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Introduction

A century ago little was known about the ancient Near East, and that little had been transmitted by unreliable hands; moreover, most of it came from a time which itself was much later than the period in which the ancient Oriental nations played an all-important rôle. Only a few decades ago the whole of Western Asia and Egypt were like an immense field of ruins lying in impenetrable silence, and the little we knew about it came from the pen of a few Greek and Roman writers, who on account of their foreign way of thinking, lack of familiarity with the psychology of the Oriental and their inability to master the Oriental languages were little fitted to become absolutely safe guides. They understood only that which was similar to their own culture. The treasures of Babylonia, Assyria, Asia Minor, Syria and Arabia had been hidden away by fate; and Egypt had already undergone a process of decay when the Greeks entered that country and wrote down their cursory notices about the land and its people. There were only fragments — miserable fragments — by which posterity could behold the ancient world.

The darkness has been lifted, thanks to untiring work of Oriental scholars in Europe and America, who have worked feverishly during the last few decades. The day has dawned over the Orient, but though the morning-sun has appeared, it very often hides itself behind dark clouds. Some of these clouds will undoubtedly be dispelled by later researches and it will depend on the results of future excavations whether the sun will reach its zenith at least in so far as the culture-land of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers is concerned. Egypt, it seems, has now yielded up most of its treasures.

The following pages purport to place together the most important, but by no means the entire, material which has come to light regarding the viticulture and brewing in the ancient Orient, material which to a large degree can at best be found only isolated in the respective literatures. To some whom the Orient interests only as a country of religious systems or for purely linguistic or historical questions, the gathering of such materials as contained in this volume will seem banal, but still the question τί πίωμεν was at all times a cardinal question to humanity, and the saying of Pliny "if any one will take the trouble duly to consider the matter, he will find that upon no one subject is the industry of man kept more constantly on the alert than upon the making of wine" is fully verified in our present time. In spite of all modern legislation it is still a question often uppermost in the minds of many peoples whose governments have made *tabula rasa* with it. And thus it will probably always remain.

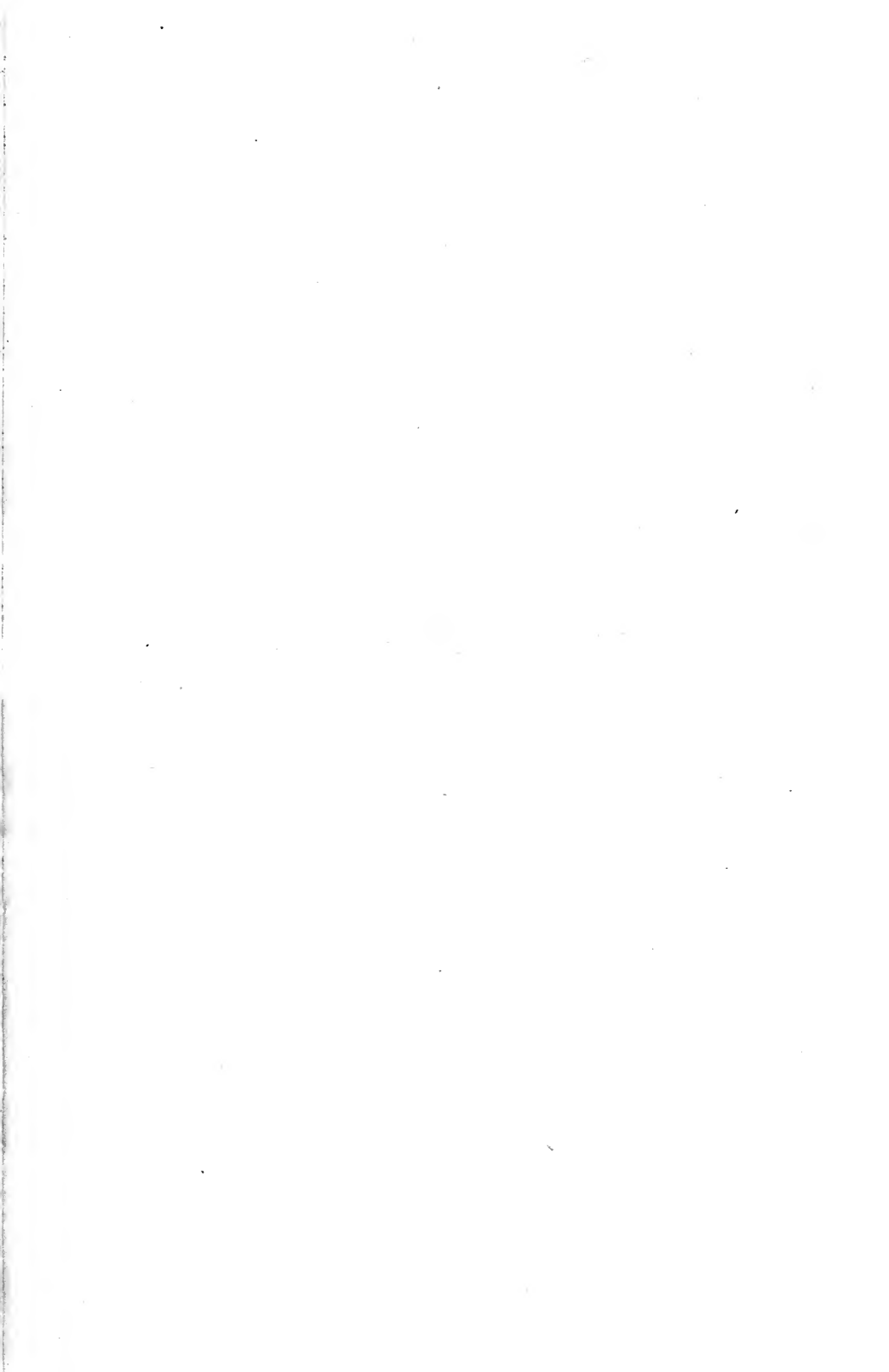
The present treatment, which considers the matter from the beginning of historic time down to the wine-prohibition of Muhammed, still contains many gaps, which can be filled only by later discoveries. In many cases our information consists merely of names, for instance, the many beer-and wine-names; and wherever technical details might have been considered more fully, I have avoided such details, as, for instance, in regard to the Old-Babylonian beer recipes; of these we already possess a very elaborate treatment by Hrozný, who has also announced that he will offer another work on the intricate question of the materials used in the Babylonian brewery.

It will, finally, be necessary to say a few words regarding the use of alcoholic beverages by the ancient Orientals. Far be it from me to represent the Orientals to my readers in the light of drunkards. From the testimony of the Classical writers and according to the ideas of some modern scholars it might appear as if they had been such. But this is not the case. In certain circles, it is true, there have existed at all times some debauchers, but history has never seen a whole people absolutely given to drunkenness. Wherever suggestions are to be found which might lead to such a conclusion, they are nothing but strong exaggerations. A sane human intelligence

has preached at all times and in all climes moderation — and so also in the ancient Orient. The morality of the ancient Near East was, after all, not much inferior to our modern morality, only customs have become more refined. Examples of very lofty ideals are found quite early both in Babylonia and in Egypt.

If the history of mankind should really teach us absolutely nothing, it teaches us at least this one thing, that mankind has by no means kept equal pace in its intellectual and moral development. Even though we may have become wiser, we certainly have not improved very much morally. Therefore we should not sit in judgement over the ancient Orientals, but should rejoice with them in our journey through their world, in which we see them engaged in preparing the precious juice of the grape and in the brewing of beer, in order to gladden their hearts at festivals and to drive away the dull cares of every-day life. Perhaps after the perusal of this book there may arise in the minds of some of its readers the painful thought:

Sic transit gloria mundi!



Chapter One

The Wines of the Ancient Orient

The vine is a prehistoric plant. As such it is very difficult to determine the country of its origin. It is generally maintained that the wooded regions which extend from Turkestan and the Caucasus to the mountains of Thrace are to be considered the homeland of the *vitis vinifera*¹. When the dark mist that envelops the prehistoric age passes away, and we find ourselves at the beginning of historic times, the *vitis vinifera* occupies such an extended area, that it is impossible to ascribe to the plant any special country as its place of origin. The Classical writers mention quite a number of places as having originated the vine, but this merely indicates the very ancient extension of the plant in Mediterranean countries, where the conditions of the soil and the climate were and still are most favorable for its culture. Athen. XV, 675^a names the countries about the Red Sea as its place of origin; Ach. Tat. II, 2 mentions Tyre; Hellenic. Fragm. hist. gr. I, p. 67 Egypt; Pausan. IX, 25, 1 Boeotia; Theopomp. Fragm. hist. gr. Car. Müller I, 328 Chios; and Hecat. I, 26 Etolia. It is quite possible to think of a spontaneous growth in many regions² in view of its wide spread in the earliest historic times.

1) Grisebach, *Die Vegetation der Erde*, I, p. 323; Köppen, *Geogr. Verbreitung der Holzgewächse des europäischen Russlands und des Kaukasus*, I, p. 97; De Candolle, *Orig. des plantes cultivées*, p. 153; Schrader, *Tier- und Pflanzengeogr.*, p. 27.


2) Regarding the soil favorable to the culture of vine see Theophr. *Caus. pl.*, II, 4, 4. For references in Classical writers to wild-growing vine see Pliny, *N. h.* XXIII, 13—14, Strabo XV, 1, 58 and Diod. III, 62, 4. On wild-growing vine (four to five kinds) in Middle- and Northern Syria see *ZDPV*, XI, p. 161.

The culture of the grapevine started very early in Egypt¹. We learn that during the time of the Thinitic rulers, and even in pre-dynastic Egypt, vineyards had been planted for the purpose of providing funerary wines for the early rulers of Egypt². Viticulture seems to have been particularly engaged in during the time of the IV., V., XII., XVII. and XVIII. to XIX. dynasty, judging from the pictorial representations of those periods, which refer to viticulture, vintage and the making of wine.

The best vineyards of Egypt were situated in the Delta and the country not far south of it. The oldest vineyards had been planted in the vicinity of Memphis. South of the Delta the wine produced particularly in the Arsinoitic nomos (i. e., modern Fayyûm) was renowned. The capital of the Arsinoite nome was Crocodilopolis-Arsinoë, Egyptian Shedët. Modern Kîmân Fâris, "the riders' hills", mark the site of the ancient city. Regarding the Arsinoite nome Strabo XVII, i, 35 (C 808) says "It produces wine in abundance". This contradicts Herodotus' statement (II, 77), where he says of Egypt οὐ γάρ σφί εἰσι ἐν τῇ χώρῃ ἀμπελοι. But this author contradicts also his own words. In II, 42 and 144 Osiris is considered to be Dionysos. In II, 60 he narrates the journeys to Bubastis, where all Egypt gets drunk with wine, and when more wine is drunk than during all the rest of the year. Again he states that every man of the body-guard receives four cups of wine (II, 168). In II, 133 he mentions the drinker Mykerinos and in II, 37 he states that even priests drink wine. Finally in II, 121 he mentions the chief-mason's son, who made the guards drunk with wine. Athenaeus found pleasure in the Mareotic wine. The grape, according to him was remarkable for its sweetness. The wine is thus described by him: "Its color is white, its quality excellent, and it is sweet and light, with a fragrant bouquet; it is by no means astringent, nor does it affect the head" (Virg. Georg. II, 91). The grape was white and grew in a rich

1) For an indication of viticulture in Nubia in predynastic times may be taken the grape-seeds that were found in the stomach of the Nubians. ✓
Cf. Bull. Nub. 2. 55 grape-seeds together with melon-seeds and barley husks.

2) See Chapter II.

soil, principally composed of gravel. Strabo¹ ascribed to the Mareotic wine the merit of keeping well to a great age. It was even exported to Rome and enjoyed by those who were used to the much heavier Italian wines². Horace, *Od.* I, 37 mentions it as a favorite beverage of Cleopatra. The town from which the wine received its name, Marea (Μαρέα; Steph. Byz. Μάρεια; Diod. I, 68 Μαρία; Ptol. IV, 105 Παλαιμαρία κώμη is the Egyptian Pa-mer, the capital of the autonomous district Pa-mer-ti (). According to Athen. I, 33 D, Marea owes its name to that of a companion of Dionysos, who was named Maron. The town (now called Maryût) stood on a peninsula south of Lake Mareotis. It was adjacent to the mouth of the canal which connected Lake Mareotis with the Canopic arm of the Nile. Superior to the Mareotic wine was the Teniotic wine, at least in the estimation of some writers. "Still, however," says Athenaeus, "it is inferior to the Teniotic, a wine which receives its name from a place called Tenia³, where it is produced. Its color is pale and white and there is such a degree of richness in it, that when mixed with water, it seems gradually to be diluted, much in the same way as Attic honey, when a liquid is poured into it; and besides the agreeable flavor of the wine, its fragrance is so delightful as to render it perfectly aromatic, and it has the property of being slightly astringent". Athenaeus mentions the Plinthic wines. He states, on the authority of Hellanicus, that the vine was first cultivated about Plinthine, and to which circumstance Dion attributes the love of wine amongst the Egyptians (Lib. I, 25).

The Sebennycticum was another renowned Egyptian wine. Pliny⁴, in fact, cites it among the best of foreign wines. It is "the produce of three varieties of grape of the very highest quality, known as the Thasian, the aethalus (i. e., the 'smoky'

1) Strabo XVII, p. 799.

2) See, however, Columella (R. R. III, 2), who states that it was too thin for Italian palates, accustomed to the stronger Falernian.

3) Rather so called from a long narrow sandy ridge (ραιβία) near the Western extremity of the Delta.

4) Pliny XIV, 7.

grape) and the peuce (i. e., the 'pitchy' grape)". The Thasian grape is described by the same writer¹ as such which excels all other grapes in Egypt in sweetness and as having remarkable medicinal properties. Sebennytyos (modern Samanûd), Egyptian Zeb-nuter, Coptic Jemnuti, was situated on the Damietta arm of the Nile. Athenaeus praises the wine of Anthylla. "There are many other vineyards in the valley of the Nile," he says, "whose wines are in great repute and these differ both in color and taste, but that which is produced about Anthylla² is preferred to all the rest". Less favorably spoken of is the ecboladic wine³. According to Pliny (XIV, 18) it was possessed of the singular property of producing miscarriage (XIV, 9; XIV, 22). It is possible that to the Egyptians it was a particularly strong wine, and as such only drunk by men. This, we may conjecture, may have been the reason for Pliny to make this statement, since he probably saw the Egyptian women abstaining from its use. Pliny knows also the wines of Mendes⁴ (modern Tell Roba or Tell al-Kaşr at the village of Tmei al-Amdîd), which are mentioned again by Horace and Clemens of Alexandria⁵. The Mendesian wine, according to the latter writer seems to have had a sweet flavor. The wine of the Thebaïs was particularly light, especially about Coptos. The wine of the latter city was so thin that it could be easily thrown off. It was "so wholesome", says Athenaeus, "that the invalids might take it without inconvenience even during a fever". Upper Egypt, according to Athen. I, 60 produced a poor quality of wines. Viticulture was engaged in as far south as Meroë the ancient capital of Ethiopia since c. 600 B. C., at which time the seat of government was transferred from Napata to that place. The wine of Meroë has been immortalized by Lucian⁶. On the whole

1) Pliny XIV, 18.

2) Anthylla ("Ἀνθύλλα) was a town of considerable size on the Canobic branch of the Nile, some few miles south-east of Alexandria.

3) Ecbolas from ἐκβάλλω "to eject".

4) See Pliny, *Hist. Nat.* XIV, 9. Cf. also Athenaeus, *Deipnos.* I, 30 "*Mendaeum vinum coelestia numina meiunt*".

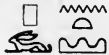
5) *Paedagog.* II, c. 2.

6) Athen. I, p. 33 f; Strabo, XVII, p. 799; etc. Here it may also be mentioned that the story of the shipwrecked sailor, which contains popular ideas

the Classical writers pass a favorable judgement on the quality of the Egyptian wines. An exception appears to be Martial. This writer considered them all as being of an inferior grade, judging from his statement that the vinegar of Egypt is better than its wine (XIII, 122). Also Apollodorus, the physician, in a treatise on wines, addressed to Ptolemy, king of Egypt, recommended for medicinal purposes foreign wines rather than those of his own country. He praised particularly the Peparthian ¹, and the wine of Pontus. This may have been due merely to psychological reasons. The imagination thus was a factor introduced to effect a cure, by the mere prescription of a foreign wine, which was little known in the home country.

The Greek and Roman writers in the last centuries before and after our era laud Egypt also as a country with plenty of wine. We have seen above that the Mareoticum was even exported to Rome, yet it appears that Egypt produced just enough wine for its own home consumption.

The introduction of Islam in Egypt limited the culture of vine to a great extent. In the year 401 a. H. during the reign of Hâkim many people of Cairo were beaten and led shamefully through the streets of the city, because they had sold wine, amongst other forbidden merchandise. In 402 a. H. Hâkim prohibited the sale of raisins, and issued orders against their importation. A large quantity of raisins was thrown into the Nile or burned, while other immense quantities were

regarding the wonderful country of Punt, , situated along the African and Asiatic coasts of the Gulf of Aden, does not fail to give reference to viticulture in that country (lines 47 and 48). In the country of the Niam-niam, on his journey from Marra to the bill of Gumango, Dr. Schweinfurth "had time to explore the magnificent vegetation of the adjacent hills. The wild wine (*vitis Schimperii*) was loaded with its ripe clusters and afforded me a refreshment to which I had been long unaccustomed. These grapes were less juicy than those that grow upon the vine-clad hills of Europe, and they left a somewhat harsh sensation upon the palate; but altogether, and especially in colour, they reminded me of our own growth" (Schweinfurth, *The Heart of Africa*, 2nd Engl. edition, Vol. II, pp. 234 and 235).

1) Pliny, XIV, 7. Some scholars read Praeparentium. Preparenthos was one of the Cyclades, famous for its wines (Ovid. *Met.*, VII, 470).

thrown into the streets and trodden down. The vineyards of Gîzah were cut down and orders promulgated everywhere to do the same all over the country¹. In Miniet ibn al-Khaşîb (منية ابن الخصيب) vine was cultivated in Idrisi's time.

The travelers who visited Egypt in the Middle Ages have little to say regarding its wines. Hans Jacob Breuning von und zu Buchenbach visited Egypt in 1579. He says that Egypt has no wine, but for the sake of pleasure some vines have been planted occasionally in the gardens². Pater Wansleben who on June 30, of 1672, went by boat from Rashid (Rosette) up-stream, met with an occurrence which shows how strictly the Mohammedan Turks prohibited the use of wine. Some young Turkish sailors discovered that the pater had a supply of wine which he had brought with him from Marseilles. They became infuriated and wanted to throw the wine bottles into the Nile³. L. F. Norden narrates that he received plenty of coffee and grapes on his journey through Egypt and Nubia in the year of 1737. These grapes were indeed small, but of an excellent taste⁴. Savary⁵ in his description of the old Arsinoitic nomos shows that the Copts at that time still cultivated the vineyards of their ancestors and that they gathered excellent grapes from which they prepared a white wine of agreeable taste. Maillet⁶ who wrote a few decades earlier remarks that most of the Egyptian vineyards are situated in the Fayyûm. He notes also that the Egyptians esteemed the leaves of the grape-vine much more highly than the fruit itself. They were accustomed to wrap chopped meat with these vine-leaves and to cook the whole to a tasty dish. Jomard⁷ again mentions the vineyards of the

1) S. de Sacy, *Chrest. Arab.* I, p. ٦٢, ٦٣.

2) *Orientalische Reysz desz Edlen und vesten Hansz Jakob Breuning von und zu Bouchenbach* etc. Printed at Strassburg by Johann Carolus, 1672, p. 156. Quoted from Wönig, *Die Pflanzen im alten Aegypten*, 1886, p. 254.

3) *Relazione dello stato presente dell Egitto*, Perigi, 1677, p. 59. Quoted from Wönig, o. c., p. 261.

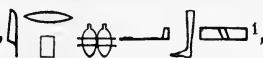
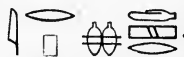

4) See Wönig, o. c.


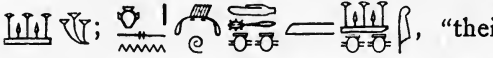
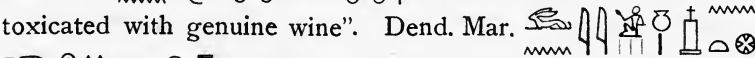
5) *Lettres sur l'Égypte*, II L. troisième, 1777. Quoted from Wönig, o. c.

6) *Rescription de l'Égypte*, 1740, L. XI; quoted from Wönig, o. c.



7) *Description de l'Égypte*, Edit. II, Tom. IV, p. 439; quoted from Wönig, o. c.

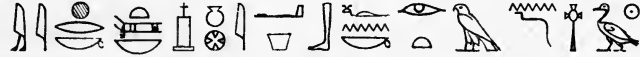
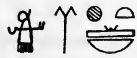
Fayyûm. According to him, however, vineyards are not to be found elsewhere in Egypt.



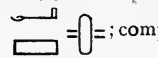
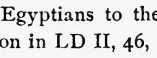
The oldest Egyptian inscriptions refer to different kinds of wine. They distinguish between white wine, , and red wine, . Besides the most common word for wine , there appear other designations for it².


In the inscriptions of Edfu appears the name , , "their heart is joyful, intoxicated with genuine wine". Dend. Mar. 

"The inhabitants of Dendera are intoxicated from wine". *Sûw* (Medic. Pap. 4, 3) refers probably to a special kind of wine. A certain wine produced in the great oasis³


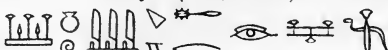

bore the name "The green Horus-eye", , . A sacrificial stone which was found in Pompeii and which is referred to king Psammetichos II. refers to this wine.

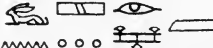



It reads:  i. e., "(The Horus Mn-ib-r'-'nfr-ib-r') has come to thee, O Atum, lord of On; he has offered unto thee the (produce of the) Horus-eye. It has honored thee, O Atum, lord of On, the son of the sun, Psammetichos, by (presenting) the double-jars". Regarding the wine-cellar in Esna⁴ it is written in one of its texts 


1) White wine,  T 119a; 
N 456a; T 119a; W 148a has the reading = ; comp. 'š-beer. White wine seems to have been preferred by the Egyptians to the red wine.




2) 'Irp occurs as a geographic designation in LD II, 46, 47, 50a; Mariette, *Mastabas*, p. 185, 325 , i. e., "the wine domain".

3) See *Aeg. Z.*, 1868, p. 85 ff.
4) Esna (اسنا) was renowned for its grapes in the days of Idrisî. They

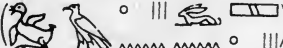
 "furnished with all good things and with the produce of the Horus-eye (i. e., wine)". Dümichen, *Hist. Inschr.*, II, 53, 6, 20 . "The vineyard of Sohet has (the produce of) the green Horus-eye". This passage and that of Düm., *Hist. Inschr.*, II, 53, b, 18 


 "The fertile field contains grapes¹, the produce of the 'Horus-eye' is wine", makes it certain that the "green Horus-eye" designates a wine and not another intoxicating drink². The 'green Horus-eye' was a product of , *Ombos* I. 112:  and of Hatu'r'imnt, Dümichen, *Temp. Inschr.* I, 73, 4 

According to Düm. *Kal. Inschr.* Tafel 109 it causes good humor,  "The golden (goddess) became good-humored on account of the 'green Horus-eye'-wine".





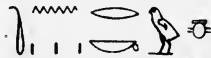

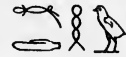
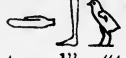
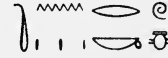
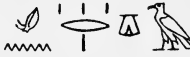


On the stele of Khabiousokari, in the Museum of Cairo³, a certain wine is called *k3y*, . The same stele mentions also a wine named *irp-w3*, . Another brand of wine is met with under the designation *sdw-ib*, , which probably means either "satisfying beverage", or, "thirst-


grew there in such abundance and such superior quality, that they were dried and shipped all over Egypt (Jaubert, *Géo. d'Idrisi*, p. 128).


1) See also Mar. Dend. I, 17, 21: "He brings to thee the fertile field, bearing grapes (and) the Horus-eye wine — pure things, which thou drinkest (and) which gladden thy heart and cause joy to overflow in thee". *Wns* = grapes, not coriander (Loret, V. in *R. T.* XV, 105 ff.). Maspero, *Él. Ég.* I, 233: "My clusters of grapes  beget thy drunkenness".

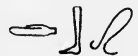
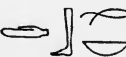
2) The "white Horus-eye",  is milk. The "green Horus-eye" is probably a spiced wine, judging from an inscription in Esna.

3) See Weil, Raymond, *Des monuments et de l'histoire des II^e et III^e dynasties égyptiennes*, Paris, 1908, p. 251.



quenching beverage"¹. Whether the beverage called *šbb.t*,  is a wine-brand remains doubtful. The same doubt exists as to *hšwh.t*, . Since it is found in one passage² together with *th*, , "intoxicating beverage", i. e., wine, it is doubtless a drink, either a special brand of beer or wine, and it is not the name of a special drinking-vessel. The inscriptions further mention the *mn*-wine, , i. e., dark wine. In Pap. Anast., IV, 12, 11 a Semitic loanword occurs which refers to the wine-must as it comes from the wine-press. The word is *tinrekw*,  named together with *irpw*, , "wines", *šdhw*, , "pomegranate-wine" and *dbw*, , fig-wine³. *Ti(n)rkw* is derived from *trk*, "to tread", "to press the grapes", (cf. *קטים תירש* "must" from *קטם + תירש*, "to tread")⁴ according to Brugsch. Loret (in *Rec. trav.* XV, p. 105 ff.) considers  to be a liquor prepared from *durg*, , the fruit of which, according to Pap. Anast. III, 2, 3-4, has the taste of honey: . He furthermore identifies the plant with the carob,  stating "en Égypte, et dans d'autres pays on fait encore de




1)  mentioned for the first time on the stele of Tetiankhni, in the Museum of Liverpool. See Maspero, *Histoire*, I (1895), p. 250; Gatty, *Catalogue of the Mayer Collection*; I. Egyptian Antiquities, No. 294, and Weil, *o. c.*, p. 240.


2) In Dend. Mar. Hathor is called , i. e., "the mistress of intoxicating drinks, the lady of *hšwh.t*".

3) On *dšb*, "fig-wine" see below p. 18. Written  in Pyr. W 146a;  N 454a.

4) See Brugsch, *WB*, s. v.


nos jours une boisson rafraichissante avec le suc de Caroube mélé à de l'eau ou à d'autres liquides". We may finally mention the wine  prepared either from the sap or the fruit of the  tree.

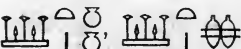
Besides these different designations for the word "wine" of which *irp*,   is by far the most common¹, the wines or their special brands, are also named according to their places of origin. Through these geographic attributes we are enabled to locate the most important vine-growing districts of Egypt. The Pyramid texts mention the "wine of Lower Egypt"². Another wine is called *irp rs*, "wine of Upper-Egypt". Most of the place-names refer naturally to places or districts situated in the Delta. Important is an inscription at Esna for the enumeration of different kinds of wine. This inscription has the following passage 






 "The produce of Pelusium(?), of Hat-seha-
Hor³, together with (that of) the oasis Kenem, and the pro-
duce of the oasis Dsds. (Whenever) the delivery occurs, then
appears hearty joy and drunkenness in it, and they intoxicate
themselves totally in its district". In the tomb of Ptaḥ-Ḥotep
at Saqqâra⁴ mention is made of three of the most important

1) This word is preserved in Greek in a verse of Sappho [Athen. Deipn. II, 39]

Ἀμβροσίας μὲν κρατήρ ἐκέκρατο
Ἐρμάς δ' ἐλίον ἔρπιν Θεοῖς ὕνοχόησεν

A general name for wine, used less frequently than *irp* is *ḫḫ.t*, 

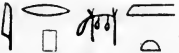

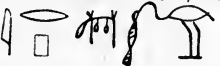


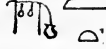

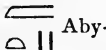





2)   , Pap. T. 118 = W. 147 = N. 515; later  








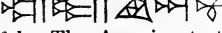
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3) The most westernly city of the Libyan nomos. See below p. 12, note 1.

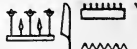



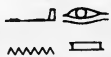

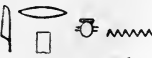
4) Düm. *Result.* XIII, 7.



wines of Ancient Egypt, i. e., *irp im.t*, , "wine of 'Imet"¹, *irp šjn*, , (vocalized *šajn*; the name is mentioned in the Old Testament, Ezek. XXX, 15 יַיִן, Sept. Σαιν)² "wine of Pelusium", and *irp him*  "wine of the fishermen-village"³.

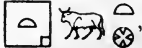
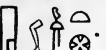
1) *'Imt* (*Yemet*) = modern Nebesheh, about 8 miles to the S. E. of Tanis and 9 miles to the N. W. of aš-Šāliḥyeh. The wine of Nebesheh is mentioned in Pyr. T 120a; W 149a; N 457a;  Beni Hasan I, pl. 17;  LD II, 67, Saqqâra, Dyn. 5. Regarding the city of Ptaḥ-hotep (see above; cf. Hawara, reprod. Petrie, Hist. I, fig. 110);  Abydos I, 337;  Pieret II, 31 (26. Dyn.) and  cf. BHI, 23; for etymology see Pyr. T 347 ff., cf. RIH (Dyn. 3-4, the title) ; Petrie, Nebesheh I  12, where situation of city is given;  16.

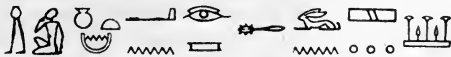
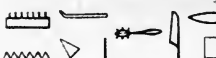
2) Spiegelberg, in *Aeg. Z.*, 49, p. 81 has shown that the city of Šajn, written  in the demot. pap. Cairo 31 169, 3, 26 is identical with Pelusium. Spiegelberg *ad l.* gives also the different writings of the place as contained in the old winelists, i. e.,  (Cairo, 1693);  (L. D. II, 67);  (Saqqâra, Mereruka B 5);  (Saqqâra, Mereruka B C 3);  Papyr. 92 Kagemui-Saqqâra);  (Düm. *Result.* XIII, 6 = Ptaḥ-hotep, ed Davies, I, pl. 30). In the same article Spiegelberg also established the reading of that name as *šjn*, (vocalized *šajn*). See p. 83 of the *Aeg. Z.* In Ashurbanipal, Cylinder A, Col. I, line 93 *šjn* is written  *alu šî-i-nu*, which makes the vocalization *šajn* doubtful. The Assyrian text, however, confirms Spiegelberg's identification of Šjn with Pelusium. The vicinity of Pelusium appears to have been most noted also for its beers; see below p. 76. For wine of Šajn in the Pyramid Texts see T 122a; W 151a and N 459 a.


3)  *Hm*, name of a locality of Lower Egypt (near Lake Mareotis?).

A territory is several times mentioned in the texts, renowned for its wines, i. e., $\text{šš } \text{imn}$, , "the vine-bearing region of Amon". This is the name given in the lists of nomes to a territory which belonged to the city of *nwt-nt-Hapi*,  "the city of the Apis-bull", which is Ἀπῖς of the Classical writers¹. This district was also known by the name of šš-mnh . Dend. Mar. says of this district "the vineyard of *Mnh* has wine", . It was situated in the third nomos of Lower Egypt, called *imn.t* , that is, the Libyae nomos (Ptolemy IV, 5 § 5). Pliny calls the capital of this nome *nobilis religione Aegypti locus*, and according to Strabo XVII, p. 799 it was 100 stadia distant from Paraetonium. The Libyan nomos was near the Lake Mareotis, renowned for its excellent wines. The banks of a canal or of a lake in this third nome of Lower Egypt, which bore the name 'n, , were planted with vines. An inscription narrates "(the locality of) An bears grapes (and) šš-mnh bears wine" . The Pyramid Texts mention the wine of *Nhšmw*, .


See also Dümichen, *Die Oasen der Libyschen Wüste*, Tafel XIX 



1) The city of Apis of Ptolemy IV, 5, § 5 seems to refer to the city called *Hat-scha-Hor* , which is identical with *Hat-uar-imn.t*, . The city of Apis to which Herodotus (II, 18) refers can hardly be the same place. On the city of Apis see also above p. 10, note 3.

2) Mar. Dend. I, 66, 16 
 "I bring unto thee 'An bearing grapes (and) šš-mnh bearing wine which will cause thy heads to wag".


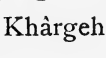
 W 150a; T 121 a; N 458a, that is, the Ma-reotic wine.

One of the most renowned vine-districts of Upper Egypt belonged to the city of Diospolis parva, in the seventh nomos. The most famous vineyard of Diospolites was that called *šft.t*,

¹. *Šft.t* is the name of a mountain situated in the seventh nome, according to the investigations of de Rougé². Brugsch later held it possible that the name *šft.t* may be an oasis of the Libyan desert near al-Khârgeh but there is no reason why the results of de Rougé's investigations should be doubted. A possible indication of viticulture at Diospolis parva is contained also in the name of a certain district of

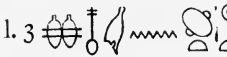
Ht-šhm, which is called *knm.t*, , i. e., "the vineyard", or, "the vine-domain". Brugsch, *Dict. Géogr.* p. 1345: "Art thou

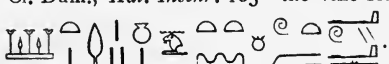
not in *Knm.t* of *Ht-šhm* (Diospolis parva)?" 

The oldest reference to the wines of the oases of Khârgeh  capital 

and Dakhel  capital 

is found in Osorkon's I. record of temple gifts³. It reads: „His⁴ tribute is (the produce of the oases of) Dakhel and Khârgeh, consisting in wine and pomegranate-wine; *Hemy* wine and wine of 'Pelusium'⁵ likewise, in order to maintain his house according to the word thereof". The wine of Khârgeh was of a very good quality; DGI, Tafel 89

l. 3 , "very good wine of Khârgeh", also Brugsch,

1) Cf. Düm., *Kal. Inscr.* 103 "the vine-branches of *šft.t* flourish in their hands", . See also Dümichen, *Die Oasen der Libyschen Wüste*, plates XV and XVII.

2) *Text. géogr. du temple d'Edfou*, p. 83.
 3) See Naville, *Bubastis*, I, pls. 51 and 52.
 4) The name of the god is broken away.
 5) I. e., *Šjn*, (*Sajn*).

Géogr., Tafel LI, No. 1422 . Another wine-producing district was *Tbui*, and the city of *Nham.t*, . The two are named together with the oases Khârgêh and Dakhel and the cities of Nebesheh and Pelusium¹. The Egyptians received also wine from the oasis called Bahriyeh (the "northern" oasis of the texts)². De Rougé, *Edfou XXXIX*. 4 would contain a reference to viticulture at Heroo(n)polis, in case that is but a somewhat unusual writing of the name of the city. We have seen above that Athenaeus knew of the wine of Coptos. A reference to the viticulture of that city is found in J. de Rougé, *Lex. géogr.*, p. 72 , i. e., "its riverbanks and its vines". That the vine was cultivated about Coptos is seen particularly from the name of a territory belonging to the fifth nome of Upper-Egypt (the Coptites of the Ancients), which was called *ht hsp.t*, , "the vine-terrace". Vineyards were planted in Egypt proper as far south as Elephantine. In the lower country of the first nomos of Upper Egypt, whose capital was Elephantine, we meet with the name of a district, which was called simply "the wine-district", . The culture of vine at that district, as well as for all parts of Upper-Egypt and the oases, was comparatively late. It is not until the Ptolemaic times that viticulture is actively engaged in about Elephantine.

Vineyards were planted also in the vicinity of Heracleopolis. We have the testimony of an officer of the Saitic pe-


1) "The grapes of *Knm* (Khârgêh), the produce of *Dsds* (Dakhel), the wine of the districts of *Tbui*, the cities of *Nham.t*, *Im*, and *Sajm*", Dümichen, *Die Oasen der Lib. Wüste*, pl. XVI. — The grape, or raisin, of Dakhel appears to have come on the market by the name "Oasis-grape"; see Br., *WB.*, Vol. VII, p. 1129

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 2) See Steindorff, *Durch die Libysche Wüste zur Amonsoase*, 1904, p. 144 ff.

riod, called Hor¹. He states upon his stele that he had planted two vineyards there, in order to provide wine for the god Huneb. Judging from the vineyard scenes in the tomb of Paheri at al-Kab, viticulture was practised also in the vicinity of this ancient city.

One of the most famous vineyards of Egypt was the vineyard of Amon, situated in the Delta near the city of

, i. e.,  Gen. XLVII, 11. The city

was situated "on the bank of the canal *Ptry*", 

(Pap. Anast. IV, 6, 11) It may possibly be identical with the

ancient city of Tanis (Egyptian 

 of the Old Testament; Assyrian ). In this

case *Ptry* would be the modern *bahr al-Mashra'*. The vineyard

bore the name *Ka-n-kemet*². How far this vineyard reaches back

in the history of Egypt is not known. But we know that it existed

in the time of Ramses II. In the wine-cellars at the Ramesseum

have been found many sherds from broken wine-jars, which

bear the name of this vineyard³. According to Pap. Anast.

