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This volume of the Catalogue of Coins describes the earlier coinage of China from the British Museum Collection and other sources. The Museum specimens are distinguished by the numbers being in thick type and by not being included in brackets. The metal of each coin is stated, and its size or average size in inches and its weight or average weight in grains. The classification is under forms for convenience of reference.

An Introduction is prefixed explaining the technicalities of the series, two chapters being devoted to the numismatic chronology of Ancient China, and to an alphabetical list of geographical or mint and other names occurring on the coins.

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INTRODUCTION.

CHAPTER I.

NUMISMATIC CHRONOLOGY OF ANCIENT CHINA.

THE ancient Chinese, like other civilised nations of antiquity, had no regular system of chronology. Events were dated from the accession of the ruling sovereign, and longer periods were calculated by the addition of the respective lengths of intervening reigns. With this want of exactness, discrepancies could not fail to arise, and the traditions disagree until 841 B.C., when we find that the various sources of information henceforth agree together. The famous sexagenary cycle, in use for computing days from remote times, was not applied to years before 104 B.c., when Szema Tsien, the renowned author of the She Ki or "Historical Records," employed it backwards to the said date of 841. The common scheme of chronology beginning with 2697 B.C. as first year of Hwang-ti, was not established before the eleventh century of our era. It was the work of Shao K'angtsieh (d. 1077 A.D.) and Liu-shu (1052-1078 A.D.), and was based on assumed recurrences of regular periods and on other processes of computation foreign to the historical method.

Several references to chronology in ancient authors, such as Yüh Hiung (eleventh century B.C.), Ts'o Kiu-Ming² (fifth century B.C.), Mêng-tze³ (372-289 B.C.), Hwang P'u-Mi⁴ (A.D. 215-282), and a certain number of astronomical statements which modern science has been able to verify, enable us to restore some ancient dates on a more trustworthy basis. For this difficult period, the common scheme, that of the Annals of the Bamboo Books, severally referred to in the present work, and the corrected dates are here put together for easier reference.

¹ Cf. among others the great work of P. E. Souciet, Observations Mathematiques, Astronomiques, Geographiques, Chronologiques, et Physiques tirées des Anciens Livres Chinois, 3 vol. 1729-1732. The second and third vols. contain works of P. Gaubil. Also (with caution) Thomas Fergusson, Chinese Chronology and Cycles, Shanghai, 1880. Dr. H. Fritsche, Director of the Russian Observatory at Pekin, On Chronology and the Construction of the Calendar, with special regard to the

tory at Pekin, On Chronology and the Construction of the Calendar, with special regard to the Chinese computation of time compared with the European, St. Petersburg, 1886.

2 Tso tchuen, Siuen Kung, iii. 4. She Ki, Ts'u She Kia, Kiv. 40, f. 9.

3 Mencius, vii. 2, xxxviii.

4 Ti wang She Ki.—Nien lih.

5 Cf. R. K. Douglas, Early Chinese Texts, "The Calendar of the Hia dynasty," pp. 1-60 (T. de L., Orientalia Antiqua, i. 1882). E. C. Knobel, Hon. Sec. Royal Astronomical Society, Notes on an Ancient Chinese Calendar, 1882. Prof. C. Pritchard, of Oxford, "Chart of the Principal Stars, chiefly Zodiacal," &c., Sacred Books of the East, vol. iii. p. 27. J. Edkins, "On the Twenty-eight constellations," China Review, 1877, p. 323. G. Schlegel and Franz Kühnert, Die Schu-King Finsterniss, Amsterdam, 1889, 4to., 20 pp. (Königl. Akad. d. Wiss. zu Amsterdam). This is the eclipse mentioned in the Shu King on the fifth year of Tch'ung Kang. Two eclipses, May 7, 2165, and May 12, 1904, B.C., are pointed out as satisfying the locality and month of the year and time of day. That of 2165 is by far too ancient, while the other suits very well. S. M. Russell, Discussion of Astronomical Records in Ancient Chinese Books, pp. 137-200; Journal of the Peking Oriental Society, vol. ii., Peking, 1888. John Williams, "On the Eclipses recorded in the Ancient Chinese Historical Work called Chun Tsew," 1863: Astron. Soc. Month. Not. xxiv., 39-42; and other works.

Notwithstanding its remote position, which always required a lapse of time, China has never remained entirely without knowledge from time to time of the progress and evolution of western civilisation, and has taken advantage of this knowledge. Its numismatic history is so closely related to that of Western Asia and Europe that it has been thought necessary to introduce here some western annals of this class, as they throw much light on subsequent Chinese events of the same kind.

The field of history covered by the following chronology is so new in several respects, that not a few statements, here put in the briefest form, ought to have been accompanied with their demonstration in subsequent sections; but the limited space at my disposal does not admit of the publication in this place of any such illustrative material. The various subjects which could not be treated of in this Introduction are the following: (1) The basis of the chronology; (2) The primitive currency of the country in shells and cowries, and the trade by barter; (3) The use of metal by weight amongst the early civilisers of China; (4) The introduction of the Ring-currency from the West and the Treasury enactments of the Tchou dynasty; (5) The beginning of coinage and its introduction in Shantung in 675 B.C.; (6) The materials of money: a, Early metallurgy; b, Gold and silver; c, Copper and bronze, with an inquiry into the invention of bronze in Asia Minor and into its introduction into China, through Meshed, Kiu-tse and the Kokonor, circa 1741 B.C.; d, Iron, tin and lead; e, other materials, such as cloth, clay, cardboard, jade, &c.; (7) The traditional and monumental evidence of writing in China from the embryowritings of the Aborigines, the introduction of writing from Western Asia, its adaptation to new surroundings, and its popular transformation into that of the coin legends.

Bamboo Rectified Annals Dates. Common 2697 2388 c. 2332

First year of Hu Nak Kunta (Yu Nai Hwang-ti), leader

of the Bak Sings 百姓 in the West.² 26472338c.2282In his fiftieth year, Yu Nai Hwang-ti, general leader of sixteen Bak families, arrives on the banks of the Loh river (in Shensi), and sacrifices (Bamboo Annals). His people, or at least their chieftains, are acquainted with the art of writing, and with many other important crafts derived from the Chaldæo-Elamite civilization acquired south of the Caspian Sea.3 In metallurgy they knew of gold 金, silver 白金 or 銀, copper 銅, and antimony or tin 錫. For trade they bartered all commodities, besides

wrought and unwrought metal by weight.

2356 2146c.2076Ti Yao, ruler of the Chinese (in Shansi). 22552043c.2004

Ti Shun, his successor, at Pu-fan (C. Shansi, Cat., p. 29), amongst other enactments, regulates the steelyard,

¹ Several other monographs have been published: T. de L., China and Japan, pp. 190-235, of Coins and Medals, their place in History and Art, by the authors of the British Museum Official Catalogues, edited by Stanley Lane-Poole, London, Elliot Stock, 1885. "Paper Money of the Ninth Century and supposed Leather Coinage of China," 1882, Numismatic Chronicle, vol. ii., third series, pp. 334-341. The Old Numerals, the Counting Rods and the Swan-pan in China, 1883: ibid. vol. iii., pp. 297-340. "Babylonian and Old Chinese Measures," Academy, Oct. 10, 1885. "The Metallic Cowries of Ancient China, 600 B.C., 1888," J. R. A. S., vol. xx., pp. 428-439. Une Monnaie Bactro-Chinoise bilingue du premier siècle avant notre ère, Paris, 1890, 14 pp. (Extrait des Comptes-Rendus de l'Academie des Inscriptions et Belles-lettres).

2 Following the researches of Hwang Pu-mi, in his Ti wang she ki and Nien lih.

3 Cf. for the proofs of this fact, about fifty articles and papers since 1880, in the Journal of the Society of Arts, Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, The Academy, The Babylonian and Oriental Record, Proc. Soc. Biblical Archwology, &c. Also, T. de L., The Languages of China before the Chinese, 1887, and Paris, 1888; Origin of the Early Chinese Civilization from Western Sources, 1892; R. K. Douglas, China, 1882, 1887.

Common Scheme.	Bamboo Annale.	Rectified Dates.	weights and measures, and fixes the amounts of metal 金 to be received for redeemable crimes. In 1955 B.C. he is buried at Tsang-wu in Ming-tiao Park,
22 48	2035	1996	near An-yh, S. W. Shansi. Arrival of (trading) parties from the West. Same in
2205	1990	1954	1712, 1685, &c. The Great Yü, founder of the Hia dynasty at An-yh (Cat., p. 21). He is reputed to have extracted metal 全 from the Li shan (near Pu-fan), and cast pi 密 valuables, (i.e. metal implements or commodities easy to barter) for the relief of his people in distress during the over-flowing of the Hwang-ho. In his time, the Chinese become acquainted, from the indigenous populations, with Iron, which they called the Barbarian metal (銭) and also other names (銭, 銭) borrowed from the native dialects.
2155	1948	1904	On the 12th of May, a solar eclipse in the fifth year of Tchung Kang, third successor of Yü, at Tchen-sin (in Mih, Honan).
1897	1619	1741	Settlement of a branch of the Kun-wus of the Kokonor at Hiu (N. Honan). They introduce the western art of bronze brought from Asia Minor, through the tin stations from west to east. The initial proportion of tin to copper, which increased in the east and diminished in the west, was 15 per cent. For details, cf. my monograph On the Western discovery of bronze and its introduction in Ancient China.
1766	1558	1686	Tcheng T'ang, founder of the Shang (Traders') dynasty at Poh (Shangkiu, Kweiteh fu, E. Honan). According to Kwan tze (seventh century B.C.), he gave metal 金 from the Tchwang shan, in 1684, to be cast into pi 常, to redeem the children whom his subjects, in want of food after a drought, had been compelled to sell.
1610	1448	1536	In 1712, 1685, 1554 and 1536, arrivals of (trading) foreigners from the west. The subsequent arrivals are stopped in their route eastwards by the Tchou people settled in Shensi.
1401 1387	1315 1301	1389 1375	P'an Keng, nineteenth ruler of the Shaug dynasty. P'an Keng, in the fifteenth year of his reign, removes the capital from Keng (Ho tsin, Kiang tchou, S. W. Shansi) to Yn-Poh (Yen-se, Honan fu), and Yn became henceforth a frequent appellative of the Shang dynasty. He rebukes his ministers for their greediness in hoarding cowries and gems. (Shu King, iv., Pan Keng, ii. 14.) The Chinese had adopted and regulated for their own wants a currency in use among the Pre-Chinese tribes of Eastern China, consisting of tortoise shells of various sizes and cowries. It is mentioned twice in the Yh King (41 and 51 kwas), and in the Shu-King (Yü Kung), cf. my monograph On Barter and the Shell currency of Ancient China.
		1200	From the seventeenth century, the currency of Western Asia consists chiefly of armlets or rings, uninscribed, of various sizes, in gold, silver and also of bronze (as found lately in the Caucasus), cast on the Babylonian standard of weights.

Comman Scheme.	Bamboo A mals.	Rectified Dat.s.	In China where the practical and not the ornamental is sought for, the metallic currency consists of small implements of daily use in bronze, such as hoes, spades, and sickles, uninscribed and exchanged by weight.
1148	1076	1136	Their regular formsecures an approximately regular weight. Lunar eclipse in the thirty-seventh year of Wen Wang of Tchon, chief of the West. Tch'ou-Sin, the last King of the Shang-Yn dynasty, stores up tsai H, riches, in the Stag gallery, Luh tai.
1131	1059	1120	Third year of Wu Wang, son of Wen Wang, Prince of Tchou.
1122	1050	1110	Beginning of the Tchou dynasty. Wu Wang of Tchou having, with the help of eight non-Chinese nations, over-thrown the Shang-Yn dynasty, distributes to his followers the <i>tsai</i> which Tch'ou-Sin had collected.
c.1117 c 1109	1045 1038	r.1105 1097	Arrival of trading parties inland from the west. Arrival about that year of three trading parties from Indo- China. The southern sea trade from the west with Arrakan and Pegu is not yet open.
1103	1032	1091	In the thirteenth year of Tcheng, second King of Tchou, his minister, Kiang Tai Kung, establishes the nine
		1001	and silk (gold in cubic-inch, bronze in rings, in ingots or in plates, to circulate by weight and silk in pieces of a regular size.) The historical statement is given in the Tsien Han Shu, or Annals of the Former Han Dynasty (Shih ho, iv. 2). With reference to metal, it says: 黃金方寸而重一斤錢園函方輕重以珠, which we understand as "gold was in square inch, weighing one kin, bronze money was round (or in rings), tongue-like (or in boards) and in squares (or ingots) and their weight was ascertained by tchus. The second statement is generally understood as meaning that "the copper coins were round enclosing a square," which is against the full weight of evidence, circumstantial and direct. No doubt the historian of the Han has misconceived the original statement and altered it according to his prejudice.
985	945	$\frac{1091}{985}$	Kiang Tai kung, establishes afterwards the same regulations in his State of Ts'1. Important expedition of Tchou Muh wang on the northern
			borders of Tibet. The Chinese learn the western art of inlaying metal.
967	927	967	Interruption of inland arrivals from the west. In 893 they begin again, but henceforth always through the traders
950	911	950	of Shuh (Sze tchuen), until the Han period. In his fifty-first year, Tchou Muh wang, through his minister Liu, enacts his penal laws with the optional redemption of corporal population by the popular of
в.0	·.		redemption of corporal penalties by the payment of mulcts in 錄 hwan or Ring-money still uninscribed,
85		e southern	which had been introduced by the Тснои from the west. country of Ts'u supplies tortoise shells and cowries, which
84	1 Cor	nmon date	ne scarce, for currency. e of agreement between the various traditions of chronology,
82	O Ide	alled Kun ographical	g-ho 共和. reform of the written characters, by Sze Tchou, historio-

B.C. grapher of the King Siuen of Tchou, in view of making the official writing more significant to the eyes even at the expense of the phonetic expression. The Ku-wen writing had diverged to some extent from its original forms and mode of composition; and the number of characters had increased and continued to increase from several sources, viz., local variants of the standard forms; necessary additions from progress of knowledge; pictorial equivalents, of difficult or little known standard characters, actually created among the less cultured portions of the Chinese agglomeration. The writing of Sze Tchou is generally called tchuen (cf. below, v. 2).

776 Sixth year of Tchou Yu wang. Solar eclipse on August 29th.

770 End of the Tchou dynasty and beginning of the Tung Tchou or Eastern
Tchou dynasty, with its capital at Loh-yh (Loh Yang, Honan), whose
king was not much more than the nominal suzerain of the various
principalities united in a federation.

750-700 Beginning of coinage in the West.

At Ægina, Pheidon, King of Argos, establishes a mint for silver coins. In Lydia electrum coins are struck. The coins consist of small ingots of regular weights, bean-shaped, and stamped with a distinctive mark or emblem.

722-481 Tchun-tsiu period, so-called from the Ephemerides of Ln, for these years, written by Confucius, and completed by the Ts'o tchuen or Chronicle of Tso K'iu-Ming (722-464 B.C.) the most valuable literary relic of the Tchou dynasty. Eighty-five Chinese principalities are mentioned therein.

720 An envoy from the Tchou kingdom goes to the State of Lu to ask the usual 脏 fu, or contribution, including currency, towards the King's burial.

697-695 Sennacherib, the Assyrian King, introduces Syrian sea-going ships in the Persian Gulf, which after being used for war, ply for trade in the Erythræan Sea in competition with the old Sabæan traders.

Period of the Five Pas, 五 點, Wu Pa, during which one of the great principalities took successively the lead of all the states, because of the impotency of the suzerain, the King of TCHOU. No less than 131 separate states existed during the Tchou dynasty, 55 of which were contemporaneous; 25 have left records of their existence and 13 were important. Hwan, Prince of Ts'1, was the first Pa, 679 643 B.C. 679-675 The state of Ts'1 being at war during these years, Prince Hwan was

679-675 The state of Ts'i being at war during these years, Prince Hwan was finally afraid that his armoured bannermen were not sufficient in number; in order to facilitate enlistment he successfully authorized the payment of mulcts for slight offences with their own metal knives, instead of the legal Ring currency as heretofore since 950.

675-670 Introduction of coinage in China.

The sea-traders of the Indian Ocean establish a colony in the Gulf of Kiaotchou (S. Shantung), which they call Lang-ga (Lang-ye) after the Ceylon Lanka, a name given also to several intermediary places. Tsihmie, afterwards Tsih-moh, was their emporium and mint.

They started the device of inscribing their large bronze knives (of regular weight, i.e. one-eighth of the larger standard unit) for currency, with a distinctive mark or emblem, a practice they learnt from the western coinages, consisting in this instance of the name of their place in a curious form of Chinese symbols (p. 214). The shape is still rude and has not assumed the symb lical form of the ring at the end, which a little afterwards was introduced into the Chinese Ts'ı state.

670-665 In one of these latter years, Hwan, the Prince of T'sı, leader of the States, enacts rules, framed by his minister Kwan I-wu (Kwan King

tchung, Kwan tchung, or Kwan tze), for the weights of metallic B.C. currency (She Ki, xxx. 21). The Taos (knives or sickles) and Pus (hoes or adzes), according to Kwan-Tchung's works, formed the lower currency. Prince Hwan ordered his Tso Sze-ma, or Left Equerry, Pe Kung, to cast pi money with metal from the Tchwang mines, to make known the models and weights to the people. Later on, i.e. after 659, he commanded his Tchung Ta-fu, or Second Grand Officer, Wang-yh, to carry 20,000 coins to Ts'v for the purchase of a living stag.

The coins are inscribed with legends indicating their place of issue, their object and weight-value. The knife-shaped coins, preserving a practical size and form, bear the following inscription: Ts'i fan wang tze kiu hwa, returnable-reviving currency of Ts'i. On the reverse: San shih, thirty units, and yuen, a ring, either figured or suggested by the carefully

made ring at the end of the handle.

Great wealth is acquired in the state of Ts'1 by the trade in salt (煮 消解 boiling the brine) which its merchants supplied to the states of LIANG (C. E. Shansi), Tchou (W. Honan), Sung (E. Honan), Wei (N. Honan) and others, which, we are told (cf. the authorities in F. Hirth, Early History of the Salt Monopoly in China, 1888), were in great trouble when the usual supply was not forthcoming at the proper time. This trade was the chief cause of the extension of coinage in the states.

c. 660 The quince-fruit of Media is introduced into China through the Indian Ocean sea-trade. Cf. my Notes on Botanical Relations between Ancient

China and Western Asia in Antiquity.

Extinction by the state of Tsin of the small principality of Yü (q.v. in the Alphabetical List below) in S. W. Shansi, which, following the rules of Hwan and Kwan-tchung, had issued some saddle-coins or weight-money bearing their name and respective weights.

The old Ring-money of the Central Kingdom of Tchou was probably

inscribed theu for the first time, and became a coinage.

642 Coining money is not yet known in the state of TCHENG (Kai fung fu, Honan) as shown by the following circumstance. The Earl of Tcheng, for the first time paid a Court visit to the Prince of Ts'v (Hupeh) who gave him a certain quantity of metal (1) and made him a condition not to use it for casting weapons. In consequence the Earl of Tcheng made with it three bells (Tso tchuen, 5, xviii. 1).

641 Collapse through its own expenses and conquest by Ts'in of the small state of Liang (q.v.) in Shensi C. E., where the financial innovations of Ts'ı had been followed, and saddle-coins or weight-money had been issued, with the legend Liang kiu kin-yu erh shih tang lüch, Kin-yu of Liang's treasury, 20 equal a lüeh, of several sizes and variants accordingly (Cat. p. 22, corr.). Liang was supplied with salt by the merchants of Ts'ı.

618 Wei, Earl of Mao, comes from the Тснои kingdom to Lu, asking money € contributions for the expenses of the King's burial (Tchun tsiu Tso

tchuen, 6, ix. 1).

613-590 Tchwang, King of Ts'v, the last of the Five Pas, issues two sizes of small coins, bean-shaped (in the fashion of the Æginætan and Lydian coins of 750-700 B.C.) and inscribed with their respective weights. The old cowrie-shell currency had become too scarce for requirements. They were nick-named Ho pei tsien, or metallic cowries (Cat. p. 300); cf. my monograph "On the Metallic Cowries of Ancient China," 1888, J.R.A.S. xx. 428-439. Later on, considering that the money was too light, he altered it and made the small coins larger, 莊 王 以 為 幣 輕 更以小為大, but his people gave up business, until, on the advice

- B.C. of his chief minister, Sün Shuh-ngao, he had restored things to the
- 611 Neko II., of Egypt, gives a great impetus to distant navigation in the Southern seas.
- 580-550 Non-Chinese Guild merchants of 1. Tsih-moh, in Lang-ya; 2. An-yang; 3. TCHENG-YANG; and 4. KAI YANG, in Kīū (Shantung S.E. coast) issue large knife-coins; those of 1, 2, and 3 separately, while 1 and 2, and 1 and 4 were in partnership, before their submission to Ts'1. This is the beginning of the monetary unions, cf. below vi. 1, and Cat. pp. 215-222, 225-226.

561-360 An-yh in S.W. Shansi, residence of the Wei clan, begins its coinage with issues of so-called saddle-money or weight-money, like the former coins of Yü and of Liang, all three towns of Tsin (Cat. pp. 20-22).

547-493 After their submission to Ts'i (550-547 B.C.) and previously to their conquest by Wu (493 B.C.), the Guild merchants of TSIH-MOH issue large knife-coins in partnership with those of An-Yang (Cat. p. 224), and also with those of Yng-Ling, capital city of Ts'1 and of Kai-Yang (Cat. p. 225), all specially inscribed. These led those of Yng-ling and of Tso-чн to issue a similar coinage (Cat. p. 223). During the same period guild merchants of Ts'1 in connection with those of KWANG-TCHUNG (Shensi S.E.) issue a special coinage of large knives, with a remarkable inscription setting forth its object, viz.: "Returnable-reviving currency of all travelling traders of Ts'i and Kwan-tchung" (Cat. p. 226). The monetary unions make coinage known where it was not so before.

Knife-coinage being more extensively known in Ts'1 and the border states, the obverse legend of the knife-coins is simplified into Tsi tchi kiu hwa, instead of the more explicative legend which the novelty of coinage had suggested in 674-665 B.C. (Cat. p. 332).

Coinage is then current in TCHENG (Kai-fung fu, Honan) but is refused by the Prince of Ts'in for the release of an officer of Tch'eng Kiun, who insists that it must be first exchanged for silk (Tso tchuen, 9, xxvi. 4).

c. 540 The Western art of tempering iron is known in Eastern China. 523-336 In his 21st year (i.e. 523 в.с.) the King King, of Тснои, finding that the tchu unit of weight enacted in 1091 B.C. for the currency was too light, notwithstanding the contrary advice of his minister Tan Muh Kung, issued larger, i.e. heavier, coins inscribed Pao Hwa, and weighing four times heavier than the current standard (cf. Cat. p. 329, No. 156 only and below p. xxxvii.) But the innovation was not accepted by the people, and he was forced to resume the former coinage, which lasted until it passed into the hands of Ts'in, 336 B.c. It consisted of the hwan unit and fractions, yuen, pan-yuen, liang, and tchus, in flat rings. There is no record of the time when they were first inscribed, but it cannot have begun before 655 suprà.

500-350c. Spade-money of two sizes form chiefly the currency outside Ts'1 and Тснои. They consist of little spades with hollow handles, weighing 20 to the higher standard unit of weight. Being more tools than coins, they required only attenuated legends. Cf. infra, v., 14, and p. 4 sq.

490-390c. Second and last period of monetary unions. About fourteen coinages of small spades and pus, henceforth useless as tools and with clear legends, are issued in the region between the marts of the sea-coast of Shantung, N. and S., with Shansi and Honan E. Cf. infra, vi.

481-255 Period of the civil wars, or Contending States for the Imperial supremacy, or Heptarchy, from the seven principal states engaged in the struggle.

475-221 Period of the Pu-money. Square-footed, round-footed, and point-footed pus are issued in one hundred (or more) different localities of the states. The exact dates in each case cannot be ascertained but from the foundation or destruction of the localities, or their conquest by Ts'in after

336 B.C., when the Imperial coinage was entrusted to that state by the B.C. King of TCHOU. The merchants of Ts'1 become richer and richer from their salt industry, and the circulation of coins is considerable. Besides their knife-coinage they used also unwrought metal, as was still traditional in the less civilised regions of Yueh and Min (from Kiangsu to Fuhkien). See following.

c. 460 The King of Ts'u helps to establish in Yueh three boards of finance for

the currency of—l. gems; 2. gold; 3. coins and silk.

423 Accession of Prince Wen of Wei, 魏, who during his reign (423-386 B.c.),
on the advice of his minister Li Huei, laid down for the purchase of goods by the State regulations which gave a great impetus to circulation of metallic money.

367-355 The Eastern Tchou dukedom, established in Honan in 440 B.C., is separated into Eastern and Western Tchou. They each issue flat ring-coins

inscribed with their respective names (p. 328).

336 King Hwei of Ts'ın, to whose state his suzerain, the King of Тснои had granted the privilege of coining money (for Imperial purposes, i. e. without local name upon it), issues his first coinage of large P'an liang pieces with a central square hole (p. 336). This coinage is gradually imposed wherever Ts'in extends its dominions.

330 A general of Ts'u establishes in Yun-nan, the kingdom of Tsen, which lasted until 224 A.D. It commanded the trade routes to and from the south, and its name, known in the west through the Southern ocean traffic, became in the first century A.D. the western name of *China* (cf. B. and O. R. 1889, pp. 139, 151, 157-159).

325-317 Su, Prince of TCHAO, grants to Tchang-y, a secret political agent of

Ts'in, the privilege of issuing pu coins of the saddle-pattern.

323 Meng-ko (or Mencius) the philosopher, ii. 2; iii. 1, refuses a hundred kien kin (see "Numismatic Terms") or knife-coins from the Prince of Ts'1, but he accepts afterwards seventy yh from the ruler of Sung, and fifty yh from the Earl of Sieh (W. Shantung).

317-228 Large issues of small knife-coins begin at Ming, in TCHAO (S. Tchihli), (p. 265), Kan-tan (p. 247), and other places with legends; also at Kıü, where they are pointed (p. 251), and without obverse legends. These issues continued until the conquest of TCHAO by Ts'IN in 228 B.C.

316 The King Hwei of Ts'IN establishes his protectorate in Pa and Shuh (N. Szetchuen) over the Lin Kiun and Pan-tun man aborigines, and

organizes their paying taxes and fines by liangs.

c. 275 Issue in Kië of round coins, square-holed, with an outside raised edge as the large knives, inscribed Pao sze hwa and Pao luh hwa (p. 329-330). They were cast in clusters in the same fashiou as practised before in Rome 350-269 B.C.

255 End of the civil wars period (although the submission of several states was not achieved before 222 E.C.), and of the nominal sway of the

Tchou dynasty.

227 Li-sze, chief Minister to the King of Ts'ın, adopts an abbreviated and simplified mode of writing the Tchuen or curved characters in a

filiform way, hence called Siao tchuen. Cf. 820 supra.

221 The King of Ts'in assumes the title of She Hwang-ti, "the first universal Emperor." The use of gems, pearls, tortoise-shells, cowries, and tin is henceforth forbidden for currency. Issue of a new coinage, more convenient and smaller than that of 336, also inscribed P'an liang, in round pieces with a square hole for bronze, and for gold in small cubes yh.

219 Appearance of Buddhist missionaries in China.

212 The uncertainty and large number of variants of the Sino tchuen characters,

- B.C. leads the Chiuese Emperor to adopt for official purposes the Li shu, a bold, square and thick brush-made writing, invented by Tcheng Mao.
- 206 Rise of the Han dynasty. Coinage is free.
- 186 Issue by the Queen Han Kao hou of a state coinage consisting of round Pan liang, weighing 8 tchus. (p. 342). Ancient Pu and other coins remain in circulation.
- 175 Issue by Han Wen Ti, of P'an liang, of round coins weighing only 4 tchus, as a pattern for all. With the intention of putting an end to false coining, he leaves the people to cast their own money (p. 348).
- 160c. Pi, King of Wu (Tcheh Kiang) issues a large round coin marked Liang she, equivalent to the old P'an liang of 12 tchus, which meets every requirement. Teng T'ung, the Chinese Crossus, in N. Szetchuen, issues also a currency favourably received, but its description has been lost (p. 352-353).
- 140 Issue by Han Wu Ti (140-87 B.C.) of small round coins of three tchus, San tchu, and thus inscribed (p. 354).
- 136 Issue of round coins of same size and weight as the preceding, with a raised edge to prevent their being clipped or filed, and inscribed Pan liang (p. 355). Private people issue iron coins of the same pattern.
- 135 Free coinage is forbidden and the ancient coins, Knife, Leaf, Saddle, Pu, and otherwise shaped, which had remained in circulation in various parts of the Empire are demonetized and forbidden.
- 122-115 Tchang K'ien, envoy of Han Wu Ti, sent for the second time to Eastern Turkestan and Transoxiana, opens relations with numerous states there, and sets up Chinese protectorates which lasted till the third century. The Middle Kingdom receives henceforth anew many products and ideas from the West.
 - 119 Issue of a currency of white metal, and sale of deer-skin badges; issue also of round coins value five *tchus* with a raised edge in red copper (p. 358-360).
 - 118 First issue of the Wu tchu coinage, which, with various fortunes, remained the standard currency of the country until the Tang dynasty.
 - 116 Establishment of a general State mint under the management of three officers (as in Rome and Greece). All the former currency had to be melted and re-coined. The most formidable and skilled of the false coiners are engaged as workmen therein.
 - 50-25 The Yueh-ti, having migrated westwards into Transoxiana, issue with the Græco-Bactrian King Hermæus a bilingual coinage (p. 393). While settled on the N.W. borders of China in the third century, they had known and made use of the pan-kin, and Tchung liang inscribed coinages.
 - 48 Counterfeiting (see iv. p. 22), has brought the metallic currency to such a low ebb that the question is seriously considered of reviving the use of grain, silk, hempen and silk-cloth, and shells as media of exchange.
 - 7 Wang Mang, as Regent, issues round coins inscribed Pao hwa, like those of 523 B.C., and a short knife-shaped money (pp. 311-318); also six sorts of round coins called and marked 泉 Tsiuen (pp. 367-380).
 - Having assumed the supreme power, Wang Mang discontinues his coinage of kuife-money and establishes new sorts of currency, in gold, silver, tortoise-shells and cowries (pp. 381, 382), and ten sorts of copper fit P'u money (pp. 302-304).
 - 14 All the previous and eccentric currencies are abolished, and a new currency of round copper coins marked *Ho-pu* is issued (pp. 382-392).
 - 24 Silk and hempen cloth, grain and metal in lumps, are again used for currency, because of the extensive counterfeiting of the coinage. Kung sun Shuh, a rebel, in Szetchuen, issues iron coins of the Wutchu pattern.

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25 Beginning of the Hou Han or LATER HAN dynasty. Issue in the following year and in 40 A.D. of Wu tchu coins of the former standard. No change

was made in the currency until 190 A.D.

 $H\ddot{u}$ shen is commissioned to compile an explicatory list of the best Tchuen 88 characters in their abbreviated and simplified forms. His work, the Shwoh wen, containing 9353 characters and published in 123 A.D., after his death, has remained the standard work on its subject.

Liu Teh-tcheng, improving upon the Li shu, makes the Heng shu or

current-writing.

Temporary issue of Wu tchu coins without outside rims, because the rim 190 of the former issues was usually clipped off.

End of the LATER HAN dynasty, whose dominion is split into three 220

kingdoms, of Shuh-Han, Wei, and Wu until 277.

In the WEI kingdom, N. China, the Wu tchu coinage is abolished, grain 221and silk cloth are by decree the regular currency; six years afterwards the copper coinage is re-established.

284Roman copper coins of A.D. 14-275, are brought about that date into Shansi, under the Tsin dynasty, by Western merchants through the South sea

- Copper coins are substituted in the kingdom of the Former Liang dynasty 347(W. Shensi), for the old currency of silk and hempen cloth which obtained there.
- Wang Hien tchi, improves the Heng shu and makes it the Kiai shu, or 379 pattern writing, which, slightly altered during the Sung dynasty, has remained in use for printing to the present day.

An iron coinage is issued by the Northern Liang (E. Kansuh). 401

402Under the reign of Ngan Ti, of the Eastern Tsin (A.D. 317-419, at Nanking), metallic currency is so much debased by counterfeiting, that a proposition is made to suppress it, and to renew the old currency of silk and grain.

402-421 Copper coins of the Wu tchu pattern are issued at Kwei-tse or Kudja, and

at Shu-lek or Kashgar.

513-516 Issue of clay-money in Kiang-su and Shantung, under the eighth and

ninth Emperors of the Wei dynasty.

516-519 Issue about these years of Chinese-like copper coins at Kao-tchang (the Tché shi of the Han period, near the present Karakhodjo and Turfan, in E. Turkestan), with the inscription, 高昌吉利 Kao-tchang kih-li.

558-565 Sassanian gold and silver coins circulate under the Northern Tchou

dynasty in Shensi.

583-598 Re-organization of the copper currency by Kai-huang, of the Sui dynasty; patterns exposed for public information, and opening of five mints.

621 First issue of the Kai yuen tung pao 開元 通寶, the standard copper coin of the Tang dynasty, which remained in use for several centuries and was imitated in Central Asia, Corea, Japan, and Annam.

CHAPTER II.

A SHORT GLOSSARY OF CHINESE NUMISMATIC TERMS.

a. Denominations and general terms.

THE purpose of this chapter is to present a list of various expressions, peculiar idioms, popular appellatives and also soubriquets, attached to the currency described in the Chinese books on numismatics, or mentioned in works of political economy.

It does not pretend to be complete, and many expressions relating to currency which are found in the dictionaries and are known, have been left aside, as they would have increased unnecessarily the bulk of this glossary, and occupied the space required for terms which cannot be understood but by Chinese numismatists.

1.— Tsai, Riches. Tsai is one of the oldest terms employed with reference to money, or the valuable goods which, by preference, were employed for barter in early times. The Shu-King' gives that name to the treasures which the last ruler of the Shang-Yn dynasty had piled up in the Luh-tai or Stag-gallery (xiith cent. B.C.)

2.—錢 財, Tsien-tsai, hoes and riches.2 A general term for wealth and for

medium of exchange.

3.— $mathbb{m}$, Fu, a term occasionally employed in the Classics, and explained as contributions, from one State to another, for the funeral of a ruler, including money (cf. in 720 s.c., $Tchun\ tsiu$, 1; iii. 4).

4.—金, Kin, metal in general used for money. In 618 B.C. the kingdom of Tchou asks from the State of Lu a contribution of money (kin) (cf. Tchun tsiu,

6; ix. 1).

5.—泉 Tsiuen, Source, spring. The term was used in ancient times for currency in general, and so far as it was paid in, not paid out. It occurs thus in the Tchou li or Institutes of the Tchou dynasty; and by extension it is met with in old works without any distinction. One of the treasurers of the Board of Finances derived his name Tsiuen fu 泉 府 from it. In the transcription of old works in modern characters, it has disappeared; 布 Pu, cloth, seldom, and 裳 Tsien, hoe, most generally in their acceptation of currency, were substituted for it. For instance, Tchou sin, the last ruler of the Shang-Yn dynasty, had hoarded 泉 Tsiuen in his palace of Luh-tai or Stag-gallery, and Wen Wang distributed them to the people. In the modern statements of the fact the word Tsien has been put in its stead.

At the time of his archaistic revivals, the usurper Wang Mang, in A.D. 7 and 14, renewed the use of the term *Tsiuen* for money, and had it inscribed on his currency (cf. pp. 367, 383). It reappeared in A.D. 236 on an issue of Wu at the

time of the Three Kingdoms (p. 403), and in 561 (p. 429).

6.—橋 幣, Kiao-pi, Bridge money. Another name of the following.

7.— 整 式 幣, King shih pi, Tingle-dangle money. Numismatic soubriquet of metallic dangles, of a musical instrument, formerly used as a convenient medium of exchange. Cf. below, p. xxi.

8, 9, 10.—銭 hwan, 員 yuen, 圜 yuen, Round (money). Name of the Ring money (flat and holed discs), which was in circulation in 950 B.C., and remained so

to the end of the Tchou dynasty.

11.—JJ, Tao, Knife (money). Pattern of an extensive currency which began in the seventh century in Shantung, and continued to the third century (i.e. 221 B.C.). It was revived for a few years and in a strangely altered form in 7-10 A.D.; by extension it has been occasionally inscribed on some round money in the same years, under the following names.

12.—契刀, K'ih-tao, Bond-knife. Two sorts of Knife money, the blade short and round flat head, issued by the Usurper Wang Mang in 7-10 A.D.

14.—幣 Pi, valuables. The symbol Pi was formerly written with the deter-

2 Such, for instance, the name of the God of Riches, 財神, or 財帛星君.

³ Tchou-li, Tien kwan, Kiv. 6; trad. Edouard Biot, 1851, tom. i., p. 128.

Ibid. T'i kwan, kiv. 14; tom. i., p. 326.
On the equation Tsiuen and Tsien, cf. Szema Tsien, She Ki, Tien Kwan shu, hia. Comm.

7 K'ang hi tze tien, s.v. 85 + 5, fol. 29.

¹ Shu King, Part V., Book III., par. 9. For a later use of the term, viz., in 590 B.C., cf. Tsq tchuen, 7; xi. 2).

In the Shu King, as stated under Tsai, it is the latter character which is employed and not Tsiuen.

minative A cowry, instead of fit cloth.1 It was used as a general term, for instance, in the writings of Kwan-tze (supra, in 665 B.C.), and is still found not unfrequently in literature. It occurs in titles of numismatic works as shown by the list below.

15. 幣產 Pi tch'an, Spade money. Name given by numismatists to the copper currency of that shape issued by private people, and afterwards regularly in the seventh century, in imitation of small implements of hnsbandry which had been

found convenient for barter (pp. 2-17).

16.一幣 乘 馬, Pi tch'eng ma, Saddle money; / Appellatives of a curious shape of copper money, bearing its weight Kiu ma, same meaning; 17.—車 馬, value, and the name of its place 18.— 筴 策 馬, Kia tseh ma, slip-weight money; of issue, from the seventh to Tseh ma, same meaning. the fourth century B.C.

 $20-\pi$ P^n , cloth, afterwards money. First applied to hempen or silk pieces of cloth. Used as a medium of exchange and regulated into a currency in 1091 B.C., it came into use in a looser way as money, and was especially applied to all small plates of metal employed for currency, except the knives. It is chiefly applied by numismatists to the small shape of money derived from the spade and saddle money.

21.一貨 布 Ho-pu, exchangeable (cloth) money. A special type of copper money

(p. 308) issued by Wang Mang in A.D. 14.

22.—布 泉 Pu-tsiuen, source of (cloth) money. Legend of a round money issued

by Wang Mang in AD. 14, and soon discontinued.

23.一貨 泉 Ho Tsinen, source of exchange. Legend of a round money issued by the same ruler in A.D. 14, which was extensively used until the following Han

dynasty. It was also employed in A.D. 376 (pp. 383 and 408).

24.—錢 Tsien, hoe money. Tsien was formerly a light instrument of husbandry, perhaps a hoe or sickle,2 although it is applied at present to the mattock.3 When currency in the shape of various implements of the kind was an historical fact, the term was used as a general designation. It occurs in such ancient writings as the Kwoh-yu, the She Ki, the Tsien Han shu, the Tchun-tsiu of Liu Pu-wei and other works; and it was applied to the currency of the states of 周 Tchou, 齊 Ts'i, 秦 Ts'in, 晉 Tsin, 楚 Ts'u and 趙 Tchao.' In re-writing the ancient texts it has been substituted for the former 財 tsai and 泉 tsiuen.

25.—錢 賃 Tsien ho, hoes and goods, 26.—錢 布 Tsien pu, hoes and cloth. General terms for wealth and media of

exchange.

- respective meanings. Yüh, barter, is composed of muh, "a pleasant, submissive or harmonious eye," and of 貝 pei, "property." Mai, "to buy," is written 网 wang, "a net," and pei, "property," lit. "net in the property." Mai, "to sell," is composed of the preceding mai, "the netted in property," and 出 tch'uh, "to come out." 5
- 30.—權 Kinen, equivalent. It means properly to weigh or balance on the steel-yards, and is employed by the native numismatists to indicate the equivalence between the various classes of currency.
- 31.—重 Tchung, weight. A term employed on the flat ring-money of the Tchou dynasty, (p. 321), where it precedes the figures indicating the weight.

¹ Min Ts'i-kih, Luh shu t'ung, kiv. 7, fol. 13 v.

It is mentioned in the King, iv. (2), ode t. 2.

Wells Williams, Syll. Dict., p. 952.

As stated by 魏 了 翁 Wei Liao-ung, 古 今 老 Ku Kin Kao.

The Structure of Chinese Characters, after the Shwoh-wan, by John Chalmers, 1882; Nos. 202, 51 and 162.

32.— 圆 注 Yuen-fah, current rule, or better rules of currency. A denomination used in reference to the enactments of Kiang Tai Kung, concerning the

currency of the nine treasury offices at the beginning of the Tchou dynasty.

33.-去=弆 kiu, treasure. This symbol occurs on the knife-money of Ts'i and on the weight-money of Liang. On the latter currency, which dates from the seventh century B.C., several variants occur, Nos. 121, 12, 13, 14, and more especially 124 and 125, which show that it is merely a simplified form of 弆, viz., without the determinative 升. It had been hitherto misread by native numismatists for 注, which, however, was not thus spelt in former times, as shown by the numerous instances exemplified in the palæographical dictionaries and texts, where it is always written

34.— 去 化, Kiu-Hwa. Literally treasure to exchange, is the expression equivalent to currency which occurs in the knife-money of the state of Ts'i

(670-221 B.c.).

- 35, 36.一賨 貨, Pao ho, precious exchangeable merchandise. Old denomination of round money issued in 523 B.C. and also in 7 A.D. It is an equivalent to the modern Tung pao 通 資, current money. See the alphabetical list of legends.
 - 37.—貨 貝 錢, Ho-pei tsien, exchangeable cowries, metallic currency;

38.—螘 鼻 錢, Y-pi tsien, ant's nose money;

39.—鬼 頭, Kwei-tou, ghost-heads;

40. 一鬼 臉, Kwei-lien, ghost-faces; all denominations and soubriquets of the metallic cowries issued as currency c. 600 B.C. in the state of Ts'v (Hupeh) (cf. p. 300, and list of legends).

41. 一赤 仄, Yh tcheh, red-bent. Denomination of a certain sort of money

issued in 120 B.C. and having a raised edge in red copper (p. 360).

42.—撰, Tchuan, pattern. Special name of round pieces of money in a white metal, issued in 119 s.c. (p. 358).

43.—鄧 氏錢 Teng she tsien, money of Teng-she. An unknown copper

currency issued after 160 s.c. by Teng-t'ung, the Chinese Crossus (p. 353).

44. 一榆 莢. Yü-Kieh, elm-leaves. Derisive name of thin money, in various sizes and shapes issued by private people at the beginning of the Han dynasty (p. 340).

45.—五 L, Wu pi, a soubriquet of a fanciful coin cast under the Sui dynasty,

on which the figure 5, i.e. H, was marked on the four sides.

- 46.—雞 目 Ki-muh, hen's eyes;
- · 47.—鳩 目 Kiu-muh, dove's eyes;
 - 48.—鵝 眼 Ngo-yen, goose's eyes;
 - 49.—不 沈 郎 Puh tch'én lang, unsinkable lads;
- 50.—純 環 Yen-hwan, tassels, rings; all popular names of the very small and light currency of about 465 A.D. (p. 418).
 - 51.—荐 葉 Hing-yeh, weed leaves. Soubriquet of the thin copper money of

the fifth century (p. 418).

52, 53.—公 式 錢, 女 鏝 Kung-shih tsien and Niu tsien. Male and female money, soubriquets of the round copper money issued after 502 A.D., from peculiarities in their design (p. 420).

54.—男 錢 Nan tsien, a soubriquet of the Kung shih tsien, so called because the people believed that a woman who carried this money about her would be

delivered of a boy.

55. 一夾 子 Lai tze, a soubriquet of the small coins of two tchus, issued in

465 A.D. (p. 417).

56. - 兼 金 Kien Kin, the sort of money offered to Mencius by the Duke of Ts'I in 323 B.C. The first character must be read it sickle, appropriate name of the curved knife-shape of the currency of Ts'i.

b. Technical Words.

In the Chinese numismatic works the few characters which follow are used as technical expressions, and are seldom found in the dictionaries with these special meanings:—

- 肉 juh, lit. the flesh, i.e. the field of the piece.
- 好 hao, lit. a hole in a wall, i.e. the central hole.

肉好 juh hao, same meaning.

- 郭 kwoh, lit. a city wall, i.e. the raised edge.
- 周亨 tehou kwoh, surrounding raised rim.
- 接 or 接, yuen, a ring of which the central hole is wider than the rim.
- 鐶 or 環, hwan, a ring of which the central hole and the rim are equal.
- 邊 pien, i.e. the obverse and reverse margin.
- 面 mien, face, i.e. the obverse.
- 背 pei, back, i.e. the reverse.
- 幕 and 漫 man, same meaning. 字 兒 Tze erh, same meaning.
- 旁 p'ang, side, i.e. the side right or left of the central hole.

- Ш wa, deep, i.e. incuse.
- 凸 tieh, in relief.
- 文 wen, ornament, i.e. the legend.
- 陽 文 yang wen, characters in relief.
- 陰 文 yn wen, characters sunk, or incuse.
- 柱 tchu, pillar, i.e. raised dots on the field, otherwise a very small ring incuse.
- H tch'uh, going forth, i.e. radiating line from an angle of the central hole.
- 角 kioh, horn, i.e. protruding angle of the same.
- 星 sing, star, i.e. a dot.
- 鼓 ku, smelting furnace.
- 鼓壽, ku shou, melting metals, casting (coins).

CHAPTER III.

SHAPES OF CURRENCY FROM BARTER TO MONEY.

1. Gems. Ancient China Grain (in bags). Anc. China
 Grains. Pelew Islands 4. Bitter almonds. Anc. India . . Kola nutts. (Niger).
5. Elk-teeth. N. America
6. Rock salt. Abyssinia 7. Tortoise shells. Anc. China . . By pang or pair. 8. Pearl oyster shells. Anc. China .9. Cowry shells. Pre-Chinese China I. NATURAL. Ditto. On strings (Anc. China, Indo - China, India, Africa). 10. Gold dust. Tibet and Indo-China 11. Cinnabar. S. China, 9th cent. A.D. In bags (Indo-China). 12. Quicksilver. Ditto. 1. Tea in bricks. Frontiers of Tibet 2. Salt in cakes. Anc. China... Indo-China, Tibet. 3. Opium in pills. Frontiers of Tibet4. Betel in nuts. Indo-China II. COMMERCIAL. 5. Cutch and Jnggery (ibid)6. Skins. N. America Skin-tallies of Ancient Russia.

			1. Unwrought metal. Anc. China 2. Metal from crucible. Chinese silver
	ate.	z. Incompleted	Sycee 3. Metal in lumps. Lydian ingots . Stamped Beads of Ts'u. Long lumps of Japan. Beads of Japan and
1	al State	a, I	4. Metal in flakes Small gold flakes of Nepal.
	tion		5. Metal in plates (rough) Cut plates in Japan, Ancient India, &c.
	1. Transitional	eted.	6. Metal in regular bars Annamite silver bars. 7. Metal in lozenges Laotian iron lozenge. 8. Metal in plates Obang and Kobang of Japan.
		b. Completed.	9. Silk Cloth. Anc. China Regular in size and length. Anc. China.
			10. Hempen cloth. Anc. China Ditto. 11. Shirtings, &c., Africa, Borneo, &c. Cangyans of Malays, guineas, tobas and to- kaki in Africa, blankets in N.W. America.
		ig.	12. Small implements of husbandry (Anc. China) Spade money and its
III. Industrial.		Implements	smaller derivatives— Saddle and Pu-money.
III. INDUSTRIAL.			13. Knives of Ancient China. 14. Das of the Khamtis, &c.
			(15. (Fish-hooks) Imitations in Luristan and Ceylon.
			16. (Deer skins) Deer-skin badges (Anc. China).
			17. (Cornaline earrings) Mataganas of Japan. 18. Gold empty-nobs of Tibet
	tate of	Ornaments.	19. Armlets and rings Ring money of Syria, Caucasns, Ireland, India, &c. Flat ring money of Ancient China, Central Asia, Australasia, &c.
	Final State of		20. Fans, in Ancient Egypt. 21. Glass beads, ibid. 22. Collars, &c., ibid.
	(%	raste.	23. Gold and tin Gold cubes in Ancient China. Bundles of tin blocks in Malacca.
		Peculiar Taste.	24. Shell-like (silver) of Burmese-Shans The chûlôn
		Pec	25. Oyster-like (silver) Same, stamped for fines. 26. (From stamping) Cup-shaped coins of Ancient S. India, Java, and Cambodia.
		lition.	{ 27. (Cowries) Metallic cowries (Anc. China).
		Trac	28. (Ring money) Modern Chinese money.
		Convenience. Tradition	29. (From cuts of round money) Crescent silver money of Ancient Pegu, and of Tibet.
		Conve	30. (From successive improvements). Round money of Europe. 31. (From contradistinction) Recent octagonal money of Europe (Belgium).

CHAPTER IV.

THE MAKING OF COINS.

1. Metallurgy and Counterfeiting.

1. The coinage of ancient China circulated always by weight for its intrinsic value. The weight and the various patterns were regulated by the State, and every one, including guild merchants of private and town communities, subject to these rules was at liberty to issue his own coins, bearing his distinctive symbol (written characters) or name.

It consisted chiefly of bronze of several patterns which we describe in another page below, § 10, until the gradual adoption of a round coinage issued by the

State 336, 221, and 186 B.C. (q.v.)

2. Gold, silver, copper, tin, bronze, lead, iron, and tutenag were the various metals which were employed in China as mediums of exchange during the period covered by this volume. All of them, however, were not either known or nsed from the beginning. In the twenty-third century the civilisers of the country, the Bak Sings in N.W. Chiua, knew gold, silver, copper, and tin (or antimony), whose symbols are traceable to their antecedents in the mother writing of Western Asia.¹ They had great difficulty in finding silver in their new country and the discovery of the "obstinate metal" (艮+金=銀) under the Hia and Yn dynasties has remained historical. It was always very scarce until the opening of the South. They learned to know Iron from the native populations of Sze tchuen, who were well acquainted with it, and they called it the barbarian metal (夷+金=銭), as well as other names, tieh 鐵 and lou 鐵, borrowed from the native dialects. The knowledge of bronze was brought to them from the west in the middle of the eighteenth century B.C.

3. Although the country is rich in metals, mining operations have never been allowed to any large extent. Private individuals were not permitted to work mines except in rare cases; and when the privilege was granted, it always carried with it heavy taxation. The government, in fear they say of enriching the wrong people at the expense of morality and simplicity of life, kept the mines as State property, to be resorted to only in cases of extreme need. The rudeness of the mining processes and the dearth of metal which ensued caused the metallic currency to suffer greatly in several instances noted in the following

volume.

4. The shortcomings of metallurgy in China have had a sad and lasting influence on the vicissitudes of her coinage, and the rude process of minting has been the cause of many deplorable events in her history. Its course has been marred from olden times by the incessant activity of smugglers, forgers, and counterfeiters. It is a well known fact that the Chinese are the most able counterfeiters in the world and their views about the genuineness of things are peculiar. Our ideas of authenticity are only partly shared by them, and their feelings concerning fitness do not go beyond the outside appearance in the generality of cases. Exact imitations of objects have often been looked upon by them with as much

¹ For gold and tin cf. B. O. R., v. 38, 39, in T. de L., From Ancient Chaldaea and Elam to Early China, § 16.—Silver as white metal, as in the West; copper, tung, is derived in Chinese as in the West from the symbol for crucible.—For the derivation of the symbol for gold, found independently by the Rev. C. J. Ball, cf. his "Ideograms Common to Accadian and Chinese," P. S. B. A., Dec. 1890.

favour as originals, and in course of time have become confused with them. We know that in cases of archæological discoveries of interest, exact reproductions of the objects have often been made for distribution to collectors. Let us confess that such imitations have helped to the preservation down to modern times of at least the form of certain antiquities which otherwise might have been lost altogether. But the value of these preserved copies, and of copies of them depends upon the faithfulness of the reproductions. Sometimes we are enabled to check them by comparison either with other copies or other objects contemporary with them. Generally they are faithful, sometimes they are not. The copies were often made by an à peu près method much liked in the Middle Kingdom. It is therefore impossible to lay down any general rule in the matter, and the numismatist is left to his own experience and judgment to discriminate the counterfeited Chinese coins. dealers, especially at Fuhtchou and Sutchou, pretend to supply the European collectors with any ancient coins they wish, since on demand, with a reasonable delay, they forge them either from genuine specimens or from the native works on numismatics. As to the rust and patina which the Chinese are very clever at producing at short notice by several ingenious processes, they are often in case of false coins simply imitated by several coats of paint, and it is very easy to wash them off with acids.²

5. Some very interesting coins are only known to us through reproductions, as shown by several illustrations in the present volume (Nos. 2, 3, 6, 16, 24, 26, 27, 28, 72, 282, 293, 301, 313, 330). Some of these reproductions are themselves antiquities, as the taste for collecting ancient coins, or facsimiles, has prevailed since the sixth century if not earlier.

6. In the preliminary notices on the series of coins in the present volume we have had to relate repeatedly the evils resulting in the Chinese currency from the plague of counterfeiters; and until the present time the same doleful history has continued. An increase in the proportion of tin, the legal alloy, the substitution for it of lead, a diminution in size or in weight, a fabrication of lead or tin pieces, which, when strung between genuine coins, might pass unperceived, were the various means resorted to by the forgers. The unusual skilfulness of the Chinese counterfeiters has been the insuperable obstacle to the issue of coins in gold or silver.

Notwithstanding their cunningness in counterfeiting matters, the Chinese have made but slow progress in metallurgic art.⁴ Their methods have remained undeveloped and stationary in many respects, and the manufacture of their coins was not improved until the *Han* period. The casting process, which has always been followed by them, afforded incessant facilities to false coiners, and compelled the Chinese authorities, in order to baffle their projects, to make frequent changes in the designs of their coins. These changes were sometimes of the most

¹ These coins are generally made of pewter, painted to imitate the patina. Ready-made collections of coins attached on a cloth are sold to amateurs; the few specimens therein of the knife, weight and vw money, and of the Bashpa coins of the Yuen dynasty are almost always forgeries.

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The Chinese themselves are sometimes deluded in the matter. A forgery of the type No. 16 was presented once to Mr. William Lockhart at Peking by a high official as a valuable present. I had it cleaned at the British Museum because I had some doubts about it, and it was found covered with several coats of paint, red and green; the metal was bronze with patches of lead.

^{*} While writing the present remarks I have on my table a work by 駱 善 傳 styled 滙 海 氏, called 新 舊 銀 論 發 秘 指 明 看 法 註 解, published at Hua hien (Canton), new edition of 1864, containing illustrations of the curious modes of hollowing the Mexican dollars and substituting copper or lead for the silver.

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The method of smelting iron ores in China is similar to that used in the Pyrenees, and known as the Catalan process (cf. St. Julien et P. Champion, Industries Anciennes et Modernes de l'Empire Chinois, p. 55). It is also that which is practised in the Shan states (cf. Voyage d'Exploration en Indo-Chine, t. ii. p. 150), and is also known in India. Dr. B. Heyne (Tracts Historical and Statistical in India, 1814) had seen it in 1814 at Yeragutty.

trifling character, consisting often of minutiæ which European numismatists will fail to discriminate. The style of writing the legends was altered as a whole or in parts, and numerous instances are known of two or three characters out of four written each in a different style. In other cases the sole difference between issues consists in the length or thickness or arrangement of one single stroke of a character. On the occasion of the issue of the P'an liang coins in 187-180 B.C., we have indicated (p. 342) the eight variants which are distinguished by scrupulous numismatists. In earlier times, when the issue of coins was not under Government supervision, and could be made by monetary unions or separate towns with their own legend, there was not the same need of such frequent distinctions. However, a good many differences at an early period were rendered necessary to check the activity of the In the series of the pu coins, ten towns' issued from 14 to 26 different designs during the fourth century B.C., designs differing only in the inscription of a serial on the reverse, or in a change in the arrangement of the written characters. Some of them issued as many as 60 variants. It is with the small knife coins, the worst part of the present work, as it is of all collections of Chinese coins of the period, i.e. about 300 B.C., that the worst features of the case are disclosed. We have in the following pages no less than 336 entries of their variants and we have not exhausted the matter.

2. Minting and Moulding.

7. But it is also unquestionable that another agent was at work in the production of these variants, and that this parallel cause was no other than the carelessness of the mould makers, and the roughness of the process entrusted to illiterate and unskilled hands for the small coins. The spade-money, which required a greater care, is more regular, and the inscriptions, consisting generally of one character only, are well drawn (p. 5-9) in comparison with the others.

We have thus been able to trace up to the process of minting much of the rudeness of the designs, multiplicity of issues and variants in the legends. We may ascribe to the same source the variants in the weights, which are far from approximative to the current standard; and, moreover, the same cause was active in

the selection of shapes, and in the variable sizes of the coins.

8. Let us begin with gold and silver.

The shape that was commonly given to the ingots of gold and silver in ancient times is not described. The cubic inch of the regulations of the Tchou dynasty for gold, does not seem to have been continued for long, and the non-appearance of any special name for the unit of each of the two precious metals does not permit any but a negative inference on the matter. We may therefore surmise that the most common shape was no other than the simplest one, i.e. that of the crucible itself in its most convenient oblong form, which is still at present in use for the silver currency.² The metal, while still hot and soft in the crucible, is impressed either with a stamp marked with a legend, or concentric circle-lines, or with several stamps inscribed; the stamping causes the metal to rise all round, and the result is to shape the ingot like a boat or shoe. In the middle ages the Chinese ingots of gold or silver in Central Asia, were called balish or yāstok, both which words mean "a cushion," and although supposed by some 3 to allude to this so-called shoe-shape, may perhaps refer to the loaf-shape, such as those of ancient Japan and of the

¹ Ping-tchou, 14; Kao-tu, Ma shou yh, Ye shan, each 15; Lu Yang, 16; Siang yuen, Pei Kiu, each 17; Tcheh yang, 18; Tchung tu, 23; Kuan, 26.

² One, if not the most, curious form resulting from the process of manufacture is the châlôn or

chaubinbank, the well-known Shan shell-money; they are the result of the natural efflorescence of silver under certain methods of smelting. There are several specimens in the British Museum.

3 Cf. Yule-Burnell, Glossary of Anglo-Indian Terms, p. 628.

Laocian states, which are exemplified in the numismatic collections of the British and other Museums. The previously mentioned shape of ingot is compared to a boat in descriptions of the gold imported from China to India in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.¹ Tavermer, in 1676, says that they were called goldschuyt by the Hollanders, i.e. a boat of gold, and this word schuyt is supposed to have suggested the English term shoe, applied not long afterwards to the same ingots. The Chinese silver shoes in Penjab in 1862, and at Kashgar in 1876, were called yambu,² and compared to a deep boat. Kur was also a term used in the latter place.³

9. There is no reason to suppose that the present shoes of silver and gold in China do not preserve a form that was used in times anterior to the Han dynasty. Sycee, Chinese ## ##, fine silk, is the general term for lump silver, and is explained as meaning that, if pure, it may be drawn out under the application of heat into fine silk-like threads. This is, of course, a script-etymology, and pure fancy, derived from the ideographical meaning inherent in the symbols, while the historical etymology must be sought for in a foreign term transliterated thereby. Yuenpao is the common name among foreigners for the silver ingot which bears some resemblance to a native shoe. There are a certain number of these silver shoes in the British Museum collection.

10. For the bronze coins the shape was either that of small instruments of husbandry such as spades or of knives, and flat rings gradually reduced in size and varied in form, as we have explained in a previous part of this Introduction. Moulds could thus be easily made from them, and the legend once properly written, there was no difficulty in its reproduction without alteration. But the process was not safe, and the repetition of moulds made on casts, could not but result in a diminution of size. Hot metal filling a mould contracts when cold, and therefore gives a somewhat smaller size to the mould made afterwards on it. The difference is infinitesimal in each case, but the multiplicity arising from the little resistance and short use of the moulds, makes it sensible. The expansion in length by one degree of heat, Fahrenheit, is 1.105 900 for copper, 1.9380 for brass, and 1.72510 for tin, which melt at 2548, 1869, and 442 degrees respectively. repeated only a few times, coins will lose sensibly in size. Unscrupulous officers and forgers did not fail to remark the fact and avail themselves of the advantage, since they could make a larger number of coins than the legal quantity, whence the frequent irregular specimens in collections. In order to maintain the size, special moulds for moulds were made in better material than those made for casting the coins.

11. Many ancient moulds or fragments of moulds of coins, have been found in

¹ C. Federici in 1566, Conto in 1611.

² Yambu, lit. a silver (one) in Tibet; other Tibetan words for the same are rdo-t'sad, standard weighted, dngul-rmig, silver ingot, rta-rmig-ma, horse-hoof, &c. Cf. H. A. Jäschke, A Tibetan English Dictionary, 1881, pp. 131, 211, 287, 422, 445, and 507. Cf. also T. de L., The Silver Coinage of Tibet, 1882, p. 4.

⁸ For all these statements, cf. Yule-Burnell, O. C., s.v. Shoe of gold or silver, pp. 628-629.

<sup>Herbert A. Giles, A Glossary of Reference, 1878, pp. 138 and 128.
At Sin-hui, in the Kwang-tung province, the standard and ideal unit of silver is called
E 司 碼 tsu sze ma, i.e. tsu-sze weight, whatever might be the meaning of the term. It looks</sup>

as if sycee, tsu-sze and shoes were connected through a fourth and antecedent term.

There are some other shapes in use, for instance, in Shen-si, the Lan-tchou silver is shaped like "fowl's kidneys," at Meng-tze, in Yunnan, the Kiai ting 解錠 or Pai-fang 牌坊 ingots are flat and the outside has eight curvilinear lines (something like the No. 1579, p. 301); the Mu-Ki Kwo 母雞 銀 ingot is like a narrow oblong cup with spiral lines on the top, &c., &c., cf. J. Ch. Br. R. A. S., pp. 65, 72, 73, &c.; for tsu-sze ma of the preceding note, p. 71.—The gold shoe ingots are called Kin-tiao 全條; those in form of leaf, measuring about 08 inch square and weighing about 30 gram, or 463 grains, are called Kin yeh-tze 全葉子, ibid. p. 56.

China, by chance and occasional excavations, as archæological diggings have never been made for fear of disturbing the geomantic influences and the spirits of olden times. These moulds are of various sorts, and give us an inkling into the processes followed in minting the coins in ancient times, such as the Knife money of Ts'r, the variously shaped coins of Wang Mang, and round coins from the time of the Pao sze hua and Pao luh hua (p. 329), and the varied Wu tchu until the Tchang ping wu tchu of the Northern Ts'i dynasty in 553 B.C. Curiously enough of the two hundred, or about, moulds hitherto unearthed and described in the native catalogues of numismatics, there are none of coins of the pu class, probably because of their friability. The moulds were in bronze, stone, earthenware, or in beaten clay, and sometimes in iron; their legends were plain or reverted, in relief (= yang wen 陽 文), or sunk $(=yn \text{ wen } \not \subseteq \not \propto)$, which shows that they were made for different purposes, partly illustrated by the present mode of casting coins and small bronze objects, as we shall see further on. The coins were cast singly, in pairs, or in clusters 2 arranged like a tree, or in a circle.

12. The moulds are sometimes inscribed with the year of the issue on their reverse, either as a regular inscription when they were cast, or as graffiti which cannot always be deciphered. In the latter cases, signs are added, indicating the success of the operation, such as 大吉 Ta kih, greatly fortunate, or 日 利 Jeh li, day's profit, or 大利 ta li, great benefice, tsiu tcheng, 就成, completely perfect, hao tcheng 好成, well completed, 富貴 fu kuei, wealth and honour, or others; and besides, the quantity of coins cast, the name of the mint master, &c. So far as known at present, the habit of inscribing moulds began under the Former Han dynasty, and the oldest instance I am in a position to quote, is that of a stone mould of Pan liang with a crossed legend (p. 351, No. 1685) of circa 157 B.C., which bears under the back a scribbling of the character Wan 萬, ten thousand.³ The system of dating begins with the Wu tchu 五 銖 of the years Pen she 本 始 or 73-70 B.C. (p. 362), while signs denoting good success do not occur before the years Wu-fung 五 鳳, or 57-54 B.C. of the same coins, and the time of Wang Mang in A.D. 7, on moulds of

the Ta tsiuen wu shih type (p. 370).4

Some moulds bear two dates, such as, for instance, a mould in baked clay for Wu tchu coins of the reign of HAN Suan-ti, to be cast in a cluster arranged as a tree; the dates are thus marked: Yuen kang san nien er yueh yh hai tsao, 元康三年二月乙亥造 (on the) third year Yuen kang (i.e. 63 B.C.) second month, 12th day of the cycle made. The other, which like the first, is scribbled on the outside, runs thus, Wu fung ping shén tsiu tcheng, 五 原 成 成, i.e., "(On the first year) Wu-fung (i.e. 57 B.C.) 33rd (day of the cycle) just completed." Another mould of the same reign, and curiously enough of years within the

duration of the preceding one we have just quoted, bears the following graffiti: Shen-tsio er nien sze yueh ping-wu tsao: 神 畲 二 年 四 月 丙 午 造, i.e. "(In the) second year divinely noble (i.e. 60 B.C.), fourth month, 43rd (day of the cycle) made"; the second scribbling says: Kiu yueh yh yu tchuh, 九月乙西築," (In the ninth month, 22nd (day of the cycle) set up." *

13. Occasionally the inscriptions are much more explicit, as in the following instance of a bronze mould, with plain legend and raised characters which bears the following statement, "Kien wu shih luh nien san yueh ping shén Tui puh

¹ Also called 凸 文 tieh wen, and 凹 文 wa wen.

Traces of severing the coin from a cluster may be seen, Nos. 1605, 1632, 1633, 182.

Illustrated in Suh tsiuen hwei, tcheng ii., fol. 14v.

Cf. Ku tsiuen hwei, tcheng xiii., fol. 11, 19; Suh tsiuen hwei, tcheng iii., fol. 1, iv., fol. 3. The signs of the sexageoary cycle apply here to the days.

⁶ Illustrated in Ku tsiuen hwei, tcheng xiii., fol. 13.
7 Li Tso-hien, Ku tsiuen hwei, tcheng xiii., f. 14, has not read the last character. For my deciplement, cf. on two other moulds of the same period, Suh tsiuen hwei, tcheng iii., fol. 7 and 7 vers. All these inscriptions are written in li shu. Cf. infra, ch. v., § 2.

kien luh Tsang k'ao kung ling t'ung tch'eng hwoh ling She Fung kung tchou y tsao," 建武十六年三月点申大僕監探蓋考工令通承或命史風工周儀造," On the 16th year kien wu (i.e. 40 A.D.), third month, 33rd (day of the cycle), Tsang, Great Chamberlain, Inspector of Inscriptions, (after) having controlled the work, ordered that it should be continued; the senior man, Fung Kung, completed and achieved it." This shows the care taken for the making of the types of coins when the issue of money had become a Government business. The coins issued were the Wu tchu, described p. 396.

A bronze mould for eight Pu tsiuen, 布泉 of the NORTHERN TCHOU dynasty, now in the British Museum, bears the following legend cast with the mould, "Pao-ting yuen nien Ts'ung kwan fu tsuo,"保定元年總官府造,"On the first year of pao ting (i.e. 561 A.D.) made in the department of the Comptroller-general,"

written in the seal character.

14. The last-mentioned specimen is representative and similar ones are found in various collections.² Modern counterfeiters have cast specimens out of moulds made with the ancient models, as in the present case, and besides they have actually forged some patterns which may deceive numismatists unaware of the fact. We may mention, among others, a four-fold Ta tsiuen wu tchi, with a fifth shape bearing the design of a tortoise, a double Ho pu with a Ta tsiuen wu tchi and a smaller coin without inscription, a four-fold ho tsiuen with four small coins without inscription, and bearing on the reverse "Fu jen ta wan," 富人大萬, "Great myriad of a wealthy man." These spurious antiquities are shaped like would-be ash trays in bronze, oblong or square, and sometimes with round or ornamental angles.

15. We have learned many important data from the fragments of genuine moulds of ancient times hitherto unearthed and described, and much of the information derived from them has been noticed either here or in the body of the present work. Some knowledge of the processes of casting followed by the minters may be derived from an examination of these moulds in connection with the coins

themselves.

The knife-money and the p'u money had reverses inscribed with characters or designs, but curiously enough the circular money from the oldest to the beginning of the Wu tehu coins in 118 B.C. had no reverse.

The ancient moulds, complete or fragmentary, hitherto discovered belong to

two classes, 1, moulds for moulds; and 2, moulds for coins.

a. The moulds for moulds, or mother (H) moulds, as they were sometimes called, were made of bronze or baked clay, with a legend plain and in relief (yang wen) as required for their final purpose. They served to make moulds for casting the coins, in beaten-clay or sun-dried clay. The oldest known are, one in bronze for a couple of knife-coins of the type Ts'i kiu hwa, large size of the latest period; also the fragmentary half of one in bronze for one Pao sze hwa and one Pao luh hwa, where four may have been cast at the same time; one also in bronze for small P'an liang coins, in a cluster of six, arranged, the Chinese say, in a mirror-like fashion, of 136 B.C.; and one in baked-clay for Wu-tchu coins of 73 B.C., arranged on the tree shape.

⁸ Numismatists will remark that these forgeries refer all to the types of coins issued by the

¹ Illustrated in Suh tsiuen hwei, tcheng v., f. 1-3.—Li Tso hien reads two + instead of + A and thus finds a disagreement, as it is the sixteenth year which is mentioned in the numismatic sources for that issue; but many instances in the present work show that A was often written -.

² The original specimen seems to have disappeared, and Li Tso-hien in his extensive Catalogue, has been unable to describe it.

usurper Wang Mang, 7-22, A.D.

4 Cf. Kin ting tsien luh, Kiv. iv, fol. 9. Si tsing Ku Kien. Ku tsiuen hwei, tcheng xiii., fol. 2.

A special monograph on the art of casting coins \$\frac{1}{2}\$\$\frac{1}{2}\$\$ Tchu tsien, appears kiv. iv., fol. 11 sq. of Ku-y, Sin Shu, of the second century B.C. Cf. Liu-hiang's Catalogue in Tsien Han shu, kiv. 30, fol. 13.

b. The moulds for coins were in stone, bronze, and seldom in iron, engraved, or in moulded clay beaten or sun-dried,1 with a legend reverted and sunk (yn wen). The inside was sprinkled with fine sand to avoid adhesion, and the metal was poured in through an opening of the cover for those made flat, or through a running channel from the top when held vertically. The oldest specimens are the following, in every one of the four materials aforesaid: a stone mould for ten Pao luh hwa coins (p. 329) arranged like a tree, whose stem and branches are the rivulets for the metal, and fruits or leaves the coins; several other stone moulds of the same kind show that the same system was used concurrently with bronze for the various issues of P'an liang coins in the second century B.C., but no more stone moulds appear afterwards. Bronze moulds for casting begin with issues of P'an liang under the Han dynasty; and the same thing must be said of moulds in earthenware, the date for both being 175 B.C. Moulds in clay, but for one coin only, have been found for the P'an liang coins issued by She Huang-ti in 221 B.C. In iron the oldest and sole instance is that of a mould for six ta tsiuen wu shih coins of Wang Mang.2

16. Coins were formerly made also by some other processes.3 Although the evidence is very slight and consists only in the inference which may be derived from late imitations, it is not unlikely that a few coins, some say fifty of the Pao hwa large type (p. 331, No. 164), were chiselled from disks of bronze; but there is no statement of a trustworthy character. Another process was that of minting the That they were made singly and in a rude fashion is shown by the appearance of the coins themselves. The rims and hatchings, the thickness and softness they display according to the newness or wear of the moulds are valuable indications. The process still followed in China for small brass castings answers so well, that in the absence of any statement to the contrary and the find of moulds previously described suggesting it, we doubt not that it was used for the p'u coins we are speaking of. "Two tiles or bricks, fine grained, are chosen; one face of each ground smooth, that they may lie close; and stops and holes made

¹ These monlds engraved in stone or in baked clay, remind us singularly of the stone monlds for casting jewellery found at Kouyunjik. Cf. Layard, Discoveries, p. 597; Perrot-Chipiez, Hist. Art. Ant. ii., fig. 436, 437.

² With few exceptions, all these instances of genuine moulds are carefully figured and described in Li Tso-hien's works, Ku tsiuen hwei, tcheng xiii. and xiv.; Suh tsiuen hwei, tcheng ii., iii., iv., v.

³ Under the T'ang dynasty, a model of the coin in wax was made of the required shape, enclosed in an earthen matrix and exposed to the action of heat, which melted the wax so that it ran out of a hole left for the nurroes leaving a cavity into which the metal was poured.—S W Bushell I a helenge

in an earthen matrix and exposed to the action of heat, which melted the wax so that it ran out of a hole left for the purpose, leaving a cavity into which the metal was poured.—S. W. Bushell, l.c. below.

'This description 1 find in William Lockhart, The Medical Missionary in China: A Narrative of Twenty Years' Experience, 1861, pp. 78-79, as well as the following, which must be compared with the preceding:—"The casting of copper cash (at present,—T. de L.), does not admit the use of these brick moulds. For this a frame of wood is employed. This frame is two feet in length by one foot broad, the sizes about an inch square, and being laid on a board on the floor of the workshop, is filled with founder's sand, very similar to the sand used in this country by brass-founders. When the sand has been heaten into the frame till a fine flat surface is formed, a model of the cash required is laid upon it, and half driven into the sand has few claver blows of a wooden paddle. This model a foot and it, and half driven into the sand by a few clever blows of a wooden paddle. This model, a foot and a half in length, of hard pewter, is shaped like the branch of a tree, with a central stem and small horizontal branches from it, at the ends of which are the model coins. The central stem and these branches, of which there are as many as possible, are the channels for the molten metal, the stem projecting at one end of the frame. Two such models are placed longitudinally in one frame, of which eight or ten, fitted and furnished in a similar manner, are arranged in a pile. The frames are then removed singly, each retaining its sand, and the models are taken out one by one. The frames being replaced and short bars of wood laid across, above and below, they are firmly tied together to keep the pile solid. Holes are next bored with a wire in various directions, for the escape of the air, and the system of moulds being placed endwise on the ground, the melted metal is poured in at the channels. As soon as this is cool, the frames are taken apart, the sand removed, and the cash on its branches withdrawn. After being broken off the branch by a hammer, the face of each coin is cleared by rubbing on a coarse tile; they are then strung by the hole in their centre on an iron rod, on which they are held tight while they are filed smooth and all irregularities removed, and the roll of cash is then finished."

in the bricks to hold them together. The mould is cut out with great care from the face of the brick, one half in each brick; a channel for the metal to run in is next cut; then the bricks are tied together with a piece of string, and the mould

is ready for use."

17. The Chinese coins were cast in units or in clusters, and the arrangement of these clusters in the shape of a tree, which still obtains in China, and which was in use not long ago in Japan, is identical with that followed by the ancient moneyers of Rome. The comparison has been made and a common origin for both has been suggested in 1872 by Dr. T. W. Bushell, who in support of his view has reproduced in his paper figures of a Chinese tree 2 mould in stone and of a Remau one also in stone. The oldest instance of this tree shape in China is that used for casting the Pao luh hwa coins (p. 329) which have been incorrectly attributed to Tchou King, in 523 B.C., by whom they cannot have been issued. I have given, infra, List of Legends, the reasons which indicate their issue in Kıü circ. 350 B.C. The fact that this form of mould was dug out from the ground in the vicinity of the gulf of Kiao-tchou (south side of the Shantung peninsula) which was the extreme point of the sea trade from the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea, makes it difficult to avoid the inference that we must see in this case another instance of Western influence.

The Romans began to cast copper coins about 350 B.C. or before,4 but they did not stick to the process, and adopted the Greek system of stamping about 269 B.C.⁵ The casting of coins is otherwise unusual in the West and the only other instances of the practice are those of Parthia and ancient India, North and South. Therefore the inference of a Western origin of the process made use of in the vicinity of the ports of Western sea trade in China between 400 and 350 B.C. is fully justified.

18. In 116 B.C. HAN Wu-ti⁸ placed the superintendence of the State Mint under the authority of three high efficers.⁹ Here again this institution is imitated from the West, as such was the organisation of the mints at Athens, and Rome, 10 and the notion may have been carried by the trade to the East, in the same way as were other Greek ideas and inventions.

There is nothing extraordinary in this, as the new organisation was made by the Chinese Emperor, when despairing of success with the state coinage; after

² Of the Pao luh hwa, from Ku tsiuen hwei, tcheng xiii., fol. 3.

5 From an engraving of Seraux d'Agincourt; Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities, Art. "As., Forma.

4 Cf. Bahrfeldt, Geschichte des älteren Romischen Münzwesens, Vienna, 1884.—The theory that Roman copper coins began in 45 % or 430 B.C. is untenable, as they are not probably earlier than 350 B.C. Barlay V. Head, Historia Numorum, 1887, p. 15. According to the latter authority, bronze coinage began in 406 at Athens and in 404 B.C. at Ægina (cf. pp. 315, 333).

Herbert A. Grueber, Roman Coins, p. 47; Coins and Medals, their place in History and Art, edit. Stanley Lane Poole, 1885.—The Imperial Greek coins were sometimes cast. The Romans Art, edit. Stanley Lane Poole, 1885.—The Imperial Greek coins were sometimes cast.

began again occasionally to cast coins at the time of Septimius Severus. Cf. S. Reinach, Man. Phil.

Class., vol. ii., p. 158.

6 Cf. the woodent of Parthian coins found by W. K. Lostus at Warka: Travels and Researches in Chaldea and Susiana. 1857, p. 212; and the traces of severing the cast coins in the plate v. 14 of Percy Gardner, The Parthian Coinage, 1877; but in the latter cases the metal was probably cast first in clusters and afterwards stamped.

⁷ Cf. Alex. Cunningham, Coins of Ancient India from the earliest times, p. 60.—Cf. also for later instances, R. H. Campbell Tufnell, "Hints to Coin Collectors in Southern India," part ii., pp. 161-164, Madras Journal of Literature and Science for 1887-1888.

8 Tsien Han shu, Shih ho tchi. ⁹ They were members of the Shang-lin Academy which he had established in 138 B.C.

¹ In a short paper "Roman and Chinese Coinage," pp. 117, 118 of China Review, vol. i., Sept.-

¹⁰ Cf. Fr. Lenormant, La monnaie dans l'Antiquité, vol. iii., p. 50 sqq.—The system worked so well that it was imitated in Rome, probably before 250 B.C. Cf. Herbert A. Grueber, Roman Coins, O. C., pp. 55 and 47. Cf. also Salomon Reinach, Manuel de Philologie Classique, vol. i., p. 102 n.-Seyffert's Dictionary of Classical Antiquities, 1891, s.v. Viginti-sextiri.

the failure of his cunningly devised Yh tcheh coins issued two years previously, and was thus necessarily open to any suggestion of a practical character, even from outsiders.

3. Other Shapes of Metallic Coins.

19. The shapes of ancient Chinese metallic money that we have successively examined belong to three classes: (a) the Knife, (b) the Spade, and (c) the Ring; the latter is clearly a foreign importation and useless in its form, while the two first betoken the practical character of the people and the primitive barter of tools from which they are derived. The Knife pattern has not produced any diverging derived forms, while the Ring has left its mark in the hole of the coins to the present day. The Spade, on the other hand, has not survived, but it has produced two derivates, the so-called slip-weight or saddle-money, and the pu or plate money, in which little remained of the original purpose and pattern.

20. The Ingots constitute another class distinct from the preceding. Their variants include:—The cubic inch of gold of the monetary institutes of the Tchou dynasty; the so-called metallic cowries of the state of Ts'u which have been described below; the so-called shoes or boats of gold and silver described in a preceding

section; and finally the coinage mentioned in the following paragraph.

21. No. 1579, of page 301, has been given to illustrate a currency, peculiar in shape and in its legend, of which we know hardly anything. There are no specimens in any of the collections I have examined, and we know it only through native authorities.² The legend of this coin which was preserved in the numismatic collection of the Imperial Palace, was reported upon, some time during the period hien t'ung, i.e. 860-873 A.D. of the T'ang dynasty, by members of the Han-lin Academy,³ and deciphered as Ts'i kwei hwa, 齊 操 化. No remarks are made as to the sense intended by these three symbols. The general shape is that of an ingot, like those still in use for silver in some parts of the country, and the date must be some time during 550-577 A.D., as explained in the alphabetical list below.

22. Coins unrepresented here, and shaped like oblong plates, square and of several sizes, inscribed, were also used. Only two specimens of different sizes have been discovered. On the two sides they bear scrolls and clouds, or what the Chinese call yun lung, 雲龍, clouds and dragons, and on the centre of one side, making it the obverse, is delineated a flat ring money with its legend. On the largest, which measures 3·3 inches in length and 1·2 inch in width, the legend runs from right to left, Liang Kin sze tchu 東金四朱"Four tchus of Kin of Liang." And on the smallest, measuring 3·3 inches in length, and 1·2 inch in width, the legend is the same, with the difference of the figure, which is — instead of 四 and therefore reads, "One tchu of Kin of Liang." The Liang city 東邑, the present Shan tchang in Yen-tchou fu, Shantung W., is mentioned in 529 B.C. as a meeting place of the princes of TSIN and Wu, but nothing else seems to be known of its history in the sources at my disposal. The legend is written in the tchuen style of writing, and so far as we can infer from its particularities, may date from the fifth century.

The identical legend has been reproduced on round coins with square holes, with a different arrangement: on the large model, on one side and reading from left to right, viz., left, bottom, right and top, while on the smaller specimen it reads right, left, top and bottom.

² Kin ting tsien luh, kiv. ii., fol. 4 verso.

¹ According to tradition they had a raised edge in red copper, while the body of the coins was in ordinary bronze. Cf. p. 360.

³ Such is the statement of an ancient work on numismatics 舊 諾 Kiu-pu, quoted in the Tsiuen tche of Hung tsun (1149 A.D.)

⁴ 朱=銖=珠. ⁵ Tso tchuen, Tchao Kung, 13th year.

23. Some curiously shaped objects have found their way into Chinese collections. Such, for instance, as the dangles of musical instruments, which are said to have been used at the time of barter as mediums of exchange, because of their metallic value and the smallness of their size. They are the Kiao-pi or more exactly, the King

sheh pi, illustrated p. 3 of this volume.

24. Another peculiar sort of implement, also classified, wrongly in our opinion, among the coins, is that called 藕 心 錢 ngou sin tsien, heart-of-water-lily-root money. One of them among the twenty-one published in the Ku tsuen hwei, bears, in the Li-shu style of writing, on one side, 元 延 四 年 王 政, Yuen yen sze nien Wang tching, "In the fourth year yuen-yen (i.e. 9 B.C.) Royal Government." On the other side, 都 昌 侯 Tu-tchang hou, Marquess of Tu-tchang. At that time Tu-

tchang was the name of the present Tchang yh 昌 邑, in Laitchou fu, Shantung E. Two others are marked, 千 金 氏 Tsien kin she, Tsien kin clan (chief of). The two sides of these objects are distinct pieces, and thus shaped the one fits exactly into the other; no two are alike, and the parts which fit are peculiar, as if to avoid forgery or imitation. The Chinese numismatist, however, has nothing to say as to their nature and object.2—The legends we have quoted seem to me to indicate that they are some of the tallies or 契 券 K'i-k'iuen, one half of which was given to an officer as evidence of his authority. The inscription in two parts previously described, shows that this precious specimen was that of the marquisate of Tu-tchang; there were 241 such marquisates in the Han dominiou, and Kao-tsu, the first Han Emperor, who ruled from 202 to 194 B.C. was the first who established the custom of giving those tallies to all the marquesses.

25. Another sort of object of the same kind has also wrongly found a place in Chinese numismatics. It consists of ornamented tablets, with a head composed of a dragon and a square under it, enclosing the figure of a winged horse, a frog, a man, or something else, some of them bearing on the obverse figures of flying birds or dragons. They have no regular connection with the currency, and therefore have no more right to be classified here than the tallies of the preceding paragraph.6 They were simply tablets for circulation used as temporary passports, and they do not bear any inscription whatever, their symbolism being considered

sufficiently clear from their ornamentation.

26. The class of coins which the forgery figured on page 301, no. 104, is intended to represent, belongs somewhat by its form to the tablets we have just described, and deserves some remarks. As to the false specimen itself, the reasons which have induced us to publish it, are its rarity, and the evidence from its make that it has

1 Ku tsüen hwei, 貞 iii., fol. 2-8.—A description of these objects is given in the 宣和專古圖 by Wang Fu (1119-1125).

The system of symbols of authority in two fitting parts, one left behind as a check to the genuineness of the other part, is a very ancient institution among the Chinese. They were of several sorts in precious stones and metals. Those in use during the Tchou dynasty are described in the Tchou-li.

4 On the K'i-K'iuen, cf. Tai ping yū lan, kiv. 598, fol. 3-6.

⁵ The Empire of the former Han dynasty was divided into 103 kiun, 241 hou or marquisates, 32 tao, and 1314 hien and yh.

figured upon it. Cf. also five specimens in the Kin ting tsien luh, kiv. 16, fol. 1-3.

7 Cf. Tchou li, kiv. 14, f. 39. A commentator of the Han dynasty remarks that in his time

these tablets, in copper, bore tiger figures.

The authors of the Kin ting tsien luh refer their readers to the Siuen Ho Poh ku tu; the Tsien tchi sin pien, kiv. 20, fol. 7, gives them a Russian origin; but the shapes exemplified are not exactly similar to those given in the Ku tsiuen hwei, and represent punches of the ancient Russian leather currency (cf. suprà, ch. iii.).

