (φῶ<ς> ἄπειρον ἔμπροσθεν).  
 (ἦν δ' ὡσπερ ἀστῆρ <τῶν ἐν> οὐρανῶ φαιδρός  
 μόνος τ' ἰὼν εἰς οὐδὲν ἠγεῖτο] τοὺς Πέρσας), 225  
 οἱ δ' εἰς φάραγγας <ἦ> ἔτυχον <διώλοντο>. 226  
 ὁ δὲ Δαρεῖος συνεφοράζετο ἐπὶ τοῦ κλιντήρος  
 καθεζόμενος· ἐθεάσατο δὲ [τι]<sup>a</sup> ἐξαίφνης

κρήγνόν τι σημείον· 227

<Ξέρξου> γὰρ εἰκὼν τοῦ ὀρόφου διαστάντος  
 κατέπεσε<ν> ἦνπερ ἠγάπησε> Δαρεῖος. 229

μηδὲν δυνάμενοι τῶν τόπων ἀπέστησαν, 230  
 ποταμὸς γὰρ οὗτος πᾶσιν ἐστὶν ἄπλευστος. 231

καὶ οἱ μὲν Δαρείω ἔλεγον

τὸ εὐτύχημ' Ἀλεξάνδρου. 232

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ἔωθει τὸν στρατὸν συναθροίσας 233  
 (ἐξ ὀνόματος καθώπλισ'), ἐν μέσοις> ἐστῶς  
 ὁποῖος <ὁ> Ζεὺς [. . .] δαίμονας διακρίνων. 235  
 καὶ πάντας [τοὺς ἐαυτοῦ <τοὺς στρατοὺς>  
 ἀριθμήσας 236

(εὔρεν τὸν ἀριθμὸν χιλιάδας ἑκατὸν εἴκοσι, καὶ  
 στὰς ἐφ' ὑψηλοῦ τόπου τινὸς παραινεῖ αὐτοὺς  
 λέγων· ἄνδρες συστρατιῶται,

εἰ καὶ <παρ' ἡμῖν>) ὁ ἀριθμὸς βραχὺς λίαν, 237

223. κατέλαμπεν A. φῶτ' B, which places this after next  
 verse. 224. ἐξ codd. dett. 225. ἀνεων τὴν ὁδὸν μορος C;  
 ἀνιῶν B. 226. ἦ: or ἐν [τῷ] σκότει Byz.: A καὶ οἱ μὲν διώκοντες  
 εἰς ὁ μέρος ἐτυχον ἐδίωκον· ὁ μὲν γὰρ . . . οἱ δὲ εἰς τὰς φάραγγας

The guiding torch of infinite splendour,  
 And was as one of heaven's stars radiant,  
 Lone traveller outwitting the Persians, 225  
 Who perished in the dells, as chance led them. 226

Now Darius bemoaned his fate, seated on his divan ;  
 where he

Saw suddenly a trustworthy omen. 227  
 The roof cracked and a picture of Xerxes,  
 By King Darius treasured much, fell down. 229

*(Alexander escapes over the river just before it thaws :  
 the Persians arrive too late and)*

Retreating from the riverside baffled, 230  
 (For this is an impassable river)  
 Of Alexander's luck told Darius. 232

*(Alexander next day)*

Full early did assemble his hosts all, 233  
 Armed them and called by name, in midst standing,  
 Like Zeus the heavenly deities counting. 235  
 And having counted up all his soldiers 236

found there were 120,000. He stood on a high hill,  
 and harangued them :

Fellow soldiers and friends !

Full small, as well I know, are our numbers, 237

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κατεκρημνίζοντο. <sup>a</sup> del. Kroll. . . . 228. Arm. : εἰκὼν  
 γὰρ ἔξω Λ. κατ. δι. Α. 229. -πα Λ. <sup>b</sup> There  
 are only isolated traces of verses in Alexander's escape  
 across the river, e.g. τὸν δ' Ἀλέξανδρον ἔρριψεν ἔρρύσθη <δὲ>  
 γῆς ἐπὶ στερρῶς. 230. ἀπ. τῶν τ. ὁ γὰρ π. οὐ. ἀ. ἐ. π. Λ.  
 233. συν. τ. σ. 234. ἐκέλευσεν ἐ. ὁ. καθοπλισθῆναι C, Arm.  
 μέσφ Λ. 235. τοὺς οὐρανίους Λ. ἐν οὐράνω Arm. <sup>c</sup> e.g.  
 δις ἑξήκοντα χιλιάδας εὗρεν. 237. Λ in false place : B  
 εἰ καὶ β. ὁ ἀ. ἀλλὰ φρ. μεγάλη παρ' ἡμῖν κτλ.

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ἀλλὰ φρόνησις μεγάλη [παρ' ἡμῖν] καὶ θράσος καὶ  
δύναμις

ὑπὲρ <γε> Πέρσας τοὺς ἐναντίους ἡμῶν· 238  
ἡμῶν δὲ μηδεὶς ἀσθενέστερόν . . . 239

τι λογίσηται

< . . . . . > θεωρῶν τὸ <μέγα> βαρβάρων  
πλήθος· 240

εἷς γάρ τις ἐξ ἡμῶν <γε> χεῖρα γυμνώσας)  
† τῷ νῶ θεωρῶν† (χιλίουσ ἀναιρήσει. 242

μηδεὶς οὖν ὑμῶν δειλιάσῃ·

πολλαὶ γὰρ εἰσὶ μυριάδες < . . . . . > μυιῶν 243  
λειμῶνας < . . . . . > θλίβουσαι·

ὁποτὰν δὲ ταύταις ἐμπέσωσιν <αἱ> σφῆκες 245  
σοβοῦσιν αὐτὰς ταῖς πτέρυξι) κλά<ζ>οντες·

οὕτω τὸ πλήθος οὐδέν ἐστι πλὴν πλήθος·  
σφηκῶν γὰρ ὄντων οὐδέν εἰσιν (αἱ μυῖαι).

ὡς δ' εἶπε[ν ὁ] βασιλεύς, πάντες αὐτὸν ἠυφήμουν  
πολλὰς <δὲ> χέρσους καὶ \*στόμους\* διευθύνας 250

<ἦγεν> τὸν ὄχλον ἐπὶ τὰ νῶτα τοῦ Στράγγου.  
Δαρεῖος <οὖν> ὡς (εἶδε) τὸν <τ' > Ἀλέξανδρον <ν>

ὀλιγοστόν ὄντα, (καὶ παγέντα) < . . . . . >  
[ ] τὸν ποταμὸν εὐρῶν διεπέρασ' [εν], ἐπιστήναι

βουλόμειος . . . . . τοῖς στρατοῖς Ἀλεξάνδρου· 255  
. . . . . κήρυκας εἰς (μέσον) πέμπει

καλεῖν <ἀνώγων> (εἰς μάχην [τοὺς] ἀριστ<ῆ>ας)

(ὁ δὲ στρατός Δαρείου

238. τοῖς B. 239. μηδ. οἶν ἡμ. B. ἀσθενέστερον : -os  
φανείη Byz. : ε.σ. -ραν ψυχὴν ἔχει. 240. Byz. : τὸ πλ. τῶν  
β. B. 242. τῶν ἀντιμάχων codd. dett. ; verss. : τῶν

but we have great resource and courage and personal strength

Beyond our adversaries the Persians. 238

Let none of us display the least weakness

Seeing the vast barbarian numbers. 240

For one of us even with hand empty

Of idle fools like these will slay thousands.

For there are flies < . . . > in thousands

Thronging in days of summer the meadows ;

But when the wasps attack them in battle 245

They rout them merely by their wings' whistle.

So numbers count as nothing but numbers.

When there are wasps mere flies count for nothing.

The king spoke and his soldiers all cheered him.

And after many lands and paths traversed 250

He led them to the borders of Strangas.

Darius when he saw the commander

Had few with him, and saw the stream frozen,

Crossed it in haste, desiring to surprise

By stealth the armies of Alexander, 255

Yet heralds sent to summon to combat

The chosen men of all the brave foemen.