3, 2, 6 it yielded sweet wine. In Pap. Harris, pl. 8, 1. 5 ff.

Ramses III. says "I made for it *Ka-n-kemet*, inundated like

the two lands, in the great lands of olive, bearing vines,

(being) surrounded by a wall around them by the iter". King

Ramses III. took great interest, it seems, in viticulture. He

paid particular attention to *Ka-n-kemet*, but he also extended

this interest to distant places. Thus we read in the Papyrus

Harris, pl. 7 lines 10 ff. "Vineyards I made for thee in the

Southern Oasis, and the Northern Oasis likewise without num-

ber; others (I planted) in the South with numerous lists. They

were multiplied in the Northern country by the hundred-

thousand. I furnished them with gardeners from the captives

of the countries, provided with lakes, supplied with



lotus flowers, and with pomegranate-wine and wine like draw-

1) See Pierret, *Mon. du Louvre*, I, p. 14.

2) I. e., "The genius of the Black Land (= Egypt)".

3) See *Aeg. Z.*, 1883, 33 ff., and Spiegelberg, *Ostraca*, pls. 19—34.

ing water, for the purpose of presenting them for thee in "Victorious Thebes"¹.




Since the Egyptians were φίλοινοι², i. e., lovers of wine, it is but natural that they expended their genius and their time also on the preparation of all kinds of artificial wines. The home production of grape-wine was never sufficient to meet the home consumption. To meet this deficiency they either imported foreign wines³, or else made their own artificial wines. The wine import into Egypt is well attested in the inscriptions. Herodotus III, 6 mentions it. Twice a year a considerable quantity of wine was received from Phoenicia and Greece. In the ruins of Daphnae (modern Tell Defenneh or Tell ad-Daffâneh, ancient , Hebr. ); the city was situated to the North of the caravan-route between al-Kanțara and aš-Šalihîyeh) wine-jars of distinctly Greek style were found, having been sealed with the seals of Amasis (first half of 6th cent. B. C.)⁴. These wine-jars were imported filled with wine. Herodotus also makes the statement that the earthen jars, in which the wine was imported, when emptied, were used for quite a different purpose. They were then collected and sent to Memphis from every part of Egypt and then, after these jars had been filled with water, they were returned to Syria. Amongst the wines imported into Egypt from Phoenicia figure largely those of Tyre⁵ and Laodicea. The caravan-route which the Phoenician wine-merchants travelled led from Gaza through the desert via Raphia, Rhinokorura, Ostracine, past the station at mount Kasius to Pelusium. The journey from Gaza to mount Kasius took

1) See also Pap. Harris p. 27, 8: "I gave pomegranate-wine and wine as daily offerings, in order to present the land of On in thy splendid and mysterious seat". Cf. also line 9: "I made great gardens for thee, fitted out, containing their groves, bearing pomegranate-wine and wine in the great house of Atum". During the thirty-one years of his reign, Ramses III. bestowed 514 vineyards.

2) Athen. I, 34, b—c. Athepaeus, Deipnos, I, 35 "Dion academicus vinos ac bibaces Aegyptios esse inquit".

3) Egypt, according to the Periplus of the Erythraean Sea, 28, exported a little wine into Cana, of the kingdom of Eleazus, the frankincense country

4) See Petrie, *Nebesheh*, 64. 5) Helioid, Aethiop. V, 27.

five days, and thence to Pelusium one day¹. Since the difficulties in the transportation of wine were great, it was completely lacking in the earliest times; where local production was limited, as in the case of Egypt, they were compelled to make artificial wines. Pliny, XIII, 5 states that in the former times figs, pomegranates, the myxa² and other fruits were used in Egypt in the preparation of artificial wines. Datewine³ appears to have been a favorite beverage, according to Pliny (XIV, 19) and Dioscorides (V, 4), who tell us that this wine was greatly esteemed. Two modes of making this wine seem to have been in use. The Egyptians either scratched the stem of the date-palm with a sharp knife, and gathered the sap into jars and let it ferment, or else they pressed the fresh dates, and the juice thus gained was brought to fermentation. The first method produced a wine which spoiled within a few hours, while by the other method the wine could be kept for a considerable period. Datewine, which was used also for cleansing the entrails of the dead, formed an excellent and cheap drink for the poorer people⁴. For cheapness it was, perhaps, only surpassed by the barley-beer. According to Xenophon⁵ datewine brought on severe headache⁶. A beverage is frequently named in Egyptian inscriptions, called *shedekh*,    ⁷. The

oases of *Dsd*s  ;  and *Kn.t*   

1) Josephus, *B. J.*, IV, 11, 5; Herod. III, 5, 6 and Strabo I, 3, 17.







2) The *cordia myxa* of Linnaeus.


3) *bnrw* (*bnjw*)   ,   ,   .

4) Herodotus, II, 86.



















5) *Cyr.* II, 3.

6) Datewine was used for medicinal purposes. The fruits of the ed-Dom





palm, *mama*,       (*Hyphaene thebaica* Mart. = *Cuceifera thebaica* Desfon.) were used for making beer. The dates of Egypt were considered delicacies in Rome (Gellius, VII, 16).

7)  in *Düm.*, *Kal. Inschr.* 120, I, 11; cf. 119, I, 10; *Pap. Anast.* I,

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




























produced *shedekh* as well as wine¹. It must have been a very expensive beverage, since in the winelists it generally precedes the name of the grapewine. It is most likely the pomegranate-wine of which Pliny states² that it was in use amongst the Egyptians. A third artificial wine was called *baqa*, . It was probably made from figs or dates. This wine was imported into Egypt from Palestine³. A liquor, made of figs, was called *dbjj*               (Med. pap. 19, 1), *dbjj.t*    (Pap. Anast. 3, 3, 5). See also Pap. Anast. 4, 12, 1. This liquor is compared to a flame, since it burned the throat (Pap. Anast. 3, 3, 5). In regard to fig-wine in the Pyramid Texts see W 146a, T 117a, N 454a, Pepi II, l. 154. See also Dümichen, *Der Grabpalast*, Vol. I, pl. XXV. l. 95.

Mixed or spiced wines were common in Egypt⁴. The Egyptians mixed or flavored their wines with the juices of rue, hellebore and absinthium⁵. Whether mixed or spiced wines were admissible for use in the religious cult, is unknown, but it is possible, to conjecture that contrary to the practise

1) Dümichen, *Kal.* 119, 10; *Recueil* IV, 82, 5; 83, 7 etc. In *Recueil* IV, 79, 2 occur the writings   and  .

2) Pliny 14, 19; see also Dioscor. 5, 34.

3) According to Pap. Anast. 3 and 4, Sangar, the mountainous country between the Euphrates and Tigris (modern Sindjar) exported the following beverages to Egypt: *qad'auar*, *kheuaa*, *neket'er* and *yenbu*. The Hittite

country, i. e., Northern Syria and Mesopotamia furnished the   ; Sangar furnished the       ; Alashiya the    and the               and the country between the Orontes and the Balikh       (Pap. Anastasi 4, pl. 15, lines 2—4).

4) Of interest is in this connection the popular etymology of the royal name Psammethichus = *p3-s3-n-mtk*, "the mixer", that is, he who invented mixed drinks. See Spiegelberg, in *OLL*, 1905, Vol. 8, 559 ff. Assyrian: *Pi-sa-me-il-ki*, *Pi-sa-mi-is-ki*, *Tu-sa-me-il-ki*, Tallqvist, *Assyrian Personal Names*, pp. 181, 182.

5) Pliny. XIV, 16.

of the Hebrews the Egyptians had no religious scruples in presenting as offerings adulterated or even artificial wines. Wine-offerings were made at the common offerings and the offerings of the dead. Wine always heads the list of liquid offerings. In Heliopolis, however, wine did not belong to the offerings, according to Plutarch¹. He states that the priests brought no wine into the temple and that they considered drinking during day-time as unseemly τοῦ κυρίου καὶ βασιλέως (scil. Ἡλίου) ἐφορῶντος. The same writer also states that the priests abstain from the use of wine only on days of fasting.



No. 1. An Egyptian Siphon (after Wilkinson, *The Ancient Egyptians*).

For the mixing of wine the Egyptians used the siphon. The process is illustrated on a tomb-painting in Thebes (see Illustration No. 1). A servant is seen directing the wine of three raised wine jars by means of three long siphons into a two-handled wine-cup. Two siphons are represented as being already in action. To exhaust the air the servant has put the end of the third siphon into his mouth. He sucks it, and thus causes the contents of the third jar to flow. Another servant is seen holding two small siphons in his left hand. He stands behind the frame-work and re-fills the slowly emptying jars with a cup.

1) Plut., *Is.* Chapt. VI.

The Egyptian monuments of the early time are silent regarding the question of a wine-tax. This, of course, does not imply that there was none such existing. It is rather to be conjectured that the contrary was the case. For the time before the end of the twentieth dynasty we possess testimony that the wine tax was levied and that this tax consisted in kind. That is, the wine tax was paid with wine. In the stele of Bilgai¹, the Overseer of the Fortress of the Sea, who probably lived in the time of Tewosre, Bilgai boasts in the last section of the inscription of the greatness of the revenues for which he was responsible. His people he assessed to an excess of 25,368 measures of wine. Lines 17 b ff. read: "4632 measures of wine was the (assessed) produce of my people. I delivered them as 30000, an excess of 25,368". The title of Bilgai "overseer of the Fortress of the Sea" shows that the wine spoken of, was wine produced in the Delta. The wines imported from Syria and Greece were most likely subject to a custom house tax even in the time of the end of the Middle and the beginning of the New Empire. Although the Egyptian records are silent on this matter, yet it seems that the treasury of the State drew no small income from the custom house receipts of foreign wines. In a letter of the king of Alashiya and one of the "*râbišu*" of Alashiya to the king of Egypt we seem to have an indication that the Egyptian state had its custom-house officials at the Delta-harbors. These letters call the official of the customs *amêl pagâri-ka*, "the man who makes claim for thee (i. e., the king)". No. 39 lines 17—20 read: *a[mê]l pa-ga-ri-ka ul ia-ga-ar-ri-ib it-ti-šu-nu*, i. e., "Thy custom-house official shall not draw nigh unto them (i. e., my merchants and my ship)". No. 40, lines 24—26: *a[mê]l lu an-nu-ú ardu ša šarri be[-li-ia] ù amêl p[a]-ga-ri-ka it-ti-šu-nu ul i-gi-ri-ib muhhi-šu-nu*, i. e., "the men are servants of the king, my lord, and thy custom-house official (who) is with them, shall not draw nigh against them". Merchants and servants of foreign kings thus seem to have enjoyed the privilege of exemption from paying custom-house duties². Under the rule

1) See Gardiner, in *Aeg. Z.*, 50, p. 49 ff. and pl. 4 facing p. 56.

2) Knudtzon, *Die El-Amarna Tafeln*, No. 39 and No. 40.

of the Ptolemies the winetax seems to have been paid in money¹. Wilcken, *Griechische Ostraka*, p. 270, § 86 discusses the winetax of the Roman period, called οἴνου τέλος. The tax is levied in the Roman period from the owners of the vineyards, who produce wine². This tax may be viewed either as constituting an assessment placed upon the amount of the produce of wine yielded from the individual vineyards, or as a tax placed on the consumption of wine, which, according to Wilcken, may have been levied indirectly on the producer, in order ultimately to be paid by the consumer. The difference in the quality of the grapes and the wine was seemingly instrumental in the varying amount of the winetax. *Theban Ostraca*, University of Toronto Studies, 1913, pp. 124—125 gives three wine-tax receipts. No. 88 (G. 280) is as follows: "Tithoes, son of Peto-sorkon has paid through Horos for the valuation of wine for the tenth year in the Upper toparchy 4 obols. Year 10 of Domitianus our Lord, Hathur 11" (i. e., 90 A. D.). No. 89 (Gr. 70), dated in 181—2 A. D. reads: "Miusis and his colleagues, supervisors of the valuation of wine and palms to Pekrichis, son of Pekrichis, son of Heraklas. We have received from you for the valuation of wine of the produce of the twenty-second year eleven dr. 2 obols = 11 dr., 2 obols, which we will pay into the official bank". The third document dates back to the early third century A. D.: "Aurelios ates, son of Inaros and Plenis, son of Psenenphos, collectors of the valuation of wine and palms of the third year, in respect of Aurelios Pechutes, son of Premtotes, on $\frac{1}{6}$ arura 24 dr. Year 3, Mesore 8. Also for the fourth year 8 dr." A custom-house receipt for wine imported upon a donkey is preserved to us in the Tebtunis papyri³. It reads "Aurelius Plutammon has paid through the custom-house of Kaine the tax of $\frac{1}{100}$ and $\frac{1}{50}$ on importing upon one donkey

1) Wilcken, *Griechische Ostraka*, § 86, No. 327.

2) The wholesale wine-merchant = οἰνέμπορος, Grenf. II, 61, and Pap. Oxyr. I, 43. The wine-merchant = οἰνοπράτης or οἰνοπώλης BGU 34; Pap. Berl. P. 1410. The wine-administrator = οἰνοχειριστής in Byz. [time, P. Oxyr. 141, 150 (Wilcken, *o. c.*, p. 693).

3) Grenfell and Hunt, *The Tebtunis Papyri*, Part II, No. 362.

six jars of wine. The fifth year, Phamenoth, the fifth, the fifth"¹.

We turn next to the wines of Syria. Syria was the wine country-par excellence of the Ancient Near East². Its climate invited the culture of the vine, and the Syrian wines were considered most excellent³. We have seen above that together with Greece, Syria supplied Egypt with a considerable quantity of wine⁴. In the tomb of Rekhmare, the Syrians are represented as bringing their wines as tribute. At the time of the XII. Dynasty, a region called Yaa in Syria is mentioned as having more wine than water⁵. Tothmes III. describes the wine in the presses of Daha to have been "like running water", or. "like a stream"⁶. The most famous wine of Syria was, perhaps, that of Chalybon, which was exported from Damascus to Tyre⁷ and into Persia. It was the wine drunk by the Persian kings, and preferred by them to the exclusion of any other kind⁸. The wine of Chalybon is mentioned also in the


1) τετελεῖσθαι δι(ὰ) πύλ(ης) Καινῆς ρ' και ν'
 Αὐρήλ(ιος) Πλουτάμωων
 ἰσάγων ἐπὶ ὄνω ἐνὶ
 οἴνου κερά(μια) ἔξ. (έτους) ε
 Φαμενώθ πι(εμπτη)
 ε

2) Pangeum in Syria is considered by Hesychius as one of the many places claiming to be the birth-place of Dionysos.

3) Ezek. 27, 18; Hos. 14, 7; Herod. III, 6; Athen., *deipn.* 1; Strabo, *geogr.* XVI; Pliny, *hist. nat.* XV, 9.

4) Herod. III, 6; Strabo, *geogr.* XVII.

5) Tale of Sinuhe: (81) "there were figs (82) in it and vines, more plentiful than water was its wine". Sinuhe further narrates that following his appointment as sheikh of the tribe by Emuiensi (87) "I portioned the bread daily and wine (88) for every day".

6) de Rougé, *Rev. Arch.*, 1860, p. 297; Lepsius, *Auswahl*, 12, 5; Sethe, *Urkunden* IV, 687, lines 11—13. Daha [= זרה זרה (?)] is a name generally used in a very vague sense. Partly it corresponds to Syria (and Phoenicia) and partly to the Semitic Canaan. Its meaning cannot be narrowed to that of "Phoenicia". Daha wines,  are mentioned *Pap. med. Berlin* XI, 1.

7) Ezek. 27, 18; see also Delitzsch, *Die Bibel und der Wein*, p. 12.

8) Herodotus (I, 188) narrates that the clear, goodtasting water of the Choaspes formed the ordinary drink of the Persian kings. They used to take

Cuneiform literature¹. The wine of Libanios had the odor of incense according to Pliny. He states "The Libanian vine also produces a wine with the smell of frankincense with which they make libations to the gods"². Praiseworthy of mention was also the wine of Apamea. "It is remarkably well adapted for making mulsum³, like that of Praetutia in Italy"⁴. Elagabalus supplied his horses at Rome with Apamene grapes (Lampr. *Elag.* 21). An inscription, probably of the fourth century A. D., over the door of a large wine-press near Apamea, refers to the sweetness of the wine in the sunny Orontes valley:

*Nectareos succos, Baccheia munera, cernis
Quae bitis genuit sup aprico sole refecta*

(CIL III, 188 [Bara]). The district of Damascus which is the paradise of the Orient, must have been rich in vineyards and wine. A subtle, although faulty, etymology finds in the name Damascus, דמשק, an allusion to the red juice of the vine. According to Posidonius (in Athenaeus) vines of Chalybon had been transplanted to Damascus. Hieronymus testifies that still at his time Damascene wine was exported to Tyre in his *Comment. in Ezech.* c. 27, p. III, 887: "*significat autem, quod inter ceteras negociationes Tyri, ad nundinas eius de Damasco deferebatur vinum pinguisimum et lana praecipua, quod usque hodie cernimus*". Famous was the wine of Laodicea⁵. Laodicean wine, according to the Periplus, was imported into Abyssinia, the Somali Coast, East Africa, South Arabia and India. Ibn Batuta I, p. 152 praises the vineyards of Aleppo. According to Strabo Laodicea "is a very well-built city, with a good harbor; the territory, besides its fertility in


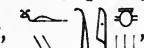
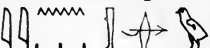

along whole wagon-loads of this water in vessels of silver. For this reason the χρῶσπειον ὕδωρ was also called βασιλικόν.

1) See below p. 43, note 2.

2) Pliny, XIV, 22, 2. Cf. Hosea 14, 7 revised version "the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon", זָבֵרוּ פִּינִין לְבָנוֹן.

3) I. e., honeyed wine. Either honey mixed with must or grape-juice, or honey mixed with fermented wine. To both kinds the name mulsum is applied. For a reference to the wine of Apamea, see also Waddington, *Insc. d'As. Min.* n. 2644.

4) Pliny, XIV, 9. 5) Alexand. Trall, II. p. 483; Strabo, XVI, 751.

other respects, abounds with wine, of which the greater part is exported to Alexandria. The whole mountain overhanging the city is planted almost to its summit with vines". The country of Alashiya, , situated near Qadesh, according to Pap. Anast. IV, pl. 15, line 2, furnished a liquor which was called *fity*, , and *ynbw*, , a special kind of grape-wine (see E. de Rougé, *Mémoire sur la propagation*, p. 97 عنب). In Nâsir-i-Khusran's Diary of a Journey through Syria and Palestine¹ mention is made of the grapes of Ma'arra an Nu'mân, southwest of Qinnasrin: "There are here also fig-trees and olives, and pistachios and almonds and grapes in plenty". The culture of vine at Ma'arra an Nu'mân is also mentioned by Idrisi. In Pap. Anast., IV, 15, 3 the name of a certain beverage is given, which came from the country of Amurru, . It is called *keny*, or also *kenny*. It is, however, likely that this name does not refer to a certain brand of grape-wine, but that it is a special fruit-juice, or a must². 'Amr, Mu'allaqat 7 mentions the wines of Baalbek and Qasirin. Idrisi refers to the fact that the vineyards of Baalbec produce more grapes than the people need for home-consumption. Strabo³ mentions the wine of Seleucia. Good wine was grown in the Syrian Androna, which exported it to Arabia⁴. Hassân ibn Thâbit⁵ mentions the wine of Bait Ras. The wine of al-Khuss in the neighborhood of Qâdesia is mentioned in Imruulqais XVII, 8: "merchants, who go up from al-Khuss with wine, until they discharge it at Yusur". In the Haurân the wines of Sarkhâd and Bosrà enjoyed renown⁶.

1) See Palestine Pilgrims' Text Society, Vol. IV, p. 3. Nâsir-i-Khusran wrote in 1047 A. D.

2) *Aeg. Z.*, 1877, 32. 3) Strabo, VII, 5, 8.

4) 'Amr Mu'allaqat I. "Now then, awake, and bring our morning draught from thy goblet, and do not keep the wines of Anderein".

5) Ibn Hishâm, ed. Wüstenfeld, 829, v. 4. Yâqût knows of two localities of that name, one at the Jordan, the other near Aleppo. Both possessed vineyards.

6) Hamâsa, 646; Kitâb al-'agâni XI, 87, 7 and Yâqût III, 380.

We read in Num. XX, 5 that the Hebrews regretted to leave behind the wines of Egypt, at the time of their departure. Yet Palestine was a country richly blessed with vineyards long before the Hebrews arrived. This is attested even in the Old Testament¹. Wine, indeed, was one of the chief products of the land². It is probable that the proper rendering of the expression "A land flowing with milk and honey" (Ex. 3, 8) should be: "A land flowing with *leben*³ (i. e., sour milk and *dibs* (i. e., grape-syrup)". The words are equivalent to "a land abounding in flocks and thickly planted with fruitful vineyards". The grapes of the vicinity of Hebron were particularly renowned. Nâsir-i-Khusran⁴ says: "From the Holy City to Hebron is six leagues, and the road runs towards the south. Along the way are many villages with gardens and cultivated fields. Such trees as need little water, as for example the vine and the fig, the olive and the sumach, grow here abundantly, and of their own accord". A number of place-names bear witness to viticulture. A valley near Hebron bears the name Naḥal Eshkôl (נַחַל אֶשְׁכּוֹל)⁵, i. e., "the valley of grapes". South-west of Hebron, in the mountain of Judah, lay the city of 'Anab (עֲנָב). Abêl Keramîm (אֲבֵל כְּרָמִים)⁶, a village of the Ammonites, was still rich in vineyards at Eusebius' time, according to *Onomastica sacra*, ed. Lagarde, 225, 6. Bêth Hakkerem (בֵּית הַקֶּרֶם)⁷ in Judah is another place-name indicating the culture of vine. MNidda 1, 7, T 3, 11, b 20a biq'ath bêth kerem (בִּקְעַת בֵּית כֶּרֶם) is a place-name testifying to the culture of vine in the plain. The plain of Sharon, and farther south the old country of the Philistines, were renowned wine-districts in Rabbinic times until the beginning of the Middle-

1) Num. XIII, 24, The Hebrew tradition (Gen. 9, 20) saw in Noah the originator of viticulture. The variety of grapes in ancient times, as now, was very great in Palestine, and each kind had its special use.

2) Dt. 6, 11; 7, 13; 8, 8; Hos. 2, 10. 14. 17; Jer. 5, 17; 39, 10.


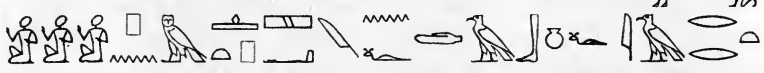

3) Sour milk, according to the Kitâb al-'agânî VIII, 74 and 75 was considered to be food for slaves in Ancient Arabia. Cf. also the Dîwân of the Hudhailites, 96, 9; but compare Lebid XI, 4.

4) Pal. Pil. T. S., Vol. IV, pp. 52—53.

5) Nu. 13, 23 ff.; 22, 9; Dt. 1, 24. 6) Jdg. 11, 33.

7) Jer. 6, 1; Neh. 3, 14.

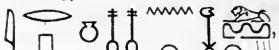
Ages. According to the Mishna Qēruchim and Chätulim produced the best grades of wine. Next follow the wines of Bêth Rima and Bêth Laban in the mountain, and Kêfar Signa in the plain. These places were probably situated in the plain of Sharon. MKil. 6, 5 mentions also the vineyard of Kêfar 'Aziz (כפר עזיז); b Sabb. 147.b mentions the wine of Pêrûgîtha (חמרא דפרוגיחה). Regarding the wine of the valley of Gennesaret see Neubauer, *Géogr.* 45. 215. Solomon possessed a vineyard in Baal-Hamon (פּעַל הַמּוֹן)¹. The vineyards of Shîlo are mentioned in Jdg. 21, 19 ff. According to II. Chron. 2, 9, 14 the people of Tyre were furnished with Judaean wine during the building operations of the first temple, while at the time of the second temple this wine was furnished to both the people of Tyre and of Sidon². Viticulture about the city of Lachish is attested by a representation of the Assyrian king Sennacherib, in which the king is shown seated upon his throne in a hill-country, planted with figtrees and vines (see Illustr. No. 2).

In the Inscription of Una lines 24 and 25 we read 
 "this army returned in safety (after) it had cut down its figs (and) its vines", referring to the country of the Herusha () , that is Southern Palestine. The wine of Haru or Northern Palestine is not infrequently mentioned by the Egyptians³.

The wines of Palestine, as well as those of Syria, were very sweet, like syrup. The wine of the plain of Sharon was extremely strong. After it had been mixed in the proportion of $\frac{1}{3}$ wine to $\frac{2}{3}$ water it still was equal in strength to undiluted Carmel-wine. Different kinds of wines were known to the Hebrews. The Babylonian Talmud⁴ mentions the hiliston (ἡλιόστον), a sweet and weak new wine.

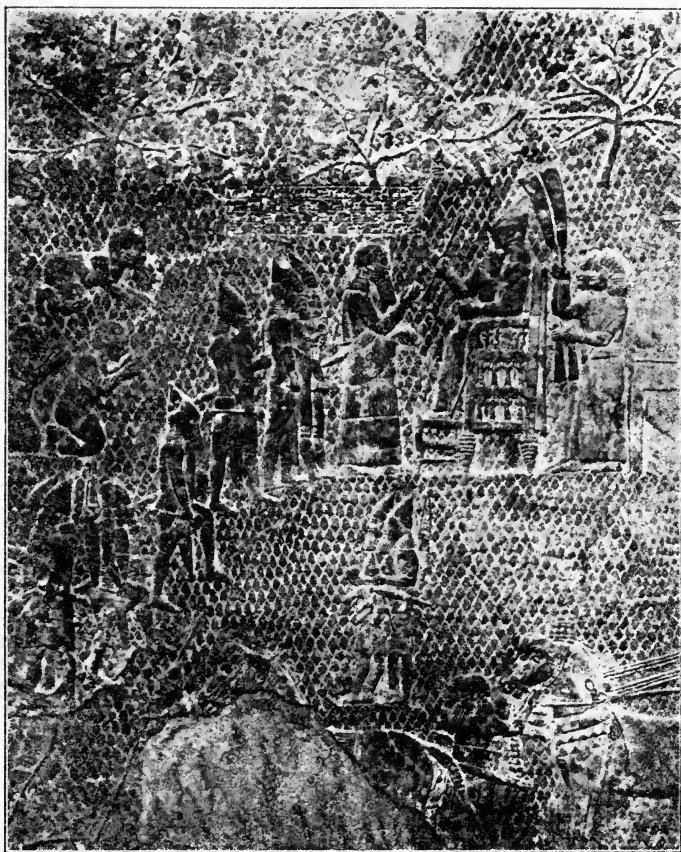
1) Cant. 8, 11. 2) Esra 3, 7.

3) See for instance Pap. Anast. 3, verso 2; 4, 16, 1 and Pitomstele 17.

 "prima wine of Kharu".

4) Baba Bathra 97 a ff.

In preparing this wine, the grapes were exposed to the sun for a few days prior to pressing. Another new wine was called "the smoked wine". "Three-leaf" wine (חמרא בר הלחא) (המרא בר הלחא) was the name of a wine pressed from the טרפי b Sabb 129a) was the name of a wine pressed from the



No. 2. Sennacherib before Lachish; vine-clad hills in the background (after Gressmann, *Altorient. Texte und Bilder*).

grapes of a vinestalk that had borne leaves for the third time. Šimmūqīm, i. e., the *Psythia* or *Amminea* of the Romans, was the name of a wine prepared from raisins. Kūshī was a dark red wine prepared from dark blue grapes. From the grapes

of the wild-growing vine (*Vitis labrusca L.*) was prepared a wine called אלוֹנֶחַיִת, Greek οἶνον ἄλωνα, which seems to have been used more generally for medical purposes¹. For ritual purposes and days of festivities only Yayin was permitted to be used. Yayin was an old, unadulterated grape-wine. The custom of mixing the wines with water seems to have been first introduced in the Graeco-Roman times². It was considered a deterioration of the precious and noble juice³. So it was considered also in Rabbinic times, whenever wine was mixed with honey or spices⁴. Honey-wine was not known to the ancient Hebrews. Its foreign origin is shown by the nomenclature οἶνον μέλι, אֶנְוִמְלִין in the Talmud⁵. Four parts of wine were used to one part of honey. A second honey-wine, *vinum conditum*, קוֹנְדִיטוֹן was a spiced wine, which received a certain quantity of frankincense (לְבוֹנָה) and pepper (פֶּלְפֶּלִין). The יֶרְקוֹנָה, also called אֶפְסִינְחִין, Greek ἄψινθιον, or ἄψινθίνης was a bitter-tasting herb-wine.

The vineyards of Engedi are mentioned in Cant. cant. I, 14. Felix Fabri, writing about 1480—1483 of our era⁶ gives us the following account of the vineyards of Engedi. "Moreover upon these mountains there once stood that exceeding famous vineyard of Engedi, wherein grew balsam beyond all price. This vineyard was planted in this place, Engedi, by King Solomon. The author of the Speculum Historiale says, by the mouth of Josephus, that the queen of Sheba, who came to Jerusalem, from the ends of the earth to hearken to the wisdom of Solomon, as is told in I. Kings 10, brought him many precious gifts, among which was the root of the balsam, as being a gift beyond all price, which root the king planted on the Mount of Engedi, and it was grown in the vineyard there. This vineyard is mentioned by Solomon in the Song of Songs, where he says: "My beloved is like a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi". This vineyard is now in Egypt, and I shall tell who it was who dug it up and transplanted it, and of the

1) The *vitis laërusca L.* is possibly mentioned in Is. 5, 2. 4 under the name פֶּאֶז.

2) II. Macc. 15, 39

3) Is. 1, 22.

4) Maas. sheni 2, 1.

5) M. Shabb. 20, 2.

6) Pal. Pilgr. T. S., Vol. IX, p. 189.

virtues of balsam and camphire, in Part II, p. 68. I have read in an ancient pilgrim's book that some pilgrims to the Holy Land once wandered over these mountains searching carefully, and that in one place they found shoots of balsam, but no shrubs. Beside balsam there once grew on this mountain an excellent wine, wherewith it is believed that Lot's daughters made their father drunk, as we read in Gen. 19". Burchard of Mount Sion¹ (1280 A. D.) praises particularly the wine of Bezek, west of Bethlehem. He writes "Half a league west of Bethlehem is a village called Bezek, which abounds with excellent wine, so that there is no better to be found in the land". The same author mentions also the wines in the Valley of Rephaim, of Sidon, of the Lebanon, of Antaradus and of Margat. Regarding the vineyards of Samaria and Moab see Jud. 9, 12—13. Judging from the name of the city of Gath (גַּת, Assyr. *Gi-im-tu* = *Gi-in-tu*) it appears that viticulture and the making of wine must have been very prominent here as well as in גַּת רִמּוֹן and גַּת הַחֶפְרָיִם. According to Babyl. Talmud, Meg 6a the country of Naphtali was everywhere covered with fruitful fields and vineyards. In Galilee little wine was produced, and for this reason, it was more greatly esteemed than oil (Nazir, 31 b: שֵׁנִי דְהִמְרָא עֲדִיקָא מִמְשַׁחָא). Josephus, *Wars*, B III, c X, 8 states that Gennesaret "supplies men with the principal fruits, with grapes and figs continually, during the months in the year".

The Talmud mentions certain wines which were prohibited at a certain period, on account of the fact that these wines were grown in places which were situated near settlements inhabited by Samaritans. Thus Abod. zar. 4: "The wine of Ogdor is forbidden to be drunk on account of the neighborhood of Kěfar Pagesh; that of Borgatha on account of the neighborhood of Birath Sariqah; that of 'Ain-Kushith on account of the neighborhood of Kěfar Shalem", יֵינָהּ שֶׁל אוֹגְדוֹר, לְמַעַן הוּא אֶסוּר מִפְּנֵי כְּפַר פֶּגֶשׁ וְשֶׁל בּוֹרְגָתָא מִפְּנֵי בִירַת סַרְיָקָה שֶׁל עֵין כּוּשִׁית מִפְּנֵי כְּפַר שְׁלֵם. In Abod. zar. 31 a the reading is: אוֹמֵר יֵין שֶׁל עֵין כּוּשִׁי אֶסוּר מִפְּנֵי בִירַת סַרְיָקָה וְשֶׁל בּוֹרְקָהא אֶסוּר מִפְּנֵי כְּפַר פְּרִשָׁאִי וְשֶׁל זְגָדוֹר מִפְּנֵי כְּפַר שְׁלֵם.

1) Pal. Pilgr. T. S., Vol. XII, pp. 89 ff.

The Hebrews¹ liked to strengthen the wine by adding spices, thus making it more palatable². Wherever the Old Testament speaks of "mixing the wine"³, the preparation of such "spiced wines" is meant. Spiced wines were prohibited, however, for ceremonial purposes. Wine mixed with myrrh was considered a narcotic⁴, while amongst the Greeks and the Romans, myrrh-wine was esteemed as less intoxicating, therefore being favored as a drink for women. The Mishna (Baba Bathra 98a) mentions perfumed wine, which is possibly identical with spiced wine. The Classical writers do not dwell on the discussion of the strictly Palestinian wines. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that much of the wine that was exported from Phoenicia was labelled as Phoenician, or thought to be Phoenician wine by the foreign receivers, whereas it was originally prepared by peoples living in the countries adjacent to Phoenicia.

Pomegranate-wine (עֲסִיס רְמוּזִים) is mentioned in Cant. 8, 2. The pomegranate, an apple-shaped red fruit of 5—10 cm diameter, contains a large number of juicy fruitstones. It was from this juice that pomegranate-wine was prepared. Apple-wine seems also to have been known to the inhabitants of Palestine⁵. During the time of harvest a sour beverage called חֶמֶץ (Rt. 2, 14; cf. Ps. 69, 22) was sometimes used. *Chômez* (Coptic ⲬⲙⲁⲪ, ⲬⲉⲙⲁⲪ; Aram. חמץ; Syr. ܚܡܘܿܨܐ; Arab. خمر) is the common word for "vinegar", which was customarily prepared from a poor quality of wine (*vinum culpatum*). It was considered a refreshing and strengthening beverage even in later times; cf. f. i., j Sabb. 14 d, 10 החומץ מיישב את הנפש. There remains some doubt whether the following beverages should be classed with the wines or the beer. According to Rabbinic usage they should be enumerated amongst the beers, but we shall rather follow the Greek and Roman usage and refer to them here. From the fruit of the laurel-tree was prepared the שכר לא דדפנא (b Pesach. 56a). The leaves of the סדג, j, e.,

1) All the ancient people were fond of spiced wines.

2) *Yayin harekakh*; Cant. 8, 2.

3) Is. 5, 22; Ps. 75, 9; Prov. 9, 2. 5 (מִסָּדֶה). 4) Mk. 15, 23.

5) Talm. M. Terum. 11, 2 (יין הפיחיים).

the *laurus malabathrum*, also were used for making wine. "Brier-wine", שכר של היזמי was a date-wine mixed with *cuscuta*, which grows on a thorn-bush (היזמי). Similar was the beverage called אסני, prepared from the fruit of the סנה brier (See b Kethub. 77 b and b Pesach. 107 a).

✓ Phoenicia also was one of the important wine countries of the Orient. According to Schol. Apoll. Rhod. IV, 540 and 983 it shared the distinction, amongst other countries, to have contained the birthplace (Nysa) of Dionysos. Phoenicia cultivated wine of excellent quality and great quantity. Phoenician wine was exported together with the wines bought in Palestine and Syria and elsewhere. Most of it was shipped to Egypt, but also Arabia, eastern Africa and India were supplied with the famous stocks of the Phoenician wine-merchants. Diod. 5, 17 states that the traffic of wine led the Phoenician traders even to Spain and the nearby islands. Wine constituted one of the chief articles of the Phoenician traders and the gain from this export article must have been enormous. Compare f. i., Horace, *Od.* I, 31, 10: *dives et aureis mercator exsiccat culullis vina Syria reparata merce Dis carus ipsis; quippe ter et quater anno revisens aequor Atlanticum impune*. The wine of Tyre is mentioned in Alex. Trall. II, p. 327, 407, 457, 485, and 495; Pliny 14, 9 (7). It claimed distinction together with the Syrian Chalybonium¹. Tyre was richer in beer and wine than in water, for we read in Pap. Anast. 18 that "water is brought to her by ship". An inscription of Heraclea in Lucania², dating from the end of the fourth century B. C., speaks of βυβλία and of βυβλίνα μασχάλα which has probably reference to the viticulture of Byblos. The Βίβλινος οἶνος is, at least in some instances, understood to be a wine, which came from the Phoenician city of Byblos³. The vine-stalk of Byblos was planted in Luciana as well as in Sicily⁴

1) The Chalybonium came originally from Beroea, but afterwards grew also in the neighborhood of Damascus. For this wine see Pliny, *Hist. n.*, XIV, 73; Geop. 2, and Athen. I, p. 28 d.