⁶ They are classified in the Ku tsiuen hwei, 貞 iii., fol. 8-14, where eight specimens are illustrated, among the "Yen shing tsien 厭 勝 錢, hardly-adequate-to-coins" series; but the other does not say anything as to their real character and object. In the supplement of the same work, Suh Tsiuen hwei, 貞 i., fol. 4 and 5, two more specimens are represented; one of them has the outlines of a goat

been cast, not from the genuine and original specimen, but from a mould made in imitation of a rubbing of that specimen; in the absence of a genuine coin we have, rightly or wrongly, thought better to reproduce this than nothing, in order to draw the attention of numismatists to it. The style of writing of H. Tsie, shows that it must be later than the end of the Tsin dynasty, while the intended archaism of the two other characters give to the whole a special appearance. No information is available on the currency it represents, but the period of its issue must be that following the decay of the Tsin and the rise of the Han, i.e. between 210 and 202 B.c. It was apparently local, and the legend refers to a quantity of grain, and not to units of money. The currency thus represented by so inadequate a specimen was probably issued by the petty state of Yen D., which was established in the North part of the present Tchih li between 209 and 202 B.C., when it was subdued by the Han Emperor.

27. From the stand-point of art there is hardly anything to say of Chinese coins; it is conspicuous by its absence. The fact that they were cast and not stamped precludes in making moulds of a temporary character anything like the work, long and delicate, which could have been, as elsewhere, bestowed on the engraving of a die in hard material, for continual use. It is only in the coins of a later period than those described in the present volume, that the disposition and internal arrangement of the written symbols display the elegance and ingenuity which deserve a special study of the matter to be understood. Failing the representation of human figures, which enhance so greatly the interest presented by the coins of all countries except the Muhammedan, Chinese numismatics stand on the same dry and unattractive footing as those of the latter class. Exceptions must be made for the Chinese tokens and medals, which are especially interesting from religious and folklorist points of view, because of the many scenes and figures represented on them. Such medals and tokens began with the Han period. In the present volume, there is only one coin which deserves attention under this aspect, as will be seen in a following page.

CHAPTER V.

THE WRITING AND THE LEGENDS OF COINS.

1. The inscriptions of the ancient Chinese coins require, if possible, a greater consideration under several aspects than is the case with many coinages of olden times. They belong to a little-known period of the history of Chinese writing, they constitute the sole ornament (?) of the coins, and they are the only means of discovering the probable places and dates of the issues. The scantiness and brevity of the legends, which generally consist simply of a proper name, whose variants have their significance, compel the numismatic Sinologist to a greater care in his decipherments than otherwise might be necessary. And the importance thus taken by the writing of the legends is on a par with the prominent place, unparalleled anywhere else, and recognised by all, which the written characters have attained in China. In course of time it has come to be almost a worship.² With reference to

¹ Cf. the Li tai Ti Wang nien piao.—Deguignes, Histoire des Huns, vol. i., pp. 23, 24, has given a short notice of this state.

² Written paper is looked upon with special reverence, and when disused must not be wasted but burned. Cf. for instance on the matter the King sih tze tché 敬惜字紙, or "Exhortation against descrating the Written character."

coinage, the patterns of the legends were generally written by authority (vide iv. 13), and in subsequent centuries it happened several times that the written characters inscribed on the official coins were due to the imperial pencil. during the period of private coinages, especially that of the pu coins, it often happened that the characters were written by unskilled hands, in a sort of abridged or popularly and irregularly cursive form, as if in defiance of any principle of spelling, which singularly enhances the difficulties of decipherment. The rudeness of the writing is on a par with the rudeness of the coining. The reproduction in the present volume of the actual characters of the legends of ancient coins cannot be looked upon without interest by all the orientalists and numismatists interested in the palæography of the far East and the history of writing. Special attention has been paid and copions illustrations have been given of the matter, in the hope that the monumental evidence will help to dissipate some of the deeply rooted errors and misconceptions current at present amongst many concerning the evolution of the Chinese writing, in its early phases and subsequent history. They exemplify the writing of several periods, extending actually over fourteen centuries, and virtually, from the conservatism of the country, over a much longer period, and thus far they form an important contribution to the study of Chinese palæography.

2. A careful inquiry into the history and evolution of the Chinese writing is therefore required to clear the ground in Chinese numismatics. Should we rely upon the successive transformations, regular in theory but loose in practice, of the written characters from an alleged pictorial stage to the thick and thin strokes, partly cuneiform-like, of the Ku-wen; from the Ku-wen to the Tatchuen of 820 B.C.; from the Tatchuen to the Siao tchuen of 227 B.C.; the Li shu of 212 B.C., the Heng shu of 165 A.D., and the Kiai shu of 379 A.D., the legends of the coins illustrated in the present volume would present a hopeless medley. This they do in the fulness of the term, but we can understand how this succession, true with regard to official inscriptions, does not apply to private coinages of 670 B.C. to 200 A.D., and we know

how this curious circumstance has been brought about.

3. Traditional and monumental evidence, in numerous and uninterrupted cases, allows us to follow the continuous use of Chinese writing from the remotest time, employed in inscriptions of a moral character which imply the capacities of a full-grown art. On the other hand, it is not possible to discover any symptom or survival, in the literature or the monuments of a hieroglyphical period of infancy and extreme rudeness, while the slight features of the latter kind are shown to have occurred by a singular concurrence of circumstances and with reference to isolate characters only, not in early times and chiefly under the Yn (1375 B.C.) and Tchou dynasties (1110-481 B.C.).

4. The written characters imported into China by the Bak sings have been gradually altered in form and increased in number from the following sources and

circumstances:

(1.) Its spread among illiterate people in new surroundings.

(2.) Gradual neglect of the original rules of spelling, and actual ignorance and carelessness of the official scribes.

(3.) Local variants of the standard forms, afterwards entered into the vocabulary with an acquired shade of meaning.

(4.) Necessary additions required by the progress of knowledge.

(5.) Pictorial equivalents, of difficult or little known standard characters,

actually invented in the less cultured parts of the Chinese dominion.

(6.) Ideographical reform, unequally spread and enforced, of a large number of characters, by Sze-tch'ou, historiographer of the King Siuen of Tchou, during a revival of power of the central authority, in 820 B.C., in order to make the writing more significant to the eyes and more independent of the phonetic expression and spoken language, which was splitting into regional dialects of importance.

(7.) The other official reforms of 227, 212 B.C., 165 and 379 A.D.

5. These numerous causes of variation, irregularity, and multiplication of the written characters, many of which are applicable to the legends of coins, and explain the incongruous spectacle of the Chinese vocabulary, enable us to disentangle the conflicting evidence which often obscures the problem of the age of a coin. This could not have been done until the peculiarities of origin, the unequal spreading of the official transformations, and the various sources of disparity and multiplication of the characters, had been investigated. The presence of pictorial symbols and of rude characters on coins of comparatively late date are thus intelligible; and the numismatist, in the absence of any other characteristics to the contrary, is no more compelled to attribute them to a remote

date or to look upon them as survivals of a past antiquity.

6. An important and curious instance of the pictorial equivalents of written characters which we have noticed (§ 4), is that which appears on the knifecoins issued by the merchants travelling between Ts'1 and Kwan-tchung, i.e. Shensi, S.E. It represents a lad holding a flag, and is a pictorial rendering of the character yu 族, now written 遊, "to travel," which even in the old age and wildest days of the Chinese writing has never assumed any ideographical form even distantly connected with it. On a sacrificial cup and on a military weapon, which it is alleged date from the Yn dynasty, twelfth century,2 without anything however to prove this contention, two parallel forms of this pictorial equivalent occur, but neither of them, incuse, present the same touch and comparative finish as the little figure in relief of the knife-coin No. 55. Its purpose there is clear; it was without doubt the badge of the travelling-merchants who were issuing the money, and making use of it for their commercial purposes, in the same way as it is a symbol and not a written character in the two cases just mentioned.

7. The remarkable symbol figured on a knife-coin of Yng-ling, the capital city of Ts'I, circa 500 B.C. (No. 52), is a flourished corruption of the character Sun, now written 孫, grandson. It is an instance of the striking overstretch of the characters in an ideographic direction, when the conventional and standard forms of the writing were little known to the writer (cf. suprà §4). In this case the symbol, like the other we have just studied, cannot but be a mint-mark or traders' badge, justified by their travelling requirements between Yng-ling and Tso yh. The standard form of 孫 was that of 'a son' 子, and 'a link' 系, but the laxness of the scribes in the case of sacrificial vases has given rise to no end of variants.3

The rare form of tsih 月, for 箭, on the oldest knife-coin (No. 44), of Tsih mieh a place which was the future Tsih moh, is also an instance of the same class; the scribe has obviously tried to figure the bamboo joint which 質 was intended to

suggest, and thus make it a mint-mark.

The same remark applies to the pictorial form of the character 明 Ming, on the small knife-money issued by the town of that name during the third century B.C.; the pictorial sketch of the character was obviously intended to make it a mintmark.

Far more important was the archaic form of Ts'r 齊, inscribed on the large knife-coins issued in that state from the beginning; the symbol was clearly

associated with the notion of current money.

8. Apart from occasional peculiarities and eccentricities like those previously described, the legends on the coins of the Tchou dynasty belong to the period of extraordinary disorder, which long after the reform of Sze-tch'ou, and partly incited and justified by his principles, had sprung up among the various states of the

¹ Cf. the various forms in Min Tsi-kih, Luh shu tung, 1661, kiv. iv., f. 42.

² Cf. Yuen Yuen, Tsih ku tchai tchung ting y k'i kw'an shih, kiv. i., f. 23, and ii., f. 25.
³ Cf. Min Tsi kih, Luh shu tung, kiv. ii., f. 32 v.—The looseness of the strokes has allowed some later transcriptions of the intended 系, by 生 young, and 世 generation.

⁴ A fac-simile of this coin is given in the Kin shih soh. It is the only one I have ever met with.

dominion. The central authority had lost nearly all its power and influence, and no hand was strong enough to keep up the standard rules for writing the characters. Ku-wen signs are not unfrequently met with, but seldom with other symbols of the same purity of style. They are not uncommonly mixed with characters which, once flourished and made complex for the sake of ideographism, have been shortened for conciseness, and have been obscured by ignorance. The legends belong to a period of transformation, preparatory to the reform of Li-sze and others under the short-lived Ts'in dynasty. The first issues of the coins, when available, bear generally characters which are clear enough so far as they go, and, with few exceptions, can be identified; but the subsequent issues show very often a complete disregard for any principle of writing, and display a sheer ignorance about the respective values of the constituent parts of a compound character.

9. Moreover, when specimens of the original issues have not been discovered, a comparison of all the variants sometimes suggests a decipherment more or less probable, but often also no likely guess can be made. It may be said without exaggeration that such a looseness of writing had never been heard of before. And this pitiable state of things, combined with the scantiness of information which the legends afford, make the whole decipherment of the ancient numismatic legends a most unsatisfactory task. Another remark, rather important and which must always be kept in mind when criticising these badly-drawn characters, is that the wood-cutting gives them a neatness and stiffness foreign to the half-defaced

originals.

Great efforts have been made by the author of the present work to get at the right identifications, but notwithstanding his previous researches in Chinese palæography and historical transformations of shapes of the characters, it has been impossible to see always through the clumsiness of some corrupted signs written by illiterate coin-makers. Much help has been derived from the native books on numismatics, though not so much as might have been expected, as only two or three of them display on the part of their authors a certain amount of criticism joined to some knowledge of the ancient characters, and it is from their examination of the legends, often uncouth and rude, that they have been able to get at their identifications. In many cases they do not agree among themselves.

The decipherments on the coins issued from the time of the Ts'in dynasty

present no difficulty.

10. A critical inquiry into the various decipherments in this work, would take too much time and space. We must be contented with a few remarks and the

consideration of several cases less uninteresting than the others.

A number of characters before the Ts'in dynasty had not yet received the determinative adjuncts which their special use required; e.g., # stands for #\$\beta\$, and so forth in pages 15, 17, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, 38, 60, 66, 67, 69, 71, 79, 82, 90, 92, 94, 95, 105, 107, 111, 113, 114, 120, 122, 125, 156, 172, 181, 185, 186, 225, 274, 304, 323, 327, 352; each case being more or less repeated through the pages subsequent to its first appearance.

The cases of two determinatives successively added are less frequent: 罪 stands for 藏, which includes 戈 and 艸 (p. 13); 五 for 鋙 including 口 and 全

(p. 22); 甫 for 浦 including 水 and 艸 (p. 28), &c.

Characters have been changed altogether: 丹 has been replaced by 鄲 (p. 15, 211); 員 by 園 (p. 320), &c.

Determinatives have been changed: for instance, 腧 is now 鄃 (p. 189), &c.

Determinatives once added have been suppressed: e. g. 襄t now written 襄
(p. 34); 藿 now 霍 (p. 189), &c.

For instance, the character 去 on the knife-coins is rendered 合 in the H. P. W. T. K., 曾 in the Tsien shih tu, xxi. 34; 法 in K. T. H., and unidentified in the Kin ting tsien luh.

Characters in two parts, written separately: (a) one on right and the other on left of the coin, e.g.: 评 written 干邑 (p. 70); same fact with 派 (p. 44), 涅 (p. 56), 派 (p. 87), 成 (p. 102), 水 (p. 106), 价 (p. 109), 州 (p. 110), &c.

Half only of the character is written, either from misconceived excision or for want of space, e.g.: 酉 for 酸 (p. 70). 束 for 棗 (p. 70), 水 for 涿 (p. 89), for 涅 (p. 116), 呂 for 營 (p. 223), 金 for 銖 (p. 405), 朱 for 銖 (p. 417), &c.

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The numerous corruptions and endless distortions figured on the small knifecoins of Ming and other places are beneath criticism and beyond description; it is simply impossible to make any analytical remarks about them. On the other hand, the characters as written on the spade-coins are neat and clear, their actual identification is pretty sure, although not much can be made of their real meaning.

10. A cause of purposely-made alteration of the characters since the beginning of the T_{CHOU} dynasty, is the tabu, or at least its equivalent. The following instance will show how it worked, and how difficult it may be sometimes for the numismatist

to ascertain the original purpose of a written character.

This difficulty of another class and of a peculiar character surrounds the decipherment of Liang 梁 on the coins of the weight- and pu-money types of the present volume, pp. 22-27. The symbol is written in an abridged form, more like Wang 荣, than like Liang 粱, and that there was some reason for it, as we shall see directly. I confess that the character as figured on the coins had long been a puzzle to me, and it has remained so for the native numismatists, who did not agree on its rendering and have proposed various equivalents, viz., 汞, 朱, 汞, ‡, c, or have declared it undecipherable. Others have rightly suggested that the symbol in question ought to be taken for Liang, 粱; from its outward appearance they made the guess, though from a strictly palæographic standpoint the identification is indefensible. As a fact it is an alteration of 杗, which means a 大 粱, Ta Liang, or great beam. The reason for the unusual mode of writing it in this way must be, according to all probabilities, looked upon as a case of a tabooed proper name. This well-known prejudice, interestingly described in a statement in the precious Chronicle of Tso, which we quote in a foot-note, forbade the common usage of the character used for the personal name of a prince, or the appellation of a

[&]quot;Tso tchuen, Hwan Kung, Ann. viii., i.e. 706 B.C., on the occasion of naming a baby prince. "The name must not be taken from the name of the State, or of an office, or of a mountain or river, or of any malady, or of an animal, or of a utensil, or of a ceremonial offering. The people of Tchou do not use the name which they bore in serving the spirits of the dead; and the name is not mentioned after death. To take the name of the State would do away with the State's name; one from an office would do away with the office; one from a hill or stream would do away with the sacrifice of it; one from an animal would do away with its use as a victim; one from a utensil or a ceremonia offering would do away with its use in ceremonies. The name of the Marquess Hi of Tsin (he was called 司徒), made the title of Minister of Instruction (司徒) to be discontinued (and altered into 中軍). So with Duke Wu of Sung and the title of Minister of Works (司卒, which became 司城). Our former dukes Hien (of Lu), called 具, and Wu (called 数), caused two hills to lose their names. Therefore the names of such great objects and offices must not be given to a child." Cf. Chinese Classics, vol. v., p. 50, and Tai ping yu lan, kiv. 362, fol. 5. On this practice of 避冷, Pi-huy, anciently ti-vi, cf. a paper by Liu-hie of 500-550 A.D. in his Sin Lun, kiv. 6, f. 31. Hilderic Friend, "Euphemism and Tabu in Chica." Folklore Record, 1881, vol. i., pp. 71-91. R. K. Douglas, "On tabu-ed characters, Chinese Manual, 1889, pp. 372-376. Tai ping yu lan, kiv. 562, fol. 8-9. Ti-vi, cf. the tabu of the Tahiti, capu of Sandwich, Patei of Madagascar. The same superstition is mentioned in Corea, Annam, Burmah; in South Africa (Ukhuhlonipa), in North America, among the Esquimaux, &c.; in Australasia, &c. In China it is also called K'i-huy 忌 p, cf. Wells Williams, Syllabic Dictionary, p. 266. The superstition of sbunning proper names has arisen among not a few communities in a low stage of mental development, from the difficulty for the undeveloped mind of separating the su

locality or an object of nature. Now Liang 梁, was the name of the state and also that of the capital, whence its sacredness and the necessity of altering the spelling of the character. The same cause has undoubtedly acted as a

deterrent to properly writing the symbols in not a few instances.

11. The following is another problem which requires a special inquiry. 523 B.C. the King King 景 of TcHou issued larger coins than were before in use, notwithstanding the contrary advice of his minister, Tan Muh Kung. The fact is stated in the Kwoh yu, and also in the annals of the Han dynasty, with the additional statement that these coins were marked Pao Hwa, 實貨 in the style of writing of the time. Great difficulty has been experienced by the native numismatists in their identification, and much confusion has been introduced by the commentators and later historians in the matter. During the Han period the current opinion was that all the coins issued by the Tchou dynasty were inscribed, and the legend Pao hwa was gratuitously supposed to have been that of the earliest coins, ever since the financial institutions of the beginning of the dynasty. Now there is a contradiction between the statement that the weight of the early currency was ascertained by tchus (鉄), cf. infrà ch. vi., and the assumption that this identical currency was inscribed hwa (化=貨) which is a unit of a higher standard, as shown by the scheme of ancient weights (below, vi.) Li Tso-hien, one of the ablest and most sober of modern numismatists, has endeavoured to overcome this difficulty. He attributes the Pao hwa, 寶 化, coins (Catal. p. 329) to the time of Tcheng Wang, and the other coins, Pao sze hwa, Pao luh hwa (p. 329-331), commonly classified with the preceding, are looked upon by him as those issued by King Wang in 523 B.C. But this ingenious arrangement cannot be accepted; the latter coins being inscribed, value 4 hwas, value 6 hwas, do not answer to the requirement concerning the innovation of King Wang; their mark indicates their relative value, and the actual weight of the specimens answers approximately to the standard weights; they do not therefore weigh more than the market value of the time. Moreover, a double peculiarity in their make, i.e. their outside rims, and the fact that they were cast in clusters 6 show beyond any possible doubt that they were not coined before the fourth century B.C. Their metal and the form of the edge suggest besides that they were cast in Ts'1. On the other hand, the actual weight of the Pao hwa coins (156) shows that they were cast on a scale four-fold the current standard, and this explains the dissatisfaction caused by their temporary issue. Their attribution as arranged in the alphabetical list of legends below is therefore pretty sure.

12. We have alluded in several instances to the scantiness of information supplied by the coin legends of China iu general. This is, of course, only comparatively speaking, since we have been able to elicit from them a few interesting facts concerning the beginnings of money in the Shantung peninsula, the notification of the exchangeable value of the first coins still insufficiently known, and the existence of monetary unions, in the sixth, fifth, fourth, and third centuries B.C. (suprà p. xii. sq., infrà vii. 6-9); moreover, some inferences on the current system

dynasties shows that the custom was already in use at that time, and we take it as a reacting influence of the non-Chinese populations still in occupation of the greater part of the country. Cf. B. and O. R., Sept. 1889, vol. iii., p. 219.

¹ 國語, Kwoh yu, kiv. iii., f. 13.—景王二十一年將鑄大錢單穆公日不可勿聽罕鑄之賈逵日大錢者於舊其價重也.

² Han shu, kiv. 24; Shih hwa tchi, iv. 2.

³ Siün yueh 荀 悦, (148-209 A.D.), Han K'i 漢 紀.

⁴ Ku tsiuen hwei, Li i., fol. 1-2.

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6 Cf. supra iv. 17.—Also S. W. Bushell, "Roman and Chinese Coinage," China Review, vol. i., 1872, pp. 117, 118.

of weights and measures may be derived from the weight-money (p. 18 sq.) and

from some of the ring coins (pp. 320-330).

Apart from this, which concerns only a very small number of the coins, the scantiness of information is painfully striking. On the obverse they bear one or two characters only, until the appearance of the nien hao (infrà 19) which we shall Except when they indicate the value of the coin, which describe further on. statement is not open to misconception, and was the exception, not the rule, before the Ts'ın dynasty, the legends are looked upon as consisting simply of proper names. Uniliteral and biliteral ones have been clearly identified as the appellatives of well-known cities and towns mentioned in history; from these ascertained cases it has been assumed that the less known symbols refer also to geographical names, and extensive researches have been made in the historical literature, often with the help of native authors, by the present writer, in view of enlarging their number. The results of these inquiries, so far as we have been able to carry them without increasing too much the bulk of this work, and leaving, unhappily, much to be done, are spread through the Catalogue, and are also partly given in the Geographical Index of this Introduction.

13. The undeveloped state of many characters, either from a survival of archaism or more frequently from a misconceived conciseness, leave doubtful many identifications when they are unsupported by circumstantial evidence. In many cases the chances of hitting the truth are most remote, as for instance in the case of the spade coins. Several of the characters which suggest names similar to those met with on coins of other types are faithfully recorded as such in the list of geographical and other names. But the greater part of them (cf. pp. 6-11) do not yield to such identification; some are cyclical or numeral characters, others seem to be words of a text, and remind us of the practice of later years which consists in the use as a serial of the successive characters of a certain text. Some parts of the Yh King have thus been selected,2 and the most frequently employed under that respect has been the Tsien tze wen, the "Thousand characters" (book), which was compiled between 535 and 546 a.d. It is not unlikely that the same process was resorted to by the issuers of those of the spade-coins, which bear no other mark and required some written indication of their successive and regular issues.

14. The classification and identification of these spade-coins of the larger and smaller sort, which form a large number of distinctively inscribed types, is indeed most difficult. Their hollow handle shows without possibility of doubt that they were practically used as implements notwithstanding their recognised value as currency. This is more evident, if possible, in their case than it is with the knife-money. the other hand, they are inscribed insufficiently; their weight and values are not stated, and the single character which in most cases forms the whole inscription, is not sufficient by itself to avoid confusion, and allow the return of the coin to its original issuer should anything happen with it which required its exchange. But the practical value of the spade-coin as a useful implement was such that it was unnecessary to foresee such a possibility, as its circulation everywhere was secure in any case. This circumstance is most probably the explanation required by

numismatists.

15. The cyclical characters appear on the spades and on the small knives, but rarely on the pu coins.³ They go generally alone, in distinct series of ten and

the Tsien tze wen series.

¹ The chief works where such information is available are the following: (1) the Shu King; (2) the Tchun tsiu and Tso-tchwen, 722-468 B.C.; (3) the Kwoh yü, until 475 B.C.; (4) the Tchen kwoh ts'ih, or "History of the Contending States;" (5) the Tchuh Shu Ki nien, or "Annals of the Bamboo Books," down to 294 B.C.; (6) Szeme Tsien, She Ki or "Historical Records." 2 For instance, the four first characters of the Yh King are employed by the author of the Ku tsiuen hwei, for the four parts of his work. In numismatics the Corean coins bear on their reverse the Trien tree men series

Only in isolated cases on those of Wu Ping, p. 182, Shou yh, p. 202, Ye shan, p. 208.

twelve. In two cases only, one of the spade-coins, and a small knife, they bear T 🎵, ting-mao, the 4th of the cycle of sixty, but in an inverted order, and their isolation suggests that it may be simply a fancy of the minter.

Here are the cyclical characters 1 for the sake of reference—

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Denary cycle } 甲 kiah 1, 丙 ping 3, 戊 mou 5, 庚 keng 7, 王 jen 9, or 干 kan } 乙 yh 2, 丁 ting 4, 己 ki 6, 辛 sin 8, 癸 kwei 10.

      子 tze
      1, 外 mao 4, 午 wu 7, 西 yu 10,

      丑 tchou 2, 辰 shen 5, 未 wei 8, 戌 süh 11,

      寅 yn 3, 巳 sze 6, 申 shin 9, 亥 hai 12.

Duodenary
    cycle
 or 支 tchi
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16. Numerals 2 appear frequently on the ancient coins either as part indication of their current value, or as a serial differentiating the successive issues of the same type of coin by the same mint. The saddle, or weight (p. 19 sq.), isolated cases of pu (p. 122), the ring (p. 321 sq.), the round (p. 329 sq.), the new knife (p. 311 sq.), and new pu (p. 302 sq.), of Wang Mang, the round-coins of that and later dates (p. 366 sq.), all bear figures denoting the round. tion of the new pu-coins of Wang Mang in 10 A.D. (p. 302 sq., 382), which bear a new set of figures which are reproduced below, the other numeric indications, written in the ordinary symbols, and in a perpendicular line, or from right to left,

i.e., + _, 10 2, for 20 (p. 22 sq.) do not deserve any other remark.

17. On the pu coins of the various classes appear chiefly serial figures, when any, of a special form which are interesting under several aspects. Some of these serials run high, for instance, 55 on the issues of Tze she (p. 148), 67 on those of Si tu (p. 135), and on those of Kwan (p. 194); 62 on those of Shang tcheng (p. 198). The small knives of Ming show: 50 (p. 280), 55 (p. 273), 58, 92 (p. 295). These figures with few, if any, exceptions 3 are placed in column line, as is usual in the case of the written characters, or from right to left, thus to or 2 10 4 for But most frequently the symbol for 10 is dropped, probably for the sake of conciseness or of sparing writing, 4 like 2 or 2 4 for that same number, and this short process may have suggested some notion of local value in their arithmetical notation. An interesting anecdote told in the Tso tchuen in 543 B.C., confirms this assumption to a certain extent.5

¹ The Chinese have no legend or tradition concerning the invention or introduction of these cycles, which they seem to have been acquainted with from their commencement. Phonetic names for these symbols occur in the Er-ya and in the She Ki. Cf. my researches on "The Affinity of the Ten Stems of the Chinese Cycle with the Akkadian Numerals" (Academy, Sept. 1, 1888); on the derivation of the phonetic names of the duodenary cycle from the Babylonian denominations of the months (The Babylonian and Oriental Record, March 1889, vol. iii., p. 76); and on the ideogra-

months (The Babylonian and Oriental Record, March 1889, vol. iii., p. 76); and on the ideographical value of the twelve signs with the Babylonian Zodiac, "The Zodiac and Cycles of Babylonia, and their Chinese Derivatives" (Academy, Oct. 11, 1890).

2 On the ancient and modern Chinese figures:—Ed. Biot, "Note sur la Connaissance que les Chinois ont eue de la valeur de position des Chiffres," Journal Asiatique, Dec. 1839, viii. 497-502, concerns only the Mongol period.—S. W. Bushell, in Notes and Queries on China and Japan, 1870, iv. 102. J. Edkins, "Local Value in Chinese Arithmetical Notation," Journal of the Peking Oriental Society, 1886, i. 161-171. G. Kleinwachter, "The Origin of the Arabic Numerals," and "More on the Origin of the Arabic Numerals and the Introduction of the Sino-Arabic Numerals in Europe," China Review, 1883, May-June, 379-381, July-August, 25-30. T. de L., "The Old Numerals, the Counting Rods, and the Swan-pan in China," Numismatic Chronicle, 1883, pp. 297-340.

3 On pu coin 477 of Tsin-yang, 13 (might be 30); on coin 502 of Si-tu, perhaps 67, written for the reading must remain doubtful unless it can be established by intermediary numbered coins still unknown.

On this economy of writing, cf. the pregnant remarks of Hu shen, Shwoh wen, introd., ff. 6, 7. 5 Tso technen, Siang Kung, Ann. xxx. 1.—An old man said, "A small man like me does not know how to keep a record of the years. From the year of my birth, which began on a Kiah-tze (or first of the cycle), the first day of the moon, there have been 445 Kiah-tze and to-day is the 20th day of the cycle now running." The music master Kwang said, "..... It is seventy-three years ago" (or 616 B.C.) The historiographer Tchao said, "The character hai 🏂 (in its tchwen form) is

The units were marked by straight strokes perpendicular or horizontal, but when in conjunction with tens they remained horizontal, and the tens placed below variant of the old form of Wu \mathcal{H} , a usual phonetic character whose original ideographical meaning was lost), afterwards simplified into X; it was written also sometimes with five straight strokes. Six was written phonetically with a character of the writing, luh 六 ("mushroom" now 共 or 夫) which, became shortened into **L** or 入. Seven was also written phonetically by tch'et **p** ("a sprout"), left in its usual position, or upside down, or sideways, until it was often replaced by $\perp \times$ Eight, also phonetically written \nearrow pat (to divide) was finally often replaced by $\stackrel{\bot}{=}$. Nine, kiu was also written by a phonetic (Λ "old" simplified) and afterwards often left aside for \perp . Ten, shap + was in the same condition as the preceding, its character meaning ideographically, "grasped, completed;" it was often shortened into \(\dagger, or \(\delta\), as on the knife-coins, or even into a small circle \(\mathbf{O}\) like a zero; for instance we find on the small knives of Ming, 5 for 50, 7 for 30 (pp. 280, 285). Had not this happened some twelve centuries before the Indo-Arab numerals came into existence, it might have been looked upon as a possible antecedent of the form and purpose of the Arab sifr.2

18. In the last centuries before the Christian era, the Chinese numerals for

current purposes were thus as follow-

Under Wang Mang, in A.D. 10, a new set of numerals was inaugurated for the numbers from five to nine, as follows:

X Ш $\Pi\Pi$ T Π 十

composed of two at the head and sixes in the body of it. If you take the two and place it alongside the sixes of the body, you get the number of the man's days." Sze Wang-pih said, "Then they are 26660" (i.e. $445 \times 60 + \frac{1}{3} (=20) = 26660$).—The text does not say on which side the two had to be put, but it has been assumed that it was on the left (J. Legge, Chin. Class., v. 556, and J. Edkins, "Local Value in Chinese Arithmetical Notation," Journ. Peking Orient. Soc., 1886, p. 164), as in the modern Chinese Ma tze, but this is not supported by evidence. The form of the character hai (cf. Min Tri Kin Leihalt twag $\frac{34}{25}$ allows the two resitions and the numberial evidence is distinctly Tsi Kih, Luh shu tung, v. 34, 35) allows the two positions, and the numismatic evidence is distinctly in favour of the right hand side.

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¹ Perhaps it was "a defensive weapon."—For these various etymologies, cf. my paper on The Ota Numerals, p. 317.

2 The matter has tempted several orientalists, notably J. R. Logan, "Note on the Chinese and Indo-Arabic Numeral Symbols" (App. C. of Ethnology of the Indo-Pacific Islands, "Language," Part ii., ch. vi., Singapore, 1855). G. Kleinwachter, in his papers on "The Origin of the Arabic Numerals," which he takes to be Chinese, has failed to establish his case, as the transitions of forms are too violent to be possible. Cf. my paper on "The Old Numerals," p. 318.—The graphical and historical source of our Arabic numerals has been derived from India, by Dr. Isaac Taylor, "The Origin of the Arabic Numerals," Academy, 28th Jan., 1882, p. 68, who has pointed out the derivation of the figures 4 to 0 from Indo-Bactrian letters. Mr. G. Bertin, ibid., 11th Feb., 1882, pp. 103, 104, thinks with good reason that the system was developed in India from an Egyptian basis. Sir E. Clive Bailey, "On the Genealogy of Modern Numerals," Parts I. and II., J. R. A. S., 1882, xiv. 335-376, and 1883, xv. 1-72, upholds the Egypto-Indo-Arabic source with abundant illustrations. It was in 776 A.D. that the Arabs borrowed the numerals from India (E. C. B. ii.) Cf. also A. Burnell, Elements of South Indian Palæography, 1878, pp. 58-67, and I. Taylor, The Alphabet, 1883, ii., 263-268.

19. The well-known system of special denominations 年 號, Nien hao, for regnal years, each for one or several years (from the advent of the Ming dynasty, one only for each reign) is of no great importance for the period of Chinese numismatics included in the present volume. The actual use of a nien-hao began only in 122 B.C., when HAN Wu Ti fancied that he had found a k'i-lin, and for that purpose denominated the current year Yuen Shou, 元 符. On coins they occurred sporadically beginning with 256-257 A.D.2, the years Tai ping, 太平, when the large round coins Tai ping peh tsien, 太平白裳, i.e. "100 cash of the Tai ping" (years) were issued at Nanking by Hwei K'i Wang (p. 405). The subsequent instances happened in the years 376, 454, 465, 466, 495, 527, 528. And it was only in 656 in the years *Hien King*, 顯 慶, that the *nien hao* began to appear almost regularly in the legends of coins, but not as a rule.

CHAPTER VI.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

1. The rough process of casting coins has never allowed in China any great regularity in weight or size as to separate specimens, and the range of variants has always been extensive. An error of 10 per cent. above or below the standard was of no consequence, and could hardly be avoided. A certain allowance must be made, besides, for the carelessness and inaccuracy so frequent in olden times, especially as the specimens described in the present work are in bronze, and the smaller value of the material did not require the same attention as would have been paid to gold or silver.

For calculation of averages the greater the number of specimens the better chance there is of accurate results, but when the number of cases is not large, the numerical mean is not necessarily the most probable standard, because such means are often misleading, one extreme example outweighing a small number of concordant ones. As duly remarked by a most competent scholar,4 the safer plan is generally to take the central example, i.e. that weight which shall have an equal number of instances bigher and lower.

¹ The six preceding nien hao, which appear in the Chronological Lists from 163 B.C., were not applied before their respective years had elapsed. Cf. Szema Tsien, She Ki, kiv. 28, fol. 27-27v, and the remarks of Tehao Y, Er-sheh-er She tcha ki, kiv. 2, in Edouard Chavannes, Le Traité sur les Sacrifices Fong et Chan de Se ma Ts'ien, Peking, 1890, pp. 56-57.

² There is some uncertainty about a coin (or token?), said to have been issued with the two

characters Wu Fung 五 鳳, which is a double nien hao, viz. for the years 57-54 B.C. of the Former HAN, and for the years 254, 255 a.D. of the Wu dynasty. The Ki Kin luh is in favour of the first date; the Ku tsiuen hwei, Li ii., fol. 12 v. has it not.

Several alphabetical and incomplete lists of the nien hao have been published, namely by E. de Meritens, in Journal Asiatique, 184; James Summers, pp. 212-224 of his Handbook of the Chinese Language, Oxford, 1883; and by MM. Ezerman and Van Wettum, in the Toung Pao of Jan. 1892, pp. 372-389. The less incomplete is that of Summers,

W. M. Flinders Petrie, The Weights of Naucratis, p. 85, Naucratis i., 1884-5.—On p. 75 of the same work, the author remarks that the most convenient method of reducing grains to grammes is by 108 grains equalling 7 grammes; thus an easy multiplication and division will reduce one to the other standard, within 1 in 4000.

The average weights indicated below result from my examination of the coins in the Cabinet

des Médailles in Paris, besides those of the British Museum and of private Chinese collections.

a. Weights.

2. The following list and scheme form one of the most striking results of the present volume. Great care and full consideration have been given to each figure before it took successively its place among the others; the general co-ordination of the whole scheme, and the internal confirmation each standard gave to the others, prove their respective accuracy. Resulting as they do from the weights of various types of coins issued in different places, their respective testimony is more important than would have been otherwise the case. The final result is much more satisfactory than the rude evidence from which it has been deduced had led me to expect.

3. List of Weights.

鉄, TCHU=4.06 grs. Unit of weight for metallic currency as regulated in the Financial Institutes of the TCHOU dynasty (suprà, i. Ann. 1091). Its weight is ascertained by—1. its relation of $\frac{1}{6}$ th of the hwa; $2.\frac{1}{24}$ th of the liang; 3. the $six\ tchu$ metallic cowries of 23 gr.; 4. the ring coin of one $liang\ 14\ tchu$, or $38\ tchu=171$ grs., and the Bactro-Chinese coin of $2\ liang\ 4\ tchu$, or $52\ tchu=220\ grs.$; 5. and by the double standard coins of the Ts'in and Han dynasties.

 \mathcal{H} , $\operatorname{Hwa}=24.37$ grs. =6 tchus, = $\frac{1}{4}$ th liang= $\frac{1}{30}$ th of the $\mathit{Ts'i}$ kiu hwa knives. Besides these equivalents its weight is ascertained by the Ho tsiuen of Wang Mang, its double equivalent (av. wt. 48). It was the new unit for coin weights which Tchov King Wang in 523 B.C., wanted to substitute for the old tchu which he had found too light (supra , v. 11). The four specimens p. 329, 330, of 4, 6, 6 and 6 tchus , are extremely loose and give only an average weight of 23 gr. a tchu . It is about the same weight as the modern tchu (=24.17 grs.).

£, Tze=48.75, 2 hwa,=12 tchu, or (as stated in the Shwoh wen)=6 tchu of the Ts'in-Han double standard. In Wu, in the second century B.C., the standard used by Wang P'ei was $\frac{2}{3}$ rds of the old royal standard=8 tchus, hence the weight of

his double-tze coinage (16 tchu \times 4 a tchu = 64 gr. p. 352).

 \overline{m} , Liang=97 50 grs.=4 hwas=24 tchus, $\frac{1}{8}$ th of the old hwan knives= $\frac{1}{40}$ th of

the standard lüeh; about the sixth of the present liang (= 579.84).

分, $F_{UN} = 86$ grs. = $\frac{1}{6}$ th of the Yuen, 員. A name of the small pu coins, as appears on those of Ko yh (p. 85), Wei (p. 188), Shu (p. 190) and Kwan (p. 192). Its weight is ascertained from the average of 38 units in 25 specimens, viz., 16 simple, 7 double, 1 treble, and 1 quintuple.

\$\mathfrak{\text{fin}} = 195 \text{ grs.} = 2 \text{ liangs} = \frac{4}{8} \text{ tchus, \$\frac{1}{4}\$th of the old \$hwan} = \frac{1}{20}\$th of the standard \$l\ddot{u}eh\$. Weight ascertained at 188 grs., average weight of nine specimens

of two-kins coins of An-yh, Liang, &c.

買, Yuen for 園, lit. an armlet, a ring, important unit of currency whose weight was successively altered. At first=780 grs. = 30 units (hwas) as inscribed on the oldest knife coins, of which nine corroded specimens give an average of 790, and therefore = $4 \text{ kin } \mathfrak{R}$, and = $\frac{1}{10}$ th of the Royal standard of 7800. When Tao or knife coinage began to be made in Ts'1 (bearing the legend Ts'1 tchi kiu hwa), the hwan there was only $\frac{1}{12}$ th of the standard, or 650 grs., verified to 660 grs. by the av. wt. of the latter coins. It was then also called lüeh and its weight is stated = $6\frac{2}{3}$ liangs in literature. Not many years afterwards, also in Ts'1, for the issues of the current knife coinage inscribed Ts'1 kiu hwa, it was raised to 730 grs., or 30 hwas (of $24\cdot37$)

¹ The statements in Chinese literature about the identification of the ancient weights and measures are most conflicting; the reason of the imbroglio is not far to seek; they consist for the most part of the glosses of commentators who wrote each from his own stand-point, *i.e.* from the actual measures and weights in his own time and province.

as inscribed on the reverse. The average wt. of 24 specimens verifies it to 726 grs. Its proportion to the standard was then $\frac{15}{16}$ ths. The small taos, unmarked, and those of Ming and elsewhere were rated at $\frac{1}{8}$ rd of the large taos, or 10 hwas = 243 grs., which is verified at 245 grs. by the average wt. of 17 specimens. As a coin by itself, it was = 6 liangs; an instance is that of coin 174, p. 336, which represents the first coinage of the Kings of Ts'in, similar to some of Tchou, but inscribed

p'an liang, and weighing 600 grs.

\$\frac{1}{2}\$, Kin, the gold unit of the Tchou financial laws, being equal to a cubic inch of the precious metal, and=one \$\overline{\tau}\$ weight. Tradition makes it = 20 liangs or 1950 grs. (or \$\frac{1}{4}\$th of the hwan standard), and the same as the Yh \$\overline{\tau}\$ of the contending states period. Another tradition makes it = 10 liangs, i.e. ten liangs of the double standard. The Ts'in raised the Yh to 24 liangs or 2340 grs., and the Han called it kin, \$\overline{\tau}\$, and lowered its weight to 16 liangs or 1560 grs. Edouard Biot, in the Journal Asiatique of 1837, Mai, p. 430, has attempted to calculate the weight of the kin from the statement that it was = 1 cubic inch of gold; taking the inch at 20.5 mm. and the specific gravity of gold at 19.3, he has found the theoretical weight of 166 grm. or 2562 grs. (in round numbers 2600 or \$\frac{1}{3}\$rd of the hwan standard); but in reality this figure is much too high, because 19.3 is the density of pure gold, while it is more than probable that the Chinese gold of that time was not free from a certain proportion of natural alloy, which caused its weight to be lighter. The tradition is a safer guide in the case, as there is no documental evidence for the alleged measure of the inch.

舒, Lüeh, or lut = 3900 grs. = 20 (double) liangs (Shwoh wen) = 20 kins, 折, of

195 grs. verified at 188 grs. each.

鍰, $H_{\text{WAN}} = 7800 \text{ grs.}$, the Royal standard = 20 Kin Kin, 全 新, coins = 10 Yuen 圓 of the oldest knife coins.

4. Scheme of the Ancient Chinese Weights.

	Names.			Theoretical.		How verified.		
1.	Hwan,	暖	(Royal Standard)	7800	=	20 coins of 376 grs. or		
II.	Lüen (Lut),	¥	$\frac{1}{2}$	3900	=	7520 grs. 20 kin of 188 grs. or 3760 grs.		
III.	Kin, 金 or	斤	$\frac{1}{2}$	1950	=	20 liangs, in literature.		
			$\frac{1}{10}$ of a hwan	780	=	weight of early knives.		
v.			$\frac{1}{10}$ of a kin	195	=	double kins weight, 376		
	·					grs., or 188 grs.		
VI.	Fun,	分	th of a yuen	86	=	aver. wt. of the pu coins.		
VII.	LIANG,	兩	$\frac{1}{2}$ of a kin, or 24 tch	us 97:5	=	from the coins.		
VIII.	ТснЕ,	錙	½ of a liang, 2 hwa					
	•		$12 \ tchus$	4 8· 7 5	=	"		
IX.	Hwa,	化	$\frac{1}{2}$ of a tche, $\frac{1}{4}$ liang,	6				
			tchus	24.37)		
X.	Тсни,	銖	smaller unit	4.06	=	"		
Larger weights: Kiun, 鈞, =30 kin.								
Shih, \mathcal{A}_{i} , =4 kiun or 120 kins.								

5. Several details connected with the descriptions of the separate weights show that the system has not remained homogeneous and unaltered. During the lengthened period of the wane of the TCHOU dynasty (769-255 B.C.), several principalities started changes of their own, but as these changes were made simply with reference to secondary units and not in the standard basis, the latter remained clear for comparative purposes.

For instance we hear in history, that in 539 B.C. the rulers of TCHEN, 陣 (a state corresponding to Tchen tchou in modern Honan), as a bribe to the people, raised their measures to the double of those of Ts'1 (cf. Tso tchuen, Tchao Kung, ann. iii.). In 523 B.C. the King of TCHOU found that the unit of currency was too light, and he attempted to raise it. In the great state of Ts'v (Hupeh) the weights were \frac{1}{4} less than the royal standards, as shown by the average weight of the five metallic cowries, inscribed pan liang in the Cabinet des Médailles of Paris. In Wu (i.e. roughly, Kiang-su) the weights were two-thirds of the royal standard. In 523 в.с., the suzerain King of Тснои attempted to substitute a unit of

weight for currency six times heavier than the former tchu, but the reform was

looked upon as unsatisfactory for the time being.1

When the Ts'in arose they doubled the standard and the system was followed

by the Han dynasty.2

Under the Northern Ts'1 dynasty (A.D. 550-577) we are told that five hundred 5-tchu pieces were to have their regular weight of 500 tchus, "otherwise 1 kin, 4 liang, and 20 tchus" (p. 427). The specimens give 60 grs. for a 5-tchu piece, or 12 grs. per tchu, or about three times the old standard; one liang of 24 tchus was equal to 288 grs., and the kin reduced to 16 (instead of 20) liangs=4608 grs.

But this departure from the Ts'in-Han standards was only regional, as under the Sui dynasty the regular 5-tchu coins show again the weight of eight grains per

tchu.

b. Length-Measures.

6. Some useful information on the ancient standard measure of length is also supplied by the coins described in the present volume. Very little is known about it otherwise. The unit was the tch'ih, R, commonly and erroneously translated "foot," while it is a "span," divided into ts'uns, \(\frac{1}{2}\), i.e. "fingers," generally rendered by "inches." Ts'ai yung, A.D. 133-192, says that under the Hia dynasty ten ts'uns, under the Yn nine ts'uns, and under the Tchou eight ts'uns formed a tch'ih,4 but the statement is approximative without any scientific precision. The Li Ki says that the tch'ih was divided into ten ts'uns, but, as remarked in the Tai ping yü lan, the exact figures are not known, as the system of measures fell into disorder during the period of the six kingdoms, and it has been said that the tch'ih of Тснои had (dwindled down to) eight ts'uns.5 With reference to our own measures, several allusions in literature to the stature of men show that at the time of Confucius, the length of the tch'ih could not be over seven English inches.6

We do not know what shapes were given to the weights in ancient China, although the armlet or hwan was certainly one; in Burma they were bird-shaped, and this may have been a survival of an ancient Chinese practice. The duck-shape of the Assyro-Babylonian weights would thus have survived

Wu hwoh, a man noted for his strength, who appeared in 309-306 B.C. in Ts'IN, and is mentioned in Mencius, vi. 2; ii. 3, is said to have been able to lift up 100 kiun; this is 3000 T kin. As calculated by recent writers (Legge, Chinese Classics, ii. 301), it would be 3000 catties or 1813 kilog., which is absurd. Calculated at 1950 grs. it would make 378 kilog., which is less impossible, although an extraordinary feat of strength.

³ In the Kung tze Kia yu or "Family Sayings of Confucius" (a work of the fourth century B.c., recast by Wang Siüh in A.D. 240), the various units of length and their origin is thus described: "Spread out your finger and you know a 寸 ts'un, or inch, spread out your hand and you know a 尺 tch'ih, or span, stretch out your arms and you know a 喜 sin, or fathom." The same statement is found in the Ritual of the Senior Tai or Ta Tai I Li, according to J. Chalmers, "The Chinese" ch'ih "measure" (Hongkong, 1885, China Review).

Tu tuan.—Khang-hi tze tien, s.v. 尺.

Tai ping yü lan, kiv. 830, fol. 1.
In Mencins (vi. 2, ii.), we hear from a disciple of his, whose height was 9.4 tch'ih, that Wen Wang was 10 tch'ih, and Tcheng Tang 9 tch'ih in height. Confucius's father was 10, himself 9 6, and

Now let us remark that in the regulations of the *Tchou li*, the bronze knives must be cast one *tch'ih* in length.¹ But at what time was this rule enacted? It is included in the last section, which, as we know, was no original part of the Ritual, but an independent work for which a respectable antiquity was claimed in the first century B.C.² Anyhow the rubbing of an ancient graving-knife in the *Ho pu wen tze kao* (iv. 22) which is only 5.32 inches in length, suggests a standard *tch'ih* of a larger size, of which it may be the half or two-thirds. Archæological evidence of a more direct source comes here to the rescue. In the collections of ancient monuments such as the *Kin shih soh* and the *Tsih ku tchai tchung ting y ki kwan shih*, several rubbings of bronze-rules are reproduced in facsimile. Three of them belong to the Tchou dynasty; two display 8.87 and one 8 inches in length; one dated A.D. 81 of the After Han is 9.125, and one of the Sung is 10.625 long.³ The latter must be kept in mind, as it was nothing less than the revival of the ancient standard, as we shall see further on. The complete co-ordination shown by these various figures is striking and highly suggestive of their respective accuracy.

7. The additional evidence which we may derive from the coins is of prime importance to settle the question. On 126 specimens of knife-coins 20 display an average length of 7.4, 81 of 7.1, and 25 of 6.8 inches in length. Taking into consideration the carelessness of the minters and the roughness of their casting process (supra, v. 66) we must take the 7.4 and 6.8in. instances as eccentric, and look upon the 81 cases of 7.1 as representing the standard. This measure, which is apparently the tch'ih referred to in the Ritual of the Tchou, for the bronze knives, is just two-thirds of the unit of 10.625 previously referred to. The small knife coins, whose weight proved to be the third of that of the large taos, have a regular average length of 5.3, which again is just one-half of the same unit. The pu coins were not cast on another scale; the square-footed have a mean length of 1.75, which is just one-fourth of that of the large knives, or one-sixth of the great span; and the point-footed, with their average length of 2.1, are in the regular proportion of one-fifth of the great unit, but in no direct connection with the knife unit, unless we consider as satisfactory the unnatural proportion of two-sevenths. The size of the great spades (p. 2) of 5.37 inches corresponds to one-half of the great span, while the middle-sized spades (p. 5 sq.) stand in the proportion of threeeighths of the same standard. Again the smaller spades (p. 12 sq.) and the weightor saddle-coins (p. 20 sq.) correspond to one quarter of the same standard. The great hwan coins (pp. 323, 336) measure one-sixth, the new knife and new Pu-coins of Wang Mang (pp. 313, 315, 302) correspond to one-quarter and one-fifth, and the round half-yuen coins (p. 320) to one-tenth of the same standard.

8. Therefore the numismatic concurs with other archæological and traditional evidence to demonstrate that the ancient standard of length measure in China was the great span, R, or tch'ih of 10.63 inches. Fractions of it, namely, the three-

a descendant of his 9.6 tch'ih, as reported by a tradition in Szema Tsien. Confucius speaks of an orphan child of 6 tch'ih (Lun-Yu, vii. 6); also of the Tsiao yao pygmies of 3 tch'ih as the culmination of diminutiveness, and of men of the height of a $tchang \pm$, i.e. $10 \ tch'ih$, as the culmination of tallness ($Kia\ Yu$). Now the maximum height of the present Chinese is only 5.72 feet (cf. De Quatrefages, $The\ Human\ Species$, 1879, p. 58-60). The foregoing ancient instances are avowedly those of men taller than the average; the equivalence of 7ft. 5in. advocated by Dr. Chalmers, l.c., is obviously too high, and I am convinced that the equivalence of tch'ih=7 feet is the maximum possible, even considering that the aforesaid statures refer to instances of the high statured population of Shantung, while the instances quoted by the anthropologists, refer chiefly to men of South China. The figures 10 and 9.6 would correspond to 5.6 and 5.85.

¹ Le Tcheou-li, tr. Ed. Biot, t. ii., p. 492, kiv. 41, f. 4.—The rule refers properly to graving knives, but there does not seem to have been any difference of size in the making of the knife-coins, inasmuch as their prototype may have been an implement of that kind; the point was used to write and the edge to rub out, as stated in the said Ritual.

² Ibid. Introduction, p. 16-18.

² Kin soh, kiv. ii.—In the Tsih ku tchai, kiv. 10, f. 10, only one of 8.87 of Tchou is figured.

quarters and two-thirds, in round numbers 8 and 7 inches, were used as units during the waning period of the Tchou dynasty for special purposes; while the cein evidence of its half, quarter, fifth, sixth, and tenth, shows its entirety as the

standard.1

9. In the cases of the standards of weight and of length, as in so many ether instances alluded to in the present pages, it is an obvious fact that the antecedents of the Chinese ideas must be sought for in the Chaldæe-Elamite culture. The hwan standard of 7800 grs. is simply identical with the Babylonian light mana which was the prototype of weight in so many other countries. As a werking average 7800 grs., or about 505 grms., has long ago been disclosed from the Babylonian side, and as from the Chinese side the numismatic evidence fluctuates above and below this figure, we had no other alternative than to accept it. For the length measure, the Chinese tch'ih of 20.63 inches or 270 mm., is identical with the empan chiselled on the statues discovered at Telloh in Chaldæa, and years before calculated by Assyriologists. These conclusions are in conformity with the whole circumstances which have made the civilisation of China a distant effshoot and adaptation to new surroundings and evolution of a nucleus derived from the eld focus of culture of South-West Asia.

CHAPTER VII.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF GEOGRAPHICAL OR MINT AND OTHER NAMES ON THE COINS.

a. General Remarks.

1. Of the three hundred entries of the following list, about three-fourths are geographical. With a few exceptions these names have been identified, or suitable equivalents proposed, with localities mentioned in history. All the available

p. 23, and Wochenschr. f. Klass. Philologie, 1888, No. 50, p. 1522.

3 Dr. J. Oppert in his researches on L'étalon des Mesures Assyriennes, 1872-1875, had fixed the length-unit or half cubit between 262mm. 5 and 274mm. 5. In a communication to the Société Philologique (Bullet. 25th April, 1882, p. 248), quoting the rule of 270mm., newly discovered, which

¹ An afterthought of the Han period wanted to make as smallest unit of weight and of length-measure one grain of mei-shu or black millet; one hundred of them making one tehu. The idea seems to have been suggested to them from an Indian source, as the process was well-known there. Cf. Edward Thomas, "Ancient Indian Weights," pp. 11, 31 Numismata Orientalia, i. (1874). Mr. Leon Rodet in his "Observations sur les Mesures Chaldéo-Assyriennes," Bullet. Société Philologique, 23 Mai, 1882, pp. 264-279, has attempted a general explanation for the weights of Assyria, Chaldea, Greece, Egypt and Arabia. In India, Bandhâyana, who wrote about the grains as standard of measures, is said to have lived in the third century B.C. The experiments with common millet related in T. de L., "Babylonian and Old Chinese Measures," Academy, Oct. 10th, 1885, cannot be relied upon, because the mei shu of the Chinese experiment was not the same as our common millet.

² Cf. J. Brandis, Münz- Mass- und Gewichtswesen in Vorder Asien, 1866. Barclay V. Head, "The Origin and Transmission of some of the Principal Ancient Systems of Weight, as applied to Money, from the earliest times down to the Age of Alexander the Great," Bankers' Institute, 28th Nov., 1879 (China not included). W. H. Chisholm, Warden of the Standards, Ninth Annual Report for 1874-75; Table II. List of Babylonian and Assyrian Standards and other Duck Weights in the British Museum. No. 3 of dark stone, somewhat injured, of 10 manas, bears the name of Dungi c. 3000 B.C., and weighs 76,957 grs. or 7698 grs. per mana. Prof. A. H. Sayce, "The Babylonian Standard Weight," Academy, Dec. 19th, 1891, describes a newly-found specimen, showing the continuity of the standard from the time of Dungi to that of Nebuchadrezzar. Cf. also C. F. Lehmann, "Ueher die Herleitung der herrschenden Gewichts- und Münzsystem des Alterthums aus dem Altbabylonischen Gewichts- und Doppelwährungssystem, Sitzbr. der Archäol. Gesells., zu Berlin, 1888, Nov., p. 23, and Wochenschr. f. Klass. Philologie. 1888, No. 50, p. 1522.

sources of information have been carefully searched for that purpose without, however, any claim on my part to anything like completeness. The Tchun tsiu, or "Spring and Autumn Annals" (722-481 B.C.) of Confucius; the Tso tchwen (722-464) and the Kwoh yu (-469) of Tso Kiu-ming; the Tchen kwoh tsih, or "Story of the Contending States;" the Tchuh shu ki nien, or "Annals of the Bamboo Books;" the She Ki, or "Historical Records of Szema Tsien;" the Han shu, or "Annals of the Former Han Dynasty;" the Tai ping yu lan, a cyclopedia of quotations from 1690 previous works, compiled in 983 A.D. in one thousand books, have been my chief sources of information. In some cases, though not so often as might have been expected, my task has been made easier by the previous researches and references (when accurate) of the Chinese numismatists themselves, a list of whom is given under the heading "Bibliography." Several years of interrupted researches on ancient China have enabled me to insert in the present list a certain number of new identifications and better suggestions than those which are given in the text, as well as a few corrections.

2. The geography of the coinage throws much light upon the history of China. It is now well known that the extension of the Chinese in olden times was much smaller than patriotic historians would have their readers believe. From the time of the entrance into N.W. China of their ancestors, the sixteen Bak tribes or families, 百姓, under the leadership of Yu Nai Hwang ti 有能黄帝 (Hu Nakhunte), in the twenty-third century, had striven with varied fortune to extend their sway over the country. The elements of Chaldeo-Elamite civilisation which their leaders had gained, west of the Hindu Kush, and which caused these leaders to be looked upon in after ages as men of universal knowledge, power, and virtue, secured for them a prominent position over the native populations less civilised than themselves. Owing to conciliatory methods, to shrewdness, and to force of arms, they were gradually able to establish themselves all over the basin of the Hwang-ho, or Yellow River, in its Eastern course, the ho or river par excellence of their history. They were not numerous, and their settlements were often somewhat distant and far apart, interspersed with the aborigines and some non-Chinese intruders like themselves, whence their appellative of M tchou, or islands, for these settlements. When the Tchou dynasty rose to power, and at the beginning of their monetary history, more than twelve centuries after their establishment in China, their dominion in the centre had reached half-way south between the Hwang-ho and the Yang-tze Kiang, along the Han and Wei rivers. The misapprehension of the native historians from Szema Ts'ien downwards is easily accounted for. The expressions of the early records, Southern borders (nan kiao), extreme North or East, in their relative sense, could not and did not mean more than their actual knowledge and the limited area of their territorial occupation permitted. But when in later times, such as the Han period and afterwards, the historians and commentators pondered over the same terms, their patriotism disdained to see them less distant than the enlarged geographical horizon of their time had made them. Whence such curious phenomena as for instance the successive displacements of the tomb of Shun from inside the angle of the Ho river to the South of Hunan.

3. The small extension of the Chinese dominion in ancient times is finally ascertained from the geographical identifications of the following list of localities:

1. the four astronomical stations prescribed by Yao (Shu King);

2. the places of exile of the four criminals and of the son of Yao outside the dominion;

3. the places

confirmed his conjectures, he says, "C'est exactement la vitastí Indienne et Perse, moitié de l'avaturi ou 'coudée' de ces mêmes contrées." The Egyptian cubit was 525mm. long. Cf. Hultsch, Griechische und Romische Metrologie, ed. ii., 1878, p. 354. In view of these various facts concerning the spread of standard weights, it is curious to remark that in India, the kahápana = 280 grs., the satamana = 560 grs., i. e. 140×2 and 140×4; the suvarna = 140 grs., i. e. the Egyptian standard kat of 140 grs.

of worship on the four borders during Shun's tours of inspection; 4. the settlements of the non-Chinese allies of the Tchou for the overthrow of the Shang-Yn dynasty; 5. the settlements of the non-Chinese Tchou themselves in South Shensi; 6. the fiefs and principalities bestowed upon their relatives and followers by the founders of the Tchou dynasty; 7. and finally, the four extremities of the dominion which Tze-hia (507-406 B.C.) has described in the Erh Ya. In the sixth list the principalities of Ts'in (Shensi), Tch'eng (East Honan), Wu (Kiangsu), and Yueh (Tcheh Kiang), did not yet exist and were not to appear till three or four centuries later. The last list referred to indicates the 32° and 40° lat. and the 108° and 118° long. as the extreme limits which the Chinese dominion had reached in the fifth century B.C.

4. The geographical evidence of the coinage during the second period of the Tchou dynasty confirms the latter statement in every respect, and does not allow any doubt as to the accuracy of the identifications on which it is based. The territories corresponding to the modern provinces of Shantung, South Tchihli, Honan, Shansi, and the East centre of Shensi only, are those where the names of places inscribed on the coins have been identified, and where specimens have been found, with the exception of Kiangsu, where metallic cowries have been found.

as stated under Koh luh tchu below.

5. The coins were issued as a rule by private traders, guild merchants, and guilds of cities, either of one locality only, or during a certain time of several together. Many names inscribed on them, although apparently geographical, are impossible to identify. They are not met with in the geographical and historical literature, although the incompleteness of this source for the period referred to may account for a few. We cannot doubt that some of these unknown names were not those of localities. They were the special appellative of some association of traders; hence their visible connection with names otherwise well-known in ancient geography.

b. THE MONETARY UNIONS.

6. One of the most interesting disclosures resulting from the decipherment and identification of the geographical names on the coins is the existence, hitherto unnoticed, of monetary unions between 580 and 380 s.c. About 20 of these

financial arrangements are noticed in the following list.

The most remarkable are those which guild merchants of the non-Chinese Tsih-Moh and several places of the semi-Chinese Kiü state, all on the S.E. seaborders of modern Shantung, established in 580-550 B.C. for the issue of knifecoins. Afterwards, 547-493 B.C., similar associations existed between traders of Tsih-Moh, of two towns of Kiü, and of the capital city of the state of Ts'i in the North of the said modern province, which issued coins of the same class. Another important monetary union belonging to the same period is that of the guild merchants trading between Ts'i and Kwan-tchung (S.E. Shensi), which issued some beautiful

coins (p. 226).

7. The following century saw a certain number of them of much less importance. The former monetary unions had greatly promoted the practice of coinage, and the populations of the East of the country had grown accustomed to the knife-coins of Ts'1 in particular and to the system in general. It was no more necessary for powerful guild merchants to support and put forth their monetary issues of knives. The simplified pattern T'si kiu hwa (p. 234 sq.) was then current everywhere within the dominion of Ts'1, and even without, in the border lands. Beyond these limits coinage still required to be pushed forward, as shown by the fourteen or so monetary unions which have left some of their small spades and pu coins of various sizes. Several of them indicate without doubt ancient trade routes.

8. From the marts of the S.E. sea-coast of Shantung to the N.W. of that province.

From the same marts to S.E. Shensi, apparently through Kung and the Yellow

 ${f River.}$

Now the later coinage shows us the existence of three other routes.

From Mou (E. Shantung, Gulf of Pehtchili) to Ko (N.W. Shantung), to Lu-yang (C. Honan); as shown by the joint coinage of Mou and Ko, and of Ko and Lu-yang, in round-footed pus.

From Mou (through Ko) to Jen and Lu-yh (W. Shantung), in parallel line to Nieh (S.C. Shansi), as shown by the joint coinages of sq. ft. pus of Nieh with Jen,

with Lu-yh, and with Mou, all separately.

And from Lang-ya (S.W. Shantung) to Lu and Yang-yh (C. Shansi); as

shown by the joint coinage of large sq. pus by the three towns.

9. Several of these monetary unions existed between places little distant from one another, with routes between them; such as the issues of sq. ft. pus by Kuei and Wu (E.C. Shansi); of ring-coins by TCHANG-TZE (C.S. Shansi) and Yuen (S.W. Shansi); by Kung (S.E. Shansi), near the river and Tun-liu (S.C. Shansi); and by the same Kung and An-yh (S.W. Shansi), the river being most probably the route between the two.

Ping-tchou (W.C. Shansi) was a centre of four monetary unions, all at short distances apart, namely An-yh, Nieh, Tung-ti and Lo, which issued small sq. ft. pus.

c. Approximate Dates of the various Forms of Coins.

10. The coinage of ancient China, where it never could circulate otherwise than for its intrinsic value and weight, consisted of the following patterns, to which I subjoin the extreme dates of issue, which will be found useful in all cases where they are not stated with greater precision:—

1. Knife-money.								
a. Of large size, p. 215	. B	.c. 670-221.						
b. Of small size, p. 247	. B	s.c. 317-228.						
c. Thick and short, p. 311	. A	.D. 7-10.						
2. Spade-money: consisting of little hoes with hollo	w							
handles, and still useful as tools, of two size	es,							
p. 4, with variants		s.c. 600-350.						
3. Pu-money the shape of which was derived from the pre-								
ceding with several variants.		i						
a. Weight slips or saddle money, p. 18	. E	s.c. 665-345.						
b. Square-footed pus, p. 32	.)							
c. Round-footed, 121	. } B	.c. 475-221.						
d. Point-footed $$, 129	.)	•						
e. Small and thick ,, 302	. A	.D. 10-14.						
4. Round-coins.								
a. With central round hole, p. 319	. B	.c. 660-336.						
b. With central square hole, p. 329	. B	.c. 523, 336, 221,—						
5. Small Ingots, bean shaped or metallic cowries, p. 300	. B	.c. 613-590.						
6. LITTLE CUBES of gold (iv. 8)	. B	c. 1091-200 A.D.						
7. RARE SHAPES (described suprà (iv. 20-26).								
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d. Alphabetical List.

An Tchou, 安周, on large spade coins (5, 6) issued by an association of traders of An-yh and Ping-Tchou, q.v., two towns of Shansi, circa 400 в.с.
Ан тзанд, 安識, on spades (98, 99) issued by a trading association of An-yh

q.v., circa 500 B.c. On some of these spade coins half the denomination only appears as in other cases (cf. Tun-Liu, Tung-Ti); Tsang alone has been hitherto discovered.

An wang, 安往, on the reverse of large knife coins issued by Тзін-Мон (924-6) between 580 and 550 B.C. It means, most probably, that the coins were issued from the An mint, i.e. An Yang (q.v.). See also Kai wang.

An-yang, 安陽, written previously 反易, as shown by the most ancient of the knife-money. The An-yang of 257 B.C., mentioned in the text, p. 220, is not that of the town where the coins were issued, and therefore the statement there must be altered. The mint we are interested in was in Shantung, S.E., in the small state of Kı \ddot{v} (q.v.), and was in existence long before. It was built apparently after the incursion of Ts'u into Kiü and the destruction of Kiü-k'iu 渠 丘 in 582 B.C., in the vicinity of the latter site, and called 安 元 'An-k'iu (Tchun tsiu tso tchuen, Tch'eng Kung, ix. 10).

In 550 and finally in 520 B.C., it passed with the state of Kiü under the suzerainty of the principality of Ts'1, until 431 B.C., when it was partly destroyed by the King of Ts'v. The town of An-yang, which is specially mentioned on that occasion, was taken and finally destroyed by Ts'ı in 412 B.C. (She ki, xv. 14; xl. 24.)

The An-yang of 257 B.C. was a revival of the ancient name.

A currency of large knife coins (50, 51, 910-20), was issued there before it acknowledged its fealty to Ts'i, therefore between 582 and 550 B.C., and between 547 and 493 в.с., in connection with Тsiн-мон (53, 924-6), q.v., under the suzerainty of Ts'1, by an association of merchants of the two cities. Square-footed pus (29-32, 340-3), were also issued there some time afterwards, i.e. circa 450 в.с.

An-yh 安邑 was the residence of the Emperor Yü in S.W. of Shansi. As its name occurs on a certain number of coins, they have been foolishly attributed by native numismatists to the time of this semi-fabulous ruler. An-yh became in 561 B.C. the residence of the WEI 魏 clan, who had created in the state of TSIN an influence of importance fated to develop into a state later on at the partition of the aforesaid principality in 423 B.C. It was fortified in 385 B.C., and in 375 B.C. it fell to the share of TCHAO, but this did not prevent it from being taken in 351 B.C. and in 339 B.C. by Ts'IN, to which it was annexed for a time in 316 B.C. (She Ki, kiv. 44, fol. 2 v., 6, and 9 v.; kiv. 15, fol. 17 v.; kiv. 5, fol. 22 and 27 v.), and its population dispersed in 286 B.C.

The period 561-351 B.C., and more strictly 561-361 B.C., is therefore that of the coins of the weight-money type which hear its name (pp. 20, 21, 22, 27). They followed chronologically the similar issues of Yü and those of Liang (9, q.v.).

Cf. An Tchou.

An Yn 安陰, on some small weight-money of the fourth century B.C. (136). Locality unidentified. Perhaps the denomination of a trading association north of the preceding.

Erh TCHU = 銖, on small round coins (1852-4), issued in 465 A.D.

FAH 伐, on large spades (72).

FANG TSUN TS'IH HO PU WU PEH 方 寸 七 貨 布 五 百; on a scymitar-like

knife coin (149), of about the Christian era.

Fei 費, on small sq. ft. pus (421). Situated on the Eastern borders of Lu.— Third century B.C. Cf. p. 106.

FEI 非, on large spades (78).

Fu she 邮 氏, on small sq. ft. pus (433), third century B.C. Cf. p. 112.

Fuн 富, on large spades (58).

Fun yh 分 邑, on small sq. ft. pus (428.9). Cf. p. 110. Fun peh 分 北, on small sq. ft. pus (430). Unidentified, perhaps a trading

denomination connected with the preceding town (cf. p. 111), or the same as Fun yn 份陰 (now Wan tsiuen, in Pu tchou fu, Shansi), built in 410 by the Prince of Wei and conquered by Ts'in in 328 B.C.

Fung Ho 豐 貨, and Fung Ho sze TCHU, on round coins (1843, 425), issued in 319 A.D.

Fung yh $extbf{g}$ $extbf{E}$. written with or without the yh, for $extbf{g}$, on small sq. ft. pus (410-415) of circà 350 B.C. A town of great fame in history, as it was once the capital city of the Tchou. The identification proposed p. 103 of the text is inexact.

HAN HING 漢 與, on round coins (1844) issued in 338 A.D.

HENG 行, on large spades (48). Hia 下, on large spades (62).

Hiang fij, on large spades (23). A locality in the vicinity of the Eastern capital of TCHOU (now Mên-tchou, Ho-yang hien, Honan), cf. Shi King ii. 4, ix. 6, and also Tso tchuen in 712 and 562 B.C., i. 11, and ix. 11. Another Hiang in the state of Kiü (q.v.) mentioned in 721, 605 and 559 B.C., is not likely to be the place from which these coins derived their mark, because in Kiü no such shape seems to have ever been used for coinage.

Hiao Kien 孝 建, on small round coins (429-443) issued by the Sung dynasty

in 454 A.D.

Ho 貨, on large spades (86). Doubtful.

Hoн 合, on large spades (24).

HOH K'IU 霍 后, for 霍 郎, on pt. ft. pus (491-6). The character K'iu specially altered by respect for the name of Confucius (cf. v. 10). The identification of p. 132 is most improbable. A northern Kiu 北 霍, unidentified, in the state of Tchao (Tchihli), was ruined by Wei in 372 and conquered by Ts'in in 328 B.C. (She ki, Wei Sheng Kung, Ann. i., and Tchao Su hou, Ann. xxii.; and kiv. 15, f. 19).

HO PEI TSIEN 貨 貝 錢. Exchangeable cowries, metallic currency. Cf. Kon

гон тени.

HORU 貨布, on thick square-shaped pus (112-23), issued by Wang Mang in

A.D. 14-20.
 Ho TSIUEN 貨泉, on round coins (365-405), 1760-98) issued by Wang Mang in A.D. 14.

Ho үн 禾邑, on small sq. ft. pus (438), misread for Мин үн, q.v.

Hou 侯, on large spades (68).

HWA OF HUA 化, on large spades (49), on small knives 82, p. 252, and passim. HUANG YH 黃色, was a capital city of the Lai, in the Shantung peninsula, which became after 566 B.C. a city of Ts'i. It is mentioned in history in 695, 601 and 498 B.C. (Tchun tsiu, Huan Kung xvii. 1; Süen Kung viii. 2; Ting Kung xii. 7. Chin. Class. vol. v., pp. 68, 301 and 781).—The character on the coin is clearly a simplified form of the original ku wen. Cf. Min Tsi-kih, Lu shu tuny iv. 18. Its name of Huang has been preserved by a district of the prefecture of Teng-tchou, but it is not certain that the ancient city was not further to the west.

Small pu coins (No. 420) of the usual type were issued there, probably in the

fifth century, as suggested by the special form of the character Huang.

Jang Yn, 攘陰, on sq. ft. small pus (316). It means the Northern or darker part of Jang, and thus may be an equivalent of Mei-Jang 黑壤 a locality once in Tsin and unidentified. The identification proposed, p. 77, is probably inexact.

Jen she, 壬 (for 任) 氏, on sq. ft. small pus (378), also on a similar currency

in connection with NIEH, q.v.

JEN NIEH, 壬 里, on sq. ft. small pus (113), issued by JEN SHE, q.v., and

NIEH, q.v.

KAI, 開, for Kai yang, one of the towns of Kiü (q.v.) appears in the formula Kai wang, 開往 (misread Kai fung, pp. 225 226), meaning apparently that the coins were issued from Kai-yang (cf. An wang); on large knife coins, from Tsih moh (927) issued before 550 B.C., and from Tsih-moh and Yng-ling (54) issued after 547 B.C. and before 493 B.C.

Kai wang, see Kai.

KAN TAN, or HAN TAN 甘 丹, for 邯 鄲, one of the most important mintnames, once a town in S. Tchihli (p. 15). Known since 636 B.C. (Tso tchuen, 5, xxiv. 3) as part of the state of Wei, 衛, it was connected in the years 498 and 497 with various historical events which made it part of Tsin (ibid. 11, x. 2, xi. 5; She Ki, xliii. 11). In 491 it was conquered by Tchao, 趙 (408-228 B.C.) and in 386 B.C. became the capital of that state (She Ki, xliii. 12 v. 17), which henceforth is often designated by its name in history (Tchuh shu ki nien, pass.). The town itself is mentioned in the years 375, 354, 353, 351, 347, 335, 301 (partly depopulated), 255 (partly destroyed by fire) and 228 B.C., when it became part of the Ts'IN territory (She Ki, xliii. 19, 19v., 21, 41, and 44; Tchuh shu ki nien, pass.) The sole reference to numismatics is one of about 320 B.C., when it is stated that the King of Tchao issued Kiü ma currency (發金幣車馬) or saddle money, and granted the use (奉以車馬金錢) of it to Tchang Y, a political adventurer from Ts'in where he returned in 317 B.C. This can apply only to a coinage marked Kan Tan. Now there are three coinages thus marked: 1. Spades with hollow handles (111), which must have been issued some years before; 2. Pointfooted pus (875-880), large and small, which were most probably those issued by Tchang-y (320-317 B.c.); 3. Small knife-coins of two types, one of rough make (990-997) with a serial to ten or more, and one of the pointed series (1227-1235) marked with cyclical characters, probable date (317-228 B.C.)

KAO 羔, afterwards 湍, then read Tch'oh, a city on the Western borders of Ts'1 (therefore in Shansi), which is mentioned twice in the Tchun tsiu, in 692 and 690 B.C. (Tchun tsiu, Tchwang Kung ii. 4; iv. 7). Nothing more is known about it. Some doubts may be cast on the reading Tch'oh as Kao, and Kung-yang, the commentator of the Tchun tsiu in the fourth century B.C., gives Kao 铝 in its

The name occurs once in the large spade series (No. 69).

Kao Kwan 考官, on smaller spades (95).
Kao Tu 高都, on numerous sq. ft. pus (195-209).—This town was given to Tch'eng, i.e. Han, by Tung Tchou, q.v. in 374 B.c., and conquered by Ts'in in 303. The coins must have been issued between these dates.

KENG M, on large spades (82).

Ki 示 and Ki yii 示 邑, for 祁; on large spades (13), and on small sq. ft. pus (187-189). Ki was made a district in Tsin, in 514 B.C. (Tso tchuen x. 28, 5). As in the text, p. 44.

K'i Tao 契刀, on round coins (1705), issued like the following. K'i Tao, Wu рен 契刀 五百, on short thick knives (130-135) issued in A.D. 7.

KI YANG 兀陽, i.e. southern region of KI. 兀 for the tabooed 虽 for 杷, once a state (mod. Ki-hien, in Kai fung fu, Honan), absorbed by Ts'u in 449 B.C. A denomination assumed by trading parties issuing small sq. ft. pus (403) in that region.—Fourth to third century B.C. Cf. PEH KI.

Кин 吉, on large spades (4).

Kiao 交, for 郊, on some square-footed small pus (279) of circà 300 B.C. Known in history since 624 B.C. on the borders of TSIN (Tso tchuen 6, iii. 3).

King 京, on large spades (4).

King Ho 景 和, on round coins (1856) issued in 465 A.D.

Kiü 萬, a semi-Chinese state once in Shantung, S.W., near the sea, small in territory but important for its trade and mints from the seventh century downwards. Although non-Chinese in its origin and population, it took part in the concert and conflict of the Chinese states from the beginning of the Tchun tsiu period. The years 715-431 B.C. are the extreme dates of its political existence. Feudal to Tsin in 584 B.C. (Tso tchuen 8, vii. 5), it was invaded in 582 by Ts'u, and its cities of Yun (in 615 still in Lu), of K'iü kiü, with its capital Kiü tchéng, were taken and their population dispersed (Tchun tsiu Tso tchuen 8, ix. 10). In 550 and 520, Ts'1 imposed upon it its suzerainty (ibid 9, xiv. 1; 9, xxiii. 13; 10, xxii. 1), and in 431 B.C. it was destroyed by the great state of Ts'u, as a semi-independent

principality (Tchuh shu ki nien 5, xxviii. 10). It fell afterwards into the power of Lu; in 412 B.C. was invaded by Ts'1 as far as An-Yang (She Ki, 15, 14), and passed into the hands of TCHAO, with which it was finally absorbed by Ts'IN in 228 B.C. Besides An-Yang, the country of Knu had four other yangs, viz.: Tchéng yang 城陽, Nan yang 南陽, Wu yang 武陽, and Kai yang 開陽. Kiun, 君 on large spades (74).

Kiun Yang, 君羊, on large spades (73).

Ko and Ko yn, 戈邑, on large spades (14) and on sq. ft. small pus (33, 34, 344-9) issued in 500-400 B.c. It was a town in Tcheng 鄭 founded in 560 B.c.

Кон, ह, on large spades (18, where misread Li); on the reverse of large round-footed pus (478) in connection with Lu-yang, q.v., and on small coin of the same type (479) in connection with Mou, q.v., circà 400 B.C. In Shantung, N.W., mentioned after 559 B.C.

Кон, 蔔, written 嵩 邑, on sq. ft. small pus (359-60). It belonged to Yen (Tchih-li) until 246 B.C., when it was transferred to Tchao (She Ki, kiv. 43), third century. Not to be mistaken for the Koh of Honan mentioned in the Shu King, v. ii. 6, and the Tso tchuen, 2, xv. 8.

Кон цин тони, 各 六 铢, on the metallic cowries of Ts'u (1575-8), of which several specimens exist in the Cabinet des Médailles of Paris. Issued about 600 B.C. Found in Kuang tchou (S.E. Honan) and in Kiang-ning fu (Kiangsu) on the banks of the Wah river, where Ts'u established its borders in 601 B.C. (Tso tchuen, 7, \forall iii. 7).

Kou, 未 邑, for 郑, on sq. ft. small pus (35, 350-5). Identification of p. 87

doubtful. Apparently issued 500-400 B.C.

Ku, 古, on large spades (67).

KUAN, 關, for KUAN TCHUNG (q.v.) on point-footed large pus (797-9), sixtyone issues or more of round-footed large pus (460-9) and on square footed small pus (37, 38, 424-5).

Kuan fun, 關 分, i.e. one fun (cf. list of weights) of Kuan tchung (q.v. infra),

on numerous issues of point-footed small pus (784-796).

Kuan tchung, 關中, on square-footed small pus (423). See Errata for correction of the statement p. 107. It appears also on large knife coins. Cf. Ts'i Kuan tchung below. These various issues of coins must have been first made before 336 B.C. since it was in that year that the King of Ts'IN issued a state coinage (with the agreement of the nominal suzerain of Tchou, (She Ki, 15, 24), which must have taken the place of the private coins, or at least have prevented the issue of new types. Kuan tchung was a common designation for the region (south of Shensi) between Han Kiu (mod. Ling pao, Honan W.) and the western limit of the T'sin dominion, on the same latitude.

Kuei, 爲, formerly Wei, 爲. In 712 B.C. the fields of Wei, 熹, were taken from the state of TCHENG, by the King of TCHOU, at the same time as the city of Wu, 鄢 (q.v.) and other places. Tso tchuen, Yn Kung, Ann. xi. 3. It was restored to the state at an unknown date and a town built there, 為, (Tchun tsiu, Siang Kung, Ann. vii. 9), which in 566 B.C. was the seat of a meeting of several of the Chinese princes, rulers of states. Nothing more is known about it, and its exact geographical position is doubtful; but it cannot have been far from the older town

of Wu and the other places in the eastern centre of Shansi.

A currency of small pu coins (No. 453) was issued by Kuei and Wu before 340 B.C. and probably long after 514 B.C.

Kung, I, on large spades (60) and on small knives, pass.

Kung, Z, on large spades (57) and on two-legged spades (114).

Kung, #, on round coins with small central hole (1608-9). A locality near the Ho river (Honan N.E.), in the *Tcheng* territory 鄭, mentioned after 722 (*Tso tchuen*, 1, i.) and destroyed in 376 B.C. (*She Ki*, 15, 18 v.) It issued similar coins in connection with An YH, q.v., Tun-Liu, q.v., and with Yuen, q.v.

Kung An, 共安, for Kung, q.v., and An-YH, q.v. (not An Yang) on round

coins with a very small central round hole (155), marked Kung An 1 Kin (not 2 Kin,

as misread p. 327). Issued circà 400 B.C.

Kung T'uan, or Kung Tun, 共 屯, for Kung, q.v., and Tun-liu, q.v., on round coins with a central round hole, marked Kung Tun teheh kin, of which several distinct issues were made, circà 400 B.C.

Kung Yuen, 共垣, for Kung, q.v., and Yuen, q.v., on small round coins with

small central round hole (K.T.H. Li, i. 6).

Lai, 來, on large spades (19) and

Lai yh, 來 邑 for 承, on small sq. ft. pus (419). The Lai of E. Shantung, written 菜, had been destroyed in 567 B.C. by the state of Ts'i, and its population removed to Eth 兒 or Little Tchu q.v., therefore long before the possible issue of this coinage. Its minting place was Lai 來, once a city in Tcheng, mentioned in 712, and 559 B.C. (Tchun tsiu, 1, xi. 2; Tso tchuen, 9, xv. 4), afterwards in Han.

Issued probably circà 400 B.C.

Lang-ya, 飲牙, for 琅邪, later 琅琊 and 琅琊 Zang yeh, various spellings of the foreign name of a colony founded by sea traders of the Indian Ocean about 675 B.C., around the Gulf of Kiao-tchou of S. Shantung. TSIH MOH, q.v., was the emporium and for long its minting place. It was subject to Ts'1 in 547, to Wu in 493, to Yueh in 472 B.C. who built there her capital city. Given up in 380 B.C., because of the war then raging between Ts'v, Ts'1 and Yueh, it received in 221 and in 210 the visits of the first Emperor She Hwang Ti.

Between 472-380 B.C., gild merchants from there and from Yang-yh and Lu in Shanhi, C. and S., issued in common a large sort of pu coins (39, p. 115). Lang-ya merchants alone had issued, during the same period, some large and small pt. ft. pus, marked Ya or YE, q.v. In the third century some small sq. ft. pus

(416), marked Lang-ya 郎 牙, were also issued there.

Liang, \mathfrak{Z} , written \mathfrak{Z} , for the reasons explained in a previous chapter (v. 10), on some coins of the weight money class (pp. 22-25). It was a small earldom (in E. Shensi, district of Han tch'eng, department of T'ung tchou) which collapsed in 641 under the weight of its own extravagance, and was taken by Ts'in (cf. Tchun tsiu and Tso tchuen, 5, xx. 8; She Ki, xiv. 38). It was supplied with salt by the merchants of Ts'i. Its coinage succeeded to that of Yü, q.v., and preceded that of An-yh, q.v. The Liang referred to, p. 22, issued only pu coins, cf. Liang yh.

LIANG YH, 梁 邑, written as above for the same reasons; its full name was Ta Liang, as a distinction from the other Liang, the Shao Liang of Shensi, C.E. LIANG became the capital city of the state of Wei, 魏, in 361 B.C., and the issue of the pu coins (pp. 72-74) must have begun some time afterwards. It was conquered by Ts'in in 225 B.C.

LIANG KIEH SIN TSIUEN, 水京 定吉 新 泉, on round coins (1845) issued in A.D. 347. LIANG TCHE, 兩 畠, on large round coins (301, 1686-7), issued circà 160 B.C. by Wu wang P'ei (p. 353). He also cast coins at the Nan tchang shan, where he had established a furnace (cf. Yū tchang tou king, T.P.Y.L., kiv. 48, f. 4, v.; She Ki, kiv. 106).

Li Shéh, 萬 (for 離) 石, on rd. ft. (470-475) and pt. ft. pus (503), issued before

LI TCH'EN YANG, 雜 辰 陽 (partly undeciphered and misread in the text, p. 251) on a small knife of rude make. A 猩 脹 locality is mentioned, 574 B.C. in the Tchun tsiu.

Liu, 智, on large spades (11), for Tun-Liu, q.v.

LOH TCHENG 樂 城, on small sq. ft. pus (361-4). Inscription corrupt and uncertain. Some read 畿 城, unknown as the name of a city. Identification in the

text, p. 90, more probable. Circà 300 B.C.

Lu 爱 afterwards i路 for 露, whose name has remained in the district of Lu-tch'eng, department of Lu-ngan, in Shansi C.S., was part of the domain of the non-Chinese Red Teks (赤 狄, lit. Fiery-Tykes), until 594 B.C., when it was

reduced and destroyed by the Prince of TSIN. In 477 B.C. it was made by the

Prince of Ts'1 the residence of Pan-she, a deposed ruler of Wei 衛.

Large pu coins were issued there in connection with Yang-yh (of Shansi), and $Lang\ ya$ (of Shantung) before 380 s.c. (cf. No. 39, p. 115, and Lang-ya in the present list). Smaller pu coins (No. 280) were issued at Lu at a later date, as shown by the style of the writing, i.e. during the fourth century, and may be compared to those of Yang-yh, which were issued about 380 s.c.

Lu shin yang 魯 石 陽, for Lu tch'en yang (Shih 石 misread 辰 tchen), on a

small knife coin (1029) of rude make.

Lu vh 盧 邑, on several issues of spades (105), and on sq. ft. pu (442). The latter issue in connection with Nieh, q.v. Lu was the city of the clan of Kao 高, in Ts'i, lat. 36° 49', long. 116° 44', as stated in 574 B.C. (Tso tchuen, Tcheng

Kung xvii. 5).