Now Darius' host

*ἀντιδίκων οὕτω τῶ νῶ θεωρῶν (οὕτω τι νωθρῶν Kroll). Vestigiis*

*propius τῶν ὠδε μωρῶν, which I translate. 243. e.g. αἰεῖ.*

244. *ἡμέρα θερυνῆ Arm., e.g. -να θερυνῆσ' ἡμέρησι: θλίβουσαι λει-*

*μῶνας B: αἰσκοποῦσαι τὸν ἀέρα misere cod. A. 246. κλαγόντες*

*A. 247. πλὴν πλήθος: πρὸς ἡμᾶς or σύνεσι codd. dett.*

248. *codd. omnes?: παρόντων inepte Kroll. 250. οἶν*

*omnes. ὁδοῖς καὶ ἄκρα Arm., στιβους Kroll. 251. εἶπεν A.*

252. *ὁ δὲ Δ. omnes. ἰδῶν: ἐθεάσατο A. στρατόν -ρον A.*

254. *A ἐχλείασεν ὡς μηδὲν (om. cett.) καὶ εὐ. ἐπιπήκτον τ. π.*

255. *e.g. ἄφνω: πρῶτος dett. 256. καὶ A: e.g. ὁμῶς*

*(Byz.) γε μὴν. ἐκπέμπει A. 257. καλεῖν τὴν μάχην A:*

*καλοῦντας κτλ. cett. -eas codd. dett.*

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⟨πᾶς ὄπλους ἐθωρήχθη⟩.

ὁ δὲ ἄρματος Δαρείως ἦν ἐφ' ὑψηλοῦ

καὶ οἱ σατράπαι αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ ὄρεπαιηφόρων ἄρμάτων  
ἐκαθέζοντο). τῶν δὲ Μακεδόνων προῆγεν ὁ  
Ἀλέξανδρος ἐγκαθίσας τὸν Βουκέφαλον ἵππον·  
προσεγγίσει δὲ τούτῳ οὐδεὶς ἠδύνατο. . . .

ὡς δ' ἑκατέρους ἐκλήζε πολέμιος σάλπιγξ 260

πολὺς δέ τις θροῦς συνεκλονεῖτο καὶ κλαγγή  
στράτων, προθυμία <γὰρ> ἦλθον εἰς δῆριν,  
(οἱ μὲν λίθους ἔβαλλον, οἱ δὲ τόξ. . . . . 263

ἔπεμπον ὡς ὄμβρον ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ φερόμενοι,  
ἕτεροι δ' ἑκρυπτον > βέλεσιν (ἡμέρας φέγγος),  
ἄλλοι δ' ἄρ' > ἐξοιστροῦντο <ταῖς> μαχαίραισιν·  
[καὶ] ὄλοντο πολλοί, πολὺς ὄδυρμὸς ὠρώρει  
<ὡς> οἱ μὲν ἐσφάζοντο (βέλεσι τρωθέντες),  
ἡμισφαγεῖς δ' ἔκειντο . . . . . (ἄλλοι 268

γνοφερὸς δὲ ἦν ὁ ἀήρ καὶ αἵματώδης).

πολλῶν δὲ Περσῶν ὀλεθρίως τελευτώντων, 269

ὁ Δαρείως ἔστρεψε τὰς ἡνίας τοῦ ἰδίου ἄρματος,<sup>4</sup>  
καὶ πᾶν τὸ Περσῶν πλῆθος εἰς φυγὴν ὄρμα. 270  
ὄρεπαιηφόρων <οὖν> ἄρμάτων τροχαζόντων

(ἐθέριζ<ο>ν αὐτο<ι> τὸς πλείστους τῶν Περσῶν  
ὄχλους ὡς [ἐπὶ])

258. ἐθωρακίσαντο παροπλίαν codd. dett.: π. ἢ ἐθωρακίσθη Byz.  
259. ὁ δὲ Δ. ἦν ἐφ' ἄρματος ὑψηλοῦ A. 260. ἐκλαγγε codd.  
dett.: οὖν -ous ἐκλίξε A (Kr.). 261. κλαγγείων A: ἢ.ε.  
κλαγγῆ τῶν Kroll. 262. δὲ A. 263. e.g. οἱ δ' ἐτόξευον  
πέμποντες — ὡς ἀπ' οὐρανῶν ὄμβρον. 264. βολῆδας ἐσφεν-  
δονίζον ὥστε ἐπικαλύπτειν codd. dett.: ἐσκέπυσαν A. τον  
ἀέια A: ἡμέρας φέγγος codd. dett., Byz. (Arm.). 265. ἄ.  
δὲ μ. ἐξ. A. 266. πολλοὶ μ. ὦ, πολὺς δὲ A. 267. καὶ



was all in arms ready. 258  
Darius sat on chariot lofty

and his satraps were seated on scythed chariots.  
The Macedonians were led by Alexander on his  
horse Bucephalus that none could approach.

Now when the martial trumpet called both sides 260  
And mighty din and shouting of armies  
Clattered together, eagerly fighting, 262  
Some hurled great stones, and others shot arrows,

like rain falling from heaven,

Others with missiles the daylight clouded, 264  
Others with swords to frenzy were goaded. 265  
Many did fall, and many cries rose up.  
As some were slain of wounds from thrown missiles  
Or lay half slain . . .

The air was thick and blood-tainted.

When many Persians were by doom taken,  
Darius turned the reins of his car,

And the whole Persian host to flight urged. 270  
Then on their chariots scythed, in haste wheel-  
ing,<sup>1</sup> 271

the satraps mowed down the common herd of the  
Persians like

<sup>1</sup> *ev.* 271-2 may be continuous, *e.g.* περὶ τοὺς ἑπείρουσιν ὡσπερ ἐπὶ ἀγροτῶν σῆτος, which is nearer the  $\Lambda$  version.

codd. 268. ἕτεροι δὲ ἡ. ζ.  $\Lambda$ , Byz.: ἄλλοι δὲ ἡ. ζ. codd.  
dett. <sup>a</sup> *e.g.*  $\Delta$ . ἐφυγεν ἡμιστροφῶν ἄρμα. 270. τὸ πλ.  
τῶν  $\Pi$ .  $\Lambda$ . 271. δὲ πολλῶν  $\Lambda$ . <sup>b</sup> So in general  
codd. dett.: -εν -ος codd. dett.: *e.g.* ἐθέριζον ὄχλους ὡσπερ  
ἐν θέρουσιν ὄρη.

στάχνας ἀρούρης ἀγρόται ἐπικείροντες). 272

κάτωθε[ν] δ'[ι] ἐλύθη κῦμα καὶ ἤρπασε<ν> πάντας  
οἱ δὲ μὴ φθάσαντες διαπεραῖσαι τὸν ποταμόν

ὑπὸ τῶν Μακεδόνων (νηλεῶς) ἀνηροῦντο. 274

ὁ δὲ Δαρεῖος φυγὰς γενηθεὶς καὶ εἰσελθὼν εἰς τὰ  
βασίλεια<sup>α</sup>

(ρίψας ἑαυτὸν εἰς [τὸ] ἔδαφος, ἀνοιμώξας, 275  
σὺν δάκρυσι ἐθρήνει ἑαυτὸν ἀπολέσας πολὺ πλῆθος  
ἀνδρῶν

καὶ τὴν Περσίδα ὄλην ἐρημώσας). 276

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(οἱ δὲ σατράπαι Δαρείου ἔγνωσαν τὸν Ἀλέξανδρον  
ἐγγίζοντα ὃ τε Βῆσσοσ καὶ ὁ Ἀριοβαρζάνης· καὶ  
παρατραπέντες [οὔτοι] τὰς φρενοβλαβεῖς γνώμας  
ἐβουλεύσαντο Δαρεῖον ἀναιρῆσαι . . . . .) οὕτως  
ἐπήνεγκαν Δαρείω

ἐξιφωμένας [τὰς] χεῖρας. 278

ὁ δὲ τοὺς πονηροὺς ἰδὼν εἶπεν·

ὦ ἐμοῦ δεσπότηι [οἱ] τὸ πρὶν [μου] δοῦλοι,  
τί τοσοῦτον ἠδίκησα (βαρβάρω τόλμη[ματι]) 280

272. ἀρούρης στάχνας ἀγρότητι κείροντες cod. Barocc.: first  
ἐπι rightly omitted by Byz.: ὡσπερ σίτος ὑπ' ἀρότρῳ, ne mur-  
murante quidem Krollio, A: nostrates aratris haud ita utun-  
tur: στ. ἀρούρας etiam Byz. <sup>α</sup> ε.γ. φ. γ. δ' εἰς δόμους ὁ Δ.