2) CIG III, 5774 lines 58 and 92.

3) Byblos, i. e., Gūbél, Arabic el-Kobyle, modern Djibeil; Jo. Phokas = Ζεβελέρ.

4) It is stated that a certain king Πόλλις of Sikyon or Syracuse, or else an Argeian called Πόλιος (Poll. VI, 16) brought the plant to Sicily. The

and some other places¹. All the wines made from the original Byblos vine-stalk were called βιβλιος οἶνος. Not every βιβλιος οἶνος, therefore, was a wine of Phoenicia. The Βύβλιος οἶνος of Archestratos (in Athen. I, 29 b) refers certainly to the wine of the Phoenician city. The wine of Sarepta is mentioned in Alexand. Trall. I, p. 335. 483; II, p. 217. 325, and 407; and in Sid. Apoll., Carm. 17, 16. Pliny (XIV, 9 (7)) mentions the wine of Berytos², and the wine of Tripolis (XIV, 9 (7)). Idrisi also mentions the vineyards of that city. Regarding the viticulture of Homs he states that this city possessed many vineyards at the time of the Muhammedan possession, that is prior to the Crusades, but that they are now nearly completely destroyed. The wine of the country of Arvad is mentioned in an Egyptian inscription³. For the wine of Gaza see Sid. Apoll., Carm. 17, 15 and Isid. Orig. XX, 3, 7. Gaza was the center of the wine-trade for Egypt and Syria. This city had built up a considerable industry in the manufacture of wine-jars for the export trade⁴. The harbor of Gaza, called Maioumas, contained a colony of wine dealers⁵. Mention is made of the wine of Gaza also in the Code of Justinian, together with the other famous wines of that time⁶. This wine was known in the Occident under the names of "Gazetum" and "Gazetinum"⁷. The wine was considered a luxury at the court of Guntram, king of Burgundia (Gregor. Turon. 7, 29). Pap. Anast. 25, 2 ff. contains a reference to the vineyards of Joppa. It reads: "When thou enterest Joppa thou findest a garden green as the spring. Thou enterest for the purpose of getting food, and thou findest there the

Βύβλι(ν)ος οἶνος of Sicily was therefore also called Πόλλιος (Ael. v. h. XII, 31). Hippys (in Athen. I, 31 b) states that an Argeian Πόλλιος, king of Syracuse, had brought the ἄμπελος βιβλία to Syracuse, but from Italy.

1) The famous vine-plant of Byblos was moreover cultivated in Thrace. Armenides (in Athen. I, 31 a) knew of a Thracian Βύβλια, also called Antisare and Oisyme. Achilles Tatios (II, 2) names this wine besides the maroneic, which is a Thracian wine.

2) See also Imhoof Blumer, op. I, p. 62. Raisins of excellent quality were exported from Berytus (Plin. XVI, 18).

3) See Breast. *Egypt*, II, p. 461. 4) *Tot. Orb. Descr.*, c. 29.


5) Marc. Diac., c. V. 6) Corp. de laud. Just. min., III, 88 ff.

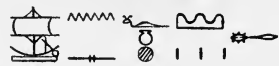
7) Stark, p, 562.

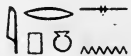
ovely maiden who takes care of the wines". Idrisî refers to the viticulture of this city in conjunction with that of Ascalon and Arsûf¹. In Edfu the wine of the Fenkhu is called an import article of the foreign country².

Wherever the climate permitted it, vineyards were also in the ancient times planted in Arabia. According to Diod. I, 15 Osiris had even discovered the vine at Nysa in Arabia³. The Periplus advised the sailors to load little wine for Arabia as a place of destination, because that country produces much of it (Peripl. erythr.). Into Muza in South Arabia were imported "wine and grain, however not much, for the country itself produces a fair quantity of wheat, and a larger one of wine". The fertile valleys of al-Yaman produced at least sufficient wine for home-consumption. The poet al-A'sha of Bakr⁴ sings of the pleasures of the vintage at a place called Athâfit. He was in possession of his own winepress. Regarding 'Anâfit [عنافت] in al-Yaman Idrisî states that, in his time, it was surrounded by vineyards. According to Bukhârî⁵ the inhabitants of al-Yaman also used to drink honey-wine (*bit*). Sprenger, citing Hamdanî's *Iklîl* about the Wâdi Ḍahr in al-Yaman (p. 181 ff.) says: "It is situated two hours or less (west) of Ṣan'â and a brook waters both sides of the wâdi, which produces about twenty different kinds of grapes and all other kinds of fruit of excellent quality". Mordtmann-Müller, *Sabäische Denkmäler*, No. 11 contains an inscription which testifies to the culture of vine amongst the Bata', who dwelled near the Wâdi Ḍahr. Müller D. H., *ibid.* p. 46 states that according to Hamdanî the Wâdi

1) Jaubert, *Géogr. d'Édrisi*, Vol. I, p. 348.

2)  (see Br. *WB.*, Vol. V, p. 434). *Dict.*

Géogr. p. 650 it is said of an Egyptian coast city, 

 i. e., (to Buto of Âm, who resides in Egypt) the Fenkhu sail southward with their wine".

3) See also Diod. III, 64. 66; IV, 2; cf. Virg., *Aen.* 6, 805 und Ovid, *met.* 4, 13. According to Hesychius Nysa and the Nysaeon mountain, amongst other countries mentioned, is also placed in Arabia.

4) A contemporary of the prophet. 5) Bukhârî, III, 78.

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Dahr produces a certain kind of grape, called ضروع regarding which the Tâg al-'Arûs, s. v. says: (ضروع) قال ابو حنيفة الضروع بالضم عنب بالسراة ابيض كبير الحب قليل الماء عظيم العثاكيل مثل الزبيب الذى يسمى الطائفى. Şan'â is mentioned by Yâqût as having vine-culture. Shibâm, a mount, which is situated eight parasangs west of Şan'â, according to Imr.' 59, 10 possessed vineyards, the fruit of which was used to make wine. G'enwân (جنوان), which is 72 m. distant from Şan'â and 48 m. from Sa'da, abounded in vines which produced grapes of an extraordinary size. The dried grapes were of an excellent taste and expensive. The raisins of G'enwân were exported near and far¹. According to Wellsted I, p. 103 ff, the inhabitants of G'abal akhdar in 'Oman are engaged in viticulture and make wine. Idrisi² states that 'Oman is growing wine. Opposite Masqat (مسقط) in 'Oman, on the island of Kaish (كيش), in the middle of the Persian gulf vine was cultivated³. The mountain valleys of 'Oman were the regions originally producing the muscatel-grape. The Periplus even states that wine was exported from Arabia to Barygaza in India. Of the latter place he says: "Wine is imported in the trading place, predominantly Italian, Laodicean and Arabian". Mecca produced but a small quantity of grapes⁴. The vineyards of Petra⁵ are mentioned by Pliny (XIV, 9, 7). The island of Tylos in the Arabic gulf contained remarkable vines⁶. The surroundings of at-Ṭâ'if and of al-Cathif were renowned for the excellence of their grapes⁷. Mohammed caused the vine-

1) Jaubert, *o. c.*, Vol. I, p. 144.

2) Jaubert, *o. c.*, Vol. I, p. 151.

3) Jaubert, *o. c.*, Vol. I, p. 153.

4) Jaubert, *o. c.*, Vol. I, p. 139.

5) Doubt, however, exists, if Pliny had in mind Petra in Arabia. Fee suggested Petra in the Balearic Islands. See Dalman, G., *Petra und seine Felsheiligtümer*, p. 1: "Feigen, Granatäpfel, Aprikosen und Weinstöcke sind die Fruchtbäume, welche hier gedeihen". In a papal bull of Honorius III, dated Aug. 6, 1218 and which was repeated Jan. 20, 1226, giving an enumeration of the landed property of the monastery of Mount Sinai, are mentioned also the vineyards of wādī mūsa near Petra. See ZDPV., Vol. X, p. 238; Röhrich, *Studien zur mittelalterl. Geographie und Topographie Syriens*.

6) Pliny XII, 23, 1; Theophr., *Hist. pl.* IV, 7, 8.

7) See Abulfeda, *Annal. mosl.*, p. 49, 126. The Omayyade caliph Yazid I. procured his wine from at-Ṭâ'if (v. Kremer, *Culturgeschichte des Orients*, I, p. 141).

yards of at-Tâ'if to be destroyed when he beleaguered that city¹. Qazwîni II, 64 praises the grapes and the raisins of at-Tâ'if. At-Tâ'if furnished Mecca with grapes (Idrisî, Vol. I, p. 139). A troop of the Sulaim goes to at-Tâ'if in order to buy provisions and wine (Dîwân of the Hudh. No. 216). In Medina, which abounded in dates, generally date-wine seems to have been drunk². Several large kegs filled with strong drink were broken to pieces and wine-skins were emptied on the ground at the time when one of the castles of Chaibar was taken by the forces of Muhammed (Waqîdî, 151a, 151b)³. The sixteenth Sûra of the Koran (v. 69) testifies to the viticulture of the Arabs, and it shows also that they prepared palm-wines⁴. This was before Mohammed placed the prohibition of intoxicating liquors upon his followers. On festive occasions the Arabs of pre-Mohammedan times were accustomed to use wine to excess⁵. A significant case of inebriation is narrated, for instance, in Abulfedæe *Historia Anteislamica*⁶. For a mention of the grapes of ad-Damr see Lebîd, XLI, 48. Sadûm Râh (سَدُومِ رَا حِ), a well-inhabited fortress of considerable size, possessed many vineyards⁷. Palgrave⁸, describing the G'auf, makes a casual mention of viticulture in that district of Nor-

1) Ibn Hishâm, ed. Wüstenfeld, 873, and Wellhausen, J., *Muhammed in Medina. Das ist Vakidi's Kitab al-Maghazi*, Berlin 1882, p. 370.

2) Bukhârî, III, *Kitâb al-Ashriba*.

3) Wellhausen, J., *Muhammed in Medina*, p. 275.

4) وَمِنْ ثَمَرَاتِ النَّخِيلِ وَالْأَعْنَابِ تَتَّخِذُونَ مِنْهُ سَكَرًا وَرِزْقًا حَسَنًا

5) Geopn. II, c. 21; see also chapter IV.

6) وما زالت سدانة البيت في خزاعة حتى انتهت الى رجل منهم يقال له ابو غبشان وكان في زمان قصي بن كلاب فاجتمع مع قصي في الطائف على شرب فاسكره قصي وخذع ابا غبشان الخزاعي المذكور واشترى منه مفاتيح الكعبة بزق خمر (ed. Fleischer, Lipsiae, MDCCCXXXI, p. 186, lines 6-8). I may add here the interesting passage, Yâqût, Vol. IV, p. 380, lines 3 and 4:

ومن وراءهما قبة الشراب
فيها حوض كان يستقى فيه السويق والسكر قديما.

7) Jaubert, *o. c.*, Vol. I, p. 145.

8) Palgrave, W. G., *Narrative of a Year's Journey through Central and Eastern Arabia*, London, 1866, Vol. I, p. 184.

thern Arabia. He says: "Sometimes a comfortable landed proprietor would invite us to pass an extemporary holiday morning in his garden, or rather orchard, there to eat grapes and enjoy ourselves at will, seated under clustering vine-trellises, with palm-trees above and running streams around".
 × He further states; "The apricot and the peach, the fig-tree and the vine, abound throughout these orchards and their fruit surpasses in copiousness and flavour that supplied by the gardens of Damascus or the hills of Syria and Palestine"¹. For a casual remark on vines in Hâ'il see Palgrave, *Narrative of a Year's Journey through Central and Eastern Arabia*, London, 1866, Vol. I, p. 74.

Wine grown in Arabia seems to have been generally of a red color, judging from its designation *damu'-z-ziqq*², i. e., "blood of the slough". 'Amr Mu'allaqat 2 speaks of the saffron color of the wine and Imr. 59, 10 compares it to gazelle-blood. Lebîd, IX, 11 mentions dark wine. From the blackish, old, tightly bound wine-skin flows wine, which foams reddish in the cup, Lebîd, XVIII, 15. 16. Pure red wine, *صُهْبَاءُ صِرْفٌ*, Krenkow, F., *The Poetical Remains of Muṣāḥim al'Uqaili*, Leiden, 1920, I, 13. Aged wine was highly esteemed, 'Abîd V, 13, 14: "And oftentimes the wine, in fragrance like broken pieces of musk — long time has it spent in the wine-jar, year after year passing by — have I quaffed in the morning before the Dawn shone forth to our mirth', in the tent of a man rich in bounty, pouring it freely to all"³. Good wine was supposed to heal headaches⁴. Wine was quite frequently mixed with rain-water, Lebîd, XVIII, 16; XL, 47. 48; XLI, 14—16 (wine mixed with rain-water and bee-honey). Old wine mixed with rain-water, also Kais ibn al-Haṭîm, ed. Kowalski, XIV, 17. The Pre-Islamic Arabs prepared a punch from grape-juice by adding spices and hot water⁵. A beverage, prepared from raisins,

1) Palgrave, *o. c.*, Vol. I, p. 59.

2) *Hamâsa*, ed Freytag, p. 559.

3) Lyall, Sir Charles, *The Diwâns of 'Abîd ibn al-Abras, of Asad and 'Amir ibn al-Tufail, of 'Amir ibn Ṣaṣa'ah*, Leyden, 1913.

4) *Alqama* XIII, 9.

5) 'Amr Mu'all. 2. Wine simply mixed with hot water, Lebîd, XVII. 33.

was called *mā sebīb*, "raisin-water". It had a sour taste; honey was added to sweeten it (Dīwān of the Hudhailites, 100, 13). Ancient Arabia imported most of its wines from Syria.

Babylonia was no real wine country. The conditions of the soil and the climate in Southern Babylonia prohibited an extensive culture of vines. A myth, stating the reasons for the lack of extensive viticulture in that country, tells us that Dionysos was angered with the Babylonians who drank beer (*sikera*), and turned away from these countries¹. Yet viticulture was practised in Southern Babylonia at a very early date. The earliest reference which we possess, so far, regarding the planting of vineyards in Babylonia, is that in Cylinder A, XXVIII, 10—11 of Gudea. It reads: *ne-sag-bi kur-geštin-bi-x*", i. e., "The *ne-sag* was like a mountain (planted) with vines". We know also of the fact that the Babylonian vineyards had their special names as was the case in ancient Egypt². This bit of information we gain from Gudea, Cyl. A, XXVIII, 23—24: *šar-gig-edin ê-šú sig-ga-bi kur-geštin-bi-x ki-ni-lám-e mā-ám*, i. e., "The garden 'anqullu' (that is the name of the vineyard!) which was planted by the temple, was like a mountain (planted) with vines, which rises up on a magnificent place". This same passage is instructive from another point of view. The alluvial ground of southern Babylonia would have been detrimental to viticulture, but the early Babylonians knew this fact and planted their vineyards on artificially raised plots (Gudea: "which rises up on a magnificent place"). This fact has been overlooked by scholars so far. When we come to speak of the viticulture of the Ancient Egyptians in detail, we shall see, that the very same mode of planting vineyards was used by them. To speak of borrowing would be very hasty. The genius of both civilizations was such that each one could come upon this devise without the help of the other. In view, however, of the fact that the Babylonians at this early date at least³,

1) Jul. Afric. Κεστοί, c. 25: πίνουσι ζύθον Αἰγύπτιοι, κάλαμον Παιόνες, Κηλοῖ βερβησιαν (i. e., cerevisia), σίκερα Βαβυλώνιοι. Διόνυσος γὰρ κατέλιπεν ὠρισμένους.

2) See following chapter.

3) This instance in Gudea is the only reference to the custom, as far as Babylonia is concerned.

gave special names to their vineyards, it seems that if any borrowing occurred, in this instance the Babylonians were the borrowers¹. In Northern Babylonia the conditions were more favorable to the vine. In some localities, we may suppose, vines even flourished luxuriantly. Nabon. 606, 10 and 869, 5 show that branches bearing from fifty to a hundred grapes were no rarity. The Babylonian wine was called nectar by Chaereus in Athen. I, p. 29 f. More extensive viticulture was introduced into Babylonia during the time of the Macedonians². During the century preceding the advent of Islam the wines of Babylonia were renowned and exported to Arabia. According to 'Abid, XXVI, 3 the wine matured in Babylonia was of a pale color:

ظَلْتُ بِهَا كَأَنَّي شَارِبٌ صُهْبَاءَ مِمَّا عَتَّقْتُ بَابِلَ

The kings of Assyria seem to have shown a great interest in the viticulture of Assyria. According to Herodotus I, c. 193 Assyria suffered from too moist a climate, which was detrimental to the raising of the vine. Herodotus, however, is emphatically wrong. Assyria was preeminently a land of corn and wine. Sanherib himself boasts that his land is such, according to II. Kings 18, 32 *אֶרֶץ דְּנִן וְתִירוֹשׁ אֶרֶץ יָהָב וְקֶרְמִים*. Strabo speaks about the vines of Mesopotamia³. Ašurnasirpal planted vineyards in Kalah⁴, while Sanherib tried to acclimatize all kinds of foreign vines in Nineveh⁵. As a particularly good grade of wine is mentioned the "mountain-wine". It seems that the wine of the mountain of Arzabia was one of the famous wines in Assyrian times⁶. *Hi-li* was likewise a mountain renowned for its vines. In the legend of the god of pestilence, the god is said to have cut down its grapes. The mountain called Habur (II R 51, No. 1, 3 b) probably produced the *Karan Ha-*

1) The *ne-sag* in Gudea's cylinder A is undoubtedly the "raised plot", or, "the terrace" of the vineyard.

2) Strabo, XV, 3.

3) Strabo, *geogr.* XV. Vines on the bank of the Araxes (Xenoph. Anab. I, 4, 19); wine of Caenae (ibid. II, 4, 28). For wines of Babylonia in pre-islamic times, see Lebíd, I, 7; XVII, 37 and XL, 47.

4) I R 27, No. 2, 8. 5) CT XXVI, 8, 16 ff.

6) For the mountain-vines which grew on the heights see CT XXVI, 8, 21 and Thureau-Dangin, *Huitième campagne de Sargon*, line 239: "[kimaⁱ]šu gap-ni tar-bit šadi-i eli ubânât šadû Ar-za-bi-a a-šu-ni".

bu-ru (II R 44, 13 g). The most famous wines, however, came from the Hamrîn-mountain, the holy wineland of the goddess Siris¹. In the mountain of Hamrîn was situated a city called Ninua² which was noted for its wines. The district about Bakuba north-east of Baġdâd produced plenty of wine. The village Sûnâyâ, i. e., the al-‘Atîqa or Maġalla al-‘Atîqa of Baġdâd, was renowned for its black grapes, which ripened sooner at this place than all others elsewhere; Yâqût III, 197, 6: قرية قديمة: بغداد ينسب اليها العنب الأسود الذي يتقدم ويبكر على ساير (دير كرمالس) العنب مجناه. The cloister Dair Darmâlis seems to have contained a *hânût*, or wineshop, judging from the words of Yâq. II, 660: “It is large and frequently visited by people on account of the revelries, the entertainments, and drink and festivities”, وهو كبير أهل معمور بالقصف والتنزة والشرب واعباد. Regarding the Dair az-Zandaward in Baġdâd Yâq. II, 665, 17 states that “it has the most excellent grapes of all that are pressed in Baġdâd”, وهى من أجود الاعناب التى نُعَصَّر بِبغداد. Abû Nowâs sings (*ibid.*): “Bring me wine of the grapes of Zandaward the forenoon; I shall sip it in the shade of (grape)-clusters”,

فَسَقِّنِي من كروم الزَّندَوْرَدِ ضَاغِي ماء العناقيد فى ظل العناقيد
 During the rule of the Sâsânides the Nestorian and Jacobite Christians possessed many cloisters in the ‘Irâq whose inmates were extensively engaged in viticulture. These cloisters were the meeting-places of poets and cavaliers during the time of the Omayyades and the first ‘Abbâside caliphs. Here they were more or less safe to enjoy the excellent wines that were stored in the cellars of the cloisters. Even nunneries possessed their wineshops. Thus we read in Yâq. II, 679 regarding the Dair al-‘adârâ (the cloister of the virgins), which was also called Dair al-‘Alt from its location near ‘Alt: “Halidî says: I have seen it; virgins live in it; there are also wineshops in it وقال الخالدي وشاهدته وبه نسوة عذارى وحانات خمر. It never became empty of pleasure-seekers (Yâq. II, 681, 3). According to Muqaddasî grapes abounded in the neighborhood of the

1) See Hommel, *Grundriss*, p. 28ç.

2) CT X, pl. 49 (14434), line 10.

city of 'Ukbarâ. A famous wine was grown in the village of Qutrabbul (قَطْرَبَل) Yâq. IV, 133, 4 states: "It is a village between Baġdâd and 'Ukbarâ, from which originates a well-known wine. It is a constant pleasure-resort for people who have leisure, and a shop for wine-merchants; the poets frequently make mention of it": قربة بين بغداد وعكبرا ينسب اليها الخمر: وما زالت متنزها للبطالين وحانة للخمارين وقد اكثر الشعراء من ذكرها. Hauqal 167 mentions the extensive vineyards about the city of Sâmarrâ. Accordings to Johns, *Assyr. Deeds and Documents*, 362, 5 one single garden in Singara bore 2400 vinestalks. Some vineyards about Harrân numbered even 15000 and 29000 vinestalks (Johns, *An Assyr. Doomsday Book*, p. 29, Col. I, lines 21 and 35). Idrisî states that vineyards were, planted along the river Ḥawâli (حوالى) which comes from Diyâr Rebia' (ديار ربيعه). These vineyards were probably tended to by the Arabs, who lived in settled habitations on the banks of this river¹. Regarding Susa, the ancient capital of Elam, the classical writers assert that there were no vines at that place before the conquest of Alexander. Only special means assured the growth of the vine. Instead of loosening the ground, the better to admit the heat, they simply drilled a hole with a rod which was fitted with an iron on one end. Into these holes they placed the shoots².

Hommel³ conjectures that the Semites did not know the vine at all in the oldest time. This he supposes from such words as "vine", "wine", and "vineyard", which according to him are either non-Semitic words, or else imply still another, more general meaning. Thus *karânu*, Greek κάποινον, talm. קרינא is non-Semitic to him. *Īnu* (יִנּוּ, וִינּוּ [grape], 𐎠𐎢𐎽) is West-Semitic, and a foreign importation as far as it regards Babylonia. He further notices that *karmu* "vineyard", *gupnu*, "vine", and *'inabu*, "grape", have in Assyro-Babylonian still the general meanings "acreland", "stem, pluck" (Assurnasirpal 2, 43 and 71) and "fruit" (*inbu*).

In Strassm. 896, 16 we possess a reference to fig-wine, *inu ša titi*. *Īnu* = wine is late in Babylonian and Hommel is right

1) Jaubert, *o. c.*, Vol. II, p. 149.

2) Strabo, *geogr.* XV.

3) *Aufsätze und Abhandlungen*, p. 93.

in saying that *inu* as well as *tittu* (= *tintu*) are West-Semitic borrowings. Meissner, *Assyr. Studien*, VI mentions three brands of wine:

giš-geštin-igi-gud = *i-ni alpi* = ox-eye¹

giš-geštin-sur-ra = *ša-ah-tu* = pressed wine

giš-geštin-ḥa-babbar-a = *mu-zi-qu* = mixed wine².

The date-palm grew in abundance in Babylonia. This is shown by its Sumerian name = *ka-lum(-ma)*, which signifies "fruit (*kā*) (which) grows in abundance, or, which grows luxuriantly (*lum*)"³. Thus date-wine supplied a cheaper drink for the poorer classes of Babylonia. According to Xenophon (*Anab.* II, 5, 14) it was a pleasant drink, but caused headache. Pliny (*h. n.* 23, 51) states that fresh dates cause intoxication and headache. *Kurunnu* was the name applied to datewine, to which some sesame-oil had been added. Sometimes also cassia-leaves were used to flavor and improve the quality of the date-wine. Meissner, *Babylonien und Assyrien*, Heidelberg, 1920, p. 240 observes that during the Neo-Babylonian time 1 kur (= 121 l) of dates yielded one ton of date-wine. *Tâbâtu* was a beverage prepared from water and a small addition of fermented fruit-juices or wine. It is frequently mentioned in medical texts. The national drink of the Babylonians, however, was always beer⁴. Harper 43 (K. 122)⁵ is important for our investigation, since it supplies us with a number of names of towns and districts in which the vine was cultivated. Obv. lines 18 ff. read: ^{amêlu}rab-kar-man ^{m.}Daian-Adad (19) ^{âlu}I-sa-na ^{mâtu}Hal-zi-ad-bar (20) ^{âlu}Bir-tum ^{âlu}Ar-zu-ḥi-na (21) ^{âlu}Arba-ilu ^{âlu}Gu-za-na (22) ^{âlu}Ša-riš ^{âlu}Tam-nu-na

1) *Īni alpi* in Meissner, *Assyr. Studien*, VI, as well as *Īnu ša šikari* in Delitzsch, *HW*, 49, are naturally different words from *inu*, wine. A comparison between V R 52, 64—65 a with II R 25, 38 a, b shows that a word *inu* = *mutin* = *karānu* existed. See also Syl. S (b), line 168 (Delitzsch, *AL*, 3. ed., 57) *inu* = *namzitu* = pressed wine. *Namzitu* is probably in some instances the same as the *šahtu* above. See ZDMG, 48, 705. *Namzitu* = "must" in Str., *Nbd.* 278.

2) Also written *munziqu* and *munzuqu*. "Pressed" wine? More probably a "filtered" wine = שְׁמֵרִים מְזֻקִּים, Is. 25, 6; Jer. 48, 11.

3) Delitzsch, *Sum. Gl.* s. v.

4) See chapter III.

5) See also *BA* IV, p. 513 ff.

(23) ^{âlu}Ri-mu-su, i. e., "the overseers of the vineyards Daian-Adad of Isana, in the country of Ḫalziadbar, of Birtum, of Arzuḫina, of Arba'îlu, of Guzana, of Sharish, of Tamnuna, of Rimusu". The city Isan, mentioned first, is Tell Isân, Isân Koi, between Aleppo and Bireġik, in the plain between Sadjur and Kerzûn, 45' north of Zembûr¹. The city is here stated to be situated in the country (or district) of Ḫalziadbar. Birtu was situated west of the Euphrates, and was a Hittite city². Since the name Birtu occurs frequently, it remains doubtful, however, whether this city is meant³. The texts mention the following names of cities compounded with Birtu: Birtu-ša-Kar-îlu-bêl-mâtâti, Birtu-ša-Labbanât⁴, Birtu-ša-Kinia⁵ and Birtu-ša-Sarragiti. It is more likely that one of the two latter cities is intended here, both of which seem to have been situated in the district of the Gurumu on the lower Zab⁶. Arzuḫina (written also Ur-zu-ḫi-na in Harper, *Assyr. and Babyl.-Letters*, IV) and Arba'îlu are well known cities. The former, according to II R 65, 15. 16 b⁷ was situated on the lower Zab river and opposite the city of Zaban. Arba'îlu (Αρβηλα, modern Erbil) lay between the upper and the lower Zab. Guzana is a city which is mentioned in the Old Testament (יְרִיחַ, II. Kings 17, 6; 18, 11; 19, 12; Is. 37, 12; I. Chr. 5, 26)⁸. It was situated on the river Ḫabûr. The last city mentioned in the Harper text, Rimusu lay on a canal of the river Ḫusur⁹. All of these cities had vineyards over which a *rab-karmâni*, "an overseer of the vineyards" was placed. Tablet K. 346¹⁰ mentions an overseer of the vineyards

1) See *PSBA*, June 1882, p. 117 and *BA* II, p. 49.

2) Thus according to Salm. Obel., 33—35.

3) This doubt is raised in *BA* IV, p. 513.

4) *Tigl. Pil.*, Claytablet inscr. 8. 5) *Ibid.*

6) See Schiffer, *Die Aramäer*, p. 123.

7) Ina eli ^{âlu}Za-ban šu-ba-li-e ina*tar-ši ^{âlu}Ar-zu-ḫi-na.

8) Γαυζαβίτης in Ptol. V, 18, 3. 4. (Cf. Delitzsch, *Parad.* 184 and Winckler, *KAT*, 269).

9) *BA* IV, p. 516 cites San. Bav., 8—11 "ultu libbi ^{âlu}Ri-mu-sa 18 nârâte ušahrâ ana libbinâru Ḫusur ušêšir". It is the sixth of 18 villages which were connected by a canal with the river Choser, which sheds its waters into the Tigris south of Kuyungik. See also, Delitzsch, *Parad.* 187 ff.

10) III R 48, No. 4 (= *KB* IV, p. 114, No. 2).

of the city of Maganuba. Since the document is dated in the eponymate of Ilu-ittia, the governor of Damascus¹, it is most likely that the city of Maganuba lay within the district of Damascus. This would give us an additional Assyrian testimony of the viticulture of the district of Damascus². In *mât Ašalli Adad-i-me* brings to Ašûrnâširpal in the year of 877 B. C. among other tribute also wine. Bît-Adini was an excellent wine-growing country. Aḫûni of Bît-Adini offers wine as tribute to Salmanassar II. in 859 B. C. Wine is also mentioned among the tribute of Ḫapini of Tilabnê, Ga'uni of Sa[rugi], i. e., שָׂרֻיָּה (Gen. X, 20—23) and Giri-Dadi of Sarugi is the district of Serûg, between Belîḫ and the Euphrates, south-east of 'Arab-Dagh³. Mutallu of Gurgum, whose capital was Marqasi, modern Mar'ash, also furnishes wine to Salmanassar II, according to the list of tribute. So does Arame apil Gusi, king of the Patinaean cities of Taiâ, Ḫazâz ('Azâz), Nulia and Butâmu. Nebukadnezzar praises the wines of *mât Izallam*, *mât Tu'immu*, *mât Šimmini*, *mât Ḫilbunim*, *mât Aranabanim*, *mât Sûḫam* (extending from above the mouth of the river Belîḫ towards the mouth of the Ḫâbûr; probably שִׁיחַ Job II, 11), *mât Bît-Kubatim* and *mât Bitâtîm* (I R 65 I, 22—25, Grot. Cyl.). The wine of these countries he offered up, continually, like the water of the river on the altar of Marduk and of Zarpanîtum. Imr. 59, 10 and 'Alqama (ed. Socin II, 41) mention the wine of 'Âna at the upper Euphrates. At al-Bahrain the vines were planted between the date-palms. In Pre-Islamic times Babylonia exported some wine to Arabia⁴.

Amongst the multitude of business documents of Assyria and Babylonia, there are some which refer to the sale of wine, which we shall presently discuss. K. 423⁵ reads: "[. . . shekel]s

1) Year 694 B. C.

2) I R 65—66'a, 21—23; b 31—32 end, II R mentions as wine-countries Hulbum and Izallu.

3) Schiffer, *Die Aramäer*, p. 64.

4) Lebid, I, 7; XVII, 37; XL, 47.

5) See Johns, *Assyr. Deeds and Documents*, 125:

(1) [. . . šiklu]meš ša mâtuGar-ga-miš (2) [ša m. . . .]abu-u-a (3) a-na m.Bêl-ahḫêmeš ina libbibi (4) 9 imêru karâni meš ina giš-bar ša 9 qa (5) ina mâtuBît-Za-ma-a-ni iddana (6) [šum]-ma la iddinini a-ki ma-ḫi-ri (7) ša

of silver of Carchemish [belonging to]-abûa, for Bêl-ahhê. For it he shall give nine *imer* of wine to the measure of nine *qa* in Bît-Zamâni; if he does not give (the wine), he shall give according to the marketprice of Nineveh. In the presence of Ribâ, of Batîti, the *shelapû*-officer, of Shêpâ-Ashur, of Ubuku, of Mannu-kî-Nînua, of Nabû-bêl-ilâni. The third day of Shebat(?) in the eponymate of Sin-ahhê-erîba"¹. The money paid for the delivery of the nine imers of wine is that of the standard of Carchemish, the capital of the former Southern Hittite kingdom, after the break-up of the unified Hittite empire of Shubbiluliuma. Since 876 B. C. that part of the former Hittite kingdom was, however, in the hands of the Assyrians. But it still uses in 687 B. C. its own monetary standard. The wine shall be given in Bît-Zamâni. The country of Bît-Zamâni was situated north of the Kashiari mountain, modern Tûr-'Abdîn, mons Masius, τὸ Μάσιον ὄρος of the classical writers, along the river Tigris. Its capital was Amedi (or Amedu), i. e., Amida of the Classics, modern Diyâr-Bekr, turk. Kara-Âmid². K. 361 refers to the sale of wine to be imported to Nineveh. "2 *imer* 50 *qa* of wine, belonging to Mannu-kî-Nînua (are) at the disposition of Ut-tâma. In the month of Iyar he shall give the wine [in] Nineveh. [If] he does not give (the wine), he shall give silver according to the marketprice of Nineveh. The 25th day of Tebet, of the eponymate of Mannu-kî-Adad"³. A similar text⁴ speaks of the delivery of wine according to the measure

âlu Nînua iddanimêš (8) maḥar m-Ri-ba-a-a (9) maḥar m-Ba-ti-i-ti (10) amêlu še-la-pa-a-a maḥar m-Šêpâ-Ašur šur (11) maḥar m.Ú-bu-ku (12) maḥar m.Man-nu-ki-âlu Nînua (13) maḥar m. ilu Nabû-bêl-ilâni meš (14) arḫu Šabâtu(?) ûmu 3-kam (15) [lim-mu] m. ilu Sin-ahhê meš-erîba".

1) I. e., 687 B. C.

2) Cf. Schrader, E., *Die Keilinschriften und Geschichtsforschung*, p. 146; Delitzsch, Fr., *Wo lag das Paradies*, p. 276; Streck, ZA, 1893, XIII, p. 73 and Schiffer, *Die Aramäer*, pp. 76—80.

3) "2 imêru 50 qa išu karânimeš (2) ša m.Man-nu-ki-Nînua ki (3) ina pân m.Ut-ta-a-ma (4) [ina] arḫu Aiaru išu karânu meš (5) [ina âlu] Ni-nu-a iddan an (6) šum-ma] la i-di-ni (7) [ki ma-ḫ]i-ri ša Nînua ki (8) [kaspu] iddan an (9) [arḫu Tebêtu ûmu] 25-kam (10) [lim-me m.Man-n]u-ki-ilu Adad (11)" follow witnesses. The year is that of 683 B. C.

4) Johns, *Assyr. Deeds and Documents*, 124, 81-2-4-151.



of the king¹. In case the wine is not delivered, the wineseller must give another wine corresponding with the marketprice of Nineveh. All these documents show that the price of wine was subject to a special tariff in Assyria. The wines imported into Assyria, it seems, were subject to an extra custom-house tax. This additional tax naturally made the imported wines much more expensive than the home-grown wines. In case the winesellers from districts outside of Assyria proper did not fill their orders, they were compelled, according to these documents², to give an equal quantity of wine ordered, subject only to the tariff of Nineveh. In this case, therefore, the revenue on the wine would have to be borne by the wine-seller, and not by the buyer.

1) 5 *imer* of wine according to the *qa*(-measure) of the king.

2) *ki ma-hi-ri ša Nīnuaki*.



Chapter Two


The Vineyard, the Vintage, and the Making of Wine in the Ancient Orient



The numerous wall-paintings in Egyptian tombs enable us to reproduce a fairly detailed account of the Egyptian vineyard  33; *3ht irrr*,  *Rec. trav.*

6, 7, Coptic $\text{I}\alpha\text{Z}\alpha\text{L}\text{O}\lambda\text{I}$; *33d.t*, ; *hsb.t*, 


snw n irr, ; *Herusatef Stele 135*; *dwy*,

; *k3mw n irpw*, 

and *k3mw*, ; *bnd.t*, 

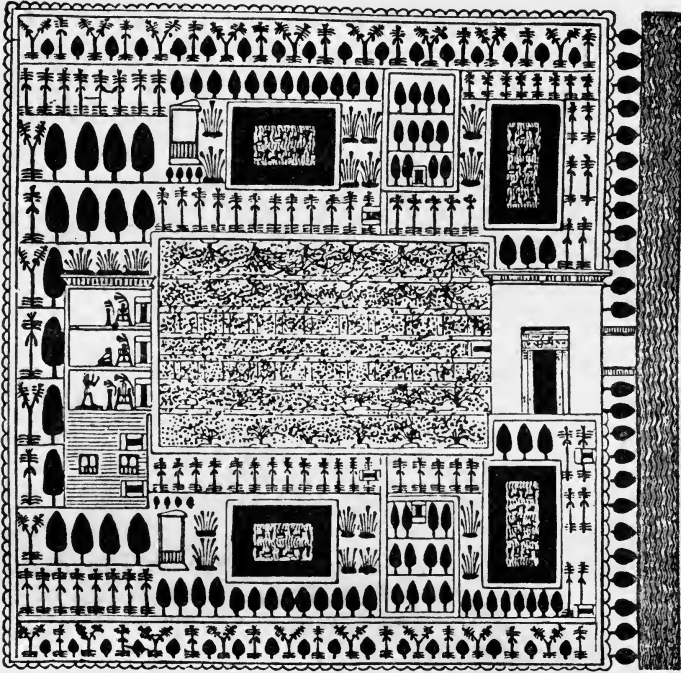
Rec. trav. 29, 157. ; *bndwt*, 

bnd.t see Mariette, *Mastabas*, pp. 181 and 186¹. The vineyard was generally planted on an artificially raised plot, whenever the district lacked hills or mountains. It was always

1) Also called *hsp*,  in Rosettana. See also Düm., *Kal.*

Inshr. 36, 47  "The vineyard is planted with vines". Variants  etc.

surrounded by a stone-, or clay-wall, judging from the wall-paintings (see Illustration No. 3). But since these paintings present to us only the vineyards of distinguished and rich persons, there is no doubt that poorer vineyard owners contended themselves with the less costly hedges. There is a strong doubt, however, whether during the early periods of the Egyptian history vineyards were in the possession of Egyptian commoners.