Lu yang 香 陽, on some rd. ft. pu marked "12 tchus" (458-9), and on some larger rd. ft. pus in connection with Koh (478) q.v. These issues took place apparently before 381 s.c., when Lu-yang was conquered by the state of Wei (She Ki, xliv. 6 v.); the issues of small sq. ft. pus (300-315), must have been made afterwards.

MA SHOU YH 馬 首 邑, lit. the Horse-head city, in Shansi E., as in the text (p. 63), on sq. ft. pus (263-77). Founded in 514 B.C. (cf. Tso-tchuen, Tchao Kung, 28, 5). Coins issued 400-300 B.C.

Mao 瑶, on large spades (79). Mm 美, on large spades (89.)

Mei or Moн 未, on large spades (90); on small weight coins of one kin and of half-a-kin (131, 132), and Mei үн 法 邑, on sq. ft. pus (317). In Wei 衛, N. Honan, as in the text (p. 28).

Meu 實, on large spades (52). Perhaps misread for Fei, q.v.

Mi 果 on large spades (91).

MING []], a city in the state of TCHAO, famous by the extraordinary number of its coins. More than 350 variants and issues of small knife-coins are entered and figured in this volume (86-101, 1236-1572), besides a few small round coins (166-171, 1616-20, also 1671). In 281 B.C., when the King of Ts'in met there the King of Wei (cf. She Ki, Ts'in pen ki, v. 28), it was called the new Ming city, which suggests its recent foundation (p. 265 and errata). The round coins are of a later date than the knives, and No. 1671 shows that they lasted until 175 B.C.

MING SZE 則 四, on small round coins (1617). See MING. MING TAO 即刀, on small round coins (1618). See MING.

MING TZE 冥 (for 冥) 子, on a sq. ft. pu (251).

Mon. Cf. Mei.

Mov $\not\equiv$, on a large sq. ft. pu (443), with Nieh (q.v.), and on a small round ft. pu (479) with Koh (q.v.). It was a small feudal state of Lv ($Tchun\ tsiu$ ii. 15, 8, and v. 5, 3, i.e. в.с. 697 and 655), and during the civil wars was absorbed by Ts'i.

Muh 🛣, a mark on large spades (20), and on small pointed knives of Kiü, q.v.

Apparently the same as following.

Мин үн \bigstar (for \bigstar) Ξ , on small sq. ft. pus (438), and misread Ho yh. Once a town near the Tai shan during the period of the civil wars.

NAN 南, on large spades (77). NGAI 艾, on large spades (81).

NIEH 捏 also 里, a town in TCHAO (C. Shansi, as in the text, p. 30), little known in history but important in numismatics, as it issued no less than six

Tchun tsiu Tso tchuen, Süen Kung, Ann. xv. 3.—Chinese Classics, vol. v., p. 328.
 Jo. Heinr. Plath, Die fremden barbarischen Stämme in Alten China, München, 1874, p. 465.
 T. de L., The Languages of China before the Chinese, 1887, p. 94.
 Tso tchuch, Ngai Kung, Ann. xvii. 5.

currencies in the fourth century B.C., i.e. sq. ft. small pus (231-235), alone and in connection with Jen she, q.v. (113), also larger ones of one kin (137) alone, and in connection with Ping tchou (444) conterminous on the north, with Lu-yh (442) of Shantung W., and with Mou (443) eastwards in the peninsula near the northern sea-shore.

Nieh Тснои 涅 周, on small sq. ft. pus (444), issued in partnership by some

community of NIEH, q.v., and PING TCHOU, q.v. Circà 400-350 B.C.

P'AN YUEN 华 真, on round coins, round-holed (1599-1600), probably issued

in the Tchou kingdom, circa 500 B.C. See suprà, ch. 1, Ann. 523-336.

P'AN LIANG 牛 兩, on many round coins (pp. 336-357), issued from 336 B.c. in Ts'in, to the Han period in 118 B.c., when the pattern was demonetized and substituted by the Wu tchu.

Pao 窑 for 實, on large spades (17).

Рао но 實貨, on spurious coins forged anciently for the following, p. 331.

Chiselled and not cast. Also on cast coins (p. 365) issued in A.D. 6.

PAO ним **資** 化, on small round coins with central square hole, which are most probably those issued by King wang of Tchou in 523 в.с., when this king cast coins heavier than the former weight and market values (cf. Kwoh yu, kiv. iii., fol. 13). The heavy weight of the specimen (156, p. 329) concurs with the historical statement. Cf. suprà, ch. v. 11.

Pao Luh hwa 實 六 化, Pao sze hwa 實 四 化, on round coins with central square hole and rims (157-163, p. 329, 330), which are commonly and erroneously classified with the previous Pao hwa (q.v.), from which they differ in three respects: (1) by their rims, sign of a later make which the others are without; (2) by their weights, approximate to the standard; (3) and by their casting in clusters instead of singly. They were most probably issued in Kiü between 400 and 350 g.c. Cf. suprà iv. 17, and v. 11.

PAO TCH'ENG, 保城, occasionally simplified into 成果 on small pt. ft. pus (480-482, and 819), of about 400 B.C. The identification of p. 129 may be doubted

and I have not found any historical reference.

Рен, 白, for 柏 or 栢, on small knives (1007-24), written also Тсн'єме Рен, 成 白 for 城 柏 (998-1006), issued during the third century, at the same period as the small Ming knives, q.v. During the period of the civil wars it corresponded to the Si-ping, which is still at present a hien in Ju-ning fu (C. Honan).

PEH KI, 北元 (for 其), on small sq. ft. pus (404-406) of circà 300 B.C., issued

probably by a trading association inhabiting the north of Ki. Cf. KI-YANG.

Peh Kiüh, 北 扁, on small sq. ft. pus (260-262) of circà 350 B.C. Formerly a place of Tsin and Tchao, in S.W. Shansi, as in the text, p. 62. Two Kiüh (north 北, and south 南) the latter referred to in 307 B.C., Tchuh shu ki nien, v. 34, vii.) are referred to in 666 B.C. (Tso tchuen, iii. 28, i.)

Peh Tze, 技 技, on small pt. ft. pus (602, 608), marked Peh Tze kin (新), of which, as shown by the serial of the reverse, 21, if not more, issues were made. Apparently issued by a different trading association, contemporarily with the Tze

She, 技氏, q.v., coins of the same pattern, circà 450-350 B.C.

Pei Kiu, 貝丘, on small sq. ft. pus (387-402), issued at that place as p. 97 in the N.W. of Tsi, circà 300 B.c. It is known in history from 686 B.c. (Tso tchuen, iii. ann. 8.)

P₁, \mathcal{L} , for \mathcal{U} hwa, q.v., on large spades (50).

P'I SHE, 皮氏, an ancient city of Shan-si, S.W., as in the text. During the *Tchun-tsiu* period it was a town in Tsin, whose revenues were assigned to great officers. From there it passed to Wei (423 B.C.), after the partition of the former state. In 330 B.C. it was taken by Ts'in at the same time as Fen-yn 汾陰, set

¹ She Ki, Ts'in pen ki, kiv. v., fol. 23, and Wei she kia, kiv. 44, fol. 10.—Tchuh shu ki nien, v. 32.

on fire, and then restored to its lawful sovereign. Attacked again in vain by Ts'ın in 307, it was walled the following year, and, notwithstanding, fell into the hands of the King of Ts'IN, who fortified it in 290 B.C. at the same time as Pu-fan, q.v. Before that time, i.e. in 400-300 B.C., Pi-she issued a currency of small Pu coins, figured p. 61-2, with a serial 1-10.

Ping Kiang, 平 工 (? for 江), on sq. ft. pus (440) of circà 300 n.c. Unidentified. Ping Lo, 平 羅, written also Lo Ping, on sq. ft. small pus (445-6) of circà

350-400 B.C. Unidentified.

Ping T'Ao, 平陶, (misread Ping yuen) on sq. ft. small pus (408-409); in the state of TCHAO, and modern Ping-yao in Fun-tchou fu, C. Shansi, circà, 300 B.C.

PING тснои, 4 M, written also тснои PING, on over thirty issues of pt. ft. small pus, marked with a serial (507-42). A town in east Ts'i, as stated p. 136, mentioned in 608 в.с. (Tchun tsiu, 7, i. 6). Circà 400 в.с.

Рим Тонои, 平周, an ancient city of Shansi, W., as stated in the text (p. 57).

Nothing is known about it beyond the facts that it was a part of the state of Win, and was conquered by Ts'in in 322-320 B.C.² Previously to that conquest, Fing Tchou had issued small pu coins on two occasions, sq. ft., with a serial from 1 to 10 (Nos. 236-49) and pt. ft. a little larger in size (2.1in. instead of 1.85in., Nos. 660-91), with a serial from 1 to 38 or more. The extreme date of these issues are 423-320 B.C. Cf. An-TCHOU.

Pino Yn, 坪 陰 (a), and 平 陰 (b), on sq. ft. small pus (337-9) of two sorts. The first one the oldest, with flat reverse (337) marked a, and the second of later make (338-9) with lines ornamented on reverse. Issued apparently in the fifth and in the fourth century. Ping-yn, located as stated p. 82, was on the South-West borders of Ts'1. It appears in history in 555 and in 519 B.C. (Tso

tchuen, 9, xviii. 4; 10, xxiii. 4); also in 232 B.C. (She Ki, xliii. 44).

PING YUEN, 李原, misread for PING TAO, q.v.
PING-YANG, 李陽, a town of Shansi, S.W., as said in the text (p. 45), reputed to have been the capital of the Emperor Yao. It became the seat of the clan of HAN 韓 about 490 B.C., and the capital city of their state from 419 to 375 B.C., when, after the destruction of the state of TCHENG 鄭, the capital city of the latter superseded it. A currency of pu coins of the usual sq. ft. pattern, in two sizes, was issued there, most probably between 419-375 B.C.

Pu, 古, on small sq. ft. pus (434) of circà 300 B.C. Decipherment doubtful.

Pu-fan, 前反, afterwards 蒲坂, a city of Wei, 魏 (423 B.c.) in S.W. Shansi. It issued weight-money (p. 28) apparently after the cessation of the mint of An-yh q.v. (361 B.c.), and was ransacked by Ts'in in 303 B.c. and finally annexed in 290 B.C.

Pu TSIUEN, 布泉, on round coins 364, 1757-9) issued by Wang Mang in A.D. 14. Twenty-five were worth one HO PU. Also on round coins of the NORTHERN

Тснот (468, 1873) issued in A.D. 561.

Pu-tze, 滞 子, on small sq. ft. pus (24, p. 48) of circà 350. Pu was a locality in Tsin spoken of after 666 B.C. (Tso Tchuen, 3, xxviii. 1); afterwards in Wei until its conquest by Ts'ın in 237 B.C. (p. 48).

SAN TCHU, 三 鉄, on small round coins (302, 1688-9) issued in B.C. 140.

Shan Yang, 山陽, on pu coins of unusual shape, with round shoulders (p. 120) of two sizes; little known in history. Ts'in She Huang-ti in his eighth year (i.e. 239 B.C.) assigned as residence to his unworthy mother, Liü-tuh, a territory of Shan-Yang (She Ki, vi. fol. 3 v.) near the present Huai king, in N. Honan. The locality of S.W. Shantung, mentioned in p. 120, seems more likely, but nothing is known about it in history.

4 She Ki, Tchuh shu ki nien, v. 34.

¹ Tchuh shu ki nien, ibid.

² She Ki, Luh kwoh piao, kiv. xv., fol. 26.—Tchuh shu ki nien, v. 33. ³ She Ki, Han she kia, kiv. xlv., fol. 1, 2.—Tchrh shu ki nicn, v. 29.

Shang, 上, on large spades (61). Shang, 尚, on large spades (54).

SHANG, 商, on large spades (1) and SHANG TCHENG 商 成 (for 城), on 62 issues of pt. ft. pus (801-818), and on one issue of sq. ft. pus (441). In 552 B.C. the city did not exist as yet, and in 360 B.C. it was in the hands of Ts'IN. The extreme dates are therefore 552-360 B.c. for these coinages. In the S.E. of Shensi, next to Honan; its name was transferred to Wv, q.v. in 340.

Shang erh shih sze kiu kin yü, 尚 十 十 四 去 釿 鋙 (doubtful) on coins

represented by a mould (172), issued probably circa 300 B.C. She, 是, on large spades (10). Cf. Tung-Ti.

Shen, 室, on large spades (71). SHE TZE, 氏 兹. See TZE SHE. SHING, 貞, on large spades (87).

Shou үн, 受 邑, on pt. ft. (825-838), issued in two series, up to ten, and up to sixteen or more. Not connected with any historical event. It was apparently in

The coinage must have been issued circà 300 B.C.

Shou yn, 壽陰, i.e. north side of Shou. On small pt. ft. pus (820-4), with a serial on the reverse, up to eight or more. The localisation is doubtful. The identification of C. Shansi (p. 199) proposed by some native numismatists has no historical record. A region of Shou famous in history is still preserved as that of a tchou in An-Hui (lat. 32°, 24′, long. 116° 43′). It is mentioned for the first time as a part of W_U \mathcal{A} , in 520 s.c. (Tso tchuen, 10, xx.), and it belonged successively to Ts'r, to Tch'en (until 479 B.c.), to Tsai 蔡 (until 447 B.c.), and then again to Ts'u. In 240 B.c. its name was changed into Yng-tu, 郢 都 (She Ki, xv. 37 v.) The date of the coinage, which apparently belongs to that region, is anterior to 240 and later than 447 B.c.

Shu tsien tang shih hua, 殊 戔 (for 錢) 當 十 化, i.e., "Distinct money value ten huas," and on the reverse + 15, shih ho, i.e. 10 hos (=huas). Issued during the monetary licence which obtained after the repression of Wang Mang, and the issue of new coins by the government of the After Han dynasty, i.e. between 23-26 A.D. The type is on a larger scale than that of the new pus created by Wang Mang in 9-14 A.D. The average weight shows about 480 grs., or 48 grs. a hua, i.e. the double standard weight of the Ts'in-Han dynasties. Smaller coins of the same type, marked Tang shih hwa, and Sze tsien or 4 tsien on the obverse, were also issued about the same time.

Shu fun, 兪 分, misread for Yü fun, q.v.

Shu tsien tang sbih hwa, 殊 錢 當 十 化, on large square pus (125-9), issued

privately, and probably during the Wang Mang period, 7-23 A.D.

Si Tcнou, 西 周, and Tung Tchou, 東 周, occur on two issues of round coins (Nos. 1614-1615) which are extremely scarce, and were probably limited to a small number, as befitted the fallen fortune of the Tchou, once so powerful, and whose decadence these coins alone would testify. Although these appellatives were used with reference to the two last and nominal rulers of that dynasty, and although the suggestion in the text (p. 328) that these coins were related to them, as supposed by Li Tso-yen (Ku tsinen hwei, Li. i. fol. 2 v.) is not impossible, I have come to think, after mature consideration of the circumstances connected with them in the numismatic history, that these coins were issued in the fourth century and not in the third. They must have been cast on the occasion of the short-lived separate existence in Western 西 and Eastern 東 Tchou 周 of the principality in Honan which Тснои Kao Wang had bestowed upon his brother Kieh after 440 B.C. (She Ki, Tchou pen ki, kiv. iv. fol. 27; Tchao she kia, kiv. xliii. fol. 18, and the comments thereon; Li tai Ti Wang nien piao, Tchou she piao, 9). Under the pressure of the Princes of Tchao and Han, in 367 B.C., Hwei Kung, grandson and second successor of Kieh, became Tung Tchou kung, while his son, Sha-tze, was made SI Tchou kung. The arrangement did not last, and was destroyed by the Ts'in prince who deposed Wu-tze, son and successor of Hwei Kung, who had died in 359 B.C. (She Ki, Luh kwoh piao, kiv. xv. fol. 20). The above-mentioned coins were most probably issued

a little after 367 B.c. and before 355 B.c.

SI-TU, 点都, written 自 (p. 7 misread 自 poh), on a spade coin, and Si-tu (p. 134-135, misread 西 Si-) on several issues of pt. ft. pu coins. It was the capital city of a small principality mentioned in history in 712 B.C., and destroyed and absorbed by Ts'u in 680 B.C. (cf. Tso tchuen, Yn Kung, xi. 3; Tchuang Kung, xiv. 3). It corresponds to the present Si hien, in Honan, S.E. The assimilation proposed on p. 134, based on a misreading, is therefore wrong. Probable date of the coinage 300 B.C.

Siao Pu, yh feh, 小 布, 一 百, on small square pus (1580-6), issued in a.d. 7.

Siao tsiuen, tcheh yh, 小 泉 直 一, on small round coins (341-3, 1708-10) issued in a.d. 7.

SIÜ PU, SZE PEH, 序 布, 四 百, on small square pus (105, 1589) issued in A.D. 7. SZE TCHU, 四 銖, on round coins (426-7) of the Sung dynasty issued in A.D. 430.

Siang Yuen, 襄 (for 襄知 垣, on sq. ft. pus (18, 145-61), with a serial up to twenty or more on the reverse, issued shortly after 320 B.C. It was a town of Tchao.

SIN YH, 莘邑, on small sq. ft. pus (422). The locality suggested p. 107 is most probably inexact. It is more probably the place mentioned repeatedly in history from remote times (cf. Mencius, v. 1; vii. 2). In 684 it was part of the state of Tsai (Tchun tsiu, 3; x. 5). It corresponded to the present Sin-yuen, in Shen tchou (W. Honan). The coinage dates probably from circà 350 B.C.

Son, 果, on large spades (26).

Suan Tsao, 酸果, a town of N. Honan in the state of Wei 魏, built in 392 B.C., and conquered by Ts'in in 242 B.C. (She Ki, kiv. 214, fol. 5 and 15, fol. 16 v.) The small pu coins of this name (p. 70) must have been issued after 392 and probably before 337 B.C. For some paleographical remarks of Introd. ch. v. 9.

Sung, 宋, on large spades (2). Sung, 松 on large spades (66).

SZE TSIEN, TANG SHIH HWA, 四 錢, 當 十 化, on small square pus (1596-7) of the Wang Mang period, 7-23 A.D., privately issued.

TA FU WU TCHU, 大富五銖, on round coins (1858) of the Liang dynasty,

issued in A.D. 523.

TA KIH WU TCHU, 大吉五銖, on round coins (1857) like the preceding, issued in A.D. 523.

TA PU HWANG TS'IEN, 大布黄千, on small square pus (108, 1595), issued

TA TSIVEN WU TCHIH, 大泉五十, on round coins (345-62, 1717-56), issued in

A.D. 7 by Wang Mang. Large circulation, numerous varieties and imitations.

TA TSIUEN WU PEH, 大泉五百, and TA TSIUEN TANG TS'IEN, 大泉當千, on large round coins (1823-4, 420-1, 1825-8) of the Wu kingdom issued in A.D. 236.

TA T'UNG WU TCHU, 大 通 五 銖, on iron round coins (1859) of the LIANG

dynasty, issued in A.D. 527.

TA YN, 大陰, on ten issues of sq. ft. (226-30) and on five or more issues of pt. ft. 699-733) pus. Unidentified geographically, but perhaps a name assumed by a monetary association of Tsin (Shansi) traders, circà 500-300 в.с.

Tai, A, on sq. ft. pus (426-7). In S.E. Shensi as in the text (p. 109),

circà 400 B.C.

TAI HO LUH TCHU, 太貨 六銖, on round coins (453-4) of the TCH'EN dynasty, issued in A.D. 579.

Таг но wu тсни, 太和 五 銖, on round coins (1864-5) of the northern Wer dynasty, issued in A.D. 495.

TAI PING PEH KIN, 太平百金 (the latter for tsien 鍐 or tchu 錄) on round coins (1834-5), issued probably in the Wu kingdom, in a.d. 256.

Tai ping pen tsien, 太平百錢, on round coins (1829-1833), issued in the Wu

kingdom, in A.D. 256.

Tai Yuen ho Tsiuen, 太元貨泉, on round coins (424, 1842) of the eastern Tsin dynasty, issued in A.D. 376.

Tao, 刀, on large spades (56).
Tao Yang, 每易 for 陶陽, on sq. ft. pus (36, 365-74) in Ts'i yn (p. 327). Probable date, circà 400 B.C.

TCHANG PING WU TCHU, 常平 五 銖, on round coins (461-7, 1871-2) of the

Northern Ts'1 dynasty, issued in AD. 553.

ТСНАNG-TZE, 長子, later 長 子 (in Shansi, C.S.) reputed to have been built by Tan Tchu, son of Yao (Tso tohuen, Siang Kung, ann. xviii. 2), was a town of the state of Tsin in 555 B.C., which passed to that of Tchao, 趙, at the time of the partition of that principality (423 n.c.) (On Tan Tchu, cf. Shu King, ii. 8; Tchuh shu ki nien, ii. 1, n.; Han shu, Liüh Lih tchi; Li Tso-hien, Ku tsiuen hwei, yuen 4, fol. 4 v.) Issued small pu coins (19, 162), of the sq. ft. pattern of 350 n.c. In connection with Yuen (q.v.) it also issued some round coins of one kin, with central round hole (153). Circà 400 B.C.

Tch'ang yuen 長垣, on round coins with central round hole (153, p. 325),

issued by Tchang tze, q.v., and Yuen, q.v.—probably circa 400 B.C.

Tche 智, on large spades (22). Doubtful.

Тснен рен 直 百, on round coins (419, 1817-20) of the Shuh Han dynasty, issued in A.D. 223.

ТСНЕН РЕН WU ТСНU 直百五銖, on round coins (409, 1806-16, 418) of the

same dynasty, issued in A.D. 221.

Tchen-yang 定陽, for 宅陽, a town of the Han state (E. of Kai-fung Honan). It was in 366 B.C. the seat of a covenant between Hwei Wang of fu, Honan). Wei and the Prince of Han (She Ki, Wei she kia; also Luh kwoh piao, kiv. xv., fol. 20; Han she kia, 45, fol. 3 r.). Issued some small pu coins of two sizes, during the fourth century BC. (28, 318-335), viz. about the above date.

Tcheng 成, on large point-footed pus (881). Doubtful, perhaps a part of

another name.

Тсн'ємс 成, on large spades (15), and

Tch'eng yh 成邑, for 成, on small sq. ft. pus (407) of circà 350 B.C.—This

was a place in Lu, which Ts's conquered in 408 B.C. (She Ki, xv. 14 v.).

TCHENG YH 異 邑, for 鄭, was under the name of Yung Kiu 雍丘, the capital city of the state of TCHENG, q.v.; taken by the Han state in 408 B.C.; after the destruction of the state of Tcheng by the latter in 375 B.C., it became Tcheng yh and the capital city of HAN until its seiznre by Ts'IN in 354 B.C., from which time it was called 安 陵 An-ling.

The sq. ft. small pu (289) coins which bear its name must therefore have been issued after 375 and before 354 B.C. (She Ki, kiv. 45, fol. 2 vers. and 3; kiv. 15, fol. 6 v.—Tchuh shu ki nien, v. 33, for the walling of An-ling.—Also Playfair,

No. 8445).

TCH'ENG YANG 成 易, for 城 陽, on large knives (921) issued in the state of Kiü, q.v., by a locality of that name, between 582-550 B.C. before its submission to

Ts'ı.—The identification of place proposed, p. 222 is so far incorrect.

Tchi үн 🚉 已, on small sq. ft. pus (210-6) with a serial up to ten or more on the reverse. The locality is known from the reign of Tchou Li wang, ninth century B.C., as a small principality within TSIN. The coinage dates from circà 300 в.с.

Тснон (shui) 豕 水, for 涿, on small sq. ft. pus (356-8) of circà 350 в.с. in Тснао.

Tchou 周, for Ping Tchou, q.v., on large spade (3). Probably circà 350 в.с. Тснои Ті 周 是, for Ping Tchou, q.v., and Tung Ті, q.v., on small sq. ft. pus (447-52), issued about 400 B.C.

ТСНО УН 朱邑, for 炽, on small sq. ft. pus (382-6) of about 400-350 в.с. It was the name of a small principality called Siao Tchu, known from 689 and 653 B.C., reduced to a single territory.

TCHW'ANG 窗 (doubtful) on large spades (70).

Tchwang pu ts'ih peh 壯 布 七 百, on small square pus (107, 1592) of Wang Mang, issued in A.D. 7.

Tchwang tsiuen sze shih 壯 泉 四 十, on round coins (344, 1715-6) of

Wang Mang, issued in A.D. 7.

Tce'ui 垂, on small spades (113) and weight money (135).—The geographical identification proposed on p. 16 is too far eastwards and too late in time. It is the Tch'ui of Ts'i (in Ping yn of Tai-an, W. Shantung), which is mentioned in 601 B.C. (*Tchun tsiu*, 7; viii. 3). The coins belong to *circà* 450 B.C.

TCHUNG PU, LUH PEH 中 布 六 百, on small square pus (106) of Wang Mang,

issued in A.D. 7.

TCHUNG SHIH ERH TCHU 重 十二 銖, on round coins (1605) cast in clusters, circà 300 B.C.

TCHUNG TSIUEN SAN SHIH 中泉三十 on round coins (1713-14) of Wang

Mang, issued in A.D. 7.

Тснимо ти 中 都, on pt. ft. small pus (800), and numerous sq. ft. small pus (165-86) issued apparently circà 400-316 B.C.—It was a town of Lu (p. 39), where Confucius had been Chief Magistrate (501-497 B.C.), previously to his appointment as Minister of Justice in the same state. In 316 B.C. it was conquered by Ts'ın (She Ki, xv. 27; Kia yu: Tai ping yü lan, 160, 8).

TCHUNG YANG 中陽, on pt. ft. small pus (857-8).—A town of TCHAO mentioned in 374 (Tchuh shu ki nien, 5, xxxii. 15), and in 285 B.C. (p. 206). Circà,

300 в.с.

Tchung үн 🕂 邑, on sq. ft. small pus (285) of circà 300 в.с.—Locality unknown by me in history and geography.

TCHUNG YH LIANG SHIH ERH TCHU 重一兩十二銖, on round coins, round-

holed (1603-4) of the TcHou dynasty, circà 650-336.

TCHUNG YH LIANG SHIH SZE (四) TCHU, on same coins (150, 1601-2) as the preceding.

Ti pu pah peh 第 布 八 百, on small square pus (1584-93) of Wang Mang,

issued in A.D. 7.

Ti shih kiu 第十九, on large round coins (173) of unknown issue; probably at the beginning of the Former Han dynasty (B.C. 206-24 A.D.). Each issue bore a serial number from 1 to 20 or more (1624-31).

TI YH TCHUNG SZE LIANG 第一重四兩, on large coins (1621) issued in the same manner as the preceding. The numeral yh—, is varied up to nine 九

or more (1622-3) on the different issues.

TIEN H, on large spades (63). Ting 鼎, on large spades (85).

Ting ping ye pen 定 平 一 百, on round coins (1836) of the Wu kingdom, issued in A.D. 257, which remained current until A.D. 502.

Ts'AI \bigstar , on large spades (92). Tsang 倉, on large spades (80).

Tsang 荒, for 藏, on small spades (99), abridged for An Tsang, q.r.
Ts'e pu, kiu peh 太 布 九 百, on small square pus (1585, 1594) of Wang

Mang, issued in A.D. 7.

Ts'ı 齊, in an archaic form (p. 225, sq.), is the generic mint-mark heading of all the legends of the large knife coins issued within the dominion of the state of that name, from the beginning of inscribed coinage, seventh century, to the end of the third century B.C. Also on some spades, Ts'1 SAN KIN, q.v.

Ts'1 FAN WANG TZE KIU HWA 齊 返 往 殊 去 化, on large knife coins of Ts'1 (928-44), of which many were issued. Special characters on the reverse are distinctive marks of the trading parties who issued them. They belong most probably to the currency cast by Peh Kung, Minister of War of Ts'i, by order of his Prince, the Duke Hwan, some time before 642 B.C. See suprà, on Chronology, Ann. 670 B.C.

Ts'i kiu hwa 齊 去 化, the simplified and common legend of the large knife coins (59-66, 951, 67-78, 952-77, 79, 978-89) issued in Ts'i, between (?) 520 B.C. and 221 B.C. Besides = + on the reverse are special characters, distinctive marks of the traders who issued them.—Average weight 730 grs. = 1 tao = 30 hwas.

Tsi Kwei нwa 齊歸 化 (p. 301 and Err.), on a curiously-shaped ingot (suprà, p. xxx). Although classified in the Kin ting tsien luh, K. ii., f. 4 v., among the ancient coins, I think that it belongs to a much later period, i.e. that it was issued under the Northern Ts'1 dynasty which ruled in Shansi and Tchihli between 550 and 577 A.D. Kwei-hwa is still a city in the prefecture of So ping, Shansi (N.). No other identification would be acceptable. The capital city of the N. TsI was at Yeh, now Lin-tchang in Tchang teh fu (Honan, N.).

Ts'i kwan tchung wang liu heng ku fan tze kiu hwa 齊 關 中 往 旅 行 賈 返 殊 去 化, on one of the most remarkable of ancient knife coins (55). Issued for the travelling merchants between Ts'1 and Kwan Tchung, q.v., of Ts'11, some time after 550 and long before 337 B.C. See suprà, i., Ann. 547, and vii. 6.

Ts'ı san kın 齊 三 新, on spade coins issued in Ts'ı (106), as a monetary division of the knives.

Ts'1 TAI KUNG KIU 齊 太 公 去, on a knife silver coin (1573), most probably not genuine.

Ts'i тсні нwa 齊之化, on large knife coins of Ts'i (950). Circà 500 B.c.
Ts'i тсні кій нwa 齊之去化, on large knife coins of Ts'i, issued after the
Ts'i fan wang, etc.... type, and before the Ts'i тсні нwa and Ts'i кій нwa types, i.e. circà 550 B.C.

Ts'i Tsih An-yang, etc. 齊 節 安陽, etc. . . . , on large knife coins (53, 923) issued by Tsih-Moh, q.v., and An-yang, q.v. of Kiü, q.v., after their submission to Ts'1, i.e. after 547 B.C., and before the conquest of Tsih Moh by Wv, i.e. before 493 B.C.

Ts'i Tsih-moh yng-ling, etc..... 齊 箭 墨 營 陵, etc..... (obv.) with An wang 安往 for An-yang (q.v.) wang or Kai wang 開往 (not Kai-fung) for Kai-yang (q.v.) wang on the reverse. On large knife coins (54, p. 225 and Errat.) issued between 547 and 493 B.C., by the mints of An-yang or of Kai-yang, for the monetary union of Tsiн-Moh, q.v., and Yng-Ling, q.v., of Ts'i.

Ts'i YN 齊 (for 濟) 陰, on large round coins with central round hole (1613), localized as in the text (p. 327). Probably issued in 206 B.C. by Tien An 田 安, King of Tsi peh 濟 北, a short-lived state, branch of the kingdom of Ts'i 齊

(208-206), and absorbed the same year by that of Lin-tse, 206-204 B.C.

Ts'i Yng-ling yh Tso yh, etc. 齊 營 陵邑 左邑, etc. . . . , on large knife coins (52, 922) issued in Ts'i by a monetary union of Yng-ling, q.v., and Tso yh, q.v., some time about 550 B.C., before the state issues of the Ts'ı knife coins which superseded the private coinages. For the remarkable reverse, see suprà, v. 6.

TSIE 且, or Y 宜, on peculiarly-shaped coins of the HAN period. Doubtful. Tsih ép, on small pt. ft. pus (487-90), issued most probably by Тsiн мон (q.v.), while it was an independent ta-fu government in Ts'1 and circà 350-300 B.C. Five or more issues were made as shown by the serial on the coins.

Tsih мie П и, misread Tsih-yh, in archaistic characters on obv. and rev. of large knife coius (44, p. 214), first issue of the later Tsin Mon, issued soon after 675 B.C., and perhaps the oldest inscribed coin in existence. Apparent weight

one-eighth of the hwan standard of 7800 grs. (Cf. i., Ann. 675.)

Tsin Mon 简 墨, for 即 墨, one of the most important mints of Ancient China, occurs on numerous large knife-coins (45-49, 882-909) of two sizes, issued alone and with other places (53, 923, 54, 924-7). Probably adapted from a forcign name introduced in connection with the forcign settlement of LANG-VA (q.v.). It was once a great emporium near the Lao shan, on the N.E. of the Gulf

of Kiao tchou (Shantung, S.E.) on the S.W. side of which was Lang-ya. Its name has survived as that of a district town on the same spot (lat. 36° 15', long. 120° 44'), which is described in A. Williamson's Journeys in North China, 1870, i. 128, 415, Its fate was the same as that of Lang-ya, of which it was a part territory, until 370 B.C., i.e. ten years after the abandonment of the latter by YUEH, when it was raised to a ta-fu government by the Prince of Ts'ı, under his suzerainty; its name appearing then for the first time in Chiuese history. (Cf. Hoh Tchih, Tsih moh tchi, 1763, kiv. i., f. 3.—She Ki, Tien tai kung she kia). In 284 B.c. it remained faithful to Ts'I, with two other towns, Liao and Kiü, against the conquering army of YEN (cf. She Ki, kiv. 34, f. 8; kiv. 82, f. 1v.; T. P. Y. L., kiv. 160, f. 6 v.). The famous expedition of Siu-fuh in search of the fabled islands of the É. Ocean, started from this place in 219 B.C., and from 209 to 206 B.C. it was the capital city of the short-lived kingdom of Ts'i, between the Ts'in and Han dynasties. Tsih-Moh was originally the chief mint of Lang-ya. Previously to its submission to Ts'i, i.e. before 547 B.C., it had issued about thirty-five large knife coins of two sizes, all marked Tsih-moh yh tchi kiu hwa on the obverse; the reverse bore a distinctive character or a serial for each issue, besides the marks usual in Ts'ı of San shih, i.e. 30 (hwan, symbolized either by an inscribed circle or by the carefully made ring forming the end of the handle (pp. 215-9).—In connection with An-YANG (924-6) and with Kai yang (927) of Kir (q.v.), Tsih Moh issued also some similar knife coins bearing the mark of one or the other of these two places on the reverse, previously to their submission by Ts'1, i.e. before 550 B.C. and after 580 B.C. After 547 B.C., when included in Ts'r's dominions and before 493 B.C., its conquest by Wu, Tsih Moh issued in connection with Yng-ling of Ts'i and with Kai-yang of Kiü, some large knife coins (54), the latter name appearing on the reverse. In connection with An-yang, it issued also some similar coins (53, 923) at the same period. The submission to Ts'1 and consequently the later date of these issues, is shown by the character Ts'ı prefixed to the legends.

TSIH MOH YH, etc... 節 墨 邑, etc... (obv.) An wang 安 往 (rev.) q.v., on large knife coins (924-6), issued by TSIH MOH, q.v., and An-yang, q.v., between 580

and 550 B.c.

TSIH MOH YH, etc. (obv.) KAI WANG 開 往, (rev.) on large knife coins (927) issued by TSIH MOH, q.v., and KAI YANG, q.v. of KIÜ, before 550 в.с.

Tsiн чн [Е, misread for Tsiн Mie, q.v.

TSIN-YANG 晉陽 (originally 月扇), an important city in C. Shansi as stated, p. 29. It appears in history in 497 B.C. as belonging to TSIN, and as the principal seat of the TCHAO 趙 clan, about 469 B.C.; it ceased to be so when the latter state in 386 B.C. transferred its capital to Kan-tan, q.v., and later on became part of the state of Wei 魏, from which it was taken away by the King of Tsi'n in 303 B.C., when it was destroyed and given back to Tchao. In 246 B.C. it was finally annexed by the state of Ts'in.²

Tsin-yang issued three sorts of money; the oldest of the weight money series (No. 133), whose legend testifies to its age, may have been issued after 469 and before 386 B.C. Issues of pu coins, round-footed (Nos. 476-7), thirteen or more in number were made afterwards, i.e. circà 350 B.C., and later on numerous issues of a similar money, but point-footed, were made (Nos. 611-59) between 303 and 246 B.C. The latter were of two sizes; the larger ones (Nos. 658-9) bore the usual legend Tsin-yang, with or without serial on the reverse, the smaller as a distinction were inscribed Tsin yang fun, i.e. "half (of the unit) of Tsin-yang," but many issues were made without this special indication.

fol. 7).

² Tchun tsiu, Ting Kung, Ann. xiii. 5. Chin. Class., vol. 5, p. 784. Tchuh shu ki nien, v. 34.

She Ki, Ts'in pen ki, kiv. v., fol. 27 v.; Tchao she kia, kiv. 43.

¹ The Kwoh-yu, which finishes in 469 B.C., records the attack of Tsin-yang by Kien-tze, who died in 456 B.C., after having ruled the Tchao clan for sixty years (She Ki, kiv. xvi., fol. 7, and xv., fol. 7).

TSIANG 男, on large spades (12).

Tsiven 泉, on large spades (55).

Tso PU WU PEH 差 布 五 百, on small square pus (1583-90) of Wang Mang, issued in A.D. 7.

Tso yh 左邑 (р. 223). See Ts'i Yng-ling yh Tso yh.

Tsun 竈, on large spades (83).

T'u ±, on large spades (64), probably for the following.

T'U-YANG 土 (for 社) 易 (for 陽), on small sq. ft. pus (431-2). The name appears during the civil wars as Tu only. In Shensi, as on p. 111. Being in Ts'ın territory, this coinage must have been issued before its state coinage (336 B.C.)

Tu vao 土 交, on small sq. ft. pus (439) of circà 300 B.C. Locality un-

identified.

Tun Kung 屯 共; see Kung Tun.

Tun Liu 克智, an important locality for the ancient coinage, in Tsin (S.E. Shansi), as identified in the text (p. 66). It was founded probably soon after 593 B.C., when the Prince of Tsin reduced the Liu-yu 留 牙 tribes of the Red Teks and conquered their territory (Tchun tsiu, vii. 16, 1), as it existed already in 555 B.C. (Tso tchuen, ix. 18, 2). On the decline of Tsin it passed to Tchao, and in 370 was the residence assigned to the last Duke of Tsin, deposed (Tchuh shu ki nien, v. 31, 6, and She Ki, xliii. 19 v.) In 359 it was taken by Tcheng 劉, i.e. Han 韓 (Tchuh shu ki nien, v. 32, 10), and in 239 B.C. the King of Ts'in removed its population to Lin-tao (She Ki, vi. 3), in the S.W. corner of the present Kansuh, then inhabited by Kiang or Tibetan tribes.—Tun Liu was the place of issue of large spades (9), and of sq. ft. small pus (25, 278), circà 400 B.C. Iu connection with Kung 北, q.v., it issued a currency of round coins with small central round hole (154, 1611). Circà 400 B.C.

Tung 同, on large spades (9). The counterpart of Ti (10) for Tung-Ti, q.v.Tung Tung 東 周, on round coins, with a central round hole (1615), issued most probably between 367 and 355 в.с., and not as suggested in the text (p. 328).

See SI TCHOU.

T'ung-Ti 同是, later 铜鞮, lit. "copper shoes," appears as the name of a locality belonging to the Yang-shéh 羊 舌—lit. "sheep tongue"—family in the state of Tsin (Shantung W., corresponding to the present Tsin 淡) in 582 B.C., and raised as an administrative division in 514 B.C. It became part of the state of Han 韓 when the Tsin state was broken up, and afterwards of Tchao, until its incorporation in the Ts'in empire. (Tso tchuen, Tch'eng Kung, Ann. ix. 8, and Tchao Kung, Ann. xxviii. 5. Chin. Class., v. 371 and 727.—The lands of the Yang shéh family were then arranged into three administrative districts). Issued small pu coins of the square-footed and square-shouldered pattern (375-7), of the usual type of circà 400-350 B.C. Ten issues at the least were made, as shown by the number shih + 10, on the reverse of one of the specimens. It issued also large spades (9, 10), on which the two symbols of the name appear separately, and sq. ft. pus in connection with Ping Tchou, q.v., marked Tchou Ti, q.v.

TZE SHE 技庆, an important mint-mark on an extensive coinage of the pu type. Occasionally simplified to TZE 技 only. It occurs on (1) large pt. ft. pus (584-5); (2) small ones, with or without the addition of their value, 10 fun 十分, on at least fifty issues marked by a serial (543-83); (3) on forty-seven or more other issues (586-95), differing from the previous ones by the inversion of the legend; (4) and other variants (596-600); (5) Small rd. ft. pus in eight or more issues (457); (6) Fifty-three or more issues of small sq. ft. pus (217-23), with a serial on the reverse, and two or more issues, legend inverted, without serial (224-5).—According to probabilities inferred from similar instances, the coinages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, must have been issued between 350-225 B.C., while the coinage 6 would date from 450-350 E.C. It is a remarkable fact that such important issuers of coins

should be unknown in the historical literature of the period. The locality inhabited by the Tze clan was raised to an administrative district under the Ts'in dynasty.

Tzr yr 子邑, on small sq. ft. pus (437) of circà 300 B.C. Unidentified and

of uncertain decipherment.

Wei fun 韋 (for 衛) 分, a fun of Wei, on small pt. ft. pus (761-73), with a serial up to ten or more on the reverse. Wei was one of the great states established at the beginning of the Тснои dynasty. A little before 371 в.с. it lost its independence and became attached to Wei ஆ, and in 324 it was reduced to a very small territory situated in N.E. Honan, as stated, p. 186. The simplification of the character Wei on the coin, was made in respect for the old name (cf. v. 10). They were issued apparently between 324 and 230 B.C.

WEN 文, on large spades, see WEN-YANG.

Wen но 文 貨, misprinted Wen Pao, on smaller spades. See the following.

Wen-yang 汝陽, written 女, and 女易. Issued spades (8), smaller spades marked Wen ho (94), and pt. ft. pus (692-8). In 589 B.C. it was returned by Tsin to Lu (cf. Tso tchuen, Tch'ing Kung, ii. 4), and nothing more is known of

its subsequent history.

Wv \overline{H} , on spades of the smaller size (100, 107, 108). It was the name of a clan in Tchou, holding probably some hereditary office at court connected with the state finances. In 720 B.C. a Wu had been sent to Lu to ask for the presents including money ($\not \equiv fu$), which ought to have been sent for the funeral of the king, as was customary between the states (Tchun tsiu, 1, iii. 4, and "Glossary of Numismatic Terms," suprà). The same clan may have been the issuers of that currency in the following century.

Wu An 武安, on small pt. ft. pus (747-53), with a serial up to ten. The title of Wu-An Kiun or Prince of Wu-An, was given by Su, Prince of ТСНАО, to Su Ts'in in 326 B.C., the same title given also in 233 B.C. (She Ki, Su Ts'in tchuen, and xliii., 44); and as in 269 B.C. an army of Ts'in reached the west of Wu-an (Tung Kien), it has been inferred that it was a well recognized territorial name. No such name in Shansi and W. Tchihli, where, however, stood chiefly the kingdom

of TCHAO, occurs in geographical literature.

Wu 烏, for 鷌, an ancient city taken from the state of Tcheng 鄭, by the King Hwan of Тснои in 712 в.с. (Tso tchuen, Yn Kung, Ann. xi. 3), was part of the lands belonging to the K'i jik family in 514 в.с., whence the Prince of Tsin made it one of the seven administrative divisions into which he divided their lands. In 340 B.C. (ibid., Tch'ao Kung, Ann. xxviii. 5), the King of Ts'in bestowed it on Yang of Wei, and changed its name into Shang 商 (Tchuh shu ki nien, v. 32, Ann. 28). Between 514 and 340 B.C., issued money of the small sq. ft. pu currency (138-43) alone, and also in connection with Kuei (453), q.v.

Wu HENG TA PU 五 行 大 布, on round coins (469-77, 1874-6) of the Northern

Tchou dynasty, issued in A.D. 574.

Wu Kum 鳥 為, for 鄒 為, on some small sq. ft. pus (453), issued before

Wu P'ing 武 平, on ten or more issues marked up serially by figures (736-45), and on some ten or less similar issues marked with the denary cycle (746), of small pt. ft. pus. Wu P'ing appears late in history, namely as Wu p'ing si (西) in 278, and Wu p'ing nan (南) in 274, while in 234 B.C. Ts'IN is recorded to have taken Wu tch'eng (城), which is explained by the latter (She Ki, xliii. 35 v., 36 and 44). Wu p'ing was therefore a regional designation at the time, and the above coins must have been issued by its traders in the third century B.C.

Wu tchu 五 銖, on round coins (pp. 360-433), the common standard of the HAN dynasty, which, issued for the first time in B.C. 118, remained current until it was superseded in 622 A.D. by the new coinage of the T'ANG dynasty. During these 740 years an innumerable amount of varieties and imitations were issued.

Y 官, or Tsie 且, q.v.

YH 易, probably for Yang 陽, see Yang Hua, on large spades (76).

YH 益, on large spades (59). Y \mathfrak{P} , on large spades (25).

Y но 椅貨(?), on small sq. ft. pus (435) of the usual type. Decipherment doubtful. Unidentified, perhaps 种.

Y SHE 猗氏, on small sq. ft. pus (250) of circà 300 B.C. Situated as stated

in the text (p. 60).

YH TAO - J, on round coins (1705-7, 340) of Wang Mang. Probably imitated from the following.

YH TAO ping wu tsien — 刀, 平 五 千, on short thick knives (137-48) of Wang Mang, issued in A.D. 7. The first issues had the two characters yh tao inlaid in gold.

YH ТСНИМС 邑 中. See TCHUNG YH.

Y-YANG 宜易 or 宜陽, a town of the Han state, q.v., of the Civil Wars period (in the present Honan fu, as stated in the text, p. 71). Ts'ın attacked it in 390 B.C., took it by assault in 365 B.C., and finally occupied it in 307 B.C., when 60,000 men were beheaded. (She Ki, kiv. 15, fol. 16 v., 24 and 28; kiv. 45, fol. 2 v., 3 v., 4, 6 and 6 v.) Issued some pu coins of the sq. ft. small type, between 408 and 307 B.C. (Nos. 292-3).

Y-YANG 尹 陽, later 伊 陽, a town of the HAN state, q.v. in Honan, as stated in the text, p. 71, and unknown to history. It issued some small pus of the common type, very similar to those of Y-Yang, q.v., which must belong to the same

period (No. 291), i.e. the fourth century B.C.

YH-TCHANG 盖昌, a town of the state of Yen, during the contending state period, corresponding to the modern Yung-tsing, in Tchih-li. Nothing is known of it in history. It issued a small pu coin (No. 336), which seems to be of the date of 300 B.C.

YANG 羊, on large spades (75). Perhaps for Yang shéh 羊 舌. Cf. T'ung Ti. YANG HUA 易 L, for — or 楊 化, hua of Yang. On numerous pt. ft. pus (839-56).—YANG for Yang yh 陽 邑, a town of Tchou, which Tsin conquered in 633 B.C. (She Ki, xxxix. 24); given temporarily to Tchao (Kan Tan) by Wei in 361, it was fortified by the latter in 315 B.c., and its name was then changed into Ho-yung (*Tchuh shu ki nien*, 5; xxxii. 7, and xxxiii. 6). The issue of the coins must have taken place before 361, since Kan Tan, q.v., had its own coinage. The modern identification is doubtful (p. 203). See Yang YH.

YANG KIU 陽丘 (for 邸). The 丘 is specially altered (for the reason explained at Ki-yang, q.v.). On small sq. ft. pus of circà 300 B.C. It was identical with

Kao Tang of the Tchun tsiu period. Situated as in the text, p. 105.

YANG YH 陽 邑, the same place as described under YANG HUA, q.v. It issued (1) in connection with Lang va, q.v., and Lu, q.v., a large sort of sq. ft. pus (39, p. 115) between 477-380 B.C.; (2) and alone, many pt. ft. pus marked Yang hua, before 361 B.C.

YANG YH 陽 邑, on small sq. ft. pus (144) issued in the third century. The identification of p. 34 is exact, but it is the preceding Yang-yh, the name of which was changed in 316 B.C., and not this second one, which was situated in the TCHAO state, conquered by Ts'in in 228 B.C.

YH TAO — \mathcal{J} , on small round coins (169-71, 1619-20) of circã 200 B.C. Different

from the other YH TAO.

YAO PU, ERH PEH $\cancel{2}$, $\cancel{\pi}$ = $\overleftarrow{\mathbf{a}}$, on very small square thick pus of Wang Mang (1581-7), issued in A.D. 7.

YAO TSIUEN YH SHIH 出 泉 - 十, on small round coins (1711) of Wang

Mang, issued in A.D. 7.

YE or YA M or M (misread 邪 山 Ye-shan, p. 207), a variant spelling of Ta in Lang-ya, q.v., on numerous small (859-68), and large (869-74) pt. ft. pus, issued at Lang-ya, before 380 B.c.

YEN LING 焉 夌, for 鄢 陵, on small sq. ft. pus (286-7). It belonged to

Ts'u and was the site in 575 of one of the famous battles between Tsin and Ts'u (*Tchun tsiu*, 8; xvi. 6), when Ts'u was routed; it was conquered by Han in 319, and by Ts'in in 279 B.C. (*She Ki*, xv. 26, 32). The years between 319 and

279 B.C. were probably those during which this coinage was issued.

YNG-LING 呂陵, simplified from 宮陵, a respectful variant of Yng K'iu, a name of the capital of the state of Ts'r, otherwise named at first Yng-k'iu 呂丘, and Lin-tze 篇 當 later on, i.e. in 859 B.C., when it became the capital city. It has been preserved in the name of a district of the present Shan-tung province, as stated in the text, p. 223. Its site had attracted attention from the time of Tai Kung Wang, who is reputed to have granted concessions there to work out the salt which the land produces. (She Ki, Ts'i tai kung she kia, kiv. 32, fol. 2 v.) It occurs on knife money of the larger sort, in conjunction with the name of Tso-yh, q.v., and also with that of Tsih-moh, q.v., and Kai-yang, q.v., issued after 547 B.C. Vid. Nos. 52, 54.

YÜ E, a small principality in S.W. Shansi, which was destroyed by Tsin in 655 B.C. It issued between c. 670 and 655 B.C. some Tch'eng-ma or saddle coins, otherwise weight money (p. 19) for "one kin," and for "half a kin," in the lifetime of Kuan-tze, in conformity with his regulations on weights and exchange. The system was imitated by the Wei at An-yh and afterwards at Liang, q.v. The name being that of the state, is written probably out of respect in a peculiarly

altered form.

YÜ 羽, on large spades (16). YÜ 雨, on large spades (7). YÜ 雲, on large spades (6).

YÜ FK written E F, on small sq. ft. pus (290). The place is mentioned once in 712 B.C., when the King of Tchou took it from the state of Tcheng (Tso tchuen, 1, xi. 3), but nothing is known about it afterwards besides this coinage,

which belongs to the fourth century B.C.

YÜ FUN 兪 (for 楡) 分, or "fun of Yü," on small pt. ft. pus (774-83), with a serial up to ten or more. The identification proposed on p. 189 is inexact. The mint-place was a locality of Wei on the W. of Liang, q.v., which was restored to that state in 399 B.C. (She Ki, xv. 15 v., and xl. 24). This coinage was con-

temporary with that of Wei, q.v., and its date therefore was circà 300 B.c.

Yuen 頂, on large round coins with small central round hole (151-2, 1606-7), and probably also on smaller coins of the same kind, issued in connection with Kung, q.v., of which a broken specimen is published in K. T. H., Li, i. 6. It was a place, as stated in the text (p. 323), which existed during the civil wars (485-255 B.C.), and whose name was extended to (but not created for) Pu-fan and Pi-she in 290. It passed from Tchao to Wei 類 in 375, and was taken by Ts'in in 238 B.C. (She Ki, v. 27 v.; vi. 3 v.; xv. 37 v.; and xliii. 6).—Circà 400 B.C.

YU PU SAN PEH 幼 布 三 百, on small square thick pus (1582-8) of Wang

Mang, issued in A.D. 7.

YU TSIUEN ERH SHIH 幼泉二十, on small round coins (1712) of Wang Mang, issued in A.D. 7.

Yun 雲, on large spades (93).

Yung kwang 永光, on round coins (1855) of the Sung dynasty, issued in A.D. 465.

Yung ngan wu тснu 永安五餘, on round coins (455-60, 1867-70) of the Northern Wei dynasty, issued in A.D. 528; they remained current until A.D. 557.

YUNG NGAN YH PEH 永 安 一 百, also YH TS'IEN (千), on bronze and iron round coins (1847-50) of the Northern Liang dynasty. Issued after A.D. 401, in various sizes.

YUNG TUNG WAN KWOH 永 通 萬 國, on large and smaller round coins (478-81, 1877-81) of the Northern Tchou dynasty, issued in A.D. 580.

CHAPTER VIII.

BIBLIOGRAPHY.

THE bibliography of Chinese numismatics could be given here extensively but The Chinese have taken interest in their coinage since without useful purposes. ancient times, and works were written by them on the subject since the Han dynasty. Quotations from catalogues of collections made in the sixth century are at present still met with in recent books. A list which I have prepared contains more than sixty-five titles of different works. Those which have been referred to in the present Catalogue are the following:-

K.T.H.—古泉 匯, Ku tsiuen hwei, by 李 佐 賢, Li Tso-hien, styled 竹 朋

Tchu-pêng, 15 vol., 1852.

S.T.H.—續泉匯, Suh tsinen hwei, a supplement to the preceding work by the same, 4 vol., 1875.

T.S.T.—錢 式 圖, Tsien sheh tu, by 謝 至, Sie Kw'en, 4 vol., 1842.² K.K.S.K.L.—吉 余 所 見 錄, Kih kin so kien luh, 4 vol., 1819.³ H.P.W.T.K.—貨 布 文 字 考, Ho pu wen tze k'ao, by 華 亨 馬, Hwa Ting-ma, 4 vol., 1833.

All are remarkable for the accuracy of their reproductions of coins, engraved

from actual rubbings.

I have also derived some scanty information from the 欽定錢錄, Kin ting tsien luh, in 2 vols., 1750, reprint of the numismatical section, highly uncritical, of the great Catalogue of the Kien-lung Museum;—泉史, Tsiuen she, by 鎮洋盛, Tchenyang Sheng, 16 Kiv., 1834;選青小錢, Siuen tsing siao tsien, by 許元愷, Hüyuen-K'ai, 10 Kiv., 1844;錢志新編, Tsien tchi sin pien, by張崇懿 Tchang Ts'ung-y, 4 Kiv., 1826 (very uncritical).4

From the Han dynasty the best sources are the sections on political economy (食 貨 志) in the contemporary Annals of each dynasty. Most of the statements therein have been collected in the Encyclopedic works where they can be easily referred to, notably, in the Tung tien 通 典, and in the Tu shu ts'ih tcheng 圖 書 集成 (sect. 27). The numismatic resumé called Tsien pi K'ao, 錢幣 考, in the Wen hien t'ung K'ao, 文獻 通 考, of Ma Tuan lin, in 1321, is useful except for the period anterior to the Han dynasty.

In European literature on numismatics, on the period of Chinese coins included in the present work there are only a few papers, which cannot be referred to because they are either misleading or based upon untrustworthy sources. extensive work on the matter is the great Catalogue compiled in 1842 by the Baron S. de Chaudoir and M. Léontiefski at St. Petersburg in 1842, but there is hardly anything in it before the Han dynasty.

¹ These two works of Li Tso-hien are remarkable for the criticism and carefulness displayed in their composition, and deserve full praise.

² Analysed by Mr. John Williams in the *Numismatic Chronicle*, 1851, Vol. xiii., pp. 143-166.

³ Also analysed by Mr. John Williams in the *Numismatic Chronicle*, 1852, Vol. xiv., pp. 155-175.

Also analysed by Mr. John Williams in the Numismatic Chronicle, 1852, Vol. xiv., pp. 180-173.

An abridged translation with figures has been published by Mr. C. B. Hillier entitled, A Brief Notice of the Chinese work, Tsien tchi sin pien, and a key to its 329 woodcuts of the coins of China and neighbouring nations (Trans. China Br. R. A. S., No. ii., Hong Kong, 1852, pp. 1-162). Reproduced without figures in J. Doolittle's Vocabulary, vol. ii., pp. 603-615.

It forms (1) the basis of Ed. Biot's Mémoire sur la Systême Monetaire des Chinois (Journal Asiatique, iii. ser., tom. iii., Mai, 1837, pp. 422-465; iv. 97 sq., 209 sq., 441 sq.); (2) the bulk of Dr. W. Vissering, On Chinese Currency, Coin and Paper Money, Leiden, 1877.

Recueil de Monnaies de la Chine, de Japan, de la Corée, d'Annam et de Java, au nombre de plus de mille, précédé d'une introduction historique sur ces mannaies. St. Petersburg. 1842. fol.

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ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA.

1. The various dates stated there are those of the Bamboo Annals. other schemes of chronology, cf. Introduction, pp. viii.-x. 4. Read 1103 or 1032 or 1091 B.C. instead of 1032 B.C. 5. l. 12: Read see Introduction, p. xlix.-lxvii., s.v. 12. No. 94: Read Wen ho instead of Wen pao.
18. l. 2: Read from circa 680 B.C. to 317 B.C. instead of 327; same line 18. 19. l. 1: Dele circa 375 B.C. 22. No. 10: Read Introduction, pp. xxxvi. and liv., for a better identification. 28. No. 131: Read Wei — instead of 魏. instead of 魏. 30. No. 137: f. 17 v. ff. 6. 5) 32. l. 18: 38. ,, " 1. 29: W. Shansi E. Shansi. ,, " 63. No. 262: 元 iv., f. 5 Shansi 元 一, f. 15. Shantung. ,, ,, 94. No. 375: ,, " iii. f. 18 No. 377: iii., f. 6 v. ,, " 107. No. 423: must be older cannot be older. ,, " 213. The circumstances concerning the payment of mulcts with knives occurred not in 650 but in 679-675 B.C., and are somewhat different, as may be seen in the Introduction, p. xi. 214. No. 44: Read Tsih Mie instead of Tsih yh, and cf. the Alphabetical List. Shansi. l. 11 : Shensi " 221. l. 15: Heng III., ff. 8-12 instead of Heng, ff. 8-12. 225. No. 54: Kai wang 住 Kai fung. ,, ,, 226. No. 927: " " Li tch'en yang ,, ? shih yang.

Tchao Siang Wang had a covenant in that town with 251. No. 1028: " 265. No. 1236: " the King of Wei (She Ki, v. 28) instead of conquered the town with the help, &c. 301. No. 1579: Read Ts'i kwei hwa, 齊歸 化 instead of Ts'i (undeciphered). Cf. Introduction, p. 323. No. 151: Read It was the name extended . . . instead of It was the name given . . . 328. Nos. 1614-5: Dele the explanations and cf. to the Alphabetical List. 330. last lines: Read The first type 156 was probably issued . . . instead of All these types . . . : Read Ya-tchou fu in Sze-tchuen instead of in Szetchuen. 353. l. 13: 360. l. 19: ,, Sui dynasty instead of Sin dynasty. 394. No. 1799a ,, tchung erh (_) liang instead of tchung yh (-) liang. And cf. my monograph Une Monnaie Bactro-Chinoise bilingue du premier siècle avant notre ère, Paris, 1890, 14 pp. (Extr. C.-R. Acad. Inscr. et B.-L.).

411. No. 1844: Read 與 漢 instead of 與 漢.

For all the names on coins, cf. the Alphabetical List, ch. vii. of the Introduction, for corrections, supplementary information, more precise dates, better identifications, or references to other issues.

HIA-SHANG-YN

AND

TCHOU DYNASTIES.

UNINSCRIBED AND VARIOUSLY SHAPED CURRENCY.

From the twentieth to the seventh century B.C.

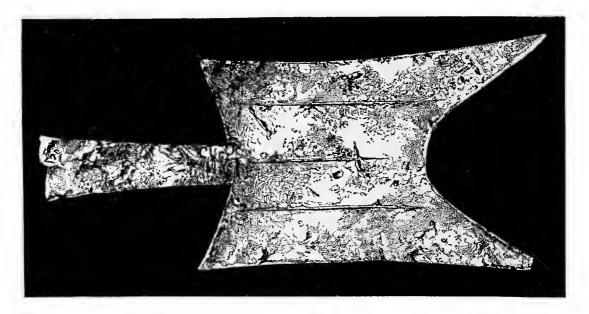
ORIGINALLY any metallic tool or implement of small size, or even a lump of metal, was used in barter. The convenience of this practice led gradually to the habit of casting sham tools or implements for the purpose of exchange only. Traditions which were current in the seventh cent. B.C., claim for the great Yü, in 1985 B.C. (?), and Tch'eng T'ang, founder of the Shang dynasty, in 1556 B.C. (?), the casting of metallic money for the relief of the people. The last ruler of the Shang-Yn dynasty, 1558-1050 B.C., is reputed to have overtaxed his people to hoard money in his pleasure-palace of Luh-tai (S.-E. Tchihli), where it was found in 1050 B.C. by Wu Wang, founder of the Tchou dynasty. The common and rather suggestive name for metallic currency was then 点 tsiuen, 'source.' Tch'eng, second king of the Tchou dynasty, by the advice of Tai Kung of Ts'i, a sage from the eastern barbarians of the sea-coast (North Kiangsu), established in 1032 B.C. certain rules for currency, and enacted that metallic pieces should henceforth be exchangeable according to their weight.

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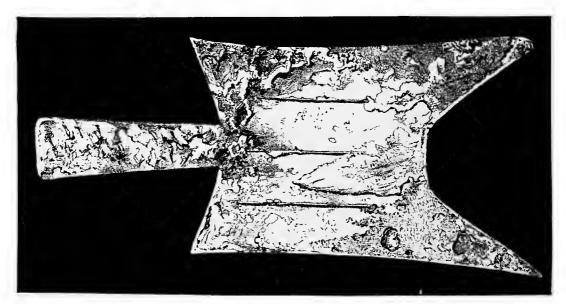
(Gardner Coll.

1.

OBVERSE



REVERSE.



(Corroded.) E. Weight 547.

The usual thinness of metal in the specimens of this class precludes their practical use as tools, and shows them to be sham spades or shovels made exclusively for exchange. The handle is still hollow, as in the genuine implements of husbandry, which they imitate. They belong to the class generally called *Pi-tch'an*, or "Spade-Money."

2. (Gardner Coll.) OBVERSE. REVERSE. (Representative Specimen.) Æ. Wt. 137. 3. (Gardner Coll.) OBVERSE.

REVERSE: Plain, no rim nor marks.

(Representative Specimen.) Æ. Wt. 87.

Ornamented specimens are met with in Chinese collections (T.S.T., ff. 11—14). A frequent name for pieces of these shapes is 橋 幣 Kiao pi, or Bridge-Money, so called from their appearance; but they are better known as 空 式 幣 King sheh pi, or Tingle-Dangle Money, from their resemblance to and former use as dangles of a musical instrument.

TCHOU DYNASTY,

FEUDAL PERIOD AND CIVIL WAR PERIOD.

770-481-255 B.C.

INSCRIBED CURRENCY.

I. 幣 鏟 Pi-tch'an, or Spade-Money.

From circà 680 B.C. to 350 B.C.?

The rules established in 1032 B.C. regarding the weighing of metallic currency (p. 1) seem to have remained more or less in abeyance. were put in force in the seventh cent. (B.C. 685-645) by the Duke Huan of Ts'i (Shantung), then Leader Prince of the Chinese States, acting under the advice of the celebrated Kwan-tze, his Prime Minister. These rules led gradually to the habit of casting regular shapes and sizes of constant weights. Money was not yet a governmental prerogative. Private persons, as well as the King and the Princes, could, and in fact did, issue metallic money. A great impetus was given to its circulation by merchants, single or in partnership, private families, and guilds of one or several towns. The exchange being generally limited to the region of the issuers, they used on their currency to put as their marks names of regions, places, families, individuals, or things. the Head of the Government tried to interfere, about 600 B.C. and in 523 B.C., to place the metallic currency on a different footing, but failed. The shape of the *Pi-tch'an* is peculiarly interesting as a survival of an implement of the Stone Age, known as the "shouldered celt," and proper to South-eastern Asia, which has hitherto been found only in Pegu, Cambodia (Tonlé-Sap), and Central India (Chútiá Nágpúr).

A. With hollow handle. I. Square shoulders. a. Larger size. (Gardner Coll.)

OBVERSE. REVERSE. Kih, Lucky. No legend.

The handle being corroded, the weight ought to he slightly reduced. Æ. Wt. 435.

Several issues of this piece present the following variants of character on

Reverse unchanged.

The same type has been issued with many different legends, as follows, right or left of the central down line: the reverse remains unchanged. They come under four subdivisions, according to their legend:-

1. Names and places of doubtful identification (on which see Introduction):-

ORDER.	READING.	. Inscription.	Modern Chinese.	MEANING.
(1)	Shang	高春春春	商	"

Order.	READING.	Inscription.	Modern Chinese.	MEANING.
(2)	Sung	宋 宋	宋	"
(3)	Tchou	串 事	周	"
(4)	King	窜	京	31
(5)	IVu	₹	吳	"
(6)	Yü	事事	雲	"
(7)	Yü	<i>ল্ল</i> ে	雨	"
(8)	Wen	\diamondsuit	文	"
(9)	Tung	な同	同	"
(10)	She	Å	是	"
(11)	$oldsymbol{L}$ iu	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	留	,,
(12)	$\mathit{Ts'iang}$	4, 11	爿	,,
(13)	K'i	ां ।	亓	"
(14)	Ko	艾	戈	27
(15)	$\mathit{Tch'eng}$	成战	成))
(16)	Yu	某 供 ド 第	337	"
(17)	Pao		寳	"

Order.	READING.	Inscription.	Modern Chinese.	MEANING.
(18)	Lih	- 所南	層	» >>
(19)	$oldsymbol{Lai}$	常	來	,,
(20)	Muh	* *	木	"
(21)	Poh	à è	白	"
(22)	Tche	类型文型	智	"
(23)	${\it Hiang}$	मि नि	向	>>
(24)	Hoh	হি	合	,,
(25)	Y	非。非是	377 377	,,
(26)	Soh	0 o *	81 **	"
		2. Serial signs:—		
(27)	Yh			One
(28)	Erh	==		Two
(29)	San		Ξ	Three
(30)	Sze		四	Four
(31)	Wu	×	£.	Five
(32)	Luh	4 T	六	Six
(33)	$\mathit{Ts'ih}$	★)(七	Seven
(34)	Pah	≚)(Л	Eight
(35)	Shih	•	+	$T_{ ext{en}}$

ORDER.	READING.	Inscription.	Modern Chinese.	Meaning.
(36)	Ping	/A	丙	3d sign of the cycle of 10.
(37)	Wu	传	戊	5th of the cycle of 10.
(38)	Ki	5	己	6th of the cycle of 10.
(39)	Sin	$ar{ar{Y}}ar{ar{ar{ar{Y}}}}$	辛	8th of the cycle of 10.
(40)	Jen	王.	£	9th of the cycle of 10.
(41)	Kwei	中中节	癸	Last of the cycle of 10.
(42)	Tze	Y	子	1st of the cycle of 12.
(43)	Mao	96	卯	4th of the cycle of 12.
(44)	Wu	セイカ	牛	7th of the cycle of 12.
(45)	Wei	*	未	8th of the cycle of 12.
(46)	Siuh	र्न	戌	11th of the cycle of 12.
(47)	Mao Ting	96 T	卯 丁	4th of the cycle of 12 and 4th of the cycle of 10.

3. Various words, some of which may be geographical: the translations are provisional:—

(48)	Heng	36	行	Going.
(49)	Hwa	クヒ	化	Exchangeable.
(50)	Pi	4	Ł	Measure.

ORDER.	READING.	Inscription.	Modern Chinese.	MEANING.
(51)	Pei	😾 var. 👂	貝	Shell.
(52)	Meu	de A	貿	Exchange.
(53)	Tchu	業	朱	Pearl.
(54)	Shang		尙	Help.
(55)	Tsiuen	A	泉	Source.
(56)	Tao	٥	IJ	Knife.
(57)	Kung	상 상	公	Duke.
(58)	Fuh	\$	當	Happiness.
(59)	Yh	₹ }}	益	Increase.
(60)	Kung	エ	I	Work.
(61)	Shang	上	上	High.
(62)	Hia	7	下	Low.
(63)	Tien	•	田	Land.
(64)	$T^{\bullet}u$	土	土	Earth.
(65)	Yu	変 チ	干	То.
(66)	Sung	*)(var.)(*)()	松	Fir-tree.
(67)	Ku	ढ	古	Ancient.

ORDER.	READING.	Inscription.	Modern Chinese.	Meaning.
(68)	Hou	文	侯	Earl.
(69)	Kao	美	羔	Lamb.
(70)	$\mathit{Tch'wang}$		窗	Window.
(71)	Sheh	金金金 金金	室	Dwelling.
(72)	Fah	# var. # #	伐	Attack.
(73)	K'iün	圍	君羊	Flock.
(74)	$ extit{K}i\ddot{u}n$	周 var. 周	君	Chief.
(75)	Yang	羊	羊	Sheep, Goat.
(76)	Yh	8 var. 3	易	Change.
(77)	Nan	Ä	南	South.
(78)	Fei	≯£ ≯ €	非	Bad.
(79)	$\it Mao$	耳目	捐	Precious token.
(80)	Tsang	$\widehat{\underline{\bot}}$	倉	Granary.
(81)	Ngai	*************************************	艾	Artemisia.

ORDER.	Reading.	Inscription.	Modern Chinese,	MEANING.
(82)	Keng	• 4	亙	Limit.
(83)	Tsuh	r P	龍	Toad.
(84)	${\it Fah}$	H	A van	riant of (72)?
(85)	Ting		鼎	\mathbf{V} ase.
(86)	Ho	赞 猿 滚	貨	Exchangeable.
(87)	Shing	京	貞	Prognostic.
(88)	Hwa	社会公司	, ' 货 = 化	Exchangeable.
(89)	$\it Mei$		美	Excellent.
(90)	Moh	$\overline{*}$	未	End.
(91)	Mi	燥	米	Deep.
(92)	$\mathit{Ts'ai}$	*	才	Ability.
(93)	Yun	五	雲	Clouds.

4. Doubtful marks not identified :—

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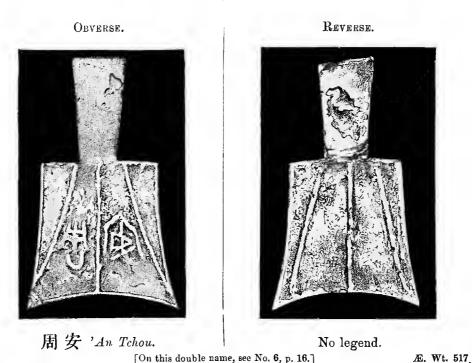
References: --K.T.H. --S.T.H. --T.S.T. --H.P.W.T.K.

I. 幣籍 Pi-tch'an, or Spade-Money (continued).

A. With hollow handle. I. Square shoulders. b. Smaller size.

FIRST SERIES.

5.



Other coins of the same shape and about the same size have been issued as follows:-

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

(94) 女貨 Wen Pao

(95) 考官 Kao Kwan

(96) One

Same, no legend.

(97) Three

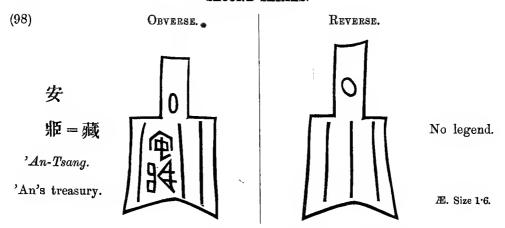
Same, no legend.

Same, no legend.

Same, no legend.

References:—K.T.H. 元十 ff. 2, 3, A.B.D.—S.T.H. 元二 f. 5, B.C. H.P.W.T.K., k. 4, ff. 4, 5, B.A.

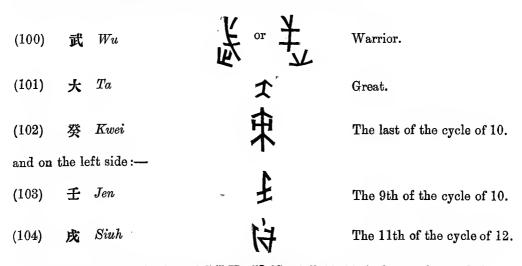
SECOND SERIES.



Several issues of this coin were made with slight discrepancies in the symbols caused by unskilled workmanship. They are, however, easily recognizable. Some bear the legend on the two sides.

References:—K.T.H. 元 + ff. 1, 2, (94) and var.—S.T.H. 補 遺 下 f. 10, (94) and var.
S.T.H. 元 二 f. 4, (95).—H.P.W.T.K., k. 4, (94).

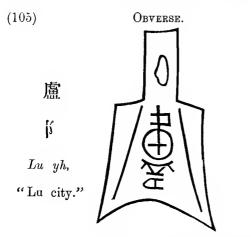
The same shape on a larger scale (2.3 in., handle exclusive), has been issued with the following characters on the right side of the obverse:—



References:—The Author of S.T.H., 補遺下ff. 10, 11, 12 leaves the symbols undeciphered.

I. 幣 產 Pi-tch'an, or Spade-Money (continued).

A. With hollow handle. II. SHOULDERS DOWN.



REVERSE.

Only the ordinary three raised lines from top to bottom, and no legend.

Æ. Size 2.

Lu yh was situated S.E. of the modern Tchang tsing, 長 清 hien, in Tsi nan fu 濟 南, by 36° 40′ and 117° 01′ (W. Shantung).

Several varieties exist. The character is sometimes turned to the right instead of the left. The discrepancies occur on the under character, which varies in form and is placed always at the bottom, either to the left or to the right. Its various shapes are



(106)

OBVERSE.

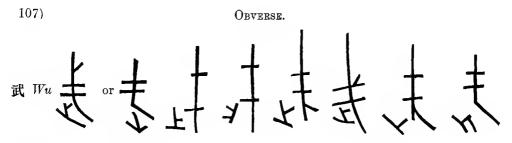
REVERSE.

Ts'i san kin, heree kin of Ts'i." 为全(((

Only the ordinary three raised lines, and no legend.

Æ. Same size.

The discrepancies are unimportant in the varieties, and occur chiefly in the right side character, always recognizable.



(108)

OBVERSE.

Smaller (size 1.7), with three horizontal lines, $\Xi = 3$.

REVERSE.

Same as obverse.

Æ. Same size.

References:—K.T.H. 元 + f. 5; 6, 7; 3-4, A. and var., B. and var., C. and var.—S.T.H. 元二 f. 5, C. and var.—H.P.W.T.K, k. 4. f. 1, 2, 3, A. and var. C.—T.S.T., k. 21, f. 4.9, B

I. 幣 鏟 Pi-tch'an, or Spade-Money (continued).

A. With hollow handle. III. SHOULDERS UP.

Pieces of the same shape and size as No. 1 (p. 2) bear the following marks on the obverse:—

The same shape of a smaller size, without characters on the reverse, was issued with the following obverses (upper right side):—

(111)
$$Kan$$
 Tan H H H $=$ 批 \mathbb{F} E . Size 5-

Kan-tan was the capital of the state of *Tchao* 趙; now answering to a hien in Kuang p'ing fu, 36° 40' and 114° 40' in S. Tchihli.

References:—A.: S.T.H., 補遺下f. 14.—B.: S.T.H., 補遺下f. 14. v.—C.: K.T.H., 元十四f. 7.—D.: K.T.H., 元十四f. 8.

I. 幣 鏲 Pi-tch'an, or Spade-Money (continued).

B. With flat handle. (Dubious.)

Lockhart Coll.)

6.

OBVERSE.



周安 'An Tchou.

D



No legend.

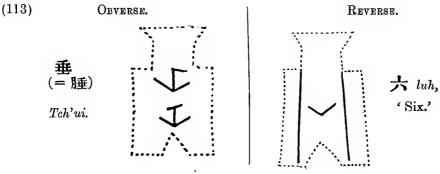
[This specimen seems to be an imitation of No. 5.]

Æ Wt. 287.

The double name suggests an issue made by two market cities in partnership for that and probably other purposes, as mentioned hereafter, p. 32. The names indicate apparently the cities of 'An-yh 7, and of P'ing-Tchou (236); see also (444).

I. 幣 縴 Pi-tch'an, or Spade-Money (continued).

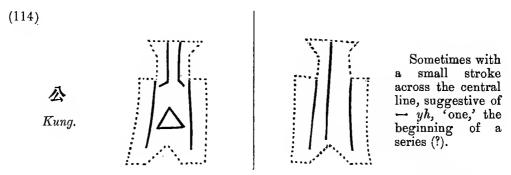
C. Two-legged.



Æ. Size 1.95.

Tch'ui is now Fuh Shan 福山 hien (lat. 37° 33', long. 121° 35') in E. Shantung.

The figure on the reverse indicates probably a series, since the same obverse was issued with the same reverse without it, as (114).



Æ. Same size.

References:—K.H.T. 元 — ff. 16, 17.—H.P.W.T.K., III., ff. 42, 43. The latter reads the (113) obverse: 趙.

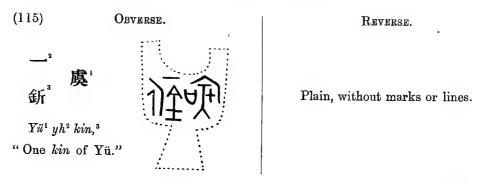
II. WEIGHT-MONEY.

From circà 680 B.c. to 327 B.c.

The Weight-Money was the regular outcome of the laws enacted by the Leader-Prince of the Chinese States, circà B.C. 680 (see p. 4 and Introduction), but we have no historical information about earlier emissions than those represented here. In fact, beyond what is said by the legends of the pieces, i.e. precious facts concerning the weights, and a few names of places, very little is known. Even the latter names do not give a positive and precise clue as to their dates except in case of the destruction of places, as, for instance, P'u-fan 17 and Tsin-yang (133) in 302 B.C. Though previously in existence, the towns they indicate were all included within the states of Wei 魏 and Tchao 詢, which arose in 403 B.C., with that of Han, on the ruins of the former state of Tsin 晉. The similarity of type of the pieces and several minor facts permit us to suppose, with great probability, that those which form our series of Wei were issued circà 375 B.C. As to those of our second series, that of Tchao, we find a hint about their date in a statement of history. Tchang-I 張 儀, who was Prime Minister in Tchao until 327 B.C., was granted by his sovereign Su 肅 (348-325 B.C.) the privilege of issuing Kiü-ma 車 馬 money. Such was one of the appellatives of this class Another one was Pi-tch'eng-ma 幣乘馬, or 'Riding Money,' so called from its likeness of shape to that of a saddle. the oldest was Kia-ts'eh-ma 筴 策 馬, or better Ts'eh-ma 策 碼 'Slip-Weight Money,' whence Weight-Money.

(I.) Series of Wei 魏, circà 375 B.C.

A. ROUND SHOULDERED.

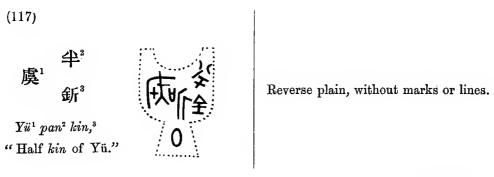


Æ. Size 2.0.

Yü was a small principality which was absorbed by Tsin about 654 B.C. It answered to the modern Ping-luh 平 陸 (lat. 34° 47′, long. 111° 03′), S.-W. Shansi.

(116)

The symbol for 虞 on the left and 釿 on the right. Discrepancies in shape of signs are unimportant in all the issues.



Æ. Size 1.7.

Reference:—K.T.H. 元 I., ff. 1, 2.



Reverse.

No marks nor lines.

Æ, Wt. 312.

The old town of 'An is now 'An-Yh hien (lat. 35° 05', long. 110° 58'), in Shansi. See **5** and **6** above for older money of the same place.



Reverse plain, no marks nor lines.

As preceding.

Æ. Wt. 325.

(Gardner Coll.)

OBVERSE.



二安

Same legend as 7.

9.

REVERSE.

Plain, no marks nor lines.

As 7, above.

Æ. Wt. 381.

(118)

Same legend, but the implement turned handle upwards, as (121).

In the middle 安'An, shaped as on the obverse. Otherwise plain.

Æ. Same size.

(119)

Obverse upwards, same as (118).

Æ. Same size.

(120)

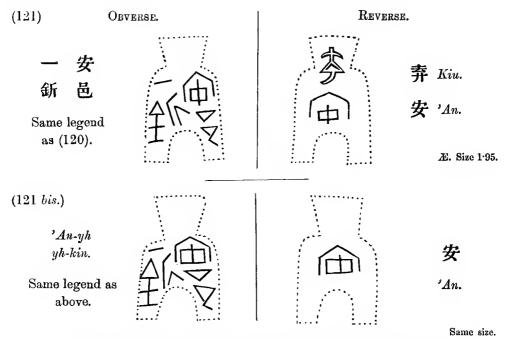
'An-yh yh kin.

"One kin of 'An-Yh."

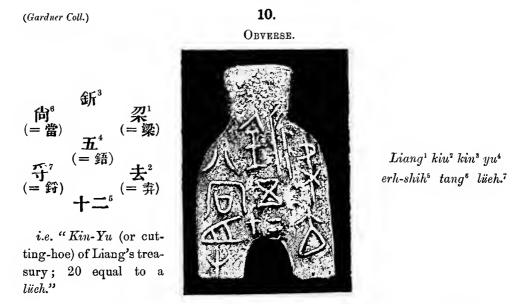


Reverse plain, no marks.

Æ. Size 1.95.



References:—K.T.H. 元, I., ff. 6, 9.—H.P.W.T.K. II., ff. 1.2.



REVERSE: Plain, no marks nor round edges. Æ. Wt. 454.

This legend has remained a stumbling-block for all the Chinese Numismatists. On its decipherment, cf. the variants of (124) and (128), and see Introduction. *Liang*, now Kai-fung 開封 of Kai-fung fu, in E. Honan, became the capital of Wei, in 365 B.C.

(Gardner Coll.)

11.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

新 當 紹 舒 新

Same legend as preceding.



Plain, no marks nor round edges.

Æ. Wt. 365.

(122) Obverse.

Same as preceding.

REVERSE.

Plain. With \(\pm\) incuse in the centre, shaped as on the obverse.

Æ. Size 2.30.

(Gardner Coll.)

12.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

新 當 梁 舒 弄 二十



Plain, no marks nor round edges.

Same legend as 7, with this exception, that the two figures | = are interverted = 1

Æ. Wt. 408.

(123) OBVERSE.

Same as preceding 9 as to the lower symbol on the right. The figures are like those on 10 and 11.

Plain,

Reverse.

今

incuse in the centre.

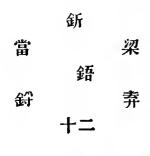
Æ. Size 2.30.

(Gardner Coll.)

13.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.



Same legend as 10.



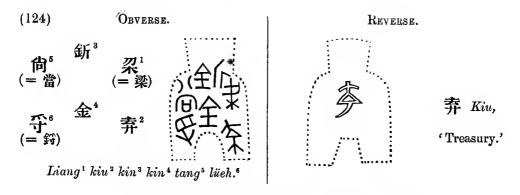
Plain, no marks nor round edges.

(Representative Specimen.) Æ. Wt. 265.

14.

新當 梁 語 梁 舒 弄 十二

Plain, no marks nor round edges.



i.e. "Kin metal of Liang's treasury equal to a lüeh."

Æ. Size 1.95.

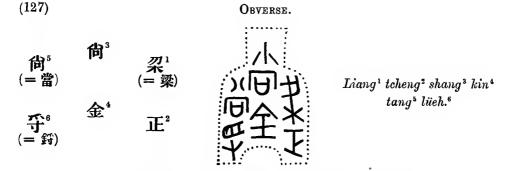
(125)

Other issues, with slight differences on the obverse, have the incuse sign of the reverse written thus:

E. Same size.

(126) OBVERSE: Same. | REVERSE: Plain.

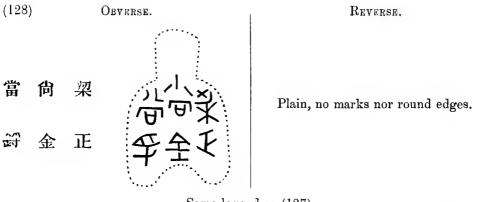
Æ. Same size.



i.e. "Rightly-reckoned kin of Liang, to equal a lüeh."

REVERSE: Plain, no marks nor round edges.

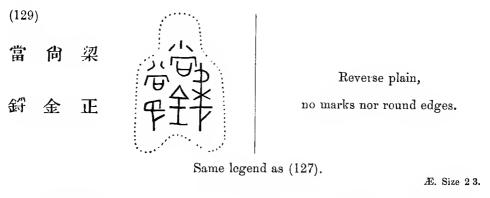
Æ. Size 2·15.



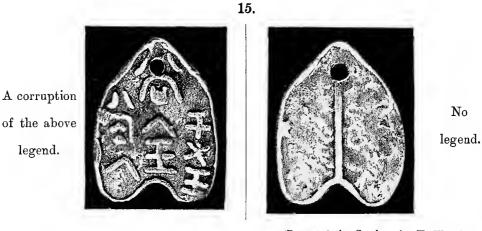
Same legend as (127).

Æ. Size 2.5.

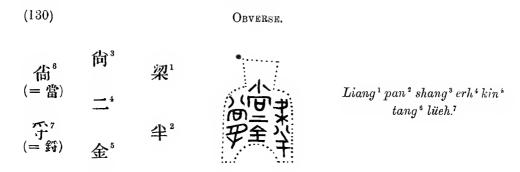
Remark the shape of the first symbol, which is a clue to the reading of the class.



References: -K.T.H. 7 I., ff. 3, 4; IX., f. 1.—H.P.W.T.K. II., ff. 5, 6.



(Representative Specimen.) Æ. Wt. 279.



Æ. Size 1.7.

i.e. "Half of reckoned 2 kin of Liang, to equal a lüeh."

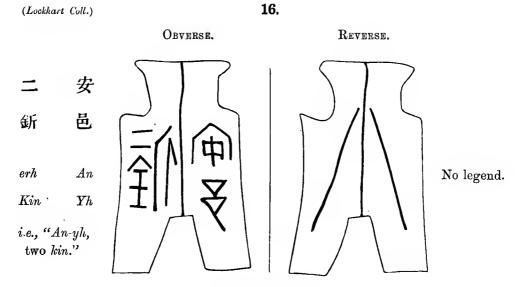
Reverse: Plain, no marks nor round edges.

Reference:—K.T H. 元 I., fol. 4.