276. ε.γ. ἑαυτὸν ἐθρήνησεν ἀπολέσας πλῆθος μέγιστον ἀνδρῶν γῆν  
σ' ὄλην ἐρημώσας. 280. β. τολ. after ἀνέλητε codd. dett.

The husbandmen the plough-land corn reaping.

*(The Persian host attempt to flee across the Strangas but)*

The ice gave way and the wave engulf'd them. 273

Those who failed to cross in time

Were by the men of Macedon butcher'd.

Darius fled to his palace and

Casting him on the floor, with a loud groan, 275

and floods of tears wept for his loss of so numerous  
a host,

And desolation of his own country. 276

*(Darius after vain appeals<sup>1</sup> flees to Ecbatana and the  
Caspian gates. Alexander pursues.)* Now the satraps  
of Darius Bessus and Ariobarzanes learnt that Alex-  
ander was approaching, and,

By evil stroke from God their hearts smitten, 277

they plotted to kill Darius. . . They attacked Darius,

swords in their hands holding. 278

When he saw the villains he said :

My masters, my slaves once ! 279

How have I wronged you that with cruel spirit 280

<sup>1</sup> Darius cites some pure iambic verses : and one letter in his correspondence with Alexander which ensues, unlike the rest of the letters of which this history is full, shows traces of *pure* iambs. These, like others (i. 33, iii. 24. 3), have no place in this collection.

ἵνα με ἀνέλητε;

(μὴ πλε<ι>ον ὑμεῖς Μακεδόνων τι δράσητε·) 281  
 ἔασατ' [ε με] οὕτως ἐπὶ τὰ μέλαθρα ρίφ<θ>έντα  
 ἀναστενάξιν τὴν (ἀνώμαλον <μοῖραν>).

ἐὰν γὰρ ἐλθὼν ὁ βασιλεὺς Ἀλέξανδρος  
 εὖρη σφαγέντα †βασιλέα† ληστρικῇ γνώμῃ, 285  
 ἐ<π>εκδικήσει <μ'>· οὐ θέμις γὰρ ὀφθῆναι 286

βασιλέα<sup>a</sup> δολοφονηθέντα οἰκτίστω<ς>.<sup>b</sup>

οἱ δὲ ἀσεβεῖς μαθόντες τὴν εἴσοδον (Ἀλεξάνδρου)  
 . . . προλείψαντες τὸν Δαρεῖον ἡμίπνου ἀπο-  
 φεύγουσιν . . . καὶ (εἰσελθὼν πρὸς αὐτὸν Ἀλέξ-  
 ανδρος

<...> εὖρεν αὐτὸν <αἰμόφυρτον> ἡμίπνου), 287

καὶ (ἀνοιμώξας

<ἐλέου γέμοντα> θρῆνον ἄξιον λύπης 288

δάκρυα ἐξέχεεν [καὶ]

τῇ χλάμυδι <δ'> ἐσκέπα<ζ>ε [τὸ] σῶμα  
 Δαρείου), 289

ἐπιθεὶς δ' ἑαυτοῦ χεῖρας ἐπὶ τὸ Δαρείου 290

στῆθος τοίους ἔλεξε συμπαθεῖς μύθους·

ἀνάστα, φησί· τῆς τύχης, ὦ Δαρεῖε,

καὶ τῶν σεαυτοῦ δεσπότης πάλιν γίνου.

δέξαι σ[ο]ὺ τὸ διάδημα Περσικοῦ πλήθους,

ἔχε σοῦ τὸ μέγεθος τῆς τυραννικῆς δόξης. 295

ὄμνυμί (σοι) Δαρεῖε τοὺς θεοὺς πάντας

<ὡς ταῦτ'> ἀληθῶς καὶ οὐ πεπλασμένως (φράζω).

281. δράσηται cod. Barocc. : -σετε codd. dett. ?? 283.

ἀνώμαλόν μου (ἀνομαλῆ cod. Barocc.) τύχην: δυσέκρατον A.

you come to kill me ?

Excel not Macedon in your actions, 281  
 Suffer me thus upon the earth rolling  
 To weep aloud at my fate's injustice.  
 For if there come the king Alexander,  
 And find a king by pirates slain lying, 285  
 He will avenge me : Right doth not suffer 286

that a king should be seen slain by guile most pitifully.

(After a struggle they decamp leaving Darius half dead. Alexander arrives and)

found him half alive with blood spatter'd. 287

With a loud groan he uttered

A lamentable dirge and right piteous, 288

shed tears

And with his cloak Darius' form veiling, 289  
 Upon Darius' breast his hands laid he, 290  
 And words of sympathy spoke as follows :—  
 Arise, quoth he ; Darius, of fortune  
 And of your own be once again master.  
 Receive the Persian diadem once more,  
 The might of all your kingly fame keeping. 295  
 I swear to you, Darius, by heaven,  
 I speak this truly with no feigned utt'rance,

285. ἀνακτα Kroll. 286. ἐπ- : εἶ A: cett. ἐκδικ. τὸ αἷμά μου.  
<sup>a</sup> βασιλεῖ β. Ausfeld; but sterner measures are needed.  
<sup>b</sup> -των A. 287. Byz. : ἐκκεχυμένον . . . τὸ . . . αἷμα C.  
 288. θρ. ἄ. λ. C : ἐλ. γέμ. B later. 289. -ασε C. 290. τὰς  
 χεῖρας δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπ. A. 296. σι A. 297. Kroll (ὡς Byz.,  
 ταῦτα Arm.) : ὅτι ἐγὼ A.

μόνος παρέ<ξ>ω τὸ διάδημα τῶν σκήπτρων.  
μετὰ σοῦ γὰρ αὐτὸς καὶ τροφῆς ἐκοινών<ουν>  
ἐπὶ <σ>αῖς τραπέζαις <σ>ὴν ἀν' ἐστίαν, χ<ρ>είαν  
ἠνίκα παρήμην ἀγγελῶν > Ἀλεξάνδρου. 301

ἀλλ' ἐξανάστα καὶ κράτυνε τῆς χώρας.  
οὐ δεῖ βασιλέα δυστυχοῦντα λυπεῖσθαι.  
ισότης γὰρ ἀνθρώποις <ι> περὶ τέλους μοίρης>.  
τίνες δέ σ' οἱ τρώσαντες, εἶπε, Δαρείε; 305

μήνυσον αὐτοὺς (ἵνα σε νῦν, ἀνα<ξ>, τί<σ>ω.)  
ταῦτα <οῦν> λέγοντος [ ] ἐστέναξ<εν> ὁ Δαρείος  
καὶ ἐπισπασάμενος (τάς <τε> χεῖρας ἐκτείνας)  
στῆθος φιλήσας <τ'> εἶπε· τέκνον Ἀλέξανδρε

μη<δέ>ποτ' ἐπαρθῆς (τῇ τυραννικῇ δόξῃ). 310  
(ὅποτάν) γὰρ ἔργον ἰσόθεον κατορθώ<σης>, 311  
καὶ χερσὶ ταῖς σαῖς οὐραν(οῦ θέλ)ῆς ψαύειν,  
σκόπει τὸ μέλλον· ἢ τυχὴ γὰρ οὐκ οἶδεν

< > (βασιλέ' οὔτε μὴν πλήθος),  
ἀκρίτω δὲ ροίζω πάντ<α> (πανταχῶς (ρέμβε-  
[τα]ι). 315

ὄρᾱ(ς) τίς ἤμην καὶ τίς ἐγενόμην τλήμων.  
ὁ τῆς τοσαύτης ἄρτι <κύριος γαίης>  
νῦν οὐδ' ἐμαντοῦ δεσπότης ἀποθνήσκω.