No. 3. A large garden with vineyard in centre (after Wilkinson, *The Ancient Egyptians*).






The political and economic conditions of the time of the Thinites and the Old- and Middle Kingdoms, probably did not permit it. Vineyards at that early age were an expensive luxury which the king and some great officials, like Methen, could indulge in, rather than a profitable investment.

The sealing-inscriptions on the clay stoppers, which closed the large wine jars of the pre-dynastic and Thinitic graves bear


the first testimony to vineyards in Egypt. According to these inscriptions the earliest vineyards, which were situated near the so-called "White Wall", near Memphis¹, were of an oval shape, and enclosed by a spiked wall. Every king of the early dynasties possessed a special vineyard, which furnished the funerary wine for the royal family and the royal servants². It is of course only an accident that we know only of these vineyards, dedicated to ceremonial purposes. Besides these "sacred vineyards" the early kings undoubtedly also possessed their private gardens, whose produce adorned the royal table. From these sealing inscriptions we learn that each vineyard had its special name. Whether this was true of the vineyards in private possession is not known. All the vineyards known to have had special names are vineyards dedicated to ceremonial purposes, or, as was seemingly the case with the vineyard called *ka-n-kemet*, i. e. "the genius of Egypt"; to ceremonial purposes and to the royal usufruct. The vineyard, called "*anqullu*", which we have seen Gudea planted, was also intended solely for religious purposes. These vineyard names are thus no forerunners of the present custom of American farmers to call their farms by names such as "Fair-View Farm", "Glen-Side Farm", "Sunny Brook Farm", etc. The names of the Egyptian vineyards always refer to some religious idea. In the oldest names is contained, in each instance, an expression of a certain divine quality of the god Horus. King Zoser's vineyard was named "Praised be Horus, who is in the front of heaven"³. Khasekhemui's vineyard bore the name "Praised be the souls of Horus"⁴. These expressions,

1) The vineyards of Nebeshch, Nḥ3mw and Sajn, however, seem to go back to the same remote age, according to the Pyr. texts; see above p. 11.

2) Quite a number of wine jars were found in the tomb of king *Hnt* . Most of them had been broken, but a few still preserved their conical stoppers. See Amelineau, M., *Le Tombeau d'Osiris*, Paris, 1899, chapt. 5, p. 91 ff. and Petrie, *Royal Tombs*.

3) ★     , *Dw3-Hr-hnty-pt*, or, "Praise of Horus, the First of Heaven". Over the vineyard estate founded by Zoser was placed a local governor; see Sethe, *Urkunden*, I, 11—15.











4) *Dw3-b3w-Hr*.

however, have undergone already a stage of development, for the name of the vineyard of the Horus Dja, of the pre-dynastic time, is still simply "Beverage of Horus", or else, "Enclosure of the beverage of Horus". On one of Dja's cylinders the name is also called "Beverages of the Double (*k3*) of the enclosure of the beverages of Horus"¹. Commencing with the time of king Den, , the vineyards bear invariably the name "Enclosure of the beverages of the body of Horus".

Viticulture is a sure sign of a higher degree of civilization, since it required a greater amount of labor than the cultivation of grain and demanded years of patient waiting and tending, until the young shoots had grown up to bear fruit. Irrigation was one of the tasks to which the Egyptian vinedresser had to give much of his time. The gardener "passes the morning watering vegetables, the evening vines" (Pap. Sall. II; Pap. Anast. VII). The Egyptian vineyard is often pictured as having a water-basin. The vines were trained on espaliers or trellis work, which was supported by transverse rafters, resting on beautifully carved and painted columns. Rows of columns formed pleasant arcades. The avenues were generally wide enough to permit an easy communication from one end of the vineyard to the other, and yet not too wide; the rays of the sun being kept away from the ground in order that it might retain its moisture. The vine-arbors of a more simple make-up consisted simply of pliable branches, whose ends were placed in the ground, thus forming a large arch. A third way was that of erecting two wooden pillars, whose upper ends were forked, over which a wooden pole was layed. Vinedressers who were less careful, simply allowed the vine-stalks to shoot up without any props, as is seen in an illustration from Beni-Hasan, or else they let them grow up in hedges. Such vines, as were allowed to grow up as bushes, were kept low and required no support. The different modes



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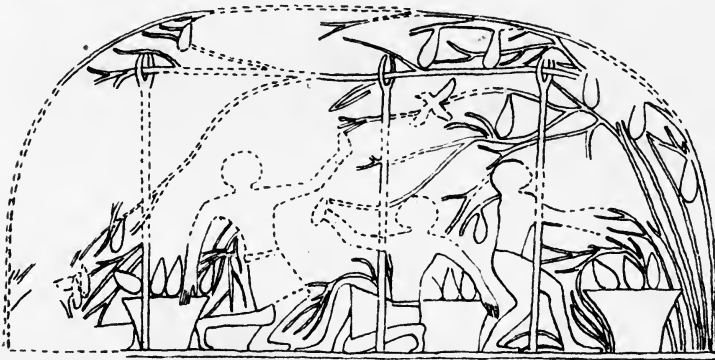
of propping the vine are exemplified in the hieroglyphs for vine and vineyard, Egyptian *ibrr*, *ibll*, , , , ¹. The Egyptians do not seem to have attached the vine to trees. It is, however, possible that they trained them sometimes on papyrus, whenever this was practicable. We possess no Egyptian references to this mode of training the vine, but since the Mishna refers to that practise, we may infer that it was also an Egyptian custom². The various modes of arranging the vineyards and the different ways of training the vines naturally depended much upon the tastes of the owners and on the nature of the locality and the ground. In the tomb-painting of Paḥeri at al-Kab the vinestalks round about the roots are banked with earth. The earth-heaps are cup-shaped in order to hold the water for a greater length of time. The hieroglyph of the vine in Ptah-hotep, Vol. I, Pl. X, No. 166³ which is painted shows the props in red, the vine-foliage green with dull maroon longitudinal stripes indicating the stems, and the grape-clusters blue. More often the grapes are painted red or reddish brown. The leaves are seldom drawn and show sometimes the same color as the grapes. One picture from Thebes shows an espalier on which lotus-plants are climbing up. The ancient Egyptians already had a knowledge that certain grapes do not promise any fruit. These grapes were cut off with a special knife which was of a sickle-shaped form. The grape (-cluster), , , , is represented in different forms on the monuments. In the temple of Der-el-Bahri we meet with this form: ; L.D., III, 244 = , and frequently with the form: . Purely realistically drawn grapes are mostly seen in the paintings of the 17th, 18th and the following dynasties. The color is then of a beautiful dark blue,

1) See L. D., II, 53; and III, 11.

2) Kilaim 6, 3 מִי שֶׁעָבַר עַל הַגֶּפֶן עַל מִקְצַת אֶפְסִירוֹת "whoever trains the vine over a part of the espaliers of papyrus". J. Kilaim 6, 3 שְׁתֵּי אֶפְסִירוֹת "two espaliers of papyrus"; Kilaim 7, 3 בְּיֹתֵר אֶפְסִירוֹת "the rest of the espaliers of papyrus".


3) See also No. 173 = No. 405.

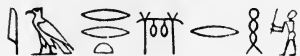
while the berries are indicated by black dots. Sometimes the cluster is painted in pink or a pale violet. According to the wallpaintings the Egyptians knew white, pink, greenish, red and dark blue grapes. Whenever the grapes are painted black, as for instance, in the tomb of Sennofri near Sheikh-abd-al-Gurnah, blue or dark blue is naturally intended. The Egyptians, as well as all Orientals, have great difficulty in distinguishing between these two colors. In the tomb of Thut-hotep at al-Bersheh¹ the grapes are of a greenish color. At the time of the ripening of the grapes great care was taken to preserve the clusters from the birds.



No. 4. Vintage-scene (after Petrie, *Deshasheh*).

Men, women and children participated at the time of vintage², *wh3 i3rr.t*,  ³, in the picking of

the grapes (see Illustrations Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7). The bunches were carefully put into deep wicker-baskets⁴. When these were filled, men carried the baskets either on their head, or shoulders, or slung upon a yoke to the winepress. These men are sometimes seen marching in file, and in the tomb of Ti the legend 

 "the bringing of the grapes for press-

1) See Newberry, *El-Bersheh*, I, pl. 24, 26, 31.

2) The vintage took place in the month Epiphi, towards the end of June. ✕ or the commencement of July.

3) Tomb of Ptah-hotep.

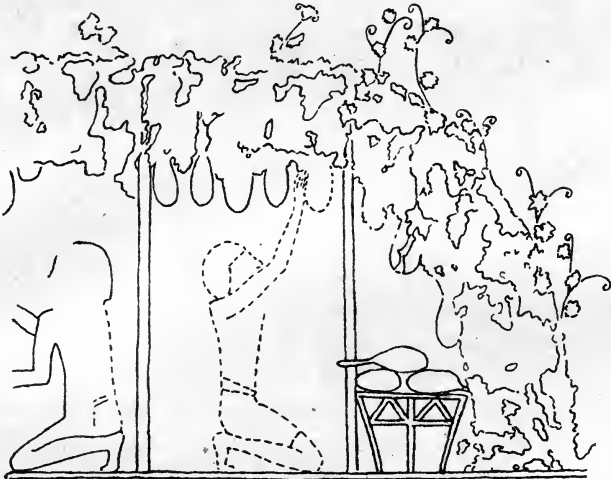
4) So according to Virg. *Georg.* II, 241.

ing" is written below the picture of the carriers. Those grapes, however, which were not used for the making of wine, were placed in flat, open baskets, which were then covered



No. 5. Gathering grapes (after Wilkinson, *The Ancient Egyptians*).

with palm leaves, or vine foliage. Tomb No. XIV in Suiet al-Meitin, which dates back to the sixth dynasty¹ represents



No. 6. Vintage-scene.

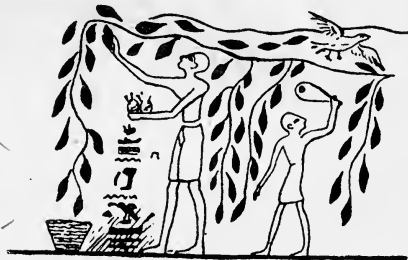
in one of its paintings the end of the vintage. The espaliers are seen without foliage and without grapes. The workers

1) L. D., II, 53 and 111.

are seen below with the grape-filled baskets. In the wall-painting of Beni-Hasan two long-horned goats climb up the bush and browse on the vine foliage. It seems thus that after the vintage was over the domesticated animals were allowed to enter the vineyards in order to browse upon the vines.

The grapes were put into large vats, inside of which at least four men could find sufficient room. The paintings sometimes show five or six men standing in such vats. The vat was always placed on a slight elevation, and during the New Empire was round in form. The paintings do not show very distinctly the form of the vat in the time preceding the New Empire, but it is possible to think that they were generally round in form. The


layer of grapes in the vat, which was of acacia wood, was not deep. It hardly went beyond the ankles of the vine-pressers, who pressed the grapes with their feet. The large vat was sometimes covered with a roof. From the roof or the cover hung down as many ropes as men were able to find standing room

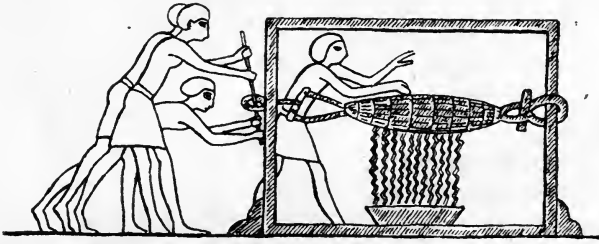


No. 7. Plucking grapes and frightening away birds with a sling (after Wilkinson, *The Ancient Egyptians*).

in the vat. In case that there was no roof or cover supplied with ropes which were held by the men in order to hold their balance, the men at both extremities of the vat held on to poles, which were placed on both sides. The men between the two secured their position by holding each other by the hips. The wine-pressers next made the round in the vat, while singing a rhythmic song. Two men near the winepress marked the rhythm by simply clapping their hands, or else by a special object, which was of a rectangular form¹. It is possible that sometimes women were called upon to mark the rhythm, and to keep time for the dancing men inside of the

1) See L. D., *Ergänzungen*, pl. 21.



press¹. In the tomb of Mera the work of these time-keepers is called
 , i. e., "to clap", "to produce a sound by clapping". The grape juice flowed through a bung on the side of the press into smaller vats, in which the juice was brought to fermentation². A second pressing was necessary in order to extract the juice which still remained in the grapes³. We observe on the wall-paintings of Beni-Hasan⁴ an oblong linen slough, which is filled with wine-lees removed from the winepress (see Illustration No. 8). This slough is



No. 8. Winepress (after Wilkinson, *The Ancient Egyptians*).

stretched out between a strong wooden frame⁵. Men are turning the cloth with sticks, which are placed through the ends of the slough. The pressed wine flows into a large

1) In the tomb of Ti, the daughter of one of the workmen is seen un-wrapping herself and going up to the press. She is probably one of the musicians or timekeepers. See also L. D. II, 96.

2) The Egyptian word for "fermentation" occurs f. i. in d'Orb, 12, 10
 (*hrw3w*), "wine which was fermenting",
 , *Rec. trav.* 29, 159.

3) See Klebs, *Die Tiefendimension in der Zeichnung des alten Reichs*, in *Aeg. Z.* 1914, pp. 24—28, and Montet, *Rec. d. trav.* XXXV, p. 120 ff.

4) See Newberry, *Beni-Hasan I*, pl. 29, II, 4, 13.

5) In A. St. G. Caulfield, *The Temple of the Kings of Abydos*, Egypt. Res. Account, 1902, pl. XX, there is an additional crosshead attached to the end of the slough, which permits the cloth to be twisted tighter. — The winepress is called
 , *nmw*, see *Aeg. Z.*, 1866, p. 90, and Sethe, *Urkunden der 18. Dyn.*, Leipzig, 1906—09, p. 687.

earthen jar, which is placed below the linen slough. To twist it must have been a very difficult task. It generally required four persons. A fifth person seen on the wall painting of the tomb of Ismah at Gizeh, of the fifth dynasty, seems to keep both poles apart by holding the poles at the proper distance with both his hands and his feet (see Illustration No. 9). This is of course an acrobatic trick which it was impossible to perform. But these drawings are not faithful to perspective. The fifth person was in the centre, but since he could not be drawn without some part of his body being




No. 9. The pressing of wine-lees (after Newberry, Percy E., *El-Bersheh*).

hidden by the cloth, the artist chose this impossible position for him. This person's work consisted in seeing that the wine flowed exactly into the large jar and that nothing was spilt. He is called *šhd šms*, while the other men are the *šmsw*, .

While the winepress of Beni-Hasan referred to above shows already a solid structure at the two ends of which the linen slough is attached¹, the tombs of the Old Kingdom show us still the more rude way with men wrenching the poles in opposite directions. This process of pressing the grapes in the slough (see Illustration No. 9) is designated by the word "*f*", in the Middle Kingdom. In Beni-Hasan² its orthography

1) So also Caulteild, *The Temple of the Kings of Abydos*, Egypt. Res. Account, 1902, pl. XX.

2) Newberry, *Beni-Hasan*, I, pl. 29; II, 4, 13 (Pl. 29 in Newberry = L. D., II, 126). L. D., III, 163 = . This word

is *if*, , which means "to press, to turn, to wring, to turn the linen slough". Rosellini II, 66 shows two women turning a slough, filled with winelees. *Rec. trav.* 21, p. 6 pictures a wine-press with two sloughs instead of the customary one. In the Thebaid the footpress is only represented and thus, we may conjecture, was only used there, without the second process of pressing the winelees. The wallpainting of Ptah-hotep in Beni-Hasan¹ representing the pressing of the lees is unique. The sticks cross each other, and the slough is attached to the lower extremity. These modifications are due to the artist's desire to show the completion of the work of pressing. The slough is completely curled up. By pushing the linen slough towards the end, the workers gained greater force. This could of course not be done as long as the sack was still filled with winelees, since it would have shifted all the pressure and the greatest amount of work and weight on the worker nearest to the slough. L. D., II, 53 shows further the heating of the grape-juice, probably in order to hasten the process of fermentation. Next, the wine was filtered. Two men stretch a large piece of cloth over a kettle while a third pours the wine into the cloth. The wine finally is poured into large variegated stone- and earthen jars (see Illustration No. 10). The short, but wide-necked jars were then closed with covers, stone plates, globular or differently shaped stoppers and sealed². The wine which was destined for funerary purposes, however, was put into very small vases³, which were closed in the manner of perfume vases⁴. The Egyptians, before pouring the wine into the jars, generally smeared the bottoms with resin or bitumen. This

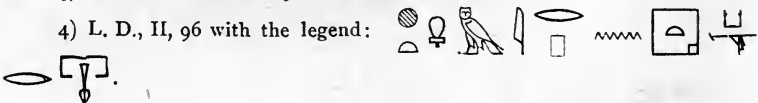
is also used for "braiding the hair", cf. Chab. voy. 119. The original meaning seems to have been "to wrap into a bundle".

1) Newberry, *Beni-Hasan*, I, pl. 36.


2) On the east wall of the mastaba of Akhethotep at Saqqarah, men are emptying wine into large open-necked jars. The two storage jars, which are long-necked, stand near b4.

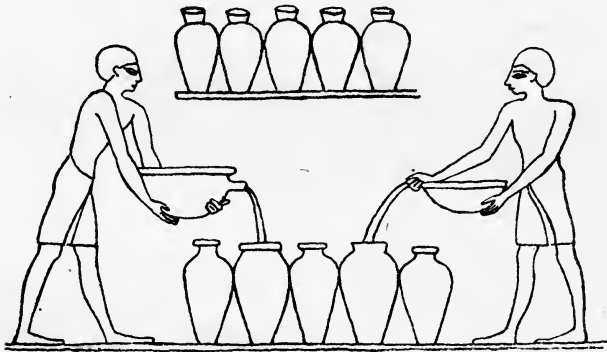
3) See Petrie, *Medum*, pl. 11.

4) L. D., II, 96 with the legend:



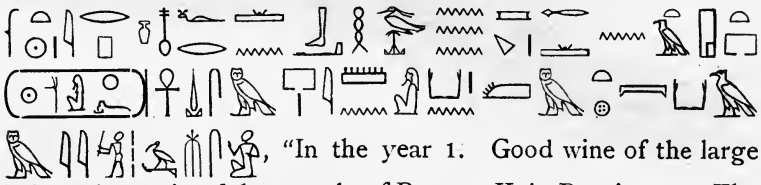
was done in order to preserve the wine. It was also thought to improve the flavor of the wine. Wine was sometimes also put into skins, a mode which probably prevailed throughout all times of Egyptian history, whenever such wine was intended to be taken on long journeys. Lepsius, *Auswahl*, 12, 5 refers to this mode of storing the wine:



 , i. e., "their wines which were stored in their cellars as well as in the skins"¹. When the wine had been stored away in the cellars, they



No. 10. Pouring wine into jars (after Wilkinson, *The Ancient Egyptians*).


were marked with wine labels. In *Aeg. Z.*, 1883, p. 33 ff., the first Theban ostracon of this kind was discussed. It reads:

 "In the year 1. Good wine of the large irrigated terrain of the temple of Ramses II. in Per-Amon. The chief of the wine-dressers, Tutmes". Many of such wine labels have been published since by Spiegelberg, *Hieratic Ostraca*

1) The wine-skin is also called , a word used to denote more commonly the leather-bag and  *Rec. trav.* 21, 77 and 96.

and Papyri¹. In these ostraca reference is made to the vineyards ka-n-kemet and to the "large irrigated terrain in Per-Amon"², which is on the west-side of the landing-place. The same publication offers two additional names of vineyards, to which W. Max Müller first drew attention in *OLZ*, 1896, Vol. II, p. 367. The one is called the "vineyard (*hsbt?*) *N(e)-ḫ-ira-y-na*" (determ. water) = *nahlayn* "double-brook", a dual-formation of נחל, Assy. *nahlu*; III R 35, No. 4 Obv. 12: *na-ḫal māi Mu-ṣur ašar nâru lâ išû*, "the brook of the country of Mušur, where there is no river". The other vineyard was named *p-N-ṣ-bu* (determ. tree), = נטב, "the prop". These wine labels served two purposes. First, to show the age of the wine in the different jars, and second, to mark the quality of the wine. The quality is expressed by "good wine" (Spiegelberg, *Ostraca*, Nos. 140, 162, 248, 257, 259, 262, 291 and 299), "sweet wine", (Nos. 186, 224, 266), and "very good wine" (Nos. 177, 195, 197, 229, 255, 256). The wine was inspected and tested by special officers called "inspector of the wine test" (Pap. Leiden, I, 348, 10)³. The paintings show us also the mode of storing away new wine in Egypt (see Illustration No. 11). The jars, which were pointed at the bottom⁴, rested either in the ground, or they were attached to a wooden stand or a stone ring (see Illustration No. 12). They were placed in successive rows. That row which rested against the back wall of the wine cellar was the last one used and therefore contained the oldest wines. A wine cellar in Esna⁵ contains the legend: "This is the wine cellar.

1) Egyptian Research Account, 1898, pl. XIX—XXXV.

2) Concerning the geographic situation of the vineyard 

see Spiegelberg, *Rec. trav.* 16, p. 64 "Irit, the daughter of the ship-captain *B3n-nty* (has become) the wife of the royal prince *S3-mntw*, who is in the vineyard of the temple of Ramses II. at Memphis".

3) . See also Brugsch, *Verwaltung Aegypt. unter den Phar.*

4) Large, hard-baked clay winejars, which were pointed at the base, were in use by the Orientals and Greeks and Romans alike. In Hebrew these jars are called Kad, while in Syriac they bore the name dannâ, which word passed later into the Arabic language, dann, pl. dinân. Babyl. *dannu*.

5) See Brugsch, *WB*, Vol. VI, p. 611. A rare word probably denoting 'wine-cellar' occurs in Müller, W. Max, *Die Liebespoesie der älteren Ägypter*,

The place for the produce of the vine is in it. One is merry in it, and the heart of him, who goes forth from it, rejoices",





o. 11. The storing of wine (after Wilkinson, *The Ancient Egyptians*).



And again another passage reads:

"This is the white(washed) room of the grapes, furnished with the best ingredients for the preparing of the produce of the Horus-eye. Different spices are there in their multitude and the grape is in its closed room at the going forth from the stalk",



The official vineyards of Egypt were under the special care of an officer called 'nd-mr, , of the vineyard, or  of



No. 12. Wine-jar supported by a stone-ring (after Wilkinson, *The Ancient Egyptians*).

Leipzig, 1899, 3, 12 *did*, i. e., the place where the *did*-vessels are stored. For an interesting graphic variant of 'wine-cellar' see BWB, I, p. 234:



the vineyard, or $\text{ϕ}\text{ϰ}$ of the vineyard, i. e., "the superintendent of the vineyard"¹. Vineyards owned by the temple-fiscus or the king were naturally exempt from taxes. In the early Ptolemean times there existed a tax, called ἀπόμοιρα, which was paid by the possessors of vineyards and gardens for the support of the temples. This tax amounted to the sixth part of the yearly produce of each vine-land. Ptolemy II., Philadelphos, however, took away the benefit of this tax from the priests and appropriated it to the use of the queen Arsinoë Philadelphos, who had earlier been declared a goddess, and now was regarded as having a perfectly legitimate right to it. The tax was presumeably only partially used for the cult of the new goddess, while the remainder went into the state treasury. Prior to the decree of Philadelphos, the owners of vine-land paid their tax in furnishing a certain stipulated quantity of wine, or, in isolated cases, in the payment of money. Philadelphos later permitted certain classes (f. i. the military colonists) to pay a δεκάτη instead of the usual ἕκτη. In the Imperial Roman time a tax ὑπὲρ ἀμπελώνων i. e., "for vineyards", was raised, which was a land-tax for the owners of private vineyards. This tax was either paid to the διοίκησις, i. e., the state-resort, or to the ἱερά, the temple-resort. Dr. Wilcken² has shown that the amount of taxes paid for vineyards varies at this time between twenty and three-hundred and fifty drachmae per arura. This difference in taxation was due to the different qualities of the vineyards and to their different locations. In case of a poor inundation a lighter tax was sometimes placed on the owner of a vineyard³. Wilcken also observed that a tax of twenty to forty drachmae per arura was regularly raised for the διοίκησις, while a tax of 75, 150 or even 350 drachmae was regularly due to the ἱερά. He established the fact that the land tax of the best and most productive vineyards of the Theban district was raised for the temple treasury. The taxes for vineyards had to be paid,

1) Pap. Anast., IV, pl. 7, 3 mentions a master of the vineyard, in whose storehouses a rich quantity of wine was placed.

2) *Griechische Ostraka*, pp. 147 ff.

3) See Grenf. (II) LVI and compare chapt. V of Wilcken, *Griech. Ostr.*

not in kind, not πρὸς γενήματα, as the phrase is used in the documents, but in money, πρὸς ἀργύριον. This was already the rule in the Ptolemaic times¹. For instance in the petition of Κλέων Διοτίμου²: παραγέγραμμαι τῷ πράκτορι ὡς ὀφείλων] πρὸς τὰ ἀμπελικά τοῦ λΙ-Γq i. e., "I was noted down by the practor for being ninety drachmae in arrears for the land tax of the vineyard of the thirtieth year". Since the third century B. C. the land tax for vineyards was always paid in cash and Wilcken notes only one exception. He cites line 30ff. of the decree of Rosette, according to which Ptolemy V., Epiphanes freed the temples of Egypt in the eighth year of his reign from τῆς ἀποτεταγ]μένης ἀρτάβης τῆι ἀρούραι τῆς ἱεράς γῆς καὶ τῆς ἀμπελίτιδος ὁμοί[ως] τὸ κεράμιον τῆι ἀρούραι. The temples up to that time thus paid one keramion of wine per arura of vineland.

The Demotic ostracon D 45, published and translated in *Theban Ostraca*, Univ. of Toronto Libr., 1913, dating back to 102 B. C., is another document which shows that the vineyard tax was paid in kind. "Herakleitos, son of Aristippus, has paid for the rent of his vineyard in the cornland of Ophi, which was conveyed before Amonrasonther the great god, together with his wine for one vineyard two (keramion of) wine for his vineyard (and) for the (of) the produce half a (keramion of) wine, making 2¹/₂ (keramia of) wine. They are received by reckoning(?). Written by son of Khapokhonsis, year 15 = year 12, Thoth(?) day 25 etc."³.

In the well known comparison, the prophet Isaiah speaks of the laying out of a vineyard (כרם) in Palestine. For the vine-culture a sloping tract of ground was selected⁴. Care was taken to rid the ground from the superabundance of stones⁵. This was a task which the Hebrews could undertake to do even during the Sabbatical year⁶. According to Pliny⁷ the

1) See Wilcken, *o. c.*, pp. 150 and 151. 2) Petr. Pap. II. 13, 17.

3) I follow the translation of Thompson, but change the word "garden" to "vineyard". *Km* has both meanings.

4) Is. 5, 1; Jer. 31, 5; Amos 9, 13; Jo. 4, 18; Ps. 80, 11 etc.

5) Mishna, I, 6; Is. 5, 2 (סִקֵּל). 6) Mishna, Shev.

7) *Hist. nat.*, XVII, 35. The wine gained from low growing vines was superior to that gained from vines trained on espaliers.

Palestinians cultivated on the mountain slopes generally a low growing vine. Vineyards were, however, also planted on lowland (בקעה, plain), for instance, in the plain of Yisreel¹, the plain of Sharon² and probably also in the Negeb³. The vineyards were surrounded with hedges⁴, or walls, sometimes probably with both⁵, in order to protect them against the wild animals⁶ and the pasturing cattle⁷. Sometimes vineyards were simply surrounded with thorns, cf. Jesus Sirach, 28, 24a „Thou fencest in thy vineyard with thorns”. In the vineyard either simple huts⁸, or watchtowers⁹ were erected. The latter consisted of a square building of solid masonry. The tower sometimes reached a considerable size, rising to the height of forty feet. The top-story contained several apartments, with sufficient windows. These towers, called pyrgos¹⁰ (מגדלים), often contained on the ground floor a stable and the wine-press. The lower portion of the tower had also a small door and a few narrow windows at a considerable height from the ground. The pyrgos was used as a dwelling place of the vinedressers¹¹, or the guardians of the vineyard¹². Great care was taken to weed the ground¹³. According to the experience of the Hebrews it was harmful to the culture of vines to sow other plants between the vines and this was legally forbidden¹⁴, although it was the custom of antiquity¹⁵. In Rabbinic time, however, it was permissible to raise other crops between the rows (M'Orla 3, 8 כרם נטוע ירק). While Pliny testifies to the culture of low growing vines, the Hebrews certainly knew also of the practise of training the vines to wooden poles, trellis work of cane-reed and to trees¹⁶. They often propped

1) Jdg. 9, 27; I. Kings 21, 1 ff. 2) According to the Talmud.

3) See Palmer, *Wüstenwanderung Israels*, pp. 271 ff., 283, 286, and 289.

4) משועה. 5) Is. 5, 2, 5; 17, 11. 6) Ps. 80, 14; Cant. 2, 15.

7) Is. 7, 25; Jer. 12, 10. Cf. also Sir. 36, 30 “without a hedge the vineyard is being fed off”, באהן גדרר יבוער כרם.

8) Is. 1, 8. 9) Is. 5, 2.

10) Matth. 21, 33; Mark. 12, 1. 11) 2. Chron. 26, 10.

12) Job 27, 18; Cant. 1, 6; 8, 11 ff.

13) עדר Is. 5, 6; the weeding hoe, מַעְדָּר Is. 7, 25.

14) Deut. 22, 9. 15) Pliny, *h. n.*, XVII, 21.

16) Mishna, *Kilaim*, *Bava-Bathra* and *Bava-mezia*. — The fruit of the low growing vine matures earlier than that of the trained vines. But the

the poles with long sticks and drew them together, binding them with willows¹. Generally cane-reeds, but sometimes also more expensive wooden staves (דוקרין i. e., δοκάριον), which were pointed below and notched above, were used for espaliers. The vinestalks, that were raised on espaliers, stood in straight, sometimes also quadratic rows. In order to get a straight line, a cord (חוט) was stretched alongside the vines and the branches were entwined on the stalks and the cord. The vineyard was plowed two to three times a year, or worked with the hoe². The foliage was carefully pruned and the superfluous shoots broken off³. The vines were often multiplied by means of props⁴, but the Hebrews must certainly have known also the way to propagate the vines by means of shoots. Only the latter practise would explain the acquittal from military service, which would have taken on too great proportions, if such acquittal had been given to every one who had made some props or who had made a layer, in order to replenish the gaps caused by the withering of the old vinestalks. It seems clear, that this acquittal could only be granted to those, who actually had planted a new vineyard, for which they, of course, needed shoots⁵. In some instances vineyards were attached to the houses of a city or village. These vineyards were greatly prized as being accessible and enjoyable at all seasons of the year⁶. Those vineyards which lay a considerable distance off from the villages, contained not infrequently a summer cottage for their owners. The family would commence to occupy it in spring, at the time of the digging of the vineyards and again later at the time of the vintage. The custom of remaining throughout the summer season in these cottages also prevailed⁷. The cutting of the vines was for-

climbing vines produce a much larger fruit, which also keeps longer on account of the thicker skin.

1) Mishna, *Kilaim*. 2) Is. 5, 6.

3) Is. 2, 4; 5, 6; 18, 5; Mi. 4, 3. 4) Mishna, *Kilaim*.

5) The fact, that he who planted a new vineyard, should be free from military service until its dedication, which occurred possibly at the fourth year (Deut. 20, 6), shows the high estimation of the Hebrews for the culture of vine.

6) I. Kings 21, 1. 7) Amos 3, 15.

bidden in the seventh year, but the cleaning out of the vine-branches was permitted¹. This was really a piece of bad legislation, because the vinestalks exhausted themselves by over-production and they were much harder to cut in the following year.

The preferred kind of grape seems to have been the dark blue grape, which furnished a dark red wine. This is indicated by the designation of "blood of the grape" (דֵּם עֲנָבִים, דֵּם-עֲנָב) ² for the grape-juice. Another indication that the inhabitants of Palestine cultivated particularly the red or dark blue grape vines is the name שֶׁרָק ³ or שֶׁרָקָה ⁴ for a special wine, which undoubtedly received its name from its red grapes. Later, however, the cultivation of the white grapes superseded that of the red and dark blue grapes. At what time this change took place is hard to tell but with the beginning of the Middle Ages the export of Palestinian wines was that of white wines. In the vicinity of Jerusalem, of the two kind of *Tabuke*-vines, the one bears white grapes, the other dark blue grapes. Only the latter, together with the white *Dshendale*-grape, are used for the making of wine, while the white *Tabuke* grape is eaten ⁵.

The vintage (כְּצִיר, כְּצִיר, כְּצִירָה) was a time of great rejoicing⁶, as in all wine-growing countries. But this festive, joyful mood is much greater in the Orient than in Europe, where early frosts often disturb this joy. In the Orient after the blazing summer heat generally follow beautiful days, which greatly help to make the time of the vintage the most favored season of the year. The inhabitants of Shilo celebrated at the end of each year (לְחֻקֵּיפֶת הַיָּמִים) I. Sam. 1, 20) the *hag Yahveh*, חַג יְהוָה, which was the old festival of the gathering of grapes and olives. It developed later into a general harvest festival, the חַג הָאֲסִיף at which the young girls used to perform dances. This festival of Shilo was not merely of a local character, but accord-

1) Lev. 25, 5.

2) Gen. 49, 11; Dt. 32, 14; comp. Gen. 49, 12; Is. 63, 2 ff.; Prov. 23, 31; Sir. 50, 15; I. Macc. 6, 34; Matth. 26, 27 ff.; Apoc. 14, 19 ff.

3) Is. 5, 2; Jer. 2, 21. 4) Gen. 49, 11.

5) Anderlind, *Die Rebe in Syrien, insbesondere Palestina*, ZDPV, XI, p. 161.

6) Judg. 9, 27; Is. 16, 10; Jer. 25, 30; 48, 33.

ing to I. Sam. 1 people attended it from far and near. The time of the grape harvest is in the month of September and part of October. Burchard of Mount Sion (1280 A. D.)¹ informs us of the marvellous vintage in Antaradus thus: "But I have seen a wondrous thing at Antaradus, for there the natives told me that from one and the same vine grapes are gathered thrice in a year, in the following manner. In spring-time the vine-dressers see when the vine has formed as many bunches of grapes as each vine and each branch usually does; then they straightway cut off all that remains of the branch beyond those bunches, and throw it away. This is done in March. In April a new branch sprouts from it with new bunches of grapes. When they see this they again cut off all of the branch that reaches beyond these bunches of grapes. In May the trunk puts forth a third branch, with its bunches of grapes, and thus they have three sets of grapes, which all grow alike; but those which budded in March are gathered in August, those which budded in April are gathered in September, and those which budded in May are gathered in October. Thus they have three vintages in one year".

The eating grapes, however, are gathered somewhat earlier, commencing with August. At some places as for instance at the sea of Tiberias and at Ror the grapes commence to ripen even as early as June. After the vintage the old Canaanitish inhabitants of Palestine used to celebrate their fall-festival², which was their New Year festival. Every stranger was allowed to eat grapes until satiated in the vineyards, but he was not permitted to take any grapes along on his journey³. The vineyard owner, on the other hand, was not permitted to clean and pick up the grapes that had fallen to the ground. These had to remain to be gathered by the

1) See Pal. Pilgr. T. S., Vol. XII, pp. 89 ff.

2) So the Canaanitish inhabitants of Sichem, Judg. 9, 27.