II. Weight-Money (continued).

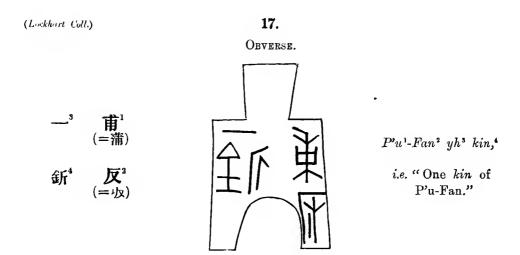
(I.) Series of Wei, circà 375 B.C.

B. SQUARE SHOULDERED.



Vid. No. 7, p. 20.

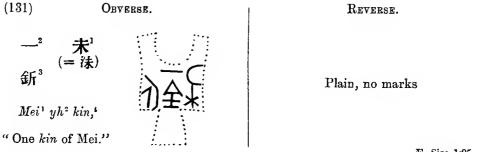
(Representative Specimen.) Æ. Wt. 146.



This town, which was situate at 5 li S.-E. of modern P'u-tchan, in S.-W. Shansi, was destroyed in 303 B.C.

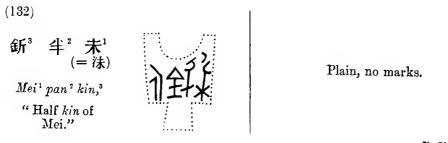
REVERSE: Plain, no marks.

(Representative Specimen.) Æ. Wt. 190.



Æ. Size 1.95.

Mei for Mei-yh 沫邑 (see 317), a place in Wei 魏, answering to modern Ki 洪 (lat. 35° 38', long. 114° 21'), in N. Honan.

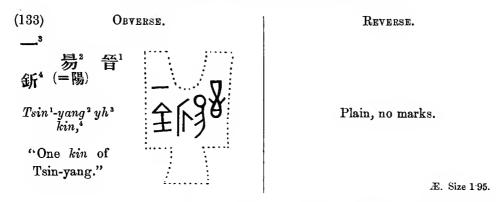


Æ. Size 1.6.

Same place as preceding.

II. WEIGHT-MONEY (continued).

(II.) Series of Tchao 趙, circà 345 B.C.

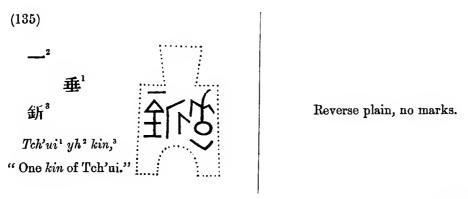


Tsin-yang answered to modern Tai-yuen 太原 (lat. 37° 45′, long. 112° 20′), in Shansi. It was destroyed in 303 B.C., at the same time as P'u-fan, 17.

(134)

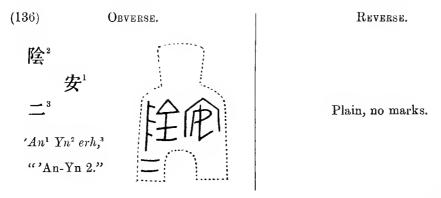
The varieties are unimportant on the obverse. Some bear lines on the reverse, which may be a series.

Reference:—K.T.H. 元 I., f. 13.



Æ. Size 1.95.

Same town as (113) above. The varieties are unimportant.

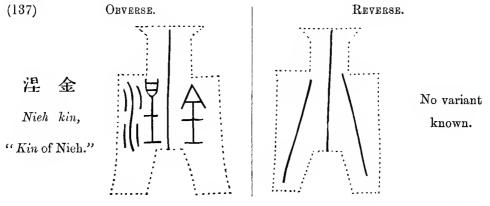


Æ. Size 1.95.

References:—K.T.H. 元 I., f. 11, 12 v.—S.K.T.H. 元 I., f. 3.—T.S.T. XXI., f. , 3 v.—H.P.W.T.K., 111., ff. 7, 38, 41.

II. Weight-Money (continued).

(III.) Other Series.



Æ. Size 28

Nieh She hien, or district of the Nieh clan, was a place in Shansi answering now to Wu-Hiang 武鄉 (lat. 36° 50′, long. 112° 50′). See below (231, 442, 443).

References:-K.T.H., 元 I., ff. 6.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 15.

III. PU-MONEY.

From the sixth to the third century B.C.

The The Pu-Money as represented in the following pages was in circulation for a long period, viz., from the sixth to the third century B.C. inclusive. In common with the Knife-Money, it was superseded only when the round metallic currency of the Ts'in dynasty was issued after 221 B.C. The dates cannot be ascertained otherwise than from the occasional references which appear in history about some of the names of places inscribed on the pieces. For instance, the currencies which respectively bear the names of Wu (138), Yang-Yh (144), Tsin-Yang (476), Ping-Yang 20, (190), &c., cannot but be older than the years 340, 316, 302, 234 B.C., &c., since those towns were thenceforth either destroyed or differently named. While those of Ko-Yh 33, (344), Siang-Yuen 18, (145), &c., must be later than 560, 320 B.C., &c., which are the dates of the building of these towns. It is the same with the important currency of 'An-Yang 29, (340), which received only this name in 257 B.C. On the other hand, it seems that we certainly have an indication of date for the currency of Kwan Tchung 37, (424), (460), capital city of Ts'in, in the historical statement that in 337 B.C. metallic pieces of money were issued for the first time in the state of Ts'in by the King Hwei Wen. An examination of the specimens confirms to a certain extent the fact that this sort of money was current for several centuries. For instance, the piece from Kou (see 35) belongs to the time when the regular pattern with a reverse was not yet generally adopted. So, too, with the specimen from Tun-Liu 25, which has a reverse, but as yet no rim, while that from Ko-Yh, which cannot be older than 560 B.C., has a rim without the usual lines which ornament the reverses of later date.

The inscriptions are generally the work of unskilled hands, and sometimes present insurmountable difficulties in decipherment. They are obviously written in the simplified and current writing of the people, often in defiance of the rules of calligraphy which a governmental mintage would have respected; so far they are very interesting in the history of writing. The shapes of the Pu-Money are distinguished by the squareness, roundness, or sharpness of the lower double parts, or the roundness of the upper sides. These characteristics form a convenient means of classification. They are degenerated from the old patterns of the Spade-Money (see above, p. 4). Their name Pu T, which means spread out, was used in olden times for this money in the Ts'i State, i.e. W. Shantung, a region already pointed out as conspicuous in the infancy of Chinese currency.

The weights of these pieces are rather irregular; but their sizes indicate a regular scale of 1.650, 1.815, 1.980.

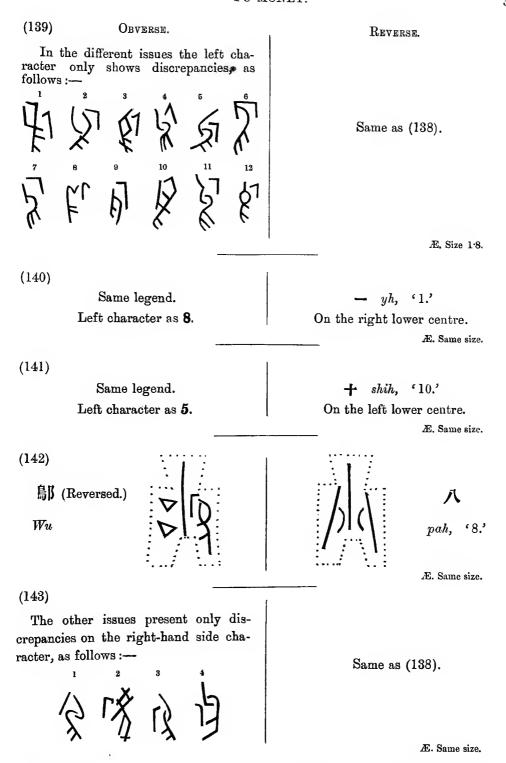
Historically the geography of the Pu-Money is full of significance. Confined as it is to the region corresponding to the modern provinces of Shansi, E. Shensi, N. Honan, E. and S. Tchihli, N. Kiangsu, and Shantung, the collection described in the following pages confirms the still small area at that time of the Chinese agglomeration. The pieces which bear several names (see below, 38, 442-453, 478, 479) are interesting from another aspect. They disclose a system of monetary relations between several towns at some distance from one another, which is most suggestive of associations in trade. The names of some fourteen places, probably as many marts, appear on the legends. Their relative positions in Shantung, Shansi and Honan indicate old traderoutes, about which more is said in the Introduction.

(I.) Square footed. A. Square shouldered. a. Single names.

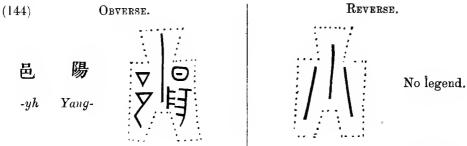


Æ. Size 1.8

Wu, near 介 休 Kiai-hiu hien (lat. 37° 05′, long. 111° 51′), E. Shansi. This currency is anterior to 340 B.C., from which year the name of Wu was changed into that of Shang 高.



References:—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 31.—K.T.H. 元三, ff. 6, 7.—S.T.H. 元一, f. 1 v.— S.T.H. Po-Y 1, f. 9.-K.K.S.K.L., k. I., f. 20.

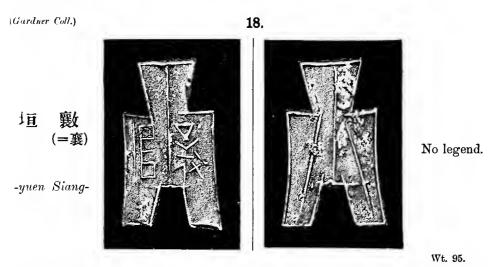


Æ. Size 1.66.

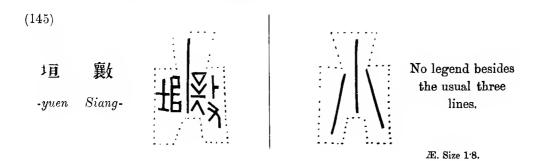
Yang-yih 陽邑 was a city in Wei 魏, which kept its name until 316 B.C., when it was changed into that of Ho-yung 河雍; modern Tai-ku 太谷 in Tai-Yuen fu (lat. 37° 25′, long. 112° 33′), in Shansi.

Several specimens present only small differences.

References:—K.T.H. 元二, f. 12.—S.T.H. Po-y 上, f. 7; 元 I., f. 9.

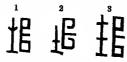


Siang-yuen was built about 320 в.с. It is still the name of a district north of Lu-'an fu 浴 安 (lat. 36° 27', long. 113° 06'), in Shansi.

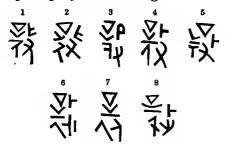


*(146) OBVERSE. The varieties of the l

The varieties of the left-hand side character are not numerous, the principal being as follows:—



Those of the right-hand side character are principally the following:—



REVERSE.

Same as (145).

No legend.

Æ. Size 1.8.

(147)

Same legend as (145).
Unimportant variety.



→ yh, '1.

Æ. Same size.

(148)

Same legend as (145)

Unimportant variety.



= erh, '2.

Æ. Same size.

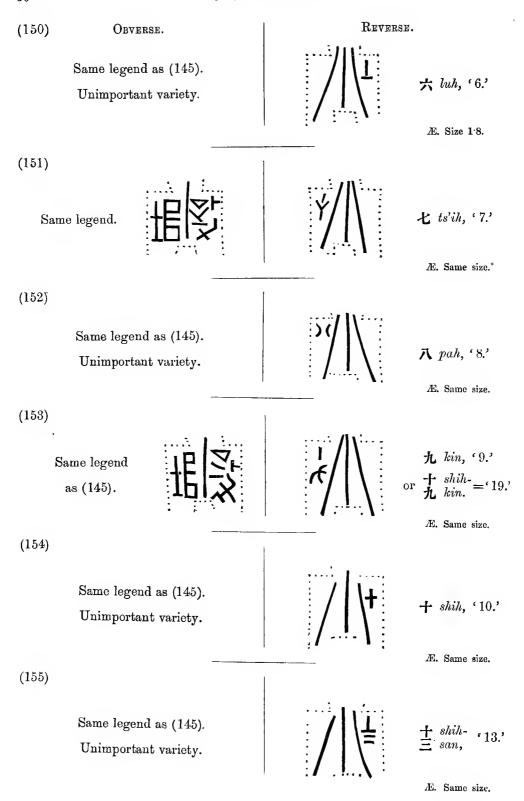
(149)

Same legend as (145).

Unimportant variety.



≡ san, '3.



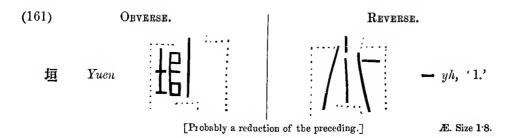
PU-MONEY. (156)OBVERSE. REVERSE. Same legend as (145). • Unimportant variety. Æ. Size 1.8. (157)Same legend ? ? as (145). Æ. Same size. (158)Same legend as (145). Æ. Same size. (159)Same legend Same as (145). as (145). No legend. Æ. Same size.

(160)

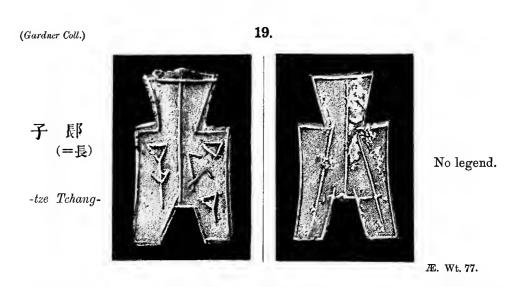
Same legend as (145).



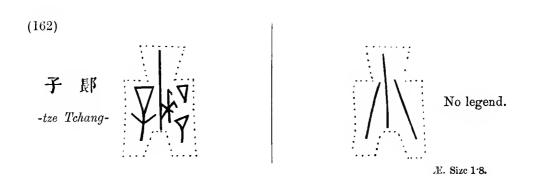




References:—K.K.S.K.L., k. I., f. 12.—K.T.K., 元 IV., ff. 11, 12.—S.T.H., 元 I., f. 16. T.S.T., k. XXI., f. 28.—H.P.W.T.K., k. III., f. 24.—S.T.H., Po-Y, 下, ff. 1, 2.

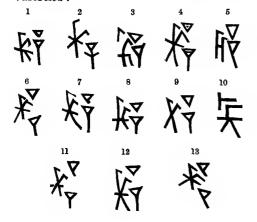


Tchang-tze, in the state of Tchao, is now a district of Lu'-an 浴路 安 fu (lat. 36° 05′, long. 112° 50′), in Shansi.



(163) OBVERSE.

On the different issues the left-hand side character is nearly alike, but the right-hand one presents the following varieties:—



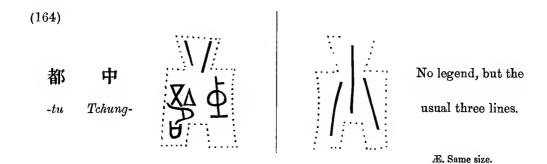
REVERSE.

Same as (162).

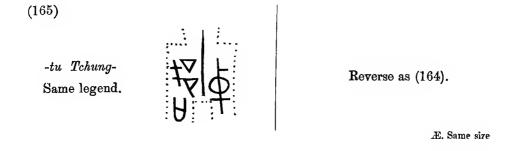
No legend.

Æ. Size 1.8.

References:—K.T.H., 元 IV., f. 4.—T.S.T. XXI., f. 27.—K.K.S.K.L. I., ff. 14, 15.—S.T.H., 元 I., f. 14.—S.T.H., Po-y 上, f. 14.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 19.

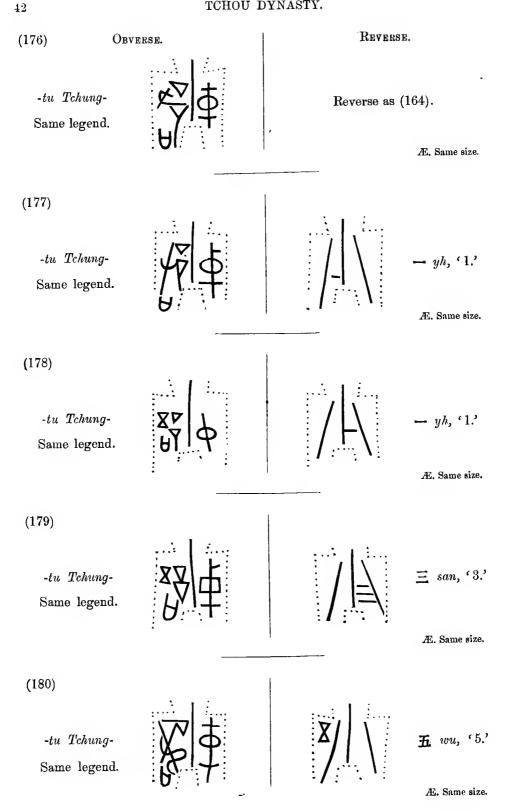


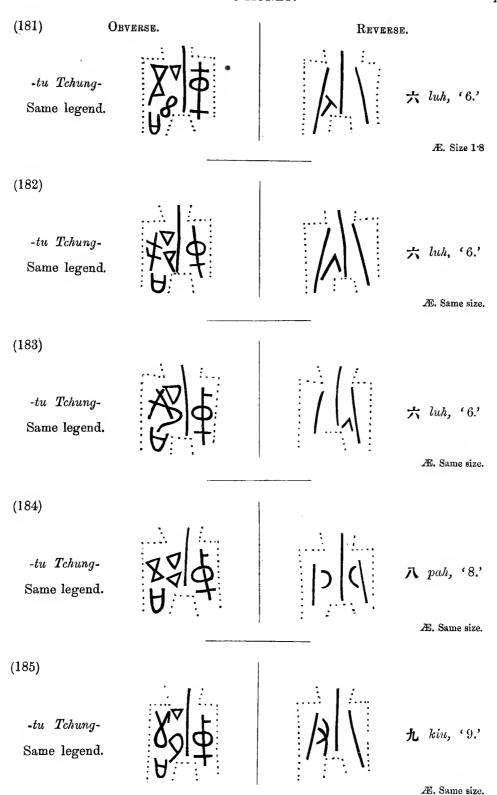
Tchung-tu, which was a place in Lu 魯, is now a district north-west of modern P'ing-yao hien 平 遙, C. Shansi.



(166) O	BVERSE.	Reverse.
-tu Tchung- Same legend.	数色	Reverse as (164). Æ. Size 1·8.
(167)		
-tu Tchung- Same legend.	4	Reverse as (164).
		Æ. Same size.
(168)	3.17	
-tu Tchung- Same legend.	\$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	Reverse as (164). Æ. Same size.
(169)		
-tu Tchung- Same legend.	A P	Reverse as (164) .
		Æ. Same size.
(170)		
-tu Tchung- Same legend.	# P	Reverse as (164).
		T 6 .

(171)OBVERSE. REVERSE. -tu Tchung-Reverse as (164). Same legend. Æ. Same size. (172)-tu Tchung-Reverse as (164). Same legend. Æ. Same size. (173)-tu Tchung-Reverse as (164). Same legend. Æ. Same size. (174)-tu Tchung-Reverse as (164). Same legend. Æ. Same size. (175)-tu Tchung-Reverse as (164). Same legend. Æ. Same size.

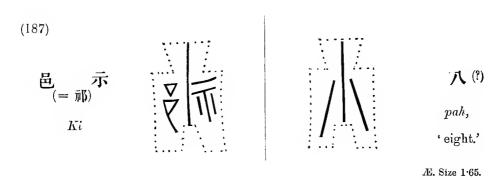






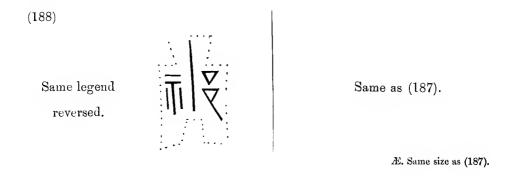
Æ. Size 1.8

References:—K.T.H. 元 IV., ff. 1, 2.—S.T.H. 元 I, ff. 13, 14.—S.T.H. Po-y 上, ff. 12, 13.—H.P.W.T.K. III., ff. 31, 32.—K.K.S.K.L. I., f. 13.—T.S.T. XXI., ff. 16, 17.



Ki is still a hien in T'ai-yuen fu 太原 (lat. 37° 23', long. 112° 18'), in Shansi.

The varieties of the different issues are unimportant. No series are known to have been issued.



(189) Obverse. Same legend.

Unimportant variety.

REVERSE.

= erh, '2."

Placed on the right lower centre.

Æ. Size 1.69.

References:—K.T.H 元三, ff. 8, 9.—H.P.W.T.K. k. III., f. 33, v. 34.

20.





No legend.

Æ. Wt. 89.

P'ing-yang was made the capital of Han 韓 in 419 s.c. It subsequently belonged to the state of T'chao 趙, and was conquered in 234 s.c. by the Prince of Ts'in 秦, who called it Ho-tung. It is now P'ing-yang (lat. 36° 06′, long. 111° 33′), in Shansi.

21.

(Gardner Coll.)

-yang Ping-



No legend.

Variant of the legend on 20.

Æ. Wt. 69.

(Gardner Coll.)

22.

REVERSE.

-yang Ping-



Variant of the legend on 20.

OBVERSE.

Same as 20.

No legend.

Æ. Wt. 81.

(Gardner Coll.)



-yang Ping-



Variant of the legend on 20.

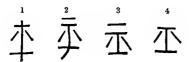
Same as 20.

No legend.

Æ. Wt. 100.

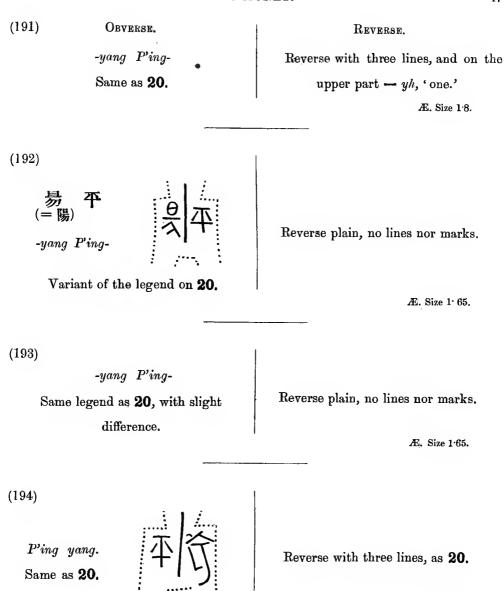
(190)

The variants of legend are very numerous, though always recognizable except in the following divergencies of the right-hand side symbol, $Ping \not\equiv :-$

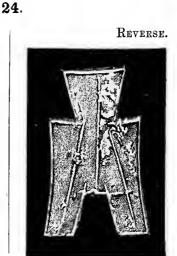


The reverses without change, and the size about the same.

Æ. Size 1.8.



References:—K.T.H. 元 II., ff. 1-4.—T.S.T. XXI., ff. 11, 12.—S.T.H. 元 I., ff. 7, 8; Pu-y, 上, ff. 1-3.—S.T.S.T. I., f. 9.—H.P.W.T.K. III., ff. 22, 23.



No legend.

Æ. Wt. 93.

P'u tze, now Sieh 隰 (lat. 36° 40′, long. 110° 56′), in West Shansi. It was conquered from Wei 魏 by the Prince of Ts'in in 237 B.C.

The differences in the varieties are very slight.

References:—K.T.H., 元 IV. f. 4.—T.S.T. XXI., f. 27.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 17.

都高 -tu. Kao- よりら

Æ. Size 1.75

Kao-tu, or "high town," in the state of Wei 魏, was conquered by Tchao Wang of Ts'in in 303 B.C. It was N.E. of the modern Fêng-tai (lat. 35°30′, long. 112°50′), in South Shansi.

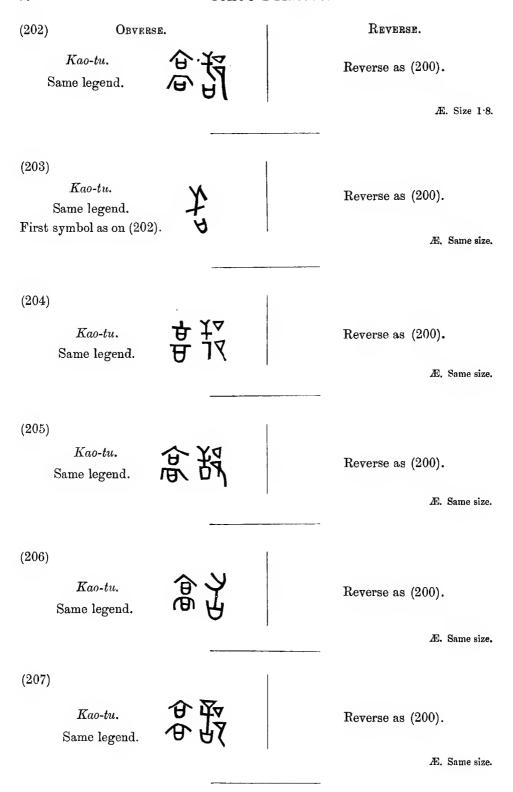
(196)

- $tu \ Kao$ Same legend.

Same reverse as (195).

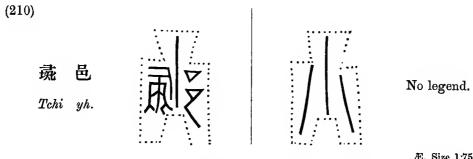
No legend.

(197)OBVERSE. REVERSE. Same reverse as (195). -tu Kao-No legend. Same legend. Æ. Size 1.8. (198)Same reverse as (195). -tu Kao-No legend. Same legend. Æ. Same size. (199)-tu Kao-Same reverse as (195). No legend. Same legend. Æ. Same size. (200)No legend. Kao-tu. Same legend inverted. Æ. Same size. (201)Reverse as (200). Kao-tu. Same legend.



(208)OBVERSE. REVERSE. Reverse as (200). Same legend. Æ. Size 1.8. (209)Reverse as (200). Same legend. Æ. Same size.

References:—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 25.—K.K.S.K.L. I., f. 13.—K.T.H. 元 IV., ff. 3, 4.—S.T.H. Pu-y 上 f. 13; 元 I., f. 14.

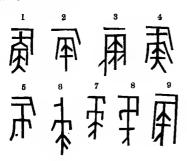


Æ. Size 1.75.

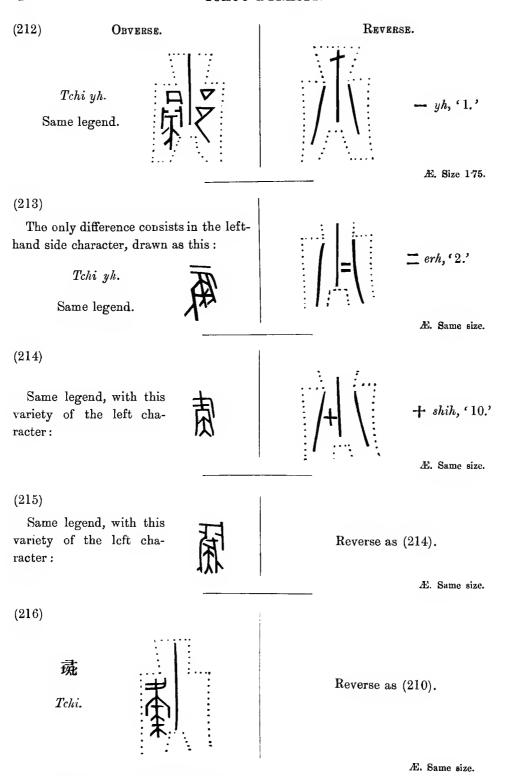
彘邑 Tchi yh; modern Fun-Si 汾西 hien in P'ing-yang fu (lat. 36° 40', long. 111° 32'), in Shansi.

(211)

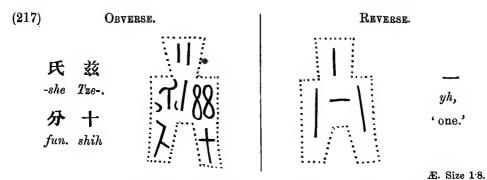
The varieties are extensive as far as the left-hand side character is concerned; the right one is nearly alike in all the issues. Here are the principal varieties of the former:-



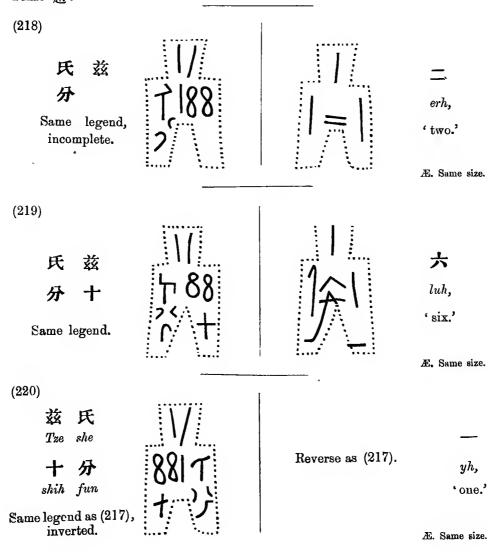
All the reverses are as above.

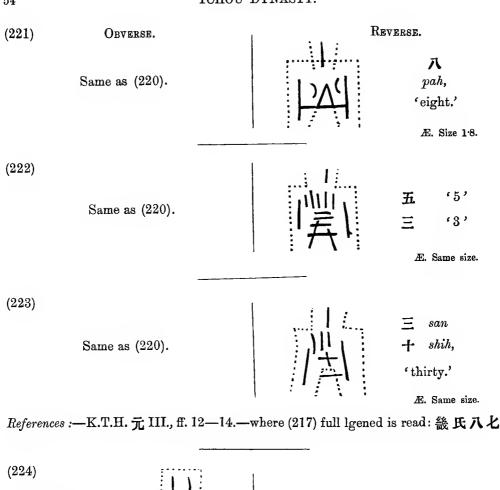


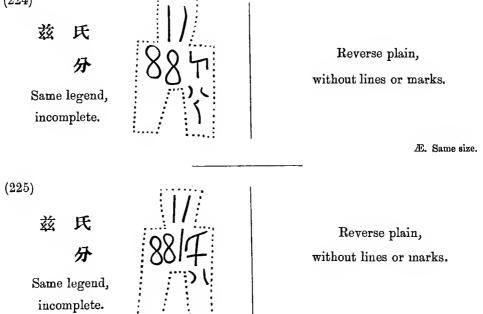
References:—K.T.H. 元 三 ff. 5, 6.—S.T.H. Po-y 上, f. 9; 元 一, f. 11.

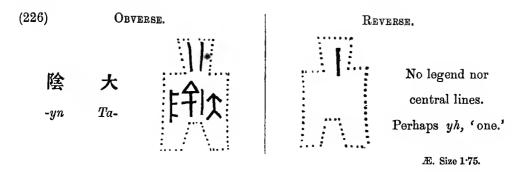


i.e. 'Ten fun of Tze she,' otherwise Tze clan. Tze-she hien was the name of a district in Tai-yuen Kiun under the Han dynasty (centre of modern Shansi). It belonged formerly to the state of Tsin 晉, and during the civil wars to that of Tchao 趙.

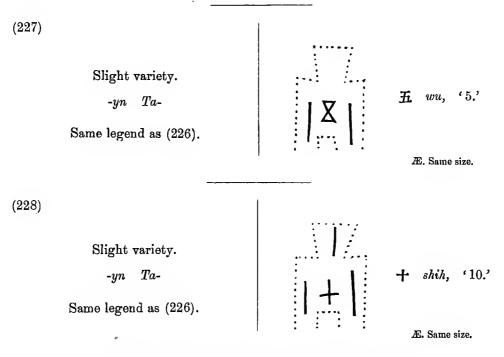




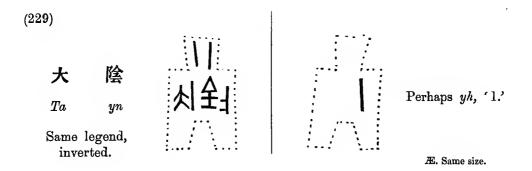


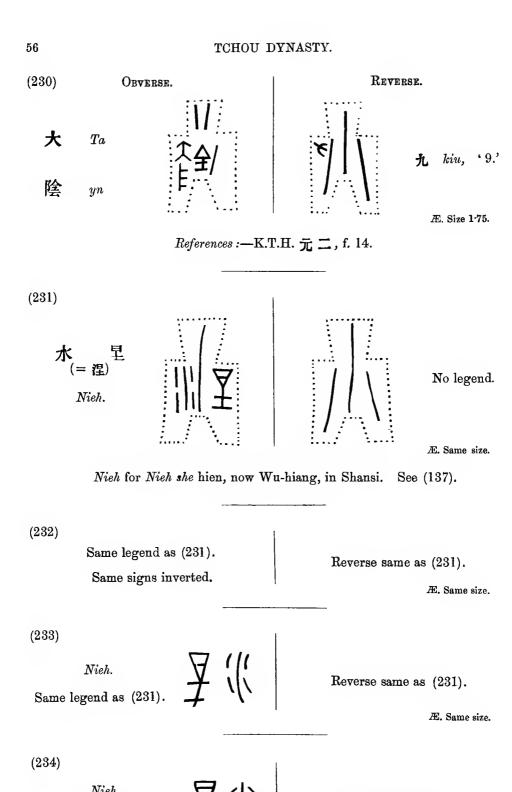


Ta-yn 大陰, the same (?) as Yn 陰 in Tsin 晉 territory, mentioned by the Tso-Tchuen in 490 B.C., in Shansi. See below (455).



The figures show that issues were made from 1 to 10.





Same legend as (231).

Reverse same as (231).

(235) OBVERSE.

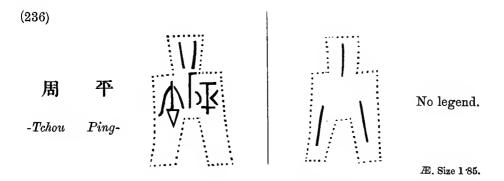
Other varieties in different issues belong to the three preceding types

REVERSE.

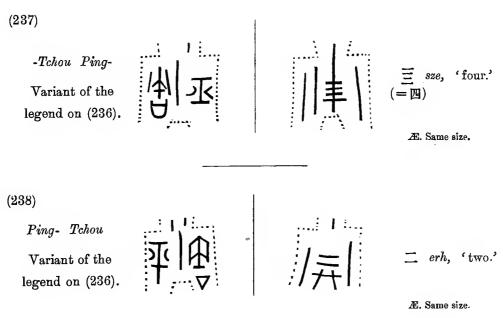
Reverse same as (231).

Æ. Size 1.75

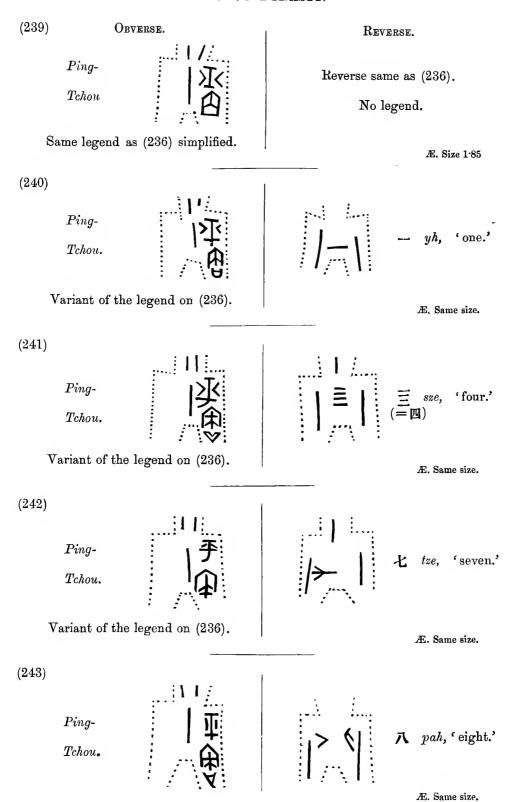
References:—K.T.H. 元 IV. ff. 16, 17.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 15 v.— S.T.H. 元 I., f. 16 v.

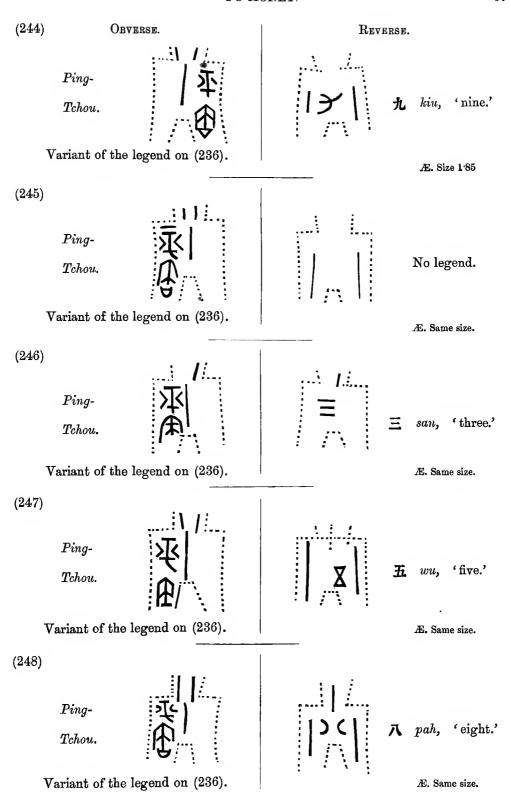


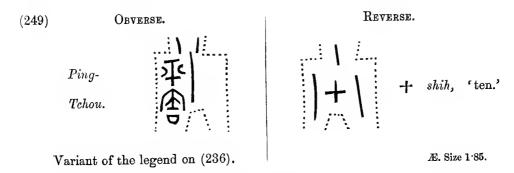
Ping-Tchou was conquered on the state of Wei 魏 by that of Ts'in, in 320 B.C. It was situate in the district of Kiai-hiu 介 休 in Fun-tchou fu (lat. 37° 05′, long. 111° 51′), in W. Shansi.



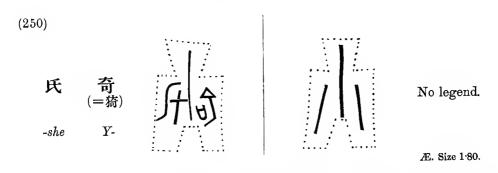
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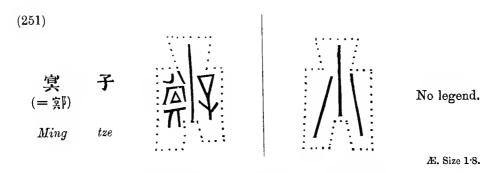


References:—K.T.H. 元 III., ff. 17-19.



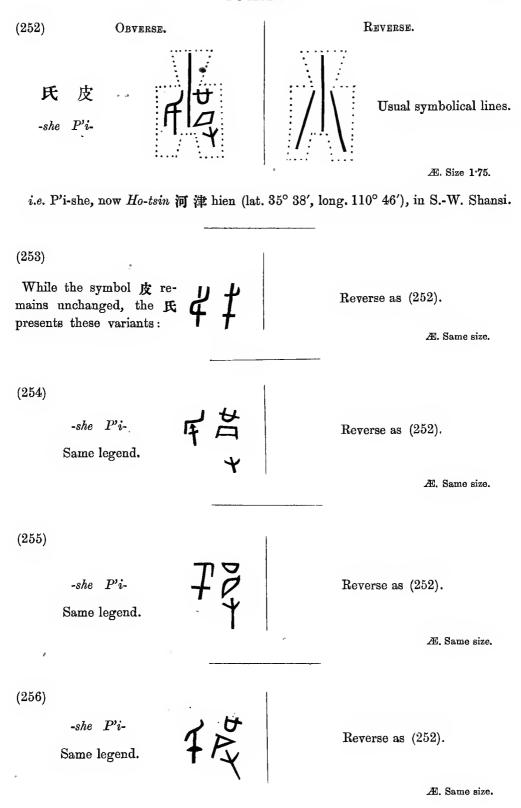
Y-she 猗氏. Same modern name in P'u-tchou fu (lat. 35° 11′, long. 110° 43′), in Shansi.

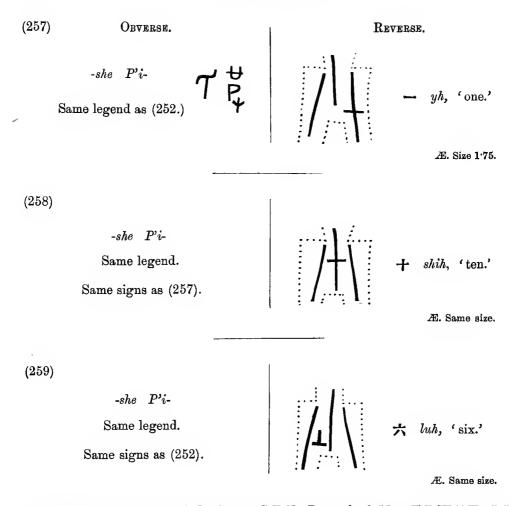
Reference:—K.T.H. 7 III., f. 17.



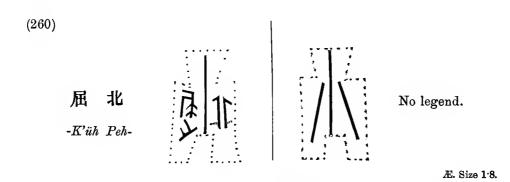
Ming 冥 was near An-yh hien, in S.-W. Shansi.

Reference:—K.T.H. 元四, f. 5.





References:—K.T.H., 元 III., f. 16.—S.T.H., Po-y, 上, f. 11.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 22.—T.S.T. XXI., f. 29.—K.K.S.K.L., I., f. 19.



Peh-K'üh, modern 吉 Kih-tchou and 大 寧 Taning hien (lat. 36° 06' and 36° 30', long. 110° 35' and 110° 43'), in S.-W. Shansi.

(261) OBVERSE.

On the different issues the right-hand character is almost alike, with the exception of the two small horizontal side strokes, which are seldom visible. The left-hand character presents many variants; the main differences are as follows:



REVERSE.

No legend.

Reverses as (260).

Æ. Size 1 8.

(262)

Same legend, inverted; the right-hand side character as this:



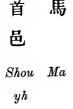
No legend.

Reverse as (260).

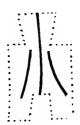
Æ. Same size.

References:—K.K.S.K.L. I., f. 14.—K.T.H. 元 — f. 15.—S.T.H., Po-y 上, f. 15.—S.T.H. 元 四 f. 5.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 18.









No legend, but the usual three lines.

Æ. Size 1.75.

Ma Shou yh, or "City of the Horse's head;" modern 壽陽 Shou-Yang (lat. 37° 55', long. 113° 10'), in P'ing-ting tchou, E. Shansi.

(264)

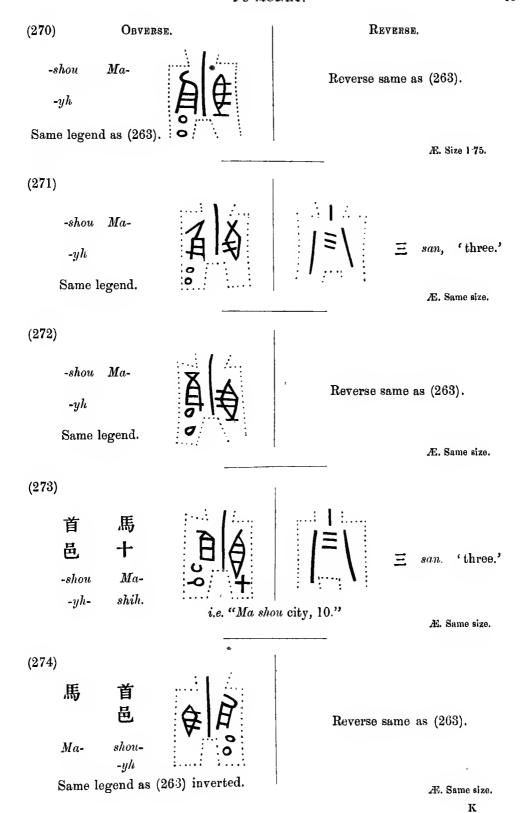
-Shou Mayh

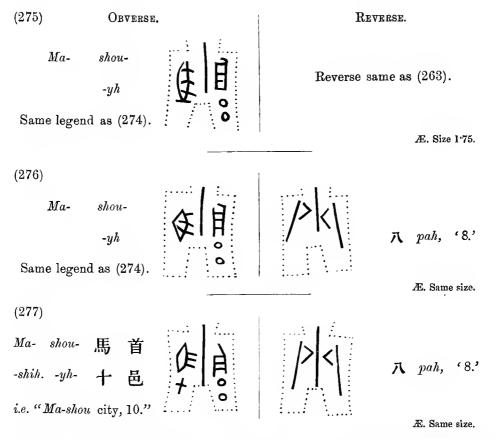
Same legend.



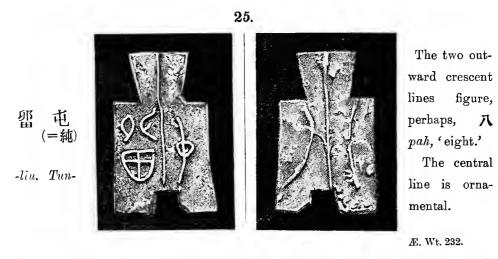
Reverse as (263).

(265) OBVERS	E.	REVERSE.
-Shou Ma- yh	Z F	Reverse as (263).
Same legend as (263).	7	Æ. Size 175.
(266)		
-Shou $Ma-yh$ Same legend.	X E B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B	Reverse as (263).
(0.4 P)		E. Same size.
(267)	3.17	
-Shou Ma- yh	日公	Reverse as (263).
Same legend.	0	Æ. Same size
(268)		
-Shou Ma- yh	為令	Reverse as (263).
Same legend.	. 0 / 1 1	Æ. Same size.
(269)		
-Shou Ma- yh	自食	Reverse as (263).
Same legend.		Æ. Same size.





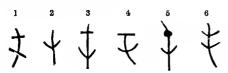
References:—K.T.H. 元 IV., ff. 8, 9.—S.T.H. Po-y 上, f. 15.—H.P.W.T.K. k. III., f. 24.—K.K.S.K.L. k. I., f. 16.



It is still the name of a hien, written 屯 智, in Lu-'an fu (lat. 36° 15', long. 112° 46'), in S.-E. Shansi.

(278) OBVERSE.

The varieties exhibit six variants of the right-hand symbol:—

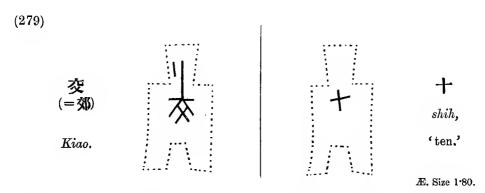


REVERSE.

The two lines sideways are slanting outwards, instead of being curved.

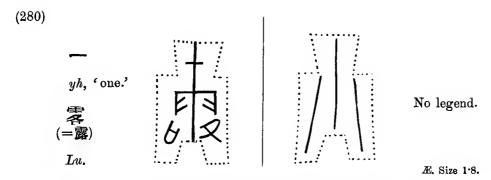
Æ. Same size.

Reference:—K.T.H. 元 IV., ff. 7, 8.

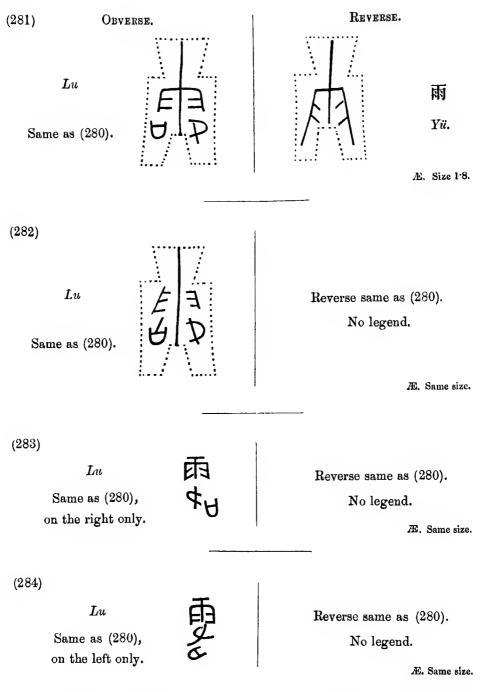


Kiao was a place on the borders of Tsin 晉 and Tchou 周, of which the exact localization has not been ascertained.

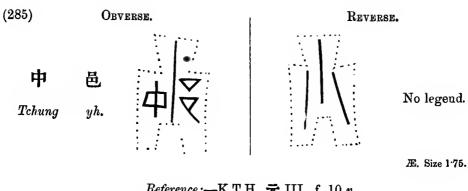
Reference:—S.T.H. 元 I., f. 17.



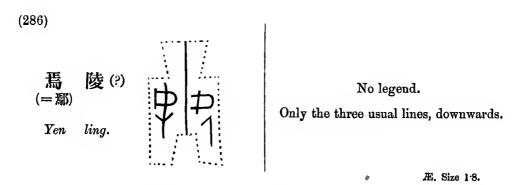
露=浴 Lu; once an independent small principality near the state of Wei 衞, now Lu-'an (lat. 36° 07', long. 113° 13'), in S.-E. Shansi.



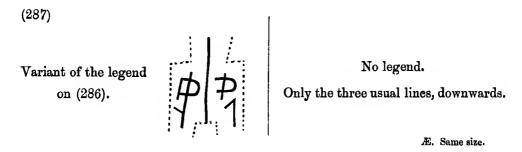
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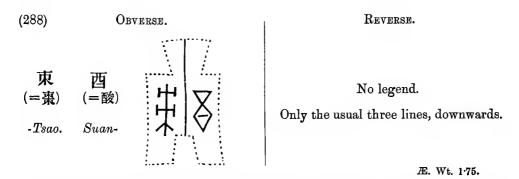
Reference:—K.T.H., 元 III., f. 10 v.



Previously Tching-yh 鄭邑, and still Yen-ling, in K'ai fung fu (lat. 34° 10', long. 114° 21'), in Honan. Not the same as (289).

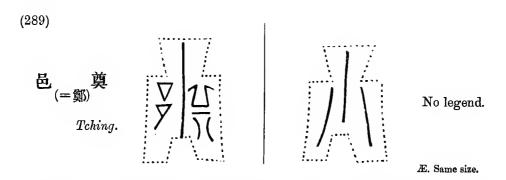


References:—K.T.H., 元 IV., f. 13.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 32.



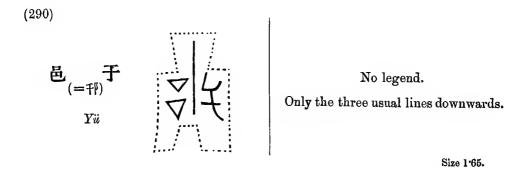
Suan-Tsao, a place in Wei 魏, conquered by Ts'in in 242 B.C. Now Yen-tsin 延津, a district in Wei-hui fu (lat. 35° 10′, long. 114° 20′), in N. Honan.

Reference: --H.W.P.T.K., III., f. 34.



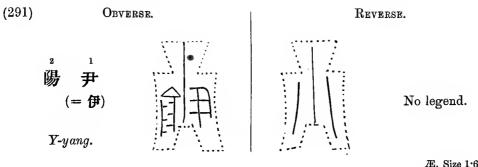
Tching, or Sin Tching, still a district in K'ai fung fu (lat. 34° 26', long. 113° 56'), in Honan.

Reference:—K.T.H. III., f. 9.



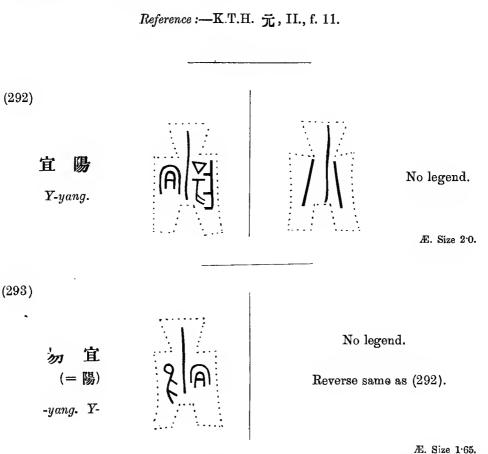
Yü, previously a small independent principality, was a town of Tching (in Honan), during the Civil Wars period.

Reference:——K.T.H. 7 III., f. 2.



Æ. Size 1.65.

i.e. North of the Y if river; answers to modern Y-yang hien (lat. 32° 12', long. 112° 30'), in Ju tchou, in C. Honan.



Y-yang 宜陽, answering to Y-yang hien (lat. 34° 31', long. 112° 10'), in Honan fu. Reference:—K.T.H. 元二, f. 11.—S.T.H. 補遺上, f. 7.

26.

OBVERSE.

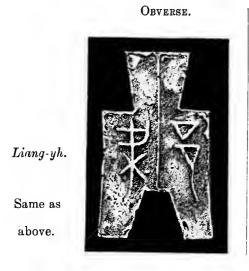


No legend.

Æ. Wt. 91.

i.e. 'Liang city:' see above, p. 22, No. 10. It was the capital of Wei 魏 after 365 B.C.

27.

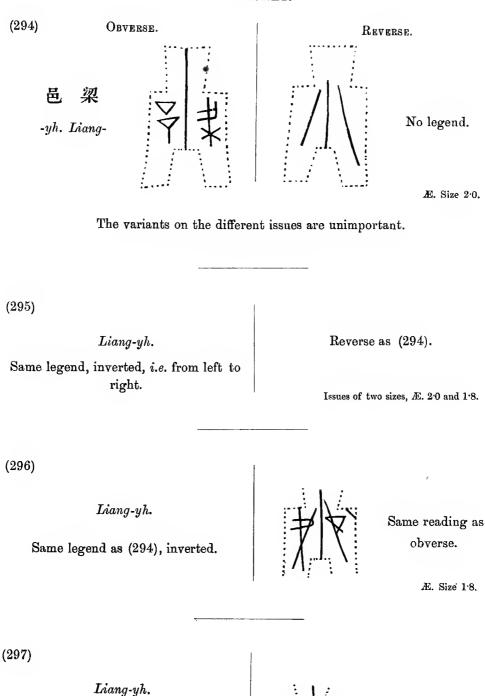


REVERSE.



 N_0 legend.

(Representative specimen.) Æ. W., 152.

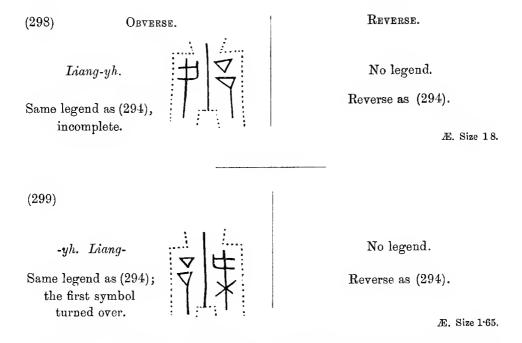


Same legend as (294), inverted.

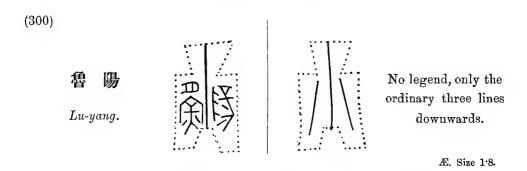
Æ. Same size.

Same reading as

obverse.



References:—K.T.H. 元, III., ff. 2, 3.—T.S.T., XXI., f. 25—H.P.W.T.K., III., ff. 34, 35.



Lu-yang, in the Han 韓 state, was conquered by that of Wei 魏 in 381 B.C. Now Lu-shan 魯山 (lat. 33° 50′, long. 112° 51′), in N. Honan. See below (458).

The varieties are numerous.



PU-MONEY. (302)OBVERSE. REVERSE. Lu-yang. Reverse as (300). Variant of same legend. Æ. Size 1.8. (303)Lu-yang. Reverse as (300). Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size. (504)Reverse as (300). Lu-yang. Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size. (305)Reverse as (300). Lu-yang. Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size. (306)Lu-yang. Reverse as (300). Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size.

(307)

Lu-yang.
Variant of same legend.



Reverse as (300).

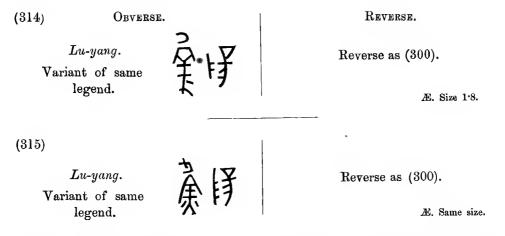
76 TCHOU DYNASTY. (308)OBVERSE. REVERSE. Lu-Reverse as (300). Same legend, but the sign 陽 is wanting. Æ. Size 1.8. (309)Lu-yang. Reverse as (300). Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size, (310)Lu-yang. Reverse as (300). Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size. (311)Lu-yang. Reverse as (300). Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size. (312)Lu-yang. Reverse as (300). Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size.

(313)

Lu-yang. Variant of same legend.



Reverse as (300).

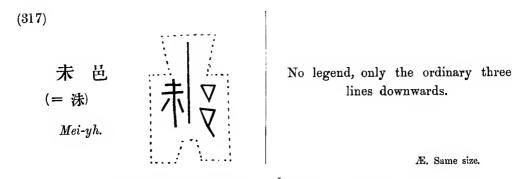


References:—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 29.—T.S.T., XXI., f. 15.—K.T.H. 元, II., f. 10.—S.T.H., 元, I., f. 9.—S.T.S.T. I., f. 22.—K.K.S.K.L., I., f. 15.—S.T.H., Pu-y, 上 f. 5.



Jang-yn, i.e. 'North of Jang.' Jang during the Civil Wars period was a place in the Tching 鄭 territory (Honan).

References:—K.T.H., 元二, f. 14.



Now Ki 洪 hien (lat. 35° 38', long. 114° 21'), in Wei-hui fu, Honan.

Reference:—K.T.H. 元, III., f. 4 v.

(Gardner Coll.)

28.

OBVERSE.



REVERSE.

No legend, only the ordinary three lines downwards.

Æ. Wt. 96.

Tcheh-yang was situate east of K'ai fung fu, in Honan.

(318)

宅 陽

Tcheh-yang.

Same as above, reversed.

开

月子

陽 宅

-yang Tcheh-

Æ. Size 1.65.

(319)

Principal varieties of the left-hand character:

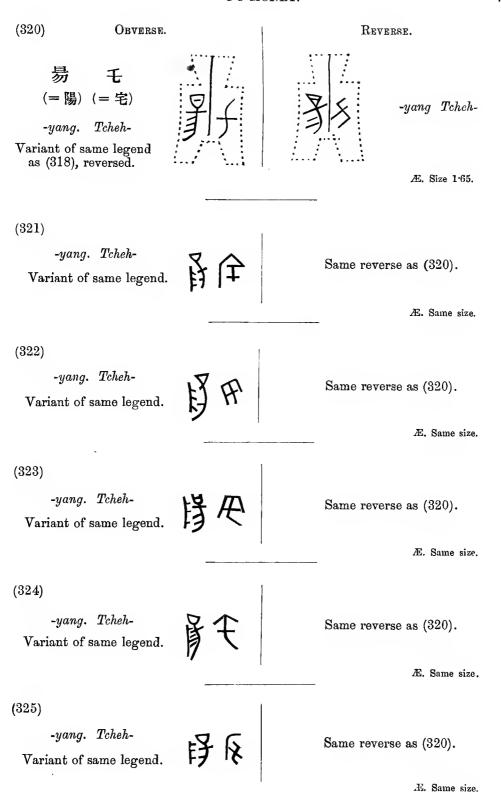
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Principal varieties of the right-hand character:

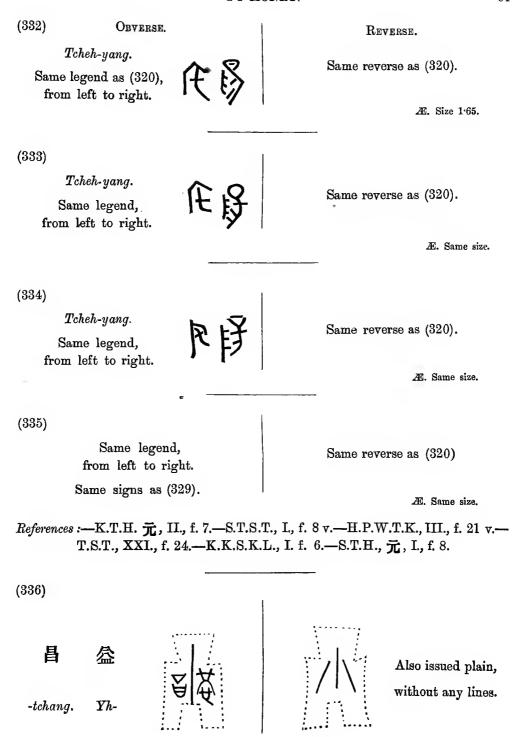
程

Reverse lined as (300).

AL. Same size.

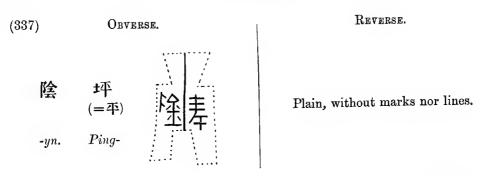


REVERSE. (326)OBVERSE. -yang. Tcheh-Same reverse as (320). Variant of same legend as (320). Æ. Size 1 65. (327)-yang. Tcheh-Same reverse as (320). Variant of same legend. Æ Same size. (328)-yang. Tcheh-Same reverse as (320). Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size. (329)-yang. Tcheh-Same reverse as (320). Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size. (330)-yang. Tcheh-Same reverse as (320). Variant of same legend. Æ. Same size. (331)Tcheh-yang. Same reverse as (320). Same legend (as 320), from left to right.



Æ. Size 1.5.

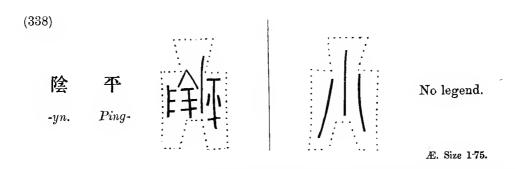
Now Yung-tsing 永 満 hien (lat. 39° 20′, long. 115° 35′), in Tchihli.



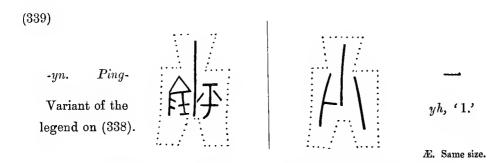
Æ. Size 1.5.

Afterwards Ho-yn 河陰 (lat. 34° 58′, long. 113° 42′), in Honan. Same as (338).

References:—K.T.H., 元 I., ff. 18, 19.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 33.—S.T.H., 元 I., f. 9.



Ping-yn 平陰 was the name of a town near the modern Mung-tsin (lat. 34° 52′, long. 112° 38′), in Ho-nan fu.



No other serial numbers are known. The discrepancies in the various issues are unimportant.

References:-K.T.H., 元 II., f. 12 v.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 23.

(Lockhart Coll.)

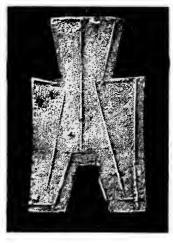
29.

OBVERSE.



陽 安 -yang. 'An-

REVERSE.



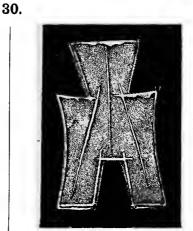
No legend.

Æ. Wt. 159.

'An-yang was so called in 257 s.c., when conquered from the state of Wei 魏 by Tchao Siang Wang of Ts'in 秦. It is so called in Tchang-teh 彰 德 fu, (lat. 36° 07', long. 114° 30'), in Honan. The present currency was issued on a triple scale, the largest of which (size 1.98) is represented by the above type.

陽 安
-yang.'An-

Variant of the legend on 29.



No legend.

Æ. Wt. 80.

This specimen represents the second scale of the currency (size 1.8).

31.

(Gardner Coll.)

Obverse.

Reverse.

陽 安

-yang. 'An-



Variant of the legend on 29.

Same reverse as 30.

No legend.

Æ. Wt. 76.

(Gardner Coll.)

T

32.

陽 安

-yang. 'An-



Variant of the legend on 29.

Same reverse as 30.

No legend.

Æ. Wt. 177.

(340)

There are many issues exhibiting variants of the same legend. The greatest discrepancies are the following:





Reverses generally same as 30, and without legend.

Sometimes plain, and without lines.

(341) Obverse.

Same legend as 29.

Unimportant variants.

REVERSE.

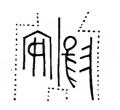
Reverse same as **30**, or without lines, and plain.

Æ. Size 1.65.

(342)

'An- yang.
Same legend as 29

turned over.



Reverse, with the usual three lines, as 30.

Æ. Size 2.0.

(343)

-yang. 'An-Variant of the legend on 29.



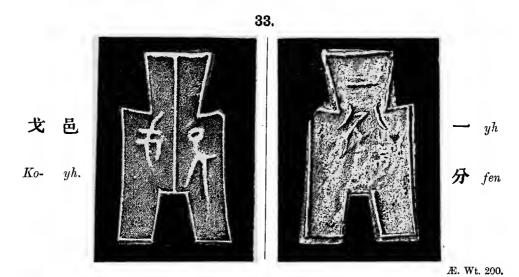


-yang. 'An-

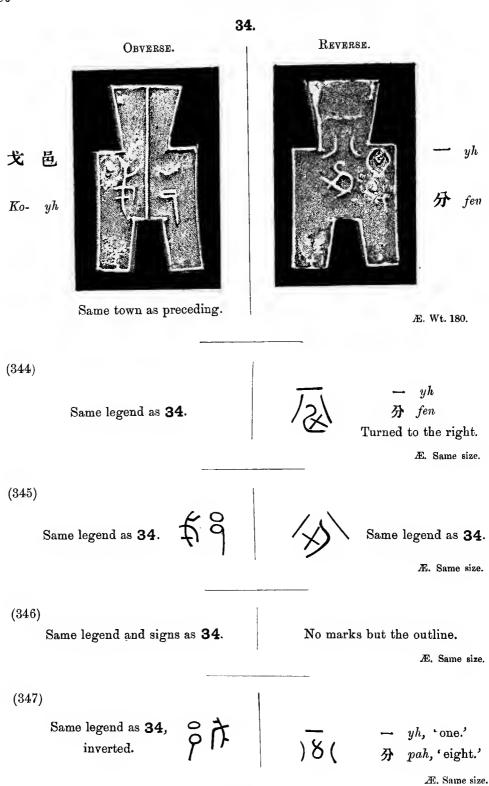
The legend of the obverse, with the usual three lines of the reverse

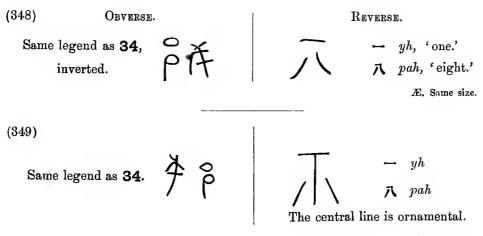
Æ. Same size.

References:—K.T.H., 元 II., ff. 4, 5, 6.—T.S.T., XXI., ff. 13, 14.—H.P.W.T.K., III. ff. 36, 37.—S.T.H., 元 I., f. 8; Pu-y 上, ff. 4, 5.—S.T.S.T., I., f. 10.

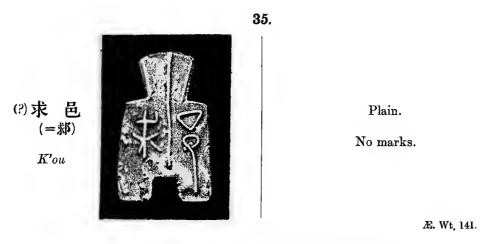


Perhaps to be read \$\mathbb{K}\$. Formerly a place founded in B.C. 560, in N. Honan.

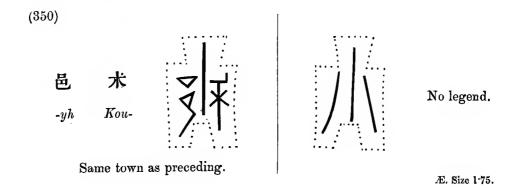


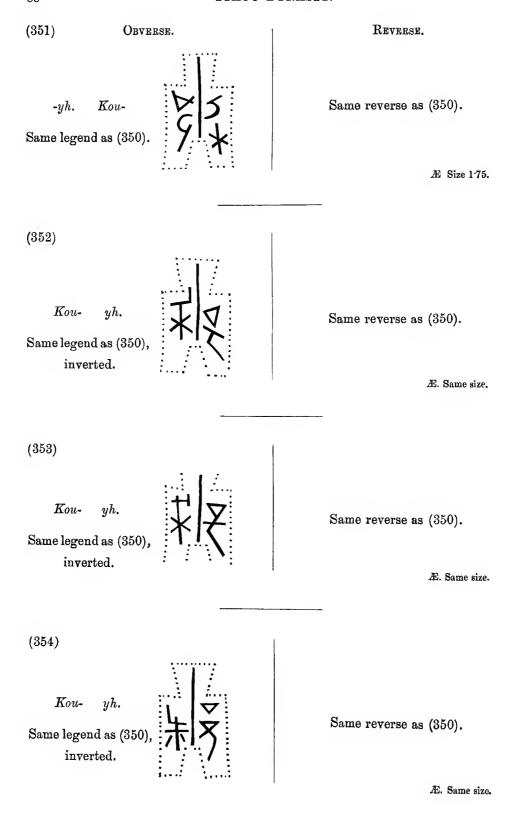


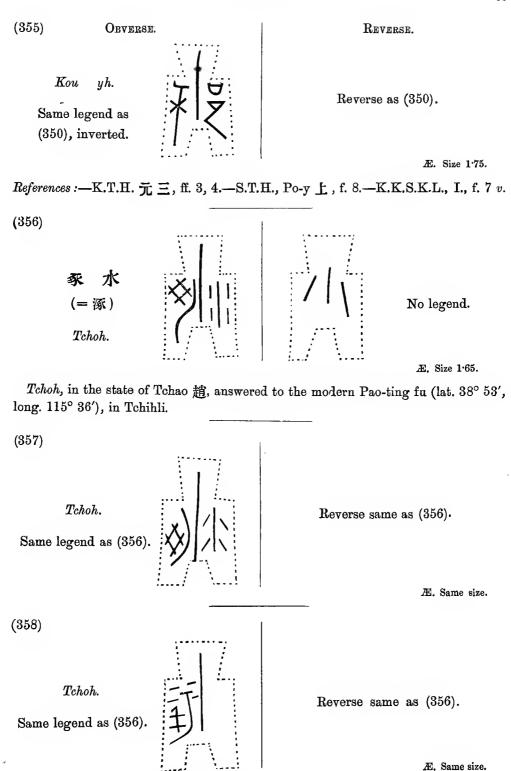
References:—K.T.H., 元, III., f. 1.—S.T.H., 元, I., f. 10; Pu-y 上, ff. 7, 8.— K.K.S.K.L., I., f. 12 v.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 13.



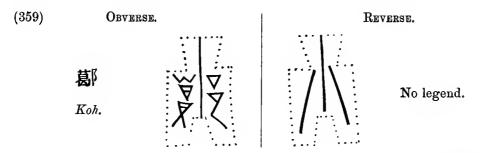
Once the name of a place in K'ai-fung fu, Honan.







Reference:—K.T.H. 元 IV., f. 17.—T.S.T. XXI., f. 28 v.



Æ. Size 1.75.

Koh was, under the Civil Wars, a place north-west of modern Kao-yang hien (lat. 38° 44′, long. 115° 56′), in Tchihli.

(360)

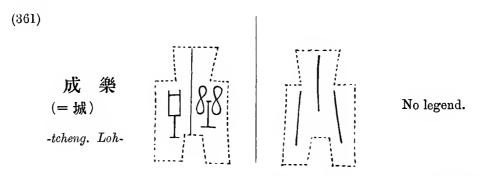
The various issues offer no great differences in the right-hand side character; the left-hand side presents the following divergences:



Reverse same as (359).

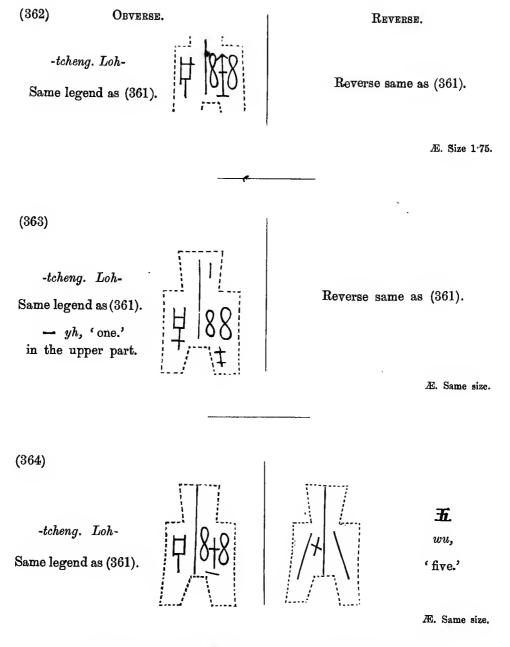
Æ. Same size.

References:—K.T.H. 元 三, f. 10.—S.T.H. 元 — f. 12.—S.T.H. Po-y 上, f. 10.—T.S.T. 21, f. 16.—K.K.S.K.L. I., f. 16.—H.P.W.T.K. 三, f. 29.



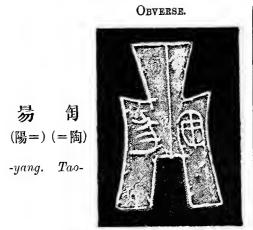
Æ. Same size.

Loh-tcheng answered to the modern Hien R hien (lat. 38° 20', long. 116° 05'), in Ho-kien fu, E. Tchihli.



References:-K.T.H. 元 III., ff. 13, 14.-T.S.T. XXI., f. 30,

36.



REVERSE.

右 yu, 'right.'

Æ. Wt. 115.

Tao-yang was at thirty-five li eastward of P'ing-yn, in S.-W. Shantung.

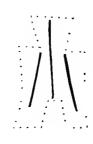
(365)
Same legend as 36.

Plain. No marks.

Æ. Size 1.75.

(366)

Same legend as 36.



The two lines sideways and the central line ornamental.

Æ. Same size.

(367)

Same legend as 36.

(368)	OBVERSE.	REVERSE.
	Same legend as 36. •	Same as preceding, with a line downwards, under the sign for 右.
		Æ. Size 1.75.
(369)	Same legend as 36.	引 =右 yu , 'right,' on the left-hand side, with the same lines as (366). Æ. Same size.
(370)	Same legend as 36.	Same as preceding, with a line downwards, under the sign for 右. Æ. Same size.
(371)	Same legend as 36.	差 = 左 tso, 'left,' on the right-hand side, with the same lines as (366).
(372)	Same legend as 36.	Same sign for 左 tso on the left, with the same lines as (366).
(373)	Same legend as 36.	

(374) OBVERSE.

Same legend as **36**, with the signs inverted: and the left, and 易 on the right.

REVERSE.

Same reverse as (366).

Æ. Size 1.75.

References:—K.T.H. 元 II., ff. 8, 9.—S.T.H., Pu-y 上, ff. 5, 6.

(375)



No legend.

Æ. Same size.

T'ung-Ti 銅 鞮 modern 沁 Tsin, in Tsi-ning 濟寧 circ. (lat. 36° 40', long. 112° 46'), in Shantung.

(376)

Unimportant varieties of the right-hand side character. The left-hand side is not so regular. The most important discrepancies are as follows:

Same reverse as (375).

Æ. Same size.

(377)

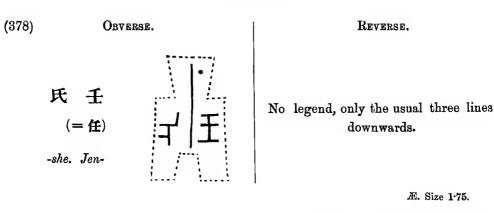
-Ti. Tung-

Same legend as (375).

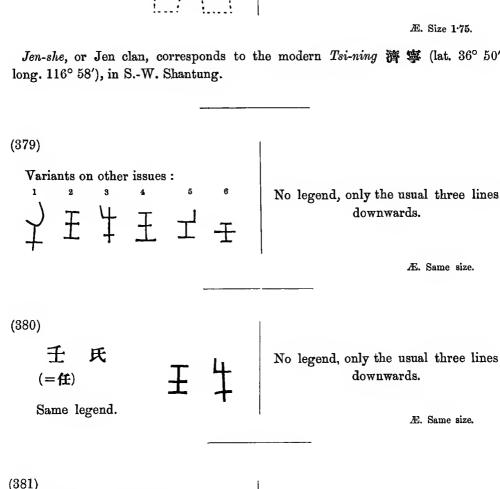
- across the central line in the upper centre: it may be intended for - 'one,' or for + 'ten.'

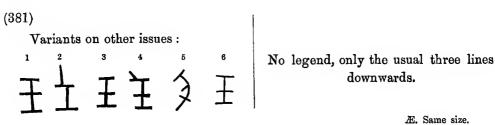
Æ. Same size.

References:—K.K.S.K.L. I., f. 15 v.—K.T.H. 元四, f. 7.—T.S.T. 21, f. 27.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 6 v.—S.T.S.T. I., f. 10.



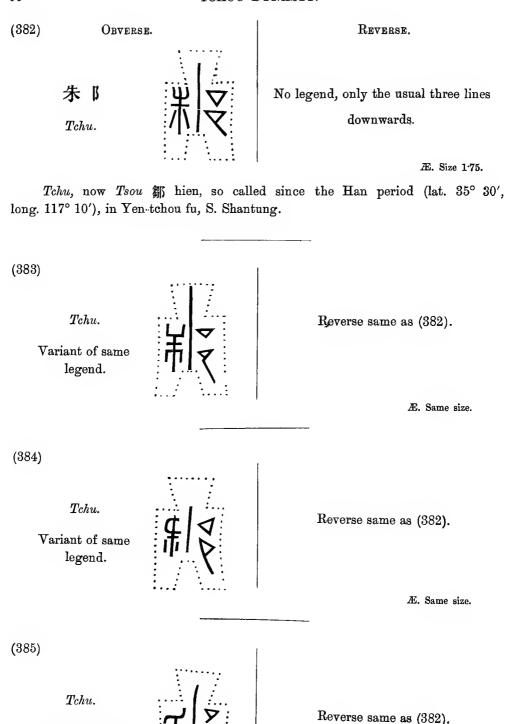
Jen-she, or Jen clan, corresponds to the modern Tsi-ning 濟 掌 (lat. 36° 50',

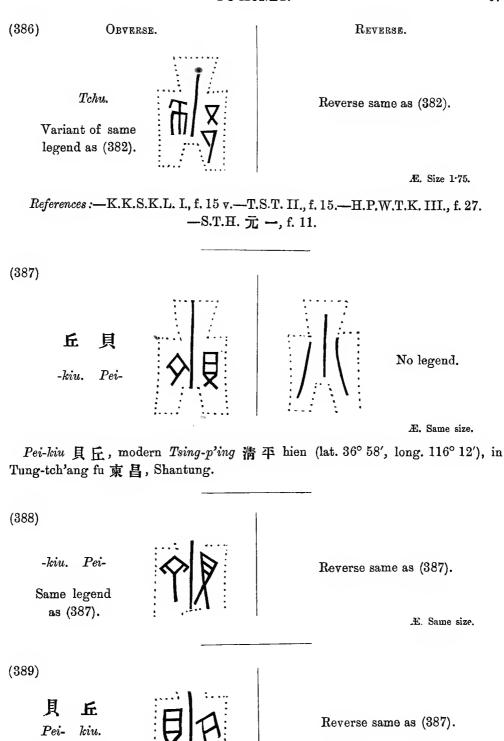




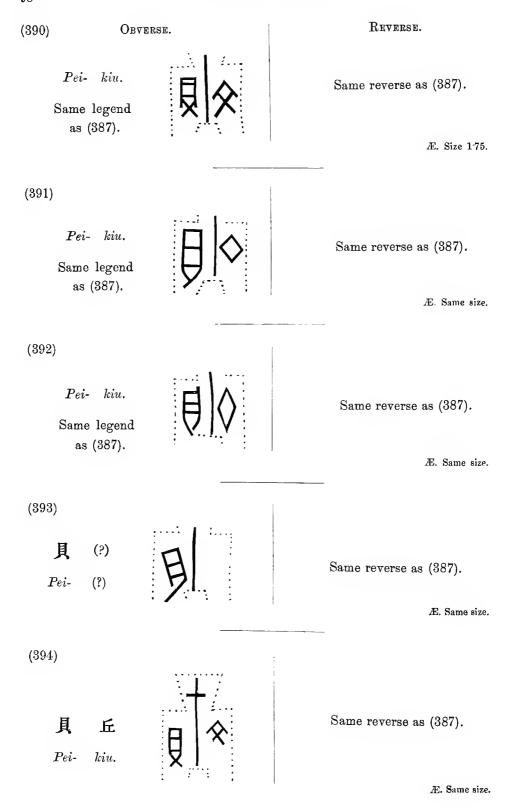
References:—K.T.H. 元 III., ff. 14, 15.—T.S.T. XXI., f. 31.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 28.

Variant of same legend.





Same legend as (387).



(395)

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

Pei- kiu.

Same legend as (387).



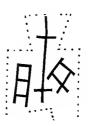
Same reverse as (387).

Æ. Size 1.75.

(396)

Pei- kiu.

Same legend as (387).



Same reverse as (387).

Æ. Same size.

(397)

Pei- kiu.

Same legend as (387).



Same reverse as (387).

Æ. Same size.

(398)

Pei- kiu.

Same legend as (387).

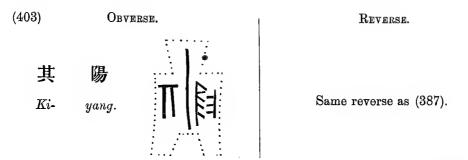


Same reverse as (387).

Æ. Same size.

References:—K.T.H. 元 IV., ff. 9, 10, 11.—S.T.H. 元 I., ff. 15, 16.—S.T.K., Po-y 下, f. 16.—T.S.T., XXI., f. 26.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 25.—K.K.S.K.L., I., f. 12.— S.T.S.T., I., f.

as (387).

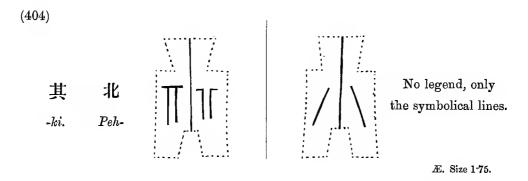


Æ. Size 1.8.

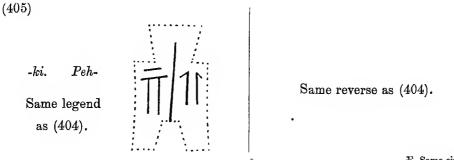
Ki-yang 其陽. Ki was in the territory of the Tsi 齊 state (Shantung), and is mentioned by the Tso-tchuan in 498 B.C.

The various issues present only small varieties.

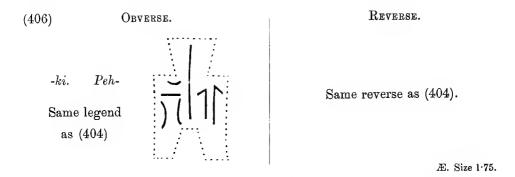
References:—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 26 v.—K.T.H., 元二, f. 11 v.



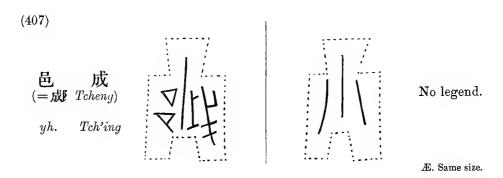
Peh-ki, or "Northern Ki." Apparently connected with Ki-yang: see (403).



Æ. Same size.

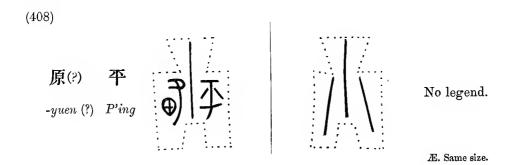


References:—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 26.—K.T.H., 元 IV., ff. 5, 6.



Tch'ing was situated in the present district of Wen-shang 淡 上, in Yen-tchou fu, (lat. 35° 50′, long. 116° 40′), in S. Shantung.

Reference:—K.T.H. 元 III., f. 11 v.



The reading of the left-hand symbol is doubtful; the variants suggest liu \square . P'ing-yuen is still preserved in the name of a hien in Tsi-nan fu (lat. 37° 23', long. 116° 34'), in Shantung, at 20 li south of which was the old place of that name.

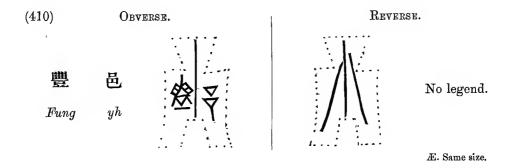
(409)

The several issues of this mintage do not differ as to the reverse, nor as to the right-hand side character; the left-hand side one presents several varieties, of which the most important are as follows:—



Æ. Size 1.75.

References:—K.T.H., 元 III., f. 20.—S.T.H., 元 I., f. 13.



Fung yh is still the name of a hien in Su-tchou fu (lat. 33° 46', long. 116° 50'), in N. Kiang-su.

(411)

In the various issues the right-hand side character presents no differences; the left-hand side character offers the following variants:—



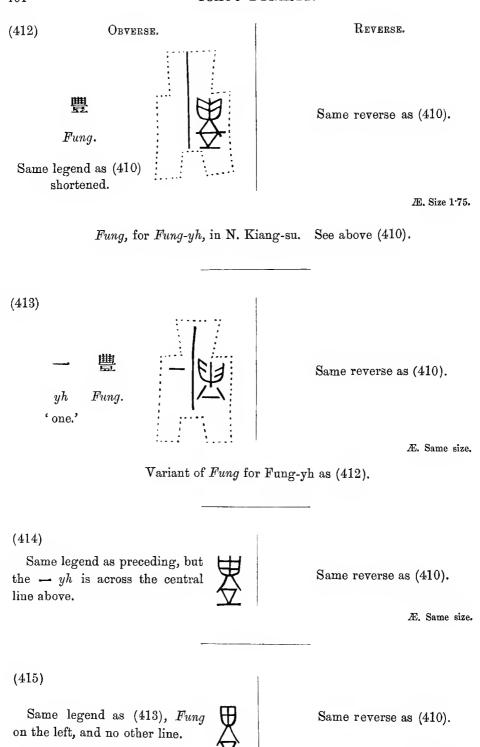




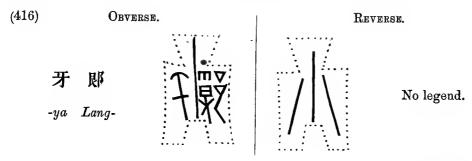
Same reverse as (410).