θάψον με ταῖς σαῖς εὐσεβεστάτ<α>ις χερσίν·  
κηδευσάτωσαν Μακέδονες (με) καὶ Πέρσαι· 320

μῖ<κη> γενέσθω συγγένεια Δαρείω. 321  
τὴν δ' ἐμέ τεκοῦσαν παρατίθημί σοι τλήμων,

298. -έχω Α. 299-300. Kroll: -νον, ταῖς, τὴν Α. 300.  
χεῖραν Α (χειρὶ Arm.). 301. ἄγγελος Α. 304. ἢ π. τ. μῆρις  
Α: corr. Kroll ex Arm. 306. ἀναπαύσω Β: ἵνα με ἔκδικον  
ἔχης Α. 307. Ἀλεξάνδρου. 308. καὶ codd. dett., Byz.

That you may have again the sole sceptre.  
 For I myself at meat with you sat once  
 At table by your hearth, when I came here 300  
 To bring you message from Alexander.  
 But now arise and be your land's master :  
 A king should suffer not nor be wept for.  
 For all are equal at their last hour's end.  
 Who are they who did wound you, Darius ? 305  
 Tell me their names, O King : I'll avenge you.  
 As Alexander spake thus, Darius 307  
 Groaned, drew him nigh to him, his hands stretch'd  
 forth,  
 And kissed his breast and quoth : Alexander,  
 Be not elated by your proud kingship : 310  
 When you have wrought a deed of god worthy  
 And fancy with your hands to touch heaven  
 Think of what is to be : for fate knows not  
 Or king or commoner : all things cruelly  
 In undistinguished eddy she whirls round. 315  
 See what I was, and what my fate now is ;  
 I, who was once of all this land owner,  
 Am master now not even of myself.  
 Me with your hands most pious here bury,  
 Let Macedonians tend me, and Persians :<sup>1</sup> 320  
 Let all as kindred do my kin's functions.  
 Alack for me, I give you my mother !

<sup>1</sup> Probably the account in C, according to which the king summons his harem is, for the choliambic writer, original. But, as usual in this version, traces of metre are few.

310. Kroll. 311. -σεις A. 312. οὐρανοὺς A, οὐρανὸν  
 codd. dett. (φθάσαι). 314. ρ.γ. ὅλως τιν' οὔτε : A βασιλέα  
 ἢ ληστὴν οὔτε πλῆθος. 315. παντὶ κακῶς A : πανταχόθεν  
 cett. 317. Arm. (om. cett.) : κύρον γύης A. 319. -οις  
 A. 321. μία codd.

## FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

καὶ τὴν γυναῖκα <δ' > ὡς σύν<αι>μον οἴκτειρον·  
καὶ τὴν θυγατέρα σοι δίδωμι Ῥωξάνην,  
ἵν' εἴ τι κἄν φθιτοῖσι λείπεται γνώμη<ς> 325  
<οἱ δύο γοιῆες> ἐπὶ τέκνοισ<ι> κα(υ)χῶνται.  
σ<οἱ> μὲν Φίλιππος>, Ῥωξάνη[s] δὲ Δαρεῖος>.  
τοσαῦτα λέξας ὁ βασιλεὺς <ὁ> Δαρεῖος  
τὸ πνεῦμ' ἔλευψε<ν> ἐν χερ<οῖ>ν Ἀλεξάνδρου.

323. Kroll.      -ῆραιον A: corr. Raabe ex Arm.      324. P.  
δ. σοι A.      325. γνώμη A.      326. Kroll: σὺ δὲ  
γενεαῖς A.      κάχονται A: καύχ. cett.      327. σὺ, -πω,  
-ης, -ίω codd.: corr. Kroll.      329. εἰ, τὸ π. and χερ<οῖ>ν A.



Pity my wife here as a kinswoman !  
 My daughter give I also Roxanes,  
 That if sense liveth yet among dead men           325  
 Two parents in their offspring may glory,  
 Philip in you, and I in Roxanes.  
 After this utterance King Darius  
 In Alexander's hands the ghost gave up.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Further traces of metre are few : and it is very doubtful whether Book III. containing Alexander's expedition into Judea, his journey to Candace, and his death, owes anything to the versifier. See p. 357.

## ORACULUM

ap. Ps.-Call. i. 3. 4.

Ἐν δὲ τῷ Αἰγύπτῳ ἀφανοῦς γενομένου  
 τοῦ Νεκτανεβῶ ἠξίωσαν οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι τὸν προ-  
 πάτορα τῶν θεῶν Ἡφαιστον τί ἄρα ὁ τῆς Αἰ-  
 γύπτου βασιλεὺς ἐγένετο. ὁ δὲ ἐπεμψεν αὐτοῖς  
 χρησμὸν πρὸς τὸν ἀόρατον τοῦ Σεραπείου<sup>α</sup> στήναι<sup>β</sup>  
 ὅς χρησιμοδοτεῖ αὐτοῖς οὕτως·

Αἴγυπτον ὁ φυγῶν κρατερὸς ἄλκιμος πρέσβυς  
 βασιλεὺς δυνάστης ἠῆξει<sup>γ</sup> μετὰ χρόνον νέος,  
 τὸ γηράλαιον ἀποβαλὼν τύπων εἶδος,  
 κόσμον κυκλεύσας ἐπὶ τὸ πεδῖον Αἰγύπτου,  
 ἐχθρῶν <ἀπάντων> ὑποταγὴν διδοὺς ἡμῖν. <sup>δ</sup>

οὕτω δοθέντος . . .

<sup>α</sup> Σεραπείου: v.l. Σινωπέου. <sup>β</sup> στήσαι A. iambos no-  
 tavit W. Kroll. 1. ἐκφυγῶν [cod.] L[eid]. κραταιὸς A:  
 -ερὸς L. 2. e.g. μ. χ. ν. θ' ἦξει. 3. γεράλαιον A, L.  
 τύπον εἶδον κόσμου A. 4. Αἴγ. π. A, L (Αἴγυπτον L).  
 5. ἐλθὼν διδοὺς L.

## ORACLE

*Ps.-Call. i. 3. 4*

Now in Egypt after Nectanebos' disappearance the Egyptians saw fit to ask Hephaestus the grandsire of the gods what had happened to the king of Egypt. And he sent to them an oracle to go to the recess of the Serapium. And Serapis delivered an oracle to them as follows :—

The strong, brave sire that has fled Egypt  
 Monarch and king will come again youthful,  
 Having put off his features old semblance,  
 Circling the world to Egypt's plain once more,  
 Giving of all our enemies conquest. 5

After this oracle had been thus delivered, [failing to discover its meaning they wrote the verses on the base of Nectanebos' statue, as a memorial against such time as the oracle should come to pass.]

## UNCERTAIN FRAGMENTS

The search for anonymous choliambics has met with but little success. It is very easy for prose passages to appear to belong to such a metre. An excellent instance of this kind appears in Polyb. i. 32 :

τοὺς ἀπολογισμοὺς παρὰ τί νῦν σφαλείησαν  
καὶ πῶς δύναιτο τοὺς ἐναντίους νικᾶν;

as quoted by Suidas. Under the heading 'Spuria' I give a few instances of verses which, it appears to me, are either fortuitous, or belong to another metre. But there is another class, not yet noted by editors, as to which, it seems, some room for doubt exists. The collectors of Greek proverbs normally threw these into the rhythm of the end of a verse, or indeed a whole verse; and where the choliambic rhythm predominates it seems possible to claim a few of these, not indeed from writers in choliambi, but as conscious choliambi produced by the editor of proverbs. This is why I have ventured to give the late fifteenth-century choliambi of Arsenius, who after the fall of Constantinople augmented Apostolius' (his father's) collection of proverbs; and drawn attention to a place where a far earlier writer, Synesius, bishop of Cyrene, deliberately casts a proverb into this metre, or uses a metrical authority. Thus Hesiod's δῶρα θεοῦς πείθει degenerates into a verse-end δῶρα

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καὶ θεὸς πείθει and ἡ ἀπὸ Σκυθῶν ῥήσις assumes an illogical accusative. Since distinction is not always possible I include a certain number of cases where there may actually be a quotation from a choliambic writer (other than a proverb-collector); but I do not suppose that there are more than four or five of these. The division into (a) Dicta and (b)<sup>1</sup> is unsatisfactory. It is further possible that of the four or five some like ἀεί με κτλ. and μύωπι κτλ. are from lost fables of Babrius. Where all is so hypothetical detailed discussion is unnecessary; and this warning must suffice.