3) Deut. 23, 25. — According to Jos. Ant. jud. 4, 8 an old custom was to offer grapes to the passing traveler. This generosity later ceased on account of the great number of travelers. Also the state fiscus claimed a large part of the produce of the vineyards in later times, which naturally tended to curb the old-time liberality.

poor¹. The vine-dresser (כּוֹצֵר) cut the grapes (עֵקֶץ) with a special knife (מְזַמְרֵה), as was the custom in Egypt. In order to protect the grapes from falling to the ground during the time of the vintage, large baskets (כַּלְכֵּלָה) were placed below the vine-stalks. The grapes, which were not used for the making of wine, but were used as raisins, seem not to have been stripped by the Hebrews from the stems, but were dried in the bunch, as is the present custom in the district of Malaga in Spain². The grapes, which were sold as eating-grapes on the market (כַּצֵּר לְשֹׂק) were generally of the white color.

The grapes were carried to the winepress in baskets, called κάρταλος in the Septuagint (Hebrew סָלִים, NH סָלִין) or in vats (קַוְפָּה). The winepress (*gath*, גָּת), was situated in the vineyard. It was sometimes covered by a roof³. The considerable size of some presses can be gathered from the fact that Gideon was able to use it as a threshing floor, in order to conceal his wheat from the marauding Midianites. The winepress consisted of two, and sometimes three or four, vats which were cut into the rock of the mountain. The vats were either round or angular, or the pressing vat (*pûra*, פִּירָה, ληνός, *acus vinarius*, or more specifically גַּת הַעֲלִירוּנָה, προλήνιον) was angular and the lower vat (*yeqeb*, יַקֵּב, NH הַתְּחַתְּנוּהָ, גַּת, or כּוֹר, ὑπολήνιον) round. The winepress near 'Artuf⁴ shows the *pûra* in angular form, with two *yeqebs* also angular, but a fourth and lowest vat had a round form. The press-vat reached a diameter of up to four meters. The winepress at Tell el-Hessy⁵ exhibits mud-walls, while its flooring is cemented and sloping slightly to a hollowed stone, which was placed in the cement. Prior to pressing, the *pûra* and the *yeqeb* were carefully washed and cleansed. In Rabbinic times the grapes used to be pressed by men (דְּרוֹכְוֹת) hired especially for this work. In the *pûra* the grapes were trodden with the

1) Num. 19, 10. Cf. also Sir. 36, 16a and 30, 25 (Smend, *Die Weisheit des Jesus Sirach*, Berlin, 1906) "And I have come as one who had tarried on, like one who gleaneth behind the gatherers of grapes".

2) I, Sam. 25, 18; 30, 12; II. Sam. 16, 1; I. Chron. 12, 40.

3) Judg. 6, 11.

4) Schick, *'Artuf und seine Umgebung*, ZDPV, X (1887), pp. 146 ff.

5) Bliss, *A Mound*, p. 69. This winepress belongs to the XIIIth cent. B.

feet (*darak*, דַּרַךְ or עֶצֶר)¹, which was the more general custom, or by means of laying heavy stones on the grapes, or finally, by means of levers. The pressed wine flowed from the *pûra* into the *yegeb*, which was connected with the *pûra* by a channel (צְנוּר). Whenever desired; this channel could be stopped up (פָּקַק) in order to get a closed vat called גַּת פְּקִיקָה. Wherever there were more wine-vats, the first served the purpose of letting the pressed wine settle the lees², and then the clarified juice was allowed to run into a second vat. The grape-juice was then poured into jars³, or into skins⁴. It was allowed to ferment in them, which commenced within six to twelve hours. It was also laid for some time on yeast. Then the new wine was poured into other jars or skins. The wine at that stage was called "yeast-wine"⁵. According to Luke, 5, 39 by this procedure the wine grew milder. Sometimes they waited until the next year, when the second fermentation set in, in order to transfuse it into other jars or skins. The wine was filtered before being used (שָׁמְרִים מִזְקָקִים)⁶. A piece of cloth, or willow-work, served as sieve. For this purpose in Rabbinic times a certain kind of siphon was used which consisted of a long and a short hollow glass-tube. They were put together at an oblique angle, while a hole was permitting communication with both. One end of the siphon was placed into the full wine-jar and the second into the vessel or wine-skin into which the wine was desired to flow. The wine was drawn (הֶעֱלָה) from one vessel into the other with the mouth being placed at the hole of the bend. This kind of siphon seems to be identical with the

1) Is. 16, 10; 63, 2; Jer. 25, 30; 48, 33.

2) In Talmudic times, and probably much earlier, the skins and the grape-seeds, which remained at the bottom of the vat were formed by hand into loaves or balls. According to their form they were either called "bread" (לֶחֶם) or "apple" (תְּפִיחָה). These were placed into pits (גִּימְמִיּוֹת) and covered with boards, on which were placed heavy clay-rollers (עֲגוּלֵיץ), which had the form of a mill-stone. The pressing-beam (קִירָה) finally was lowered and pressed against the boards, causing the juice that remained in the lees to flow forth. See Krauss, S., *Talmudische Archäologie*, Band II, pl 235.

3) Jer. 13, 12 ff., 48, 11.

4) Jos. 9, 4, 13; Job 32, 19; Matth. 9, 17.

5) Jer. 48, 11; Zeph. 1, 12; Is. 25, 6. 6) Is. 25, 6; Jer. 48, 11.

so-called διαβήτης of the Greeks. A more simple siphon was called "the sucker" (fem.) (מינקת). The task of transfusing the wine into other jars was called תְּשָׁפָה. The vintner was called תְּשָׁפֵי.

In 1909 the German expedition, excavating on the site of ancient Jericho, disinterred a house which brought to light a wine cellar of the Jewish period. This cellar was situated in the Northern corner. Four large wine amphoras stood side by side on the ground towards the southwest corner of the cellar-room. Three of these amphoras were well preserved. On top of two of these amphoras lay a large two-handled plate with spout. A large four-handled amphora was found broken in pieces before the north wall. Amphoras, plates, large and small jugs, a sieve and a spindle-whorl in the debris were discovered. They hung probably to the wall on wooden plucks or were placed on wall-boards, according to Sellin, since these vases were found somewhat higher in the debris. This room possessed especially strong inner walls. It was accessible by means of a stairs, which led down to the cellar¹. King David placed special overseers over his wine cellars (אוצרות היין)². When the wine was pressed and brought to town, in order to be put into the cellar, it was subject to the tax. The tax-gatherers met the wine-pressers at their entrance to the city-gate and levied the accustomed tenth part³. The wine was stored in the cellar either in clay-barrels (הכרת, פיטוס = πύθος; called דנא in Syria and Babylonia) or in wine-skins (נר; called also גרב, חמה, נבל and רוקבא according to their form), or finally in jars, pointed at the bottom, in order to be placed into the ground. These pointed jars seem to have been out of use in Talmudic times. The wine-skins were kept closed by means of pieces of bone, which were wrapped either with bast or papyrus, or were simply tied with a cord (ביסנא). The clay-barrels had stoppers of clay, lime, pitch or gypsum, but sometimes a piece of leather or cloth or papyrus was simply placed over the mouth of the cask. As soon as the barrel or the wine-jar

1) Sellin, *Jericho*, p. 77.

2) I. Chron. 27, 27.

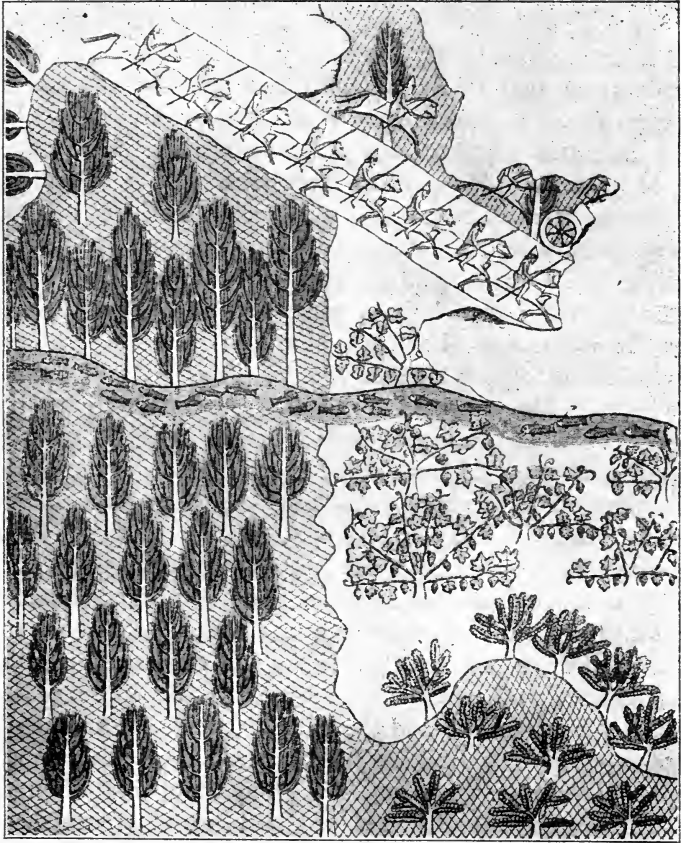
3) I. Sam. 8, 15.

was closed, it was sealed and the name of the owner and the quantity and quality of the content attached in writing.

Babylonia has left us no monuments, which would illustrate the laying out of their vineyards and the process of making grape-wine. But we may conjecture that in the lowland of Babylonia viticulture was essentially the same as in Egypt, where conditions were very much alike, and that it differed from that of Syria and Palestine. We had occasion to refer above to the vineyard planted by Gudea, and we found that this vineyard was planted on an artificially raised plot of ground. This practise, probably, prevailed all over Babylonia. Vine, however, was never extensively cultivated in that country and the documents refer comparatively seldom to wine, while they mention very often fruit-wines, such as date-wine, and particularly a multitude of different kinds of beer. It is strange, however, that at the earlier stages of Babylonian history, we never hear of "beer-houses", but that the Code of Hammurabi, for instance, refers only to wine-shops. We will have occasion in Chapter Four, to enter into a detailed account of that part of Babylonian legislation, which deals with the wineshops. Contrary to Babylonia, Assyria cultivated the vine very extensively, in the vicinity of Nineveh as well as in other parts of the land, since the vineplant grows well in many districts of Assyria. The Assyrian monuments represent the vines very realistically and with a great deal of truth (see Illustrations Nos. 13 and 14). In the Assyrian documents there is mention of an officer called *râb karâni*. This title represents the "Chief winemaster", and the office may refer to a state position as well as to a position held in the service of some large temple. Tablet K. 342 a und b¹ is important for our present investigation, since it mentions not only the chief winemaster, but also his assistant called *amêlu šanû*, i. e., the second (winemaster). The text, moreover, deals with a transaction, in which

1) (1) kunuk m.Zêru-u-ti râb karâni (2) kunuk m.arġuUlûla-a-a amêlušanû (3) 9 manê 15 šikil kaspu (4) ina 1 manê ša âluGar-ga-miš (5) gi-nu-u ša Ašuršur (6) ša m.Ašuršur-rêšu-i-ši (7) ina pân m.Zêru-ti râb karâni bîti ešši (8) ina pân m.arġuUlûla-a-a amêlušanû (9) arġuSimânu ûmu 16-kam (10) limmu m.Ša-iluNabû-šû-u amêlu rêšu(?) etc. The text is translated in Kohler and Ungnad, *Assyr. Rechtsurkunden*.

money is paid in order to obtain wine for sacrificial purposes. Amongst the witnesses two are of special interest, namely Marduk-ibni, the *amešakû*, that is the "beer-house keeper", and Mutakkil-Ashur, the *šim + gar*, that is, the brewer. The

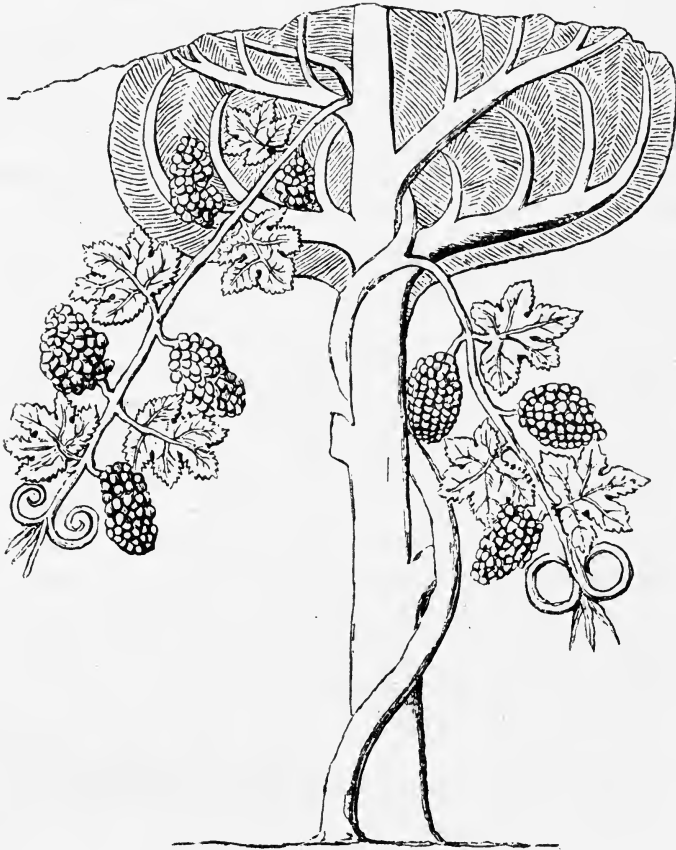


No. 13. Bas-relief of Nimrûd (Calah) in the British Museum (after Lenormant, Fr., *Histoire ancienne de l'Orient*).

tablet reads: "Seal of Zêrûti, the chief winemaster, seal of Ulûlâ, the second (i. e., the assistant winemaster). Nine minas, fifteen shekels of silver, according to the mina of Carchemish, sacrificial offering of the god Ashur, belonging to Ashur-rêshu-ishi, at the disposition of Zêrûti, the chief winemaster

of the New House (and) at the disposition of Ulûlâ, the second (winemaster). The 16th day of Sivan, in the eponymate of Sha-Nabû-shû, the chief-officer etc.”

The pressman was called *sirašû*. He not only pressed the wine and filled it into kegs or wine-skins, but also retai-


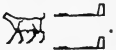






No. 14. Climbing vine of a bas-relief in the palace of Sennacherib at Kuyunjik (after Lenormant, Fr., *Histoire ancienne de l'Orient*).

led it. In CT XXII 38, 9 a Neo-Babylonian temple-official informs his master, a priest of Sippar, that “the wine has been pressed in my presence”. The manufacturer of spiced wines, according to Oriental custom, was at the same time a perfumer (see Meissner, *Babylonien und Assyrien*, p. 242).



















































Chapter Three

The Beer in the Ancient Orient





Peoples in all ages and climates have prepared naturally fermented beverages from any available material. The statement of Pliny¹ "if any one will take the trouble duly to consider the matter, he will find that upon no one subject is the industry of man kept more constantly on the alert than upon the making of wine", can be augmented by the addition "and of beer". The brewing industry in its beginnings in historic times was a home industry like that of baking bread. Indeed the work of the baker and that of the brewer was very much alike in the initial stages of brewing. The earliest Egyptian texts enumerate quite a number of different beers. One of the oldest generic terms for beer seems to be *šehpet*, . *Šhpt*-beer Pyr. Texts W 143 a; T 114 a; N 451 a; Beni Hasan I, pl. 17 etc. On the stele of Khabiousokari in the Museum of Cairo a certain beer is called *hn*-. In the pyramid-texts we meet with a "dark beer", an "iron beer" and the *hes*-beer, *i. e.*, "garnished beer"². The pyramid-texts further mention the *ph*-beer, , (W 144 a; T 115 a; N 452 a, which is probably the same as the *ph*'-beer, , in Beni Hasan I, pl. 17), the -beer (W 141 a; T 112 a; N 449 a) and the beer of Nubia, *hk.t sty*,  (W 145 a; T 116 a; N 453 a). Under the rubric *šehpet*, "beer", are also mentioned very early the



1) Pliny, XIV, 22.



2) See Unas 46, 53, 54, 55.


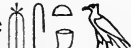














beverages   (probably identical with the beverage called    and *pnw*,  . The former only is found again by Hathorneferhotep in the same category, but there it is again mentioned under the heading of *hw.t*,  , and of *nmś.t*,  ,  . Probably these latter two names refer also to certain kinds of beer¹. *Nmś.t* may possibly be connected with the name for cellar, *nmw*,    ², as the designation of a beverage, which was kept in the cellar. In the Egyptian bazaar-scene³, dating back to the fifth dynasty, the second row shows a woman offering for sale a beverage, which bears the name *nmśt*,    , to a man, who kneels before a perfume vase. The woman is saying to him: "It is *nmśt* that satisfies thee",      ⁴  . The liquor is contained in two white bowls, which she extends towards the prospective buyer. This market-scene is of interest, since it shows that even at that early time liquors were sold by women in public places. In Dümichen, *Kal. Inschr.*, 46, 1 appears a certain kind of beer, called "friend's-beer" or, "beer of the protector"       or                Beni Hasan I, pl. 17), *hk.t nmś*, which was probably an old beer, or lager-beer. Sweet beer is mentioned, f. i., in Med,


1) Weil, Raymond, *Des monuments et de l'histoire des II^e et III^e dyn. égypt.*, Paris, 1908, pp. 249 and 253.

2) The *nmw* is a cellar in which any kind of beverages were stored. The beer-cellar proper was called    . *Journ. Asiat.*, 1867, p. 449.

3) LD II, 96 and Maspero, *Bibliothèque Égyptologique*, VIII, (1900) plate facing p. 256. On the element   = beverage, see above, p. 79, n. 1.

4) Mistake for *pw*,  .

Papyr. Berlin, 13, 2,  *hk.t ndm*. A fermented liquors appears in Papyrus Ebers under the name  (with det.  74. 2),  and Pap. med. Berl. 7, 3 
 (or ) which is *ḥḥt*. In the Panammu-inscription l. 6 *ḥḥt* is a special beverage, while *ḥḥt* is the general word for "drink, beverage", Hadad 9. For a reference to the beverage called *dwtw*,  see Budge, *Book of the Dead*, p. 367, 3 and 382, 5. The latter passage reads: „The beautiful West-land, in which the gods live upon cake and *dwti*-beer”,
 The following five beverages, whose names we register, may either denote certain kinds of beer or wine; *ḥbt*, ,
(N 513); *śmh*, ; *ntr*, 
and  (var. , , ).

The commonest beer was prepared from barley, of which grain two kinds have been found in Egypt, the *hordeum hexastichum* L. and the *hordeum tetrastichum* Kche. The former was the most common grain in Egypt¹. The barley beer of Egypt, *hk.t*, , was called ζῦθος or ζύτος by the Classical writers. This name ζῦθος is found for the first time in Theophrastos², who reckons it to those beverages, which were prepared, like those made of barley and wheat, of rotting fruits. Herodotus states³ οἶνον δὲ ἐκ κριθέων πεποιημένον διαχρέωνται "they use wine made of barley". Athenaeus, on the authority of Hecataeus, mentions the fact "that the Egyptians were great bread-eaters, eating loaves of rye, called κυλλή-

1) Schweinfurth, in *Wissenschaftl. Veröffentlich. der deutschen Orientgesellschaft*, VIII, p. 153. See also Unger, *Sitzungsber. d. Wiener Akad.*, math.-nat. Klasse 54/1, p. 41.

2) Theophr., *de c. pl.*, VI, 11, 2.

3) Herod. II, 77; see also Diod. I, 34; Strabo, XVII; Pliny XXII, 25, Athen., X.

στειες, and bruising barley to extract a drink from it¹. The name ζύθος or ζύτος is not Egyptian. It is derived from the verb ζέω, an old Greek word, as old as Homer and Hesiod. ζέω means "to boil", "to foam" and the Greeks applied it to the beer, which they learned from Egypt. ζύθος goes back to the same verb ζέω as goes the word ζύμη, "leaven, yeast". According to Diodorus² the ζύθος was considered an invention of Dionysos, while according to the same writer³ Osiris made it known in those countries where the wine does not grow. The beer constituted an indispensable beverage in those parts of Egypt, in which the vine did not grow. It was the drink of the peasant, the shepherd, the sailor and the fisherman. It is stated⁴ that it was nearly as good as wine, but the Greeks despised the Egyptians, who drank a beverage which was prepared from barley⁵. Dioskorides taught that *zythos* causes urination, affects the kidneys and the nerves, endangers the brain membrane, causes bloating, bad phlegms and elephantiasis. Since the *zythos* was a product of decayed materials it caused bad phlegms⁶. The best that is said about it by the Classical writers refers not to its use as a beverage, but to its property of softening ivory, which made it possible to bend the ivory into any desired form. This property of the *zythos* was due to its element of acid. Since hops were unknown to the Egyptians as well as to all the ancient Oriental peoples, they were obliged to have recourse to other plants, in order to improve the taste of the beer and to keep it for a longer period of time. The lupin (*lupinus termis* Forskal; Arabic *termus*), the skirret (*siser*; the *sium sisarum* L.) and the root of an Assyrian plant were used by them for that purpose⁷. In Hellenistic times Egyptian beer was imported


















1) Athen., B X, 13. 2) Diod. IV, 2.

3) Diod. I, 20. 4) Diod. I, 20. 5) Aesch. *Hik.*, 953.

6) Orib. XV, 1, 6, 6. Gal. Aet. The Greeks also considered, strangely, the barley beer as being the direct cause of leprosy.

7) Columella, *de cultu hort.*, X, 114—116: "*iam siser, Assyrioque venit quae semine radix sectaque praebetur madido satiata lupino ut Pelusiaci proritet pocula zythi*". This passage is, however, understood by some scholars in suite a different way. They say that it refers to the previous eating of radishes and lupins, in order that they should arouse the appetite for drinking;

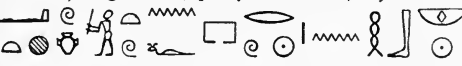

into Palestine, probably from Pelusium, which seems to have been the most noted city for its beers in Egypt. Pelusian beer was also exported to Rome¹.

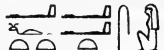
The Egyptian word for "brewing beer" is *ḥt*, ²
The name for the brewer is *ḥty*,  (Leiden, Stele V, 6)
 (Louvre, Stele C, 196) and   (Aeg. Z. 1897, p. 133)³
or also      , "those who crush the grain for beer".
The brewery, which was a special part of the kitchen, is called "the pure", ⁴. Beer, according to the Egyptian texts, is either prepared from barley, *ḥt*, , Coptic **ϬΙΩΤ**, of which three kinds were distinguished: the white, black and red barley or of spelt, *bd.t*, , Coptic **ΒΩΤΕ**. Barley beer was the most common beverage, the national drink of Egypt. Besides the name *ḥt*, , the texts mention another name for it, which is a Canaanitish loanword, *ḥrt*, , , Hebrew **חֲרִית**,

de Sacy, *Chrest. Arab.* I, p. 179: "Dans ces vers . . . je n'aperçois autre chose que la coutume où l'on étoit de servir à table du chervi et de la racine dont parle l'auteur, macérée dans des lupins en fermentation, pour exciter les convives à boire de la bière." Cf. Hor. *sat.* II, 8, 8; Diosc. II, 132 and Pliny XXII, 155. This may, after all, be more correct, since we should expect otherwise a similar practise in Babylonia, where we do not find bitterplants added to the beer. — See also Sprengel, *Versuch einer pragmatischen Geschichte der Arzneikunde* I, p. 75.

1) See Col. Econ. X, 4, 114.






2) *Aeg. Z.* 42, p. 27. Gardiner, *Hymns to Amon from a Leiden Papyrus*:

. "beer is brewed for him on the day of festival".  Amherst Pap. 34.

3) See *Aeg. Z.* 1896, p. 161; see also Newberry, *Beni-Hasan* I, pl. 29 = L. D., II, 126. For a reference to a female brewer, , see *Aeg. Z.* 1897, p. 123.


4) Pap. Anast. 4, 16, 3 = Pap. Anast. 3, 8, 5.

Syriac ܠܕܘܢܐ¹. It is probable that whenever this latter word is used, it refers to an imported kind of barley, which came from Syria, according to Pap. Harris I².




The word *hkt*, , is most likely derived from the root \sqrt{hmk} , "to squeeze, to press out". Hrozny, *Über das Bier im alten Babylonien und Ägypten* (Anzeiger der Wien. Ak. phil. Cl. 1910, Dez.), connects *hkt* with the Babylonian beer called *hiqu*, deriving the word from *hâqu*, "to mix". It is hardly possible to suppose, apart from other considerations, that a word like Egyptian *hkt*, which occurs innumerable times in texts of every period, should have been borrowed from the Babylonian *hiqu*, a word, which is not at all met with frequently in Babylonian texts. Certain beers used for religious purposes exclusively were called  T 288; M 65; with the determinative  N 126, i. e., "beer which does not sour(?);  P 391; M 557; N 1164 "beer of eternity", and  "beer of the goddess Maat", or simply, "beer of truth". The latter was a beer drunk by the 12 gods who guarded the shrine of Osiris.

Durra-beer seems to have been unknown to the Egyptians until a very late time. Pliny's statement³ that the durra was brought in his time from India to Italy may be correct and explain the fact that the Egyptian inscriptions do not

1) F. i., *Totenbuch*, 173 "beer of white *šrt*". *Aeg. Z.*, 1877, p. 30

 "I prepared beer in the city of *Tpn* from white *šrt*". White *šrt* appears to have been preferred for brewing, while the black *šrt* was more generally used for the making of bread. The white and red barley, called *it*, are also more generally mentioned in the making of beer than the black *it*. *Totenbuch* 189, 14 "bread of black barley (*it*)".

2) The chief barley growing district of Palestine was the southern part of the country. 3) Plin., *H. n.* XVIII, 17.

mention it. An Egyptian word, which could mean durra, has never been found. See, however, Maspero, G., *Bibliothèque Égyptologique*, XXVIII, p. 252: "La dourah est originaire de l'Afrique tropicale, et j'ai cru la deviner sous le nom de Dirati, Dourati dans une lettre d'affaires écrite vers le milieu de la XIX^e dynastie" (i. e., Pap. Anastasi IV, pl. 13 line 12 and pl. 17 line 4). On , or  = ⋈, see also Loret, V., *La Flore pharaonique*, 2^e édit. p. 26, 144. The word is generally translated: "fine flour", Hebrew מִן־בֹּר Assyr. *siltu*, √*salātu*, to crush. In Coptic, however, appears a word which may refer to the merisa, or merise of the Nubians, a beverage which is prepared from durra. If this is the case, it would still be a late evidence for durra-beer in Egypt. The Egyptian *p̄zwr*,  hardly equals Coptic ΜΡΙC, ΕΜΠΡΙC, "mustum"².

Zosimus of Panopolis in the Thebais, a chemist who wrote probably before the time of Photios, has left us a description of the method of brewing beer amongst the ancient Egyptians. He says:

About beer-making

"Take fine clean barley and moisten it for one day and draw it off or also lay it up in a windless place until morning and again wet it six hours. Cast it into a smaller perforated vessel and wet it and dry it until it shall become shredded and when this is so pat it (i. e., shake, or rub) in the sun-light until it falls apart. For the must(?) is bitter.

Next grind it and make it into loaves adding leaven, just like bread and cook it rather raw and whenever (the loaves) rise, dissolve sweetened water and strain (it) through a strainer or light sieve.

Others in baking the loaves cast them into a vat(?) with water and they boil it a little in order that it may not froth nor become luke-warm and they draw up (= absorb) and strain it and having prepared it, heat (it) and examine (it)³".



1) Mel. III, p. 89 ff.

2) Brugsch, *WB*, Vol. VI, 467.

3)

Περὶ ζύθου ποιήσεως

Λαβῶν κριθὴν καθαρὴν καλὴν βρέξον σα̅ καὶ ἀνάσπασον ἢ καὶ κοίτασον

Ludwig Borchardt was the first scholar who explained the meaning of those pictures and statues which refer to the brewing industry¹ in Egypt and who indirectly helped to understand also the Babylonian texts, which contain the earliest beer-brewing recipes that have come down to us². A certain amount of grain, either barley, spelt or wheat³ is poured into a mortar and ground, after being moistened. After that yeast was added⁴ and worked into the dough. On the east-wall of the tomb of Rahenem () , sur-named 'Isy () , at Deir el-Gebrâwi⁵ we see the dough piled up in many earthenware vessels. Some of these vessels are taken by a man and stacked for baking (see Illustration No. 15). Below these vessels was then set a slow fire. The man, who is about to slightly bake the loaves in the vessels, is pictured shading his face from the heat. When the bread was half baked, it was broken into pieces and

ἐν ἀννήμῳ τόπῳ, ἕως πρωῆ καὶ πάλιν βρέξον ὥρας ἑ. ἐπίβαλλε εἰς βραχιώνιον ἀγγεῖον ὑμοιοειδὲς καὶ βρέχε, προαναεῆραινε ἕως οὐ γένηται, ὡς τίλη, καὶ ὅτε γένηται, ψῆξον ἐν ἡλίῳ, ἕως οὐ πέσῃ τὸ μαλίον γὰρ πικρόν.



Λοιπὸν ἄλεσον, καὶ ποιήσον ἄρτους προσβάλλων ζύμην, ὡσπερ ἄρτον, καὶ ὄπτα ὠμότερον, καὶ ὅταν ἐπανθῶσιν, διάλυε ὕδωρ γλυκὶ καὶ ἡμίζε διὰ ἡθμοῦ ἢ κοσκίνου λεπτοῦ.


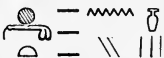
*Ἄλλοι δὲ ὀπτόντες ἄρτους βάλλουσιν εἰς κλουβὸν μετὰ ὕδατος, καὶ ἐψοῦσι. μικρόν, ἵνα μὴ κοχλάσῃ, μήτε ἢ χλιαρόν καὶ ἀνασπῶσι καὶ ἡμίξουσιν, καὶ περισκευάσαντες θερμαίνουσιν, καὶ ἀνακρίνουσιν.

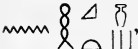
(*Zosimi Panopolitani de Zythorum confectioe fragmentum*, ed. C. G. Gruner, Solisbachi, 1814). See also Dioscor. II, 109 and 110.

1) *Aeg. Z.* 36, p. 128 ff. 2) See below p. 88.

3) That sometimes wheat was used is indicated in Theophrast., *De causa plant.*, 6, 11, 2: οἱ τοὺς οἴνους ποιούτες ἐκ τῶν κριθῶν καὶ τῶν πυρῶν καὶ τὸ ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ καλούμενον ζύθος. See also Ulr. *Dig.*, XXXIII, 6, 9 pr.

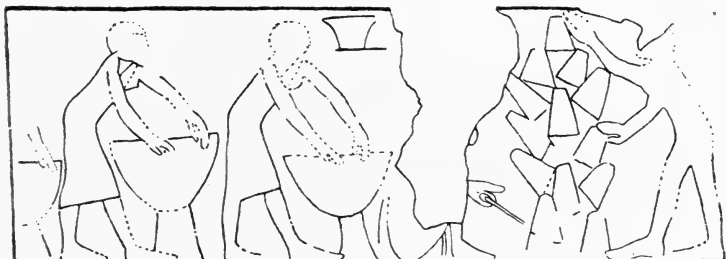
4) , cp. Hebrew רָצַץ ; see f. i., Rec. I, 72, 3: 

, i. e., "I put the yeast into a jar (and) the beer into the cellar". Another word for yeast is 

, see Br., *WB*, Vol. VI, p. 660.

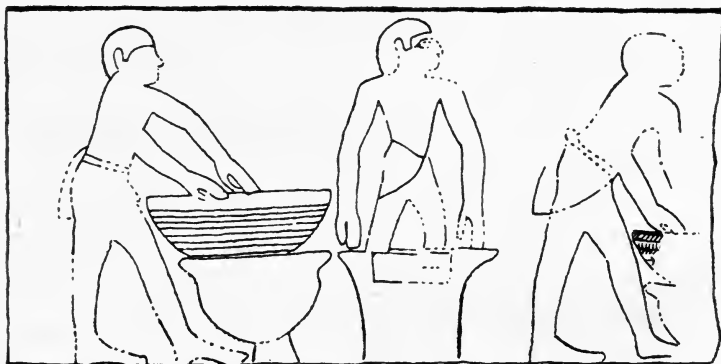
5) Davies, *The Rock-Tombs of Deir el Gebrâwi*, part II, pl. XX.

soaked for several days. The bread pieces were then placed into a large fermentation-vat, which was large enough to hold a man or woman, and the soaked pieces were then trodden by the feet (see Illustration No. 16). A small statue¹



No. 15. Women soaking bread-loaves in large bowls; at right man staking loaves for slight baking (after Davies, *Rock Tombs of Deir el-Gebrawi*).

shows a woman standing in the vat, holding her hands at the top of the vat. In the painting at Deir el-Gebrâwi we see the process, which was most characteristic to the Egyptians

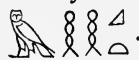


No. 16. Man in centre pressing the soaked beer-loaves in large vat. Men at left and right filtering beer through woven baskets over large bowls (after Davies) *Rock Tombs of Deir el-Gebrawi*).

for brewing, so that the hieroglyph "brewer" is taken from the act, performed by a man. In the latter painting the artist

¹) Found in Neggada and preserved in the Berlin Museum; see *Aeg. Z.*, 1896, p. 161, illustrations 12 and 13.

has even gone so far as to show the yellow grains on the exterior of the vat, which is painted red. Next we see the sieving of the beer-mash. The semi-liquid mass is poured into a flat, wide-woven basket, in which we see sometimes one, sometimes two servants kneading the mass with both hands. The basket is placed over a large jar, which stands either in a turned over basket or in a foot-stand of basket-work. When the beer loaves had been thoroughly kneaded and stirred, the liquid filtered through the basket into a large jar below, from which it was finally poured into the large beer jars. This work of filling the beer jars was called *mh hk.t*,



In Rifeh¹ large conical bowls with a hole in the bottom have been found, which served the purpose of pressing and stirring the beer loaves, in order to squeeze out the fermented beer from the loaves. Petrie notes that one still contained a pressed cake of barley mash and grains. In grave No. 29 were also found mud-models of vases with blue line pottery belonging to the end of the XVIIIth dynasty. Some of these vases were closed with mud caps, many of which still containing barley grain and barley mash. The persons represented as filling the beer bottles, are always seen sitting on the ground. One hand is inside the long bottle, while the other is holding it (see Illustration No. 17). It seems that before the bottles were filled with beer, they were smeared with bitumen or the like, as was done with the wine bottles. These bottles, when filled, were finally closed with large balls of Nile-mud.

A recipe to prepare Egyptian beer is also found in the Rabbinic literature, to which J. H. Bondi first called attention². In Mishna *Pesachim*, III, 1 are enumerated שכר המרי והומץ "Median beer and Idumaeen vinegar and Egyptian *zythos*". The Gemara (*B. Pesachim* 42b) remarks that barley is put into the first two. It says regarding the Egyptian beer: "What is Egyptian *zythos*? Rabbi Joseph


1) Flinders Petrie, *Gizeh and Rifeh* (British School of Archaeology in Egypt and Egyptian Research Account, 13th year, 1907), p. 23.

2) *Aeg. Z.*, 33, p. 62.

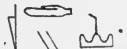
teaches: a third of barley, a third of safflower seed¹ and a third of salt. Rabbi Papa took barley off (the recipe) and placed instead (of it) wheat They moisten it, roast it, grind it and drink it from Passah unto the week-festival. It causes diarrhea to whosoever is costive, and whosoever suffers of




No. 17. Coating the interior of beer bottles with bitumen (after *Aeg. Zeitschr.* Bd. 35).

diarrhea, him it makes costive. It is a danger for the sick and the pregnant woman². The "foaming" of the beer was expressed by the word *stf*, ³.

The Egyptians also imported beer. The greatest beer export country seems to have been along the Syrian and Asia Minor coast, which was known geographically as

Qode, . The Qode-

beer, ⁴ was

probably not a Syrian product, but came from inland, either from Babylonia, or more likely, from the Hittite country. Qode may be identical with the Biblical "coast of the Kittians", i. e., the coast-land which formerly reached from Cilicia to Pe-



lusium; cf. Solin. 38, 1: *Ciliciam, qua de agitur, si, ut nunc est loquamur, derogasse videbimur fidei vetustatis: si terminos sequimur, quos habuit olim, absonum est a con-*

1) *Carthamus tinctorius* L., which grows in Egypt.

2) מאי ויתוס המצרי תנא רב יוסף תלחא שערר תלחא קורטמי והלחא מלחא רב פפא מפיק שערר ומעויל הוטי תרו להו וקלו להו ושחתי להו ושחתי להו מדיבחא ועד. עצרהא דקמיט מרפיליה ורפטי מקמיט ליה לחילה ולאשח עוברתה סכנהא.