Æ. Same size.

References:—K.T.H., $\vec{\pi} \equiv$, f. 9.—H.P.W.T.K., III., ff. 27, 28.



Reference:—K.T.H. 元 IV., ff. 14, 15.



Æ. Size 1.75.

Lang-ya 鄭 邪 (otherwise 頭 环), now Tsing-tchou (lat. 36° 44′, long. 118° 44′), in E. Shantung.

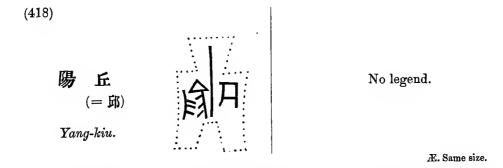
(417)

The other issues present no important differences for the reverse nor for the left-hand side character of the obverse. The main varieties of the right-hand side character are the following:



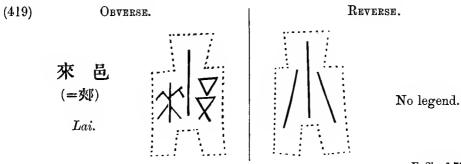
Æ. Same size.

References:—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 28.—K.K.S.K.L. I., f. 17 v.—K.T.H. 元 III., f. 16.—S.T.H. 元 I. ff. 12, 13.—S.T.H. Po-y 上, f. 12.



Yang-kiu 陽 邱, now Tchang-kiu 章 邱, in Tsi-nan fu 濟 南 (lat. 36° 49′, long. 117° 36′), Shantung.

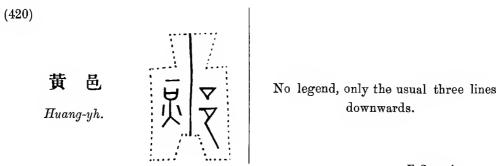
Reference:—K.T.H. 元二, f. 11 v.



Æ. Size 1.75.

Lai 夾ĩ, now Lai-tchou 菜州 (lat. 37° 10, long. 120° 10′), in E. Shantung. Was conquered in 566 B.c. by the state of T'si, over native tribes.

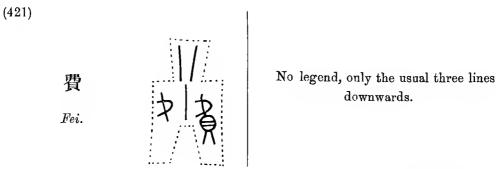
Reference:—K.T.H. 元 III., f. 11 v.



Æ. Same size.

Huang was the capital of Lai 菜, and is still a hien in Teng-tchou fu (lat. 37° 37′, long. 120° 47′), in E. Shantung.

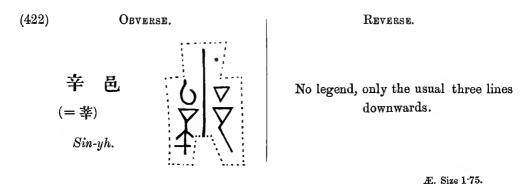
Reference:—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 30.



Æ. Same size.

Fei was a small principality, and is still a district in Y-tchou fu (lat. 36° 18′, long. 118° 05′), in S.-E. Shantung.

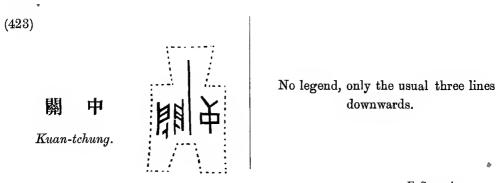
Reference:--K.T.H. 元, f. 4.



Sin-yh was situate south of Ho-yang hien (lat. 35° 18', long. 110° 05'), in

E. Shensi.

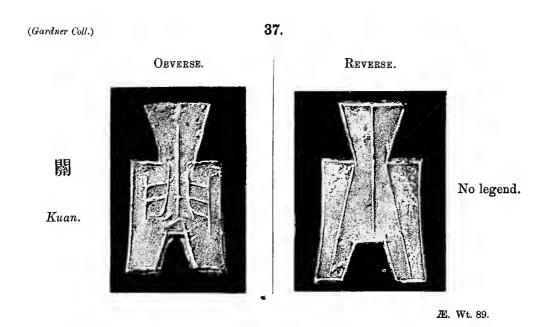
References: --K.T.H., III., f. 10 v.-H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 30.



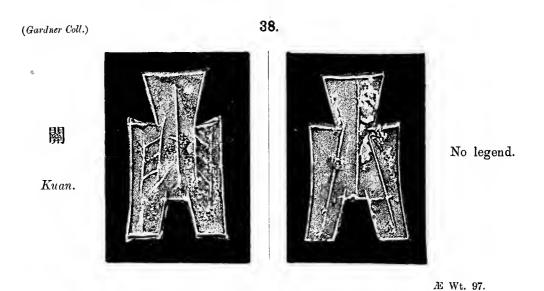
Æ. Same size.

Kuan-tchung, the capital city of the state of Ts'in , is the modern Si-'an (lat. 34° 17', long. 108° 58'), in S. Shensi.

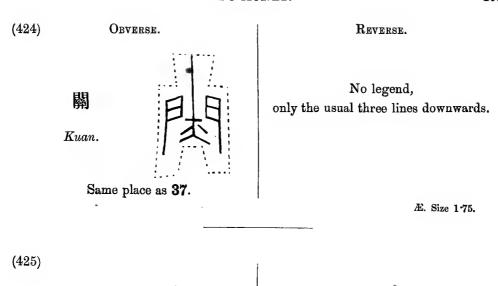
This currency cannot be older than 337 B.C., since it is in that year that metallic pieces of money were issued for the first time in Ts'in.



Kuan, for Kuan-chung, the capital city of Ts'in 奏, modern Si-'an 西安 (Shensi).



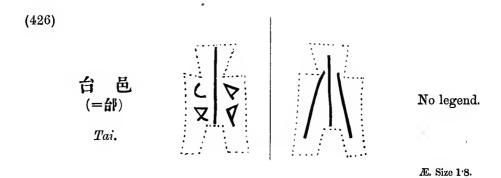
Same place as preceding.



Same legend as (424).

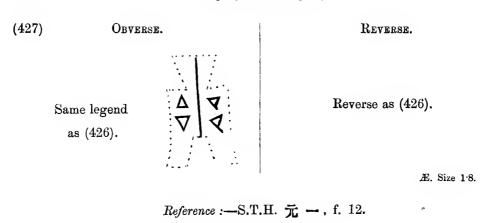
Æ. Same size.

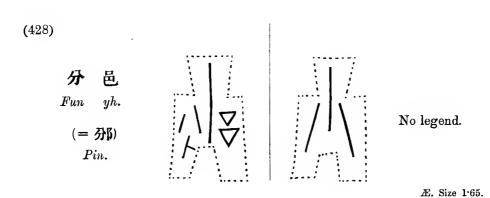
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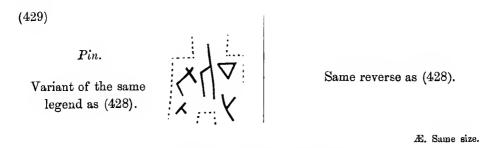
Tai 舒, answering to modern Wu-kung 武 功 (lat. 34° 20′, long. 108° 08′), in Shensi.

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Formerly in the seat of the Tchou. Now Pin-tchou (lat. 35°04', long. 108°06'), in Shensi.



Reference:—K.T.H. 元 III., f. 8.

のBVERSE.
REVERSE.

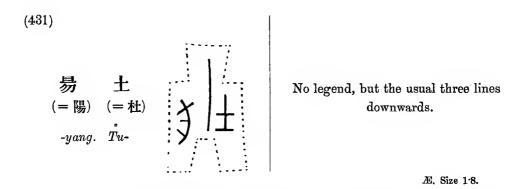
REVERSE.

No legend, but the usual three lines downwards.

E. Size 1.65.

i.e. 'North of Fun' (otherwise Pin), see above (428).

Reference: -T.S.T. XXI., f. 19.



Tu-yang, now Lin-yu 麟遊, in Fung-siang fu (lat. 34° 40′, long. 107° 45′), in Shensi.

(432)

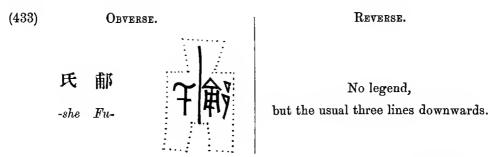
Variants of the same legend on other issues:

多土 过土

Same reverse as (431).

Æ. Same size.

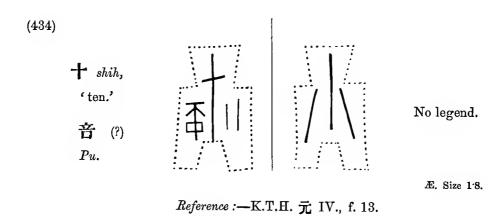
References: -K.T.H. III., f. 15.-T.S.T. XXI., f. 30 v.



Æ. Size 1.65.

Fu-she 邮氏 was near Lioh-yang 略陽 hien (lat. 33° 22', long. 106° 08'), in Shensi.

Reference:—S.T.H. 元 I., f. 13.



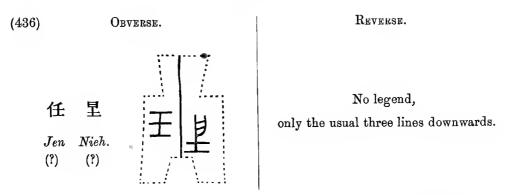
(435)

No legend,
but the usual three lines.

Y(?) Ho(?)

.E. Size 1.75.

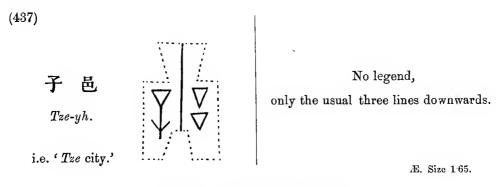
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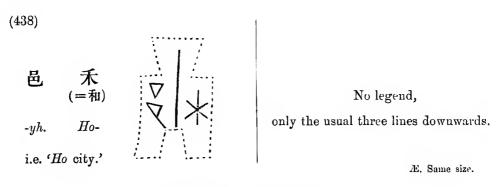
Æ. Size 1.75.

Perhaps two names: see (378) for *Jen* and (137, 231-235, 443, 444) for *Nieh*.

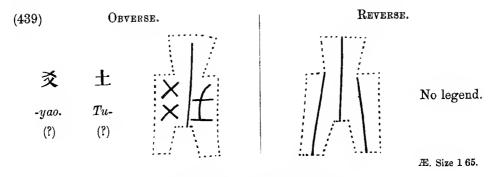
**Reference:—K.T.H. 71 III., f. 16.



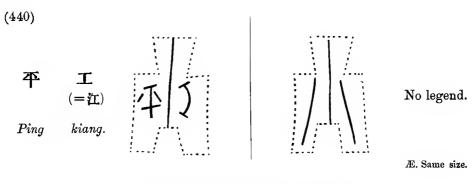
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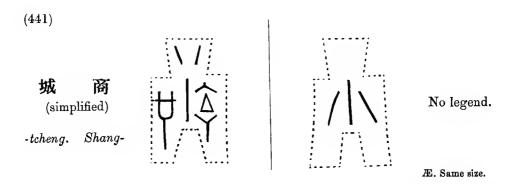
Reference:-K.T.H. 元 III., f. 2.



Reference:—S.T.H. 元 I., f. 17.



Reference :—K.T.H. π III., f. 20.



Shang-tcheng, now Shan-yang 山陽 (lat. 33° 29', long. 110° 01'), in Shensi.

Reference: -H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 14.

III. Pu-Money (continued.)

(I.) Square-footed. A. Square shouldered. b. Associated names.

(Lockhart Coll.)

39.

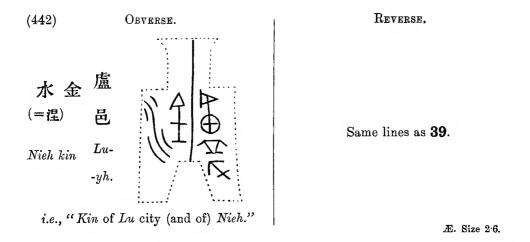
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以 Yang- Langyh. ya.

OBVERSE.



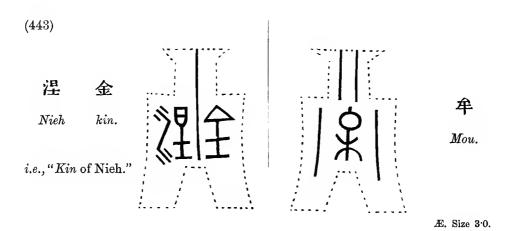
Æ. Wt. 434.

The names of Lang-ya (416, 417) now Tsing-tchou in Shantung, of Yang-yh (144) now Tai-ku, and of Lu (280-284) now Lu-'an, both in Shansi, all occur on separate currencies.

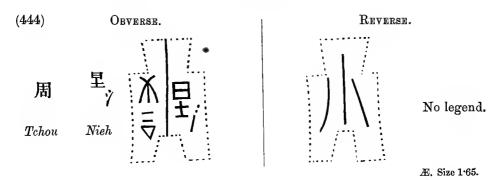


Lu-yh, now Tchang-tsing in Shantung, and Nieh, now Wu-hiang in Shansi. Both have separate currencies. See (105, 137, 231).

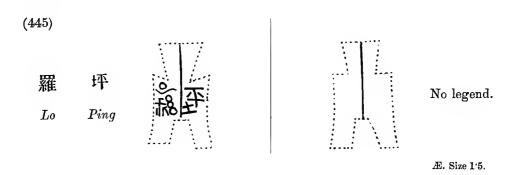
Reference: -K.T.H. 7 I., ff. 6, 7.



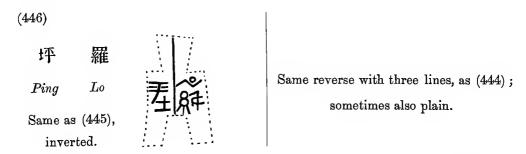
Nieh, now Wu-hiang in Shansi: see (137, 231, 442). Mou answered to the modern Teng-tchou (lat. 37° 45', long. 120° 42'), in Shantung: see (479).



Tchou for Ping-Tchou and Nieh are names of issues in the SINGLE NAME series: see (137, 231-235, 236-249). Nieh issued also a currency in partnership with Lu and Mou: see (442, 443). Nieh, as well as Ping Tchou, were in Shansi.



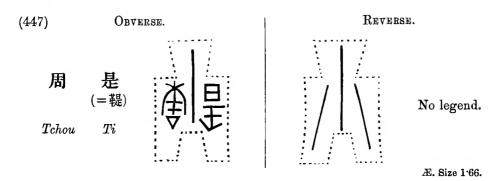
Ping, formerly in Honan, for Ping yn: see (337). Lo is doubtful and remains unidentified.



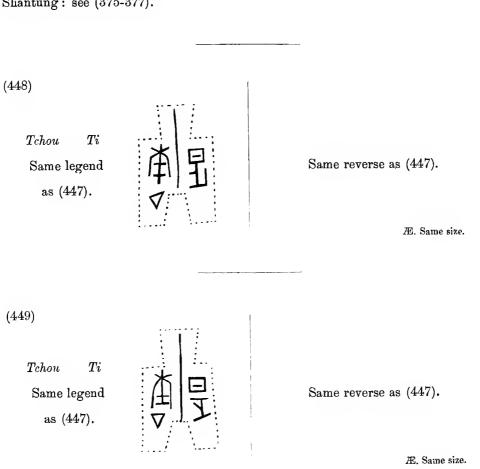
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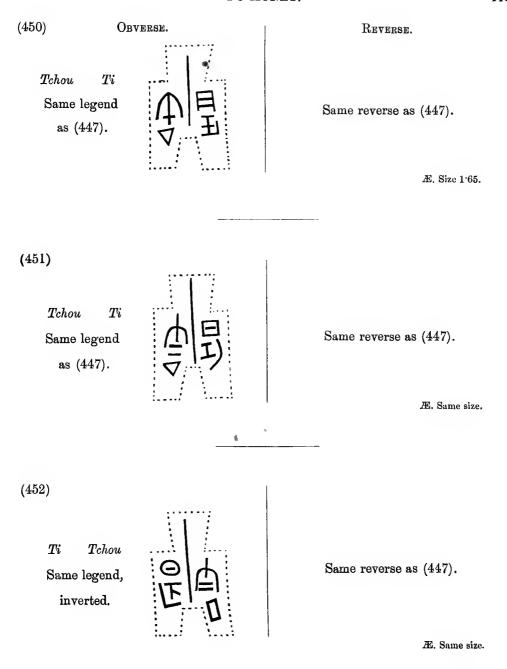
Ping and Lo, same as preceding.

References:—K.T.H. 元 I., ff. 18, 19.—H.P.W.K. III., f. 33.—S.T.H. 元 I., f. 7.

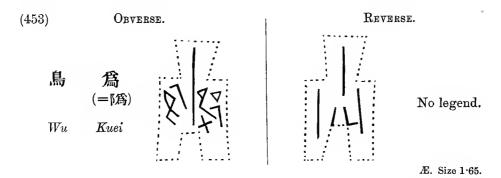


Tchou, for Ping Tchou, was in Shansi: see (236-249). Ti, for Tung Ti, was in Shantung: see (375-377).





Reference:—K.T.H. 元 IV., ff. 5, 6.



The first—reading doubtful—is perhaps Kuei, once in Tching 鄭 (Honan), mentioned in the Tchun tsiu, 566 B.C. The second is Wu, formerly in Shansi. See (138). The latter name shows the date of this currency to be earlier than 340 B.C.

Reference:—K.T.H. 元 IV., f. 14.

III. PU-MONEY (continued).

I. Square-footed. B. ROUND SHOULDERED.

40.



Plain, no marks nor rim.

Æ. Wt. 191.

Shan-yang answered to the modern Tze-yang 滋陽 in Yen-tchou fu (lat. 35° 47', long. 116° 59'), in S.-W. Shantung.

(454)

山

Same legend as preceding, with minor discrepancies. Same reverse. Much smaller.

Æ. Size 1.5.

References:—K.T.H. π I., f. 10 v.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 38 v.

41, OBVERSE. REVERSE. No legend. -yang. Ping-

Æ. Wt. 77.

P'ing-yang is still the name of a prefecture (lat. 36° 06', long. 111° 33'), in S. Shansi. Must be older than 234 B.C. See 20-23, pp. 45, 46.

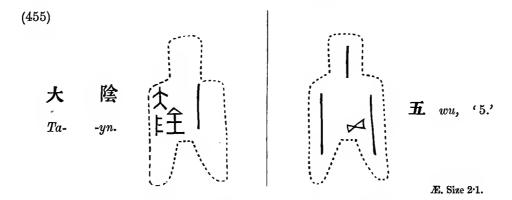
42.

Larger size. Obverse same as preceding. On the reverse two outward crescent lines on the sides of the central line, perhaps for \$\mathcal{N}\$ pah, 'eight,' as specimen 25, p. 66.

(Representative Specimen.) Size 1.6. Æ. Wt. 177.

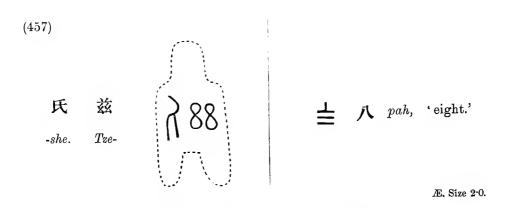
III. PU-MONEY (continued).

(II.) Round-footed. a. Single names.

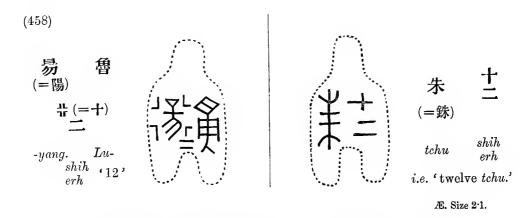


Ta-yn, in Tsin territory, Shansi. See (226).





Tze-she, formerly in Shansi. See (217).

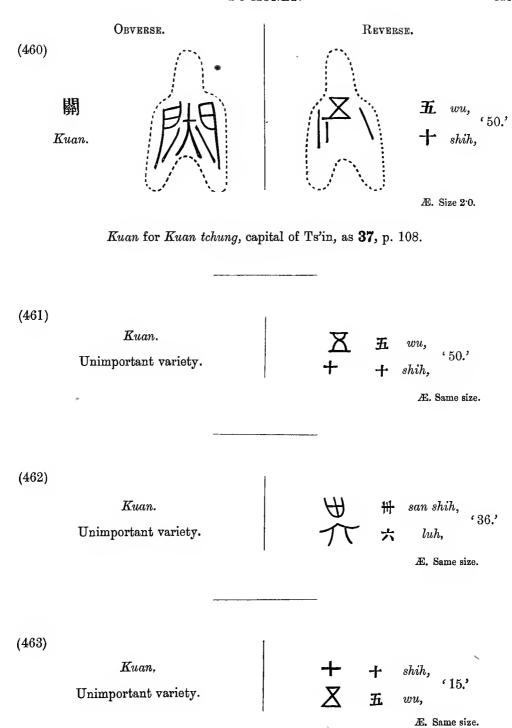


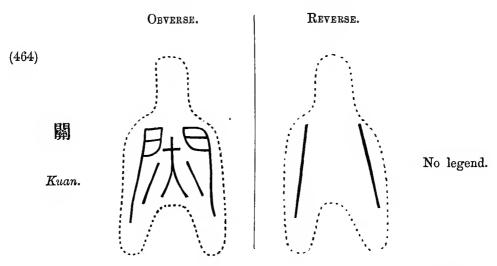
Lu-yang, now Lu-shan, in N. Honan. See (300) and (478).

(459)

Sometimes found pierced at the head. The character 朱 has sometimes only one horizontal line instead of two.

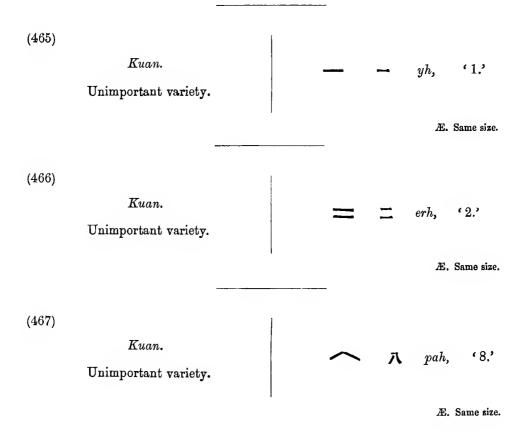
References:—K.T.H. 元九, ff. 4, 5.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 36.



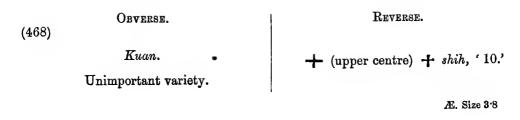


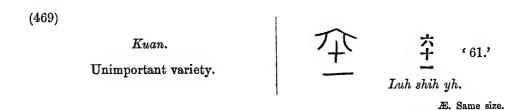
Æ. Size 3.8.

Kuan for Kuan tchung, capital city of Ts'in, see 37, p. 108, and (460).

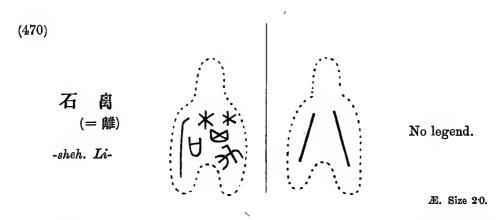


Æ. Same size.

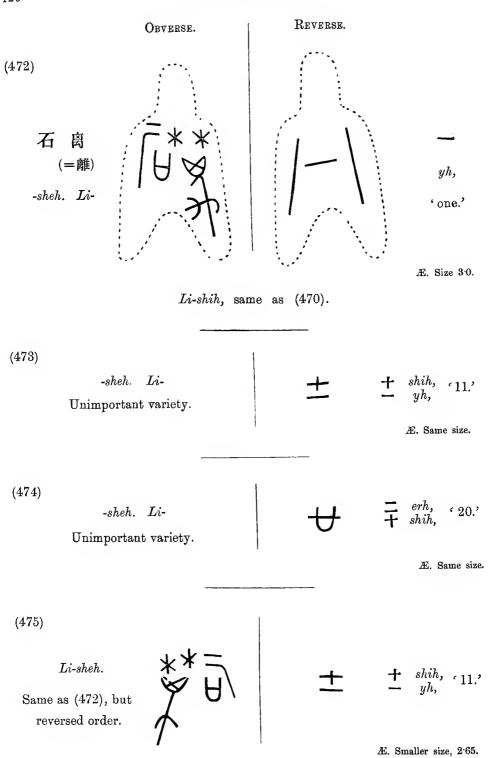




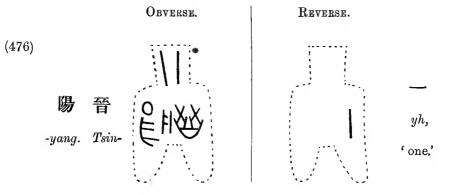
References:—K.T.H. 元九, ff. 2, 3, 4.—S.T.H. 元二, f. 4.—補遺下, f. 9.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 43.



Li-sheh, now Yung-ning, Fen-tchou fu (lat. 37° 34', long. 111° 04'), in Shansi. It was conquered from Wei by Ts'in in 328 B.C.



References :—K.T.H. 元 IX., ff. 1, 2.—S.T.H. 元 二, f. 4.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 35.



Æ. Size 2.0.

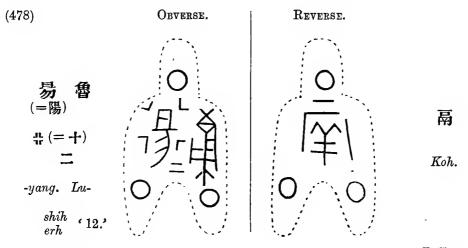
Tsin-yang is still a district in Tai-Yuen (lat. 37° 45′, long. 112° 20′), in Shansi. It belonged to the state of Wei 魏, when it was destroyed by Ts'in 秦, in 302 в.с.

Æ. Same size.

Reference:—K.T.H. 元 IX., f. 6.

III. PU-MONEY (continued).

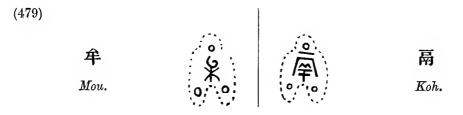
(II.) Round-footed. b. Double names.



Æ. Size 2.9.

Lu-yang, now Lu-shan, in N. Honan. See (300) and (458).

Koh was situate near the modern P'ing-yuen (lat. 37° 23', long. 116° 34'), in Shantung.



Æ. Size 1.0.

Mou is the modern Teng-tchou, in Shantung, as (443) above. Koh is also in Shantung, as (478) above.

III. PU-MONEY (continued).

(III.) Point footed.

43.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

Legend worn out.



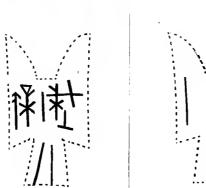
Same as obverse, but no legend nor marks.

Æ. Wt. 71.

(480)

保 城

Pao- tcheng.



No legend.

Æ. Size 2·1.

In the state of Tchao, now Pao-ting fu 保定 (lat. 38° 53', long. 119° 36'), in Tchihli.

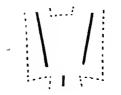
(481)

-tcheng. Pao-Variant of the

legend on (480),

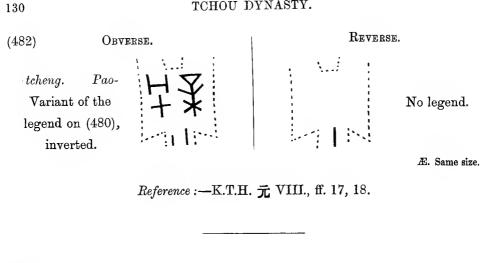
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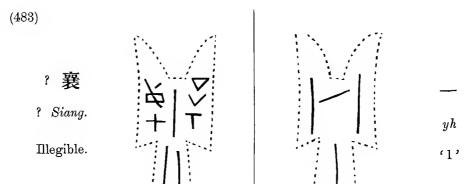




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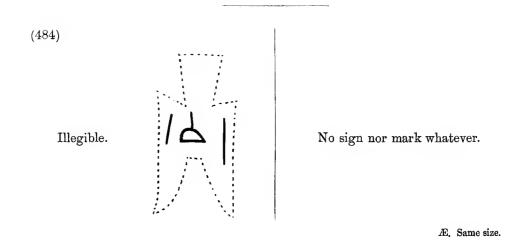
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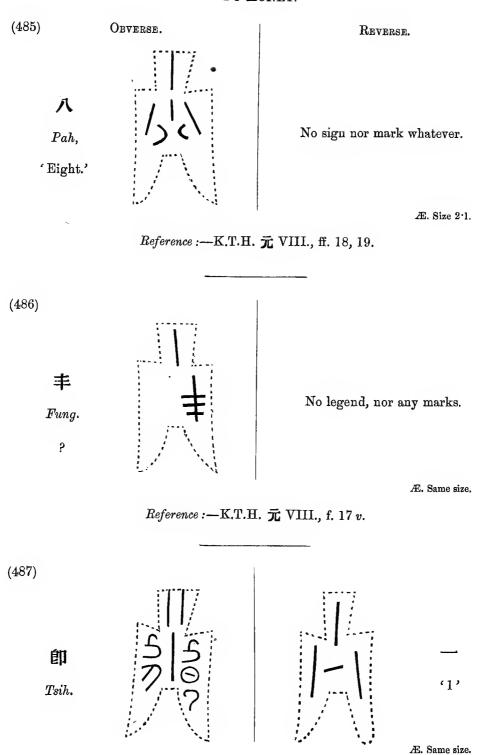




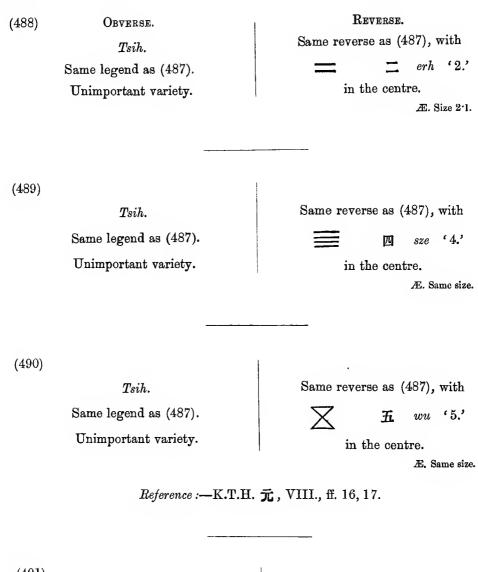
See Jang-yn (316), p. 77.

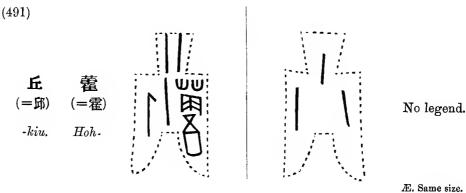
Æ, Size 2·1.



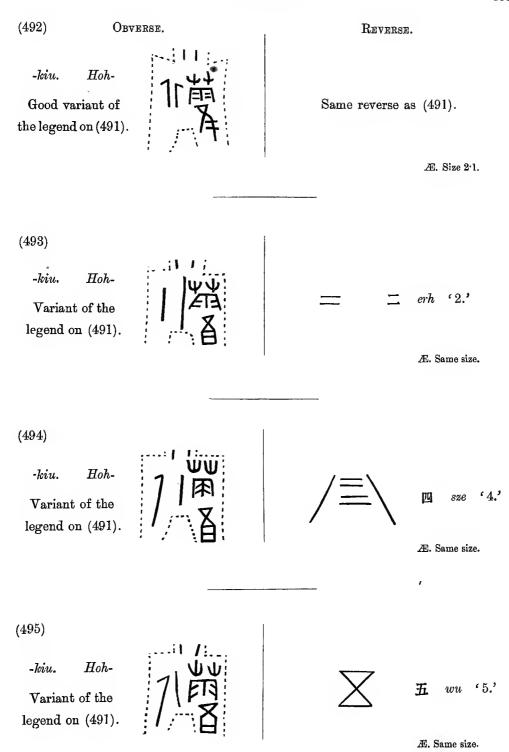


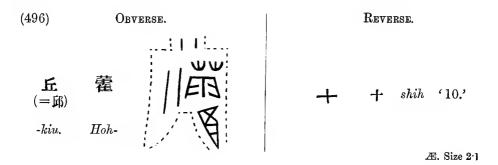
Tsih, or Tsih-mo 即墨, an important mart (see Larger Knife-money series) of Shantung peninsula (lat. 34° 15′, long. 120° 44′); still a hien in Lai-tchou fu, E. Shantung.



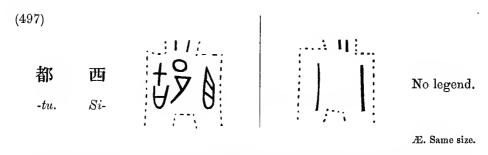


Hoh-kiu, still a hien in Yng-tchou fu (lat. 32° 23', long. 116° 13'), in Anhui.

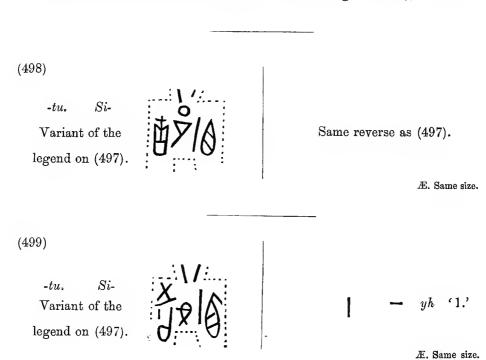


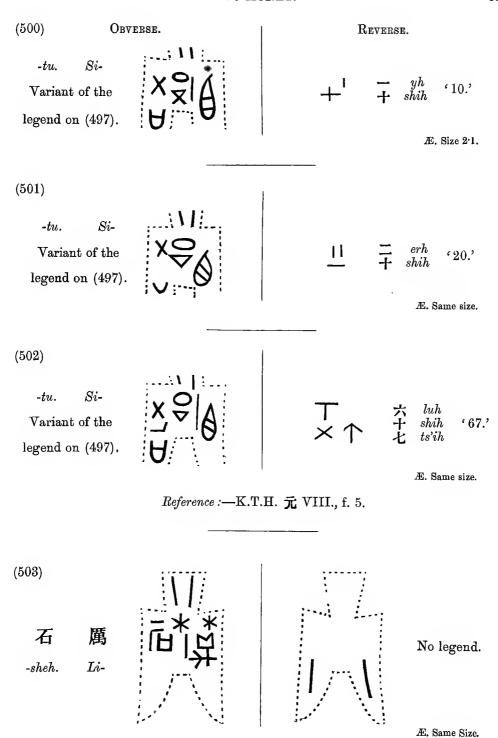


References:—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 13.—K.T.H. 元 VIII., ff. 6, 7.



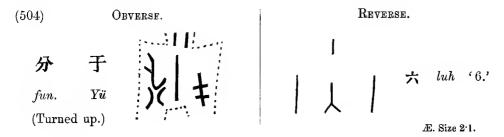
Si-tu, formerly in Hiao-y hien 孝 義 (lat. 37° 10′, long. 111° 45′), in Shansi.



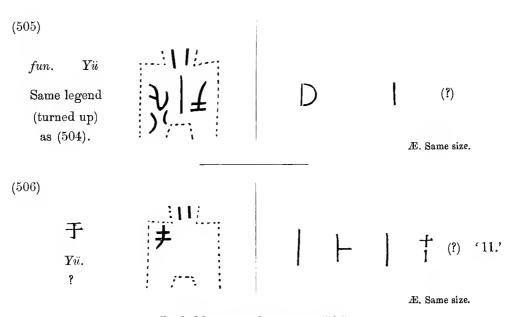


Same Li-sheh in Shansi as on (470-475) Round-footed series.

Reference:—K.T.H. 元 VIII., f. 15.

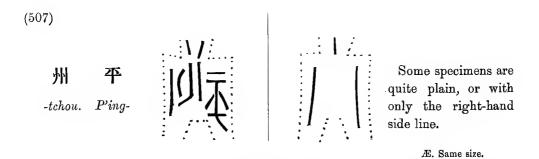


i.e., 'Yü's fun,' or a fun of Yü, still a hien in Kiang-su.



Probably same place as on (504).

Reference:—K.T.H. 元 VIII., ff. 13, 14.



Ping chöu 平 州, of the state of Tsi 齊, was near the modern Lai-wu 菜 蕪 hien in T'ai 'An fu 泰 安, in Shantung.

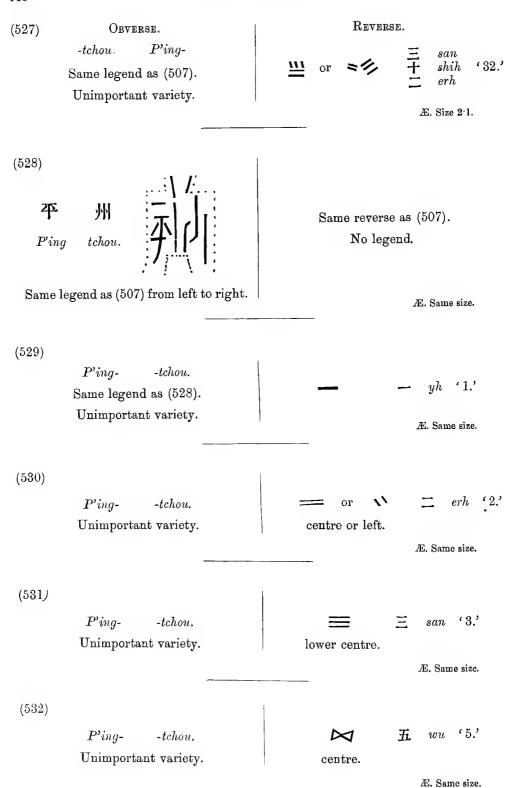
(508)	Obverse.	Reverse.
	-tchou. Ping-Same legend as (507). • Unimportant variety.	— yh '1.' centre or right foot, or left side. Æ. Size 2·1.
(509)	-tchou. P'ing- Unimportant variety.	erh '2.' Æ. Same size.
(510)	-tchou. Ping- Unimportant variety.	right centre. Æ. Same size.
(511)	-tchou. P'ing- Unimportant variety.	四 sze '4.' Æ. Same size.
(512)	$-tchou.$ $P'ing Unimportant variety.$ $___$	entre or right. E. Same size.
(513)	$ extit{-tchou.} \qquad extit{P'ing-} \ ext{Unimportant variety.}$	centre or left. E. Same size.

(514)OBVERSE. P'ing--tchou. Same legend as (507). Unimportant variety. Æ. Size 2·1. (515)>< or > or > or)(八 pah '8.' -tchou. Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (516)-tchou. Unimportant variety. centre. Æ. Same size. (517)shih '10.' -tchou. Unimportant variety. centre. Æ. Same size. (518)

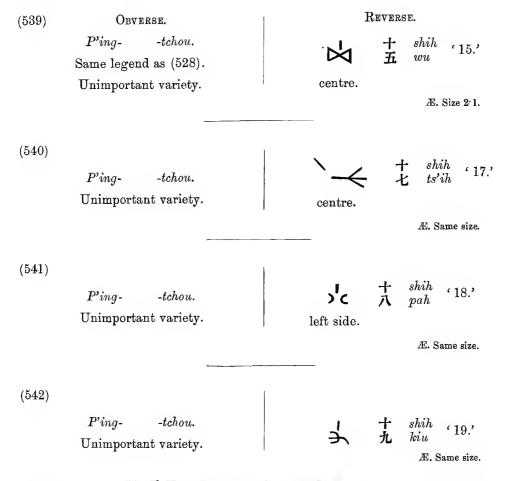
Unimportant variety.

yh

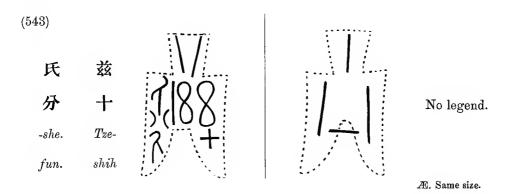
Æ. Same size.



(533)	Obverse.	REVERSE.			
	Pingtchou. Same legend as (528). Unimportant variety.	之			
		Æ. Size 2.1.			
(534)	P'ingtchou. Unimportant variety.	lower centre. Æ. Same size.			
(535)	P'ingtchou. Unimportant variety.	一九 kiu '9.' right side. Æ. Same size.			
(536)	P'ing- $-tchou.$ Unimportant variety.	+ + shih '10.' left side. Æ. Same size.			
(537)	P'ingtchou. Unimportant variety.	centre. ### shih san '13.' ### san '13.'			
(538)	P'ingtchou. Unimportant variety.	left centre. **E. Same size.**			



References:—K.T.H. 元 VI., ff. 13-20.—S.T.H. 補 遺 下, f. 6.—K.K.S.K.L. II., f. 3.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 10.



i.e., 'Ten fun of Tze she,' otherwise Tze clan, in the state of Tchao, modern Fun-yang 没陽, in Fun-tchou fu (lat. 37° 19',long. 111° 41') Shansi. Same legendas (217), p. 53.

(544)	Obverse.	KEVERSE.
	Tze-she shih fun. Same legend as (543). Unimportant variety.	— — yh '1.' centre.
(545)	Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety.	E. Size 2·1. ———————————————————————————————————
(546)	Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety.	centre or left. Æ. Same size.
(547)	Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety.	centre or left. Æ. Same size.
(548)	$\it Tze\mbox{-}she$ $\it shih$ $\it fun.$ Unimportant variety.	or X or IIIII 五 wu '5. centre. Æ. Same size.
(549)	Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety.	centre.

	Tze-she shih fun. Same legend as (543). Unimportant variety.	centre.	七	tsi h	'7.'
			-	Æ. Siz	se 2·1.
(551)	Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety.	heft.	九	kiu Æ. Same	'9.'
(552)	Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety.	+ centre.	+	shih Æ. Same	
(553)	Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety.	centre.	十四四	shih sze Æ. Same	'14.'
(554)	Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety.	× right.	十五	shih wu Æ. Same	'15.' e size.
(555)	Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety.	the centre.	-	erh shih Æ. Sam	' 20.' e size.

REVERSE.

Æ. Size 21.

Æ. Same size.

Æ. Same size.

Æ. Same size.

Æ. Same size.

REVERSE. (562)OBVERSE. Tze-she shih fun. sah'31.' yhSame legend as (543). centre or left. Unimportant variety. Æ. Size 2·1. (563)'32.' Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety. centre or left. Æ. Same size. (564)'33.' Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety. left. Æ. Same size. (565)sahTze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety. centre. Æ. Same size. (566)sze40. Tze-she shih fun. shihUnimportant variety. centre. Æ. Same size. (567)

Tze-she shih fun.

Unimportant variety.

Æ. Same size.

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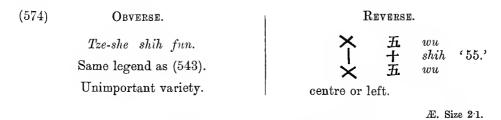
sze

(shih)

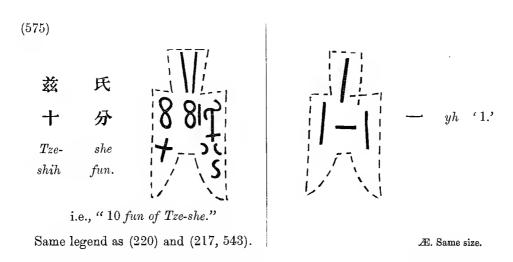
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centre.

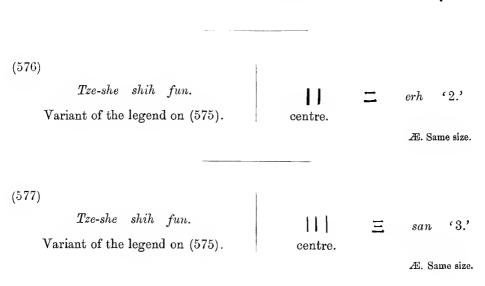
REVERSE. (568)OBVERSE. szeTze-she shih fun. (shih)Same legend as (543). Unimportant variety. Æ. Size 2·1. (569)'45.' (shih) Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety. centre. Æ. Same size. (570)(shih)Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety. centre or left. Æ. Same size. (571)(shih) Tze-she shih fun. kiuUnimportant variety. centre. Æ. Same size. (572)Tze-she shih tun. Unimportant variety. centre. Æ. Same size. (573)Tze-she shih fun. Unimportant variety. centre or left.



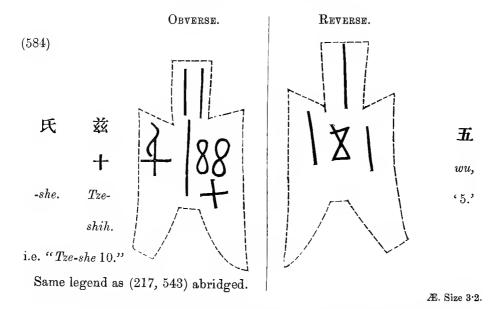
Reference:—K.T.H. 元 VII., ff. 1-4.



The lower left cross is sometimes missing. The reverse is also found plain.

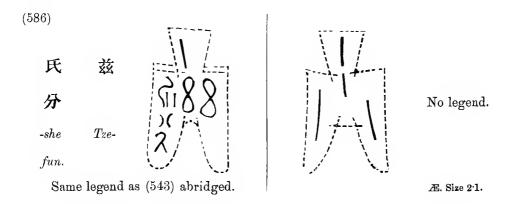


(578)OBVERSE. REVERSE. Tze-she shih fun. X ' 4.' 四 szeVariant of the legend on (575). centre. Æ. Size 2.1. (579)Tze-she shih fun. Variant of the legend on (575). right centre, no perpendicular lines. Æ. Same size. (580)Tze-she shih fun. shih '10.' Variant of the legend on (575). lower centre. Æ. Same size. (581)shihTze-she shih fun. Variant of the legend on (575). centre. Æ. Same size. (582)Tze-she shih fun. Variant of the legend on (575). centre. Æ. Same size. (583)Tze-she shih fun. pahVariant of the legend on (575).



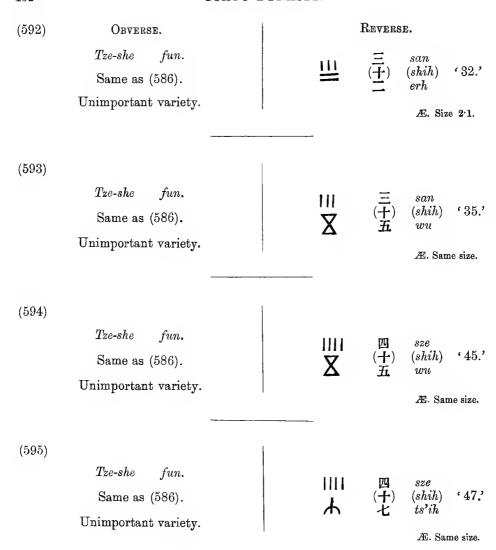
There are other issues of the same type with slight differences.

References:—K.T.H. 元 VII., f. 5.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 1.—S.T.H., Po-y Υ , f. 8.

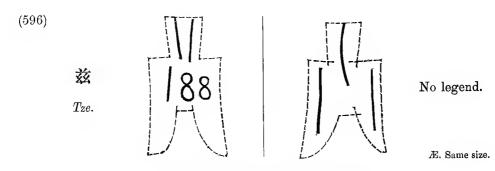


(587)REVERSE. OBVERSE. Tze-shefun. **'**5.' 五 wuSame as (586). Unimportant variety. Æ. Size 2·1. (588)Tze-shefun.)(Same as (586). Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (589)Tze-shefun. Same as (586). Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (590)Tze-she fun. shihSame as (586). Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (591)Tze-shefun. Same as (586).

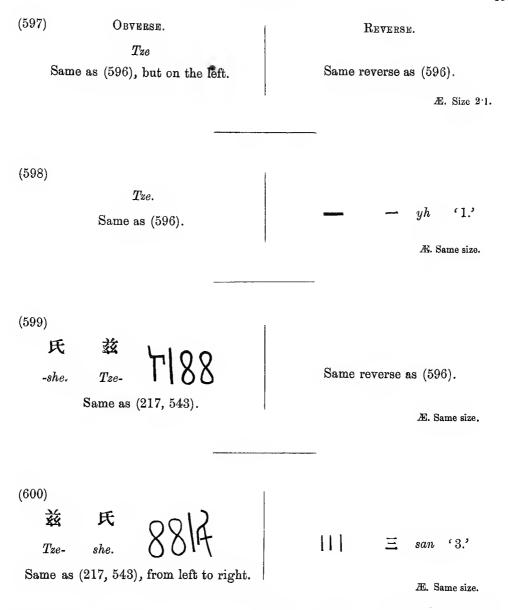
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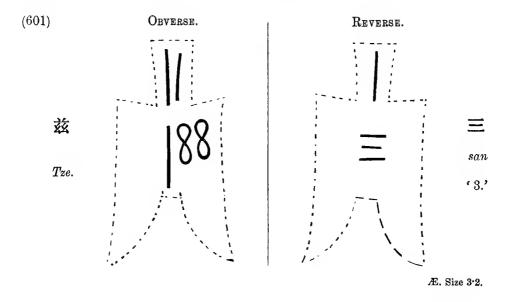
Reference:—S.T.H. Po-Y T, f. 7.



Tze for Tze-she, same as (217, 543).



References :—K.T.H., 元 VII., f. 7.—K.K.S.K.L., II., f. 1 v.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 4.



Tze for Tze-she, same as (217, 543).

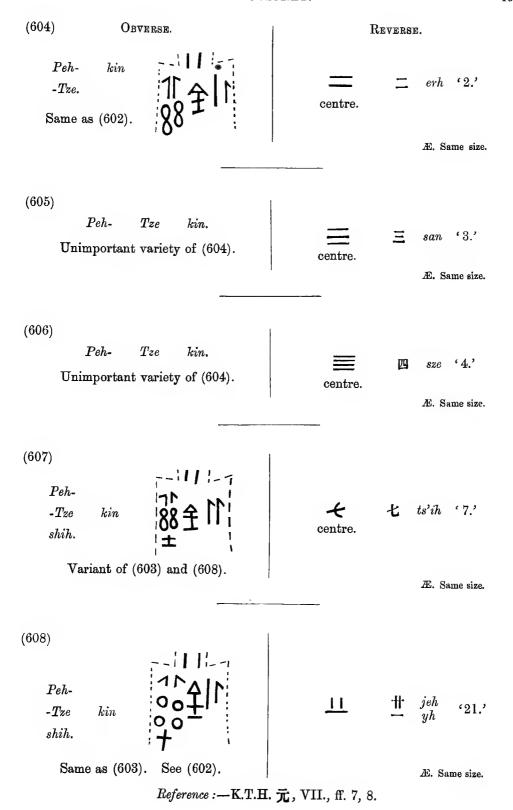
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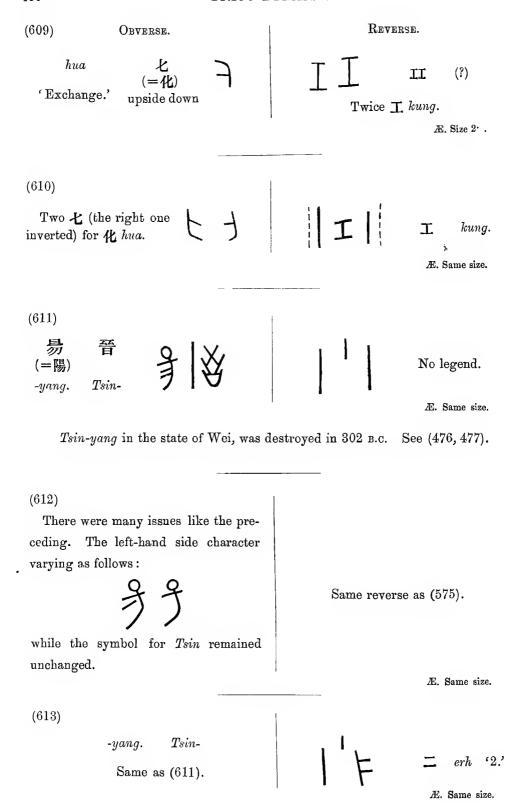


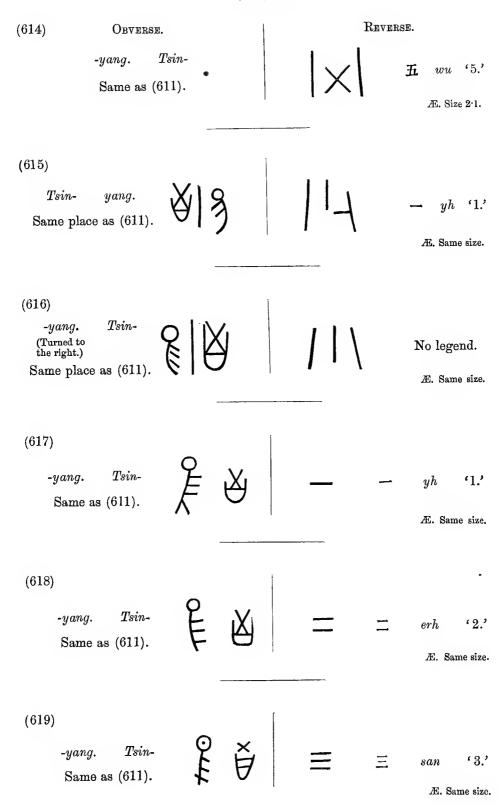
i.e., "Kin of Peh-tze (or northern Tze)." Perhaps a northern division of the Tze-she. See (217, 543, 596).

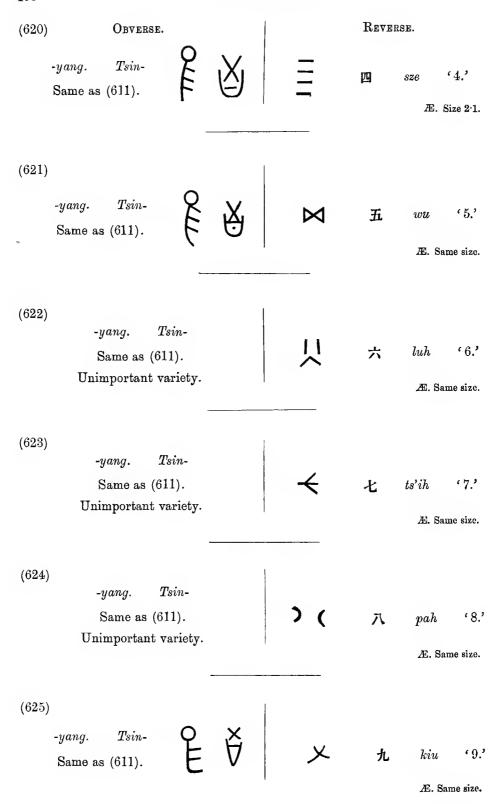


Same as (602) for the three read symbols. The sign under Tze is here altered, and apparently a variant of (608), of which (607) is another alteration.



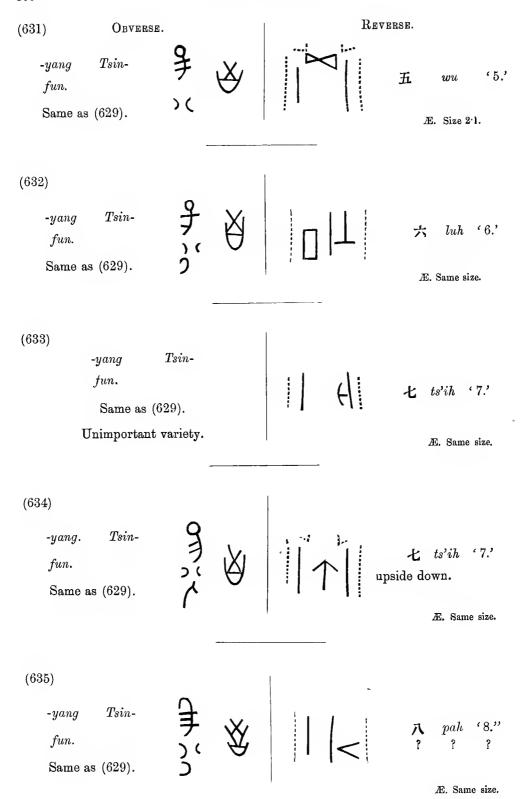


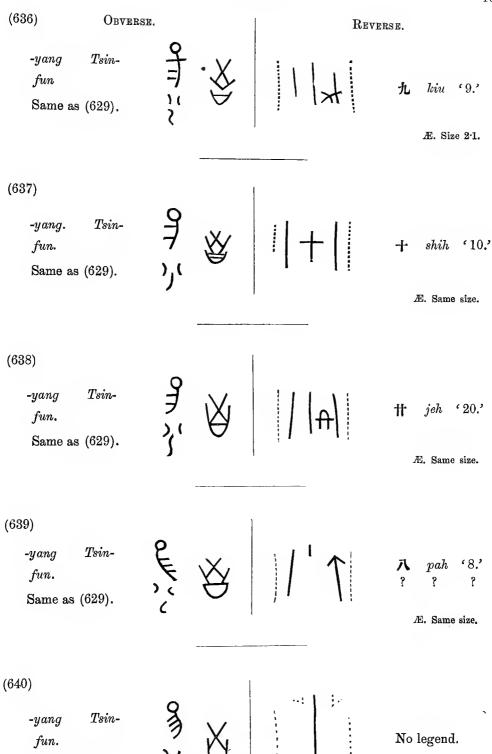




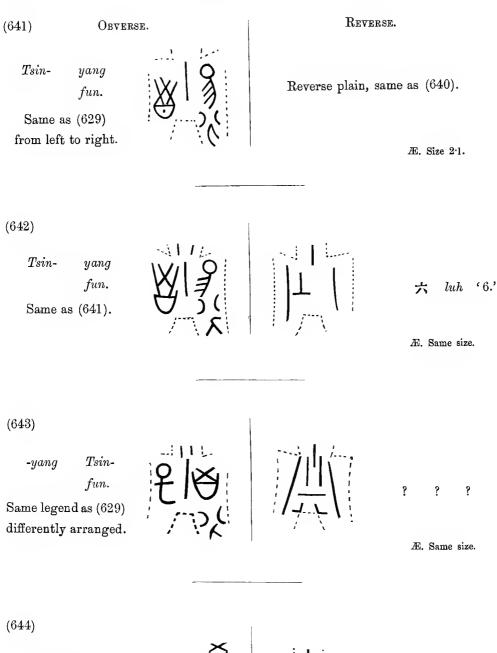
(626)OBVERSE. REVERSE. -yang. Tsin-Same as (611). '10.' Unimportant variety. Æ. Size 2.1. References:—К.Т.Н. 元 V., ff. 3, 4.—К.К.S.К.L. II., f. 1.—Н.Р.W.Т.К. III., f. 6. (627)Same as (611) from left to right. Æ. Same size. (628)Same obverse as (627). No legend. Æ. Same size. (629)No legend. Only the two side-strokes. -yang fun. Æ. Same size. i.e. Fun of Tsin-yang. Same name as (611). (630)Tsin--yang fun.

Variant of (629).

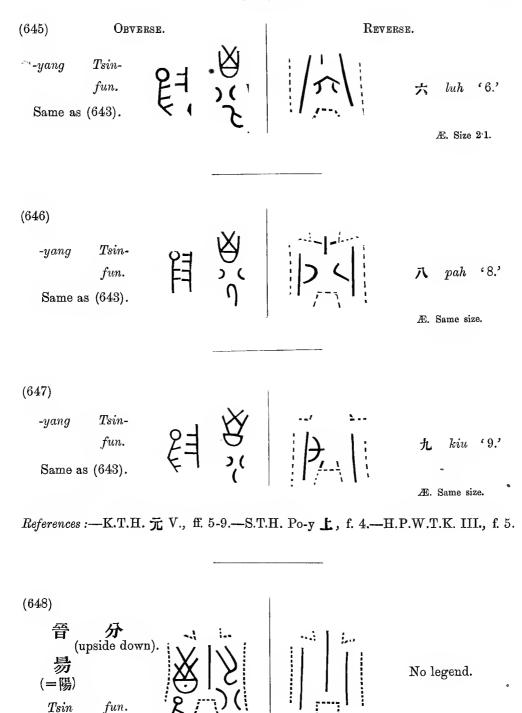




Same as (629).

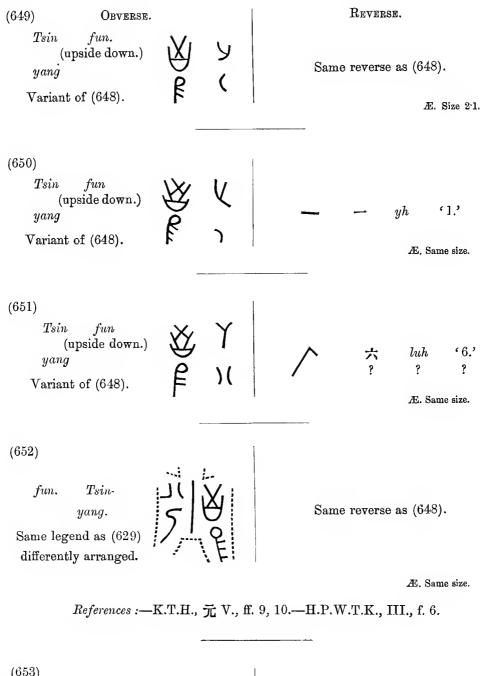


-yang $Tsin-fun.$	ET O		三十四	san shih	' 3 4. '
Same as (643).	7 ' 7.	1/	124	sze	

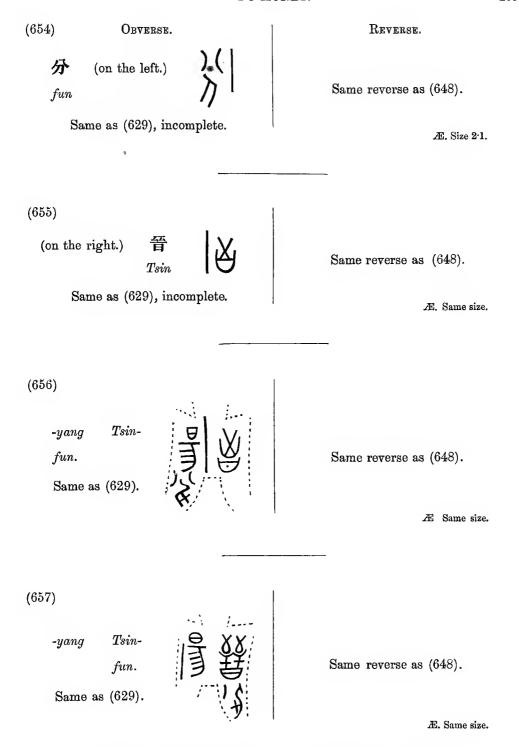


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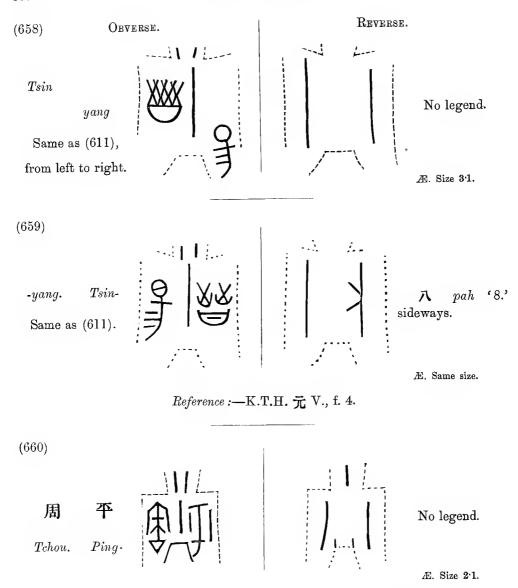
Same legend as (629) differently arranged.



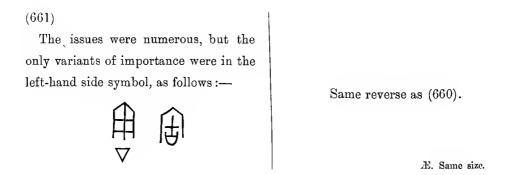




References:—K.T.H. 元 V., f. 11.—H.P.W.T.K., III., ff. 6, 7.



Ping-Tchou was in Fun-tchou fu, W. Shansi. See (236-249).

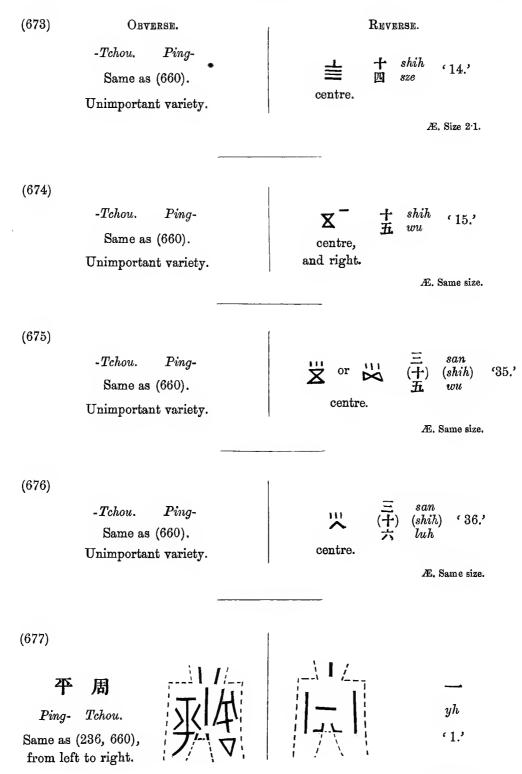


(662)	Obverse.	REVERSE.
	Tchou. Ping- Same as (660). Unimportant variety.	— or — yh '1.' high centre. Æ. Size 2·1.
(663)	-Tchou. Ping- Same as (660). Unimportant variety.	centre.
(664)	-Tchou Ping- Same as (660). Unimportant variety.	centre. high right, in the line.
(665)	-Tchou. Ping- Same as (660). Unimportant variety.	centre.
(666)	-Tchou. Ping- Same as (660). Unimportant variety.	文 五 wu '5.' centre. Æ. Same size.
(667)	-Tchou. Ping- Same as (660). Unimportant variety.	>

REVERSE. OBVERSE. (668)Ping--Tchou. Same as (660). Unimportant variety. Æ. Size 2.1. (669)-Tchou.A pah '8.' Same as (660). centre. Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (670)-Tchou.Ping-九 kiu '9.' Same as (660). lower right. Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (671)Ping--Tchou.Same as (660). centre, Unimportant variety. or right. Æ. Same size. (672)-Tchou.Ping-Same as (660). left side.

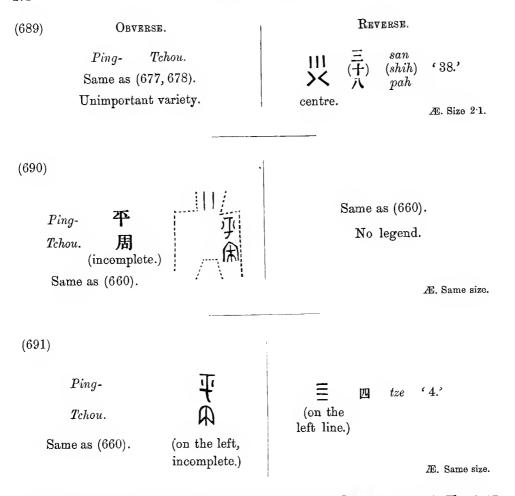
Æ. Same size.

Unimportant variety.

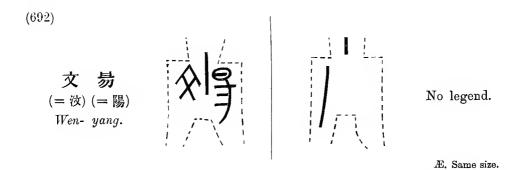


(678)OBVERSE. REVERSE. The principal varieties of numerous issues are the following: The left-hand side symbol Ping: Reverses various, The right-hand side symbol Tchou: with or without figures. Æ. Size 2·1. (679)Tchou. '2.' Ping-Same as (677, 678). centre. Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (680)Ping-Tchou. '3.' sanSame as (677, 678). left. centre. Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (681)Ping-Tchou.1111 四 szeSame as (677, 678). centre. Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (682)Ping-Tchou. Ŧı. ' 5.' wuSame as (677, 678). centre. Unimportant variety.

(683)	Obverse.	REVERSE.
	Ping- Tchou. Same as (677, 678). Unimportant variety.	centre.
(684)	Ping- Tchou. Same as (677, 678). Unimportant variety.	之
(685)		
	Ping- Tchou. Same as (677, 678). Unimportant variety.	+ + shih '10.' centre.
	oportuat varioty.	Æ. Same size.
(686)	Ping- Tchou. Same as (677, 678). Unimportant variety.	
(687)		
	Ping- Tchou. Same as (677, 678). Unimportant variety.	$ \begin{array}{ccc} & \overset{\textstyle =}{\coprod} & \overset{san}{(shih)} & `31.' \\ & & yh \end{array} $ right. E . Same size.
(688)		
	Ping- Tchou. Same as (677, 678). Unimportant variety.	$\stackrel{\text{III}}{=} \stackrel{\stackrel{\text{Z}}{=}}{\stackrel{\text{Centre.}}{=}} \stackrel{san}{\stackrel{(shih)}{=}} $
		Æ. Same size.



References:—K.T.H. 元, VI., ff. 9—13.—S.T.H. 補 遺, f. 5; 元 三, f. 17.—H.P.W.T.K. III., ff. 7, 8.—K.K.S.K.L. II., f. 3.



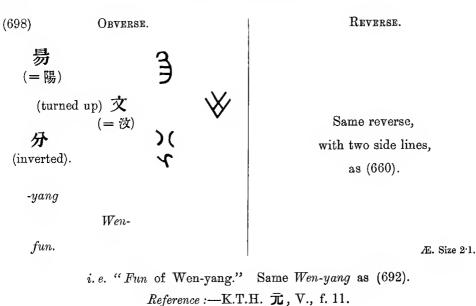
Wen-yang was in the centre of the state of Lu, near the modern Kiuh-fu (lat. 35° 36′, leng. 117°), in Yen-Tchou fu, Shantung.

(693)OBVERSE. REVERSE. The right-hand character presents the following variants:-Same as (692). Æ. Size 2·1. (694)Wenyang. Same as (692). Unimportant variety. right-hand side line. Æ. Same size. (695)Wenyang. Same as (692). right-hand side line. Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (696)Wenyang. Same as (692). Unimportant variety. right-hand side line. Æ. Same size. (697)

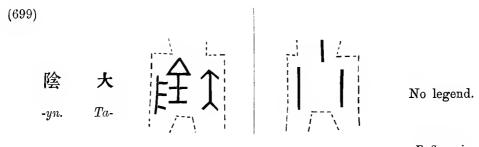
易文 (=陽) (=汝) ♀ ♀

-yang.

with a right-hand side line.

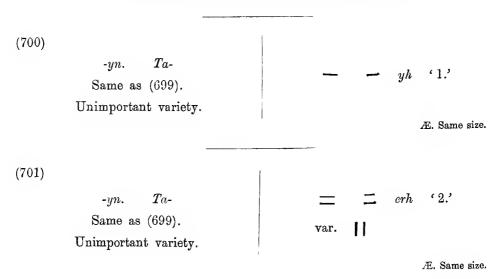


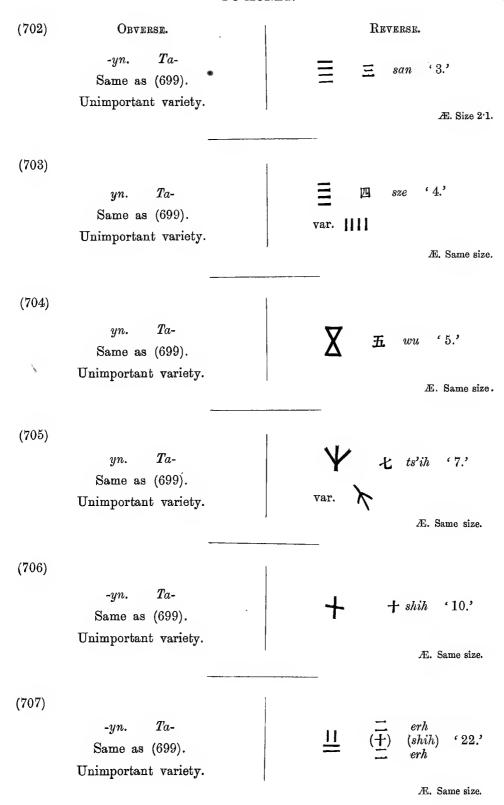
Reference :—K.T.H. $\bar{\pi}$, V., f. 11.



Æ. Same size.

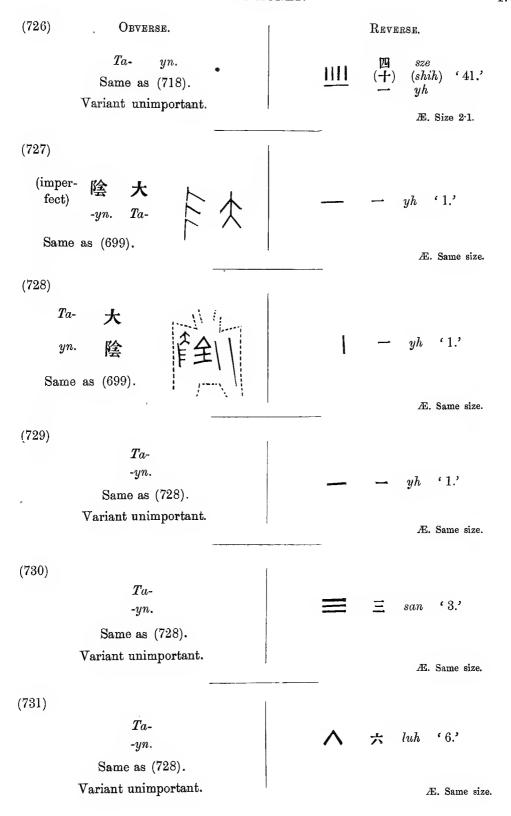
Same as in square-footed series. (See 226, above).

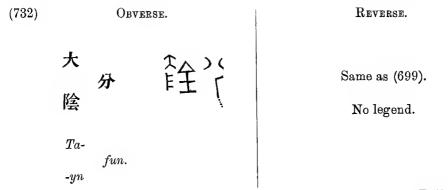




(708)OBVERSE. REVERSE. erh-yn $T\alpha$. (shih)'28.' Same as (699). pahUnimportant variety. Æ. Size 2·1. (709)erh-yn. Tashih'29.' Same as (699). Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (710)Ta--yn.san'30.' Same as (699). shihUnimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (711)-yn.Tasan'31.' (shih)Same as (699). yhUnimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (712)Ta--yn.san' 32.' (shih)Same as (699). Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (713)Ta--yn.san**'33.'** (shih) Same as (699). sanUnimportant variety.

(720)	Obverse.	Reverse.
	Ta- yn . Same as (718). Variant unimportant.	E. Size 2·1.
		Æs. Size 2·1.
(721)	Ta- yn. Same as (718). Variant unimportant.	X 五 wu '5.' var.: traced on the head. Æ. Same size.
(722)		
	Ta- yn. Same as (718). Variant unimportant.	上 六 luh '6.' Æ. Same size.
(723)		1
	Ta- yn. Same as (718). Variant unimportant.)(八 pah '8.' Æ: Same size.
(724)	-	
	Ta- yn. Same as (718). Variant unimportant.	+ + shih '10.' Æ. Same size.
(725)	Ta- yn. Same as (718). Variant unimportant.	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

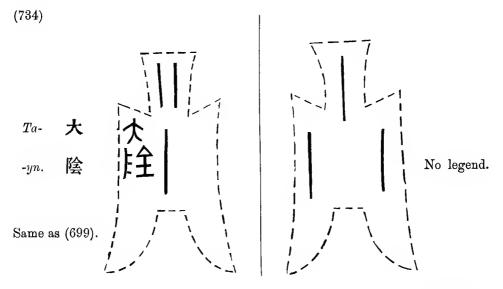




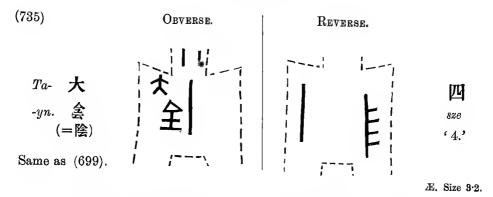
Æ. Size 2·1.

i.e. "Fun of Ta-yn." Same Ta-yn as (699).

References:—K.T.H., 元 VI., ff. 1—7.—S.T.H., Po-y, 下, f. 4.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 12.—T.S.T. f. 31.



Æ. Size 3.2.



References:—K.T.H. 元, VI. f. 7 v.—H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 12.



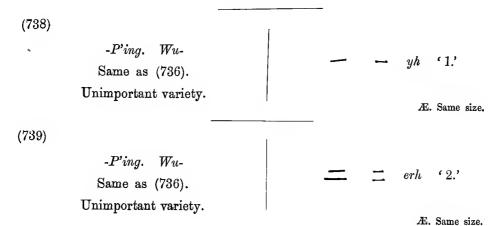
Wu-P'ing, in the state of Tchao 趙, Tchihli, near the former 'An hien, twenty-five li N.W. of Wu-Kiao, was conquered by the Prince of Ts'in 234 B.C.

(737) The character \mathbb{R} Wu of the obverse presents the following varieties:

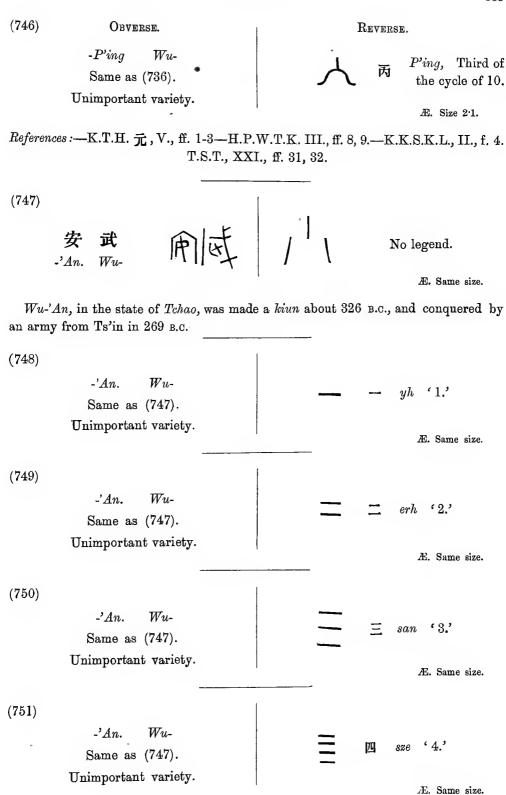


Æ. Same size.

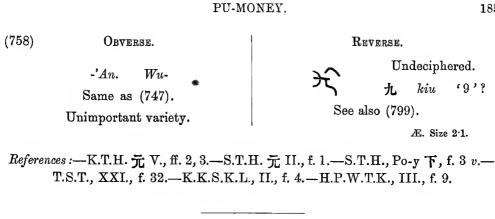
The varieties of the character 平 P'ing are very slight.

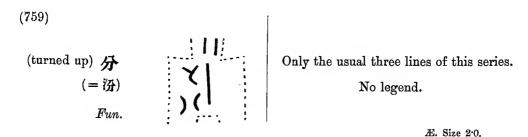


(740)	Obverse.		Reverse.
	-P'ing. Wu- Same as (736). Unimportant variety.		三 三 san '3.' Æ. Size 2·1.
(741)	-Ping. Wu- Same as (736). Unimportant variety.		X 括 wu '5.' Æ. Same size.
(742)	-P'ing. Wu-Same as (736). Unimportant variety.	1	or 16.' Æ. Same size.
(743)	-Ping. Wu-Same as (736). Unimportant variety.) (八 pah '8.' E. Same size.
(744)	-Ping. Wu-Same as (736). Unimportant variety.		入 札 kiu '9.' E. Same size.
(745)	-Ping. Wu- Same as (736). Unimportant variety.		+ + shih '10.' Æ. Same size.

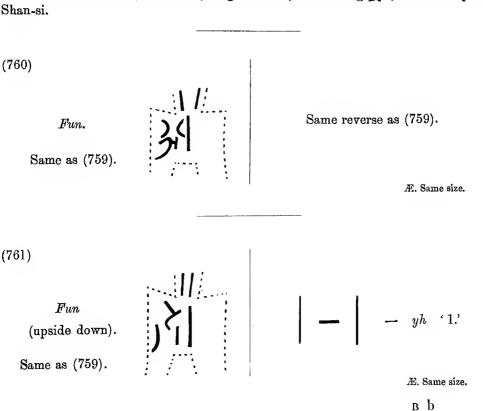


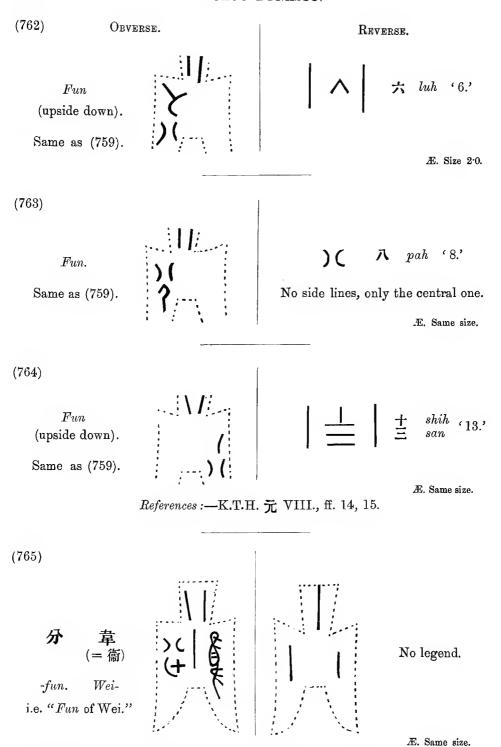
(752)OBVERSE. REVERSE. -'An.Wu-'5.' Same as (747). Unimportant variety. Æ. Size 2.1. (753)-An. Wu-Same as (747). Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (754)Wu--'An.Same as (747). Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (755)-'An.Wu-Same as (747). Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (756)-'An.Wu-Same as (747). Unimportant variety. Æ. Same size. (757)-'An.Wu-+ shih '10.' Same as (747). Unimportant variety.





Fun 涡, in the state of Tchao 趙, during the period of Civil Wars answered to the modern Fun-tchon fu (lat. 37° 19', long. 111° 41'), in Ki-ning 冀 章 circumscription,



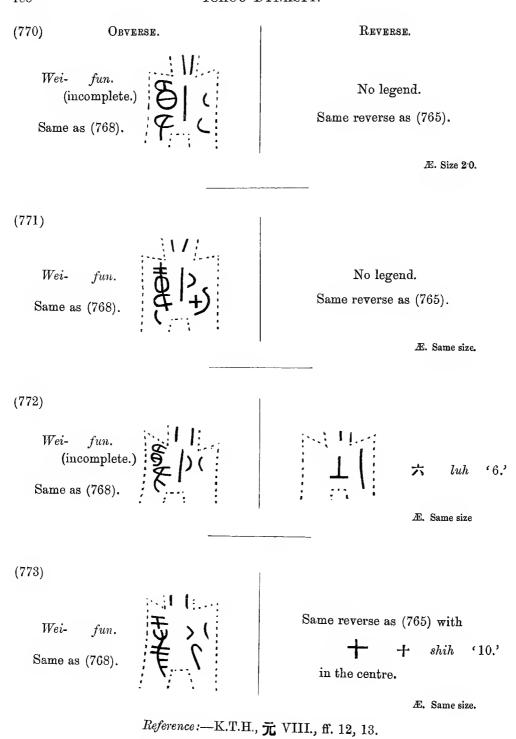


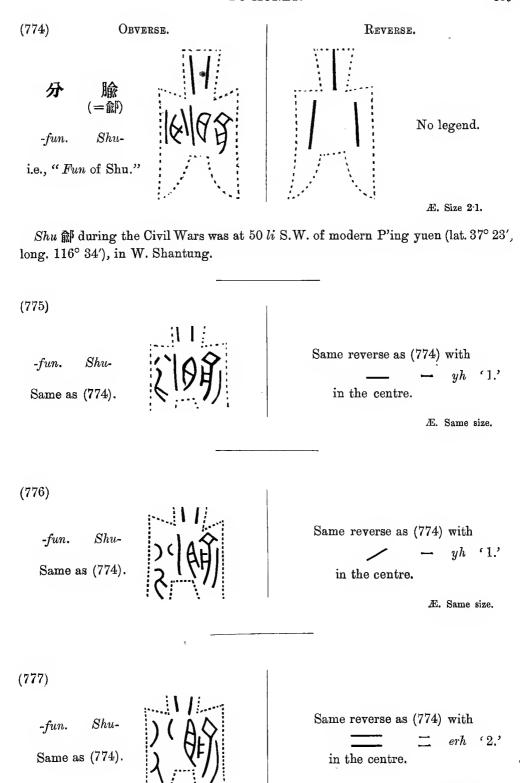
Wei 衞 in the state of Wei 魏, Period of Civil Wars; now Wei hui fu (lat. 35° 28′, long. 114° 16′), in N.E. Honan.