<sup>1</sup> Proverbs proper.

## FRAGMENTA INCERTA

(1-10, *vid.* pp. 2-7)

*Inc.* 11 (B<sub>gk.</sub> 25)

ὁ τὸν κυσὸν τρωθείς  
ἦδ<ει>ς <ὄ>που μάλιστα τοῦ κράνους χρεί<η>.

(Photius, ii. 33 Naber.)

*Inc.* 12 (B<sub>gk.</sub> 26 A)

A. βαύ, βαύ.

B. καὶ κυνὸς φωνήν ἴεις;

(Joan. Alex. *de ton.* p. 32. 23 βαύ . . . ὀξύνεται (12).)

*Inc.* 13

στροβεῖς σεαυτὸν κοχλίου βίον ζώ<ω>ν.

(Plut. *Mor.* p. 525 E σὺ δὲ τοσαῦτα πράγματα σιγχεῖς καὶ ταράττεις καὶ (13).)

*Inc.* 14 (B<sub>gk.</sub> 27)

ἐγὼ μὲν ὦ Λεύκιππ<ε> δεξίη σίττη

(Schol. Ar. *An.* 704 Δίδυμος δέ, ἐπεὶ ἡ σίττη καὶ εἴ τι τοιοῦτον ὄρνεον δεξιὰ πρὸς ἔρωτας φαίνεται (14). Suid. ἀεὶ τοῖς ἐρώσιν.)

11. 2. ἦδη Αἰσώπου :	corr. Dobree.	χρεία corr. B <sub>gk.</sub>
12. interpuncti.	13. ζῶν :	corr. Crusius.
Suid. : ὡς schol. Ar.	Λευκίππη corr. Bentley.	14. ὦ -η -η
corr. Meineke.		

## UNCERTAIN FRAGMENTS

(For 1-10 see above)

11

In the rump wounded  
Thou knewest where a helmet was needed.

(*Photius's Lexicon.*)

12

A. Bow! Wow!

B. Do'st bark dog-like?

(*John of Alexandria on Accents.*)

13

You lead a shell-fish life of inquietude.

(You confound all these matters <sup>1</sup> and in your worry (13).  
*Plutarch on Avarice.*)

14

Leucippus, I with favouring parrot

(Didymus' explanation rests on the ground that parrots and suchlike birds are favourable to lovers (14). *Commentator on Aristophanes' Birds*: also in *Suidas' Lexicon.*)

<sup>1</sup> The reading is uncertain and unsatisfactory.

## FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

### *Inc. 15*

†έπ' ἀνδ'ρὸς ἄνδρα Κερκίδας ἀπέκτεινεν.

(Arist. 673 a 13 τὸ περὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν ὡς ἀποκοπέετα φέρεται . . . τοῦ γὰρ ἱερέως τοῦ Ὀπλοταίου Διὸς ἀποθανόντος . . . ἔφασαν τιμὴ ἀκούσται τῆς κεφαλῆς ἀποκεκομμένης λεγομένης πολλῆς (15). οὗ καὶ ζητήσαντες ᾧ ὄνομα ἦν ἐν τῷ τόπῳ Κερκίδας ἔκριναν.)

### *Inc. 16*

ἐγὼ μέντοι ἢ τοσαύτη τρεῖς ἤδη  
καθείλον ἰστούς ἐν βραχεῖ χρόνῳ τούτῳ.

(Strabo, p. 378 ἀνημονεύεται τις ἑταῖρα πρὸς τὴν ἀνειδίζουσαν ὅτι οὐ φιλεργὸς εἶη οὐδ' ἐρίων ἄπτοίτο εἰπεῖν (16).)

### *Inc. 17*

μὴ πάντοθεν κέρδαινε σαυτὸν αἰσχύνων.

(Greg. Naz. περὶ ἀρετῆς ii. 432. c. 387 καὶ ταύτ' ἐπαίνει τῶν σοφῶς εἰρημένων (17) . . .)

### *Inc. 18*

τέττιγα <μέντοι> τοῦ πτεροῦ συνείληφας.

(Lucian, iii. 162 τὸ δὲ τοῦ Ἀρχιλόχου ἐκείνο ἤδη σοι λέγω ὅτι (18). Apostol. xvi. 32.)

15. I doubt whether there be a verse at all, and whether the head said more than *Κερκίδας ἀπέκτεινεν*. The first two words are anyhow corrupt. The obvious correction of ΕΠΑΝΔΡΟΣ is (Ε)ΗΜΙΑΡΟΣ, which I translate. 17. The verse is expressly attributed by Gregory to an older writer. However, it may well have been an ordinary iambus (*αἰσχυνῶν*). The next citation is from Eur. (*fr.* 20). See my *F.G.A.* p. 4.



## UNCERTAIN FRAGMENTS

15

Foul Cercidas his fellow-man murder'd.<sup>1</sup>

(The story of the head speaking when severed from the body. . . . When the priest of Hoplosmian Zeus was mysteriously slain, some alleged that the head though cut off kept on repeating (15). So they hunted out one of this name there and accused them. *Aristotle.*)

16

I at my age three times  
In this brief space have undone three pieces.<sup>2</sup>

(A certain courtesan is said to have remarked to a lady who rebuked her for idleness nor putting her fingers to the loom (16). *Strabo.*)

17

Gain not from every source thyself shaming.

(You must approve the following wise utterances ' (17) . . . ' *Gregory, Bishop of Nazianzus.*)

18

You've taken by the wing a grasshopper.

(It is time for me to tell you of Archilochus'<sup>3</sup> dictum (18). *Lucian's Liar.* Also in *Greek Proverbs.*)

<sup>1</sup> Some have actually sought to connect this with Cercidas (the law-giver of Megalopolis or the cynic) or a relative!

<sup>2</sup> Should probably be classed among paroemiatic dicta: it may not occur in any literary writer.

<sup>3</sup> Pfeiffer has recently shown that Archilochus wrote *τίττιγος ἐδράξω πτεροῦ*: so this fragment belongs to p. 347.

FRAGMENTA CHOLIAMBICA

*Inc.* 19

λευκὴν

μᾶζαν φυρῶ σοι;

(Diogen. vi. 12 ἐπὶ τῶν μεγάλως ἰπισχροιμένων. Other references *Paroem. Gr.* i. 271.)

*Inc.* 20

ζῶον ἐν πυρὶ σκαῖρον

(*Cram. An. Ox.* ii. 371. 19.)

*Inc.* 21

<τέρψιν> ἦν χαρίζονται νύκτες

(*Ibid.* 483. 3.)

19. *vv. ll.* φέρωσιν, μεγάλους, μέγ' ἄλα.  
vit Headlam.

20, 21. indicavit

UNCERTAIN FRAGMENTS

19

May I

A white cake mix you ?

((19) refers to those who make lofty promises. *Greek Proverbs.*)

20

An animal in fire leaping

(*Grammarians in Cramer's Anecdota Oxoniensia.*)

21

That pleasure which nights give

(*Ibid.*)

## PAROEMICA

### (a) *Dicta*

1. φιλεῖν ἀκαίρως ἴσον. ἐστὶ τῷ μισεῖν.

(*Paroem. Gr.* ii. 778.)

2. εἰ τυρὸν εἶχον οὐκ ἂν ἐδεόμην ὄψου.

(*Apostol.* vi. 76 ἐπὶ τῶν ὀλίγοις ἀρκουμένων καὶ ἐγκρατῶν from *Plut. Mor.* 234 E εἰς πανδοκεῖον (Λάκων τις) καταλύσας καὶ δοῖς ὄψον τῷ πανδοκεῖ σκειάσαι, ὡς ἄτερος τυρὸν ἤτει καὶ ἔλαιον, 'εἴτ', ἔφη (2).)