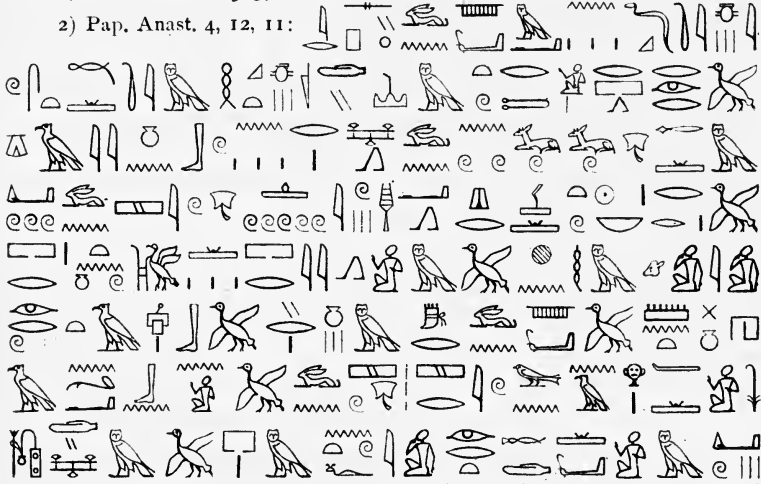
3) Pap. d'Orb. 8, 6.

4) Pap. Anast. 3 verso 2; 4, 12, 11.

templatione rerum praesentium. Cilicia antea usque Pelusium Aegypti pertinebat, Lydis, Medis, Armeniis, Pamphilia, Cappadocia, sub imperio Cilicum constitutis: mox ab Assyriis subacta, in breviorum modum scripta. This beer played an important role in Egypt, where it was often imitated¹. In a letter², the writer, who was stationed in Qenqen-tane³ writes to his superior that the food at that place was bad and the best drink he could get was beer from Qode. Two kinds were known in Egypt, the imported⁴ and that which was brewed in Egypt by foreign slaves⁵. The genuine Qode beer was differentiated by the name  , i. e., "imported Qode beer". In Pap. Leid. I, 345, rev. G. VII is mentioned "a thirst, which empties the Qode

1) Hierat. Inscr. 5637.

2) Pap. Anast. 4, 12, 11:

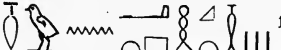




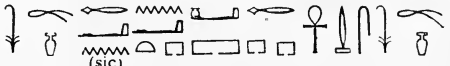

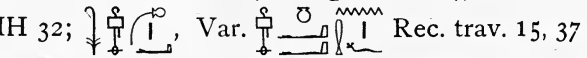



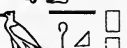


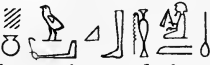


i. e., "Sometimes when bottles are opened, filled with beer from Qode, then(?) the people go forth to make a drinking-bout outside. There are 200 great dogs and 300 jackals, 500 in all. They stay all day at the door of my house. Each time that I go out while they sleep, whenever the neck of the bottles is broken and when the jug is opened, I should be excluded, if I did not have the little jackal-dog of N'hr-hw, the royal scribe, who dwells with me in my house. It is he who saves me from them (scil. the dogs)".

3) Location unknown. 4) Pap. Anast. 3, 3, 6.


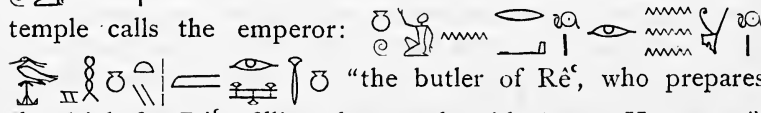
5) Pap. Anast. 4, 16, 3: 3, 8, 5.

countries", which also indicates that Qode was the beer country κατ' ἐξοχήν.

The inscriptions refer to an officer called "inspector of the brewery", ¹, and to the "royal chief beer-inspector", ². The "royal butler", , was a high court-official. In the representation of Wiedemann, *Hierat. Texte*, Tafel 8 (Pap. Louvre 3308) the  stands behind the king with a fan.  selon DHI 40 e; Mar Abyd. II, 50 (cf. III, 1136)  (time of Merenptah);  (time of Merenptah) RIH 32;  Var.  Rec. trav. 15, 37 (Amarna);  Var.  etc., Var.  etc., Stele of Marseille, Rec. trav. 13, 119 (18. dyn.).  on a stele of the 12. dyn., ed. Wiedemann, *Marseille*. Next to butler the  with bottles and jars, LD II, 129 (Ḥnmḥotep). A servant, whose hair-dress seems to point to foreign origin, is called , "The cool one", LD III, 242. For a graphic variant of the name "butler" (jug in bowl) from Bab-el-Moluk see *Desc.* II, pl. 85; similar Wilkinson, I, 425. For a good picture of the butler see Champ. *mon.* 434. Characteristic are the sleeves and the double garment in the dress of the butler (see Mar. Ab. II, 49 and Champ. *mon.* 225). For the best and largest representation of the butler of Medinet Abu see *Desc. de l'Ég.* II, 8 (smaller II, 10). The upper-garment is most likely a sleeve-apron, which the butler wore in order to protect his chief-garment. It is of interest to note in this connection that the pre-Islâmic Arabic waiter also

1) Stele C 45 in the Louvre.

2) Stele of *Ramessai-m-pr-r^c* in Bulaq.

wore a kind of apron, or a woman's garment, of course for the identical purpose. Regarding the chief-butler of Pharaoh the שׂר הַמְּשָׁקִים see Gen. 40, 2, 9, 20, 21 and 41, 9, Emperor Augustus is represented in the temple of Denderah as  "the butler of Rê". An inscription in the same, temple calls the emperor:  "the butler of Rê, who prepares the drink for Rê, filling the vessels with "green Horus-eye"-wine (see Dümichen, *Die Oasen der Libyschen Wüste*, p. 1 and plate XVII).

Under the Ptolemies and the Roman emperors the Egyptian beer was subjected to a tax ($\zeta\upsilon\tau\eta\rho\acute{\alpha}$, scil. $\acute{\omega}\nu\eta$). This tax was paid by the producer, the $\zeta\upsilon\tau\omicron\pi\omicron\iota\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$. It was leased $\pi\rho\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$ $\chi\alpha\lambda\kappa\acute{\omicron}\nu$ $\iota\acute{\sigma}\acute{\omicron}\nu\omicron\mu\omicron\nu$, i. e., was to be paid in copper without agio¹.

The tax on beer played a great role in the finances of the Ptolemies and of Roman times. A papyrus in the British Museum² refers to the taxation of a large brewery firm, named "Pasion and Sentheus". This text makes us acquainted with a brewery, which must have done a tremendous business, as the tax receipts show. For each month of the year the two brewers, who lived in the first century B. C., paid five copper talents, as $\phi\acute{\omicron}\rho\omicron\varsigma$, which according to Wilcken³ is the tax for production.

The consumption of beer in Egypt for all periods of its long history must have been considerable. According to an inventory, for instance, of the income and the expenses of the royal court at Thebes, dating from the end of the Middle

1) Wilcken, *Griechische Ostraka*, p. 369.

2) See Grenfell and Hunt, II, 39

Ψαμμήτιχος Πασίων (read Πασίωνι)
καὶ Σενθέως (read Σενθεί) ζυτοποιοῖς
χαίρειν. Ἀπ(έ)χω τὸν
(φ)όρον [τοῦ φαῶ]φ[ι χ]αλκοῦ
[τάλα]ν[τα πέντε ικ]ε
[Ἔτους βφαῶφι] ιζ

3) Wilcken, *Griech. Ostr.*, p. 371.

Kingdom (c. 1800 B. C.)¹ there were brought daily 130 jars of beer to the royal court, and the queen received on one day five jars filled with beer.

Egypt until recently, was considered the oldest beer country in the world. Since the last decades, however, from the materials published, we learn that Babylonia was not less engaged in the brewing industry than Egypt. The oldest evidences of beer brewing in Babylonia reach back to the very threshold of its history. The material is so large and so detailed that we are enabled to receive a pretty complete insight into the work of the Sumero-Akkadian brewer².

The commonest beer (Sumerian: *kaš*, Akkadian *šikaru*) in Babylonia was, like that of Egypt, prepared from barley (*še'um*). But also spelt (*aš-a-an*) was extensively used for that purpose, and it is possible in some instances also wheat (^{3e} *GIG*, *GIG*, ^{3e} *GIG.BA*). Essentially the method of the Sumero-Akkadian brewing industry differed very little from that of Egypt. We have seen that in Egypt beer brewing to a large extent was connected with the baking of bread loaves. In the Sumerian beer recipes which go back to c. 2800 B. C., we meet continually with the word *KAŠ*+*NINDA*, that is the "beer-loaf". Also the name in Sumerian for brewer, *lù-KAŠ*+*NINDA*³, i. e., the "man of the beer-loaf", points to the close relation of the brewer and the baker. The texts acquaint us with a great variety of beers. We meet with the *kaš-gig*, the "black beer", *kaš-si*, the "red beer", *kaš-sig*, "fine-beer", *Kaš-aš-an-na*, or *kaš-aš-a-an* = *ù-lu-ši-in*, Akk. *ù-lu-ši-in-nu*, "spelt-beer", *kaš* "barley-beer", *kurun-babbar*, "fine white beer", *kurun-gig*, "fine black beer", *kaš-sag*, "prima beer", *kaš-sag-aš-a-an*, "prima spelt-beer", *kaš-20-qa*, "20 qa beer", *kaš-30-qa*, "30 qa beer", *kaš-40-qa*, "40 qa beer", *kaš-aš-a-an-mah* = *ulušinmah*, Akk. *ulušinmahhu*, "fine spelt beer". In addition to these we also find a large number of so-called mixed beers, as for instance, *kaš-a-sud*, "beer mixed with water", also called *kaš-bir*, and the many beer names composed with the element

1) See Borchardt, in *Aeg. Z.*, XXVIII, 1890, pp. 66 ff.

2) The first scholar, who explained these texts was Hrozný, *Das Getreide im alten Babylonien*, Wien, 1914.

3) Later written *lù-ŠIM*+*NINDA* = *bappir* — Akk. *bappiru*.

ú-sa, which according to Hrozný are all mixed beers. There are found the *kaš-ú-sa*, *kaš-ú-sa-al-pú-ba*¹, *kaš-ú-sa-aš-a-an* = *dida imgágá* = Akk. *dišiptahhu* or *alappanu*, "a sweet mixed beer", *kaš-ú-sa-bār(ṣ)-a*², *kaš-ú-sa-gin*, the "common mixed beer", *kaš-ú-sa-ê-da-di*³, *kaš-ú-sa-ê-du-di*⁴, *kaš-ú-sa-gu-la*⁵, *kaš-ú-sa-ka-kak*⁶, *kaš-ú-sa-ka-gi-kak*⁷, *kaš-ú-sa-ku-an*⁸, *kaš-ú-sa-ku-an-mah*⁹, *kaš-ú-sa-làl*¹⁰, *kaš-ú-sa-šim-dug-a*¹¹, a mixed beer flavored with spices, *kaš-ú-sa-šig*, "fine mixed beer", *kaš-ú-sa-šàg-gi-pu(ṣ)*¹², *kaš-ú-sa-ud-sal-la*¹³, *kaš-ú-sa-ud-tab-ba*¹⁴. A special kind of beer was called *kaš-nag-lugal*¹⁵, "the royal beverage", as distinguished probably from the common beer called *kaš-lù-gàl-la*, "the beer of man"¹⁶. The saleable barley beer appears under the name *kaš-še-ri-a*¹⁷. In BE, XIV, 161, 7 is found a beer called *kaš-dur-an-ki*. See farther *Kaš-ti*¹⁸, *kaš-tin*, a "fine beer", *kaš-in-5-ṣ*¹⁹, *kaš-ti-ri-a*²⁰, *kaš-ti-šar*²¹, *kaš-um(ṣ)-ra*²² and *kaš-um-ri-a*²³. The multitude of names, which the above list does not aim to exhaust, and which describe the different kinds of beer, show how many-sided and specialized was the industry of the Sumero-Akkadian breweries.

It must, however, be borne in mind that some of the beverages mentioned above, which are taken from so-called "lists", may refer to artificial wines just as well as to beer. So long as such names composed with *kaš* are not found in texts in which the context can assist, the interpretation of

1) Ni. 10815; Dr. Chiera has kindly placed the lists of beers to my disposition.

2) Ni. 10820. 3) Ni. 10872. 4) Ni. 10872.

5) Ni. 10816, Ni. 10873.

6) *Kaš-ú-sa-ka-kak* = *pīhu*, Meissner, *S.A.I.*, No. 3498. 7) Ni. 10813.

8) Ni. 10810, Ni. 10811; or read *kaš-ú-sa-aš(ṣ)-an*?

9) Ni. 10812, or read *kaš-ú-sa-aš(ṣ)-an-mah*?

10) Ni. 10815, a beer mixed with fruit-juices.

11) Ni. 10814. 12) Ni. 10819. 13) Ni. 10818.

14) Ni. 10817. 15) Ni. 10877. 16) Ni. 11329.


17) Ni. 11324. 18) Ni. 11385.

19) Ni. 11204; probably *qa* is to be supplied.

20) Ni. 11386. 21) Ni. 11080.

22) Ni. 11326; probably identical with the following.

23) Ni. 11325.

some of these names must remain doubtful. This is due to the fact that Babylonian *šikaru*, Arabic سَكْرٌ, Hebrew שִׁכָר (as loanword in Egyptian *ta-ki-ra*  Piehl, K., Inscript. Hierogl. 12) is one of the most ambiguous words in the Semitic languages. It may mean any intoxicating beverage prepared from grains, grapes, fresh or dried dates¹, pomegranates, apples, honey etc. But even though some of the names mentioned may ultimately be recognized as words for artificial wines, there still must remain a great variety of beers, which is surprising.


The cheapest beer of the oldest time was seemingly the "black beer", *kas-gig*, which was prepared of barley only². An exception is a text³ which enumerates an addition of spelt. A brewer furnishes 8 *nigin* (= 80 *qa*) of black beer. For its brewing he needs 18 *qa* of spelt, 18 *qa* of *ninda-tam-ma-loaves*, 24 *qa* of beer loaves and 36 *qa* of germinated grain⁴. The materials used for the "good black beer", *kas-gig-dug-ga*, differ little from the common "black beer". In order to brew

1) Compare for instance the Arabic سَكْرٌ called تَبِيدٌ which was prepared from dried dates (so in the Koran). سَكْرٌ was also made from dried dates and from كَشُوْتٌ a species of cuscuta, or dodder. كَشُوْتٌ is growing profusely in Babylonia, and was probably used already in ancient times by the Babylonians, for the purpose of mixing it with their beverages. Whenever the cuscuta, כִּסִּי, was not sufficiently cleansed from other herbs, on which it grows, the date-wine lost in quality according to Sar Shalom Gaon. For the occurrence of the cuscuta in Babylonia see Pliny, XIII, 46.

2) de Genouillac, No. 34, Obv. IV, 5 ff.

3) de Genouillac, No. 45, Obv. II, 1 ff.; see Hrozný, *Das Getreide in alten Babylonien*, p. 154.

4) The translation of *bulug*, by Hrozný, = *buqlu* as "malt", does not seem to me to be correct. Malt is out of place in the Babylonian method of brewing. Since the Babylonian method was similar to that of the Egyptian, where the process of boiling was unknown, it is difficult to understand what purpose malt could have served. We can get along very well with the common meaning of بَقَلَ, "to appear, to break forth", Ethiopic ቡለ "to germinate". *Bulug*, then, seems to refer to a certain kind of grain, seemingly always barley (notice *še-bulug* besides *bulug*) that was dug into the ground and left there until it had commenced to germinate. It is still the custom in modern Egypt to use germinated grain for purposes of brewing.

10 *nigin* of red beer¹ there were necessary 96 beer-loaves, 72 *qa* of (hulled) spelt and 120 *qa-sag-gál* of ground germinated grain. Hrozný² has further shown that the Babylonian beers are valued according to the amount of spelt that was added to the barley and the barley products. The Babylonian "Prima beer", *kas-kal*, thus was composed often with somewhat more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of hulled spelt, or somewhat more than $\frac{2}{5}$ of husked spelt³. The "good black beer" was sometimes prepared from barley exclusively. So in Allotte de la Fuye, No. 169, Rev. I, 5 ff., and No. 170, I, 1 ff. In this case the more valuable barley products were used in larger quantity. The texts mention further a beer, which was of a syrupy thickness and was eaten. The name of this beer is written ideographically , i. e., HUBUR+GUG+BULUG⁴.

We have followed so far the exposition of Hrozný, who gives a very detailed account of the composition of the Babylonian beers prepared with an addition of spelt in particular. Leaving out of consideration the surely erroneous idea that the Babylonians used malt with the preparations of their beers, Hrozný's investigations have given us valuable informations concerning the composition of the old Sumerian beers. The Sumerian beer recipes give us only knowledge of the materials of grain that were used by the Babylonian brewer, or the composition of different grains, with a statement of their respective amounts. They contain, however, no statements regarding the method of brewing itself. Since the texts, referring to brewing, always mention the beer loaves, it indicates that the method of brewing must have been very similar to the method employed by the Egyptians. For the making of beer loaves we may refer back to what has been stated above p. 78 ff. The barley, or barley with the addition of spelt, was kneaded with the beer loaves in the same way as was customary with the Egyptians. We have, above, mentioned that amongst the vessels found in Rifeh there still remained in many a quantity of barley grain and of barley mash. In

1) See Allotte de la Fuye, No. 168, Obv. I, 1 ff. and Hrozný, *l. c.*, p. 159.

2) Hrozný, *l. c.*, p. 161 and p. 174.



3) Hrozný, *l. c.*, p. 161. 4) Hrozný, *l. c.*, p. 172.


the tomb-painting at Deir el-Gebrâwi we also noticed that the artist indicated the hidden contents of the brewing vat, showing the yellow grain in the white mass representing the beer loaves, which were trodden by the feet of a man who stands up to his knees in the vat. While with the Egyptians the process of treading the beer loaves and the grain, or the working and kneading of these substances with both hands was most characteristic as



No. 18. An Egyptian brewer (after
Aeg. Zeitschr. Bd. 35).

the work of the brewer (see Illustration Nos. 18 and 19), the Sumero-Akkadians considered the making of beer loaves as the activity most characteristic for the brewer. Thus, while the Egyptians called the brewer *'ft* and represented him ideographically by


the sign , , the Sumero-Akkadians called the brewer *lù-KAŠ + NINDA*, or *bappir*, i. e., "the man of the beer loaf". It is thus probable that the verb "*lahâmu*", which is used to indicate a certain activity of the brewer, contains plainly and simply the word for brewing, originally probably "to make loaves".

Lahâmu is of course connected with the Hebrew word  "bread", and indicates that the activity which to the minds of the Egyptians was most characteristic of the brewer, was also so considered by the Sumero-Akkadians, and probably means also the same as the Egyptian *'ft*, "to wring, to knead, to press, to stir". The industry of brewing beer thus was alike both in Egypt and in Babylonia. Both countries supplement in their literary and pictorial remains our knowledge of the making of beer

in the Ancient Orient. Egypt contributed to our knowledge of the methods used in brewing beer, and Babylonia gave us the earliest beer recipes. It may finally be remarked that whenever Babylonian texts speak of honey¹ in connection with beverages, this refers not to beehoney, but to a syrup prepared from fruit-juices, which was thickened with *sikaru*, "beer". Also the Hebrews prepared this beverage, which



No. 19. Brewer and bottle washer (after *Aeg. Zeitschr.* Bd. 35).

according to Lev. 2, 11 was excluded for ceremonial purposes². Strassmaier, *Inschriften von Darius I*, No. 168, line 2, mentioning "one year old beer", , makes it evident that the Babylonians knew well to preserve the quality of the beer for a longer period.

1) *Mun, dug-ga, tabtu.*

2) פל-חמקתה אש-תקריבו ליהוה לא תקשה חמין פי כל-שאר ובלקדוש לא-תקטילו קטני אשה ליהוה.

A contract of the time of Xerxes narrates the hiring of a certain brewer named Nabû-ušallim for the purpose of preparing mixed beer for the repast of the god Nabû. It reads¹: 300 clay jars² of beer for the repast of the god Nabû, belonging to Rîmût-Bêl, the son of Iddîna-Nabû, the descendant of Ilu(?)-abušu(?), he has given for preparing unto Nabû-ušallim, the son of Nabû-aplu-iddin, the descendant of Lâ-kuppuru. For the keg Rîmût-Bêl shall give to Nabû-ušallim 78 *qa* of barley and 6 *qa* of cassia-spice. Then he shall mix the kegs to the amount of 300, execute (it) and give (the kegs) for the cellar(?) of Rîmût-Bêl and of Marduk-balašsu-iqbi, beginning with the month of Kislev of the 36th year³ according to his document. He shall stand good(?) for(?) the correct delivery of good mixed beer before the cellars(?) of Rîmût-Bêl and of Marduk-balašsu-iqbi. He shall stand security for it that the offering of the repast (of the god Nabû) suffers no delay and for Nabû-ušallim shall give nine kegs unto Rîmût-Bêl. Therefrom(!) Nabû-ušallim has received from the hand of Rîmût-Bêl 80 *gur* of barley and the remainder of the barley in Barsip(?) Rîmût-Bêl shall give to Nabû-ušallim. The cassiaspice(?) Rîmût-Bêl shall give to Nabû-ušallim in 1 *gur* Rîmût-Bêl shall make with Nabû-ušallim. In the house of Rîmût-Bêl, which is closed up, Nabû-ušallim shall dwell. He shall take care of the work of repair of the walling. For three years he shall cover(?) the roof. The work of tiles, cane and beams, as much as Nabû-ušallim shall make in the house of Rîmût-Bêl, which is closed up, Nabû-ušallim shall reckon up to the charges of Rîmût-Bêl. For and house-furniture, which Rîmût-Bêl shall entrust to Nabû-ušallim in the closed-up house, Nabû-ušallim is responsible. Nine -jars, 18 clay-kegs two *bukkannu*, one mixing-machine of cane, one of cane, one

1) See VS, VI, 182.

2) Tuns, barrels and casks, which were made of wooden staves and held together with hoops are an invention of the Gauls. See Pliny, XIV, 132: *circa Alpes vinum ligneis vasis condunt tectis circulisque cingunt.*

3) That is the 36th year of Darius I., which was the accession year of Xerxes.

..... belonging to Rîmût-Bêl are entrusted to the disposition of Nabû-usallim"¹. The brewer, according to the document, is hired for the period of three years in order to prepare mixed beer, for which he receives certain quantities of barley and cassia-spices. In return for his labor he is given a house with its furnishings and the brewing outfit, for the good keeping of which he is held responsible.

The Old Testament mentions the *šêkhâr* (Deut. 29, 6; Judg. 13, 4ff.; I. Sam. 1, 15; Lev. 10, 9; Is. 28, 7 etc.). On account of the too general meaning "intoxicating drink" it is impossible to determine in each instance whether a certain kind of artificial wine or beer is intended. Nor does Jerome know what kind of beverage it was². From passages such as Lev. 2, 11 it becomes, however, evident that the word *šêkhâr* was also applied to the beer. For the *šêkhâr* prepared from grain, see *Pesach*. III, 1. The brewery was known in Rabbinic times by the name "place of the brewing vat", **כִּי נוֹיֵרְחָא**, or "place of pounding", **כִּי סוֹדְנָא**. The Arabs drank a certain beer called *fokka*³. Simon Seth⁴ characterized it in the same way as the *zythos* by the earlier writers. He states that the *fokka* is a good beverage for those who have a very warm constitution, particularly in the stomach and the abdomen, and for those persons who suffer considerably from thirst on account of excessive heat. The *fokka* is particularly good on hot days, if it is free from any spices. It drives away thirst, stimulates appetite, is laxative, and causes frequent urination. It is, however, harmful to a watery stomach and persons with cold temperament. The Arabian beer was drunk by the Byzantines under the name φούκᾶς. According to Temimy a variety of beers were called by the name *fokka*. This writer gives the following account of its property and its ingredients: „Different kinds of beer are made. There is one which is pre-

1) Follow the names of witnesses.

2) Ep. ad Nepotian, ed. Vallarsi I, 266: *Sicera hebraeo sermone omnis potio, quae inebriare potest, siq̄e illa quae frumento conficitur sive pomorum succo, aut quum favi decoquantur in dulcem et barbaram potionem, aut palmarum fructus exprimuntur in liquorem, coctisque frugibus aqua pinguior coloratur.*

3) See de Sacy, *Chrestomathie arabe*, II, 437.

4) p. 118 ff.

pared from germinated, dried (and) ground barley-flour, being fermented with mint, rue, *dracunculus hortensis*, leaves of the lemon-tree and pepper. It is warm, dry, exceedingly putrid (and) harmful to the stomach. It produces flatulence and rumbling and injures the brain-nerves, because it fills the brain with thick, warm vapors, which pass off with painful difficulty. And often, on account of its bitterness and its pudridity, it causes diarrhoea; and often it causes diseases of the bladder and heartburn to those who make a habitual use of it. As for (the beer) prepared with bread of the best grade wheat flour, well prepared, of parsley, and of fine germinated wheat, or germinated barley flour — it is less dangerous than the first kind. It is more suitable for choleric persons. But those who are of a rather moderate temperament, and who desire to prevent its (causing) flatulence, winds and rumbling, and to render it moderately warm, and to strengthen the stomach, put into it some aromatic plants, which benefit and strengthen the stomach on account of their aromatic nature, and their absorption of its moisture, as e. g., hyacinth, mastix, cinnamon, long pepper, musk, some cardamom and nutmeg and clove. Of the powder thus made from these spices let one *mithkal* (two drachms in weight) serve for each twenty jars of beer (the jars being of the kind called?)¹. If it is desired to render it agreeable of taste, there must be put into each jar a heart of *dracunculus hortensis*, and two leaves [of the heart] of a lemon-tree, with a little rue and mint. They make also a more simple kind of beer, with water, bread of best grade wheat flour, well prepared, having been filtered, and an infusion of musk and mastix only, with a heart of mint in each jar, or a heart of *dracunculus hortensis* only." اما الفقاع فانه يتخذ على ضروب وذلك ان منه ما يتخذ من دقيق الشعير المنبت اكمثقف المطحون الماخمر بالنعنع والسذاب والطرخون وورق الاترج والغفلل كان حارًا يابسًا كثير التعفن مفسدا للمعدة يولد النفخ والقراقر مضرًا بعصب الدماغ وذلك لانه يملأ الدماغ النخرة غليظة حارة بعيدة الانحلال وربما احدث بحدته

1) De Sacy reads: الضارية. We should evidently expect here the name of a vessel with a specification of its size.

وعفونته اسهالا وربّما احدث للمدمنين عليه عللا في المثانة وحرقة البول واما المتخذ من الخبز السميد المتحكم الصنعة والكرفس وذيق الحنطة المنبتة او من ذقيق الشعير المنبت فانه اقل ضررا من الاول ووفق للمحرورين فمن احب من المعتدلى المزاج ان يزيل نفاخه ورباحه وقرقرة ويفيده حرارة معتدلة وتقوية للمعدة فيجعل فيه بعض الافاويه العطرية المطيِّبة للمعدة المقوية لها بعطريتها ونشفها لربوطاتها مثل السنبل والمصطكى وقرفة الطيب والدار فلغل والمسك وشى ءمن القاقلة ومن المسباسة والقرنفل وليكن جملة ما يسحق من هذه الافاويه لكل عشرين كوزا من كيزان الفقع الصانده مشقال واحد وزن درهمين فان اراد مرید ان يفیده لذادة فليصير في كل كوز قلبا من قلوب الطرخون وورقتين من ورق قلب شجرة الاترج مع يسير من سذاب ويسير من نعنغ وقد يتخذ منه سادجا بماء خبز السميد المتحكم الصنعة مروفا ونقيعة المسك والمصطكى فقط مع قلب . Another kind of beer was called *mizr*, *mizar*, مزر which the *Ḳâmûs* explains as نبيذ الذرة والشعير "wine of durra and barley". De Sacy (*Chrest. Arab.* I, p. 150, 151) identified *mizr* with the Greek *κοῦρμ*, a stronger kind of beer than the *ζύθος*. This identification, however, is doubtful. According to Ibn Baitar II, 513 it was prepared of wheat, durra and barley and was the national drink of Egypt long after it had embraced Islâm. The *mizr*-beer was subject to a government tax (Makrizy, *Chitat* I. 105). Bokhary mentions the use of this beer also in South-Arabia.

Dâdiyy (دائی), or *dâdiyy* (دای) was the name of an intoxicating beverage, which was probably prepared from a seed of the same name. This seed tasted bitter, and resembled the barley, being, however, somewhat thinner and longer (see Reinaud, *Relations des voyages faits par les Arabes et les Persans*, Paris 1845, 55). According to Gawaliky 108 the Abyssinian beer, called *ghobairâ*, or *sokorkah* (*sokorka'*), which was introduced into Arabia at a very early time, was especially prohibited to be drunk, since Mohammed had placed it in the same class as wine. The *sawîq*, (سویق), a particularly favored drink, seems to have been quite harmless. It was a barley-water, which was imbibed from the vessel by means of straws, and was generally drunk by sick persons.

When Niebuhr visited Arabia, he found the Arabs drinking a beer that was white and thick, being prepared from flour¹.

In the subterranean dwellings of the North Armenians Xenophon² saw jars filled with barley beer. Barley was mixed with it up to the brim. The Armenian barley beer was very strong if it was not diluted with water. One who became accustomed to the taste of this beer found it very agreeable. Old Cappadocian documents³ show that during the third millenium B. C. beer was brewed in Asia Minor by the same methods used in Babylonia.

1) Niebuhr, p. 57.

2) Anabasis IV, 5, 26 they (the peasants of the Armenian mountains) had: οἶνος κρίθινος ἐν κρατήρσιν· ἐνήσαν δὲ καὶ αὐταὶ αἱ κριθαὶ ἰσοχειλεῖς, καὶ κάλαμοι ἐνέκειντο, οἱ μὲν μείζους οἱ δὲ ἐλλάττους, γόνατα οὐκ ἔχοντες· τούτους δ' ἔδει ὄποτε τις διψῶν λαβόντα εἰς τὸ στόμα μύζειν· καὶ πάνυ ἄκρατος ἦν εἰμήτις ὕδωρ ἐπιχέοι· καὶ πάνυ ἡδὺ συμμαθόντι τὸ πόμα ἦν·

3) Golenischeff, *Vingt-quatre tablettes cappadociennes*.

Chapter Four

Wine and Beer in the Daily Life and Religion of the Ancient Orientals

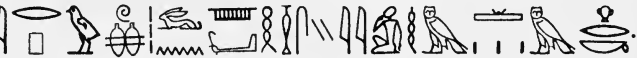
In Egypt, as well as in Babylonia and Assyria, we find only one view regarding intoxicants. This view is of a favorable character, as far as the national conscience of these peoples is concerned. It was impossible during the early stages of the national development of these peoples that any considerable group should rise up in protest against the excessive use of beer or wine. Intoxication was not yet considered as constituting a moral offence against the drinker's own self and against society at large. It was, on the whole, rather considered in the light of a harmless pleasure in which one might indulge. The moral sense was still too undeveloped to put a different construction on excessive drinking.

In Pap. Anast. IV, 3, 7 it is stated that the mouth of a perfectly happy man is filled with wine, beer, etc.,



The same text refers to the hilarity that it caused

by wine,



But there were always individuals who took a different viewpoint, and as ages passed, the moral sense of wider groups of people reached a stage where it found intoxication unbecoming to the dignity of a man. So at the time of Athenaeus the Egyptians were described by him as temperate in banquets of every kind and that they used only so much wine as was necessary to gladden the heart. The statement

of Athenaeus reflects, however, only one group of Egyptians. Herodotus¹ presents us with the second group. The drinking bouts (𓆎 𓆏) | 𓆑 𓆒 [Düm. *Hist. Inschr.* I, 20] = מִשְׁתֵּה, συμπόσιον) generally started after a meal. Then a wooden image of a dead person was carried about and to each guest was given the admonition: "Behold this one, drink and be happy, for after thy death thou wilt be like this one!" That the second and probably far the larger group heeded this admonition well is richly illustrated in the tomb-paintings of Beni-Hasan. They show us that beer and wine were drunk

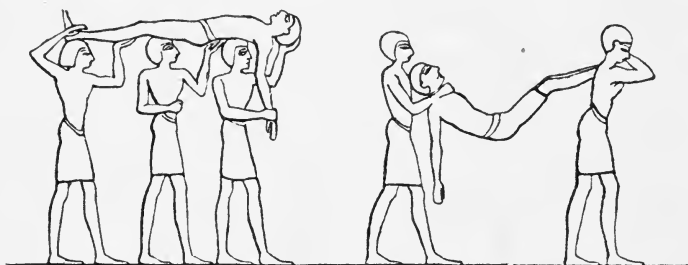


No. 20. Slave offering wine cup to a lady (after Wilkinson).

by the Egyptians often to excess and that the women of the upper classes were also not free from this habit. Illustration No. 20 shows a slave offering wine to a lady. Two slaves carry their totally drunk master, one at the foot, the other at the head. They are followed by three slaves who have lifted their master on their heads and carry him away like a stiff pole (see Illustrations No. 21). The first slave holds with his hand the head of the master. On a wall-painting at Thebes we behold an even more unesthetic picture. Ladies, overcome by the use of too much wine, pay a painful and ugly sacrifice to Dionysos (see Illustration Nos. 22 and 23). The lotus-flower, bent over the arm of a drunken lady indicates her condition, for this flower

1) Herod. II, 78.


determines also the concept of intoxication¹. These ladies are held by their female servants. For an Egyptian banquet scene



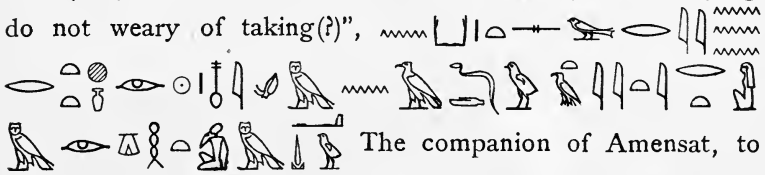
No. 21. Scene after the close of a banquet (after Wilkinson).



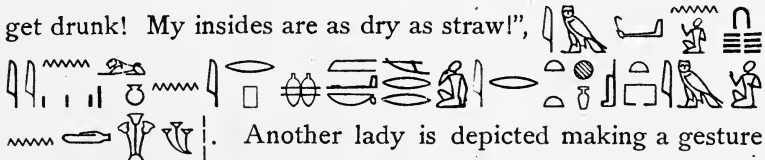
Nos. 22 and 23. From a Theban tomb (after Wilkinson).

1) So in Demotic . The lotus-flower, in a more general way, serves as determinative of joy, f. i., in the verb "to rejoice, to be in an

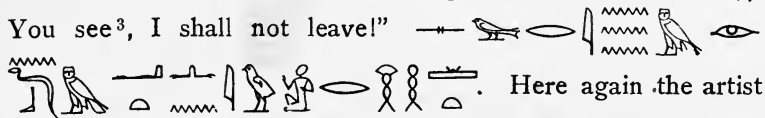
see Illustration No. 24. In the banquet scene of the tomb of Paheri we are enabled to become quasi listeners to the form and tone of conversations that prevailed at these banquets. A servant had offered to Amen-sat, one of the daughters of Kem, a drinking-bowl. The lady was of another type than her sisters of Thebes. She refused the proffered drink. The servant, forgetful of his position while the drinking-bout progresses says jokingly: "(It is) for thee¹, drink unto drunkenness (and) celebrate! O listen to what thy companion is saying, do not weary of taking(?)",



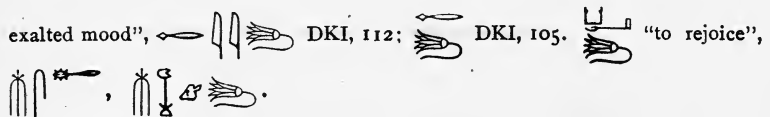
The companion of Amensat, to which the servant refers, called Nub-mehy, is her distant cousin. She is of a different type, as we can judge from her words, with which she addresses the porter: "Give me eighteen cups of wine", she calls out unto him, "dont you see² I want to get drunk! My insides are as dry as straw!",



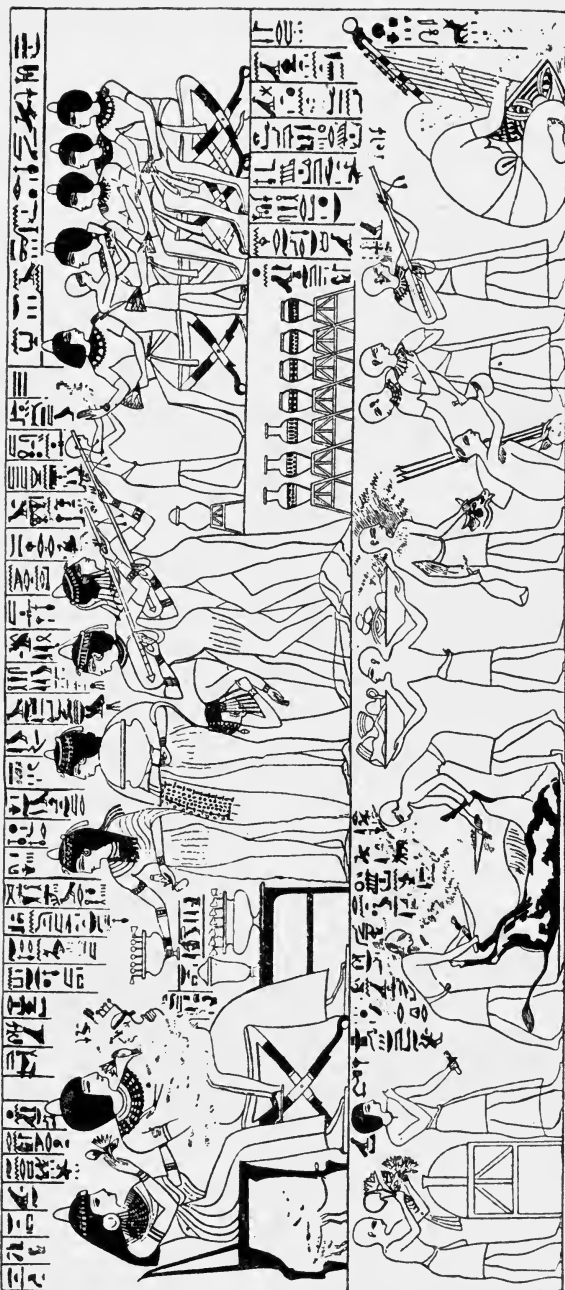
Another lady is depicted making a gesture of refusal with her hand. It is the nurse Sensenbet, whom another servant invites to drink, saying: "Drink! Do not refuse(?). You see³, I shall not leave!"