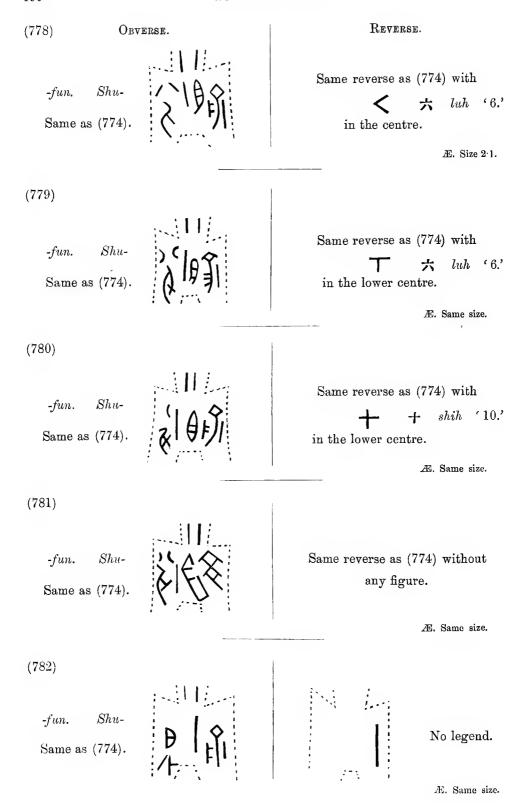
(766)OBVERSE. REVERSE. No legend. Same reverse as (765). Æ. Size 2.0. (767)No legend. Same reverse as (765). Æ. Same size. (768)No legend. Same reverse as (765). Same as (765), from left to right. Æ. Same size. (769)Wei- fun.
Same as (765). No legend.

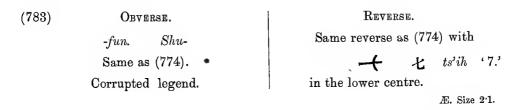
Æ. Same size.

Same reverse as (765).

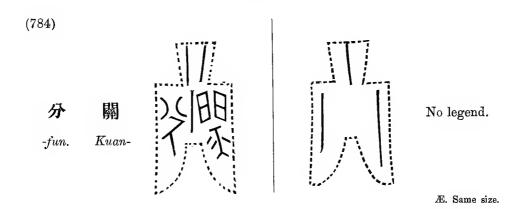




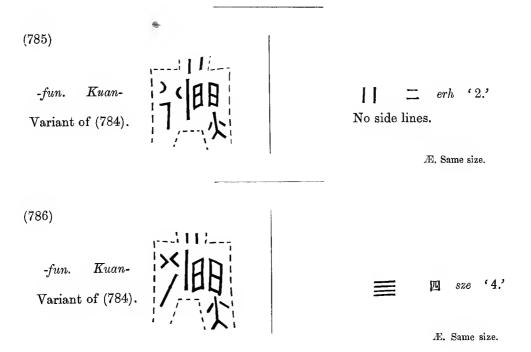




References:—K.T.H. 元 VIII., ff. 9, 10, 17.—S.T.H. 元, II., f. 2.



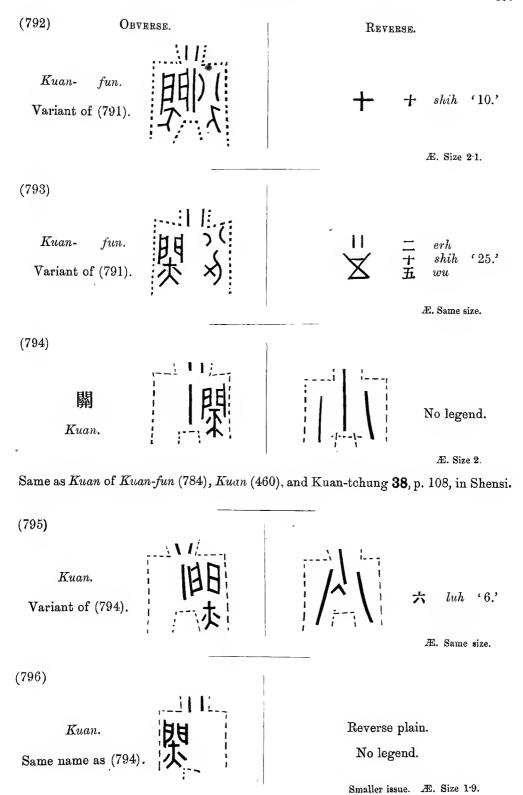
i.e. "Kuan's fun," or "Fun of Kuan." Kuan for Kuan-tchung, the capital city of the state of Ts'in 秦. See 37, p. 108, and (460).

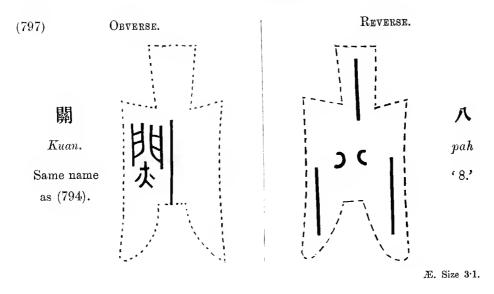


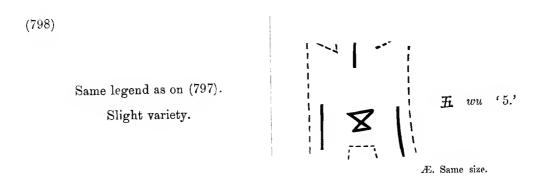
(787) Obvers	E.	Reverse.
-fun. Kuan- Variant of (784).	20月) (八 pah '8.'
(788) -fun. Kuan- Variant of (784).	之	+ + shih '10.' Æ. Same size.
(789) -fun. Kuan- Variant of (784).	2/月日	= = erh + shih '24.' E. Same size.
(790) -fun. Kuan- Variant of (784).	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	二 erh shih '28.' 入 pah Æ. Same size.
(791) Kuan- fun. Same as (784), from left to right.)(旧E	No legend. Same reverse as (784).

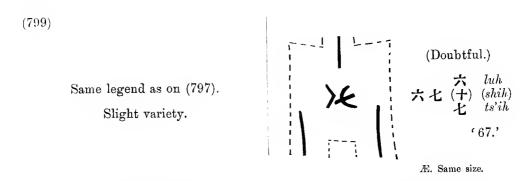
.E. Same size.

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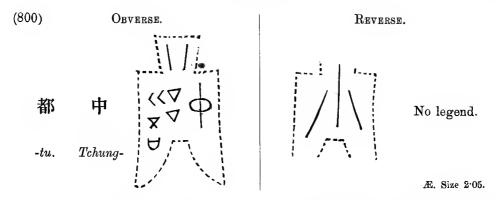






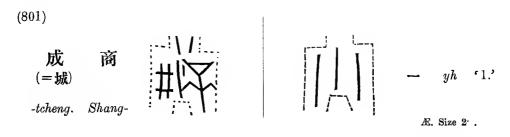


References:—H.P.W.T.K., f. 3.—K.T.H. 元, VIII., ff. 7-10.—S.T.H., 元, II., f. 2.

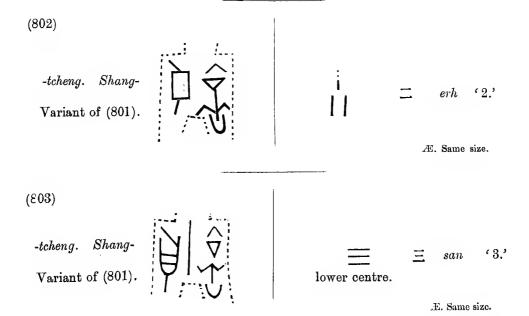


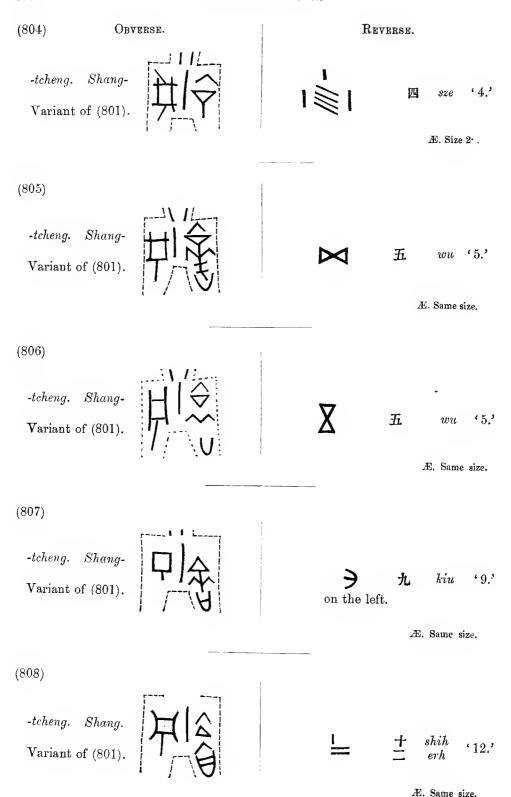
Tchung-tu, which was a place in the state of Lu 魯, is now a district N.W. of modern P'ing-yao hien in C. Shansi. See in the Square-footed Pu series (164-186).

Reference:—K.T.H. 元, VIII., f. 4 v.



Shang-tcheng, now Shan-yang in Shensi. See Square-footed Pu series (441).





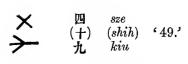
'20.'

PU-MONEY. (809)OBVERSE. REVERSE. -tcheng. Shang-Variant of (801). Æ, Size 2 (810)-tcheng. Shang-Variant of (801). Æ. Same size. (811)Variant of (801). Æ. Same size. (812)-tcheng. Shang-Variant of (801).

(813)

-tcheng. Shang-Variant of (801).





Æ. Same size,



REVERSE.

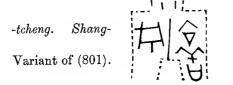
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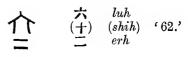
Æ. Size 2 · .

(815)

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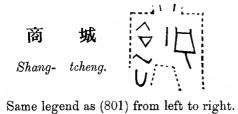
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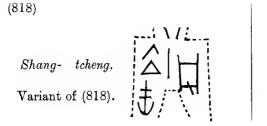
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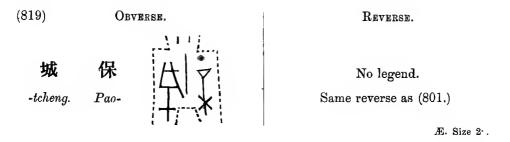
Two straight lines, left and right.

No legend.

Æ. Same size.

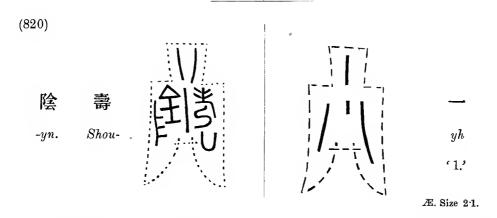


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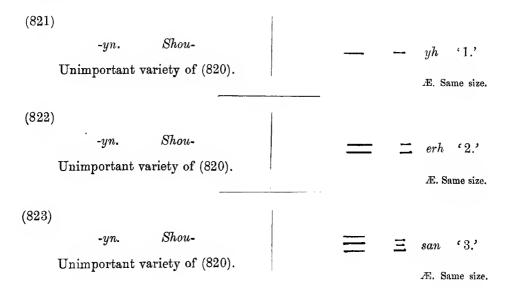


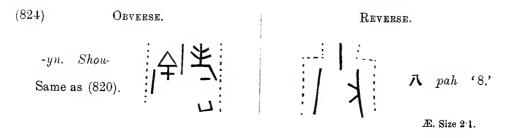
Pao-tcheng in the state of Tchao, during the Civil Wars; now Pao-ting fu (lat. 38° 53′, long. 119° 36′), in Tchihli.

Reference:—K.T.H. 元, VIII., ff. 1-4.

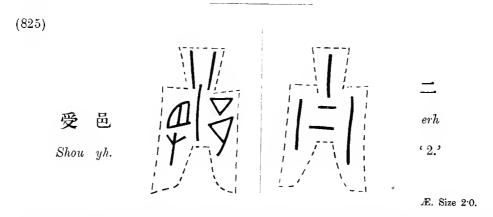


Shou-yn, which means probably the northern side of the Shou (river) in Tai-yuen fu, C. Shansi is not identified.



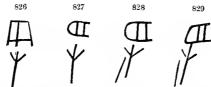


Reference:—K.T.H. 元 VI., f. 8.



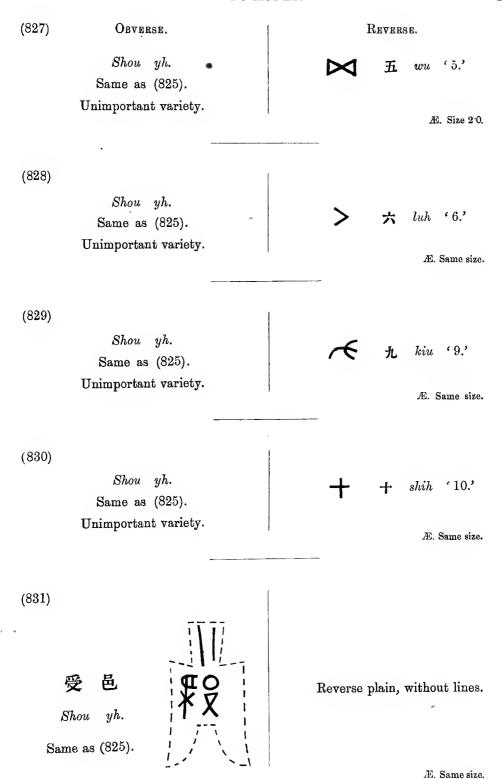
Shou yh, or 'Shou city;' probably same as Shou Kuang 壽 光, also written 受 光, (lat. 36° 55', long. 119°), in modern Tsing-tchou 青 州 fu, Shantung.

The several issues of this type present the following varieties for the left-hand side character Shou 要:—



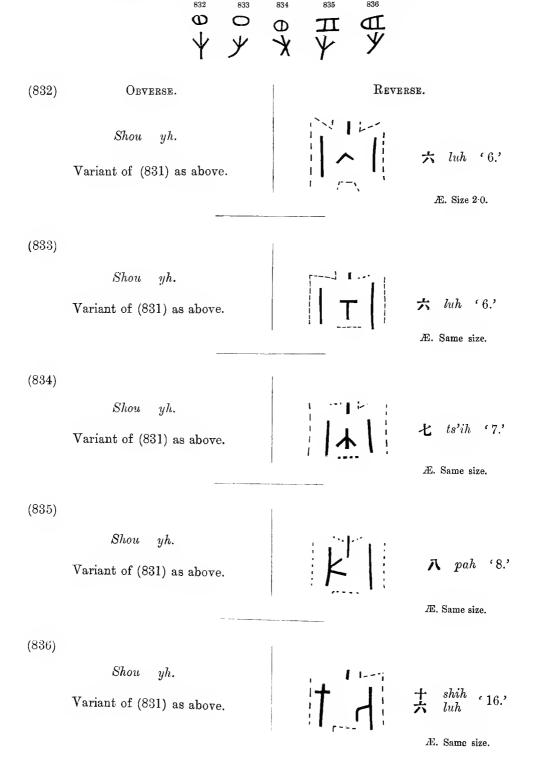
while the variations in the other sign are indifferent.

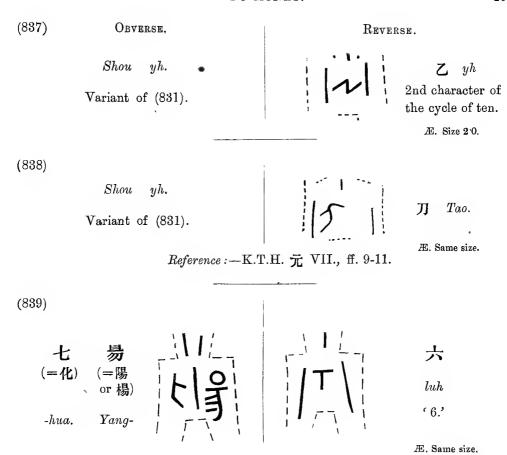




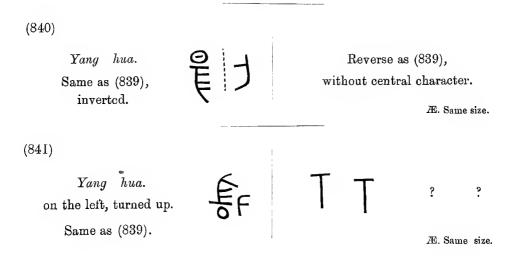
ar. Same size

The left-hand character presents the following varieties on the different issues :-





i.e. 'Yang's Exchange.' Yang, during the Spring and Autumn period (B.C. 722—481), was a small independent principality which lost its independence during the Civil Wars (B.C. 481—255). It answered to the modern Hung-tung 洪 洞, in P'ing yang fu (lat. 36° 17′, long. 111° 42), Shansi.



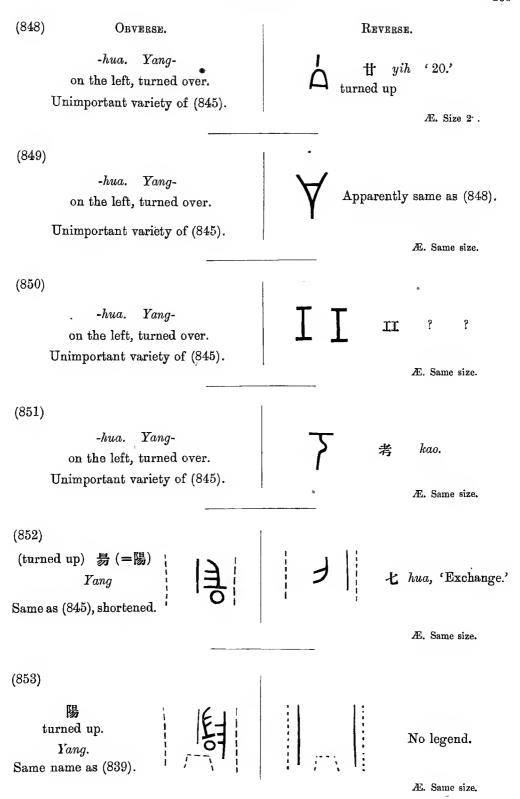
REVERSE. OBVERSE. (842)Yanghua. 七 hua, 'Exchange.' on the left, turned up. Unimportant variety of (841). Æ. Size 2. (843)Yang hua. hua, 'Exchange.' on the left, turned up. Same as (841). without side lines. Æ. Same size. (844)Yang hua. No legend. on the left, turned up. Same as (840). Same as (843). Æ. Same size. (845)-hua. Yangon the right, turned over. Same as (843). (846)-hua. Yangon the left, turned over. Unimportant variety of (845). Æ Same size. (847)

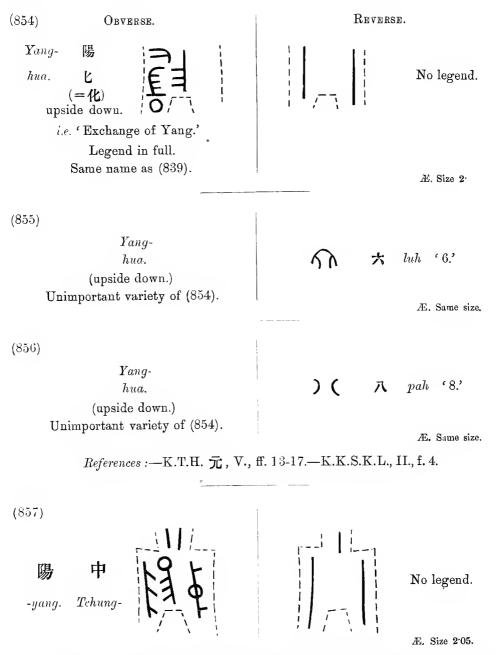
+ shih '10.'

Æ. Same size.

-hua. Yang-

on the left, turned over.
Unimportant variety of (845).

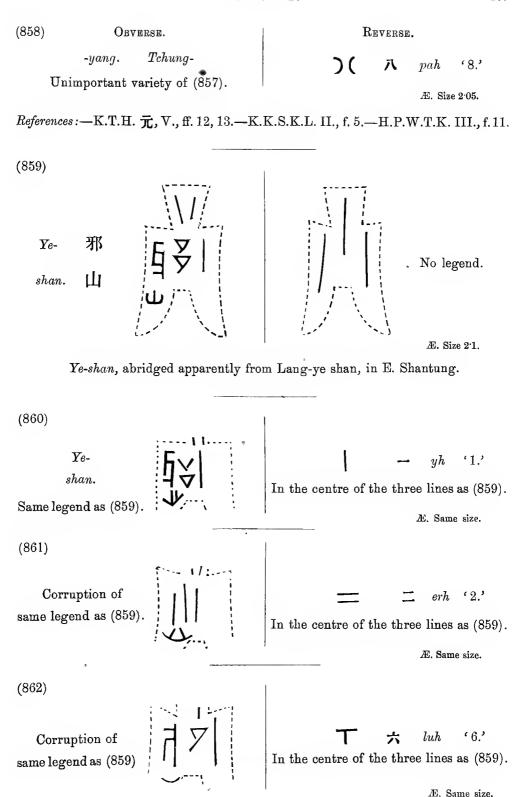


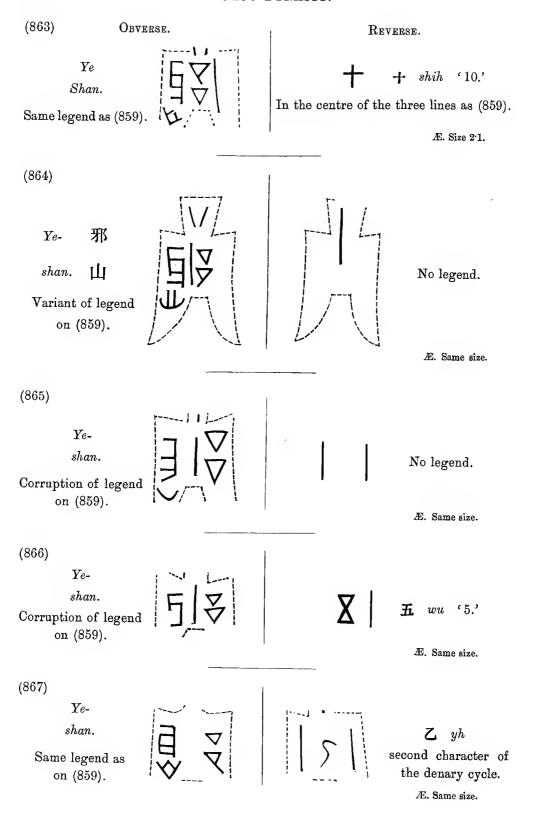


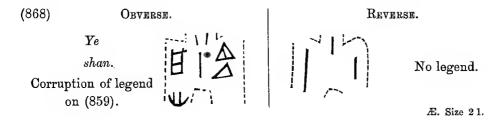
The character 陽 presents but unimportant varieties, while the character 中 is also found as follows:—



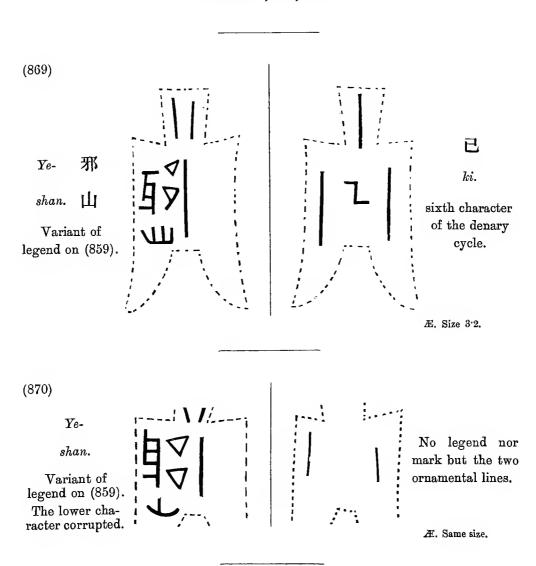
Tchung-yang mentioned in the She Ki (B. XLIII.), B.C. 285, belonged to the state of Tchao, and was situate in the modern prefecture of Fun-tchou, in Shansi.

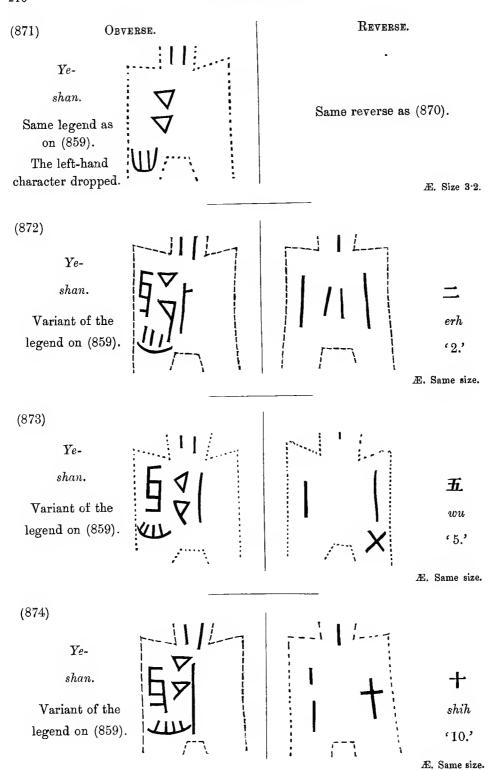




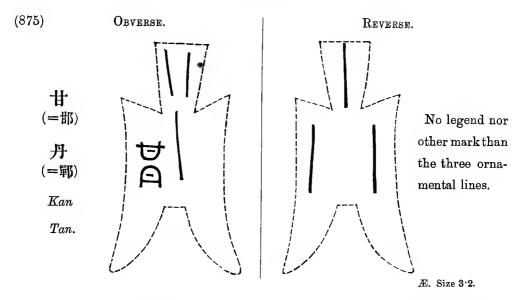


References:—K.T.H., 元, VII., ff. 11, 12.—S.T.H., Po-y 上, f. 7.— H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 11 v.

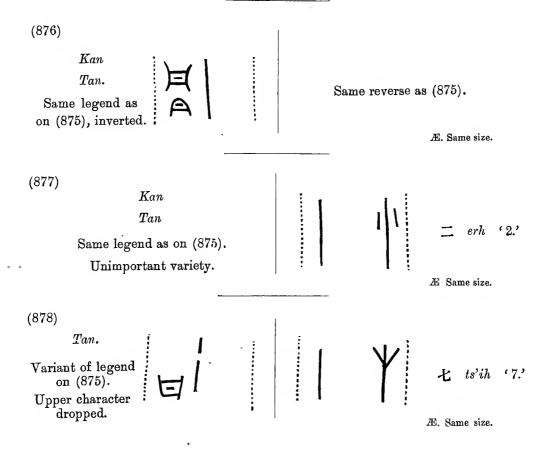


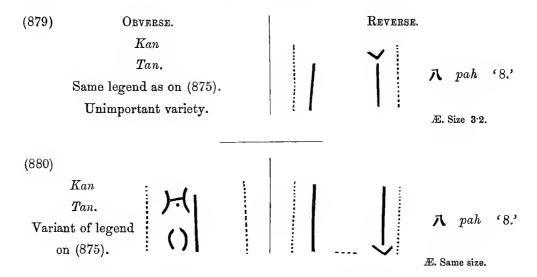


References:—K.T.H., 元 VII., ff. 12, 13.—H.P.W.T.K., III., f. 11.—S.T.H., 元 II., f. 2.

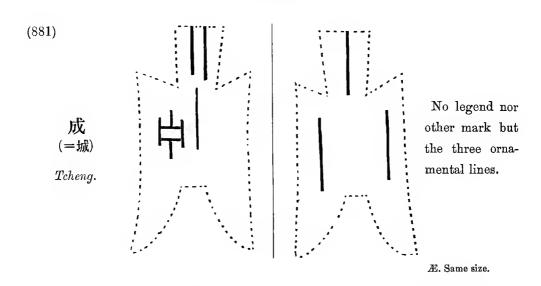


Kan Tan was the capital city of the state of Tchao (403 s.c.) and answered to a hien of the same name in Kuang-p'ing fu (lat. 36° 40′, long. 114° 40′), in S. Tchihli See Spade-Money series (111).





References:—K.T.H. 元 VIII., ff. 15, 16.—S.T.H., 元, II., ff. 2, 3.— H.P.W.T.K. III., f. 39.



Tcheng otherwise Tch'ing, formerly in S. Shantung. See above (407).

Reference:—K.T.H. 元 VII., f. 13 v.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY.

From the seventh to the second century B.C.

The practice of using metal knives in barter began, as well as for all other metal implements of daily use, in remote antiquity (see p. 1, and Introduction). But the relative convenience of their shape for carrying, because of the ring of the handle, did no doubt somewhat facilitate the spreading of the custom. The first piece, 44, of the following collection, belongs to the sort of money which had grown from the ancient practice, in the Shantung peninsula, outside of the Chinese political authority, and is probably anterior to the seventh century B.C.

The introduction of the Knife-money in the state of Ts'i, conterminous with the above peninsula, is attributed, in a rather legendary way, to the following circumstances, circà 650 B.C. At the eve of an expedition, the soldiers of the Duke Hwan, of Ts'i, proved dissatisfied with the stringent regulations on weights and money which had previously been enacted by the Prime Minister Kwan-tze (see pp. 4, 18, and Introduc-Their General, afraid of their being disloyal, granted to them the authorization of making use of their metal knives for barter. people were delighted with the innovation, which was giving them a more convenient medium of exchange, and adopted it eagerly. nan tze, who died in 122 B.C., and to whom we are indebted for the preceding story, says, that in his time, they were still faithful to the practice, and, despite the changes and modifications which had happened in the currency, they continued to cast Knife-money similar to the patterns of former times. This is apparently the explanation of the peculiar deformation of the inscriptions which were no longer understood, and present in some cases an unusual degree of difficulty in decipherment. In 135 B.c. all private casting of money was strictly forbidden.

The legends of several types of the Knife-Money are more interesting than those of many in the other series. The formula *Tsi fan wang tze kiu hwa* (928-944) which indicates that this currency when returned will be again reviving (*i.e.* repaid), is highly suggestive of the information

required to show the newly restored money in the state of Ts'i. And when the habit was well established there was no more use for such explanations, and the legends were successively reduced to four and three characters. See 56 p. 232, and (950) 59 p. 234.

Those of the associated-names-series, 52-55 (922-927), offer some more information on the interesting fact that associations of traders or guilds of towns issued money, a fact disclosed in other series, 6, 7, 39 (442-453, 478, 479), and on which see Introduction. The most interesting is the specimen 55 which exemplifies a currency issued for the travelling merchants between Tsih-moh in the Shantung peninsula, and Kwantchung, the capital of the state of Ts'in, in Shansi.

The geography of the Knife-Money, except the above case, is limited to the Shantung peninsula and conterminous region. This matter, and the trade-routes suggested by the associated names, the decipherment of the legends, and the weights and measures are treated of in the Introduction.

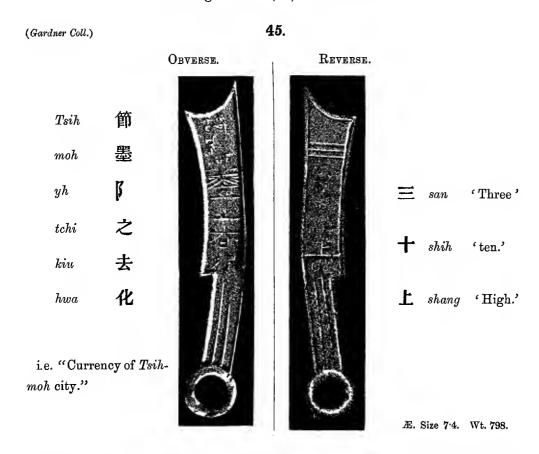
A. Larger sort. (I.) Older series. a. Various single names.

44. (Gardner Coll.) REVERSE. OBVERSE. TsihIJ Tsihyh.yh.i.e. Tsih city, perhaps an earlier name of the Same name as on following Tsih-moh. See the reverse. above (487-490), of the Pu-Money series. The forms of the characters are a revival of some very ancient ones.

Æ. Size 6.5. Wt. 953.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

A. Larger sort. (II.) LATER SERIES.



Tsih-moh was an important trading place of the Shantung peninsula, in the state of Tsi, during the Civil Wars. In 279 B.C. it was conquered by the northern state of Yen. Its name is preserved in that of a hien in Lai-tchou fu (lat. 34° 15′, long. 120° 44′), in E. Shantung.

46. (Gardner Coll.) OBVERSE. REVERSE. 節 Tsih墨 mohß yhsan**'**3.' 之 tchishih'10.' 去 kiu化 hwa星 sing'star. i.e. "Currency of Tsihmoh city."

(Gardner Coll.)

Variant of legend on 45.

47.

OBV.



Tsih moh yh tchi kiu hwa.

"Currency of Tsih-moh city."

REV.



San shih. Sing.

"Three ten. Star."

Æ. Size 7 3. Wt. 810.

Æ. Size 7.6. Wt. 840.

48.

OBV.



Tsih moh yh tchi kiu hwa.

"Currency of Tsih-moh city."

REV.



San shih. Sing.

"Three ten. Star."

Æ. Size 7.2 Wt. 740.

49.

OBV.



Tsih moh yh tchi kiu hwa.

"Currency of Tsih-moh city."

REV.



San shih. ± T'u. "Three ten. Earth."

Æ. Size 7:4. Wt. 770.

Other issues of the same Knife-Money, Tsih moh yh tchi kiu hwa, with the same obverse (variants unimportant), have the following reverses. The two first symbols, excepting on (892-894), which have not the second, are the three horizontal lines for san, 'three,' and the sign for 10, which varies from a single dot, a globule, or a

vertical line, to a combination of the latter with a central dot or thicker part, as in the preceding specimens. The only differences of importance is marked by the third or last symbol, which alone is reproduced here in facsimile. The legends read from top to bottom.

(882)	クモ	三十化	San shih. Hwa.	Three ten. Exchangeable.
(883)	太	三十去	San shih. Kiu.	Three ten. Return.
(884)	エ	三十工	San shih. Kung.	Three ten. Work.
(885)	Ψ	三十岁	San shih. Tch'eh.	Three ten. Sprout.
(886)		三十1 (=化)	San shih. Hwa.	Three ten. Exchangeable.
(887)	1	三十七 (=化)	San shih. Hwa.	Three ten. Exchangeable.
(888)	古	三十吉	San shih. Kih.	Three ten. Lucky.
(889)	上	三十上	San shih. Shang.	Three ten. High.
(890)	女线	三十大行	San shih. Ta Heng.	Three ten. Great going.
(891)	なせ	三十去甘	San shih. Kiu. Kan.	Three ten. Return. Good.
(892)	工	ΞΙ	San. Kung.	Three. Work.
(893)	Same as (890)	三大行	San. Ta Heng.	Three. Great going.
(894)	\odot	三星	San. Sing.	Three. Star.
(895)		Plain, no	mark.	All Æ. Same size.

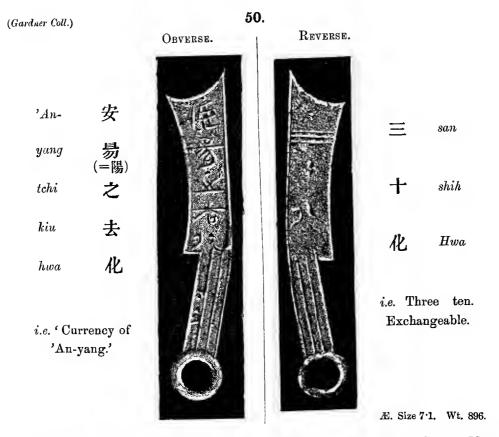
For the same obverse, with other names on the reverse, see (924-927) in Associated-names-series.

References:—K.T.H., Heng III., ff. 2-5.—S.T.H., Heng I., ff. 19-21.—H.P.W.T.K., I., ff. 1-3.—T.S.T., XXI., ff. 44, 45.

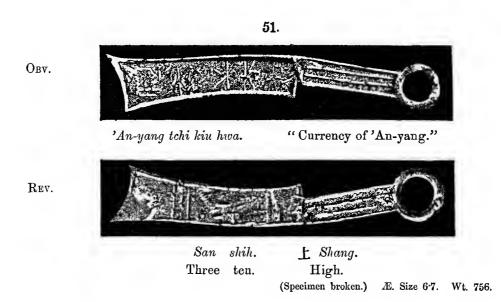
A currency of the same shape and device, but of smaller size, was issued with the following symbols on the reverse. The obverse is similar to the preceding series typified in **48**, **49**, p. 217, with unimportant differences.

(896)	杏	去	Kiu	To depart.
(897)	Ψ	у	$\mathit{Tch'eh}$	Sprout.
(898)	Н	⊥ (upside down)	$ extbf{ extit{K}} ung$	Work.
(899)	力	氏	She	Family.
(900)	1	比 (=化)	Hwa	Exchangeable.
(901)	上	上	Shang	High.
(902)	占	上?	Shang	High.
(903)	Θ	日 (in a circle)	${\it Jih}$	Sun.
(904)	(-	Yh	One.
(905)	h	六	Luh	Six.
(906)) (八	Pah	Eight.
(907)	4	九	Kiu	Nine.
(908)	+	+	Shih	Ten.
(909)		Plain, no mark.		All Æ. Size 5·7.

References:—K.T.H. Heng, III., ff. 5-8.—S.T.H., Heng, I., ff. 21, 22.—H.P.W.T.K., I., f. 4.—T.S.T., XXI., f. 46.



'An-yang, so called in 257 B.C.; now in Tchang-teh fu, N. Honan. (See Pu-Money, Square-footed series, 29-32, pp. 83, 84.)



There are other issues of the same obverse, with the following symbols; the last symbol of the reverse only is given here in facsimile, as follows:—

(911)
$$\Xi + \Xi$$
 San shih. Kung. Three ten. Work.

(913)
$$\equiv + -$$
 San shih. Yh. Three ten. One.

(914)
$$\equiv + \equiv San shih. Erh.$$
 Three ten. Two.

(915)
$$\equiv + \Rightarrow San shih$$
. Luh. Three ten. Six.

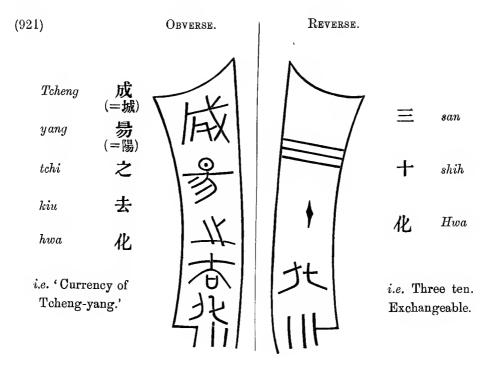
(916)
$$\Xi + \mathcal{L}$$
 San shih. Ts'ih. Three ten. Seven.

(919)
$$\pm$$
 \pm \pm ? San shih. Shih kiu. Three ten. Nineteen.

(920)
$$\Xi$$
 San. Three.

Æ. Size 6.7.

References:—K.T.H. Heng, ff. 8-12.—S.T.H. id., I., ff. 23, 24.—H.P.W.T.K.I., ff. 5-8.—T.S.T., XXI., ff. 42-44.

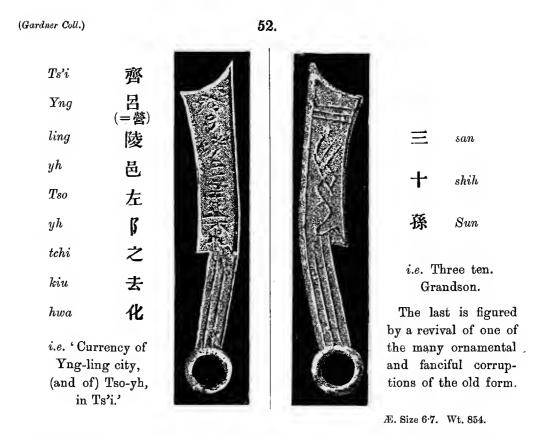


Æ. Same size.

Tcheng-yang, during the Civil Wars period, was 90 li south of modern P'u-tchou (lat. 35° 48′, long. 115° 33′), in Shantung.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

A. Larger sort. b. Associated names.

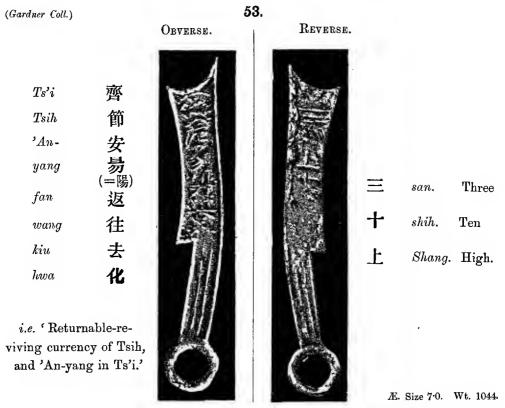


Yng-ling answered to the modern Tchang-loh (lat. 36° 42', long. 118° 58'), in Ts'ing-tchou fu, E. Shantung. Tso-yh answered to the modern Wen-hi, in Kiang-tchou (lat. 35° 29', long. 111° , 03'), Shansi.

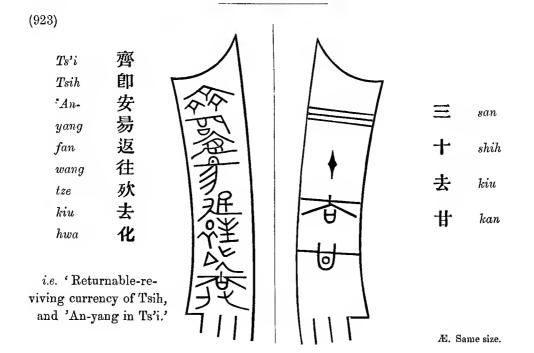
(922) The same obverse was issued with a plain reverse.

Æ. Same size.

Reference:—K.T.H. Heng I., f. 9.



Tsih for Tsih-Moh, as, 45-49, pp. 215 sq., and 'An-yang, as, 29, 32, 50, 51, (910, 920).



54. (Gardner Coll.) OBVERSE. REVERSE. 斖 Ts'iTsih- Y_{nq} 卽 (=節 營) mo黑 陵 san. Three ta大 shih. ten. heng 行 Kai-之 tchi去 fung. kiu化 hwai.e. 'Currency of the great going of Tsih-moh and Yng-ling, of Tsi.'

Tsih-moh in Shantung, as 44-49, 53 above. Yng-ling is the modern Tchang-loh 昌樂, in Tsing-tchou fu (lat. 36° 42′, long. 118° 58′), Shantung. Kai-fung is still the name of a prefecture (lat. 34° 52′, long. 114° 33′) in Honan.

Knife-Money of Tsih-moh, E. Shantung, with the same obverse as **45-49**, 882-895, was issued with the following names on the reverses. The wood-cuts do not reproduce the two first and always the same symbols $\Xi + :$

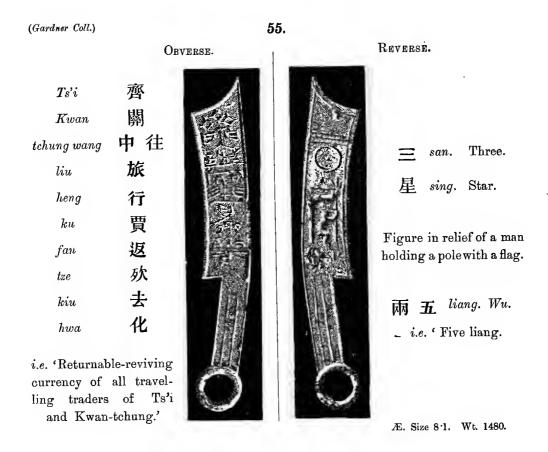
- (925) **万多堂** Variant of (924).

Æ. Size 7.8.

Wt. 1278.

Æ. Size 7.

References: -K.T.H., heng III., ff. 1, 2.—S.T.H., heng I., ff. 18, 19.— T.S.T., XXI., f. 45.



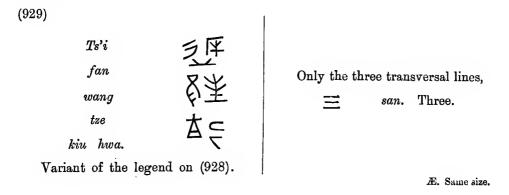
Kwan-tchung was the name of the capital of the great state of Ts'in, then on its growing way to the empire. The merchants of Ts'i used to go there on commercial expeditions. See above 37, 38 p. 108 and (460, 784, 794).

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

A. Larger sort. c. Ts'i series. 1. Six-character legends.

(928)		OBVERSE.		Reverse.
	Ts'i fan wang tze kiu hwa	齊返往欢去化	念 经 整 质 本 行	Only the three transversal lines, $\equiv san$. Three.
i. e. 'Returnable-reviving currency of Ts'i.'				Æ. Size 7.

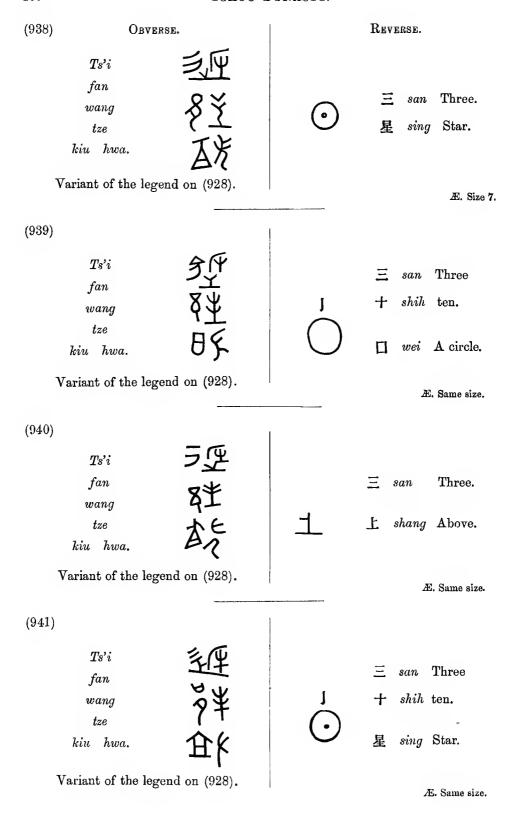
The same legend appears on the following issues (929-944), with some important variants in the second, third, and fourth symbols which alone are here given in facsimile, and with different reverses, as follows:

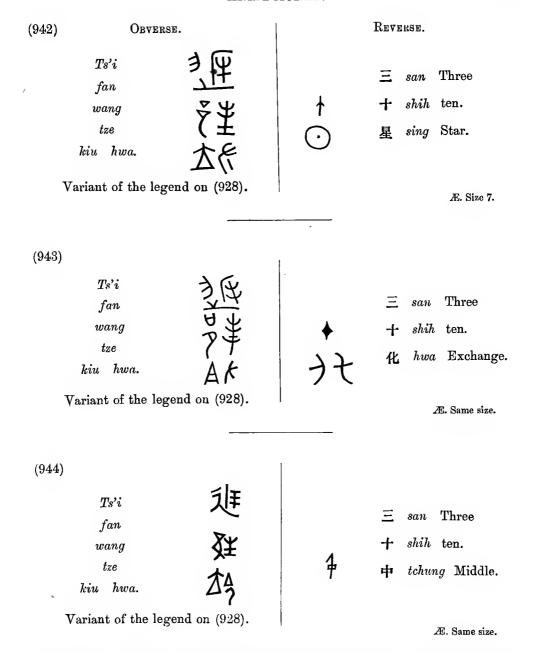


(930) OBVE	RSE.	Reverse.			
Ts'i fan wang tze kiu hwa. Variant of the	三型 8 型 エミ degend on (928).	= san. Three + shih. ten. Æ. Size 7.			
(931)	∃ .Ψ	$\equiv san$			
fan wang tze kiu hwa.	主义	+ shih Same shape as (930).			
	egend on (928).	Æ. Same size.			
(932) Ts'i fan wang tze kiu hwa.	建生	= san + shih Same shape as (930). Æ. Same size.			
(933) Ts'i fan wang tze kin hwa. Variant of the le	多 <u>生</u> 多 <u>生</u> 太テ gend on (928).	三 san Three + shih ten. 1 hwa Exchange. (=化)			

Æ. Same size.

(934) Obverse. Ts'i fan wang 科生	REVERSE. = san Three + shih ten.
kiu hwa. Variant of the legend on (928).	イ hwa Exchange. (=化) Æ. Size 7.
(935) Ts'i fan wang tze kiu hwa. Variant of the legend on (928).	三 san Three + shih ten. 1 hwa Exchange. (=化)
(936) Ts'i fan wang tze kiu hwa. Variant of the legend on (928).	三 san Three
(937) Ts'i fan wang tze kiu hwa. Variant of the legend on (928).	三 san Three 十 shih ten. 星 sing Star.

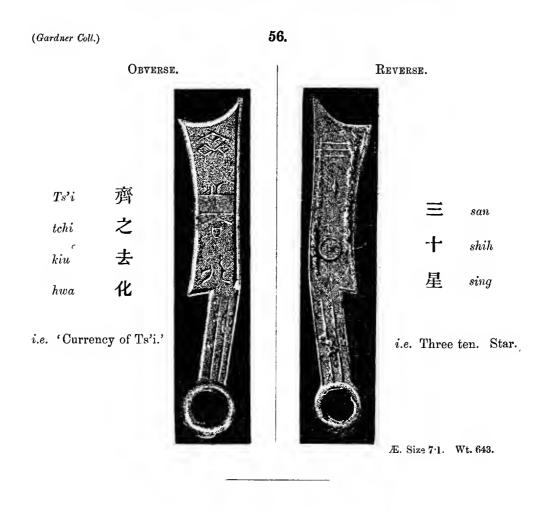




References:—K.T.H., heng I., ff. 1-5.—S.T.H., heng I., ff. 1-4.—H.P.W.T.K., I., ff. 8, 9.—T.S.T. XXI., f. 47.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

A. Larger sort. c. Ts'i series. 2. Four-character legends.



57.

Ts'i tchi kiu hwa.

Same as 56.

Plain, no mark.

(Representative specimen.) Æ. Size 6.6. Wt. 1020.

58.

OBV.



Ts'i tchi kiu hwa. 'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



San shih. Hwa.

Æ. Size 6.9. Wt. 677.

The same obverse, Ts'i tchi kiu hwa, was also issued with the following reverses:

三十化

San shih. Hwa.

Three ten. Exchange.

三十上

San shih. Shang.

Three ten. Above.

(947)

三十人

San shih. Jen.

Three ten. Man.

(948)

三十口

San shih.

Three ten. A circle.

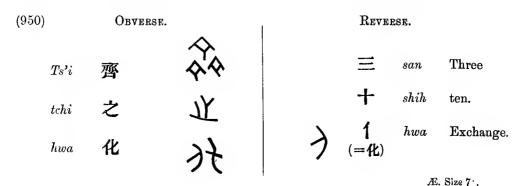
三十去甘 San shih. Kiu. Kan. Three ten. Kiu. Good.

All Æ. Same size.

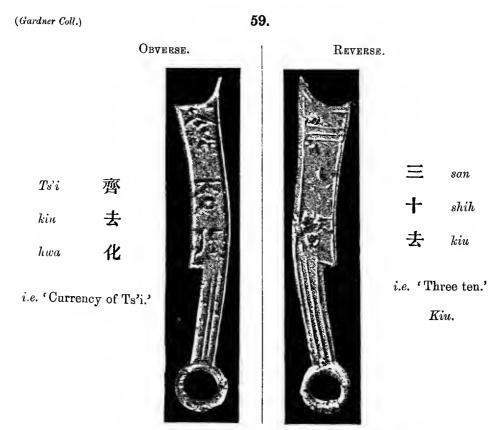
References: -K.T.H. heng I., ff. 6-8.—S.T.H., heng I., ff. 4-6.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

A. Larger sort. c. Ts'i series. 3. Three-character legends.



Reference: -K.T.H. heng I., f. 8.



Æ. Size 7. Wt. 713.

(Gardner Coll.)

60.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

' Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三十上

San shih. Shang.

Three ten. Above.

Æ. Size 7 . Wt. 701.

(Gardner Coll.)

61.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



= +

San shih wei.

Three ten. A circle.

Æ. Size 7. Wt. 777.

(Gardner Coll.)

62.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三十可

San shih. K'o.

Three ten. Can.

Æ Size 7 . Wt. 725.

(Gardner Coll.)

63.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



= + 1

San shih. P'u.

Three ten. Divining.

Æ. Size 6.8. Wt. 658.

(Gardner Coll.)

64.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

Rev.



三十土

San shih. T'u.

Three ten. Earth.

Æ. Size 7 . Wt. 730.

65. (Gardner Coll.) OBV. 'Currency of Ts'i.' Te'i kiu hwa. REV. Three ten. Exchange. Hwa. San shih. Æ. Size 6.8. Wt. 768. 66. (Gardner Coll.) OBV. 'Currency of Ts'i.' Ts'i kiu hwa. REV. San shih. (?) Three ten. (?) Æ. Size 6.8. Wt. 581. (951)OBVERSE. REVERSE.

Ts'i kiu hwa.

Variant of the legend on 66.

Æ. Same size.

+

shih 1 hwa.

(=化)

San

(Gardner Coll.)

67.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三十吉

San shih. Kih.

Three ten. Lucky.

Æ. Size 7.2. Wt. 773.

(Gardner Coll.)

68.

OBv.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三十世

San shih. Kan.

Three ten. Sweet.

Æ. Size 7.2. Wt. 744.

(Gardner Coll.)

69.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三十岁

San shih. Tch'eh.

Three ten. Sprout.

Æ. Size 7.2. Wt. 693.

(Gardner Coll.)

70.

Obv.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三十且

San shih. Tsi'e.

Three ten. And.

Æ. Size 7. Wt. 720.

(Gardner Coll.)

71.

OBv.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

' Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



 $\Xi + I$

San shih. Kung.

Three ten. Work.

Æ. Size 7·1. Wt. 755.

(Gardner Coll.)

72.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三十土

San shih. T'u.

Three ten. Earth.

Æ. Size 7: Wt. 690.

(Gardner Coll.)

73.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三十行

San shih. Heng.

Three ten. Going.

Æ. Size 7. Wt. 749.

(Gardner Coll.)

74.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三十生

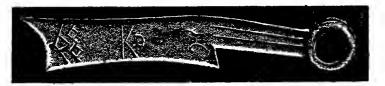
San shih. Seng. Three ten. Produce.

Æ. Size 7.3. Wt. 746.

(Gardner Coll.)

75.

Obv.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三十禾

San shih. Ho. Three ten. Grain.

Æ. Size 7.2. Wt. 940.

(Gardner Coll.)

76.

OBV.



Ts'i kiu hwa.

'Currency of Ts'i.'

REV.



三 (十) 可

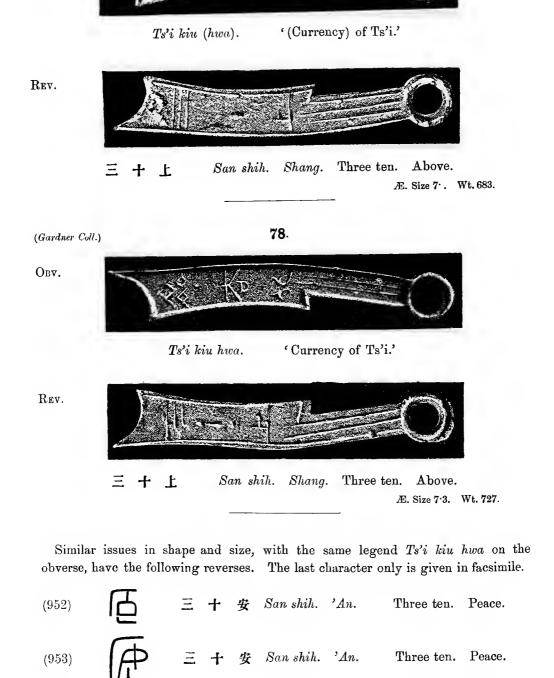
San (shih). Ko. Three ten. May.

Æ. Size 6.9. Wt. 740.

77.

OBV.

(Gardner Coll)



- (954) 三十央 San shih. Yeng. Three ten. Enlarge.
- (955) \equiv \uparrow \uparrow San shih. Hia. Three ten. Below.
- (956) 三十丘 San shih. Kiu Three ten. Hills.
- (957) $= + \leq San shih. Yn.$ Three ten. Yn.
- (958) 三十易 San shih. Yang. Three ten. Yang.
- (960) 三十自 San shih. Peh. Three ten. White.
- (961) 三 + 星 San shih. Sing. Three ten. Star.
- (962) = = + \square San shih. Hwei. Three ten. Enclosure.
- (963) 三十日 San shih. Jih. Three ten. Sun.
- (964) 三十大 San shih. Ta. Three ten. Great.
- (965) 三十才 San shih. Tsai. Three ten. Skilfulness.
- (966) $\equiv + \pm San shih$. Tche. Three ten. To stop.

(968)
$$\equiv + \underbrace{\mathsf{k}}_{(=4\mathtt{k})} San \, shih. \, Hwa.$$
 Three ten. Exchange.

(970)
$$\Xi + \& San shih$$
. Ts'ih. Three ten. Seven.

(971)
$$=$$
 \pm \pm \pm \pm San shih. Tchi. Three ten. To.

(973)
$$\equiv$$
 + \oplus San shih. P'an. Three ten. Half.

(974)
$$\Psi$$
 三十 男 San shih. Tch'eh. Three ten. Sprout.

(975)
$$\equiv$$
 \pm + \equiv San shih. Erh. Three ten. Two.

(977)
$$\equiv + \gtrsim San \, shih. \, Tchi.$$
 Three ten. To.

Æ. All same size.

References:—K.T.H., 亨 II., ff. 8-12.—S.T.H., 亨 I., ff. 6-17.—H.P.W.T.K. I., ff. 13-19.—T.S.T., XXI., ff. 33-40.

Ts'i 齊
kiu 去
hwa 化
i.e. 'Currency of Ts'i.'

REVERSE.

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Æ. Size 7 . Wt. 770.

Other issues of the same size and shape with a similar obverse, Ts'i kiu hwa, have the following signs on the reverses. The second symbol only is given in facsimile.

(978)	坐	Ξ	生	San.	Sing.	Three.	Star.
(979)	o	\equiv	甘	San.	Kan.	Three.	Good.
(980)	A	=	且	San.	Tsiu.	Three.	Moreover.
(981)	I	Ξ	Œ	San.	Tcheng.	Three.	Right.
(982)	\bigcirc	Ξ		San.	Hwei.	Three.	Enclosure.

(984)
$$\Xi$$
 & San. Hwa. Three. Exchange.

(985)
$$\geq$$
 \equiv \geq San. Ts'ih. Three. Seven.

(986)
$$\equiv \underbrace{\mathsf{k}}_{(=4k)}$$
 San. Hwa. Three. Exchange.

Æ. All same size.

References:—K.T.H., 亨 II., ff. 2-12.—H.P.W.T.K. I., ff. 19.

80.



No legend.

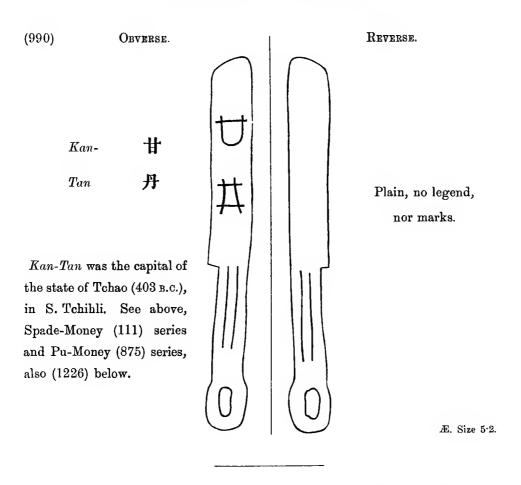


+ I Shih. Kung. Ten. Work.

Æ. Size 7.2. Wt. 756.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

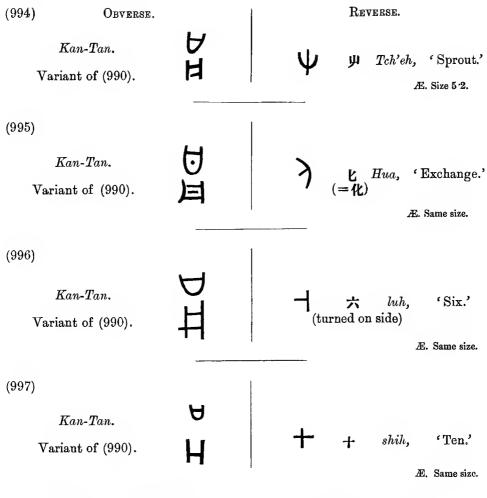
B. Smaller sorts. a. Various series.



Other issues with same plain reverse exhibit the following variants on the obverse:—



Æ. Same size.



References:—H.P.W.T.K. II., f. 20.—K.T.H., heng 十四, ff. 1, 2.—S.T.H., heng 三, f. 8.

REV.

Plain, no marks.

Æ. Same size.

Tcheng is perhaps the name of a place, as (407) and (881). Peh is not identified.

6.

Ornament.

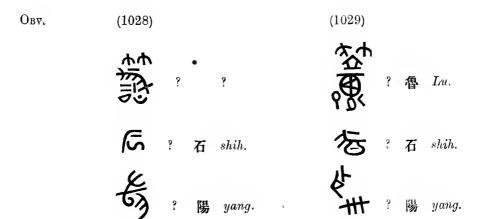
'10.'

Æ. Same size. K k

(1019)(1018)(1017)OBV. 自 Peh (**三化**) hwa 自 Peh. Peh.刀 tao. REV. + shih, '10.' Ł=化 hwa.wen. Æ. Size 5.2. (1023)(1024)(1021)(1022)(1020)OBV. shaped as 白 Peh. (1020)REV. 五. Wu, ts'ih, 'six.' 'seven.' 'Five.' Æ. Same size. (1025)(1026)(1027)OBV. **)** 比 (=化) hwa. 自 Peh. REV. Plain, no mark. hwa.

References:—K.T.H., 享十四, ff. 4,5,6.—S.T.H., 享三, f. 9.—S.T.T. XXI., f. 47.

Æ. Same size.



Rev.

Plain, no marks.

Æ. Size 5.2.

References:—K.T.H., 亨十四, f. 10.—H.P.W.T.K., I., f. 21.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

B. Smaller sorts. b. Pointed series.

81.

OBV.



己 Ki. Sixth of the denary cycle.



Plain.

(Gardner Coll.)

82.

OBv.



比 (=化) Hwa, 'Exchange.'

REV.



Plain.

Æ. Size 6·1. Wt. 247.

83.

OBV.



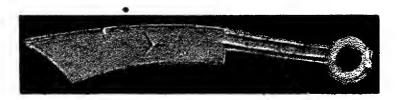
Plain.



木 Muh. 'A Tree.'

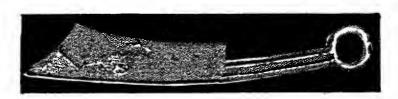
Æ. Size 61:. Wt. 210.

OBV.



L Ts'ih, 'Seven.'

REV.



Plain.

Æ. Size 6:1. Wt. 250.

85.

OBV.

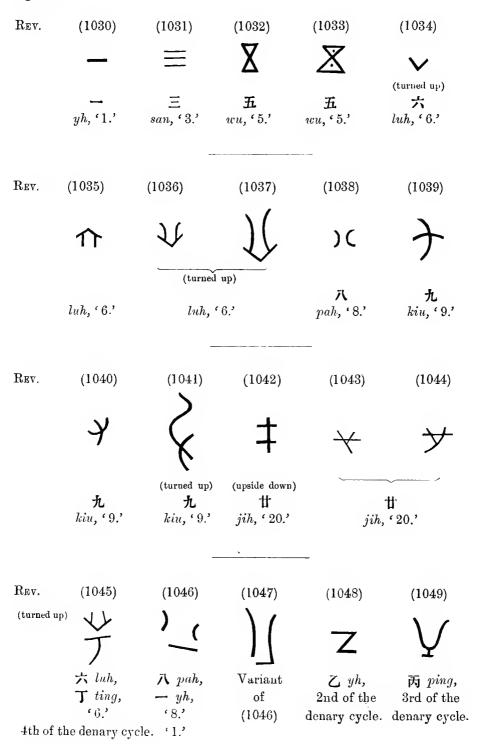


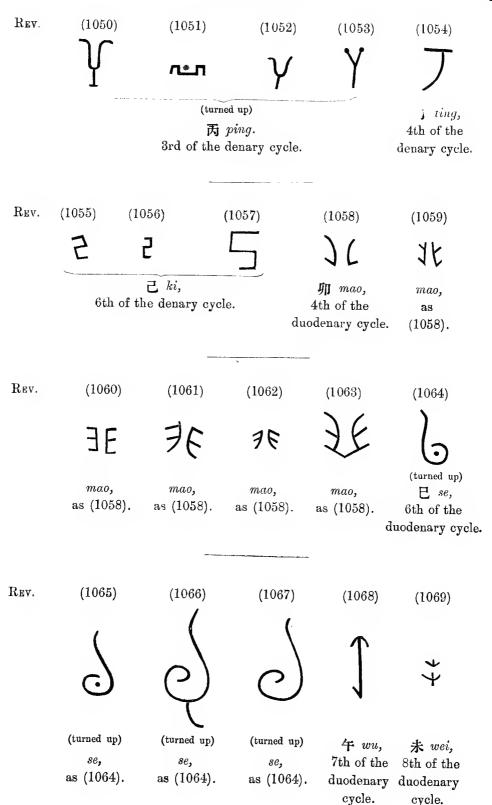
Plain.



八 Pah, 'Eight.'
(Specimen broken.) Æ. Size 5-9. Wt. 247.

Other issues of the same shape and size, the obverse plain, bear the following signs on the





REV. (1070)(1072)(1071)(1073)(1074)(turned up) T ting, T ting, ting, ting, ting, as (1054) MI mao, mao, mao, mao, as (1071). and (?). 4th of the as (1071). as (1071). sexagenary cycle. REV. (1075)(1076)(1077)(1078)(1079)(turned upside down) t'u, t'u, ting, $\pm t'u$, 'earth.' Variant of as (1077). mao. mao.Variant of Variant of (1077).(1071).(1071).REV. (1080)(1081)(1082)(1083)(1084)t'u, 水 shui, Ш shan, 日 jih, jih, as (1077). 'water.' 'mountain.' 'the sun.' as (1083). REV. (1085)(1086)(1087)(1088)(1089)

(turned up)

H tan,

'dawn.'

(turned up)

tan,

as (1085).

L shang,

'above.'

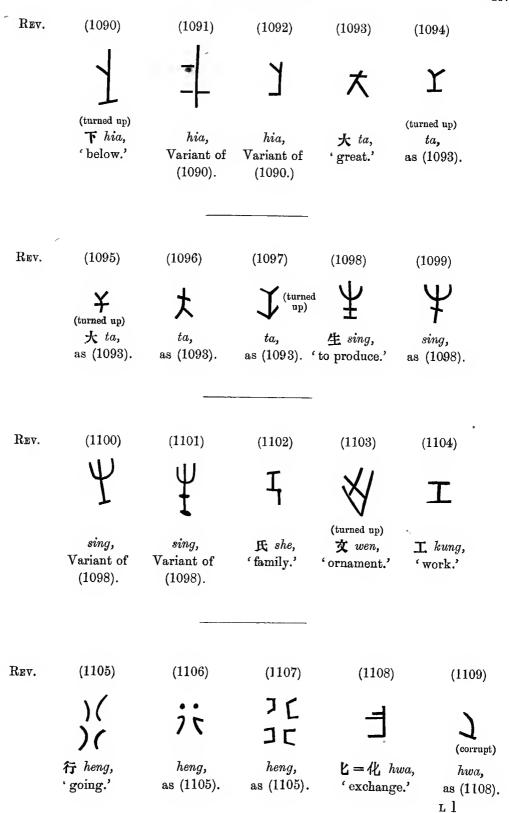
tchung,

' middle.'

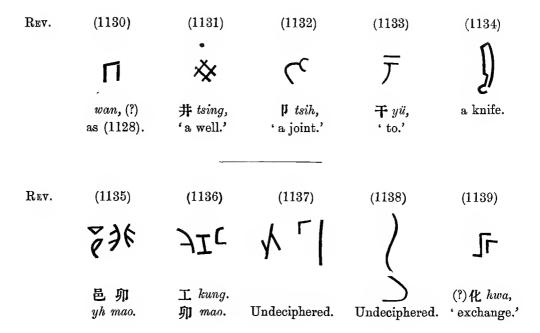
stars.

(Tail of the

Great Bear?)

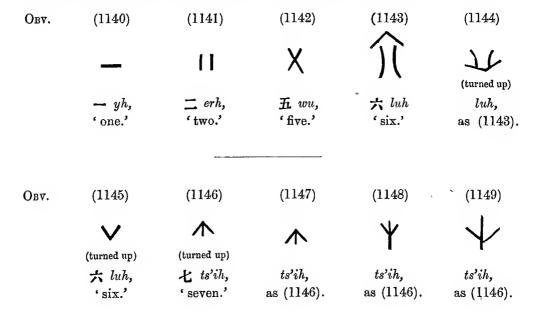


REV.	(1110)	(1111)	(1112)	(1113)	(1114)
	1	1	L	1	1
	(abridged)	•	(abridged)	(abridged)	(abridged)
	hwa,	f (= 似) hwa,	hwa,	hwa,	hwa,
	as (1108).	exchange.	as (1111).	as (1111).	as (1111).
Rev.	(1115)	(1116)	(1117)	(1118)	(1119)
	0	į	È	亨	j
	₽ 7	(turned up)			(turned up)
	□ hwa, 'enclosure.'	易 yh, 'change.'	yh, as (1116).	yh, as (1116).	JJ Tao, 'knife.'
REV.	(1120)	(1121)	(1122)	(1123)	(1124)
	3)	5	A	1
	tao,	tao,	tao,	tao,	tao,
	as (1119).	as (1119).	as (1119).	as (1119).	as (1119).
		-			
Rev.	(1125)	(1126)	(1127)	(1128)	(1129)
		\Diamond	(7	4
	a square.	Variant of (1125).	Unknown?	万 wan, 'myriad.'	wan, as (1128).



References:—K.T.H. 亨九, ff. 1-17; 十, ff. 1-14; 十一, ff. 1-12; 十二, ff. 1-11; 十三, ff. 1-10.—S.T.H. 亨三 ff. 2-6.—H.P.W.T.K. II., f. 18.—T.S.T., ff. 51, 52.

Other issues of the same size and shape, or with occasional minor differences, in length or in curve, the reverse plain, bear the following marks:



OBv.	(1150)	(1151)	(1152)	(1153)	(1154)
	\sim	7	K	}	t
	八 pah, 'eight.'	九 kiu, 'nine.'	kiu, as (1151).	kiu, as (1151).	# jeh, 'twenty.'
Ову.	(1155)	(1156)	(1157)	(1158)	(1159)
	Ъ	T	\wedge	~	\sim
	万 wan, 'myriad.'	wan, as (1155).	wan, as (1155).	Z yh, 2nd of the denary cycle.	yh, as (1158).
Ову.	(1160)	(1161)	(1162)	(1163)	(1164)
	\wedge	T	(turned up)	(turned up)	2
	yh, as (1158).	T ting, 4th of the denary cycle.	ting, as (1161).	ting, as (1161).	己 ki, 6th of the denary cycle.
Ову.	(1165)	(1166)	(1167)	(1168)	(1169)
	5	4	Ŧ	96	76
	ki,	ki,	壬 jen,	II mao,	(turned up) mao ,

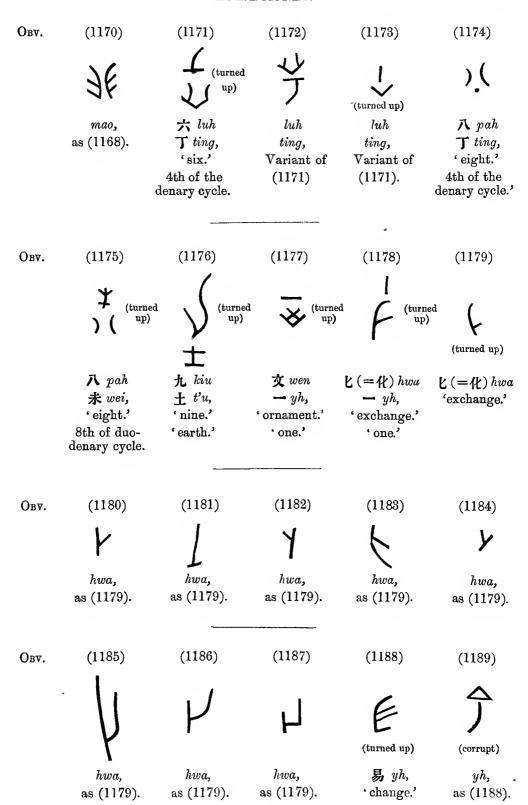
9th of the

denary cycle.

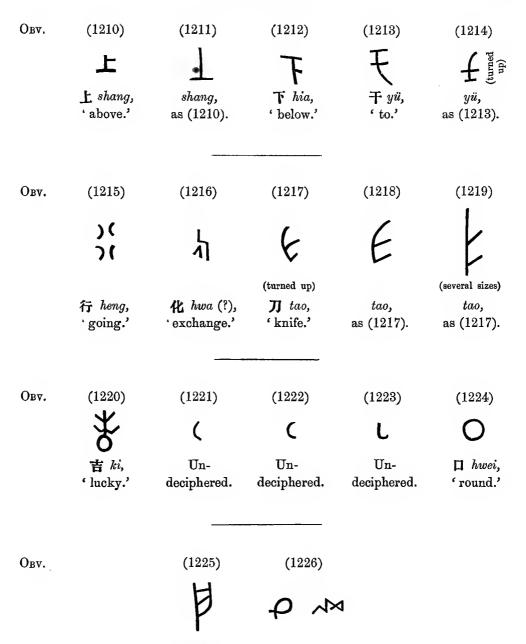
4th of the duo- as (1168.)

denary cycle.

as (1164). as (1164).



Ову.	(1190)	(1191)	(1192)	(1193)	(1194)
	(turned up)	(turned up)	红 (turned up) 元 yuen,	turned up) yuen,	⊙ H jih,
	as (1188).	as (1188).	origin.	as (1192).	'the sun.'
Ову.	(1195) -	(1196)	(1197)	(1198)	(1199)
	-	(turned up)	土	4	(turned up)
	土 t'u, 'earth.'	t'u, as (1195).	t'u, as (1195).	归 tch'eh, 'sprout.'	tch'eh, as (1198).
Ову.	(1200)	(1201)	(1202)	(1203)	(1204)
	#	*	I	*	8
	木 muh,	(turned up) muh ,	王 wang,	(turned up) 文 wen,	፟ kung,
	'tree.'	as (1200).	'ruler.'	'ornament.'	' prince.'
OBV.	(1205)	(1206)	(1207)	(1208)	(1209)
	大	Y	X	T	¥
	大 ta	(turned up) ta ,	(turned up) ta ,	(turned up) ta ,	(turned up)
	'great.'	as (1205).	as (1205).	as (1205).	ta, as (1205).

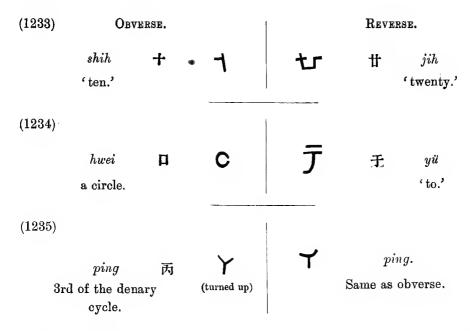


月 hu, 'door.' Unknown.

References:—K.T.H. heng \hbar ff. 1-20; + ff. 4, 6-14; + -- ff. 1, 3-12; + -- ff. 2, 4-11; + -- ff. 3-6, 8.—S.T.H., heng = ff. 1, 4.—H.P.W.T.K. II., ff. 18, 19.

The following series of the same shape and size, have marks on Obv. and Rev. as follows:

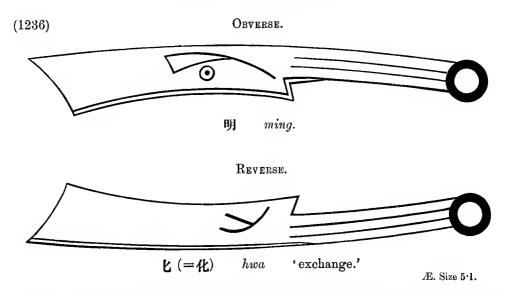
Kan-Tan (turned up?), the capital of the state of Tchao, and on (111, 875, 990) above.



References:—K.T.H., heng 九, ff. 10, 11, 13-15, 18.—S.T.H., heng 三, ff. 5, 7.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

B. Smaller sorts. c. Ming series.



Ming or Ming yh 明邑 was in the state of Tchao (Tchihli) during the period of the Civil Wars. In 281 B.C. Tchao Siang Wang of Ts'in conquered the town with the help of the King of Wei.

OBV.

(1237)

(1238)

Same as (1236).

 $\sqrt{}$

ming.

REV.

) undeciphered.

⊞ # tien 'land.'

Æ. Size 5.1.

References: -K.T.H., heng Z, f. 1. S.T.H., heng Z, f. 1.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

B. Smaller sorts. c. Ming series. 1. Square-point class.

86.

Ову.



明 ming.

Same as (1236).

REV.



No legend.

Æ. Size 5.3. Wt. 201.

OBv.



明 ming.

Same as (1236).

REV.



No legend.

Æ. Size 5.4. Wt. 305.

OBV.

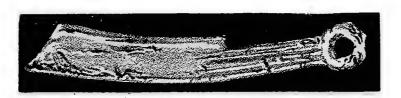




明 ming.

Same as (1236).

REV.



No legend.

Æ. Size 5.4. Wt. 240.

OBv.



III ming.

Same as (1236).

REV.



L wu 'five.'

Æ. Size 5.3. Wt. 254.

OBV.





III ming.

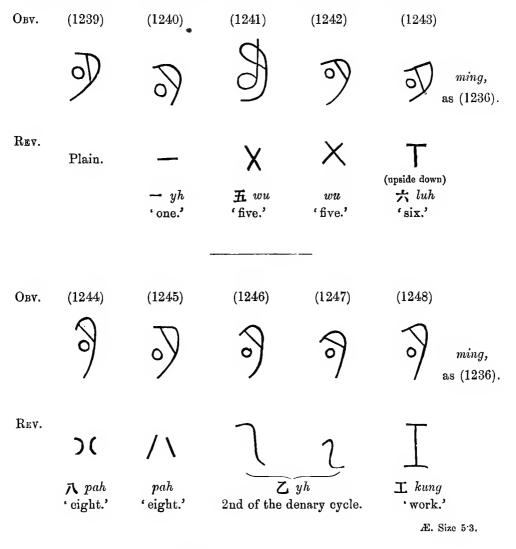
Same as (1236).



八 pah 'eight.'

Æ. Size 5.6. Wt. 273.

Other issues of the same size and shape bear the following marks:

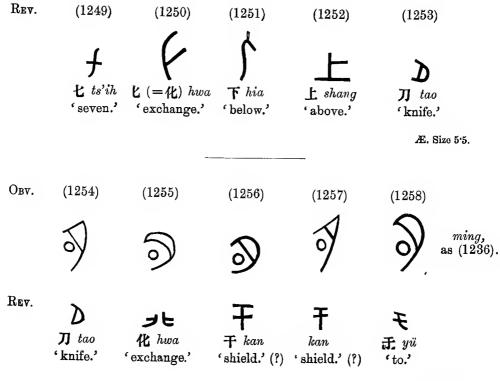


Reference: - K.T.H., hong D, ff. 2-4.

Other issues of the same shape, a little larger in size, bear the following marks:-

OBV. (1249) (1250) (1251) (1252) (1253)

9 9 9 ming, as (1236).



Æ. Same size.

References: — K.T.H., heng $\mbox{\em m}$, ff. 5, 6.—S.T.H., heng $\mbox{\em -}$, ff. 1-2.

91.
Obv.
明 ming. Same as (1236).

Rev.



No legend.

Æ. Size 5.5. Wt. 209.

OBV.



明 ming.

Same as (1236).

REV.



行 heng 'going.'

Æ. Size 5.4. Wt. 258.

93.

OBV.



明 ming.

Same as (1236).

REV.



行 heng 'going.'

Æ. Size 5.5. Wt. 253.

(Gardner Coll.)

94.

OBV.



明 ming.

Same as (1236).

REV.



行 heng 'going.'

Æ. Size 5.4. Wt. 255.

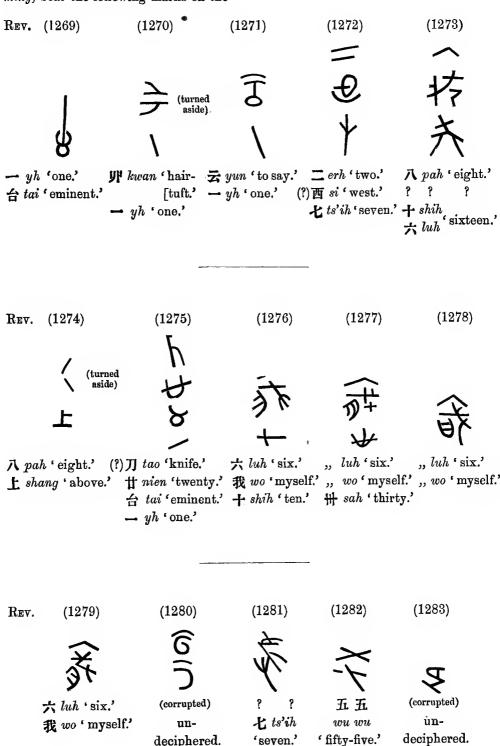
Other issues of the same shape, design, and size, with the same obverse, bear the following marks on the

REV.	(1259)	(1260)	(1261)	(1262)	(1263)	
	1	_	1	×	<u>'</u>	
	yh	\sqsubseteq erh	Ξ san	£ wu	上 shang	
	'one.'	'two.'	'three.'	five.	'above.'	
Rev.	(1264)	(1265)	(1266)	(1267)	(1268)	
	λ		ح	1	7	
	(8	1	1	
	(corrupted)			(corrupted)		
	下 hia	長 tch'ang	🛱 yun	Un-	(?) 六 luh	'six.'
	'below.'	'long.'	'say.'	deciphered.	- yh	'one.'
					Æ. Siz	e 5·4.

Three other issues bear: 六 luh 'six,' i nien 'twenty' (upside down), i shan 'mountain.'

References:—K.T.H, heng 四, ff. 7, 8.—S.T.H., heng 二, ff. 3, 4.—T.S.T. XXI., ff. 51, 52.

Other issues of the same size, shape, and design, with a similar obverse inscribed ming, bear the following marks on the



deciphered.

'fifty-five.'

n

'seven.'

REV.

(1284)

(1285)

 $(1286)^*$



(corrupted) undeciphered.

간

(corrupted)

fr heng
'going.'?

衾

戔=錢 tsien 'money.'

Æ. Size 5.4.

References:—K.T.H., heng 四, ff. 10, 11. —S.T.H., heng □, ff. 2, 3.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

B. Smaller sorts. c. Ming series. 3. Left class.

(Gardner Coll.)

95.

OBV.



明 ming.

Same as (1236).

 $\mathrm{Re} \nu$.



左上 tso shang.

'Left.' 'above.'

Æ. Size 5.4. Wt. 239.

(Gardner Coll.)

96.

OBV.



明 ming.

Same as (1236).

Rev



左 下 tso hia.

'Left.' 'below.

Æ. Size 5.4. Wt. 241

97.

Овт.



明 ming

Same as (1236).

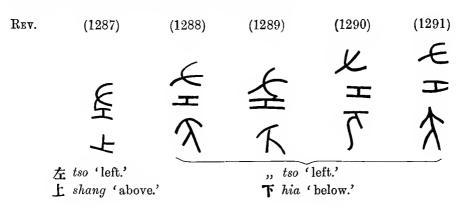
REV.

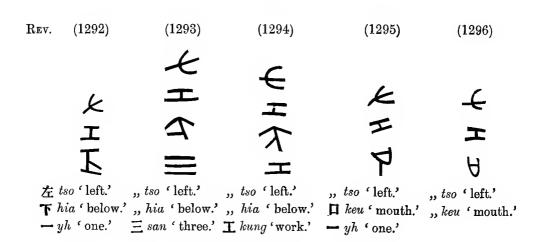


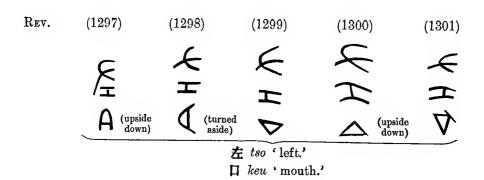
左 tso ? ?

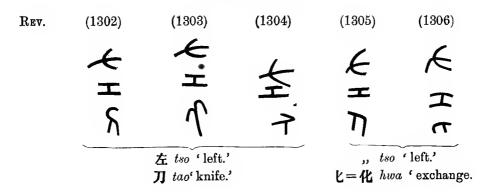
Æ. Size 5.5. Wt. 245.

Other issues of the same shape, design, and sign, with a similar obverse inscribed ming, as (1236), bear the following marks on the

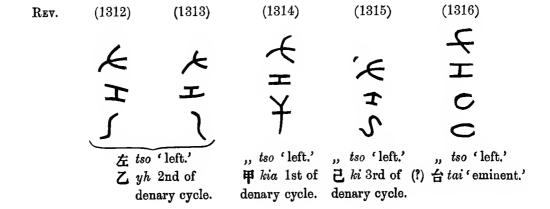


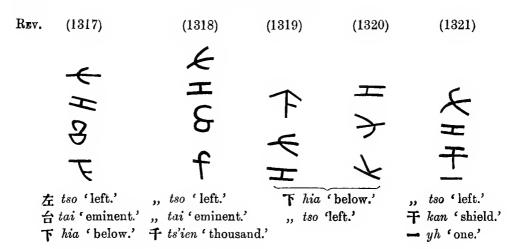




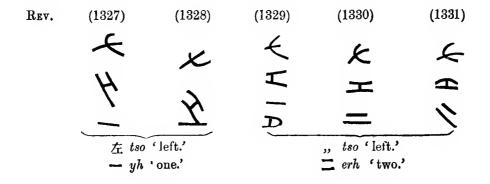


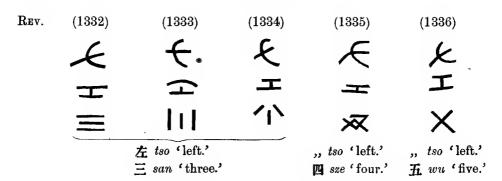
REV.	(1307)	(1308)	(1309)	(1310)	(1311)
	\pm	4	Æ	(G
	1 H	天	I A	4	エ
	A H		1.	<u>»</u>	
	左 tso 'left.' 吉 kih 'lucky.'	"tsoʻleft."	,, tso 'le: 文 wen 'o		"tso'left.' 行 heng'going.'