3. ζημίαν αἰροῦ μάλλον  
ἢ κέρδος αἰσχροῦ. τὸ μὲν [γὰρ] ἅπαξ σε λυπήσει  
τὸ δὲ διὰ παντός.

([*Apostol.*] viii. 34 b from *Stob. Fl.* v. 31 (i. 20 II). *Σίλωνος.*)

4. ἡ βραχυλογία ἐγγύς ἐστι τοῦ σιγᾶν.

([*Apostol.*] viii. 41 c from *Stob. Flor.* xxxv. 9 *Λυκούργος* πρὸς τὸν εἰπόντα 'διὰ τί Λακεδαιμόνιοι τὴν βρ. ἀσκούσιν:' εἶπεν ὅτι ἐγγύς κτλ.)

1-5. It is possible that at some period before Plutarch (or Stobaeus) certain dicta may have been given in a metrical choliambic form. 4. *ε.γ. τὸ γὰρ βραχυλόγον* if the story is adopted from a metrical writer.

## PROVERBS

(a) *Sayings (cf. Inc. 16)*

1. Untimely love 's than hatred no better.

(*Greek Proverbs.*)

2. If I had cheese what use to me were meat ?

(*Greek Proverbs* from the story in *Plutarch* : A certain Spartan put up at an inn and gave meat to the innkeeper to cook : when the latter asked for cheese and oil, he rejoined (2).)

3. For loss is far better  
Than gain with shame : the one for one moment,  
The other aye will irk.

(*Greek Proverbs* from *Stobaeus' Anthology*, where it is attributed to *Chilon*.)

4. For brevity to silence is next door.

(*Greek Proverbs* from *Stobaeus' Anthology* : *Lycurgus* when asked why the Spartans practised brevity replied (4).)

## FRAGMENTA C' HOLIAMBICA

5.

ἐξ ἴσου δίδου πᾶσιν.

(Plut. *Mor.* 208 B (Agesilaus is the speaker) is thus given by Apostol. vii. 51, with the lemma ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρθῶς διανεμόντων καὶ δικαίως κρινόντων.)

6. ἀκραῖς ἐπὶ ῥηγμῖσιν Εὐξείνου πόντου

(Plut. *Mor.* 602 A ἑὸ καὶ Διογένης ὁ Κύων πρὸς τὸν εἰπόντα 'Σαωπεῖς σοι φηγὴν ἐκ Πόντου κατέγνωσαν,' 'ἐγὼ δέ,' εἶπεν, 'ἐκείνων ἐν Πόντῳ μονήν' (6).)

6. Diogenes was well-read but is not likely to have cited Hipponax or Ananius or a contemporary. It is usual to read πόρου.

(b)<sup>a</sup>

Ἄλεις με τοῖ[ουτ]οι πολέμοιοι διώκοιεν, Ἀκάνθιος τέττιξ, Ἄλμη <γὰρ> οὐκ ἔνεστ' αὐτῶ, Ἀκαρπότερος εἶ <τῶν> Ἀδωνίδος κήπων, Ἀκόλῳ [τὰ] χειλ' ἐ> οὐ σύκῳ βῦσαι, Ἀπὸ ξύλου καλοῦ<sup>b</sup> <γε> κἂν ἀπάγξασθαι, Ἀρουραία μάντις, Βία πειρήτων πλουσίων παράκλησις, Γύης <μέν> οὐκ ἔνεστ' αὐτῶ,<sup>c</sup> Δηλίου κολυμβητοῦ, Δίκτυον φυσᾶς,<sup>d</sup> Δῶρα καὶ θεοὺς πείθει, Ἐγένετο καὶ Μάνδρωνι συκίνη ν<ῆ>υς, Εἴληφεν ἡ παγὶς τὸν μῦν, Ἐμπεδοκλέους ἔχθρα, Ἐν θέρει [τὴν] χλαῖναν κατατρίβεις, Ἐξ ἐνὸς πηλοῦ, Ἐχεται δ' ὥσ<τε> πο<κ>υ<λ>ύπους πέτρ<η>ς, Ἡ τρὶς ἐξ ἢ τρεῖς οὔνας, Θρᾶκες ὄρκι' οὐκ ἐπίστανται, Κάκιον ἢ Βαβῦς (?)

<sup>a</sup> References will readily be found in the Indexes of Leutsch and Schneidewin, *Paroemiographi Graeci*, Gottingae 344

## PROVERBS

### 5. Equal shares all round.

(*Greek Proverbs* : ‘ applies to fair and just apportionment.’  
*Plutarch* is the source where it is part of a saying of *Agésilas*.)

### 6. Upon the furthest shores of the Euxine

(Hence Diogenes the Cynic when told that the Sinopeans had condemned him to exile beyond the Euxine sea rejoined ‘ But I condemn them to remain in Pontus (6).’)

(b)<sup>1</sup>

Such<sup>2</sup> enemies be e'er my pursuers, A hedge-  
 cricket, Therein is no saltness, Less fruitful than  
 Adonis (his) gardens, No mere fig but a good mouth-  
 ful, If hang I must, hang me from strong gallows,  
 A seer rustic, The poor perforce the rich by per-  
 suasion, This plough has no tree to 't, Delian diver's,  
 A net you 're inflating, Even the gods take bribes,  
 For Mandron too a ship had—of figwood, The mouse  
 in trap 's taken, Empedocles' hatred, In summer why  
 thy overcoat wearest ?, Of one clay founded, Octopus  
 to rock clinging, Thrice six or three aces, Oaths  
 in Thrace run not, Than Babys worse player, Than

<sup>1</sup> For Πέρδικος καπηλέιον see on Hippon. 70.

<sup>2</sup> Greek text corrected by Sauppe.

1839, or in Suid. *s.v.*

<sup>d</sup> Suid. *s.v.* δίκτυον.

<sup>b</sup> cf. Suid. ἀπο καλοῦ.

<sup>c</sup> χλ. ἐν θ.

<sup>e</sup> Suid.

αὐλεῖ, Καλλικυρίων πλείους, Καρικὴ Μοῦσα,  
 Καρικὸν θῦμα, Κατὰ λίθων σπείρειν, Κατὰ πε-  
 τρῶν σπείρειν, Κίσσαμις Κῶος, Κρωβύλου ζεῦγος,  
 Κωδάλου χοῖνιξ, Λίνον λίνῳ κλώθεις, Λυδὸς ἐν  
 μεσημβρία παίζει, Λύκου πτερόν ζητεῖς, Μάρτυς  
 ἐκ Διὸς δέλτων, Μὴ νεκρῶν θήκας κίνει, Μύωπι  
 τὸν <τ>ρ<έχ>οντα <πῶλον> ἤγειρας, Ὅδοῦ παρ-  
 ούσης τὴν ἀτ<αρ>πιτὸν ζητεῖς<sup>α</sup>; Οὐ σχολὴ  
 δούλοις, Παρθένος τὰ πατρῶα, Πρὸς σῆμα μη-  
 τρυιᾶς κλαίει, Τὰ Σαμίων ὑποπτεύεις, Τὴν ἀπὸ  
 Σκυθῶν ῥῆσιν, Φάων ὑπάρχεις τῷ κάλλει καὶ  
 τὸν τρόπον.<sup>β</sup>

<sup>α</sup> Pargoem. ἀτραπὸν μὴ ζήτει: Suid. best cod. ἀτραπιτὸν.

<sup>β</sup> e.g. τὸν τρ. καὶ τ. κ.



## PROVERBS

Callicurians are more num'rous, Carian music, Carian victim, Seed upon stones sowing, Seed upon rocks sowing, Cissamis Coan, Crobylus' couple, Codalus' pint-pot, Thread with thread spinning, A Lydian at noon playing, As one who seeks a wolf's feather, Witness Zeus' tablets, Let dead men lie quiet, The willing horse whip not, Seek not the by-way when thou hast the highway, Slaves have no leisure, Spends like a virgin, Weeps at the tombstone of his stepmother, The Samians' fate fearing, The Scythian saying, As fair of fame and favour as Phaon.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In cod. Urbin Gr. 125 a fifteenth-century hand gives on the fly-leaf *ὄρνὸς πεσοῖσθης ἀκαμάτως ξυλίξεσθαι*, 'small search for fuel when the oak 's fallen.' The alternative version is a pure iambic.