Here again the artist has grouped Sensenbet with a lady, the nurse Tupu, who calls upon her to drink and not, by her refusal, spoil the entertainment. She says: "Drink! do not spoil the entertainment.



1) Lit. "(It is) for thy ka".
 2) Lit. "Behold", which in English, is too formal.
 3) Lit. "Behold".



No. 24. A wine party under the New Empire (after Wilkinson).


Let the cup reach me. You know¹ it is due unto the *ha* to drink",



See also Lepsius, *Auswahl*, 16, line 16: "Do not cease to drink, to eat, to intoxicate thyself, to make love, (and) to celebrate good days",



The Egyptian toast seems to have consisted in the address:

k'i-k, i. e., "to thy double", or rather *k'i-hr-k'i*,  which

word is preserved in the name of the month *Koiahk*. ΚΙΑΖΚ, ΧΟΙΑΖΚ, ΧΟΙΑΚ; χοιάκ and in the name of the vessel *ku-i-ih-ku* (Winckler, *Amarnataf*. No. 294; see *OLZ*, 1899, Vol. II, 105).

A few songs, which seem to have been most popular at banquets, have come down to us. They contain exhortations similar to the one Herodotus had taken down. The Egyptians are advised therein to enjoy life to the utmost, and to use every day for mirthmaking until the day shall come to depart for the land whence none returns. Pap. Harris 500, 6, 10—7, 3²:

"Place aromatics on thy head!
 The garment on thyself (let be) of byssus,
 Dipped into the precious
 (and) genuine things of the gods!
 Surpass (even) thy life of pleasure (shown hitherto)!
 Let [not] thy heart get weary!

 Perform thy affairs on earth

1) Lit. "Behold".

2) See Goodwin, *TSBA*, III, 387; Maspero, *Journ. Asiat.*, 1880, 404 also *Étud. Égypt.* I, 164; Erman, *Aeg.* 516, Griffith, *World's Best Lit.* 5316 and Müller, *Liebespoesie*, pp. 29 and 30. See also Müller, *ibid.* pp. 31—33 and the text published in Reinisch, *Aegypt. Chrestomathie* I, 20, in which the deceased lady Ta-imhotep, the wife of the high-priest of Memphis, implores her husband to enjoy this present life to the utmost, since the underworld is a land of dense darkness and a dreary place for the dead.

according to the bidding of thy heart!
That day of lamentation will come to thee,
(in which) he of a paralyzed heart will not (be able
to) hear their mournings.

Weeping will not compel
the heart of a man (to beat) in the tomb.
Moral(?): Celebrate the joyous day!
Do not rest in it!
Behold! It was not granted,
to take along one's possession.
Behold! There is none, who has gone hence
and has returned again.

At banquets the harp-player was seldom missing. We possess an interesting, though very difficult text¹, which describes the manner of life this minstrel lived and particularly his struggle for existence. He is in want and privation. He knows only one song, of which the theme is "I am hungry and thirsty". When he goes to the banquets of the rich, he first eats and drinks. But moderation in eating and drinking is an unknown virtue to him. "He drinks for two, he eats for three, he satiates himself for five". When he is called upon to play his harp and accompany his instrument with his song, he is so drunk that he is unable to perform and the guests chase him away from the banquet-hall.

"He has doctrine and he has not. (He is) like one who can not speak, although (being) intelligent, and who does not know to answer in a satisfactory way. (He is) like a fool who has digested a book, in which is contained every teaching, and (yet) he is able to sing only one song, since he was born: "I am hungry, I wish to drink. Is there nothing to eat(?)". when before him he sees meat. He searches after the blood more than the fly, (more than) the vulture that has decried the massacre.

He will be able to pass four days awake, to look for provisions, being fully dressed they call unto him "There is

1) *Vienna Demotic papyrus* No. 31. This text was first translated by Revillout in the *Revue égypt.* After this first endeavor, Krall published partly a new translation. See now *Revue Égypt.*, 1919.

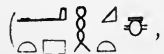
meat in such and such a bad place!”, and he is already there with the harp. He has no (it is) the throat(?) of the man, who destroys his own self. As soon as he has found wine (and) meat before him he goes there without being invited. He converses with the guests: “I can not sing, I am hungry. I can not bring the harp in order to chant (it), without having drunk, (and) eaten from the jar And he uses wine for two, meat for three, food for five together. The harp presses (against) his heart; it is like a heavy load. He causes them to call to him three times for a song. He is accustomed to carry the harp in order to inebriate himself, in order to exhibit every kind of vice in him. He plays (on) the harp in entire discord “Serve food”. He turns it to his side. He responds to recite the He is accustomed to exaggerate his art. (For) his mouth is his strength, (and) his words do not bear witness to his art. It differs his voice, it differs the harp; his bad behavior, his art speak against him, against the order to sing. “Shame with thy splendor!” They are unaccustomed until the pupil of his eye. They will not receive him at another place because of his many vices. Once satiated he leaves the harp, he flees, he departs. He causes the hour to pass to show(?) his face.”

Krall was the first scholar who recognized¹ that this text belongs to the same class of literature, which depicts in a satirico-humorous way the life and doings of men of different professions and crafts, as contained in Pap. Anastasi III, 3, 9—4, 4; V, 8, 1—9, 1; Anast. III, 5, 5—6, 2; IV, 9, 4—10, 1; Anast. V, 15, 6—17, 3 and Pap. Sallier I, 6, 1—9; Pap. Sallier II, 4, 6—8. In a company of high-living guests the harp-player fell an easy prey to a debauched life. The text was probably written as a warning to those who desired to choose the tempting life of a musician and minstrel as their life's work. The harp-player is no uneducated person, “he has doctrine”, but is of a mind that seeks, since his early childhood, his highest

1) See *Rec. de trav.* V, pp. 76—78.

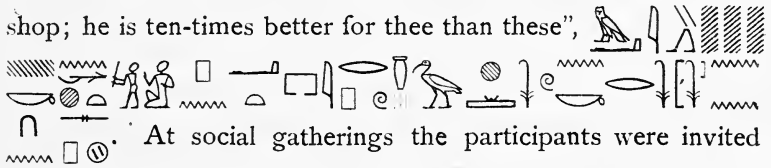
ideals in good and plenty of food and drinks, until he becomes so depraved that his presence is offensive even in those circles, which otherwise are all but Puritan themselves. The intoxicated husband, who returns home from the banquet, does not meet an infuriated wife who showers him with reproaches and moral lectures. She removes the wreaths, the banquet-adornment, when he has retired (Pap. Harris, 500, 7, 11, 12). The young Egyptian student, it appears from a letter written by a teacher to his pupil¹, was prone to forget his studies and frequent the taverns of the city in order to get drunk on home-made and imported wines. The teacher writes:

“I am told that thou forsakest books
 (and) dost abandon thyself to pleasure.
 Thou dost wander from tavern to tavern.
 Every evening the smell of beer,
 the smell of beer frightens men away (from thee).
 It corrupts thy soul,
 (and) thou art like a broken oar.
 Thou canst guide to neither side.
 Thou art like a temple without a god,
 (like) a house without bread.
 Thou art detected as thou climbest up the walls,
 and breakest the plank.
 The people flee from thee,
 and thou dost strike and wound them.
 O, that thou wouldst comprehend that wine is an
 abomination
 and that thou wouldst abjure the pomegranate-drink;
 that thou wouldst not set thy heart on fig-wine,
 and that thou wouldst forget the carob-wine.

The Egyptian public beer- and wineshops () were, it seems, often also dens of prostitution. We see on one monument girls in the company of an intoxicated man. The Egyptian demimondaines embrace him in this condition in which he

1) Pap. Anast. IV, 11, 8 ff.; cf. also Sallier, I, 9, 9 ff.

was an easy mark to their lures. The girls have placed a wreath around his neck and have anointed him with oil. Wild scenes and disorder may often have ended the drinking bouts, as we read in a love-song: "The banquet is disordered by drunkenness"¹. The keepers of public taverns stood very low in the estimation of the better class of their fellow-citizens. We gain this information from a satirical remark in which a taverner figures as criterion for the moral depravity of a certain scribe Roye, the cattle-counter Kasa and an official of the treasury called Amen-wah-se. It says²: "Well then, I describe(?) unto thee Nakht, him of the wine-shop; he is ten-times better for thee than these",



At social gatherings the participants were invited to drink heartily. In the tomb of Ahmes at el-Kab we read: "drinking unto intoxication and celebrating a festive day", *swry r tht ury hrw nfr*. A servant carries to Amenemheb³ and his wife a beverage "good intoxicating drink".

Holidays were always especially days of great drinking bouts. Thus we read⁴: "The soldiers of his Majesty were drunk of wine and anointed with oil each day as on a holiday in Egypt"



The consumption of wine and beer must have been enormous⁵. It was brought to kings, warriors and priests by right of state in specific quantities. Every warrior, for instance, if we can trust the statement of Herodotus⁶, of the royal body-guard, which consisted of 2000 men received four measures of wine.

1) Turin love-songs, Maspero, *Étud. Égypt.*, I, 228.





2) Pap. Anast. I, 9, 4 ff. See also *Aeg. Z.*, 44, pp. 124 and 125.

3) Sethe, *Urkunden* IV, pp. 916 and 917.

4) Sethe, *Urkunden* IV, p. 688.

5) Ramses III. says: "I gave every day wine and must, in order to equip with abundance the land of On" (Pap. Harris I, 27, 8).

6) Herod. II, 168.

Every priest, who performed service at the temple, received one measure. The Egyptian calender contained a "day of drunkenness", . *Thy*,  was a monthly festival, which was celebrated on the twentieth day of the month of Thot, Coptic **Θοοϣτ**, **Θωοϣτ**, Greek $\Theta\omega\theta$, $\Theta\omega\theta\delta$. The name of the first month of the year, Thot was probably originally called *thy*, , which referred to the "vintage-festival", or, "vine-festival", which originally inaugurated the New-Year of the Egyptians. The old Canaanites similarly, commenced the New Year with the vintage, or rather after the wine-harvest. It is possible that the origin of the Purim festival goes back to the old Canaanitish vintage-festival (Purim etymologically connected with *pûra*, "the wine-press"). Herodotus II, 59 mentions that at the *tekh*-celebration of the bacchanal Bubastis (Bestis)-festival, there was more wine drunk on one day than throughout the entire year. These festivals, celebrated in honor of the catgoddess, were of proverbial gaiety and men, women and children came from all parts of Egypt to take part in them. "The gods of heaven rejoiced, the ancestors diverted themselves, those who were present became drunk with wine, their heads were crowned with flowers, the inhabitants ran merrily to and fro, their heads streaming with perfume, in honor of the goddess; the children skipped sportively about from sunrise to sunset" (Dümichen, *Baurkunden*, p. 21). In the inscription of Tehutineht, son of Nehera, in the quarry of Het-Nub, the dead is praised as (10): "loved by alls his town(s-folk), women as well as men, not conspiring evil, (11) great of beer ()", etc.

Although the Egyptian monuments make it clear that the Egyptians were heavy beer- and wine-drinkers, and that from their early youth, according to a passage², which states that a good mother is accustomed to bring to her son, who attends school, three loaves of bread and two jars of beer daily, yet there were at all times voices raised against

1) Cf. Düm. *Resultate*, 51, 25; *m hrw thy n th*.

2) Pap. Ani, 20, 20; cf. Pap. Sall. II, 10, 6.

drunkenness. Sentences such as "A cup of water satisfies the thirst"¹, or, "A short minute overpowers the heart"², or, "Do not set thy heart on fig-wine"³, show this conclusively. The scribe Ani indulges in the following warning: "Do not pass (thy time) in the beer-house and thou shalt not speak evil about thy neighbor even in intoxication. Then (if) thou fallest to the ground, and thou breakest the limbs, none reacheth out the hand to help thee. Behold, thy companions! They drink and say: Go home, thou, who hast drunk enough!". It is pretty certain that moderation in drinking was recommended to the kings more than to any other class, in view of the dietetic and other laws by which the priests have regulated and assured the life of the king⁴.

Many references to drinking are found in the Egyptian love poetry. The lover is even satisfied to go without his accustomed beer, as long as he enjoys the pleasant company of his sweetheart⁵. A beautiful lovesong, with a reference to the sweetheart making her lover drunk with love as well as beer or wine, is the following⁶:

"The little sycamore
which she has planted with her hand,
commences to speak,
and its (words are as) drops of honey.
It is charming, its foliage is beautiful,
more green than the (papyrus).
It is laden with fruits
redder than ruby.
Its leaves are like malachite,
their color is (transparent) like the glass;
its stem is like the color of the (yellow) *nešmet*-stone,

1) Pap. Prisse, I, 5; cf. also I, 8 etc.

2) Pap. Prisse, I, 4.

3) See also Pap. Anast. I, 10, 3 ff.

4) Diod. I. Jo. Clemens Alexandr. *Stromata*, VI, p. 633 mentions τὸν κλογισμόν βασιλικῆς βίου.

5) See Müller, W. Max, *Liebespoesie*.

6) Maspero, Turin pap. 79—83. *Étud. Égypt.*, I, p. 217 ff. and Erman, A., *Ägypten und ägyptisches Leben im Altertum*, Tübingen, 1885, pp. 272 and 273. W. M. Müller, *Liebespoesie*, pp. 39 and 40.

round(?) like the *Besbes*(-tree),
its shade cooleth.
It sends its letter through a small girl,
the daughter of the chief-gardener.
It causes her to hasten to the much-beloved:
"Come and tarry amongst the young people.
The meadow, full of bushes, celebrates(?) its day.
The arbor and the tent are to thy disposal.
Thy village-chiefs rejoice,
(and) the young folks, who behold thee!
They send thy slaves ahead of thee .
The servants, who belong to thee
furnished with their tools,
are drinking, while hastening to thee,
before they have (started drinking),
(when they) hear their comrades,
coming with their utensils.
They bring beer of every (kind),
all kinds of mixed bread,
many flowers from yesterday and to-day,
and all kinds of refreshing fruits.
Come, celebrate this day,
and to-morrow and the day after to-morrow three days
sitting in my shade.
Her companion sitteth to her right side,
(and) she maketh him drunk,
she obeying that which he sayeth
(when) the drinking-bout becomes disordered by
drunkenness
(and) she is left alone with her brother
unwrapping herself below me,
the sister, on her promenade.
I am of a silent mind,
and do not say anything, that I see,
and I do not tell






In the records of the so-called Harem conspiracy we read that certain persons had forsaken the king's instruction and that the women had gone to these men, one an infantry-officer, the second a captain of police, the third a butler, the

fourth a scribe of the archives, and the fifth a standard-bearer of the infantry. Both men and women had gotten drunk, or as the phrase expresses it, they had "made a beershop", *ḥ.t-hk.t*. The butler evaded court-proceedings by taking his own life. The standard bearer Ḥor was acquitted. Tefnahte, in his message of submission expressly states "I have not sat in the beershop"¹.

Beer has found a place in Egyptian mythology. Once upon a time in primeval days Ré^c reigned as king over men and gods. But he grew old, his bones were silver, his limbs gold and his hair was genuine lapis-lazuli. He had become old and stiff. Mankind became aware of this and had put it in their minds to blaspheme the old god. But their thoughts became known to Ré^c and he caused the gods to assemble before him in order to inflict a punishment upon mankind. This he did so secretly that the people were kept completely ignorant of his plans. Ré^c sent his eye, which descended as the goddess Hathor. She killed the people, who had started to take refuge, stream-upward, into the mountains. The rage of Hathor was so furious that it became too much for Ré^c. But Hathor's fury knew no bounds. She did not want to stop the slaughter, until the last man was destroyed. She waded, against the will of the sungod, for a number of nights in the human blood, until, finally, Ré^c conceived of a trickery. He caused immense quantities of beer, which was red-colored, in order to look like the blood of men, to be poured over the fields². The beer attracted the goddess. It tasted good to her and she returned home in an intoxicated condition, not recognizing the people. Thus, some people were saved, who had taken their refuge in the desert. The beer, according to this myth was prepared of barley and dada-fruit, i. e., the mandrake-fruit from Ethiopia. "Hasten to the island of Elephantine, and bring me much dada-fruit", is the order given by Ré^c to his messengers. When they had brought it, Ré^c

1) *Pianhi Stele*, I, 133 ff.

2) "On that day Ré^c [stood up] in the best part(?) of the night for causing this sleeping draught to be poured out, and the fields were flooded four spans high by [that] liquid through the power of the majesty of this god".

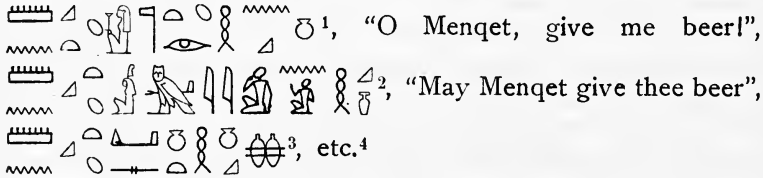
gave it to the goddess Sektet¹ of Heliopolis, in order to grind it. The dada-fruit was added to the barley which was crushed by the slaves, and the whole was mixed together with the blood of men, making thus 7000 jugs of beer. Another version has it that wine was made, instead of beer, out of "the blood of those who formerly fought against the gods"². Plutarch in this connection asserts that before the time of Psammetichus, the kings had abstained from wine, and had even not allowed themselves to offer it up as sacrifice, since wine was held to be the blood of the one-time enemies of the gods. The one version gives us the origin of the beer, the other that of the wine. For it states that when these enemies of the gods were killed and their blood mingled with the earth, the vinestalk was created. The story of the first version winds up with the statement: "Thus originated the girls in the Pleasant City. Ré³ said to that goddess: 'Make sleeping-draughts for her at the time of the New Year festival! Their number (shall be) according to(?) that of my (temple) slave-girls.' Thus originated the making of sleeping-draughts for(?) the number of slave-girls at the festival of Hat-hôr by all men since that day"³. The goddess Hathor is generally brought into connection with the invention of making beer. She is called "she who, first, has made the beer", or, "the inventress of brewing",  ⁴. From the temple inscription of Dendera we learn that Hathor is called "the mistress of intoxication", , or even, "the intoxicated one", *tehy.t*, probably in connection with the myth of the destruction of mankind. Dendera and its temple bore the name "the place of drunkenness",  (Düm., *Dend.* 10, 5),  (Düm., *Hist. Inschr.* II, 57 a). A special part of Hathor's temple was named "the house of drunkenness",  (Düm., *Dend.* 14). Hathor figures also as the

1) Or read "the miller" (?), see Müller, Max W., *Myth.* p. 75.

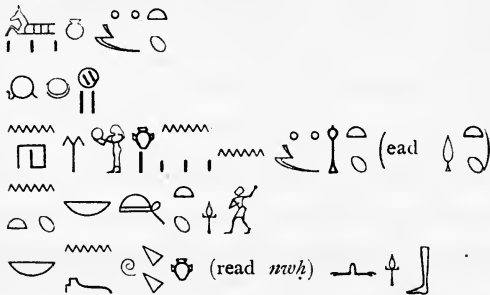
2) Cf. Plutarch, *De Iside* (ed. Parthey), VI.

3) See Müller, Max W., *Myth.* p. 76. 4) Düm., *Kal. Inschr.* 100.

By the side of Hathor appears the goddess Menqet, as a beer-goddess of the Egyptians. Menqet is mentioned as a vegetation divinity, and as such she is orthographically connected with a tree. But later she is shown as a woman holding two (beer?)jars. She is often described as maker or giver of beer, f. i., "Menqet, the goddess who makes beer",



The Classical writers most frequently identified Osiris with Dionysos⁵. Herodotus states Ὁσίρις δὲ ἐστὶ Διόνυσος κατὰ Ἑλλάδα γλῶσσαν. The identification of the two gods was undoubtedly due to the similarity of the rites of the Anthestêria (ἀνθεστήρια) to those Egyptian festivals which took place in the month Choiak, commemorating the passion and resurrection of Osiris. The holy plant of Osiris as well as of Dionysos was the ivy⁶, but also the vine. The reproduction



1) *Rec.* XXIII, p. 167.

2) Lieblein, *Livre que mon nom fleurisse*, XXXIII, 16.

3) *Aeg. Z.*, 50, p. 42.

4) See further De Morgan, *Ombos*, No. 112; Mariette, *Dendera*, IV, 6, 15; Piehl, in *Mélanges Charles de Harlez*, p. 222; v. Bergmann, *Buch vom Durchwandeln*, I, 71.

5) Diod. I, 11, 13 ff., 96; IV, 1; Plutarch, *de Iside* 17, 28, 34 ff., 37; Tibull. I, 7, 29 ff.; Anson, ep., 29—30; Dio Cass. 50, 5, 26; CIG, 4893; Tertull., cor. 7, etc.

6) Plutarch, *de Iside* 37. According to Plutarch the ivy was called by the Egyptians χενόσιρις, or the "plant of Osiris"; cf. Diod. I, 17, 19.

of vegetation in general, and the fructification of the vine in particular, symbolized to the Egyptians the successive phases of the rebirth of Osiris. In this mystic signification the vine-plant figures for instance in the tomb of Sennofri near Sheikh-abd-el-Gurnah. The observation made by the Ancients of the vine's reproduction and multiplying without seed, tended naturally to see something divine in this plant. It was, therefore, a befitting symbol of Batau¹, or Osiris, who revives again, in spite of his mutilation². According to *Pyr.* 1082 the sky-goddess conceived Osiris by wine. In a bilingual the element אסר of the name of a man of Tyre, called עבראסר, corresponds to Διονύσιος, Baudissin, *Der phönizische Gott Esmun*, *ZDMG*, Vol. 59, (1905) p. 485, note 1. A second Egyptian Dionysos was Antaeus, who is known to us only by this classical name Antaeus (or Antaios), and who was worshipped at Antaiopolis in Middle-Egypt. Also to him the vine or the ivy was holy. Golenischeff³ wished to identify him with the Semitic god Resheph, רשף, Rešpu, referring to Plutarch's *de Is. et Os.*, chapter 37, in which it is said that Dionysos is called in Egyptian Ἀρσαφής. The god Osiris of the Ethiopians of Meroë has been considered very early as a Dionysos⁴. Also Horus is sometimes identified with Dionysos by the Greeks⁵. A deity, identified with the 16th decan star, the principal star of the constellation Shesmu (Σεσμῆ) is written with the hieroglyph of a press. In *Pyr.* P 707 he appears to give water and wine. *Pyr.* T 41 brings him into connection with a "vine-city". See Müller, *Myth.* p. 58. Tenemet also seems to have been a patroness of intoxicating drink, according to de Morgan, *Ombos* No. 65.

It may finally be remarked that the misshapen god Bès, of Punt(?), who gained a footing in Egypt as well as in Asia

1) Pap. d'Orb.

2) On the identification of Osiris with Dionysos see *Revue des Questions historiques*, avril, 1893 and *Rec.* XX, p. 211 ff. See also Müller, Max W., *Mythology*, p. 113, fig. 117 Osiris under the vine.

3) *Aeg. Z.*, 1882, p. 138 ff. and plates 3 and 4. — Antaeus sometimes in the monuments is identified with Seth.

4) Herod. II, 29 and Origines, *c. Celsum* V, 37 and 38.

5) Diod. I, 17 and Plut., *de Is. et Os.*, cap. 37.

and the islands of the Greeks, was very fond of drinking and is represented on scarabs as sucking beer from a large vessel in the fashion of the ancient Hittites, the Armenians and early Babylonians (see Illustration No. 25). He "is no other than the beneficent Dionysos, who as a pilgrim through the world, dispensed with hand rich in blessings, mild manners, peace and jollity to the nations"¹.

The frequent mention of wine and beer in the Sumero-Akkadian documents makes it quite certain that the quantities of intoxicating liquors consumed by the ancient Babylonians and Assyrians were enormous. The Babylonians had the reputation of being heavy wine-drinkers, and they surpassed even the Persians in the consumption of wine, who were notorious as wine-drinkers². We possess not many documents which refer to drunkenness in Babylonia, but this lies in the nature of the case. The Babylonians, also, were less prone to picture their own vices than the more careless Egyptians. But such documents, nevertheless, have



No. 25. God Bês drinking beer through a reed (after Müller, W. Max, *Egyptian Mythol.*).

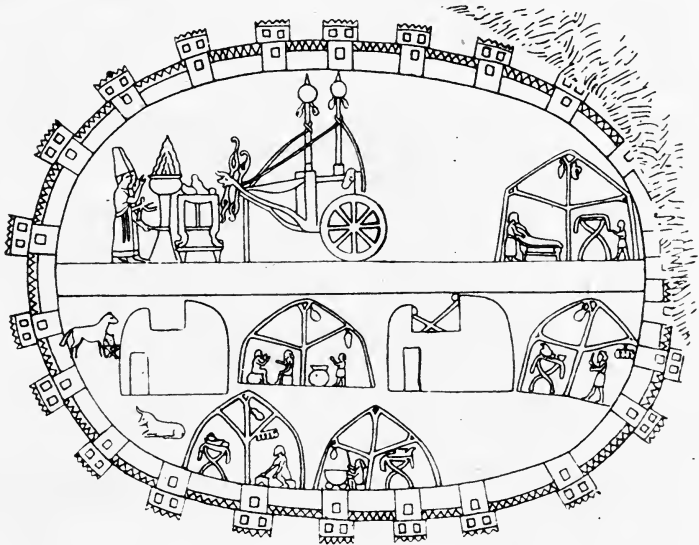
come down to us. In an Assyrian letter³ to the king three army-officers who had recently been raised to higher military posts, are accused by the writer, Bêl-iqîsha, of drunkenness. The letter reads: "To the king, my lord, thy servant Bêl-iqîsha. May Nabû (and Marduk) be gracious unto the king my lord! The servants of the house of my lord, whom the king, my lord has distinguished to-day, Tabzuâ, son of Bêl-harrâni-ah-uşur, whom the king my lord has raised to the rank of a major, (and) Nabû-sakip, whom the king my lord has raised to (the rank of) third commander of the regular cavalry, (and)

1) Brugsch, *History of Egypt*, London, 1879, Vol. I, p. 115.

2) Çurt, V, 1, 37: *Convivales ludi tota Perside regibus purpuratisque cordi sunt; Babylonii maxime in vinum, et quae ebrietatem sequuntur, effusi sunt.*

3) K. 613; Harper 85; see also V R 54, No. 2.

Êmur-ilishu, whom the king my lord has raised to (the rank of) body-guard — these three men are drunkards. As soon as they are inebriated, none turns away the iron dagger from him, who is in front of it. The information, which I know, I write unto the king my lord. The king my lord may do as he pleases"¹. For a drinking scene in a fortress see the second tent from the left in the middle row of Illustration No. 26. In the right compartment we notice the army-brewer and a huge beer-vessel. In the third tablet of the Babylonian



No. 26. Interior of a fortress (after *Klio*, VI, p. 396).

creation series Anshar speaks unto Gaga, his minister: "Let the gods, all of them, prepare for a feast, let them sit at a

1) A-na šarri be-li-ia (2) ardu-ka m.Bêl-iķiša (3) Nabû Marduk a-na šarri bêli-ia (4) lik-ru-bu (5) ardâni ša bît bêli-ia (6) ša šarru be-li ū-mu (7) an-ni-ŭ ū-par-ri-su-u-ni (8) m.Tab-zu-a-a mâr m.Bêl-ħarrâni-aħ-ušur (9) ša a-na amêlurâb ki-šir-u-tu (10) šarru be-li ū-še-lu-u-ni (11) m.Nabû-sa-kip ša ana amêluIII rakbê (12) ka-a-ma-nu-tu (13) šarru be-li ū-še-lu-u-ni (Rev. 1) m.Êmur-ili-šu (2) ša ana amêlumutir-pûtê (3) šarru bêlu ū-šc-lu-u-ni (4) III an-nu-tu šabê (5) ša-ak-ra-nu-tu šu-nu (6) ki-ma i-šak-ki-ru (7) amêlu paṭra par-zilli (8) ultu pa-an me-ħi-ri-šu (9) la ū-sa-aħ-ṣa (10) a-bu-tu ša ū-du-ŭ-ni (11) a-na šarri be-li-ia (12) as-sa-pa-ra (13) šarru be-li (14) ki-i ša i-la-u-ni li-pu-uš.

banquet, let them eat bread, let them mix wine." The closing lines give a vivid description of a banquet of the gods:

*ikšašūnimma illak[kūni]
ilāni rabūti kâlîšunu mušim[mu šîmti]
irubūma muttiš Anšar inlû
inniškū aḥū ahi ina puḥri
lišānu iškunu ina kirêti [ušbu]
ašnan ikulu iptiḫu [kurunna]
širisa matḫu usanni beradišu[nu]
šikru ina šatê ḥabašu zum[ri]
ma'diš ēgû kabittašun itel[li]*

"They came together and went,
The great gods, all of them, who decree fate.
They entered and before Anshar they filled
They kissed each other, in the assembly
They prepared for the feast, they sat at the banquet;
Bread they ate, strong wine they mixed.
Sweet herb-wine confused their minds(ṛ).
They became intoxicated with drinking, (their) bodies
were filled.
They were wholly at ease, their spirit was exalted."

In the recently published version of the Gilgamesh epic Enkidu is described in these words: *ul îdi* ^{it}*Enkidu aklam ana akâlîm šikaram ana šatîm lâ lummud*, "Enkidu did not know to eat food. He had not been taught to drink beer." From the Assyrian version we know (see Tablet I, 2, 39-40; 3, 3-7, 33-34; 4, 3-4) that.

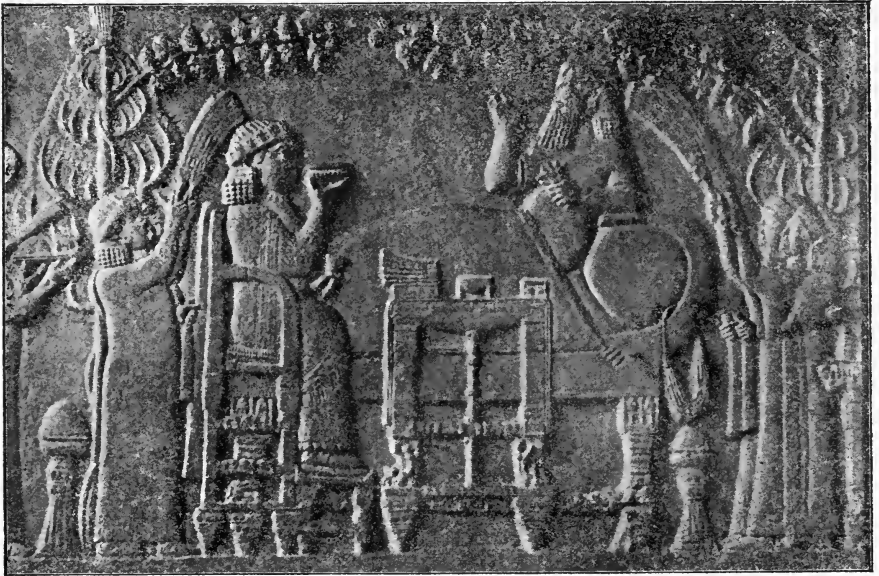
"He ate herbs with the gazelles,
Drank out of a through with cattle."

The woman, who introduces him to civilized life, speaks to him:

akul aklam ^{it}*Enkidu
simat balâtîm
šikaram šiti šîmti mâti*

"Eat food, O Enkidu, the provender of life! Drink beer, the custom of the land!" So "Enkidu ate food till he was satiated. Beer he drank, seven goblets. His spirit was loosened, he became hilarious. His heart became glad and his face shone"

(see Jastrow-Clay, *An Old Babylonian Version of the Gilgamesh Epic*, p. 65). Drinking was practised on a large scale at the courts of Babylon and Persia¹, and Nineveh². From the latter city we possess monumental representations of Assyrian banquets³. The banquet scenes represent the guests only as drinking. The sculpture never shows them eating. We see the servants emptying a huge wine-bowl with drinking-cups. The wine-bowl stands on the ground and is of a tremendous



No. 27. Aššurbanipal reclining in a bower (after Jeremias, *Das Alte Testament im Lichte des Alten Orients*).

size, reaching up to a man's chest. The prophet Nahum characterizes the Ninevites as drunkards, saying⁴: "While they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured, as stubble fully dry". Ishtar bids Aššurbanipal: "Eat food, drink strong wine, make music (and) exalt my divinity," *a-kul a-ka-lu ši-ti*

- 1) Herod. 9, 110; Daniel 5, 1; Esther 1, 3; Diod. Sic. II, 20.
- 2) Nahum 1, 10.
- 3) See Botta, *Monument*, plates 51—67: 107—114.
- 4) Nahum 1, 10.


ku-ru-un-nu nin-gu-tú šú-kun nu²-id ilu-ti (Assurbanipal, *Annals* Cyl. B Col. V, 65, 66 and K 2652, Rev. 5). A marble slab from Nineveh, now in the British Museum pictures Aššurbanipal with his consort in a bower, enjoying the precious juice of the grape (see Illustration No. 27). The Assyrian banquet scenes depict the guests as sitting together in the company of always four on one table, two on each side. Each table had its special waiter. In one case there are depicted some forty or fifty guests present at the banquet. The artist has brought little

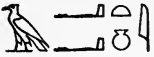


No. 28. An Assyrian banquet scene (after Meissner).

animation into his picture. Each guest is shown in the same pose, holding in his right hand a wine cup, raised to the level with the head (see Illustration No. 28). The wine cups are very beautifully worked. They show the form of a lion's head, from which the cup itself rises forth. The Assyrians, as well as the Egyptians reveal a great deal of good taste in the form of their drinking-cups. These cups had different shapes and were made from different material. Herodotus' statement¹ that the Egyptians drank wine only out of brass

1) Herod. II, 37: ἐκ χαλκῶν ποτηρίων πίνουσι, διασωμῶντες ἀνὰ πάσαν ἐμέρην, οὐκ δὲ μὲν δ' οὐ, ἀλλὰ πάντες. Hellenicus, fr. 149 makes a similar statement.

or bronze cups is wrong. Joseph¹, we are told, had a wine goblet wrought of silver, while golden cups are mentioned in the demotic novel (Papyr. Mariette), "and they had set down many golden cups² on the drinking-table. Each of the golden goblets was filled with wine". Also Papyrus Harris pl. 6 mentions vessels of gold for wine and beer. Amongst the many jugs and bowls, there have been found particularly often the , ";

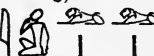


, 3³ ".t-irp", i. e., "wine-cup"³. Wine-cups were often made of alabaster, porcelain, and perhaps also, judging from the pictures, of glass. They had either the form of an opening flower, which was held in a stand, or contained, like the Assyrian representation, heads of animals, or birds, from whose necks they drank (see Illustration No. 29). A simpler drinking-vessel had the form of our own coffee-cups or saucers (see Illustration No. 30). These latter forms seem to have been most customary with the Syrian neighbors of the Assyrians. In one monument we see representatives of conquered Semitic principalities bringing their tribute of wine in such bowls, while one bears a wineskin on his neck and shoulder (see Illustration No. 31; see also the drinking-scene on the Stele of Nerab, Illustration No. 32). The Assyrians also had musical entertainments with their drinking bouts, as is seen in the banqueting scene of Khorsabad. Two players are playing on ten-stringed lyres, which were of a square shape, and hung around the neck of the musician by a string. Among the high court-officials we meet with the *rab šaqê*, "chief-cup-bearer", or "chief butler" and the *rab bap-piri*, "chief-brewer". These titles were rather honorary, since we find the *rab šaqê* employed as military commander, f. i., II Kings 18, 17 "And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-saris and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah

1) Gen. 44, 2, 5.