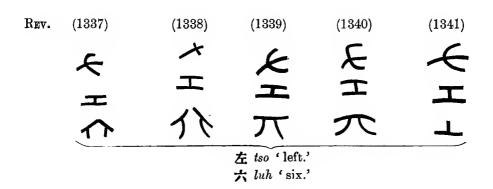


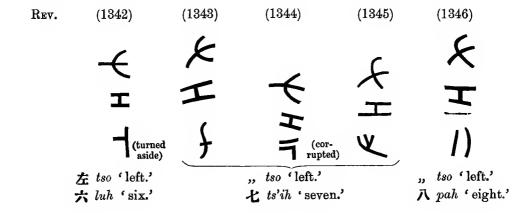












(1351)REV. (1347)(1348)(1349)(1350)tso 'left.' 左 tso 'left.' " tso 'left.' 九 kiu 'nine.' 八 pah 'eight.' + shih 'ten.' REV. (1352)(1353)(1354)(1355)(1356)(turned aside) 左 tso 'left.' tso 'left.' # nien 'twenty.' # sah 'thirty.' (1357)REV. (1358)左 tso 'left.' tso 'left.'

Æ. Size 5.2.

References:—K.T.H., heng £, ff. 1-14.—S.T.H., heng _, f. 5.—T.S.T., XXI., ff. 48, 51.—H.P.W.T.K. II., ff. 7-16.

shih 'fifty.'

f ts'ien 'thousand.'

KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

B. Smaller sorts. c. Ming series. 4. Right class.

(Gardner Coll.)

98.

OBV.



明 ming.

Same as (1236).

REV.



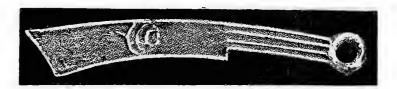
右 J 五 yu tao wu 'right. knife. five.'

Æ. Size 5.4. Wt. 234.

(Gardner Coll.)

99.

OBV.



明 ming.

Same as (1236).

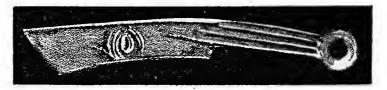
REV.



右七 yu ts'ih 'right. seven.'

Æ. Size 5.4. Wt. 213.

OBV.



明 ming.

Same as (1236).

REV.



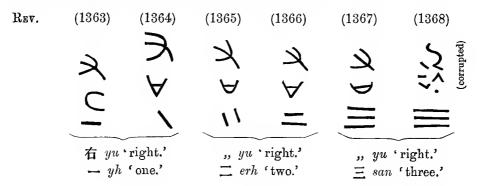
右十一 yu shih yh 'right. eleven.'

(Representative Specimen.) Æ. Size 5.2. Wt. 369.

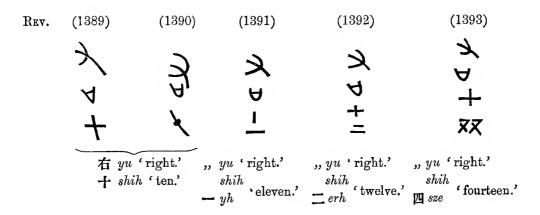
Other issues of the same shape, design, and size, bear the following legends:

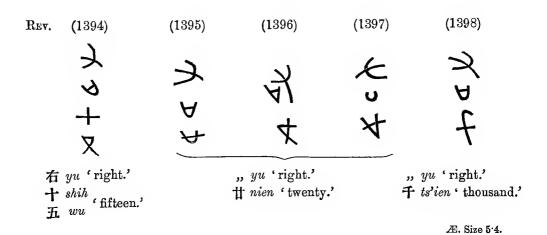
Obv. (1359) (1360) (1361) (1362) 明 ming. Same as (1236).
Rev. ラ ガ ガ ガ ガ な yu 'right.'

The following issues of the same shape, design, and size, with a similar obverse inscribed ming 明, bear the following legends on the



REV.	(1369)	(1370)	(1371)	(1372)	(1373)
	ス 女 な な な の sze ・		, yu 'right.' , sze 'four.' keu 'mouth.'	¥ × ±.	Yu 'right.' wu 'five.'
REV.	(1374)	(1375)	(1376)	(1377)	(1378)
	メ 大 大 五 wu		¾ →	Y yu 'right	NA K
Rev.	(1379)	(1380)	(1381)	(1382)	(1383)
	N N N		⇒ u 'right.' 'th 'seven.'	J. A.V.	f (turned to right) "yu 'right.' 九 kiu 'nine.'
Rev.	(1384)	(1385)	(1386)	(1387)	(1388)
	とする	ダサナ	カログ	\$ \$	+ 4
		右 yi 九 ki	'right.' u 'nine.'		,, yu 'right.' + shih 'ten.'

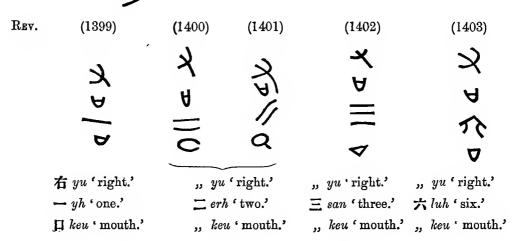




References:—K.T.H. heng ;, ff. 2-6, 11.—T.S.T., XXI., ff. 47-50.—H.P.W.T.K. II., ff. 7-16.

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Other issues of the same shape, size, and design, with the obverse inscribed 明 Ming, thus: , or with unimportant variants, bear the following legends:

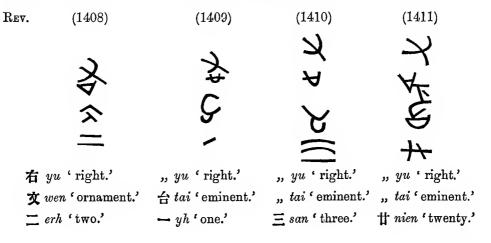


REV.	(1404)	(1405)	(1406)	(1407)
	×	Z	メ	R
	\forall	4	Ä	A
	T	4	子	Ar.
	0	\triangleleft	Q	D
右 yu 'right.'		" yuʻright.'		"yuʻright.
(?) 六 luh 'six.' 口 keu 'mouth.'		† nien 'twenty.'		# sah 'thirty.'
				" keu 'mouth.'

Æ. Size 5.4.

References: -K.T.H. heng 六, ff. 7, 8.-H.P.W.T.K., II., ff. 1-16.

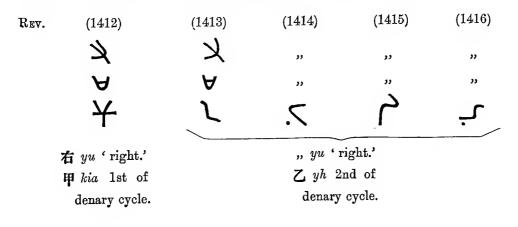
In the following issues, which do not otherwise differ from the preceding, the name Ming of the obverse is written thus, , and the reverses are the following:

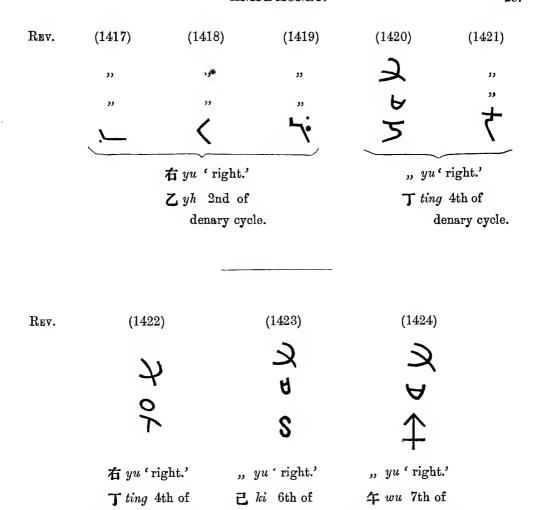


Æ. Size 5.4.

References:—K.T.H. heng ★, ff. 8-10.—S.T.H. heng II., ff. 8-10.—T.S.T. XXI., ff. 47-50.

The following issues, which bear cyclical marks on the reverses, and are incomplete in that respect, have the obverses inscribed Ming, thus





Æ. Size 5.2.

the duodenary cycle.

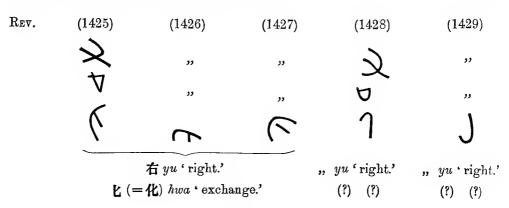
Reference: -K.T.H. heng ;, ff. 9, 10-H.P.W.T.K., II., ff. 7-16.

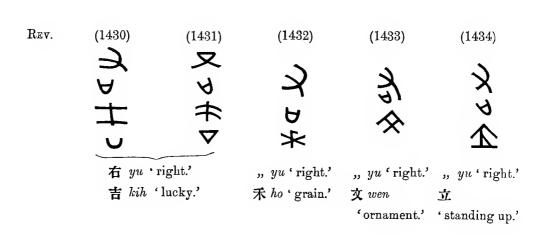
the denary cycle.

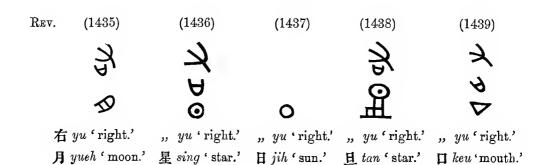
the denary cycle.

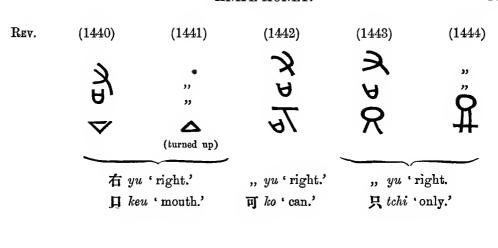
Other issues of the same shape, size, and design, inscribed 明 Ming, thus on the obverse, bear the following legends:

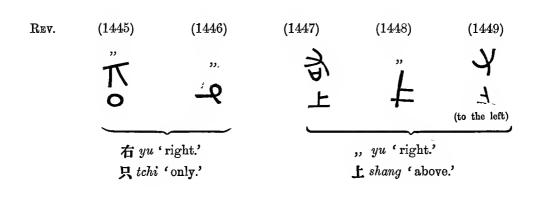


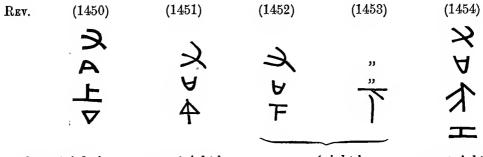












- 右 yu 'right.'
- "yuʻright.
- " yuʻright.
- 下 hia 'below.'
- "yuʻright. " hia 'below.'

□ keu 'mouth.'

I kung 'work.'

290		TOROU D	INASII.		
Rev.	(1455)	(1456)	(1457)	(1458)	
	10 PF	" ~ X	" <u>4</u> V	タロなり	
		右 yuʻright.' 邑 yhʻcity.'		"yuʻright.' 周 tchouʻperfec	t. '
Rev.	(1459) " "	(1460) ,, ,, ,, (corrupted)	(1461 X Y X) (1462) \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{5}	
		'right.'	"yuʻrig I kungʻ		
Rev.	(1463)	(1464) 3	(1465) \(\frac{\frac{1}{3}}{4}\)	(1466)	
	5	Ī	ā	8	

右 yu'right.'

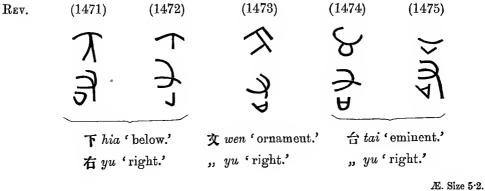
万 kao 'effort.'

"yuʻright.

台 tai 'eminent.'

$\mathbf{Rev.}$	(1467)	(1468)	(1469)	(1470)
		٠ ٧	አ	\rightarrow
	∇	Ą	A	7
	\bigstar	+	圭	Ψ
	(corrupted	/) L P)	0	1
,	右 yu 'right.'	"yuʻright.	"yuʻright.	"yuʻright.
٦	台 tai 'eminent.'	大 ta 'great.'	王 wang 'royal.'	y tch'eh 'sprout.'
	且 tan 'dawn.'		☐ keu 'mouth.'	
				Æ. Size 2·1.

On the following issues, not otherwise dissimilar from the preceding, the On the reverses are the following Ming of the obverse is written thus . legends:



References:—K.T.H. heng 六, ff. 11, 12; 七, ff. 1-11.—S.T.H. heng 二, ff. 6-8.— H.P.W.T.K. II., ff. 7-16.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued.)

B. Smaller sorts. c. Ming series. 5. Wai-kiun class.

All the obverses bear Ming B, written thus , with small variants. The reverses have the following legends:

(1476)	(1477)	(1478)	(1479)	(1480)
ら 全	李	が手	基本	外 外 Wai- 對 kiun
		'oreign kiun' (a	weight).	
(1481)	(1482)	(1483)	(1484)	(1485)
D۲	P	イン	71	D ト 外 Wai-
条	孝	圣	季	茎 á kiun
	i.e. ' Fo	oreign kiun' (a weight).	
	화 全 (1481)	의 全 全 (1481) (1482) Dト 全 生	아 물 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보	아 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보 보

Rev. (1486). Wai-kiun, as (1479), with -yh 'one' below.

Rev. (1487). Wai-kiun, as (1484), with $\rightarrow yh$ 'one' below.



Æ. Size 5·1.

References:—K.T.H. heng 上, ff. 11 v. 13.—S.T.H. heng 二, ff. 8, 9.—H.P.W.T.K. II., ff. 16-17.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

B. Smaller sorts. c. Ming series. 6. Tai class.

101.

OBV.



明 Ming.

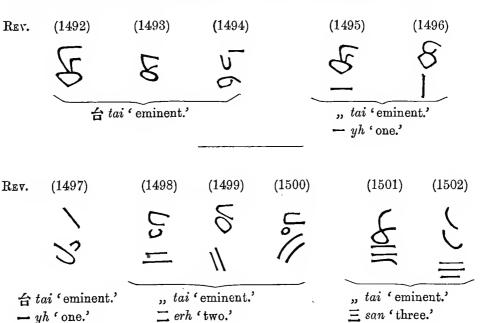
REV.

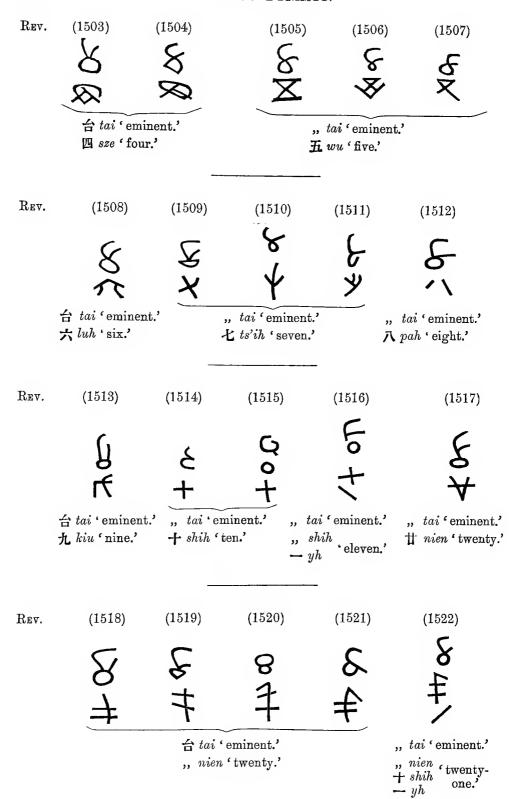


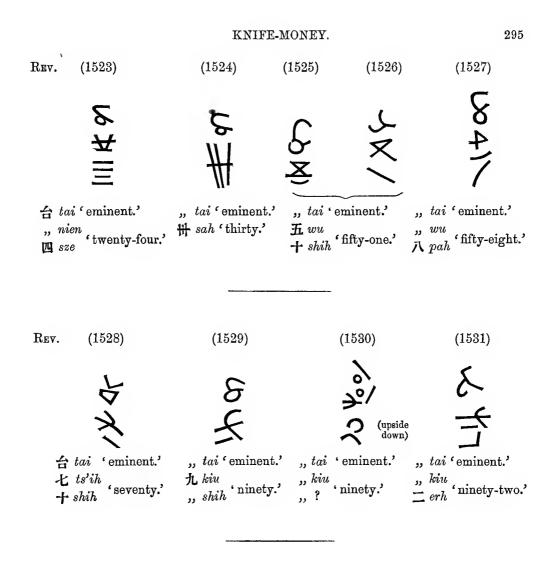
台 tai 'eminent.' 九 kiu 'nine.'

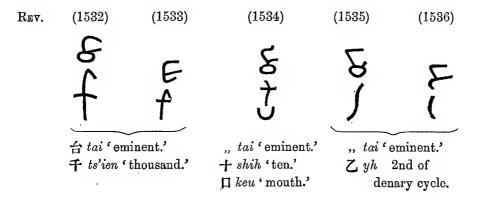
(Representative Specimen.) Æ. Size 5.4. Wt. 241.

Other issues present the following legends. Ming is generally written thus or with small variants, on the obverse. On the reverse are the following:









REV. (1537)(1538)(1539)(1540)

> 台 tai 'eminent.' T ting 4th of denary cycle.

上 shang 'above.' 下 hia 'below.'

,, tai 'eminent.' ,, tai 'eminent.' ,, tai 'eminent.'

"hia 'below. - yh 'one.'

(1541)

REV.

(1542)(1543)

(1544)

(1545)

(1546)

台 tai 'eminent.' 后 heu 'queen.'

"tai 'eminent.' "tai 'eminent.'

吉 kih 'lucky.' 工 kung 'work.'

,, tai 'eminent.' 比=化 hwa 'exchange.'

REV.

(1547)

(1548)

(1549)

(1550)

(1551)

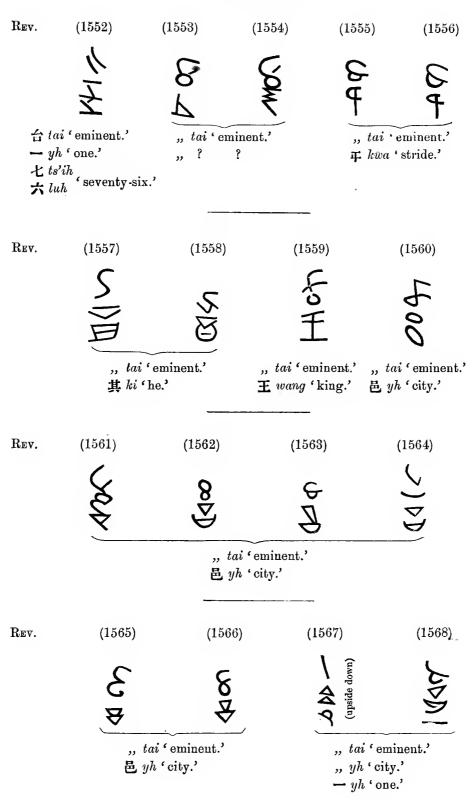
台 tai 'eminent.'

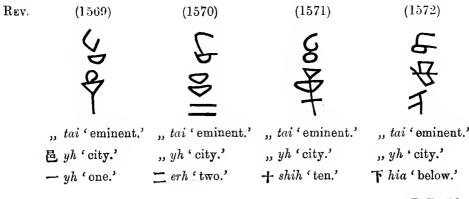
文 wen 'ornament.'

" tai 'eminent.'

T kao 'effort.'

" tai 'eminent.' ? ?



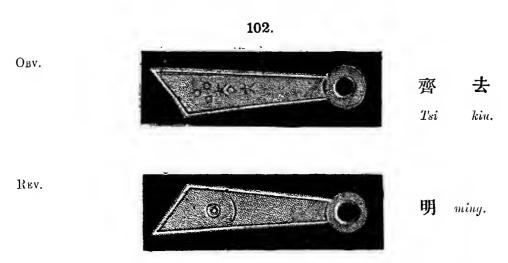


Æ. Size 5.2.

References:—K.T.H., heng 八, ff. 1-14.—S.T.H., heng 二, ff. 9-11.— H.P.W.T.K. II., f. 17.

IV. KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

C. Unknown and doubtful sorts.



Æ. Size 3 1. Wt. 334.

A representative specimen of a spurious issue made from written descriptions (as in the Kin ting Tsien luh K. II., f. 6), for unaware collectors.

 (157β)

A silver knife of the same shape as the preceding, but larger in size, said to have been discovered in Shantung, is figured in the K'ien Lung's Museum Catalogue, section of Money (Kin ting Tsien luh, K. II., f. 1). The legend on the obverse (the reverse is uninscribed) should read 齊太公去 Ts'i Tai Kung Kiu.

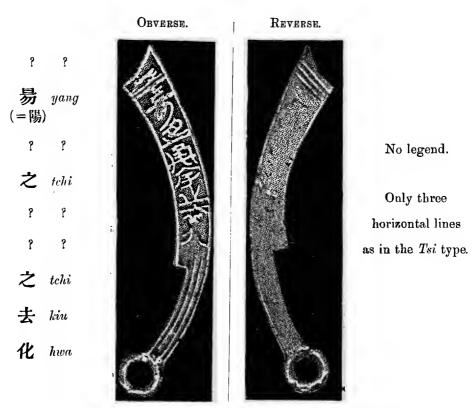
AR. Size '6.

(1574)

A knife of same shape and size, without inscription, with two central lines lengthwise, is figured in the same catalogue, K. I., f. 3.

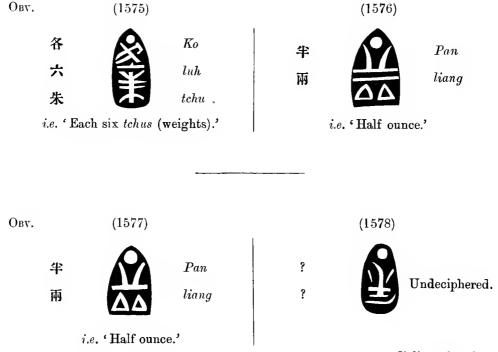
Æ. Same size.

103.



Æ. Size 5.4. Wt. 339.

V. SUNDRY SHAPES.

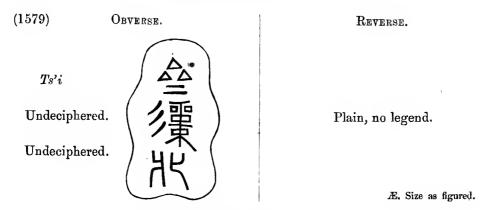


Æ. Size as figured.

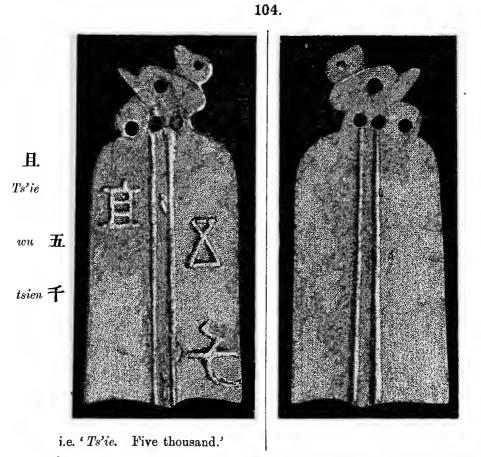
Reverse not inscribed, and convex.

This somewhat curious currency, which, as a matter of fact, was a metallic substitute for the cowries, and for that reason is sometimes called 'Shell-Money,' has received the quaint appellatives of 'Ghost's heads' 鬼 頂 Kwei tou and 'Ants noses' money' 蟻 鼻 沒 Y-pi tsien. It was issued, according to tradition, by the care of Sün-siok Ngao, Prime Minister of Tchwang, king of Tsu (S. Honan, Hupeh, &c.) who ruled in 612-589 B.C.

References:—K.T.H., tcheng III. f. 15.—H.P.W.T.K. VI., ff. 16, 17.



References: -Kin ting tsicn luh, K. II., f. 4.



(Representative Specimen.) Æ. Size 3.8. Wt. 695.

The first character in the Li-shu, the two others in the Siao-tchuen styles of writing. Ts'ie, perhaps for Ts'ie kü 且 居, which was E. of Siuen-hwa fu in Chihli.

VI. NEW PU-MONEY.

a. Han Period. Interregnum. Wang Mang, rebel, A.D. 7-22.

105.

OBVERSE.

ODVERDE

REVERSE.

布序

-pu. Siü-

-peh. Sze-

i.e. 'Class Pu. Four hundred.'



No

legend.

Æ. Size 1.4. Wt. 86.

106.

布中百六

-pu. Tchung-

-peh. Luh-

i.e. 'Middle Pu. Six hundred.'

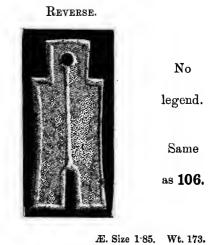
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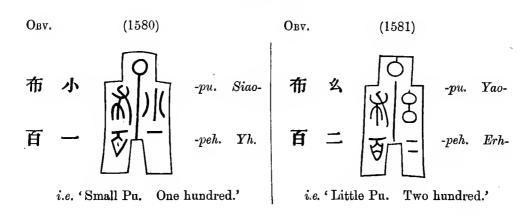
legend.

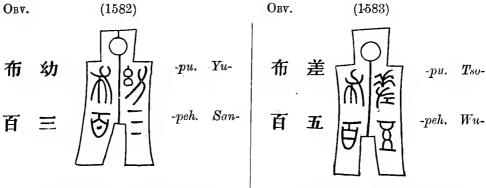
Æ. Siz : 5.8. Wt 158

107.

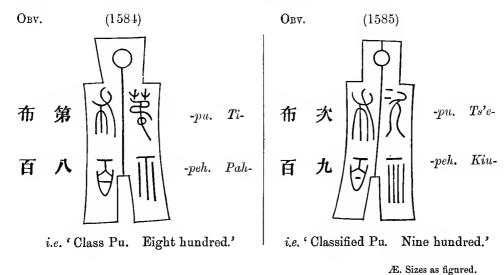








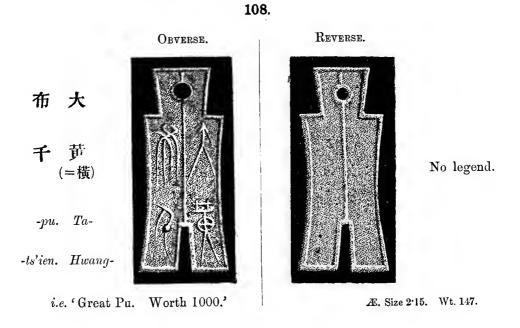
i.e. 'Young Pu. Three hundred.' i.e. 'Serial Pu. Five hundred.



711, 51265 as figured

REV. All without legend. Only a central line lengthwise, as 105-107.

Reference: -K.T.H., Ii III., ff. 10-12.



109.

OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to preceding. Same legend.

Æ. Size 2.15. Wt. 212.

110.

OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 108. Same legend.

Æ. Size 2.15. Wt. 175.

111.

OBVERSE and REVERSE slightly different.

(Representative Specimen.) Æ. Size 2.05. Wt. 152.

Similar types on a slightly larger scale, but without indication of value, were issued as follows:—

(1586)	Obverse 術 小、Siao Pu, like on (1580).	Æ. Size 1.5.
(1587)	OBVERSE 荷 生 Yao Pu, like on (1581).	Æ. Size 1.6.
(1588)	Obverse 有 幼 Pu, like on (1582).	Æ. Size 1.7.
(1589)	Obverse 布 写 Siu Pu, like on 105.	Æ. Size 1·8.
(1590)	Obverse 差布 Tso Pu, like on (1583).	Æ. Size 1·8.

(1591) OBVERSE 有中 Pu, like on 106.

Æ. Size 1.9.

RТ

HAN DYNASTY.

(1592) Obverse 市 北 Tchwang Pu, like on 107.

E. Size 1.9.

(1593) Obverse 市 第 Ti Pu like on (1584).

E. Size 2..

(1594) Obverse 市 大 Ts'e Pu, Variant of (1585).

E. Size 2..

(1595) Obverse 市 大 Ta Pu, like on 108.

All Reverses with a central line downwards.

OBVERSE.
REVERSE.
No legend.

i.e. Currency, literally, 'Exchangeable-goods cloth.'

Æ. Wt. 245.

This type is one of those which has always been counterfeited, and from the literal meaning such pieces have occasionally been made use of as counters.

(Gardner Coll.)

113. OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to preceding. Same legend. Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 217. 114. OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 112. Same legend. Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 240. 115. OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 112. Same legend. Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 252. 116. OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 112. Same legend. Later issue. Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 202. 117. OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 112. Same legend. Later issue. Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 225. 118. OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 112. Same legend. Later issue. Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 230. 119. OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 112. Same legend. Later issue. Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 246.

120.

OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 112. Same legend. Later issue. Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 254.

121.

OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 112. Same legend. Later issue.

Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 270.

122.

OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 112. Same legend. Later issue.

Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 274.

123.

OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 112. Same legend. Later issue.

Æ. Size 2.2. Wt. 324.

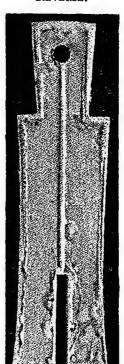
VI. NEW PU-MONEY (continued).

b. Unknown, dubious.

124.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.



-pu. Ho-

貨

布

'Money.'

Æ, Wt. 1530.

This specimen is likely genuine, but apparently not as a current piece of money.

(Gardner Coll.)

125.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

當殊

十化 戔

Tang Shu

shih hwa. tsien



貨 十
ho. Shih

i.e. 'Shu Money, value 10 hwa.'

Æ. Size 3.8. Wt. 524.

126.

Same as 125, with slight variants.

Same as 125.

The character + worn out.

Æ. Size 3.8. Wt. 497.

127.

Obverse and Reverse nearly similar to preceding. Same legend.

Æ. Size 3.8. Wt. 380.

128.

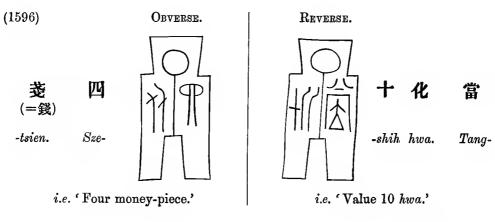
OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 125. Same legend.

Æ. Size 3.8. Wt. 480.

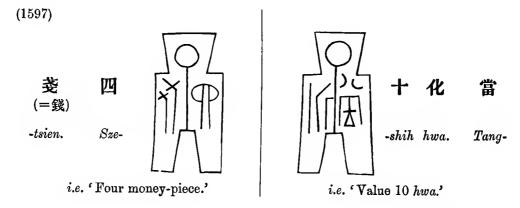
129.

OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 125. Same legend.

Æ. Size 3.8. Wt. 490.



Æ. Size 1.5.



Æ. Size 1.5.

References:-K.T.H., Yuen I., f. 15.-H.P.W.T.K., IV., f. 20.

VII. NEW KNIFE-MONEY.

a. Han Period. Interregnum.

Wang Mang 王 莽 A.D. 7-22.

Issues of second year Kü-sheh 居 攝 二 年 Kü-sheh erh nien (=7 A.D.)

130.

OBVERSE.

刀 梨 -tao. K'i-

Wu $\mathbf{\mathcal{H}}$.

peh. 百

i.e. 'K'i knife. Five hundred.'

REVERSE.



 N_0 legend.

Æ. Wt. 243.

131.

刀 梨 -tao. K'i-

Wu $\mathbf{\mathcal{H}}$.

peh. 百



OBVERSE.

i.e. 'K'i knife. Five hundred.'

REVERSE.

No legend.

Æ. Wt. 268.

132.

刀 契

-tao. K'i-

Wu **\mathcal{F}**.

peh. 百



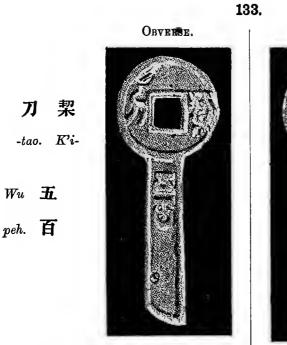
i.e. 'Binding-knife. Five hundred.'



 N_0 legend.

Æ. Wt. 180.

Representative specimen of a doubtful type.



Reverse.

 N_0 legend.

i.e. 'K'i knife. Five hundred.'

Æ. Wt. 195.

Representative specimen. The type itself is doubtful.

134.

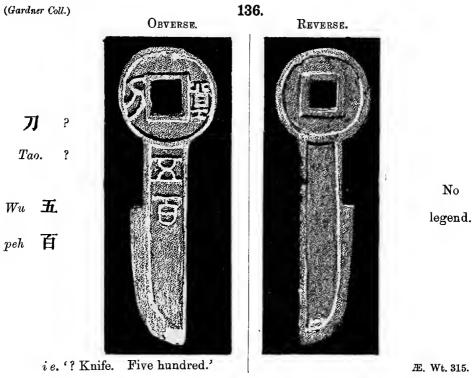
OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 133. Same legend.

Æ. Size 3 . Wt. 147.

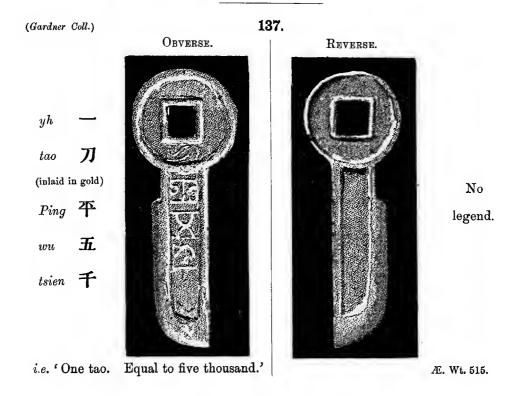
135.

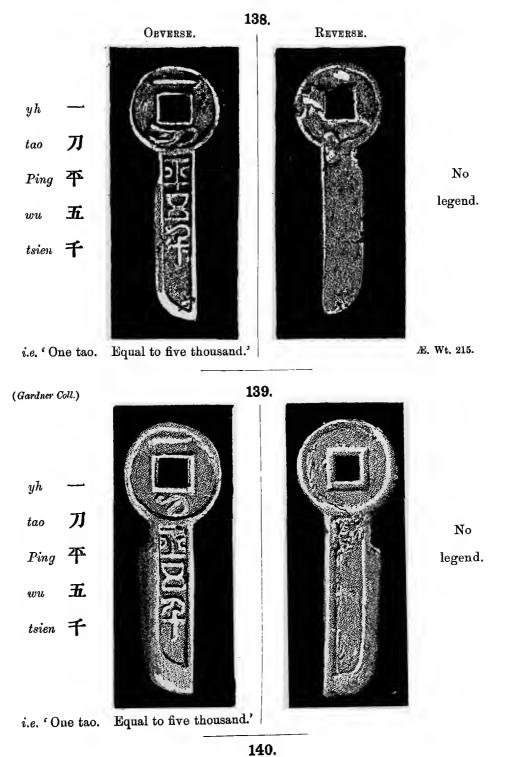
OBVERSE and REVERSE nearly similar to 133. Same legend.

Æ. Size 3. Wt. 149.



Representative specimen of a more than doubtful type.





OBVERSE and REVERSE similar to 139, but smaller. Æ. Size 2.7. Wt. 200. (Gardner Coll.)

141.

无. wu(on side)

平 Ping

五 wu

tsien 千



OBVERSE.

REVERSE.



No

legend.

i.e. 'Five. Equal to five thousand.'

Æ. Wt. 207.

142.

ORVERSE.

(gilt) 刀 (gilt)

Ping 🍒

yh

tao

五 wu

千 tsien



i.e. 'One tao. Equal to five thousand.'

REVERSE.



No

legend.

(Imitative specimen.) Æ. Wt. 505.

(Gardner Coll.)

143.

OBVERSE and REVERSE similar to 142.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 495.

144.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.



Ping 4 五 wu

tsien 千

i.e. 'One tao. Equal to five thousand.'

Æ. Wt. 512.

145.

OBVERSE and REVERSE similar to 144.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 505.

(Gardner Coll.)

146,

Similar to 144, but the - \mathcal{J} of the obverse is not gilt.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 498.

(Gardner Coll.)

147.

OBVERSE and REVERSE similar to 144.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 500.





REVERSE.

 ${f No}$ legend.

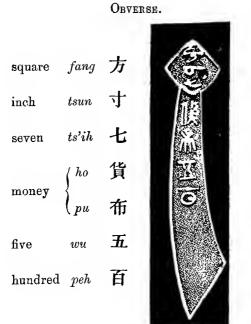
i.e. 'One knife. Equal to five thousand.'

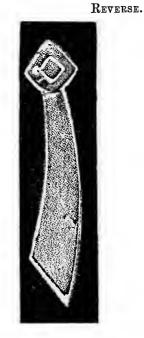
Æ. Wt. 198.

VII. NEW KNIFE-MONEY (continued).

b. Unknown and dubious sorts.

149.





m No legend.

Specimen doubtful, of an uncertain type.

Æ. Wt.199.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY.

From about 950 B.C. to 622 A.D.

About 947 B.C., during the reign of the King Muh 穆, of the Tchou dynasty, enactments were made for the optional redemption by mulcts and fines, of penalties such as branding, mutilation, or death. The culprit was allowed to exonerate himself by paying 100, 200, 500, or 1000 hwan 發, or pieces of Ring-Money in copper.

This statement of the Shu-king (part v., bk. xxvii.) shows that the Ring-Money was then well known, at least as an official unit of currency. Its shape however does not seem to have circulated to the same extent as those of the Spade-, Pu-, or Knife-Money, most probably because it was in appearance more fiduciary than the latter, whose shapes were those of implements of daily use. Various attempts to promote its use proved unsuccessful. We do not realize how far the monetary laws of 1032 B.c. made it acceptable, and the known attempt of King Wang of Tchou in 523 B.c. was a complete failure. It lingered until the Ts'IN (in 221 B.c.) and the Han (in 195 B.c.) dynasties adopted it definitively for their currency. It has passed through several phases, being at first (a) without inscription (as on 1598, below), then inscribed (b) with its value or weight (as on 150, 1599-1605, 156-164, 168, 169, 1619, 1620, below), and (c) with geographical names (as on 151-155, 1606-1615, 165-167, 1616, 1618, below), like the other shapes of money.

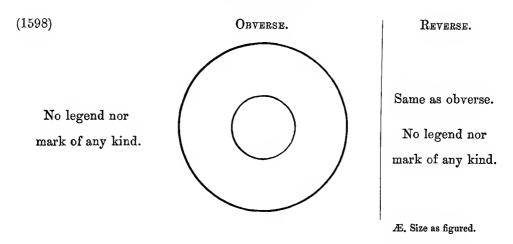
The interesting feature of associated names of towns for the issue of money, which we have already met with in the Spade-Money (p. 16), the Pu-Money (pp. 115-120, 128), and the Knife-Money (pp. 223-226) above, occurs again in a few and last instances on 154, 155, 1611, below.

For convenience of reference the types are arranged in two divisions, according to the central hole being round or square; the latter, theoretically and historically being the older, comes first, notwithstanding a current statement among Chinese numismatists, which is discussed in the Introduction, as well as many other questions connected with the beginnings of the Round-Money.

The habit of inscribing this currency with its value, nominal or real, lasted with few exceptions until the beginning of the T'ang dynasty, when the modern type of money, the modern style of writing, or nearly so, and the use of the names of years or period (*nien hiao*) as legend, were finally adopted, and are still in current practice.

(I.) With round hole. a. No legend.

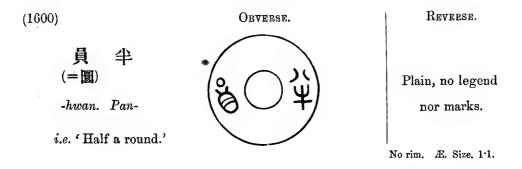
OLDEST PERIOD.



How late such a pattern was used is undetermined, but it lasted apparently until the Civil Wars, 481 B.C. Of this uninscribed class no smaller specimen of a fractional value is known.

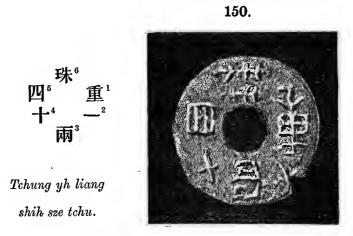
(I.) With round hole. b. Value only.





The above Half-round-Money is certainly much later than the preceding uninscribed type. Its date is probably like that of the following, the period of the Civil Wars 481-255 B.C.

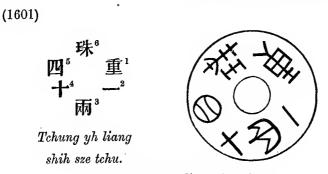
Reference: -K.T.H. Li I., ff. 7, 14.



Plain, no marks

i.e. 'Weight 1 liang 14 tchus.'

Æ. Wt. 171.



i.e. 'Weight 1 liang 14 tchus.'

Plain, without any marks.

Æ. Size as figured.

(1602)



Tchung yh liang shih sze tchu.

i.e. 'Weight 1 liang 14 tchus.

OBVERSE.



REVERSE.

Plain, without any marks.

Æ. Size as figured.

(1603)



Tchung yh liang shih erh tchu.

i.e. 'Weight 1 liang 12 tchus.

Plain, without any marks.

Æ. Size as figured.

(1604)

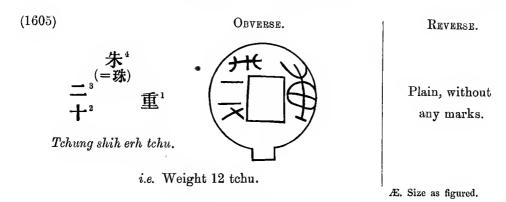


Tchung yh liang shih erh tchu.

i.e. 'Weight 1 liang 12 tchus.'

Plain, without any marks.

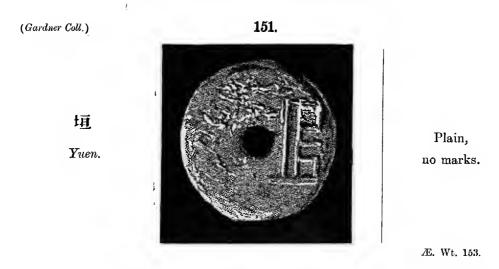
Æ. Size as figured.



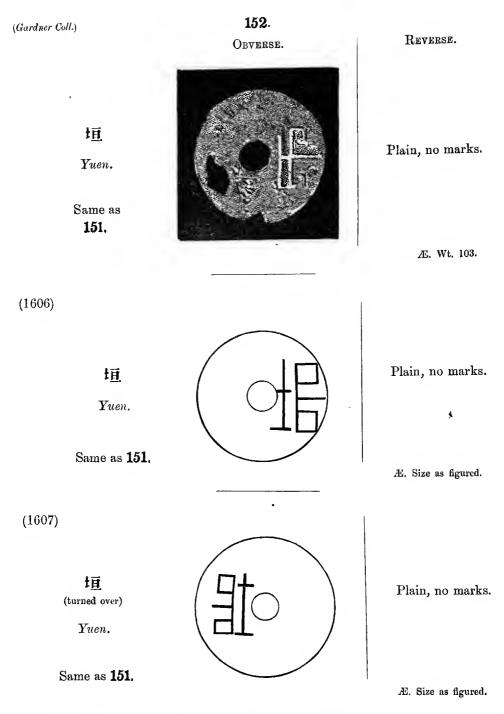
Reference: - K.T.H. Li I., ff. 10-12.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

(I.) With round hole. c. Geographical names.

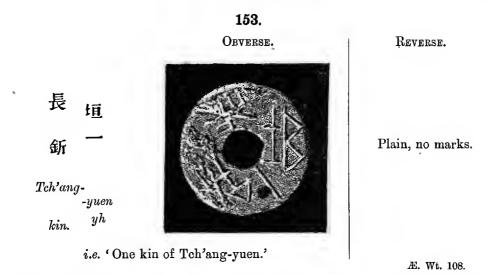


About the end of the Civil War (481-255 B.C.) Yuen was on the frontier of the states of Tchou 周 and of Tchao 趙. It was the name given by the conqueror, Tchao Siang Wang, of Ts'in, to the region of Pu-fan and Pi-she (S.-W. Shansi), in 290 B.C. See above, Pu-Money series 17, p. 28, and (252-259) pp. 61, 62. See also (161) p. 38, which perhaps belongs to the same place of issue.



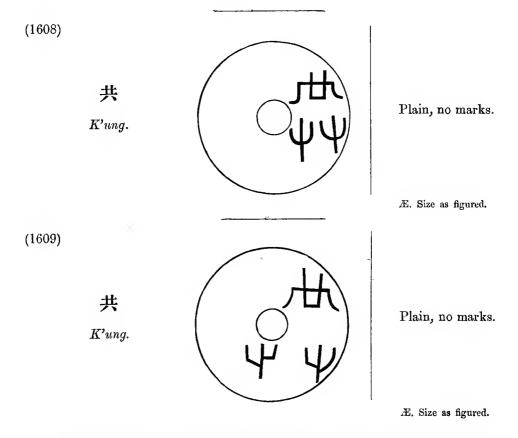
Several other issues of the same type are known, with but slight differences.

References: -K.T.H. Li I., ff. 3, 4.-S.T.S.T. I., f. 19.



Tch'ang yuen was in the North-East of the modern hien of the same name (lat. 35° 18', long. 114° 56'), in Tchih-li.

The same type was severally issued with small differences.

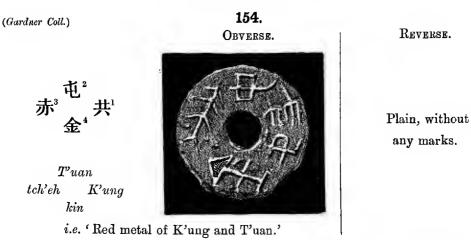


K'ung was the modern $\not\equiv Hui$ hien (lat. 35° 30', long. 114°) in Honan.

(1610)

Several issues of the same type exhibit variants in the legend between (1608) and (1609).

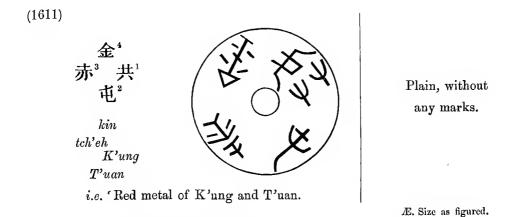
Reference: -K.T.H. Li k. I., ff. 5, 6.



Æ. Wt. 141.

To be read from right to left upwards; the second sign is upside down.

K'ung, in N. Honan, as on legend (1608, 1609). T'uan, apparently for T'uan liu 电弧, mentioned in the Annals of the Bamboo books in 370 and 358 B.C., and located where is now the modern Tch'ang-tze in Lu-'ngan fu (lat. 36° 05', long. 112° 50'), in Shansi. See Pu-Money series **25** (278), pp. 66, 67. It is another instance of association for issuing money; see above pp. 16, 115-120, 128 and 223-226.



To read from right to left downwards. Same names of place as on 154.

Reference: -K.T.H. Li I., f. 6 v.

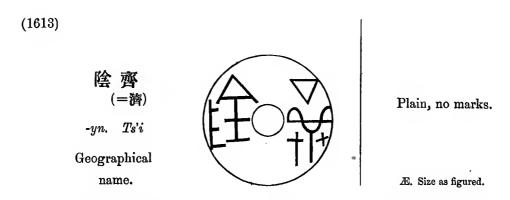


Another case of association for the issue of money. See above, 154.

K'ung, in N. Honan, as on (1608, 1609), 154, (1611). 'An is probably the same as An-yang, so called in 257 B.C., now in Tchang-teh fu, N. Honan, as on Pu-Money 29-32, pp. 83, 84, Knife-Money 50, p. 220.

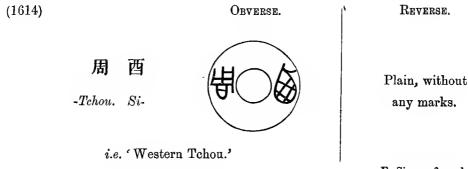
(1612)

Specimens occur with the same legend, but in Siao-tchuen style of character, and of a smaller size, which are probably later imitations of the above.



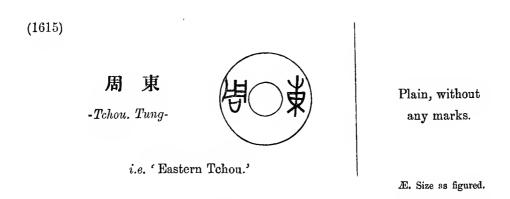
Ts'i-yn, now Tung-tchang 東昌 fu (lat. 36° 37', long. 116° 12'), in Shantung.

Reference:—K.T.H. Li I., f. 7.



Æ. Size as figured.

Issued probably about the end of the reign of Tchou Nan Wang 周 赧 王 314-256 B.C., the last of the decayed dynasty of Tchou who had his capital at Si Tchou 酉 周, now Sin-'An 新 安 hien, in Honan-fu (lat. 34° 45', long. 112° 06'), in Honan.



Issued probably by Tung Tchou Kiun 東 周 君, the title of the last representative of the famous dynasty of Tchou, 258-249 в.с.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

(II.) With square hole. a. Value only.

(Gardner Coll.)

156. OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

化

hwa.

Pao

寶

i.e. 'Valuable hwa.' (A monetary unit.)

Plain, without any marks.

Æ. Wt. 88.

(Gardner Coll.)

四

暂

sze

Pao

hwa.

i.e. 'Valuable four hwas.'

157.



Plain, without any marks.

Æ. Wt. 110.

(Gardner Coll.)

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

158.

Similar to 157.

Æ. Wt. 88.

159.

六

寶

化

luh

Pao

hwa.



Plain, without any marks.

i.e. 'Valuable six hwas.'

Æ. Wt. 126.

u u

(Gardner Coll.)

160. Obverse.

REVERSE.

Pao luh hwa.

Slightly different from 159.



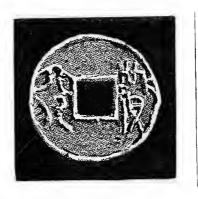
Plain, without any marks.

Æ. Wt. 110.

161.

Pao luh hwa.

Slightly different from 159.



Plain, without any marks.

Æ. Wt. 155.

162.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Nearly similar to 159.

Æ. Wt. 115.

163.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Nearly similar to 159.

Æ. Wt. 125.

All these types 156-163 were probably issued under King Wang 景王 of Tchou, about 523 B.C. On this question, which is difficult, of date and decipherment see Introduction.

164.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.



-ho. Pao-

i.e. 'Precious.'



Plain, without any marks.

(Representative specimen.) Æ. Wt. 119.

The type is probably a late fabrication.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

(II.) With square hole. b. Geographical names.

165.

刀 明

Tao Ming

i.e. 'Tao of Ming.'



Plain, without any marks.

Æ. Wt. 45.

The word tao, 'knife,' had then lost its proper meaning, and was used simply as a unit of currency. The issue must belong to the period when the Knife-Money was superseded by the more convenient shape of the Round currency, in the third century B.C. Ming is the same town in the state of Tchao which issued so much Knife-Money. See above (1236), 86 sq., and also (1671) below.

166.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Similar to 165.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 36.

167.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Similar to 165.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 36.

168.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Similar to 165.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 36.

(1616)

Similar type with the Obverse inscription turned over, and from left to right, was issued smaller. Reverse plain.

Æ. Size 0.8.

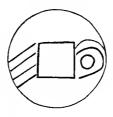
(1617)

四 明

Sze Ming

i.e. 'Four. Ming.'

OBVERSE.



REVERSE.

Plain, without any marks.

Æ. Size 1·1.

For Ming see above (1236).

(1618)

刀 明

Tao Ming

i.e. 'Knife. Ming.'

A later issue.

Plain, without any marks.

Æ. Size 0.9.

169.

刀一

Tao. Yh



Plain, without any marks.

i.e. 'One Tao.'

Æ. Wt. 20.

A subdivisionary of the preceding currency.

170.

OBVERSE and REVERSE similar to 169.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 23.

171.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Nearly similar to 168.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 25.

(1619)

Obverse similar to 168 and 169. On the upper part of the Reverse \mathbf{m} , i.e. $\mathbf{\dot{H}}$ if Lucky.'

Æ. Same size.

-(1620)

尙

(?) 去

shang

(?) kiu

(?)

釿

(?)

kin

廾

(?)吾

shih

(?) wu

Obverse same legend turned over, and from left to right: — \mathcal{J} .

Reverse plain, without any marks.

Æ. Same size.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

(II.) With square hole. c. Unknown and of doubtful date.

172.

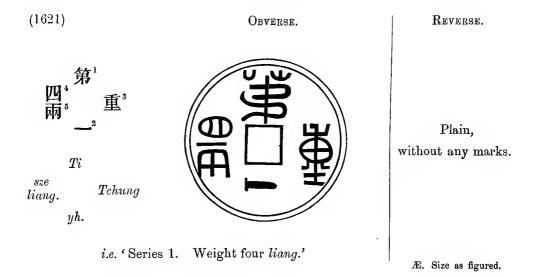
Obverse.

REVERSE.

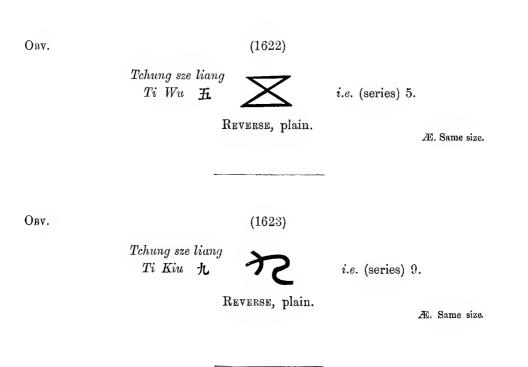
Plain, without any marks.

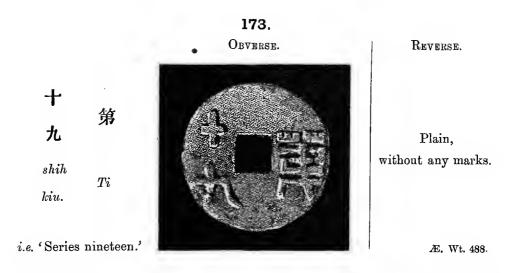
E.

Only known to me by the above, which is a false metallic cast of a mould for an ancient type, which by its style belonged to the period of the Civil Wars, but has been badly imitated and certainly altered.



Series 1 to 10 were probably issued, but hitherto two others only are known (K.T.H. Li I., f. 13). The only differences bear on the figure under the square hole.





This type is only one of a series differentiated by the number on the left side of the square. The following only are known hitherto (K.S.K. Li I., ff. 13, 14).

(1624)	Obverse,	一 第 Ti	yh 'Series	One.'	REVERSE, plain. Æ. Size 1.4.
(1625)	Obverse,	十 第 Ti	shih 'Series	Ten.'	REVERSE, plain. Æ. Same size.
(1626)	Obverse,	十 第 Ti s	<i>hih-yh</i> 'Series	s Eleven.'	REVERSE, plain.
(1627)	Obverse,	十第 Ti si	hih-luh 'Serie	s Sixteen.'	REVERSE, plain. Æ. Same size.

(1628)

Obverse, 十第 Ti shih-pah 'Serics Eighteen.'

Reverse, plain.

Æ. Size 1.3.

(1629)

OBVERSE, 'Series Nineteen.' Like 171, but the figure for nine is turned to the right.

REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Size 1.2.

(1630)

Obverse, 'Series Nineteen.' Like (1629), but much larger in size.

REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Size 1.8.

(1631)

Obverse, 井

Ti jih 'Series Twenty.'

REVERSE, plain.

Unlike the preceding, which are disposed from right to left, the present is arranged from top to bottom.

Æ. Size 1.4.

174.

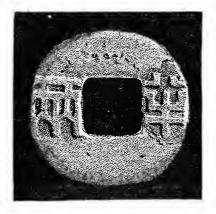
OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

兩 半

-liang. P'an-

'Half an ounce.'



Plain, without marks or rims.

Æ. Wt. 600.

175.OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

Plain, without marks or rims.

Æ. Wt. 350,

A late imitation.

176.

OBVERSE and REVERSE. Nearly similar to preceding.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 250.

177.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

兩

-liang.

'Half an ounce.'

半

P'an-

Nearly similar to preceding.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 280.

178.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Nearly similar to preceding.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 240.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

Ts'in Dynasty 秦 紀

Five rulers, from 255 B.C. to 206 B.C.

The state of Ts'in, which for two centuries had gradually by successive encroachments assumed the leading position among the Chinese States then under the honorific authority of the Kings of Tchou, had reduced these rulers to a mere shadow of their former greatness. In 256 B.C. Yen Nan Wang 廷 叔 王, the last of them, surrendered his dominions to Tchao Siang Wang 照 至 the Prince of Ts'in, then in the 53rd year of his reign. The struggle against the other Chinese States continued, and lasted specially with the semi-Chinese Southern State of Ts'u, whose centre was in Hupeh, and which was a concurrent for the Empire. It was only when the resistance of the latter was overcome that the Prince Tcheng 王 政 of Ts'in, in the 26th year of his reign, was enabled to declare himself 'The First Universal Emperor,' She Hwang-ti 始皇帝, thus far establishing the Chinese Empire in 221 B.C.

The currency was regulated on bi-metallism. The gold currency consisted of Yh's weighing one pound, as under the Tchou dynasty; and the metallic money was round with a square hole, like that under that dynasty, but the legend was P'an liang, or 'Half an ounce,' and the weight was corresponding to that design. "Henceforth, pearls, gems, tortoise-shells, silver, tin, and other things of the same kind, were used as implements, toys, and jewels, or hoarded in treasuries, and varied in price according to the market, but they were no longer used as money."

The mintage of the Ts'in currency took place in Kwan tchung (name of the region of the capital, as above, p. 226).

(1632)

兩 半

-liang. P'an-

'Half an ounce.'

OBVERSE.



REVERSE.

Plain, without marks or rims.

Æ. Size 1.4.

(1633)

兩 尘

-liang. P'an-

'Half an ounce.'



Plain, without marks or rims.

Æ. Size 1.35.

(1634)

Obverse and Reverse nearly similar to preceding, with a slightly raised thin edge.

Æ. Size 1.35.

(1635)

OBVERSE similar to (1632) with the only difference that the two 人 inside of the character liang 兩 are like those of (1633).

REVERSE plain, without marks or rims; but the pierced central square is turned with an angle straight upwards, in opposition to that of the obverse, which does not come through.

Æ. Size 1.35.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

Former Han Dynasty 前 漢 紀

Also called Western Han 西漢, from the site of its capital at Tch'ang-ngan 長安, near Si-ngan (fu), in Shensi.

Fifteen Rulers, from B.C. 206 to A.D. 24.

I. LIU P'ANG KAO TSU. 劉邦高祖 B.C. 206—195.

II. YNG HWEI TI. 為惠帝 B.C. 194—188.

As they judged the Money of the former dynasty too heavy and inconvenient to be used, the Emperors of the Han dynasty, in the beginning of their rise, gave leave to the people to cast their own metallic currency. The absence of an official standard permitted the circulation of a variety of small pieces, irregular in size and weight, some of them as thin as elm-leaves (榆 菜).

179.

OBVERSE and REVERSE. Plain, no edges nor marks.

Æ. Size 0.95. Wt. 24.

180.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.



Plain, no marks.

Æ. Wt. 38.

181.

OBVERSE and REVERSE. Plain, no marks. Edges.

Æ. Size 0.70. Wt. 33.

(1636) OBVERSE and REVERSE. Plain, no marks. Smaller.

Æ. Size 0.30.

- (1637) OBVERSE. 两 华 liang. P'an. REVERSE, plain. Large square hole. Æ. Size 0.55.
- (1638) Obverse and Reverse. Similar to (1637). Smaller.

 Æ. Size 0.50.
- (1639) OBVERSE and REVERSE. Similar to (1637). Still smaller.

 Æ. Size 0.40.

Similar to (1637). Very small.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

(1640)

Æ. Size 0.30.

(1641) Obverse. 两 Liang, 'ounce,' on the left. Reverse, plain.

Æ Size 0.55.

- (1642) Obverse. # P'an, 'half,' on the right. Reverse, plain.

 Æ. Size 0.55.
- (1643) Obverse. 华丽 P'an-liang. Same legend as previously, but inverted.
 Reverse, plain.
 Æ. Size 0 55.
- (1644) Obverse. Same legend and arrangement as (1643). Reverse, plain. Æ. Size 0.45.
- (1645) Obverse and Reverse. Similar to (1643).
- (1646) Obverse. liang. P'an, as (1637). Above and below the square hole are two lines, downwards. Reverse, plain.

 Æ. Size 0.30.
- (1647) Obverse. In liang, repeated right and left of the square hole.

 Reverse, plain.

 Æ. Size 0.40.
- (1648) In many instances, the workmanship of these little pieces was so bad that one or the other, if not the two characters of the legend, was reduced to two horizontal lines.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

III. LIU SHIH KAO HOU. 呂氏高后 (Empress).

в.с. 187—180.

In the 2nd year (s.c. 186) the Empress ordered the issue of pieces of 8 tchu in weight, equal in value to the half-ounce currency of the preceding dynasty; but at the same time the profusion of thin money in circulation was such, that it was impossible to withdraw it, and it remained in use.

Some native numismatists have carried the distinction in classifying the Chinese money far beyond reasonable limits, and unto minute differences. Considering that the usual process of casting these pieces necessitated frequently the making of new moulds, producing indefinite varieties, we must neglect them as futile and childish. For instance, in the case of the *P'an-liang* 半 兩 pieces, they make eight classes, which they call respectively:—

- 大形 Ta-hing, 'great form,' i.e., those of larger size, like 174, 1632, 1633.
- 两人 Liang-jen, 'two men,' i.e., those where the same strokes inside are of middle size, and look like the symbol for man 人 twice repeated.
- 兩 山 Liang-shan, 'two mountains,' i.e., those where the said strokes inside are low, and more like "mountains" than "men."
- 長字 Tchang-tze, 'tall characters,' i. e., those where the two characters of the legend are higher and narrower than the average, like 300, below.
- 闊 肉 Kw'oh-juh, 'ample flesh,' i. e., those where the body of the piece is more substantial than in others.
- 閣学 Kw'oh-tze, 'wide characters,' i. e., those where the characters of the legend are wider than the average.
- 十字 Shih-tze, 'shih-like character,' i. e., those where the central strokes of the symbol 兩 liang form a simple cross like the character 十, as on 256, and sq. below.

Excepting the first, second, and last, which as far as possible have been carefully kept in the present work because of their chronological bearing, these distinctions have been neglected as impracticable. The pieces are generally either corroded or worn down, so as to make such minutiæ indistinguishable; and among those well preserved which permit of our seeing exactly the strokes, it happens that they cannot be arranged according to such distinctions; as these distinctions exist but as the extreme of variations occasionally produced by mere chance in the making of numerous moulds of a wavering type, and therefore were not intended as distinctive of the various issues.



Reverse.

兩半

-liang. P'an-

'Half an ounce.'



Plain, without marks or rim.

Æ. Size 1.25. Wt. 92.

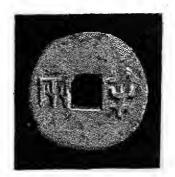
The outer form comes from the fact that they were cast in groups, and the pattern belongs to the Liang-jen type.

183.

兩半

-liang. P'an-

'Half an ounce.'



Plain, without marks or rim.

.E. Size 1.25. Wt. 125.

184.

Obverse. 兩 华 -liang. P'an- 'Half an ounce.' Reverse. Plain.

Of the Liang-jen type, and nearly similar to preceding.

Æ. Size 1.25. Wt. 124.

185, 186, 187.

OBVERSE. -liang. P'an-

REVERSE. Plain.

Nearly similar to 179.

Æ. Same size.

Weights: 185, 105. 186, 68. 187, 49.

(1649)

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Nearly similar to preceding, with edges slightly raised.

Æ. Size 1.2.

188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193.

Obverse. -liang. P'an-

REVERSE. Plain.

Nearly similar to 183, but rather smaller.

Æ. Size 1·1.

Weights: 188, 72. 189, 98. 190, 55. 191, 65. 192, 73. 193, 63.

194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206.

OBVERSE.

-liang. P'an-

REVERSE.

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Plain.

Nearly similar to 183, 188, but still smaller.

Æ. Size 1.05.

Average Weight: 59.

207, 208.

OBVERSE. -liang P'an-

REVERSE. Plain

Nearly similar to 183, 188, 194, and smaller.

Æ. Size 1. .

Weights: 207, 47. 208, 51.

209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255.

OBVERSE. -liang. P'an-

REVERSE. Plain.

Nearly similar to 183, 188, 194, 209, and smaller.

Æ. Size 0.95.

Average Weight: 40.

- (1650) Obverse, -liang. P'an- as above. Under 兩 liang, are two strokes downwards to the left.

 Reverse, plain.

 Æ. Size 1.25.
- (1651) Obverse, -liang. P'an- as above. Under 兩 liang, the symbol hwa.

 Reverse, plain.

 Æ. Size 1·20.
- Obverse, 学 两 P'an-liang. same legend as above, but inverted.

 Reverse, plain. Workmanship generally rude, and the spurs resulting from the casting in groups are often left.

 E. Same size.

(1653)

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

半 兩

P'an-liang.

'half an ounce.'

(Two signs undeciphered.)



Plain:

no marks nor rims.

Æ. Same size.

(1654) Obverse, 量 字 -liang. P'an-. Same legend as above, but the symbol for liang is turned up. Reverse, plain: no marks.

Æ. Size 1.20.

Obverse, 兩ま -liang. P'an-. Same legend as above, but the symbol (1655)REVERSE, plain: no marks. for P'an is turned up.

Æ. Same size.

(1656)Obverse, A h liang liang. Reverse, plain: no marks.

Æ. Same size.

Obverse, P'an \(\pi\), above and below the square hole. (1657)liang 兩 REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Size 1.10.

OBVERSE, -liang. P'an- as 182, above. With an horizontal stroke (1658)above the square hole for -yh, 'one.' REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Size 0.95.

(1659)Obverse, -liang. P'an- as preceding, with two perpendicular strokes below the square hole. REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Same size.

Obverse, P'an-liang, i.e. same legend as above, inverted. (1660)

REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Same size.

(1661)racter liang turned upside down. REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Same size.

(1662)Obverse, 兩 ま -liang. P'an- Same legend as above, with the character p'an turned upside down. REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Same size.

Obverse, -liang. P'an- Same legend as 182. (1663)REVERSE, same legend as on OBVERSE.

Æ. Same size.

华 -liang. P'an- twice repeated. REVERSE, plain. (1664)Æ. Same size.

-liang. P'an- with $\overrightarrow{\pi}$ ki turned aside, above the (1665)OBVERSE, square hole. REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Same size.

-liang. P'an- as above. (1666)OBVERSE, P'an-liang in deep; workmanship rude. REVERSE,

Æ. Same size.

(1667)OBVERSE, -liang. P'an- as above, with two large rings, one above, the other below the square hole. REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Same size.

(1668)OBVERSE, -liang. P'an- as above, with two perpendicular strokes above the square hole. REVERSE, plain.

Æ. Size 0.95.

-liang. P'an- as above, with (1669)REVERSE, plain. square hole.

Æ. Same size.

H # -liang. P'an- with I kung 'work,' on the side, (1670)兩 REVERSE, plain. above the square hole.

Æ. Same size.

-liang. P'an- with ming-tao written aside. (1671)REVERSE, plain. ming-tao, see above, 165.

Æ. Same size.

OBVERSE and REVERSE of the same size, without legend, marks, or rims. (1672)Belongs also to the same period.

Æ. Same size.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

IV. HENG HIAO WEN-TI 恒孝文帝 B.C. 179-157.

FIRST YEARS, B.C. 179—164.

(First) Nien-hao: Hou-yuen 後 元 B.C. 163—157.

In his fifth year, i.e. B.C. 175, Heng Hiao Wen-Ti, in order to eradicate the counterfeit money, brought into circulation pieces of four tchu only in weight, with the same former legend and value of P'an-liang, 'half an ounce.' Henceforth names were adopted for year-periods, and these year-names, or Nien-hao 年歲, were used in the dating of any event, sometimes without reference to the title of the living ruler, whose personal name was always sacred, and carefully avoided. Until the Ming dynasty, the Nien-hao was usually changed several times during the same reign, with the occurrence of important events.

Deverse. Obverse. Reverse. Plain, without marks or rims. Half an ounce.' E. Size 1.0. Wt. 57.

The pattern belongs to the Shih-tze type, on which see p. 342.

257.

OBVERSE. -liang. P'an-

REVERSE. Plain.

Nearly similar to 256, with larger central hole.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 50.

258, 259, 260.

Obverse. -liang. P'an-

REVERSE. Plain.

Nearly similar to 256, smaller, with central hole of average size.

Æ. Size 0.95.

Weights: 258, 40. 259, 50. 260, 60.

261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296.

Obverse. -liang. P'an-

REVERSE. Plain.

Nearly similar to 258, but smaller in size. The differences in the forms of the characters are unimportant.

Æ. Size 0.90.

Average Weight: 36.

297.

Obverse. -liang. P'an- Same legend as above. A stroke upwards to the right over #, for - yh 'one.' Reverse. Plain.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 35.

298.

Obverse. Same legend. Three perpendicular strokes under the square hole, for $\equiv san$, 'three.' Reverse, plain.

A. Same size. Wt. 36.

299.

Obverse. Same legend. With a dot under the square hole, on the edge inward.

Reverse, plain.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 36.

300.

Obverse. Reverse, plain.	Same legend, the characters narrower. Very large square hole. Æ. Size 0.90. Wt. 37.
(1673) Obverse.	Same legend. With a small circle on the right above the square hole. Reverse, plain. E. Same size.
(1674) Obverse.	Same legend. With two small circles, one above and one below the square hole. Reverse, plain. Æ. Same size.
(1675) OBVERSE.	Same legend. With a perpendicular stroke above the square hole, for $-yh$, 'one.' Reverse, plain. Æ. Same size.
(1676) Obverse.	Same legend. With the perpendicular stroke below the square hole. Reverse, plain. Æ. Same size.
(1677) OBVERSE.	Same legend. With three perpendicular lines above the square hole, for Ξ san, 'three.' Reverse, plain. Æ Same size.
(1678) Obverse.	Same legend. With \// above the square hole, for \(\sum_{san}\), three.' Reverse, plain. Æ. Same size.
(1679) OBVERSE.	Same legend. With //\ below the square hole, for \(\sum_{san}, 'three.' \) Reverse, plain. Æ. Same size.
(1680) OBVERSE.	P'an-liang. Same legend inverted. Reverse, plain. Æ. Same size.
(1681) Obverse.	辛 辛 P'an p'an. Reverse, plain. Æ. Size 1.0.

Æ. Same size.

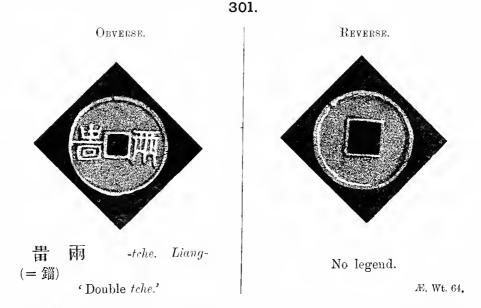
(1682)OBVERSE. 兩 Liang liang. REVERSE, plain. Æ. Size 0.90. Liang liang, as preceding, but the character on the (1683)OBVERSE. right-hand side is upside down. REVERSE, plain. Æ. Same size. (1684)OBVERSE. 半 -liang. P'an- The character liang is on the side 图 below the square hole. REVERSE, plain. Æ. Same size. # -liang. P'an- twice repeated, as shown. (1685)OBVERSE. 压 REVERSE, plain.

INDEPENDENT AND CONTEMPORANEOUS CURRENCIES.

в.с. 179—157.

CURRENCY OF WU 吳 (Fendal State).

Under the reign of Hiao Wen Ti the Chinese power was only half established over the region of Wu 吳, i.e. Kiangsu, and North of Tchehkiang and of Kiangsi provinces. The copper mines attracted a large number of lawless people, who cast counterfeit money, whence the endless varieties of the above P'an-liang series. 吳王海 P'ei, Prince of Wu (circa, B.C. 160), worked the mines of the Tsih Shan 即山: his currency being less alloyed than that of the official mintage, had a great success, and proved obnoxious to the government mints during the latter part of the reign of Wen-Ti, and that of his successor King-Ti. The following specimen, and types 302, 1686, 1687, are most probably issues of his currency.



A tche was equivalent to six tchu, or quarter-ounce; so that two tche were the same as a P'an-liang, or 'half-ounce.'



-tche. Liang-

Variant of legend on 301.

OBVERSE.



REVERSE.

No legend.

A rim outside.

Æ. Size 1:15.

(1687)

-tchc. Liang'Double tche.'

Variant of legend on 301.



No legend.

Æ. Size 1·15.

The chief difference of this type consists in the absence of rims.

CURRENCY OF TENG T'UNG (the Chinese Crœsus).

The same Emperor granted (circà B.C. 160) to a courtier Teng-t'ung 致通, the authorization of working the mines of the Copper Mountain Tung Shan 銅山 of Yen Tao 嚴道, now Ya-tchou fu in Azetchnen.

Teng-t'ung issning copper money, acquired fabulous wealth, which made his name famous for ever as the Crœsus of China; his currency, like that of the Prince of Wu, being made of purer metal than that of the Government, was eagerly sought for by the people, at the expense of the Imperial exchequer. It was known as the 'Teng-she money' 爱好 氏袋, but no exact information has been preserved as to its shape and design.

FORMER HAN DYNASTY (continued).

No change in the currency is recorded under his reign.

VI. TCH'EH WU TI 徹 武 帝, B.c. 140-87.

(First) Nien hao: Kien-Yüen 建元, B.C. 140—135.

In the first year of the period Kien-Y"uen (B.C. 140) the current money, though bearing the legend P'an-liang (or 12 tchus) as before, was only weighing on an average four tchus. The Emperor Wu TI, in order to rectify the anomaly, then issued pieces weighing three tchus only, in accordance with their legend $san-tchu \equiv \sharp k$, 'three tchus.'

302.

OBVERSE.

'Three tchu'

銖 三

-tchu. San-

REVERSE,

No legend. Rims, as on the obverse.

(An apparent imitation.) Æ. Size 0.75. Wt. 35.

(1688) Obverse. -tchu. San- as 302. Reverse. No legend.

Thin rims on the obverse, none on the reverse.

Æ. Size 0.75.

(1689) Obverse. -tchu. San- as **302**, and a thin rim. Reverse. Plain.

FORMER HAN DYNASTY (continued).

Five years after their issue, i.e., in B.C. 136, it was necessary to demonetize the San-tchu pieces, as they had been counterfeited, clipped, &c., and answered no more to their purpose. A currency somewhat similar to the former one was then issued. The chief characteristics of the new pieces were a rim slightly raised, and their device belonged to the shih, or cross type of the P'an-liang pattern. The raised edges were purposely made in order to prevent the pieces from being filed, as the former currency used to be by the people, with a view of taking the copper dust.

303.

OBVERSE.

兩 学 -liang. P'an-'Half-ounce.' REVERSE. Plain, no rim.

With a rim slightly raised.

Æ. Size ·1. Wt. 32.

304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313.

OBVERSE.

-liang.

P'an-

REVERSE.

Plain, no rim.

Nearly similar to 303.

Æ. Same size. Average Weight: 37.

314.

OBVERSE and REVERSE. Sam

Same legend in modern characters.

(A late imitation.) Æ. Size 1.15. Wt. 37.

(1690) Obverse. -liang. P'an- as above; with two rings, one smaller above, and one larger below the square hole.

REVERSE.

Plain.

Æ. Size 0.95.

(1691)	Obverse.	-liang. P'an- as above; with a perpendicular stroke below the square hole, for $\longrightarrow yh$, 'one.'
	Reverse.	Plain. Æ. Size 0.90.
(1692)	Obverse.	-liang. P'an- as above; with a slanting stroke to the right below the square hole, for $-yh$, 'one.'
	REVERSE.	Plain. Æ. Same size.
(1693)	Obverse.	P'an-liang as above; with two perpendicular strokes below the square hole, for $\equiv erh$, 'two.'
	Reverse.	Plain. Æ. Same size.
(1694)	Obverse.	P'an-liang as above but inverted; with two strokes, as preceding.
	REVERSE.	Plain. Æ. Same size.
(1695)	5) Obverseliang. P'an- as above; with three perpendic above the square hole, for Ξ san,	
	Reverse.	Plain. Æ. Same size.
(1696)	OBVERSE.	-liang. P'an- as above; with $> wu$, 'five,' on the right hand side, above the square hole.
	Reverse.	Plain. Æ. Same size.
(1697)	OBVERSE.	-liang. P'an- as above; with \times shih, 'ten,' below the square hole.
	Reverse.	Plain. Æ. Same size.
(1698)	Obverse.	P'an-liang as above, but inverted.
	Reverse.	Plain.

(1699)	OBVERSE.	P'an-liang as preceding.	
	Reverse.	Plain.	(Smaller.) Æ. Size 0.80.
(1700)	Obverse.	兩 击 -liang. P'an- The right upside dow	nt-hand side character
	Reverse.	Plain.	Æ. Size 0.95.
(1701)	Obverse.	半 ま P'an pan. The right upside dow	nt-hand side character n.
	REVERSE.	Plain.	(Smaller.) Æ. Size 0.90.
(1702)	Obverse.	兩 半 -liang. P'an- Ru	ide workmanship.
	REVERSE.	Plain.	(Iron.) Æ. Size 0.95.

The iron piece here inscribed, according to the trustworthy Suh-tsiuen-huei (Li I., f. 3), is important as the oldest issue in China of real money in iron. This metal had been used at the same time as the others, in lumps or as implements, during the barter period. No record has been preserved of this issue, which cannot have been made by the Government.

SILVER-TIN MONEY AND LEATHER BADGES.

VI. TCH'EH WU TI (continued).

(Fourth) Nien hao: Yüen-shou 元 狩, B.C. 122—117.

The long reign of Wu Ti was a glorious one. His suzerainty was established over new parts of the south of China proper; and his generals, victorious over the Hiung-nu Turks, carried the Chinese arms and influence into Central Asia. Literature, Confucianist at first, Taoist afterwards, flourished; and a sort of Imperial Academy was established at Shang-lin yuen 上林远 (at Fang Kung near Hien Yang, Shensi), to promote the study of classical history and wisdom. The Court was put on a gorgeous footing, and expenses were running high. For all these achievements an enormous quantity of money was wanted, and the current money, the base copper cash, not being sufficient to pay for these outlays, several sorts of representative currency were introduced, and, as always the case, led the State almost to the verge of financial ruin.

In the fourth year of the period Yüen-shöu (119 B.C.) a currency of white metal and deer-skin was made.

This white-metal currency consisted of three types of pieces of a different size and form, made of tin and silver melted together, and of a nominal value, far beyond the intrinsic.

The first was round, with a central round hole, and the figure of a dragon (Lung) as device; its name was *Tchuan* 撰, *i.e.*, 'Pattern,' its weight 8 *liang* (ounces), and its value 3000 copper *cash*.*

^{*} The word cash is a convenient appellative for the Chinese copper pieces which are cast and not coined, and therefore have no right to be called coins. It is now widely used by Europeans in China and the East concurrently with the word sapeque, and is derived through the Portuguese caixa, formerly the Tamil $k\bar{a}su$, from the Sanskrit $k\bar{a}rsha$, a name for a small piece of money.

The second was smaller, and square, and its device was a horse; its weight 6 liang, and its value 500 copper cash.

The third was still smaller, and oblong, with a tortoise for device; its weight 4 liang, and its value 300 copper cash.

The end of this medal-like currency was sad. They were counterfeited on a great scale by the people, and the State officials as well. Their value diminished rapidly, the Emperor ceased to issue them, and before the end of a year after they had been first emitted, they were no more accepted in circulation.

No specimen seems to have survived of this ill-conceived and fanciful money, and their actual shape is not known beyond the aforesaid descriptions. Some spurious figures of them appear in several untrustworthy books on numismatics, chiefly Japanese, taken from made-up pieces of Japanese fabric in tin, which sometimes are met with in collections for sale to collectors.

The deer-skin currency, issued in the same year, was a sort of token or badge made in view of a narrower circulation. It consisted only of pieces of the skin of white stags reared in the Imperial parks, measuring a square foot, and embroidered on the hems, for which the kings, feudal princes, and noblemen, had to pay 400,000 copper cash a-piece, as they were compelled to wear them as badges of honour, without which entrance to Court and audience by the Emperor could not be obtained.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

As to the current money of the official standard, it was cast in all the provinces and districts. But the people counterfeited it so largely in easting debased and lighter pieces, that the nobles required that it should be ordered that a new kind of money be issued at the Imperial Court. The pieces were called Yh-tcheh T, which literally means 'red-bent,' from the supposed fact that their raised edge was made of red copper. One piece was worth 5 cash. The collectors of taxes used not to bring again the false Yh-tcheh in circulation as they did for the ordinary cash. In less than two years the new money was again very bad in consequence of counterfeiting, and as it was no more possible to use it at the legal rate, it was also abolished.

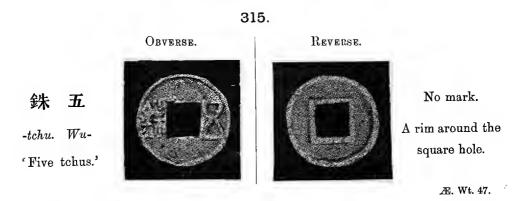
Genuine specimens of this currency are not found. And the explanation of their characteristics from their name is perhaps inexact, as it is only given by later authorities.

In the fifth year of the period Yüen-shöu (B.C. 118) the P'an-liang currency deteriorated, by incessant counterfeiting, was demonetized; and the famous Wu-tchu eash, the standard of the Han dynasty, which remained in circulation until the Sin dynasty (A.D. 581), notwithstanding other mintages, occasional and temporary, were first issued.

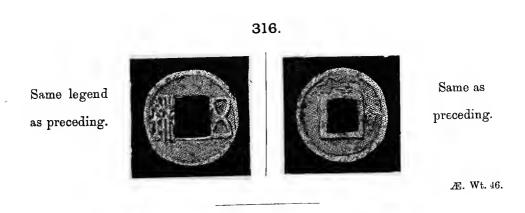
The Emperor Wu Ti, after his unsuccessful essays, was at last convinced that the evil was more deeply rooted than had hitherto been supposed, and that some more adequate measures had become necessary, as money ought to be made of a real value, according to its design. Accordingly, with these views, great changes were made in the monetary management of the empire. Every district and province was no more allowed, as formerly, to cast its own money. A State Mint was established in the capital of the empire, under the special direction of three high members of the Shang-lin Academy (cf. p. 358), who were appointed official Mint-masters. All the metallic currency formerly in

use was withdrawn, and brought to the Shang-lin Mint, to be melted and re-cast; and all money not issued by that mint was considered illegal. In the impossibility of suppressing the few false coiners who still remained, the Mint-masters, in the true Chinese fashion, made the most skilled of them workmen in the mint.

The new cash were well made, and for years to come could not be counterfeited.



The peculiarity of the early issues of this cash is, that on the obverse the central hole has no rim.



317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333.

OBVERSE and REVERSE. Nearly similar to 315 and 316, but thinner.

Æ. Same size.

Average Weight: 30.

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VIII. PING-KI SIUEN TI, 病已宣帝, B.C. 73-49.

- (1) Nien-hao, Pen-she, 本始, ,, 73—70.
 (2) ,, TI-TSIEH, 地節, ,, 69—66.
- (3) ,, Yuen-k'ang, 元康, ,, 65—62.
- (4) ,, Shen-tsio, 神雷, ,, 61—58.

The circulation of the Wu-tchu cash runs smoothly from the beginning of their emission, and nothing is recorded until the second year of Siuen Ti, when it was found necessary to make this cash more regular in weight, and to introduce a slight change in the pattern. This change consisted in the addition of a raised edge at the lower side of the square on the obverse. The fact is shown by moulds in clay belonging to the reign of Siuen Ti which have been discovered in archæological finds, and in which the pieces were no longer cast in clusters. These moulds bear on their outsides the following dates:—

Pen-she,	1st year,	i.e.	B.C.	73.	TI-TSIEH,	4th	year,	i.e.	B.C	. 66.
"	2nd "	,,	,,	72.	Yuen-k'ang,	3rd	,,	,,	,,	63.
"	4th ,,	,,	,,	70.	Shen-tsio,	2nd	,,	,,	,,	60.
TI-TSIEH,	2nd ,,	,,	,,	68.	"	4th	,,	,,	,,	58.

They are figured in the Ku-tsiuen-hwei, Tchin xiii., and in the Suhtsiuen-hwei, Tchin iii.



Æ. Size 1.

Characterized by the special arrangement of the rim on the obverse.

334, 335, 336, 337.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Nearly similar to (1703).

Æ. Size 1. Average Weight: 51.

338.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Nearly similar. Clipped.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 16.

(1704)

OBVERSE and REVERSE. With similar legend to (1703), on both sides

Æ. Same size.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

IX. SHEH YUEN TI 奭 元 帝, B.C. 48-33.

The counterfeiters in the long run proved to be stronger than the law of the land. They were more than 100,000 in number, and the disorder brought in by their mischievous doings reached a dangerous height. Proposals were seriously made by counsellors of the Throne to abolish the metallic currency, which had caused so much evil, and to substitute in its stead silk, cloth, grain, and tortoise-shell, as used to be employed in former times. But the advice of the Privy Council was also asked, and they judged that it was difficult to make a sudden change in the money which had been for a long time in circulation. At that time the Imperial Treasury amounted to 4000 millions, the Privy Treasury to 1800 millions, and that of the Mint to 2500 millions, copper cash.

XII. YEN PING TI 衍平 帝, A.D. 1—5.

In spite of the disorders resulting from the continuous counterfeiting, the *Shang-lin* Mint had continued issuing the *Wu-tchu* cash. From the days of the Emperor Wu Tı (118 B.C.), when the Shang-lin began to make money, till the first year of the Emperor Ping Ti's reign, they had made copper cash to an amount of 280,000 millions of pieces.