## SPURIA

1. αἰσχύνομαι μὰ τὴν φιλότητα γηράσκων  
ἵππος ὑπὸ ζυγὸν θήλειάν τε τροφήν†  
ἔχων ὀραῖσθαι.

(Diog. ii. 53, [Apostol.] i. 67 d, Prov. Bodl. 171.)

2. Χῖος παραστὰς Κῶνον οὐκ ἐᾷ τσώζειν†.

(*App. Prov.* v. 28 gives the right form: this is from Schol. Plat. p. 320 Bekk., Eust. 1397. 39.)

3. ἄρκτου παρούσης ἔχνη μὴ ζήτει.

(Zenobius, ii. 36 ἐπὶ τῶν δειλῶν κινήσεων. *Paroem. Gr.* i. 42.)

4. ὁ τὸν πάτερα εὐρών . . . χαλκοῦ χρεία

(Phot. ii. 33 Naber.)

5. ὑπερδεδίσκευκας πονηρία πάντα.

(Bekk. *An.* 67. 27. No choliambic writer entirely neglects the caesura. It is clearly from an orator.)

6. ἀνθρωποειδὲς θηρίον ὕδατι συζῶν

(See Nauck, *Tr. Gr. Fragm.* p. 11: attributed to Aeschylus by Phrynichus, 5. 21. Read ὑδ. συζ. θηρ. and attribute to an Attic comedian.)

## SPURIOUS

1. In friendship's name, it shames me to grow old  
Like horse in harness and to be seen  
Nurtured like woman.

(In the *Proverb-Collections*.)

2. A Chian speaking may a Coan drown.

(*Ibid.*)

3. When bear is near seek not his traces.

(*Ibid.*)

4. Who with no farthing left found his father.

(*Photius' Lexicon*.)

5. You have o'ershot in villainy all men.

(*Harpocration's Lexicon*.)

6. A human form living in water

(Concerning Glaucus appearing from the sea. *Aeschylus*  
quoted by *Phrynichus* (*Bekk. An.* v. 21).)

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1. Meineke indicated this : if genuine read τὴν τρ. τε θήλ.  
v. 2. But probably in all these seven cases the vague  
resemblance to metre is *wholly* fortuitous. 2, 3 and 5  
Sauppe. 2 is really λέγειν.



## SPURIOUS

7. For persuasion<sup>1</sup>  
Well timed doth often guide aright business  
Where strength, employing force, achieves nothing.  
(*Choricus* in *Graux' Textes inédites*.)

8. But look at my inside,  
Good sir juryman : you 'll find me more spotted.<sup>2</sup>

(The fox of Aesop in his case against the pard. *Plutarch* on *Mental or Bodily Affliction* (8).)

<sup>1</sup> Conceivably, however, this might be from a lost fable of Babrius, or from part of the life of Alexander, or even written in the metre by Choricus. See on Synesius below. *ἐπιθῶν* is *Graux'* suggestion for *εἰρημένος*.

<sup>2</sup> The word 'spotted' implied to the Greek both variety of colour and cunningness of disposition.

## SYNESIUS<sup>1</sup>

For wedges must with wedges be knocked out.

(To Olympius. The church is suffering from evil strangers. Attack them ( . . .).)

<sup>1</sup> Synesius bishop of Cyrene either took this proverb from a collection in which it was adapted to the choliambic metre (see below) or so adapted it.

## ARSENIUS

οὕτω σε τανῦν ἔστιῶ τὸν κράτιστον  
 νηκτοῖς πετεινοῖς, κτήνεσιν ἔρπυστοῖς τε.  
 αὐθις δέ σοι τράπεζαν, εἰ δοίης, θήσω,  
 εἰς ἐκτύπωσιν, πορισμὸν τὸν ἄρκουντα,  
 λαμπροῖς στρατηγήμασι τοῦ Πολυαίνου,  
 οἷς κείνος εἰστίασε τῷ βασιλῆι  
 πάλαι τὸν Οὐῆρόν τε καὶ Ἄντωνῖνον.

Κύων ἐγὼ σὸς καὶ γλυκὺς σὺ δεσπότης·  
 οὐκοῦν ὑλακτῶ καὶ φαγεῖν ζητῶ βρῶμα.  
 Ἄναξ λεοντόθυμε τὸν κύνα τρέφε·  
 θρέμματα γὰρ θηρᾶν σε βλέπω βαρβάρου.

(Phile, p. 1 Didot. These verses end the dedication.)

## ARSENIUS

### ARSENIUS<sup>1</sup>

So now most noble one herein find food.  
Herein are birds and fishes, beasts, serpents.  
If you will pay enough, I 'll get printed  
Later a second course, and Your Highness  
Regale with Polyænus his tactics,  
Whereon he once feasted the two rulers  
Verus and Antoninus of old Rome.

I am thy dog and thou my master art.  
So do I bark and wish for my dog-food.  
O lion-hearted king feed thou thy dog.  
I see thou huntest the barbarian beasts.

<sup>1</sup> Arsenius had lived in Constantinople before its capture and edited his father's collection of proverbs. His choice of metre may be significant.

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P. 46, *fr.* 68. Add the variants: *v.* 1 *κατωμόχασε, καταμόχασε* and *κακομόχασε*: *v.* 6 *τῶν τεκνοῦμενον* and *τῶν πεκείμενον*. The verses are also quoted by Tzetzes on his *Antehomerica*, *v.* 168. For *-ἄντεκείμενον* a good case could be made out, but it has little ms. support.

P. 49, *fr.* 70. In order not to confuse the reader I have given what I believe may have been the Lycophron-Tzetzes view of these verses. It has been suggested to me that *πιθμῆνι στοισθῆς* may have been taken as a 'bunch of straw.' But I believe the whole to be nonsense and it is superfluous to trouble much over a patent error. *στοισθη* means a paving, perhaps as Photius, p. 539, 15 (from Eupolis) explains it, an inlaid paving. *ὀφέλλω* and *ὀφέλλω* are simply used of raising the ground-level or of adorning. *πιθμῆν* has its natural sense of foundation.

And found a man adorning the mansion,  
Yet unadorned, with an inlaid pavement.

On the word see also Herwerden, *Lex. Suppl.*

P. 91, i. 84 *sqq.* These verses present several unsolved problems: (*a*) why in *v.* 83 is *ἐλθτι τῶν ἰμῶν* unexplained? (*b*) why is there no obvious antecedent to *ὅς* (*v.* 85), or noun on which *σοί* depends? (*c*) Why is there no note of change of speaker between *Γυλλί* and *τέκνον* or *γυλλίον* and *Γυλλί*? As to (*a*), traces in 82 are sufficient to show we have no explanatory contrast to *ἰμῶν*: and as to (*b*), *οὐ τέκνον* cannot belong to the same sentence as *γένοιτο*, so there can be no construction for *σοί*. All these difficulties could be removed by reading, as I should have done, *οἱ Γυλλίων* *a.* in 84, 'my dear little Gryllos.' The parent ms. probably had *Γυλλίος* at *v.* 50. At *v.* 83 Gyllis says 'I didn't come or want to come,' *e.g.* *δείξον ὄν ἐπει οὐ σπονδῆ*); it was the rites in

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respect of which my dear little Gryllos needed you to initiate him (*e.g.* Γρυλλίωνα ἔχους μύστην). Then Métriche (not, as P *pardonably* mistook, Gyllis) says, ‘Let him be your μύστης.’ It is much in favour of this view that many other, and, no doubt, better arrangements of parts and supplements can be found than these, whereas on the other view nothing can be done: and that there is far less departure from the tradition of P that the verses *could* be read consecutively.

P. 104, iii. 20. 21. The transposition of these verses is unnecessary. The least unsatisfactory interpretation seems to me to be that given. Not only are they rubbed brighter than the flask, but their gaudy trappings are contrasted with the mother’s lack of ‘vanity bags.’ Headlam thought that the old man was a fisherman. Another suggestion made to me is that the dibs are left lying at the smithies or on the foreshore—the low haunts which the boy frequents. Perhaps φῦσαι and δίκτυα are used ironically, ‘puffs and reticules.’