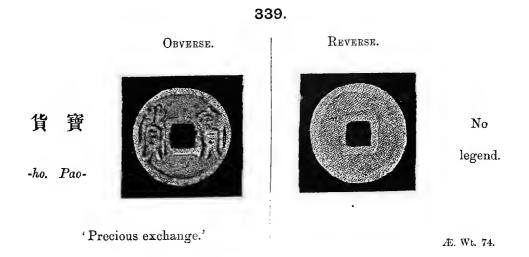
XIII. JU TZE YNG 孺子嬰, A.D. 6-8.

REGENCY OF WANG MANG.

(1) Nien hao, Kiü-shêh 居 攝, A.D. 6—7.

The last emperor, Ping Ti, who was only nine years old when he ascended the throne, had been poisoned after four years by his Prime Minister, Siu Wang Mang. The grandson of Siuen Ti, then two years of age, was recognized Emperor by the same Wang Mang, who for three years to come was still satisfied with the Regency of the Empire. He introduced great changes into the currency, which makes the time during which he held the power, either as a Regent or Supreme Ruler, the most eventful period in the history of Chinese money.

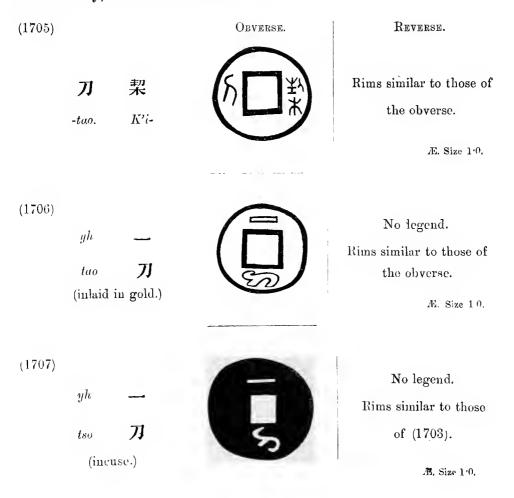
Wang Mang began in A.D. 7, by annulling the decrees enacted by the Han dynasty, as he wanted to return to the money of the Tchou dynasty, where "the mother and the child" (i.e. divisionary piece) weighed in proportion to each other, similarly to those issued by King Wang in 523 B.C. (cf. 156—163 supra). A vague and misconceived tradition ascribes to him the emission of pieces of the same dimensions and designs, and it is perhaps this erroneous legend that caused the making by counterfeiters of such types as the No. 164 above, and the following as well.

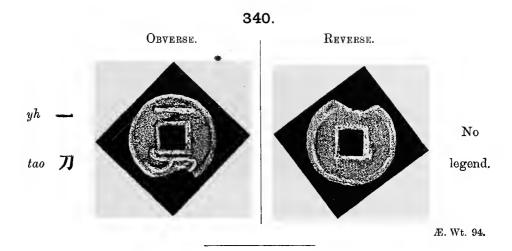


VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

The Regent reintroduced, in a somewhat altered form, the knife-shaped money in two types, which he called Ki-tao 契刀 (Nos. 130–136 above), and Ts'o-tao 錯刀 (Nos. 138—148 above). The number of Ki-tao, value 500 cash, was not inconsiderable: a copper mould in the collection of Li Tao-hien (Ku-tsiuen-hui, Teheng 13, f. 17) bears the figures Pah-tsien-wan 八千萬 'eight thousand myriads,' which probably indicates a number of pieces issued therefrom.

Round pieces, similar to the head parts of the *Ki-tao* and *Ts'o-tao* knife-money, were issued as follows:—

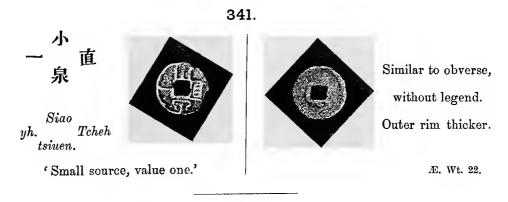




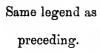
In the same year (i.e. A.D. 7) the Regent Wang Mang put in circulation a new currency, which he called *Tsiuen* 京, 'source;' thus reviving the old name, which had been replaced by *Tsien* 錢 in course of time.

It consisted of six types, large and divisionary, all represented in the following list (341, 1711, 1712, 1713, 344, 345):—

(a) FIRST TYPE.



342.





Similar to preceding.

Æ. Wt. 22.



OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

Same legend as preceding.



Similar to preceding.

Æ. Wt. 23.

(1708)

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Both with legend similar, as (341), obverse.

Æ. Size 0.50.

(1709)

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Both with legend like the preceding, but that of the reverse is upside down.

Æ. Same size.

(1710)

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Without any legend; otherwise same fabric.

Æ. Same size.

(b) SECOND TYPE.

(1711)

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.



Similar to the obverse.

Without legend.

Æ. Size 0.65.

'Little source, 1 ten.'

(c) THIRD TYPE.

(1712)

shih. erh + 幼 二 保証 + 泉二 (1975)

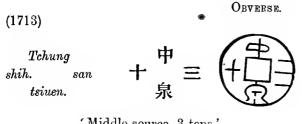
'Young source, 2 tens.'

Similar to the obverse.

Without legend.

Æ. Size 0.7.

(d) FOURTH TYPE.



'Middle source, 3 tens.'

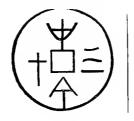
REVERSE.

Similar to the obverse. Without legend.

Æ. Size 0.8.

(1714)

Tchung tsiuen san shih. As above.



No legend. Outside rim similar to obverse. Thin rim round square hole.

Æ. Size 1.05.

(e) FIFTH TYPE.

Irregularly issued by private persons.

344.





 \cdot No

legend.

Æ. Wt. 54.

(1715)

Tchwang tsiuen. Sze shih.

As above, with slight differences.



Similar to the obverse. Without legend.

(Smaller.) Æ. Size 0.85.

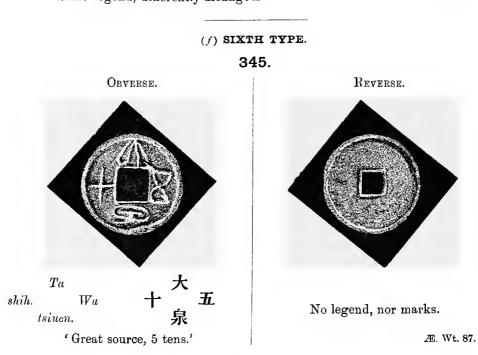
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REVERSE.

Similar to the obverse. Without legend.

Æ. Size 1.05.



346.



Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend as preceding.



No legend.

Æ, Wt. 73.

347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354,

OBVERSE.

Same legend, with slight differences.

REVERSE.

Similar to preceding, without legend.

Æ. Same size.

Average Weight: 60.

355, 356, 357, 358.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Slightly different. Larger and thicker,

Æ. Size 1.10. Wt. 80.

359.

OBVERSE. Same legend, slightly different.

REVERSE. Same, no legend.
(Broken.) Æ. Same size.

360.

OBVERSE.

Ta shih. Wu tsiuen.

 v_u +

十 泉

Same legend as above.

The characters as on 1721.

REVERSE.

Regular rims.

No legend.

Size 0.85. Wt. 40.

361.

OBVERSE.

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.
Same legend, slightly different.

REVERSE.

Similar to preceding.

(Clipped.) Æ.

362.

OBVERSE.



Ta

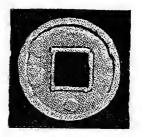
shih.

Wu

tsiuen.

Same legend, of a different design.

REVERSE.



No legend.

A large pellet under.

Æ. Wt. 80.

(1717)

Ta

shih.

Wu

tsiuen.

As above, but different in design.

OBVERSE.



REVERSE.

Similar to obverse.
Without legend.

Æ. Size 0.95.

(1718).

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, but different in design; double rim, and larger.



Only a simple rim round the square and circumference.

Æ. Size 1.05.

(1719)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend and arrangement, with four lines radiating from the central square hole.



Only a simple rim round the square and circumference.

Æ. Size 1.05.

(1720)

OBVERSE.

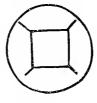
REVERSE.

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend and

arrangement.





Four lines radiating from the central square hole.

Æ. Size 1.0.

(1721)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend and

arrangement.



Three lines radiating from the central square hole.

(Smaller.) Æ. Size 0.85.

(1722)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend and design.

Large square hole.

Without legend, and similar to obverse.

(Smaller.) Æ. Size 0.80.

(1723)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, arrangement and design.



Without legend, and similar to obverse.

(Smaller.) Æ. Size 0.55.

(1724)

 $Ta\ tsiuen.$ Wu shih. Same legend, arrangement and design.

Without legend, and similar to obverse.

(Very small.) Æ. Size 0.45.

(1725)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend and arrangement, but deep incuse, and without rims.



With simple and thin rims round the square hole and circumference.

.E. Size 0.95.

(1726)

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, arrangement and design, as preceding.

Plain, and without rims.

Æ. Size 0.90.

(1727)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, but with the Ta turned upwards.



Same design as obverse. Without legend.

Æ. Size 1.0.

(1728)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, slightly different in design.





Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend as obverse, but turned, and read from right.

Æ. Size 1 0.

(1729)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, with slight differences.





Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, but turned, and read from left.

Æ. Size 1.0.

(1730)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, with slight differences.





Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, turned upside down.

Æ. Size 0 95.

(1731)

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend and design as preceding.

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend and design as obverse.

E. Size 0.95.

(1732)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, with a dot in the upper and lower parts of the sign Wu.



Same design as obverse.

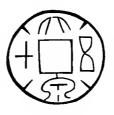
Without legend.

Æ. Size 1.0.

(1733)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, with four points inwards.



Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

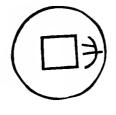
Same as obverse, and same design.

Æ. Size 1.05.

 $(1734)_{,}$

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend and design as preceding, without the four points.



大 Ta, 'Great.'

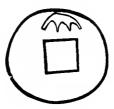
(Turned aside.)

Æ. Size 1.0.

(1735)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend and design as preceding.



Ta, 'Great.'

(Deep incuse.)

Æ. Size 1.0.

(1736)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, with two cross strokes on the sign + shih.





REVERSE.

Same design as obverse.

Without legend.

Æ. Size 1·1.

(1737)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, with one cross stroke on the sign shih.



Same design as obverse.

Without legend.

Æ. Size 1.05.

(1738)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, with one top stroke over the sign shih.



Same design as obverse.

Without legend.

Æ. Same size.

(1739)

Ta tsiuen. Wu shih.

Same legend, with one horizontal stroke under the sign shih.

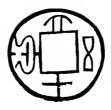


Same design as obverse.
Without legend.

Æ. Same size.

(1740)

Ta¹ tsiuen.⁴ Wu² shih.³
Same legend, differently arranged.



Same design as obverse.

Without legend.

Æ. Size 1.05.

363.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

Ta

Wu shih.

大 五

Same design.

tsiuen.

泉

Without legend.

Same legend, arranged

differently, like following.

(Bad Specimen.) Æ. Size 1:10. Wt. 60.

(1741)

Ta1 tsiuen. Wu4 shih.

Same legend and design, with broader rims.



Same design as obverse.

Without legend.

Æ. Size 1·10.

(1742)

Ta¹ tsiuen.² Wu⁴ shih.³

Same legend, arrangement and design, as preceding.

Same design as obverse, without legend, with a stroke from upper right corner of square hole to outside rim.

Æ. Size 1.0.

(1743)

Ta1 tsiuen.2 Wu4 shih.3

Same legend, arrangement and design, with a dot in the upper and lower part of \mathcal{H} , wu (as in 1732).

Same design as obverse.

Without legend.

Æ. Size 1.0.

(1744)

Ta1 tsiuen.2 Wu4 shih.3

Same legend and arrangement.

Same design as obverse.

Without legend.

(Smaller.) Æ. Size 0.9.

(1745) Obverse.

Ta1 tsiuen. Wu* shih.

Same legend and arrangement.

Thin rims.

REVERSE.

Same design as obverse.

Without legend.

(Still smaller.) Æ. Size 0.7.

(1746)

Ta¹ tsiuen.² Wu⁴ shih.³

Same legend and arrangement, with four dots.



Same design as obverse.
Without legend.

Æ. Size 1.1.

(1747)

Ta

Wu shih.

tsiuen.

Same legend, differently arranged.



Same design as obverse.

Without legend.

Æ. Size 1.0.

(1748)

Ta

Same legend, deep incuse. Regular arrangement. No rims.

shih.

Wu

tsiuen.

Plain; and, as obverse, without rims.

(Smaller.) Æ. Size 0.9.

(1749)

Wu shih.

Same legend, but different arrangement and design.



Ta¹ tsiuen.² Wu⁴ shih.³

Similar to the obverse.

Æ. Same size.

(1750) OBVERSE.

Ta 1 tsiuen. 2 Wu 3 shih 4

Same legend, regular arrangement, in relief, with broad rims. Rare.

REVERSE.

Outside rim thinner than obverse.

No legend.

(Iron.) Æ. Size 1.0.

Perhaps issued by Kung sun Shuh, on whom see infra, p. 395.

(1751)

Ta¹ tsiuen.2 Wu³ tchu.4

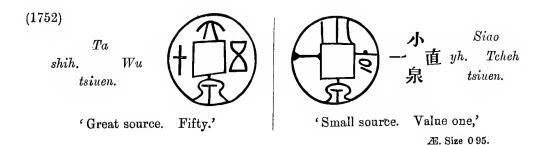
'Great source, five tchus.'



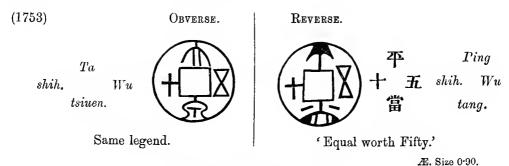
Outside rim similar to obverse. Broader rim round the square hole.

Æ. Size 1.0.

Similar in make and design to the currency Ta tsiuen of Wang Mang, and certainly a casual issue only of the same period, combining it with the Wu tchu type of currency of the Han dynasty (p. 361 supra).



A combination of the current Ta tsiuen type with the first type (341 above) of the six issues of the year A.D. 7, at the time of the regency. An irregular type.



Most probably a private issue.



An irregular and fanciful arrangement of the current legend. See Nos. 1740 and 1747.

Two sizes of larger specimens of *Ta tsiuen* issues are also in existence, as follows:—
(1755)

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{The current legend} & Ta \\ & \text{with} & shih & Wu \\ \text{the usual arrangement.} & tsiuen. \end{array}$

The central square hole has the four sides curved and a thick rim, of which the angles are elongated and radiate to the circumference.

The usual square hole and rims.

Æ. Size 1.5.

(1756)

Square hole. Broad rims.

A crescent upwards over the square hole.

Broad rims.

The four sides of the square hole curved, and the angles elongated and radiating as in obverse of (1755).

Æ. Size 2.0.

INTERREGNUM.

SIN WANG MANG 新 王 莽, A.D. 9-22. Three nien-hao.

(1) Nien hao, She Kien Kwon 始 建 國, A.D. 9-13.

At the end of the year *Tch'u She* 初始, second nien-hao of Ju-tze Yng's reign, Wang Mang dethroned the infant Emperor and assumed in his own name the supreme power.

In his second year, i.e. A.D. 10, he brought out some radical changes in the currency of the empire. He suppressed the Knife-Money issued by himself two years previously, and that for a curious reason. The family name of the Han dynasty, whose regular representative he had just dethroned, was Liu 劉. Wang Mang was struck by the fact that the written symbol of this name contained the characters 金 'metal' and 刀 'knife,' and that the 'metal knife' 金 刀 currency would keep the remembrance of the Liu family, or Han dynasty, alive in the hearts of the people. Therefore the suppression was decided on, and took place without delay. He suppressed also, at one and the same time, by decree, the Wu tchu cash, the standard currency of the Han dynasty, and made several new sorts of currency of "gold, silver, tortoise-shells, cowries and copper pu."

In his new enactments, Wang Mang's mind was engrossed with the idea of superseding all souvenir of the eclipsed dynasty by a return to the old practices of the Tchou dynasty still cherished by the people. Accordingly the gold currency was regulated by and named 斤 kin 'pound,' which weight had the value of 10,000 copper cash. The silver currency was made in units of a liu 流, having a weight of eight liangs or ounces, and their value varied according to the purity of the metal. Those made of the silver found in the region of Tchu-she 朱 提 of Kien-wei 程 為 (S. of Tcheng-tu, centre of Szetchuen), being of better quality, were worth 1580 cash, while those made of an inferior quality of silver, found elsewhere in the empire, were only worth 1000. No

specimens of this gold and silver money are found, and no precise description of their design has been transmitted.

Of tortoise-shells, there were four different sorts, of various sizes and denominations, with different values, but the details have not been handed down to our time, in any book I know.

As to the cowrie currency, we are in a better position. There were five sorts of them, regulated as follows:—

- (1) The great shells, 大 貝; 4 tsun or inches, 8 fen or 10ths in length; two of which formed a pang 朋, or pair; value 216 cowries.
- (2) The bull shells, 牡貝; 3 tsun, 6 fen in length; a pair of which was worth 150 cowries.
- (3) The small shells, 丑 貝; 2 tsun, 4 fen in length; a pair of which was worth 30 cowries.
- (4) The lesser shells, 月,月;1 tsun, 2 fen in length; a pair of which was worth 10 cowries.
- (5) The smallest shells (cypreæ monetæ, or cowries), being smaller than 1 tsun 2 fen, were not fastened in pairs; each was worth three cash. Those which were smaller than six fen were not used for currency.

How much similar or different from the practices of remote times was this quaint currency is not ascertained (cf. Introduction). But the intelligent part of the people, and the merchants as well, objected to this revival of an antiquated system.

The copper currency then issued by Wang Mang was also peculiar, and presented a strong flavour of a revival. It consisted of the ten sorts of Pu in money which are illustrated above (pp. 302-304). Some later commentators, in a true Chinese spirit, always striving after allusions or symbolisms, have fancied that the design of this money was that of 'a shirt,' whence its appellation of Pu, lit. 'cloth,' or 'spread out.' But, as a historical fact, this far-fetched explanation does not meet the case, and the genealogy of its pattern is clear. The pattern of the Pu money of Wang Mang was altered from the shapes of the Pu-Money of the Civil wars period (above, pp. 31-212), themselves degenerated forms of the Weight-Money (above, pp. 18-30), which was derived from that of the Spade-Money of former times (above, pp. 2, 4-17). As to the name of Pu, it was a local appellative for money in the former Chinese states of Shang 南 (E. Honan), and Ts'i 座 (N. Shantung and S. Tchihli), which had survived and spread out its ancient limits.

To resume, the new currency, including the six classes of tsiuen 景 issued since A.D. 7, consisted of twenty-eight different sorts, made of five different substances, and designated by six different denominations.

The people did not approve of these innovations, and objected to the large proportion of alloy in the metal of the copper money; and they continued to employ cash made on the 5-tchu pattern of the Han dynasty. They give vent to their feelings in a seditious popular little song:—

黄牛白腹 "The yellow bull has a white belly, 五銖當復 The five-tchu pieces ought to return."

黄 Hwang, 'yellow,' the Imperial colour, stands here for 'Imperial,' otherwise 皇 Hwang the Imperial title assumed by Wang Mang. The 'bull' 牛 with a white belly is a distinct allusion to the bull shells, the second class of the cowry currency, and its colour on one side. Now 'white' is in China the colour signifying 'evil,' and also that of mourning. The wish to put an end to Wang Mang's rule suggested in the allusions contained in the first verse was clearly put forth in the second, where the return of the Han dynasty is plainly implied.

(2) Nien hao, T'ien Fung 天 鳳 'Celestial Pheasant,' A.D. 14—19.

In the first year Tien Fung, i.e., a.d. 14, Wang Mang, made aware at last of the severe distress of the people through his manifold and cumbrous money, abolished all the eccentric and other currency then in circulation. He issued in their stead two new types of copper money, one large and one small. The large one was of the Pu type and bore the legend Ho-pu 資布, having the value of 25 cash. Specimens are illustrated above, No. 112. The small ones were of the usual round pattern, and bore two legends; 布泉 Pu-tsiuen and 資泉 Ho-tsiuen. Those with the design Pu-tsiuen (below, No. 364) were apparently issued only for a short time, as they are seldom met with and do not present more than four varieties. The reverse has been the fate of the Ho-tsiuen (below, No. 365 sq.), which remained in circulation until after the end of Wang Mang's reign, and were largely counterfeited and varied.

364.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

tsiuen.

Pu

泉

布

Similar design. No legend.

'Spreading source.'

Æ. Size 1.0.

A faithful imitation but not a genuine specimen.

(1757)

tsiuen. Pu

Same legend and arrangement.

A large rim round the square hole and a half-ball over it.

Similar design.

Æ. Same size.

(1758)

tsiuen. Pu

Same legend and arrangement.

Two radiating dashes from the upper angles of the square hole.

Similar design.

Æ. Same size.

(1759)

tsiuen. Pu

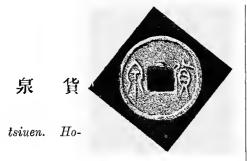
Same legend and arrangement.

Two radiating dashes from the lower angles of the square hole.

Similar design.

Æ. Same size.

365, 366, 367.



'Spring of goods.'

With a half-ball over the upper edge of the square hole.



No

legend.

A. Average Wt. 39.

368.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

tsiuen.

 H_{0} -

Same legend.

A dot over the square hole.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 30.

369.

tsiuen.

Ho-

Same legend, without any mark.

No legend.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 38.

370, 371, 372, 373, 374.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Legend and design nearly similar.

Æ. Same size. Average Weight 38.

375.

Obverse and Reverse. A dot over the upper right corner of the square hole on the obverse. Legend and design otherwise similar.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 43.

376.

Obverse and Reverse. A dash downwards from the lower left corner of the square hole on the obverse. Legend and design otherwise similar.

Æ. Same size. Wt. 40.

377.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Legend and design nearly similar.

(Clipped.) Æ.

378.

tsiuen.

Ho-

泉

貨

Same legend, with a rim around the square hole.

No legend.

Design similar to 364.

Æ. Wt. 24.

3 D

379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397.

Obverse and Reverse.

Legend and design similar to preceding, with slight differences.

Æ. Same size. Average Weight 48.

398, 399, 400.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Legend and design nearly similar to 378, but slightly smaller.

Æ. Size 0.85. Average Weight 31.

401, 402.

OBVERSE and REVERSE.

Legend and design nearly similar to 378, but much heavier.

Æ. Size . Wt. 138.

403.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

tsiuen. Ho-

Same legend as above,
with double rim round the
square hole.



Similar rims.

No legend.

Æ. Wt. 258.

404, 405.

tsiuen. HoSame legend as
above,
much smaller.





No

legend.

Æ. Wt, 16.

ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY. (1760)OBVERSE. REVERSE. tsiuen. Ho-No legend. Same type, with half ball under lower edge of central square hole. Æ. Size 0.85. (1761)tsiuen. Four dashes diverging towards circumference from the four corners of Same type, with half ball over upper the square hole. edge, as on 365. Æ. Same size. (1762)tsiuen. Ho-One half ball over, and one under the upper and lower edges of the square Same type. hole. A dot over the square hole. Æ. Same size. On obverse and reverse four diverging dashes, as on (1761) rev. (1763)tsiuen. Ho-No legend. Regular rims. Same type. Two dashes outwards from the two upper angles of the square hole. Æ. Same size. (1764)Several varieties occur of the same coins with one, two, or three dashes outwards as on the preceding types.

(1765)

tsiuen. Ho-

Same type.

With a downwards stroke over the square hole for 'one.'

No legend. Regular rims.

Æ. Same size.

(1766)	OBVERSE.	REVERSE.
	$tsiuen. \hspace{1.5cm} Ho-$	
	Same type.	No legend. Regular rims.
With a hori	zontal stroke over th hole for 'one.'	e square Æ. Size 0·85.
(1767)		
	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.	## Top, to right. On the right side of the square hole. ### E. Same size.
(1768)	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.	
(1769)	tsiuen. ` Ho- Same type, larger.	— 'one,' left of square hole. Æ. Size 0.9.
(1770)	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.	二 'two,' left of square hole. Æ. Same size.
(1771)	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.	II 'two,' under the square hole. Æ. Same size.
(1772)	tsiuen. Ho-	ibid., 'three.' Æ. Same size.

(1773)	OBVERSE.	REVERSE.
	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.	= 'three,' right of square hole. Æ. Size 0.9.
(1774)	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.	'four,' over square hole. Æ. Same size.
(1775)	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.	'four,' under square hole. Æ. Same size.
(1776)	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.	ifour,' left of square hole. Æ. Same size.
(1777)	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.	= 'five,' left of square hole. Æ. Same size.
(1778)	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.	/\ /\ pah, 'eight,' left or below square hole. Æ. Same size.
s	pecimens with seven 七, nin	ne 九, and ten 十 have not been found.
Severa	l varieties of reverses appear	on some issues of the same type:—
(1779)	tsiuen. Ho-Same type, smaller.	A slanting stroke over the upper left angle of square hole. Æ. Size 0.85.

(1780) OBVERSE.	REVERSE.		
$\it tsiuen.$ Ho-	A large hall under the gauere hale		
Same type.	A large ball under the square hole.		
A downwards stroke under square hole.	Æ. Size 0.85.		
(1781)			
$\it tsiuen.$ $\it Ho-$	A ball on the right of the square hole.		
Same type.	Æ. Same size.		
(1782)			
$tsiuen. \hspace{1.5cm} Ho-$	术 p'in, on the right of the square.		
Same type, larger.	Æ. Size 0.95.		
			
(1783)			
$tsiuen. \hspace{1.5cm} Ho ext{-}$	In wu 'five,' under the square hole.		
Same type, larger.	Æ. Size 1·15.		
(1784)			
tsiuen. Ho-	A wu 'five,' top to left,		
Same type.	left of the square hole.		
	Æ. Same size.		
			
Many specimens of Minters' fancies of mention only the most frequent:—	f the same type are often found; we shall		
(1785)	1		
Ho- tsiuen. 貨泉	No legend. Regular rims.		
Same legend as preceding, inverted.	Æ. Size 0.85		
	22. 522. 0 00		
1786)	1		
tsiuen. Ho- 泉 貨	Same legend as obverse.		
With half-ball, as 360.	Æ. Same size.		
	212. Same Size.		

(1787)	OBVERSE.		Reve	RSE.
tsiuen.	Ho- 泉	貨	Same legend	as obverse.
Wit	hout the half-ball.		With thin or	thick rims. Æ. Size 0.85.
(1788)				
1	tsiuen. Ho-		Same legend as ob	verse, upside down.
	Same type.	1	With thin or	thick rims. Æ. Same size.
(1789)				
i	tsiuen. Ho-		Same legend as of	
	Same type.	1	below, top	o to right. Æ. Same size.
(1790)		ļ		
	tsiuen. Ho- Same type.			bverse, above and op to left. Æ. Same size.
(1791)				
原 自	tsiuen. 旨 tsiuen.	Ho-	No legend.	Regular rims.
泉貨	貨 tsiuen. Ho-			Æ. Same size.
(1792)				
泉	tsiuen. 貨 tsiuen.	Но-	No legend.	Regular rims. Æ. Same size.
(1793)				
貨	Ho. On the r	ight.	No legend.	Regular rims. Æ. Same size.

(1794) OBVERSE.			Reverse.			
泉	Tsiuen.	On the left.	No legend.	Regular rims. Æ. Size 1·10.		
(1795) 貨	貨	Но Но.	No legend.	Regular rims. Æ. Size 085.		
-	-	ling, without the f the character.	No legend.	Regular rims. Æ. Same size.		
(1797) 泉	泉 Ts	riuen Tsiuen.	No legend.	Regular rims. Æ. Same size.		
44.00						

(1798)

Some rare specimens of an iron money of the usual type tsiuen. Ho-, size 0.95, exist, but it is not known that they were issued by Wang Mang. They may be a money of Kung-sun shuh (cf. page 395).

INDEPENDENT CURRENCIES WITH CHINESE LEGENDS DURING THE FORMER HAN DYNASTY AND INTERREGNUM.

From B.C. 206 to A.D. 24.

(a) COPPER CURRENCY OF THE YUER-TI.

The Yueh-ti, a race of pink and white complexion, with large-sized noses, were flourishing in the N.W. borders of the principality of Ts'in (Shensi) in the third century B.C., when the princes of that state were engaged in subduing their six co-states of the Chinese confederation. Through trade intercourse they became acquainted with two types of the Chinese currency of the period, such as the *Tchung yh liang* round type, figured No. 150 suprà, and those of the legend Pan kin, figured No. 117 suprà, which were disused at the time of the foundation of the empire in 221 B.C., though still existing in remote places.

After continuous wars, raging from B.C. 201 to B.C. 165, the Yueh-ti were expelled westwards from their settlements, between the modern An-si and Si-ning, of Kansuh province, by the Turks Hiung-nu, whose chief, or Shen-vu, made a drinking-cup with the skull of their ruler. They made their way to the west as far as Ferghana, in the immediate vicinity of which they established their quarters. About 143 B.C. their former neighbours the Wu-sun, a blue-eyed and fairhaired people, in concert with the Hiung-nu, attacked them from the rear, and compelled them to flee still further; and in 126 B.C. their principal settlements were on the north banks of the Oxus. Kitolo, their chief, advancing southwards, passed over the Hindu-Kush on the east, conquered the five kingdoms of Gandhara, the Peshawar country, and established an advanced post in the city of Peshawar itself. dominion of the Yueh-ti grew so as to form five principalities, two of which had Kabul and Bamián as capitals. About 40 B.C., one of these principalities subjugated the other four, and its chief, K'iutsiu-kioh, the Kujula Kasasa of the Indo-Scythian coins, established his sway over Bactria, Kabul, and Kophen, and invaded Parthia. He put an end to the Greek rulers in those regions, and reduced to

vassalage King Hermæus, who thus became the last of them. They issued conjointly a coinage of Greek fabric, which has been illustrated in the Catalogue of Coins of the Greek and Scythic Kings of Bactria and India, in the British Museum, by Prof. Percy Gardner, Litt. D., pp. 120, 121, and plate xxv, 1 and 2. These coins are bilingual, written in Greek on one side, and in the North-Indian alphabet, called the Aryan-Pali, on the other.

Two specimens of their copper (not iron) coins, of different types, were procured by Sir T. Douglas Forsyth at Khotan, in Chinese Turkistan (*Journal of the Royal Geographical Society*, vol. xlvii. p. 12), and published by Prof. Percy Gardner (in the *Numismatic Chronicle*, 1879, N.S., vol. xix, pp. 274—281), with a partial decipherment of the Aryan-Pali legend of the largest of the two.

(1799) The smaller specimen has on the

OBVERSE.

A horse to right, of non-Chinese style.

Inscription entirely worn out.

REVERSE.

半 金 Pan kin.

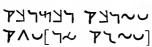
A corrupted imitation of (117).

Æ. Size 0.75.

(1799a) The larger specimen is bilingual, as follows:—

A horse to right, similar to preceding. Inscription in Aryan-Pali from right to left, beginning above the horse, on the left:





which reads:

Maharajasa rajadirajasa mahatasa heramayasa.



In the centre an old form of , for 'money,'surrounded by the legend; the whole within a border of labyrinthine pattern.

金??重一雨四銖

? ? Tchung yh liang sze tchu.

= '?' worth one ounce four tchus.'

These sole representatives of a coinage issued by the Yueh-ti for their intercourse with the Chinese, then advanced east and west of the Tsung-ling mountains, suggest the probability of other issues still undiscovered.

Iron. Same size.

(b) Iron Currency of Shuh (Sze-tchuen).

Mang, in the first year Keng-she 更始, i.e. A.D. 23, Kung-sun Shuh 公孫述 took possession of Tcheng-tu 成都, the chief city of Shuh 蜀 (still the capital city of Sze-tchuen), proclaimed himself Governor 坎 of Yh-tchou 瑜州 (name of that region at the time). He made himself successively 'King of Shuh,' in A.D. 24, and Tcheng Ti 成帝, i. e. 'Perfect Emperor,' in the following year. His rebellion was eventually quashed, and himself killed, by a Chinese army, A.D. 36. During his fourteen years of independent rule, Kung-sun Shuh made himself known in numismatic records for his monetary innovation. He forbade the circulation of copper cash in his dominion, and issued in its stead iron money, two pieces of which had the value of one of copper.

The chief pattern of this currency was that of the Wu-tchu cash, as issued under the reign of Siuen Ti, B.C. 73—49 (cf. above, No. 1703), but some other patterns were apparently issued as well (cf. above, No. 1798). The Hua yang kuoh tchi, or 'Ancient Records relating to Pa and Shuh' (the present Sze-tchuen), by Tch'ang K'iü, of the fourth century, where the fact is chronicled, states that the people and traders all strongly objected to, and refused to accept, this monetary reform, which therefore can have lasted but a short time.

ORVERSE. REVERSE. (1800) $\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{I}}$ No legend. tchu Wu-Regular rim. ' Five tchus.' 1ron. Size 0.95. (1801)Same pattern, with a rim No legend. above the upper edge tchu Wu-Regular rim. of the square hole. Iron. Same size. (1802)Same pattern, with a semi-No legend. circle incuse on the upper tchu. Wu-Regular rim.

edge of the square hole.

VIII. ANCIENT ROUND-MONEY (continued).

The later Han Dynasty 後 漢 紀

Also called Eastern Han 東漢, from the site of its capital at Loh-yang 洛陽, in present Ho-nan.

Thirteen Rulers, from A.D. 25 to 220.

I. LIU SIU KWANG WU TI. 劉秀光武帝 A.D. 25—57.
(1) NIEN HAO Kien-wu 建武, A.D. 25—55.

The former Han dynasty had ended amidst troubles and internecine wars. Wang Mang had seen his authority gradually set at defiance in various provinces, and in A.D. 23 Liu Hiuen 到 之, a scion of the house of Han, had proclaimed himself Emperor, with the Nien-hao Kengshe 更始, at Loh-yang. After a prolonged contest with Liu-siu and other insurgents, and a series of defeats, the usurper perished that same year at his capital in a revolt of his remaining troops, who beheaded him, and tore his corpse to pieces. Liu Hiuen, known in history as TI HIUEN 帝之, maintained his nominal sway for two years, and was then compelled to abdicate in favour of his powerful kinsman Liu-siu, a descendant of King Ti, who ascended the throne in A.D. 25 under the title of Kwang Wu Ti, and founded the second Han dynasty. All these troubles had thrown disorder into the money affairs. The various currencies issued by Wang Mang had fallen into disrepute, and silk, cloths, metals in lumps, and corn, were again resorted to as in olden times.

In the second year Kien Wu, i. e. A.D. 26, as shown by the archæological find of a mould of that date, some cash of the pattern Wu-tchu 默 五 were cast, but the state of the country, still unpacified, required all the energies of the government. It was only on the ten times repeated request of the famous general Ma Yuen, then chancellor of Lung-si (S. of present Kan-suh), that, in A.D. 40, the 5-tchu cash were regularly brought into circulation, to the great satisfaction of the people.

398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.



· Five tchus.'





Æ. Average Wt. 46.

X. TCHI HWAN-TI 志 桓 帝, A.D. 147—167.

The circulation of the 5-tchu pieces of the simple pattern ran smoothly until the time of Hwan-ti, when the people found themselves impoverished through a series of bad harvests, and the uninterrupted wars against the Sien-pi and Hiung-nu Turks of the northern and the Tibetan tribes of the western borders, as well as against the native populations of the country. A remedy was sought for in a change of the currency, as it was maintained by a state chancellor (Shang-shu) that the people were in want because the pieces of money were too light and too thin, and therefore the evil would be mended by casting great coins. However, Liu-T'ao, a councillor, remonstrated against the impracticability of the measure, and it was given up. I do not know any specimen of the small issue which must have been made on this occasion, but some may be in existence.

XI. HUNG LING TI 宏靈帝 A.D. 168—189. Four nien-hao.

(4) NIEN-HAO: Tchung-ping 中平 A.D. 184—189.

Under this ruler it became necessary to mitigate the inconvenience brought in by the depreciation of the current 5-tchu cash; and in the third year, tchung-p'ing, i.e. a.d. 186, new patterns were introduced for the currency. The usual type received on the obverse the addition of four points radiating from the four angles of the square hole, or on the reverse that of four lines from the four angles of the square hole to the circumference.

404.

OBVERSE.

tchu. Wu- 珠 五

'Five tchus.' (With four points radiating from four angles of the square hole.)

REVERSE.

REVERSE.

Regular rim.

405, 406. OBVERSE. REVERSE. tchu. Wu-Same legend, Four lines radiating from four angles of square hole to circumference. without the points. Æ. Wt. 50. (1803)Same legend and pattern. Smaller. Æ. Size 0.8. (1804)Wu-tchu. 五 Similar to preceding. Usual legend inverted. Æ. Size 0.9. (1805)tchu. Wu-Usual legend and Same arrangement of lines, with a ball in each of the four divisions. pattern.

XII. SHAO TI 少 帝, A.D. 189.

Æ. Size 0.9.

XIII. HIEH HIEN TI 協 當 帝, A.D. 189—220. Six Nien-hao.

- (1) Nien-hao, Yung Han, 永漢, A.D. 189.
- (2) ,, Tchung Ping, 中平, same year.
- (3) ,, TcH'U PING, 初平, A.D. 190—193.

Tung-tchoh 重阜, a military usurper of distinction, deposed the young Emperor Shao Ti a.d. 189, and enthroned in his place the son of Ling Ti, then nine years old, known as Hien Ti. Holding the supreme power in the name of the boy-sovereign, he indulged in arbitrary exactions and unrelenting cruelty, the most extraordinary instance of which was the enforced removal of the numerous population of the Imperial capital Loh-yang, to the city of Tch'ang-'an, the ancient capital city of the first Han dynasty. Loh-yang, with its vast palaces, once occupied by a long line of sovereigns, and numerous dwellings covering an area fifty miles in circuit, was utterly destroyed by fire in obcdience to his command. Tung-tchoh seized numerous copper statues of mcn and horses, and especially all those of Fei-kien from Tch'ang-'an

mand Loh-yang, and he had them melted and cast into money. Fei Kien 飛 廉 was the poetical name of Fung Peh 風伯, the controller of the wind in the Taoist Pantheon. Its cult had been established by Han Wu Ti in his second year, yuen fung, i.e. 109 B.C., and a special temple was built at Tch'ang-'an. Its figure had the body of a stag, the head of a sparrow, a horn, a serpent's tail, and stripes like a leopard. The San fu hwang tu 三輔黃圖 'A Description of the Public Buildings in Tch'ang-an,' compiled in the second century A.D., says also (K. v., f. 8) that the Emperor Ming-Ti in his fifth year, yung ping, i.e. A.D. 62, or a year after his famous dream, which led to the introduction of Buddhism into the Chinese dominion, had all the copper statues of Fei-kien and horses relegated to another temple, that of Ping-loh, from whence Tungtchoh had them carried to the mint.

He began by issuing small pieces, of five fen, or half an inch in size, but without success, as the people refused to accept them. Then he issued 5-tchus cash of the usual design, but without outside rims; the reason of this innovation being that it could not make any difference to the people, as the rim of the former currency was usually clipped off.

The innovation did not succeed. The authority of the central government was weakened, and during the remaining years of the dynasty, otherwise the end of the reign of HIEN TI, no change was introduced into the currency.

Small pieces without any legend or rims at circumference are attributed to this period.

407.

No legend.



Æ. Wt. 19.

And also larger ones.

408.

No legend nor rims on both sides.

Æ. Size 0.9. Wt. 34.

PERIOD OF THE THREE KINGDOMS.

A.D. 220-277.

I. The Minor Han Dynasty, or Shuh Han Dynasty,蜀漢紀·

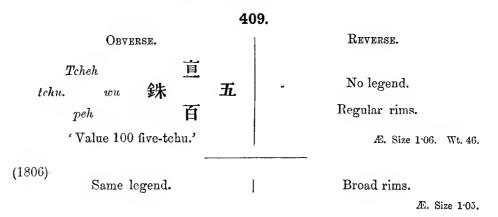
Capital at Yh-tchou 盆州, pres. Tcheng-tu 成都 in Sze-tchuen.

Two Rulers, A.D. 221-263.

I. LIU PEI TCHAO LIEH TI 劉 備 烈 帝 A.D. 221—222.

II. SHEN HAN TCHU 禪 後 主 A.D. 223—263.

During the impotent rule of the last Emperor of the Later Han several governors and officers of the falling dynasty had made themselves independent. And at the death of Hien-Ti in A.D. 220, the dominion of Han fell to the share of three leaders, and for half a century was ruled by three contemporary dynasties, the Minor Han, the Wei and the Wu. Liu-pei 劉備 of the Imperial family, who in A.D. 219 had made himself 莲中王 King of Han-tchung (S. Shensi), claimed as an heirdom the sceptre of the Han, and in A.D. 221 he proclaimed himself Emperor. He is known as TCHAO LIEH TI 開烈 帝 and is looked upon in history as the legitimate successor of the previous dynasty. He established his court at Yh-tchou, the modern Tcheng-tu, still the capital city of Szetchuen. His dynasty received the supplementary name of Shuh, the old name of that region, which he had conquered two years previously. The soldiers of the future Tchao Lieh Ti having then plundered all the public treasuries, he was left without cash; and in order to remedy the evil, he followed the advice of Liu-pa, to cast pieces having a value of one hundred others. Within ten months the treasuries were filled again with money, the design of which was 'Value 100,' though they preserved also the old legend of the five-tchu pieces.



Other issues of the same pattern and size have the following reverses:-

(1807)	Under the square hole		(incuse)	\mathbf{for}	'one.'
(1808)	Over the square hole	=	,,	,,	'two.'
(1809)	Under the square hole	=	,,	,,	'two.'
(1810)	Under the square hole	Ш	,,	,,	'four.'
(1811)	Over the square hole	Ψ	,,	,,	'seven.'
(1812)	Over the square hole	+	,,	2,9	'ten.'
(1813)	On the right of square hole	<u>+</u>	"	"	'eleven.'
(1814)	Over the square hole	<u>±</u>	,,	,,	'twelve.'
(The other numerals of the series are not known to be in existence.)					

On the left of the square hole H (incuse) on side for I kung, 'work.' (1815)

(1816)On the right an old form of shuh, the old name of the country:

直

Tcheh-

百

peh.

(iucuse) for 'Shuh.'

All Æ. Same size.

418.

On the left an old form of Wei, supposed to be for Kien-Wei Kiun 犍為郡 the region next to Yh-tchou:

(incuse) for 'Wei.'

Æ. Same size. Wt. 62.

The issue of the following was made afterwards, probably under the reign of SHEN HOU TCHU (A.D. 223-263):-

419.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

No legend. Regular rims.

Æ. Wt. 37.

3 F

(1817) Same legend and pattern as **419**. Smaller.

Æ. Size 0.7.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

- (1818) Same legend, pattern and size. | 五 朱 Wu- tchu. incuse, reversed.
- (1819) 直百 Same legend inverted. |

No legend.

Æ. Same size.

(1820) 百 直 Regular legend. Smaller. |

蛛 五 tchu. Wu-

Æ. Size 0.65.

Some issues of five-tchu pieces in copper and iron, bearing their legend in inverted order, are attributed to the same dynasty.

(1821) 五 銖 Wu- tchu. 'Five tchus.'

No legend. Regular rims.

Æ. Size 0.95.

(1822)

Same design and pattern.

(Iron.) Æ. Size 0.95.

EPOCH OF THE THREE KINGDOMS (continued).

II. The Wei 魏 Kingdom.

Five Rulers, A.D. 220—265.

Capital at Loh-yang 洛 陽 (in present Honan).

I. TS'AO P'EI WEN TI 曹 丕 文 帝 A.D. 220—226.

In the second year hwang-tchu 黃河 i.e. 221, Ts'ao P'ei Wen Ti abolished the circulation of the 5-tchu pieces, and ordered that henceforth the people should use grain and silk-cloth as eurreney as in former times. The Wei Kingdom covered the whole north of Chinese China.

JUEI MING TI 叡 明 帝 A.D. 227—239.

The absence of any copper currency recognized by the government caused a great deal of hardship to the people because of the introduction of moist grain and flimsy silk into the circulation. Therefore 5-tchu pieces were again cast, but their special variety is not known.

The Wu 吳 Kingdom.

Four Rulers, A.D. 221-280.

Capital Wu-tchang 武昌 (in present Hupeh E.) transferred in 229 to Mo-ling 秣陵 (at present Kiang-ning 江 寧, i.e. Nanking in Kiangsu).

I. SUN K'IUEN TA TI 孫 權 大 帝 A.D. 221—229—252.

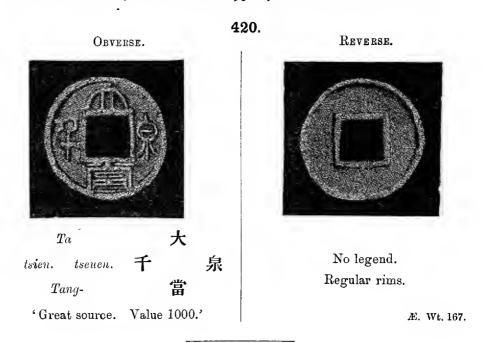
South of the Wei Kingdom the remainder of the Han dominion became on the west the Shuh Han Kingdom, and on the east the Wu Kingdom. Sün K'iuen, Governor of Wu-tch'ang, was made King of Wu by the Wei Emperor Wen Ti in 221. Eight years afterwards, i.e. in 229, he transferred the seat of his government to Nanking, and proclaimed himself Emperor. The monetary innovations of this State are not without importance, as they were continued under the Eastern Tsin dynasty (cf. below, p. 408). In the fifth year kia-ho 嘉禾, i.e. 236, Wu TA Tr issued the so-called great money, the pieces of which had a nominal value.

大 百 五 泉 Five hundred.'	No legend. Regular broad rims as on obverse. Æ. Size 1·1.
	泉

(1824)Same legend and pattern on both sides. Small rims.

Æ. Same size.

Two years afterwards some pieces still larger were issued, as follows. It was in the first year *Tch'ih-wu* 木島, i.e. 238.



421.

Exactly similar to preceding except in metal, which is debased. An imitation.

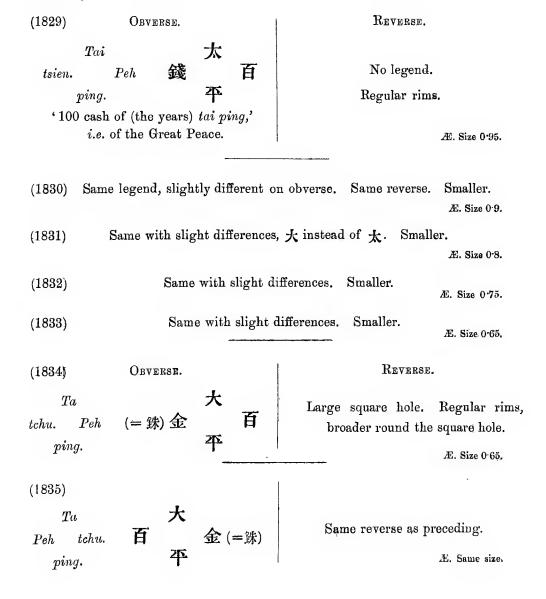
Æ. Wt. 125.

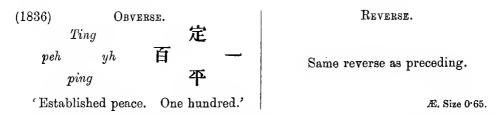
(1825)	Same design and pattern on both sides. Smaller.
	Æ. Size I·1.
(1826)	Same design and pattern on both sides. Still smaller.
	Æ. Size 0.95.
(1827)	Similar to preceding, with two dots on sides of the character 大.
	Æ. Same size.
(1828)	Same design and pattern on both sides. Smaller.
	Æ. Size 0.75.

II. SÜN LIANG HUEI K'I WANG 孫 亮 會 稽 王 A.D. 252—258.

The fiduciary character of the previously described currency did not work well; the intrinsic value being out of proportion to the nominal, and the appellation of the pieces mere empty names. The discontent

of the people rose to such a pitch that the government thought necessary to withdraw the new currency, and the operation was made gradually during Sün K'iuen's reign. Under his son and successor Sün Liang, who was prevented from taking the title of Emperor, and was deposed in 258, it became urgent, in the years tai-ping, i.e. 256—257, to issue a new currency more in proportion to its actual nominal value. The pieces were marked one hundred cash, and inscribed with the name tai-ping the nien-hao of the years. It was the first application of a system which later on became the regular way of naming and dating the currency.





The attribution of the latter pieces to this period is based chiefly on their great similarity of legend and make. The *Ting ping yh peh* old pieces were still in use at the time of the Liang dynasty, A.D. 502—559. And the currency of Sün Liang was continued by the Eastern Tsin dynasty, A.D. 317—419.

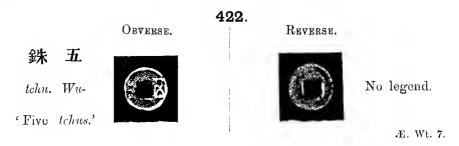
SEVENTH DYNASTY.

The Western Tsin 西 晉 Dynasty.

Four Rulers, A.D. 265-316.

Capital at Loh-yang 洛陽 (in present Honan), and afterwards, in A.D. 313, at Tchang-ngan 長安 (present Si-ngan fu, Shensi).

This dynasty united again under its sway for a short time the whole of the Chinese dominion. Sema Tchao had overthrown the Shuh Han dynasty. His son and heir Sema Yen 司馬炎 deposed the Ruler of the Wei, conquered the kingdom of Wu, and thus putting at an end the Epoch of Three Kingdoms, proclaimed himself at Loh-yang, in A.D. 265, as Wu Ti of Tsin. His fourth successor, after a hard struggle against the Hiungnu-Turk Han-Tchao, who had caused the removal of the capital to Tchang-ngan, was made a prisoner in A.D. 316, and deposed. The monetary records of this dynasty of fifty-two years are unknown, with the exception of the statement that the currency was the same as that of the Wei kingdom. Now this means very little for us, as next to nothing is known about the latter. Circumstantial evidence has led Chinese numismatists to attribute the following currency to this dynasty:—



OBVERSE.

423.

REVERSE.

Same legend.

Slightly different.





Larger.

No legend.

Æ. Wt. 18.

(1837)

Same legend, slightly different, with a dot over the square hole.

Same reverse as preceding.

Æ. Size 0.55.

(1838)

Same legend, slightly different, with a dot under the square hole.

Same reverse as preceding.

Æ. Size 0.45.

(1839)

Same legend, slightly different, with crescent upwards, under the square hole.

Same reverse as preceding.

Æ. Same size.

(1840)

Same obverse as preceding.

Same reverse, with a dot under the square hole.

Æ. Same size.

(1841)

Wu-tchu.

五 銖

Same legend inverted.

No legend.

Regular rims.

Æ. Same size.

This small currency remained in circulation during the Northern Wei (A.D. 386—532), the Liang (A.D. 502—556), and the Tch'en (A.D. 557—587), dynasties.

EIGHTH DYNASTY.

The Eastern Tsin 東晉 Dynasty.

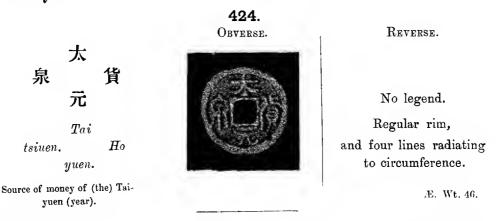
Eleven Rulers, A.D. 317—419. Capital at Kien K'ang 建康 (present Nanking, in Kiangsu).

I. SEMA JUEI LANG YUEN TI 司馬睿卽元帝, A.D. 317—322.

When Yeh Min Ti, the fourth and last ruler of the Western Tsin, was overthrown by the Han-Tchao, his relative the son of the king of Lang-yeh (Shantung) made himself king of Tsin in A.D. 317 at Kien K'ang, and the following year took the title of Emperor. The currency established there in the Wu kingdom in 256, and described above, pp. 403—406, was still in circulation, and was not altered by the new Emperor. The lapse of time may explain the dwindling down which appears in the size of the pieces.

IX. SEMA TCHANG MING HIAO WU TI 司馬昌明孝武帝, A.D. 373-396.

The ninth ruler of the Tsin, who had ascended the throne in 373, did not take his cap of majority until 376, when he was fourteen years of age. The Nien-hao of his reign was changed into Tai-yuen 太元 Great Beginning,' and the following cash was issued on the occasion. During his reign Hiao Wu Ti was compelled to prohibit the export of the copper money which speculators carried to the barbarian tribes of the interior, who made drums of, and paid high prices for it. The reason given was that "money is the most important treasure of the country."



(1842)

Another issue of the same currency, similar legend with slight differences in the form of the characters χ $\bar{\chi}$, was also made.

X. TEH TSUNG NGAN TI 德宗安帝, A.D. 397—418.

The metallic currency had reached such a state of disorganization under the reign of this Emperor, that in the first of the years yuen-hing 元 與, i.e. 402, a proposal was seriously discussed in the state council to abolish it altogether, and decree the use of grain and silk as a medium of exchange. The proposal, however, was not accepted, and Huan-hiuen, the officer who had made it, rebelled.

THE SIXTEEN KINGDOMS

INDEPENDENT OF THE TSIN DYNASTY.

The sway of the Tsin dynasty was not an easy one, as during its time no less than "sixteen" (in reality nineteen) small dynasties chiefly Tatar (marked*) contemporaneously and successively appeared and ruled over several provinces. Here is a short list of them:—

DYNASTY.			A.D.	
1. *	The 漢	Han	304	
\mathbf{af}	terwards 趙	Тснао	319 - 329	Five Rulers.
11.*	The 後 趙	AFTER TCHAO	319—	
af	terwards 魏	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{EI}}$	350—351	Seven Rulers.
III.	The 成	TCHENG	304	
af	terwards 漢	Han	338 - 347	Six Rulers.
IV.	The 前 涼	FORMER LIANG	323 - 376	Seven Rulers.
v.	The 代	Tai	338 - 376	
VI.*	The 燕	YEN	352— 370	Two Rulers.
VII.*	The 秦	Ts'in	351 - 394	Seven Rulers.
VIII.*	The 後秦	AFTER TS'IN	384 - 417	Three Rulers.
IX.*	The 後燕	AFTER YEN	384 - 407	Five Rulers.
X.*	The 西燕	WESTERN YEN	385 - 394	Six Rulers.
XI.*		Western Ts'in	385 - 431	Four Rulers.
XII.*	The 魏	W_{EI}	386—	(Became the great N. Wei).
XIII.		AFTER LIANG	386 - 403	Four Rulers.
XIV.*		SOUTHERN LIANG	397 - 412	Three Rulers (not Chinese).
	• • • • • •		397 - 438	Three Rulers.
			398408	Two Rulers.
			400 - 421	Three Rulers.
		HIA	407-431	Three Rulers (not Chinese).
		NORTHERN YEN	409-436	Two Rulers.
XV.* XVII. XVIII.* XIX.	The 南燕 The 西涼 The 夏	NORTHERN LIANG SOUTHERN YEN WESTERN LIANG HIA NORTHERN YEN	398—408 400—421 407—431	Two Rulers. Three Rulers. Three Rulers (not Chinese).

The monetary records of the dynasties are most defective. With the exception of the Hiu and Wei dynasties, which issued their own currency, only four of these kingdoms are known to have made small and special Their currency consisted of that of the Tsin dynasty, and especially of pieces of the known 5-tchu type.

The 後逍 After Tchao, afterwards 魏 Wei Kingdom.

Seven Rulers, A.D. 319-351 (present Tchihli N.).

SHEH-LÉH 石勒 A.D. 319—322.

Sheh-léh, during his short rule, issued the following money:—

(1843)OBVERSE. ho. Fung-'Abundant money.'

REVERSE.

No legend. Regular rims, thicker round the square hole. Æ. Size 0.9.





No legend. Rims of the square hole radiating to circumference.

Æ. Wt. 42.

III. The 漠 Han, formerly 成 Tcheng Kingdom.

Six Rulers, A.D. 304—347 (pres. N. Szetchuen).

V. LI SHOU 李壽 A.D. 338—343.

Ascending the throne, LI-SHEU changed the name of his state into that of Han, and issued the following money, small and thin:—

(1844) OBVERSE. REVERSE.

hing. Han- 與漢 No legend. Regular rims.

* Rising of the Han.*

IV. The 前 涼 Former Liang Kingdom.

Seven Rulers, A.D. 323-376 (pres. W. Shensi).

III. TCHANG KIU 張 軌 A.D. 347—354.

From the time of the separation of the country west of the Yellow River from the remaining part of the Chinese Empire, at the beginning of the Ts'in dynasty, no money was any longer used there. Pieces of closely-woven silk and hempen cloth were ripped up to be employed as currency, but the cutting of the cloth into parts made it unfit for use as clothing and destroyed its value. And it became necessary for the third ruler, Tchang Kiu, to issue the following copper cash:—

(1845)	Obverse.	REVERSE.
Liang	水京	
tsiuen. sin	泉新	No legend. Regular rims.
kieh.		
'New son	arce of kieh of Liang.'	Æ. Siz=0.8.

The character *kieh* must be taken as a local equivalent of *kiu*, the name of the ruler.

(1846)

Some five-tchu pieces were also issued, but their special variety is unknown.

XV. The 北涼 Northern Liang Kingdom.

Three Rulers, A.D. 397-438 (present Kansuh E.).

II. TSIÜ K'IÜ MUNG SÜN 沮渠蒙遜 a.d. 401—433.

The monetary records of this small dynasty of Hiung-nu Turkish origin, on the extreme western borders, are not known; but the following issues in copper and iron are attributed to Tsiü K'iü Mung Sün by the Chinese numismatists:—

(1847) OBVERSE.	REVERSE.
yh — 一 ngan. yung 安	No legend. Regular rims.
'Eternal peace. One hundred.'	Æ. Size 1·15.
(1848) Same legend and pattern, with broad rim at circumference.	No legend. Broad rims. Iron. Size 1.2.
(1849)	1
yh — ngan. yung 安	No legend.
'Eternal peace. One thousand.'	Iron. Size 2 2.
Broad rims	on both sides.
(1850) Same legend and	
	Iron, Size 1.7.

EPOCH OF DIVISION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH.

南北朝 A.D. 420—581.

Since the removal of the capital to Nanking, and the beginning of the Eastern Tsin dynasty in 317 A.D., the unity of the empire had been broken up, and the division between north and south was practically a fact, as the Chinese Emperor did not rule in the north, which was the prey of several small dynasties, chiefly Tatar. But this division is not reckoned in history until 420 A.D., when the Emperor of the Wei Tatar, with his capital at Tchang-ngan (modern Si-ngan fu, S. Shensi), had subdued the smaller states, and the Sung dynasty began at Nanking. Four dynasties ruled successively in the north, whilst five ruled also successively in the south of the empire.

The Sung 宋 Dynasty (South).

Eight Rulers, A.D. 420-478.

Capital at Kien-kang (present Nanking in Kiangsu).

III. Y-LUNG WEN TI 義隆文帝 A.D. 424—453.

No issue of money seems to have taken place during the first years of the dynasty. It was only under the third Emperor, Y-lung Wen Ti, in the seventh year yuen kia 元 嘉 i.e. 430 A.D., that a new currency was issued. The pieces had a raised edge with the design 'four tchus,' and they were equal in value to the old 5-tchu pieces. As they were easily distinguished from counterfeit and clipped pieces, the fabrication of false money fell to a minimum, and the satisfaction of the people was great.

426.

銖 四

tchu. Sze-

'Four tchus.'





No legend.

Regular rims.

Æ. Wt. 35.

tchu. Sze-

427.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.



No legend.

Regular rims.

Same legend, slightly different.

Æ. Wt. 50.

In the twenty-fourth of the same years yuen kia, i.e. 447 A.D., the people finding the use of the Sze-tchu pieces inconvenient, some larger ones were issued weighing eight thus, though inscribed with the old design of Wu-tchus.

428.

tchu. Wu-

銖 五

No legend. Regular rims.

Æ. Size. 1.0. Wt. 47.

IV. TSIUN HIAO WU TI 駿孝武帝.

Five nien hao, A.D. 454-465.

In the first of the years Hiao Kien 孝建, i.e. 454 A.D., the beginning of his reign, Sung Hiao Wu Ti issued a new currency characterized by the name of the years on one side, and the legend 'four-tchus' on the other. Their value was the same as that of the 4-tchu pieces issued by his father and predecessor in 430. But the casting of such pieces with double legend in moulds of sand was a difficult process, their issue was limited, and it became necessary to drop the legend 4-tchu of the reverse. Moreover, the dauntless counterfeiters made smaller ones and mixed lead and tin with the copper.

429.

孝

Kien. Hiao

建



'Filial duty established.'

REVERSE.



銖 四

tchu. Sze

'Four tchus.'

Æ. Wt. 29.

430.



Kien. Hiao

Same legend, slightly different.



tchu. Sze

Same legend, slightly different.

Æ. Wt. 16.

431.

A01

Kien. Hiao



Same legend, slightly different.



tchu. Sze

Same legend, slightly different.

Æ. Wt. 9.

432.

Kien. Hiao



Same legend, slightly different.



tchu. Sze

Same legend, slightly different.

Æ. Wt. 8.

433.

Kien. Hiuo



Same legend, slightly different.



tchu. Sz:

Same legend, slightly different.

Æ. Wt. 7.

434.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

tchu. Sze

Same legend, slightly different.

Hiao

Kien.

Same as preceding, with a dot over the square hole.

Æ. Wt. 9.

435.

Same legend and design as preceding. Broken.

Æ. Same size.

436.

Kien. Hiao



Kien. Hiao

Same legend, slightly different.

Same legend as obverse.

Æ. Wt. 12.

437.

Klen. Hiao

Same legend, with slight variants.



No legend. Regular rims.

Æ. Wt. 13.

438.

Kien. Hiao



No legend.

Regular rims.

Æ. Wt. 9.

(1851)

There are a large number of varieties of these pieces, but without importance, resulting from the clumsy process of casting, and also from the fancies of the founders.

439, 440, 441, 442, 443.

All clipped more or less close to the square hole.

Æ. Average Weight, 16.

V. TZE YEH FEI TI 子業廢帝.

Two nien-hao, 465 A.D.

TZE YEH, son of Hiao Wu Ti, who was deposed after a reign of one year, whence his qualification of FEI TI, 'the deposed Emperor,' issued no less than three types of money during his reign.

In the second month, period Yung kwang 永 光, despite the contrary advice of his ministers, he issued 2-tchu pieces:—

(1852)	OBVERSE.		REVERSE.
tchu.	Erh 銖		No legend, regular rims.
	'Two tchus.'		E. Size 0.9.
(1853)			
tchu.	Erh (=鉄) 朱		No legend, regular rims.
	'Two tchus.'		Æ. Size 0·9.
		Large	square hole.
(1854)			
tchu.	Erh 銤		No legend, regular rims.
	'Two tchus.		Æ. Size 0.75.
	No rims on obv	erse.	Large square hole. Smaller.

Counterfeiting was so extensive, that on the eighth month it became necessary to issue a new coinage; this was made with the name of the period, without any change in its weight.



In the eleventh month the nien-hao was again changed into King ho 景和, which was used for the design of a new currency, small, thin, and without rims:—

But the new money was a complete failure. As soon as a piece was paid by the Treasury it served for a model to imitate. They were ironically called hing-yeh 荇葉 'weed-leaves.' The plague of counterfeiters, more active than ever, threw the currency into an inexpressible confusion. The current money soon consisted chiefly of thin cash of a diminutive size, which received several soubriquets, such as 場目 'dove's eyes,' 雞目 'hen's eyes,' 鵝眼 'goose's eyes,' 紅環 'thread-rings,' and also 不沉即 'unsinkable lads,' from the common belief that they could not sink even in water. "One thousand pieces piled together had only a height of three inches; ten myriads of them was no more than a handful, and a tou 斗 (about 10 pints) of rice cost a myriad of such pieces." Trade was put to great inconvenience.

444, 445, 446, 447, 448.

Small flat rings, rough make, from 0.25 to 0.50 in circumference.

Æ. Weights from 1 to 6.

Similar little ring-money was excavated in the Liu-kiu islands.

VI. YÜ MING TI 或明帝.

Two nien-hao, A.D. 466-472.

Under the reign of *Ming Ti*, only the circulation of the goose-eye and similar pieces, such as the thread-rings, was prohibited, and false coining was suppressed with severity. The state mints were closed, and only the different species of money in use before the reign of Wu-Ti remained in circulation.

The T'si 齊 Dynasty (South).

Seven Rulers, A.D. 479-502.

Capital Kien Kang (now Nanking).

I. SIAO TAO TCH'ENG KAO TI 蕭 道 成高帝 Single Nien-hao 建元, A.D. 479—482.

In the fourth year of his reign, i.e. A.D. 482, the Emperor caused the question of the currency to be closely examined, and a report was presented to him by the chancellor Kung K'ai proposing simply a return to the ancient 5-tchu pieces; but it is not known whether any new issue was made at the time.

II. TSIH WU TI 蹟 武 帝

Single Nien-hao, Yung ming 永明, A.D. 483-493.

In the eighth year yung ming, i.e. A.D. 490, in the tenth month, the Emperor ordered the mintage of 5-tchu pieces, weighing five tchus, and exactly similar to those of the Han dynasty. (Cf. supra, 315.)

The Liang 梁 Dynasty (South).

Four Rulers, A.D. 502—557.
Capital, Kien Kang (now Nanking).

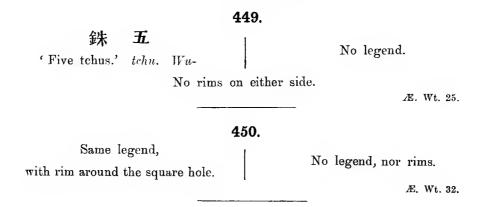
I. SIAO YEN WU TI, 蕭.術 武 帝, A.D. 502—549. Seven Nien-hao's.

First Nien-hao: 天監 Tien Kien, A.D. 502—519.

In the beginning of this dynasty money was so scarce that it was employed only in the capital and its vicinity. Siao yen Wu Ti supplied

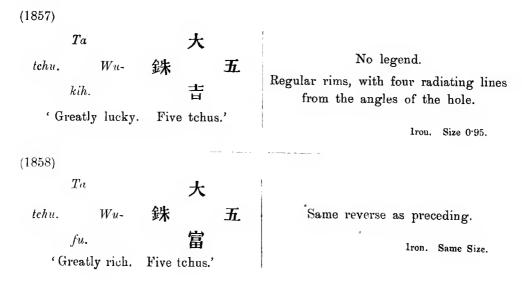
the deficiency, by casting large quantities of the Wu-tchu pieces in several varieties.

In the fourth year, t'ien kien, the 4th of his reign, i.e. 505, the same Emperor issued some more 5-tchu pieces, of two peculiar designs, which received peculiar sobriquets from the people, and became real amulets, for purposes we need not describe. The pieces which had no raised edges on any side were called "female money," 女袋 (435), whilst those which had a raised edge around the square hole on the reverse only were called "male money" 公式袋 (436).

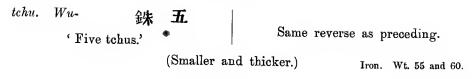


Second Nien-hao: 普通 Pu t'ung, 520-526.

In the fourth year, p'u t'ung, i.e. A.D. 523, the same Emperor issued iron money with the following legends:







THIRD NIEN-HAO: 大通 Ta t'ung, A.D. 527—546.

Another issue of iron money was made by the same Emperor with the nien-hao ta t'ung as legend, and similar to the Ta Kih and Ta fu 5-tchu pieces.

The iron currency did not work well. The issuing rate was two pieces of iron for one of copper; but as everyone could easily procure iron, false coining became again most active; so much so, that when this iron money had been in use about ten years the circulating mass of it was as big as "hills and mountains." The Pong aborigines, independent in Central China, cast large quantities of this currency, and at Kiang yng (now Kiang-ling, in King-tchou, S. Hupeh), in their country, travelling merchants could get them at 70 %, and obtain 80 % in the Chinese markets, when at the capital they were still worth 90% of their value of issue. Thus matters went from bad to worse. The price of all goods rose rapidly, and before A.D. 546 the currency was only worth one-third of its original value. At the beginning a huh, or ten pecks, of rice was worth thirty strings of cash; later on exchange had to be carried on by cart-loads of money without any care for the number, and a single string of 1000 cash was of no moment.

IV. FANG TCHE KING TI 方智敬帝, A.D. 555-557.

SECOND NIEN-HAO: 太平 Tai.ping, A.D. 556-7.

King-Ti, with a view to diminish the evil, issued again some copper money of the 5-tchu type, in the second year tai ping, i.e. A.D. 557, in

the fourth month. A special device was resorted to: each piece bore above and below the square hole two small incuse rings intended to render more apparent their central parts as raised dots, which were called 'pillars' 柱, whence the designation of tze tchu wu tchu 四柱五线 '4 pillars, 5-tchus' money.

REVERSE. OBVERSE. (1860)tchu. Wu-No legend. ' Five tchus.' Regular rims. Æ. Size 09. (1861)Same design as preceding, without any rim, obverse and reverse. Æ. Size 0.8. (1862)Same design and rims as 1860, with only one 'pillar' above and below the square hole. Æ. Size 0.9. (1863)Same as 1862, but smaller.

The Tch'en 陳 Dynasty (South).

Æ. Size 0.8.

Five Rulers, A.D. 557-588.

Capital at Kien-K'ang, present Nanking.

I. PA SIEN WU TI 覇先武帝, A.D. 557-559.

II. TS'IEN WEN TI 蒨 文 帝, A.D. 560-566. Two Nien-hao.

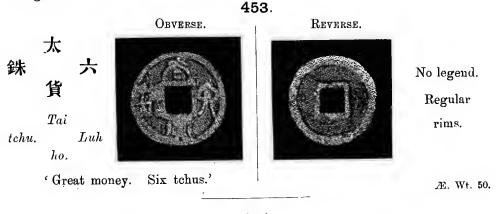
First Nien-hao: 天嘉 Tien kia, a.d. 560—565.

After the confusion caused by the fall of the Liang dynasty, the cumbrous iron money did not circulate any longer. The new princes reverted to the old 5-tchu piece currency. In the second year t'ien kia, i.e. A.D. 561, the 5-tchu pieces of the old pattern were again issued, and their current value was regulated at ten of the 'goose-eye' pieces, which were still in circulation.

IV. HIÜH SIÜEN TI 項宣帝, A.D. 569—582.

Single Nien-hao: 大建 Ta kien.

Without interrupting the issue of the 5-tchu pieces, Siüen Ti, in his eleventh year ta kien, or A.D. 579, created a new currency in the shape of pieces weighing six tehus, and having a nominal value of ten 5-tchu pieces; but they were not found convenient, and their relative value was changed so that they soon circulated at the same rate as the 5-tchu pieces; and as the Emperor died within three years they disappeared altogether.



454.

OBVERSE.

Same legend. Smaller rims.

REVERSE.

No legend. Regular rims.

Æ. Wt. 42.

The Northern Wei 北魏 Dynasty.

Fifteen Rulers, A.D. 386-534.

Capital at Heng shan 恒 山 (modern Tchengting, Tchihli, N.)
After 494 at Loh-yang, Honan.

VII. TOPA HUNG HIAO WEN TI 拓跋宏孝文帝, A.D. 471—499. Three Nien-hao.

THIRD NIEN-HAO: 太和 Tai-ho, A.D. 477—499.

As long as they retained the seat of their government at Heng-shan in N. Tchihli, the Topa Tatars, who assumed the dynastic name of Wei,

do not appear to have issued any metallic currency. Trade was carried on by barter, as in former times, the northern populations not being as yet accustomed to copper money. But when the capital had been removed to Loh-yang the want of such a currency was felt. In the nineteenth year tai-ho, i.e. A.D. 495, 5-tchu pieces were issued with the name of the Nien-hao, and the imperial decree ordered a rate of exchange of 200 of such pieces against a piece of silk for the salaries of the state officers.



VIII. TOPA KOH SIÜEN WU TI 恪宣武帝, A.D. 500—515. Four Nien-hao.
THIRD NIEN-HAO: 永平 Yung-p'ing, A.D. 508—511.

In the third year yung-p'ing, i.e. A.D. 510, the government issued—(1866)

5-tchu pieces nearly similar to those of the Han dynasty (315, 316), with the sole difference that the crossing strokes of the symbol Wu 5 were straight instead of curved, and somewhat smaller.

Æ. Size 0.95.

FOURTH NIEN-HAO: 延昌 yen-tch'ang, A.D. 512—515.

Under the reign of Siuen Wu Ti, in the second year yen-tch'ang, i.e. A.D. 513, until the first year (516) of his successor Hiao Ming Ti, curious events in numismatic history occurred. In the second year yen-tch'ang, i.e. 513, K'i Tsuh-ku, from Su-tchou (Kiangsu), and in the first year hi-ping, i.e. 516, Wang Tch'eng, from Jen-tch'eng (now Yen-tchou, S.W. Shantung), issued some clay-money, about which we have no particulars. We do not know how far it differed from similar currency issued after the T'ang dynasty, in the 10th century.

XI. TOPA TZE-YU HIAO TCHUANG TI 子攸孝莊帝, A.D. 528—530. (Three Nien-hao.)

Second Nien-hao: 永安 Yung-ngan, a.D. 528.

The monetary enactments of Siao Wu Ti, in A.D. 495, had permitted the people to issue money provided that they had their copper sent to the state mint to be cast into pieces; but this liberal measure did not check the false coiners, as it was intended to do. At the beginning of the reign of Hiao Tchuang Ti, the quantity of debased money in circulation was considerable, and it had gone so far "that the false coins were whirled by the wind and could float on water." A tou (i.e. ten pints) of rice rose to the price of nearly 1000 cash. One could get a kin (a pound) of copper for eighty-one good cash. But those who cast thin pieces only, could make out of a pound more than 200 of them, and this large margin had not satisfied the false coiners. So it was decided to prosecute the latter severely, and to issue a new type of 5-tchus currency, as follows:

455, 456, 457, 458, 459.







No legend. Regular rims.

Æ. Average Wt. 49.

(1867)
Same obverse as preceding.

Same reverse, with four lines radiating to circumference.

Æ. Same size.

(1868)

Same obverse as 455.

Same reverse as obverse.

Æ. Same size.

460.

 $\pm Tu$ above the square hole, and four Same obverse as 455. lines radiating to circumference. Æ. Same size. Wt. 55. (1869)Same reverse as 441, Same obverse as 455.

with ± Tu above the square hole.

Æ. Same size.

(1870)

Similar pieces, without legend on the obverse and with $\pm Tu$ on the reverse as (1869), same rims and size, are attributed to the same date.

The Northern Wei dynasty was brought to a close in 534, but the Yung-ngan wu-tchu remained the standard money for over 23 years afterwards.

The 西魏 Western Wei Dynasty.

Three Rulers, A.D. 535-557.

Capital: Tchang-ngan, modern Si-ngan, Shensi.

No monetary events. These rulers continued to issue the Yung-ngan wu-tchu, 455, of their predecessors.

The 東魏 Eastern Wei Dynasty.

One Ruler, A.D. 534-550.

Capital in Yeh 業, now Tchang teh fu 彰 德, in N. Honan.

TOPA SHEN-KIEN HIAO TSING TI 拓政善見孝静帝, the sole ruler of this dynasty, did not issue any other currency than the Yungngan wu-tchu of his predecessors. In the year yuen-siang 元 象, i.e. 538, many statues were melted to cast money.

The 北齊 Northern Tsi Dynasty.

Seven Rulers, A.D. 550-577.

Capital at Yeh, now Tchang teh fu, in N. Honan.

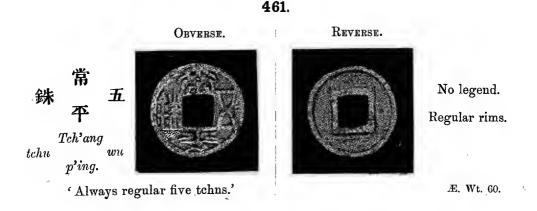
I. KAO-YANG WEN SIUEN TI 高洋文宣帝.

Single nien-hao, 天保 T'ien-pao, A.D. 550-559.

Kao-yang, general-in-chief for the Eastern Wei, deposed HIAO TSING TI in 550, and proclaimed himself Emperor of a new dynasty which he called TsI, and which is known as Northern Tsi, in contradistinction of the dynasty of the same name previously ruling at Nanking (see above, p. 419).

The Yung-ngan pieces of the Wei dynasty remained in circulation, and all the copper money which had not the standard weight was withdrawn. Innovations of importance were introduced. To prevent the use of false money, a balance was placed at the entrance of every market-place, in the capitals as well as in the provinces and principalities, and every private person who used scales in the market was compelled to have them verified by the government standard. A hundred copper 5-tchu pieces were to have their regular weight of 500 tchus, otherwise 1 kin 4 liang and 20 tchu; lighter weight was not permitted to circulate. A great advantage was found in these measures, as they allowed anyone to cast his own money, provided his pieces had the standard weight and quality.

In the fourth year t'ien pao, i.e. 553, the new currency was issued, as follows; but all these arrangements did not prevent false coiners.



462.

OBVERSE.

REVERSE.

Tch'ang tchu wu ping.

Same legend.



Same reverse as preceding.

Æ. Wt. 55.

463, 464, 465, 466, 467.

Same legend on obverse.

Same reverse.

Æ. Same size. Average Weight, 45.

(1871)

Same legend on obverse.

Same reverse, with two dots above square hole.

Æ. Same size.

(1872)

Much smaller. Same legend on obverse. The rims of the square hole on the reverse are thick and elongated to circumference.

Æ. Size 0.65.

The 北 周 Northern Tchou Dynasty.

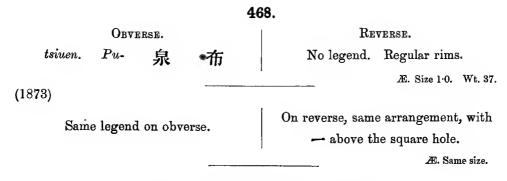
Five Rulers, A.D. 557-582.

Capital at Tchang-ngan, now Si-ngan, in Shensi.

III. YÜ WEN YUNG WU TI 宇文邕武帝, A.D. 561—577. Three nien-hao.

First nien-hao, 保定 Pao-ting, A.D. 561—565.

The Yü Wen family, whose name is said to mean in their own language 'Prince of Heaven,' belonged to the Sienpi Tatars, and claimed a high antiquity. Yü-wen Kioh, a minister of Kung Ti of the Western Wei, deposed his ruler and declared himself Emperor of a new dynasty. The Yung-ngan wu-tchu currency of the Wei remained in circulation, but in the fourth year pao-ting, i.e. 564, it was thought necessary to issue a new currency. The type selected was that of the Pu-tsiuen of Wang Mang's fame, A.D. 14, pp. 383, 384 above. Each piece was worth five of the five-tchu pieces, which were still current.



Third nien-hao, 建 德 Kien-teh, A.D. 572—577.

In the third year kien teh, i.e. 574, Yung Wu TI issued a new currency with the pompous legend 'Great spreading of the five elements;' the value of the new pieces being one for ten of the Putsiuen pieces issued ten years previously.

469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477.

Ţ	Vu	五				
pu.	ta	布	大	No legend.		
h	eng	行		Regular rims.		
'Great spreading of the five elements.'			nents.'	Æ. Size 1.0. Average Weight, 38.		
		-				
(1874)				Similar reverse, with a dot over and a		
Same obverse.				crescent downwards under the		
				square hole.		
				Æ, Same size.		
		-				
(1875)	Same obvers	se. Rever	se with l	egend, and similar to obverse.		
		~		Æ. Same size.		
(1876)	Same obvers	se. Same	reverse,	turned upside down.		
				Æ. Same size.		

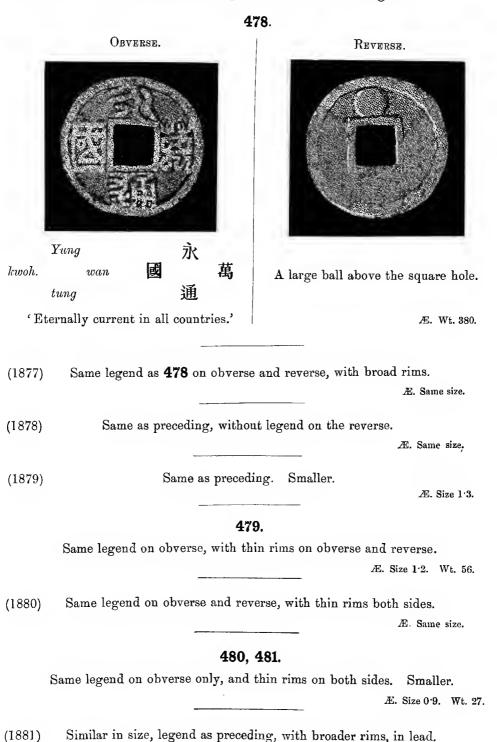
IV. YÜ-WEN YUN SIUEN TI 涵宣帝.

Three nien-hao, A.D. 578-580.

Third nien-hao, 大象 Ta siang, A.D. 580.

In the year ta siang, Yun Siuen Ti issued another currency, each piece of which was rated to be worth ten of the Wu heng ta pu issued

in 574. The legend was also a grand one; but it did not prevent the gradual dwindling down of the pieces in size and weight.



The 隋 Sui Dynasty.

Four Rulers, A.D. 581-618.

Capital at Tchang-ngan (press Si-ngan fu) and after 604 at Loh-yang (Honan).

I. YANG-KIEN WEN TI 楊堅文帝, A.D. 581-604. Two nien-hao.

First nien-hao, 開皇 Kai-huang, A.D. 581—600.

Under this dynasty the two parts of China were again united under one sceptre from the year 589, but the whole country was still in such a state of anarchy and confusion, that notwithstanding some attempts in the proper direction it was impossible to place the currency on a proper footing. The task was to be achieved only by the great founder of the T'ang dynasty in A.D. 621. In his first year kai-huang, i.e. 581, the founder of the Sui dynasty, Yang-kien, issued 5-tchu pieces of a peculiar kind; they had larger rims than the old pattern, and were whitish in colour, owing to the large proportion of tin mixed with the copper, which caused them to be called 'white money.'

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	Wu- 'Five tch ound the squ d one at circ	iare hole, b]	Regular rims, broader at e circumference. White. Æ. Size 0.95.

482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489.

Same legend, arrangement and design. Smaller. Regular rims.

Æ. Size 0.9. Average Weight, 38.

In the third year kai-huang, i.e. 583, the same Emperor, desirous of putting an end to the great variety of pieces in circulation, obsolete and counterfeited, enacted that on the four entrances to the market a specimen of a string of 100 cash should be placed, in order that people might be enabled to verify the pieces which were authorized for circulation. The money which did not agree was broken, and the copper was confiscated by the government. The same rules applied, to the extent of one specimen only, that it be nailed up in every shop in the capital.

But such regulations implied the issue of the required quantities of lawful money. In the eighteenth year *kai-huang*, i.e. 598, the Emperor requested Liang, the Prince of Han, to establish five foundries of money in Ping-tchou (now Tcheng-ting fu, in W. Tchihli). As money was also

scarce south of the Kiang (the Yang-tze Kiang), Kwang, the Prince of Tsin, proposed that money should be cast also in Ngo-tchou (still the literary name of Hupeh), where copper ore could be found in the Pehtchu É É mountains. The Emperor then ordered that ten foundries of money be established there, and he requested also Siu, Prince of Shuh, to establish five others in Yh-tchou (Szetchuen). The exact location of these twenty mints are not given, but there is little doubt that the orders of the Sui Emperor, then powerful and respected, were obeyed. And there were some more established; for instance, I see that the Hwa yang kwoh tchi, describing the Sheh-king mountain (south of present Tao-tchou in Kansuh), says that at the bottom was a 'copper cave,' where a station for the casting of money had been established during the Sui dynasty.

THE 五銖 WU TCHU CURRENCY. RESIDUUM.

в.с. 118--618 а.д.

After an eventful career of more than seven centuries, the 5-tchu money, once the standard of the Han dynasty, came to an end with the Sui dynasty. From the time of their first issue, nine regular and twenty-three irregular dynasties, which ruled over the whole or parts of China, had successively or contemporaneously issued more or less of the same pattern, with or without slight differences, and addition or not of some marks or signs. Some of these variants were described at the time of issue, and we have given such indication in various instances (cf. suprà, pp. 361, 363, 395, 396, 397, 399, 402, 410, 419, 422, 428); but, as a rule, they are not given, and it is not possible to know where and when any of the varieties have been issued. They may be classified under seven heads:—

- 1. Mark of a crescent above or below, right or left, obverse or reverse, in relief or incuse.
- 2. One or more 'pillar' dots, above or below, right or left, on obverse.
- 3. One or two dots in the It figure.
- 4. Dots from one to five, above or below, right or left, obverse or reverse, or combined.
- 5. Figures one to ten, i.e. 1, 11, 111, 1111, or 五, 六 or 上, 上, 八, 十, above or below, right or left, reverse or obverse, in relief or incuse.
- 6. Characters 平 p'ing 'equal,' 工 kung 'work,' 王 wang 'royal,' 干 tsien 'thousand,' 小 siao 'small,' 弋 kwoh 'spear,' &c., above or below, right or left, reverse or obverse, in relief or incuse.
- 7. Minter-fancies, such as characters turned upside down, singled, doubled, &c.

The whole with or without broad or narrow rim or rims, and in all sizes and weights. The result is an immense number of varieties, in which the Chinese collectors indulge with delight, but which have no interest for European numismatists. The following are in the British Museum collection:—

490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510.

tchu. Wu- 蛛 五 Regular rims on both sides. No legend.

Æ. Size 1. Average Weight 40.

511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520.

tchu. Wu- With dots variously disposed. Type 4.

Æ. Size 1.0. Average Weight 36.

521, 522, 523.

tchu. Wu- Type No. 1.

Æ. Size 1.0. Average Weight 43.

524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529.

tchu. Wu- No rims.

Æ. Size 0.9. Average Weight. 30.

530.

tchu. Wu- No rims. With + shih '10' above obverse.

Æ. Size 0.9. Wt. 25.

531.

tchu. Wu- No rims. With # tsien '1000' on reverse.

Æ. Size 0.95. Wt. 27.

532.

tchu. 禁 tchu. Wu- 蛛 五 Wu- 버

Regular rims. No legend on reverse.

Æ. Size 1.0. Wt. 56.

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