P. 155, vii. 69, 70. Inexcusably I have failed here to recognize the sequence of thought. We should read in *v.* 69 ὁ τοῦτ’ ἐῶν γὰρ οὐ σε ῥηδίως χηνᾶ (deleting ρ: *cf.* Hesych. χηνήσαι, to deride): “he who allows this (so Blass) is not lightly mocking you.” Proceed then, reading τί; in 71: “For of shoes, lady, the true function you will admit, please, to be—what? Why, ‘pon my head . . . to bring quick profit to tool-pliers: since if this throw prosper not, O Hermes . . ., I know not how pot shall thrive better.” Those who find this lapse into the style of Plato difficult should read χρῆναι (χραίνω) εἰκα· τούτων οὐκ ἄμεινον εὐρήσειν . . .: but I prefer to translate what is in the Papyrus. Other accentuations of τί, and divisions of speakers, are credible.

P. 231. The readings of the Bodleian papyrus not noted are as follows:

Above ὑρην in *v.* 13 at distance of one verse is visible (ημο): certainly not any words in *v.* 11 (Lond). Where εκλιθου should come (*v.* 9) we have . . . (τα . αν) πολε. . . . In *v.* 13 the τοῦ of ἐαυτοῦ is fairly clear. In *v.* 15 fin. πλωιτηρ is clear. In *v.* 22 ολλοι is as easy as αλλοι, and in 26 χεις easier than υεις. In 14 my reading ηθ on which is based Mr. Milne’s clever correction is, I think, certain.

## ADDENDA

Pp. 244-5. There are three main points of difficulty associated with this poem.

In the first place the whole story is associated by all other Greek and Latin writers with Sardanapallus, not with Ninos. As to this I suspect that Phoenix is influenced solely by metrical considerations. I do not think it credible that *-os* is throughout corrupt—‘son of Ninos,’ ‘at Nineveh,’ *ἱνὸς Νίνου, κτλ.*

Secondly, there are two legends as to the inscription, both given in Athenaeus. According to one, the famous saying, ‘Eat, drink, and be merry; the rest is not worth *that*,’ is part of an inscription on Sardanapallus’ memorial (not tomb) at Anchialé, which, with Tarsus, Sardanapallus built in one day. The other contains the words, ‘I drank, I ate, I satisfied my lust.’ This was given to Greece by Choerilus. It was once inscribed on a stone pillar on a mound at Nineveh; but the mound was pulled down by Cyrus. In one account Sardanapallus had no regular tomb but burnt himself with his wives and concubines, not at Nineveh (*Nivos*). In another, he was murdered in his palace. He was the last of his dynasty. See Mayor’s *Juvenal*, ii. 178.

The decisive point as to which legend Phoenix followed is in *v.* 12: but unfortunately this ends with a *vox nihili, αἰδεῖ*. Editors have generally read *ᾄδει* which is precisely the one thing that we cannot read. *αἰδῆς* which I give is, in a sense, certain from Hes. *Sc.* 477 *τοῦ θεοῦ τάφου καὶ σῆμ’ αἰδῆς ποίησεν Ἄραϊφος*. We may then either (*a*) regard *καὶ . . . αἰδῆς* as an illustrative adscript and read what we will (*e.g.* *καὶ τὸ σῆμ’ ἔστ’*), ‘for all men writ Where Ninos on his monument doth sit.’ The *σῆμα* might be the Anchialé monument and the quotation given to show that *σῆμα* is not the same as *τάφος*. This seems to me all very unlikely. (*b*) We may suppose that Phoenix actually scanned the word *αἰδῆς* and that the diaeresis was put in, as so often in papyrus texts, by editors to call attention to irregularity. (*c*) We may suppose that Phoenix wrote (*e.g.*) *ὄκου Νίνου εἶν καὶ τὸ σῆμ’ αἰστωθῆν*, and that the adscript gave the same sense as the original. Either (*b*) or (*c*) seems to me certainly right; but it is quite doubtful whether *Nivos* is Ninos or Nineveh. I prefer the latter, the destruction of Nineveh (*c.* 600 B.C.) being famous and proverbial. As in the Greek I leave it doubtful in my translation whether *ὄκου* is locative or not.

P. 249, 3. 9. Malachite—darkish green, rare, beautiful,  
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and brittle—would be a suitable extravagance to allege rather than a sober fact. In the grand hundred-marbled church of St. Paul outside the Roman walls it appears only in the altars presented by the Emperor of Russia, Nicholas the First. It is given as a material for a palace floor (*πάτος*: Sophocles *Lex. Byz.*) in the Septuagint version of Esther.

P. 283. 2. To the Greek humourists appropriate misfortune was an enthralling joke. The Greek book of jests called *Philogelos* says: "A drunkard who had bought a vineyard died before vintage." We are not amused. Or rather we use different forms, 'as unlucky as the man who . . .,' 'Why he couldn't even . . . without . . .,' 'Have you heard about poor old X?'

P. 331, v. 329. I am inclined to think the choliambic versifier wrote three poems about Alexander, an "Iliad," a "Thebaid," and a "Dareiad." In editing these verses I have made no attempt to estimate how far the Ionic dialect was employed. The writer of cod. A, otherwise our only good guide, atticizes ruthlessly throughout the history. Slight indications would seem to show that the original was in an Ionic dialect at least as strict as that of the Mimes of Herodes.

P. 350, *Adde* 9. Choliambos Scythini ap. Stob. *Ecl.* i. 8. 43 non recte agnovit Meineke.

### CALLIMACHI NOVAE LECTIONES

The following verses of Callimachus have lately been recovered by G. Vitelli (*Bull. Soc. Arch. d'Alex.* No. 24) from scholia. They are verses 99 *sqq.* (see the late Professor Mair's *Callimachus*, p. 272, lines 96 ff.).

They afford an admirable illustration of Callimachus' art in his use of this metre. Essentially lyric in cadence and metre, and strict in their Ionic versification, his verses yet give, as those of no other Greek poet do, the essential illusion of natural speech. A wide and versatile imagination, an use of deft touches to depict the crowd surging round the dead poet Hipponax, who is supposed to be speaking, a breathless but clear and distinct narration—all these mark out the genius of Callimachus as something infinitely higher than that of his rivals.

## ADDENDA

ὦ Ἐκάτη πλήθευς! ὁ ψιλοκόρηστος τὴν προὴν ἀναλώσει φυσέων ὅπως μὴ τὸν τρίβωνα γυμνώσῃ. σωπὴ γενέσθω καὶ γράφεσθε τὴν ῥῆσιν. ἀνὴρ Βαθυκλῆς Ἄρκας—οὐ μακρὴν ἄξω— ὦ λῶστε, μὴ σίλλαινε, καὶ γὰρ οὐδ' αὐτός μέγα σχολάζ[ων εἰμι] . . . ρμεσ(ον) δινεῖν, (ὦ) Ζεῦ Ἀχέροντος!—τῶν πάλαι τις εὐδαίμων ἐγένετο, πάντα δ' εἶχ' ἐν οἴσιν ἀνθρωποὶ θεοὶ τε λευκὰς ἡμέρας ἐπίστανται.	99 100  105
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### I translate:

He'll lose his breath, will my bald-head comrade,  
 In panting to keep cloak on his shoulder.  
 Let there be silence! write ye my words down!  
 In Arcady Bathycles—cease mocking,  
 Sirrah! I fly not far: a brief moment  
 Have I to spend with you: how stern, great Zeus,  
 Is Acheron!—the patriarch thrice blest  
 Did live, nor lacked in aught of such riches  
 Wherewith endowed men live white days ever.  
 (He was about to finish his last lap, etc.)

In v. 108 'white days' are 'days of white-raiment,' 'feast days'; see Hippon. *fr.* 65.

v. 103 ἀξω P: correxi. v. 105 non fuit *παρμεσον*. v. 106 num *χάξεν* . . . !

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<sup>2</sup> Inepte Gerhard legit Cercideia, p. 51; ineptius apud Herodis Mimum VIII. inveniunt scholastici.



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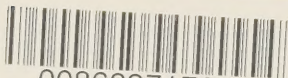
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