2) , *lpt n nb*. For wine-cups "made of gold", see Düm.,

Recueil de mon. Egypt. II, 10, 59.

3) This word represents at the same time a certain measure. On

 (determ.  or ), "wine-cup", see Burchardt, M., *Die alt-kanaanäische Fremdworte und Eigennamen im Ägyptischen*, Leipzig, 1909—10, 106.

with a great army unto Jerusalem." On one of the most ancient relics of Sumerian art dating back to the time of Ur-Nina, the founder of the dynasty of Lagash, we see the king in the guise of a laborer, surrounded by his children and the



No. 29. Assyrian eunuchs carrying drinking vessels (after Lenormant, Fr., *Hist. ancienne de l'Orient*).

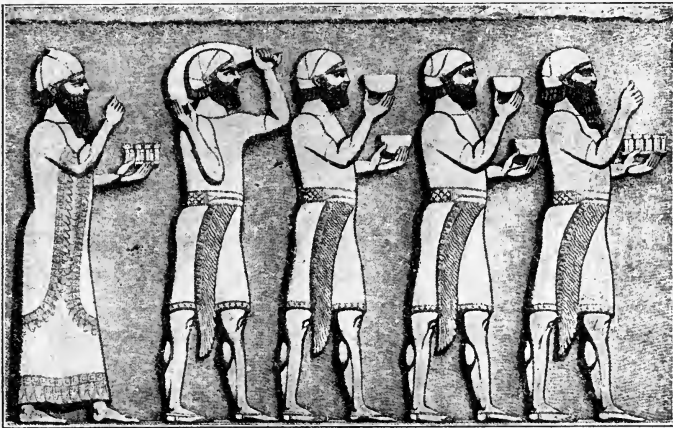
royal cup-bearer. Thus it appears that this official must have held one of the highest court-positions even at this very early time.

From the cylinders B and C of Urukagina, the last king of Lagash, who stood forth prominently as a great reformer,



No. 30. Sennacherib upon his throne (after Lenormant, Fr., *Hist. ancienne de l'Orient*).

we learn that it was customary for the priests to receive a certain quantity of beer besides other things, when officiating at funerals. “(When) a dead body (was) laid in the grave his beer (amounted to) seven jars”, *lù-idim ki-maḥ-šu gub kas-ni 7 dug*. In Cylinder A, V, 1 ff. he narrates what took place after order was again restored¹. “(When) a dead body (was) laid into the grave, his beer (amounted to) three jars”, *lù-idim-idim-a ki-maḥ-šu gub kas-ni 3 dug*. The priests were restricted, by Urukagina’s reform, to contend themselves with three, as against formerly seven, jars of beer. In an other



No. 31. Representatives of conquered peoples bringing their tribute to the Assyrian king (after Lenormant, Fr., *Hist. ancienne de l'Orient*).

passage² he fixes the quantity of beer for the lamentation-priest³ of Girsu, the lamentation-priest of Lagash, and the artisans. It reads: Two *hubur* and one amphora of beer for the lamentation-priest of Girsu, 490 loaves of bread, two *hubur* and one amphora of beer for the lamentation-priest of Lagash; 406 loaves of bread, one *hubur* and one amphora of beer for the lamentation-priests; 250 loaves of bread, one *hubur* of beer for the artisans; 180 loaves of bread, one *hubur* of beer

1) See also Cylinder B and C, IX, 26—X, 1 ff.
 2) Cyl. B and C X, 21 ff.
 3) *Kalû*.



No. 32. The stele of Nerab (after Ball, *Light from the East*).

for the of the city of Ninà” etc.¹ *Hubur* and *sá-dúg* designate in the pre-Sargonic tablets measures of liquids. The specific amount of these measures is not known. The *dúg*-measure, which was smaller than the *sá-dúg*, contained either 20 or 30 *qa*, which equalled about 8 to 12 liters. The *hubur* was again larger than the *sá-dúg*². In the oldest periods of the Babylonian history it is known that also the women received their special quantity of wine or beer. One text interests us in this connection, since it shows that wine was drunk by the ladies of the harem³. The text reads: “130 pomegranate cakes, 40 *qa* of wine, Etur; 90 pomegranate cakes, 30 *qa* of wine, Urki; 138 (pomegranate cakes, 20 fig cakes, 10 *qa* of wine, Etaë; total: 358 pomegranate cakes, 20 fig cakes (and) 80 *qa* of wine the gardeners have returned. Shakh, the superintendent, brought it into the harem. Year 1 (of Lugal-anda)”.

Wine and beer were offered up as sacrifices to the gods⁴, and Gudea ordered his donkey-shepherd Ensignun “to make plenty beer”⁵ for the god Ningirsu. Bel-Marduk received daily six metretres of wine (*Hist. Bel.* v. 3). The daily wine-offerings were presented in gigantic golden chalices. Upon a golden table of offering, measuring 41 feet in length and 15 feet in width, and weighing 500 talents, stood two golden chalices (καρχήσια) weighing 15 talents each, and three golden chalices, the one of 1200 talents and the other two of each

1) Cyl. B and C X, 21 ff.: 2 *kas hubur* 1 *sá-dúg* *uš-ku Gir-suki-kam* 60×8+10 *ninda* 2 *kas-hubur* 1 *sá-dúg* *uš-ku Širpurlaki-kam* 60×6+10×4+6 *ninda* 1 *kas hubur* 1 *sá-dúg* *uš-ku-an* 60×4+10 *ninda* 1 *kas hubur nam-um-ma-an* 60×3 *ninda* 1 *kas hubur* AB. ÁŠ. ŠI *Ninđki-na-me*.

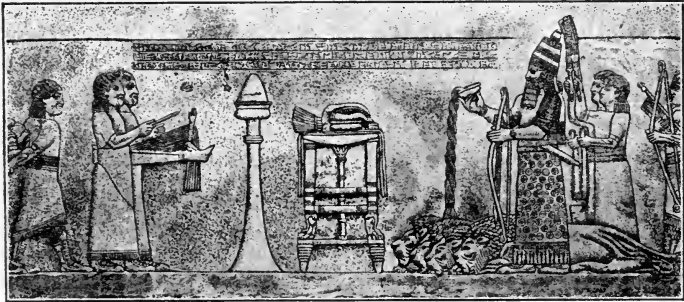
2) See *Zeitschrift f. Assyriol.*, XVII, pp. 94 und 95.

3) H. de Genouillac, *Tablettes Sumériennes archaïques*, No. 43. In *Rev. d'Assyriol.*, VI, p. 134, AO 4424, Obv. 1 ff. (neo-Babylonian) ladies of the palace receive each three *qa* of spelt-beer as their daily portion. In the sumtotal (*Rev.* 1) it is called, however, *kas-ka-lum-ma*. i. e., “datewine”. See also AO 4423 in *Rev. d'Assyriol.*, VI, p. 134 and often.

4) Gudea, Cyl. B III, 18; Cyl. B V, 21 (wine libated in a vessel of lead, *bur-an-na mu-tum din mu-ni-dé-dé*); Cyl. B VI, 26 (beer- and wine-libation named together, *kaš bur-ra dé-da-din kaš-a dé-da*, “in order that he libate beer, in order that he libate wine with the beer”).

5) Cyl. B X, 3 “*kaš ha-da*”.

600 talents (Diod. II, 9). Diodor's account is, of course, exaggerated. Varro (Plin. XXXIII, 15) speaks of a chalice of Semiramis, taken by Cyrus in Babylonia, which only weight 15 talents, while according to Diodorus its weight was 600 talents. Aššurbanipal, on one of his hunting-inscriptions, is pictured as offering a drink-offering over four dead lions (see Illustration No. 33). The inscription states: "An offering I offered up over them. Wine I libated over them," *muḫ-ḫu-ru e-li-šu-nu ū-ma-ḫir karâna aḫ-ḫa-a e-li-šu-un*. The same king refers to a corner-stone rite of the *bît ridûti* in Nineveh in the following words: "With strong wine and wine I sprinkled its cellar, I poured (it) on its foundation-wall(?)," (*Annals*, Col. X, 83—84



No. 33. Ashurbanipal pouring a drinking-offering of wine over lions slain in the chase (after Ball, *Light from the East*).

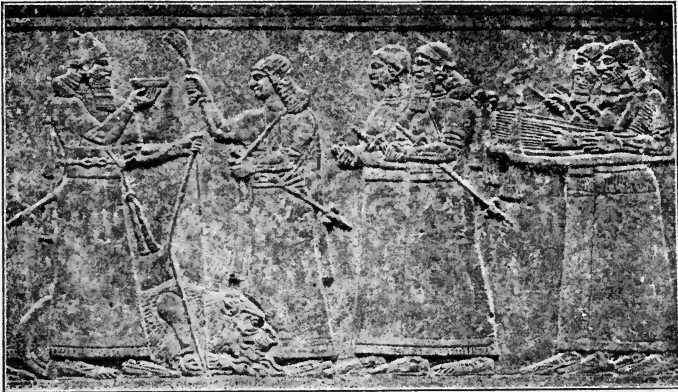
ina kurunni u karâni ka-lak-ka-šu ab-lul am-ḫa-ša šal-la-ar-šu). K 2674, 26 refers to a libation of wine after the beheading of enemies: "The heads of my enemies I cut off, (and) I libated wine over them," *ḫaḫḫadê^{meš} [nakirê]^{meš}-ia ak-kiš karâna aḫ-ḫa [e-li-šu-nu]*. Illustration No. 34 shows king Aššurnâsirpal about to pour a wine libation, after a successful lion hunt. The fermented liquors were conserved in the *ê-KAŠ + NINDA*, i. e., "the brewery", or, "the beer-cellar". We have seen above that Babylonia imported much grape-wine. The wine was brought from the Eastern mountains in large jars¹. From a text² it appears that brewers were

1) *Tab. pier. d'Uruk* II, 6: *ê-KAŠ + NINDA geštin qa-gal kur-ta tum-a*.

2) Sippar 123^{bis} (No. 12 in Friedrich, *Altbabyl. Urkunden aus Sippara*; BA, Vol. V, p. 491 and pp. 422—424).

drafted into the army, probably to provide the soldiers with beer rather than to serve under arms. It perhaps contains a list of military conscripts, who were called to the colors¹. In the second tent in the middle row of Illustration No. 26, which pictures a fortress we see in one apartment two sitting men, of whom one is drinking. The second compartment shows a large vessel probably filled with beer.

Babylonia possessed its wineshops and beerhouses², which seems to have been located generally near the water of a river or of a canal. See f. i., Ebeling, *KAR*, I, No. 16, Rev. 35, 36, *kar*



No. 34. Ashurnasirpal about to pour a wine libation over dead lion
(after Ball *Light from the East*).

geštin-na-gè mà ne-in-uš; ina kâr karani elippu um-mid-ma, "The ship stopped at the 'wine-wharf'". See also references below, p. 130, n. 4. The Babylonians, however, considered the frequenting of a public tavern by any respectable person as disgraceful. In a moral text³ it is said (line 15): *𒀭𒀭𒀭 𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭 (bêlum ana) bît šikari lâ tirrub*, i. e., "O lord, thou shalt not enter the beer-house". The same view prevailed, as is well known, amongst the Greeks, for whom it was likewise improper to visit a *kapeleion*.

1) Date-formula is *mu ugnim(ki) ab-nun-na-ki*, i. e., the 32th year of Hammurabi.

2) For instance, Bu. 88-5-12, 58 lines 2—3, "*bît šikâri*"; see Meissner, *Beiträge zum Altbabyl. Privatrecht*.

3) S. A. Smith, *Misc. Texts*.

In Athens, a visit to a tavern was a sufficient cause to bring about expulsion from the Areopagus. According to tradition Kish owed its existence to queen Ku-Bau, who was a woman of obscure and humble origin. It is told of her that she achieved her first popularity and influence as the keeper of a wine shop. There seems to be sufficient reason to believe that the public inns (without exception) were at the same time places of prostitution. The Code of Hammurabi devotes four paragraphs to the regulation of inns, which are called "wineshops". A striking feature of the Code is the fact that it speaks only of female taverners, *sal geštin-na, sâbitu*. Men in the liquor-business are not mentioned. But this is merely accidental. The Code may, after all, refer only to such wineshops as were also brothels, kept by women only. Paragraph 108 (Col. XVIII, lines 15—25) makes it clear that it was illegal to accept money for drinks. The price of a drink had to be paid in grain. The taverner was also bound by law to give full measure. Severe punishment was inflicted upon her in case the measure for drink was not in proportion to the measure of grain. The paragraph reads: "If a liquor dealer do not receive barley as the price of drink, but if she receive money by the great stone, or make the measure for liquor smaller than the measure for barley, they shall call that liquor dealer to account, and shall throw her into the water"¹. BM 26961 (King, L. W., *The Letters and Inscriptions of Hammurabi*, No. 85) illustrates the application of this section of the law-code. King Abiešû (2042—2015 B. C.), in a letter to Sin-idinnam, writes: "Unto Ibni-Šamaš, Sin-idinnam, the board of trade(?) of Sippar and the judges of Sippar speak as follows: Thus says Abi-ešû: Messengers and chief-shepherds(?) are going from Babylon to Sippar-Yahrurum. They will reach you on the 24th day of Tišritu. As soon as you see this tablet of mine, buy 300 (kegs) of mixed barley-beer (= *pîhu*) from taverners in Sippar-Amnanu, for refreshment(?). When they send you in-

1) *šumma salsâbitum anâ šim šikarim še'am lâ imtaħar ina abnim rabîtim kaspam imtaħar ũ maħîr šikarim ana maħîr še'im umtaħi salsâbitam šuāti ukan-nuši-ma ana mē inaddūši.*

formation, ship the barley(?) -beer to Sippar-Yahrurum. Regarding the barley to be given to the taverners, about which you have written unto me (I reply): It has been ordered (that) they shall give the barley in Sippar to the taverners." The second paragraph prohibits riotous gatherings in public drinking places and fixes the deathpenalty on the innkeeper in case she does not cause the arrest of the outlaws, "If outlaws collect in the house of the liquor dealer, and she does not arrest these outlaws and bring them to the palace, that liquor dealer shall be put to death"¹. The tavern, thus, was a favorite haunt for all kind of rabble that shunned the light. It was a breeding-place for all kinds of crime and the best way for the state to protect itself and its citizens was the imposition of a severe punishment on the innkeeper herself. It would be interesting to know how this law worked in actual practice. The innkeeper certainly was immensely concerned to keep order and not to allow outlaws to make her house a meetingplace or a place of refuge. According to the verbal form employed in the paragraph it would seem that the innkeeper had the power of arrest in her own hands, for otherwise we should expect the causative form, "cause them to be arrested", and, "cause them to be brought". The next paragraph (§ 110, Col. XVIII, lines 36—44) provides for the punishment on the stake, in case a vestal virgin leaves her house to open a wine-shop or to frequent it for strong drink. It reads: "If a votary, who is not living in a cloister open a tavern, or enter a tavern for a strong drink, they shall burn that woman"². Only two cases are mentioned in the Code of Hammurabi, in which the horrible punishment of death by burning is ordered. The one referred to above, and the other in § 157, dealing with the heinous crime of incest of mother and son. The last paragraph (§ 111, Col. XVIII, lines 45—49) regulates the price of liquor sold on time payment. "If a liquor dealer", it states, "give one *pîhu*-drink

1) *šumma salsābitum sarrutum ina bīti-ša ittarkasu-ma sarrutum šunūti lā iššabtam-ma ana ekallim lā irdiam salsābitum šī-i iddak.*

2) *šumma našitum entum ša ina gāgim lā wašbat bīt sābi iptete ū lu ana šikarim ana bīt sābi iterub awillam šuātī iqallūši.*

on credit, at the time of harvest she shall receive 50 *qa* of barley”¹.

Zimmern has recently published² the transliteration and translation of a text, which is of interest in this connection, It contains incantations and rituals, which were intended to increase the business of a taverner, which had for some reason or other fallen off³. Two incantations were to be recited by an incantation-priest, while the third incantation, a love charm, was to be used by a demimondaine, or a votary of Ishtar, in order to bring back the lovers, who had stayed away from the inn and the brothel. The text contains an additional proof, if proof were necessary, that the Babylonian inn was at the same time a brothel. All three incantations are addressed to Ishtar, the goddess of love, and possibly also a goddess of beer and wine, like her Egyptian counterpart Hathor. Some passages may illustrate the general character of the text. “O Ishtar, enter at my word, and this tavern let be thy tavern! O Ishtar, support thy hand on the jug and the pressing vat! May profit enter unceasingly, (since) thou takest upon thyself responsibility!” The harlot recites: “Come enter into our house; thy beautiful bed-fellow may enter with thee, (and) thy lover and thy courtesan”. The incantation of the harlot ends with the sentence: “As the heaven fructifies the earth (and) plants are plentiful, so may be plentiful the (saying): ‘Be sweet unto me’”.

In mythology we meet with a divine female taverner, Siduri *sâbîtu*, who dwells at the “seat of the ocean”⁴. Gilga-

1) *šumma salsâbitum ištèn pîham ana qîptim iddin ina ebûrim 50 qa še'im iliqi.*

2) *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie*, Vol. XXXII. pp. 164—184.

3) *Inim-nim-ma šummama mi-ḫi-ir-tum ina bit amêlusa-bi-i par-sat*, “Incantation in case that the profit has ceased in the house of the taverner”; *inim-nim-ma iš-di-ih sa-bi-i ka-ri-ka*, “Incantation for the profit of the innkeeper at the dyke”.

4) *Kussê tâmti*; Zimmern, *ZA*, Vol. XXXII, p. 169 explains this phrase quite naturally, by referring to the *sâbî kâri*, “the innkeeper of the dyke” and to the *si-bi-i ka-a-ri* in Gray’s *Hymn to Šamaš*, Col. III, 45 (= Jensen, *KB*, Vol. VI, 2, 1, p. 104) and *ZA*, Vol. XXXII, 114, 16. See, however, also Albright (*AJS*, Vol. XXXVI, p. 260) who considers the phrase “a very curious detail”.

mesh in his burning quest for eternal life, having passed the abodes of men, finally reached the gate of the sun. Giant scorpion men guard this gate. He is unwillingly admitted to pass on the dark road of the sun. He travels for twentyfour hours, and at last he comes to a beautiful vineyard.

“Amethyst it bore as its fruit,
Grape-vine was trellised, good to behold;
Lapis-lazuli it bore as grape-clusters,
Fruit it bore, magnificent to look upon”¹.

Gilgamesh meets Siduri, the taverner, in this her vineyard. The vineyard is her domain, the vinestalk the tree of life and the noble and precious fluid, which she prepares, the means of imparting eternal life. As the Babylonian female taverner was primarily concerned with the preparing of beer or wine, and secondarily with the serving of beer or wine², so Siduri, the taverner, is described as engaged in the preparation of wine. To this purpose “they have made her a jar, they have made her a pressing vat”³.

One of the oldest divinities of the pantheon of the ancient Sumerians was a vinegoddess, called *dingir*Geštin⁴, or also, *dingir*Ama-geštin, i. e., “the mother vinestalk”. A temple was dedicated to her in the city of Lagash, which is mentioned in an inscription of Urukagina⁵. At a very early date, however, she loses all characteristics of a vinegoddess, and appears as the goddess Ninâ, “the lady of the waters”. This was but natural, when we consider, how little vine was cultivated in Babylonia, on the one hand, and on the other,

1) *sâmtu našât inibša*
išhunnatum ullulat ana dagâla řâbat
uknû naši hašhalta
inba naši-ma ana amâri řa'âh.

2) Schwenzner, *Altbabyl. Wirtschaftsleben*, p. 25 ff. (MVAG, 1914, III).

3) Gilgamesh-Epos, Tablet X, 3: *epišûši kannu epišûši namzîtu*. On the restoration *nam-zî-tu* see Zimmern, l. c., p. 169.

4) Or *dingir*Mu-tin and *dingir*Mu-ti. As the consort of the god of heaven she is later called Geštin-anna, “the vinestalk of heaven”, or Mu-tin-an-na.

5) Urukagina, *Clay Tablet*, Rev. II, 1 and 3.

how important a role water and irrigation played in Babylon¹.

A vinegod appears by the name *dingir*Pa-geštin-dug², "the good vinestalk", whose consort was *dingir*Nin-kasi, "the lady of the inebriating fruit", also called *dingir*Ša-bil, i. e., "she who causes burning". She is also mentioned by the name *dingir*Kaš-tin-nam, "the intoxicating beverage, which decreed life". As her mother appears the goddess *dingir*Nin-til, "the lady of life". *dingir*Ša-bil is the mother of nine children³, who seem all to have some connection with intoxicating drinks, or describing an effect of the use of alcoholic beverages. In the list *dingir*Sirīs is mentioned first. Her name refers to "beer" or any intoxicant not prepared from grape-vine. This goddess is followed by *dingir*ŠIM + KAŠ. a certain kind of beer prepared of barley and an addition of spices, and *dingir*ŠIM + KAŠ-gig, probably a dark kind of beer. The names, which follow, describe the effects of beer or wine. Here we meet with *dingir*Me-ḥuš, who may perhaps best be translated by "the brawler", literally, "he of frightening speech". The fifth child is called *dingir*Me-azag, i. e., "he of a clear speech"; the sixth, *dingir*Eme-te, i. e., "he of an eloquent tongue"; the seventh *dingir*Ki-dur-ka-zal, i. e., "he of the abode of mirth"; the eighth, *dingir*Nu-silig-ga, i. e., "the braggart", or, "the boaster", and the last, *dingir*Nin-ma-da, i. e., "the lord of the land". Ninkasi lives on Mount Sâbu, which, of course, is not a geographical designation, but means either "the mount of the taverner", or, "the mount of retailing (scil. beer or wine)"⁴. The god Ninurta, at least in one instance (see Meissner, *Allorient. Texte und Untersuchun-*

1) For wine in the incantation literature see Ebeling, *KARI*, II, No. 62, lines 10—13. *karamu ú-paṭ-ra qablê-ka liš-ša-paḥ šepê-ka dan-nu ki-ri-mu-ka li-ir-mu-ka*.

2) See CT XXIV, 10, 22 ff.

3) They are called *ilimmu-ân dumu-meš dingir*Nin-ka-si-gè *muš-laḥ-laḥ e-ne an-na-gè*, i. e., "they are the nine children of Ninkasi, the "snake-drivers" of "heaven".

4) Ninkasi is called in CT, XV, 41, 24: *geme-tug-tug dagar-ra me-te-gar = sinništu itpištu ummu ša ana simâti šaknat*, i. e., "the clever woman, who tends to the giving of drinks". *Simâti* seems to be etymologically connected with *sibû*, and *sâbû*(??).

gen, I, 279, 39) is referred to as one who knows "well to prepare strong wine."

In passing on to Palestine, we may finally remark that the Babylonian literature has not yet produced anything like moral prescription in which a warning is contained in regard to the excessive use of alcoholic beverages. That such "proverbs", however, were existent is seen from such passages as: *puḫli na'pi meštū ul uḫḫuršu*, i. e., "(as for) the strength of the worm, the drunkard is not inferior to it"¹.

The Hebrews, like their neighbors, appreciated wine, and no festivity was held without it, for the very name "festivity" — *mishteh*, points to this². Numerous passages in the Old Testament praise the vinestalk and its fruit. "Wine cheers man's heart"³, yea even the gods⁴. It is indispensable at the meals of the Hebrews⁵, and was not allowed to be missed on the altar of Yahweh as a drink-offering. Drunkenness was by no means unknown to them⁶. Only the Rekhabites and the Nasiraeans abstained from its use. The majority of the people, probably, always regarded wine with favor. The numerous wine-presses still testify to that. The religious leaders, of course, took quite another view-point, regarding the use of wine⁷. During the early days of the history of Israel, no opposition from that side was as yet encountered. But it soon set in. Viticulture represents a higher form of culture, which, like every other form of an advanced stage of human progress, was looked upon with disfavor. The simple beduin

1) II R 16, lines 23—24 d; see also BA, II, p. 296. Cf. Sir. 34, 30 "(wine) diminishes the strength", *מחית [ס] כוח*.

2) This designation occurs first in Gen. 21, 8. It becomes more common, however, at a later time. It is strange that in the story of Abraham's reception of the strangers (Gen. 18, 6—9), and even at the mention of the deliveries for the royal court of Solomon, only bread and meat are mentioned (I Kings 5, 2, 3) but not wine, while the possession of a privately owned vineyard is ascribed to every citizen (I Kings 5, 5).

3) Psalm 104, 15. Sir. 40, 20a: "wine and beer gladden the heart", *יין ושכר ישליצו לב*.

4) Judg. 9, 13. 5) I. Sam. 1, 9, 13.

6) I. Sam. 25, 36; 1, 13; II. Sam. 11, 13; Jer. 5, 22; 23, 9; Hos. 7, 3 etc.

7) On a discussion of the "Wine in the Pentateuchal Codes", see Jastrow, in *J.A.O.S.*, Vol. XXXIII, pp. 180—192.

life of the nomadic patriarchs was the ideal life to which Israel's religious leaders looked back. Each step of an advance to a more refined mode of living is a step farther away from Yahweh. To warn against viticulture and wine-drinking is narrated an occurrence in the family of Noah¹, and another in the house of Lot, in which the use of wine led to shameful intercourse with his two daughters². The lawgiver permits parents, whose son is living in debauchery and is a drunkard to accuse him to death before the judges³. This is an extraordinary ordinance, which stands without parallel. Drunkenness, for instance, is never mentioned in the Code of Hammurabi, or any other legal regulations of Babylonia and Assyria. This fact is significant and tends to show that drunkenness was not considered a crime by the Babylonians and Assyrians. On the other hand, Deut. 21, 20 permits the most severe punishment to be imposed upon the drunkard. The Ancient Orient otherwise knows no punishment for intoxication. A change was wrought in this respect by the introduction of Islâm. The Muhammadan law provides for forty beatings in case of drunkenness. They could be augmented up to eighty strokes in case of habitual drunkenness⁴. The Hebrew lawgiver forbids the priests to partake of intoxicating drinks during their services⁵. The assumption of the pre-exilic Hebrew leaders is that he who drinks wine necessarily becomes inebriated. This is still evident in a later period of Hebrew history. There is preserved a pleasant song, in which the mother warns the royal prince of wine-drinking⁶:

"It is not for kings to drink wine,
Nor for rulers to mix strong drink;
Lest, drinking, they forget the law,

1) Gen. 9, 21 ff. 2) Gen. 19, 32 ff. 3) Deut. 21, 20.

4) Mâwerdi, 388. Cf. also Lane, *An Account of the Manners and Customs of the Modern Egyptians*, 5th ed., London, 1871, p. 137: "Drunkenness was punished, by the Prophet, by flogging; and is still in Cairo, though not often: the 'hadd', or number of stripes, for this offence, is eighty in the case of a free man, and forty in that of a slave."

5) Levit. 10, 9.

6) Proverbs, 31, 4—7, given according to Toy, *Critical and Evangelical Commentary on the Book of Proverbs*, p. 539.

And disregard the rights of the suffering.
 Give strong drink to him who is perishing,
 Wine to him who is in bitter distress;
 That, drinking he may forget his poverty,
 And think of his misery no more".

Motive and close of the admonition are equally interesting. The Book of Proverbs takes a decidedly unfavorable position to wine. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler"¹; "he who loves wine and oil will not be rich"²; "look not on wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup"³; "thou shalt not be with the wine-bibbers, with the gluttonous eaters of flesh, for the drinker and the gormandizer shall impoverish, and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags"⁴. "Who crieth: 'Woe'? who: 'Alas'? Who hath contentions? who hath raving? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to try mixed wine"⁵. The opposition, however, from the religious leaders, becomes weaker as the time passes on. The establishment of the kingdom, which marked a real political and material progress in the history of the Hebrews, but making also higher claims regarding the mode of living, undermined the ultra conservative position of the religious leaders, and by the end of the seventh century the opposition towards wine and other intoxicants had ceased. In post-exilic times only the excessive use of alcoholic beverages is condemned⁶. It is now considered as a distinct blessing of God, when the vine-harvest showed a good crop and the wine-cellars could be fully stored with wine. Sir. 30, 25: "I stood in the blessing of the Lord, and like a gatherer I filled my wine-press." According to Jastrow⁷ "the later view of post-exilic Judaism is reflected in the juxta-position of 'bread and wine', as the accessory to the blessing formula in Gen.

1) Prov. 20, 1. 2) Prov. 21, 17. 3) Prov. 23, 31.

4) Prov. 23, 20—21. 5) Prov. 23, 29—30.

6) In spite of all the bad experiences of Judah with wine, he does not prohibit the use it, but only warns against its excessive use. (See *Das Testament Judas*, p. 471 ff. in Kautzsch, *Die Apokryphen und Pseudepigraphen*, Vol. II).

7) *JAS*, Vol. XXXIII, p. 182.

14, 18". Also the stereotyped phrase, characteristic of Deuteronomy, *dâgân, tîrôš yîshâr* (דָּגָן תִּירוֹשׁ וַיִּשָּׂא) underwent later a change due to the view taken by the post-exilic prophets towards wine. In place of *tîrôš*, which according to Jastrow "represents a preparation of the grape-juice in a less advanced stage, than the finished fermented product" the word *yayin* was inserted¹. This, of course, does not imply that at the time of the Deuteronomistic writer "the process of manufacturing a thoroughly fermented article had not yet been perfected"², but that for quite another reason *yayin* was not used in a phrase, which summed up the products of the land. In this phrase *tîrôš* is used, with means "new wine". Each year the land yielded "corn, new wine and oil", but not *yayin*, which refers to "old wine", and which was the product of the land of former years. *Yayin* was introduced due to a change of view taken towards strong old wine, it is true, but the change to *yayin* is really less correct than the *tîrôš* of Deuteronomy.

Sir. 9, 10, 11 likens new wine to a new friend: "Do not give up an old friend, for a new one does not equal him. New wine is a new friend, when it becomes old, then thou mayest drink it."

אל תש אהב ישן כי ח[ר]ש לא יר[ו]ע[ר]יך:
יין[ך] חדש אהב חדש וישן אחר ת[ש]תינו:

Cf. here Alcharisi's *Tachkemoni* (p. 70 b):

וקל חדש מאד רעב ויגעם ועת רבקה וקיצון בו אנשים
ונון כל אשר רבקה ונושן משמחם אלהים ואנשים

No feast was considered to contain true joy for men unless it was celebrated with wine, while women found their pleasure rather in beautiful dresses (bPesach 109a), although custom permitted women to drink wine, as f. i., in the example of Hannah. Wine nourishes (זיין), refreshes (סעד) and cheers (שמח) (bBerakh 35 b; cf. also bSukka 49 b). Wine is the foremost of all medicines; wherever wine is lacking, medicines become necessary. Sir. 34, 27, 28: "Wine is like water of life

1) And instead of *dâgân* (corn) *hittim* and in place of *yishar*, *semen*.

2) See Jastrow, p. 183.

for man, whenever he drink it moderately. What is life for him who is without wine, since it is destined from the beginning for joy! Joy of heart and jubilation and life of pleasure is wine, which is drunk at the right time and for satiation." "Wine and aroma clarify" [(הַמְרָא וְרִיחֵי פְקָחִים (יִרְמָא ע'י)]. But the use of wine may become also dangerous. Sir. 34, 29: "Headache and shame and ignominy is wine, which is drunk in quarrel and anger. Wine often brings the fool to ruination, it diminishes the strength and multiplies the wounds." Sir. 34, 25: "The must has killed many." "Man is known by three things: by his (wine)-cup, by his purse and by his anger," (תַּנְחֻמָּה וּבְכֵסֹוֹ וּבְכַסֵּוֹ; תַּנְחֻמָּה) (קָרַח בַּסּוּף). "When the wine goes in, the secret goes out," (הַדְּעָת, תַּנְחֻמָּה; נִכְנָס יַיִן וְצֵא סוּדָה) (He who sings Bible-verses in the tavern has no part in the eternal blessed life (Sanh. 101 a).

The Hebrews seem to have practised a good deal of luxury at the banquets of the rich and at the royal court. Solomon, we are told, had golden drinking vessels¹. Jeremiah speaks of "chalices" filled with wine, (נְבָעִים מְלֵאִים יַיִן), with which were given drinking cups, probably in order to take out the wine with them from the chalice, as was the fashion in Assyria. This indicates that the wine was served in large chalices, similar to those in Assyria. In the time of the prophet Amos wine was drunk also from flat dishes, or flat bowls². These flat wine-bowls, it seems, were an object of bitter reproach of the prophet, since they let the spirit of wine evaporate quickly and thus necessitated faster drinking, which led so much more readily to debauchery.

The public inns of Palestine, we may conjecture from the story of Rahab, had the same evil reputation as those of Babylonia. Rahab, the innkeeper was at the same time a harlot³. The public inns were attended by singing-girls, who played some kind of musical instruments. Cf. Sir. 9, 4: "Do not have intercourse with a cither-player in order that thou art not caught in her snares."

[ע]ם מַגְנִינָה אֵל תַּסְתִּיר כֵּן תִּלְכַּד בְּלַקְוֹתֶיהָ:

1) I Kings 10, 21.

2) Amos 6, 6 מִזְרָקֵי יַיִן.

3) Joshua 2, 1.

(Smend, *Die Weisheit des Jesus Sirach*, Berlin, 1906). In view of conditions in Arabia, we may judge that these singing-girls in Palestine constituted a large, if not the largest, class of prostitutes. Here as well as in Arabia she was a foreigner, a זָרָה, which means both the foreign woman and the harlot (Prov. 2, 16; 5, 3; 5, 20; 7, 5; 22, 14; 23, 27). The Palestinian tavern (בֵּית הַיַּיִן) was distinguished by a sign, the קֶּלֶב, Arabia كَلْبَة (see below p. 149). Correct singing at drinking-bouts¹ is likened to a seal-stone of carbuncle on a golden neck-chain and to a seal-stone of emerald, Sir. 35, 5, 6:

כחותם אודם על ניב זהב משפט שיר על משתה היין:
מלואות פז וחוחם ברקת קול מזמור על נועם תירוש:

The custom of the Greeks and Romans, to wreath oneself at banquets, had been introduced also by the Jews (Wisd. 2, 8; cf. Is. 28, 1—5). Johns² has pointed out that there exists a striking parallel between the Code of Hammurabi and Lev. 21, 9. Death by burning is decreed to the daughter of a priest who is unchaste. The Code, we have seen above, mentions the horrible punishment only twice, but so does Hebrew legislation, and in the same cases. Josephus directly states that in the case of the priest's daughter it is not unchastity alone that brought upon her this fearful punishment of burning, but this punishment was imposed upon her in case that she at the same time opens a tavern. The Talmud seems to indicate that the rabbis also connected the crime of the priest's daughter with the tavern, for they ask: Shall not a priestess or priest's daughter be treated better than a tavern-keeper? There appears to have remained thus in Talmudic time a recollection that in certain circumstances the law had prescribed the death-penalty by burning for innkeepers.

Wine was sold at the market. An inspector (רב שוק in the inscriptions; NH בעל השוק, more often אנגריימים and אנגרדמוס, i. e., ἀγορανόμος) who controlled the market-prices and weights and examined the provisions and the grain, tasted (טעם) the

¹) The name of Josiah is likened to a song at a wine drinking-bout (Sir. 49, 1).

²) Johns, C. H. W., *The Relations between the Laws of Babylonia and the Laws of the Hebrew Peoples*, The Schweich Lectures, 1912.

quality of the wine by means of a reed, a siphon or a special cup, or by simply smelling the wine. The price of wine was of course fluctuating. A *sextarius* (לוג, κοτύλη), which is 32 ounces, i. e., one quart, of common tavern-wine cost four pieces of the small coin *lumi* (לומיא, לומיין, νομμίον, *nummus*). According to another reckoning a *sextarius* of wine cost ten follars (פולר and פולס = φόλλις = *follis* and φολλάριον; GenR 49, 4; LevR 27, 2). Wine was drunk to excess at wedding-festivals (bBerakh 9a, *ibid.* 6b, 30b etc.) and at funeral-feasts it was not missing, but in order to prohibit over-indulgence, ten cups of wine were the maximum set for the seven days of mourning. The slaves, in Rabbinic times, had the reputation of often being drunkards, and "the slave, who frequents the wine-house, is not worth his food" (עבדא נהרום בריסיה לא שרי) (bBm 64b). The effects of chronic alcoholism are mentioned neither in the Old Testament nor in the Talmud. A legal distinction was made between the *šathûy*, the person slightly intoxicated, and the *šikkôr*, the person totally drunk (Erub. 64a; Erub. 65a; Eben haezer 44, 3 and Choshen hamishp. 235, 22). Aged wine, according to Ned, IX, 8 (66b) is beneficial to the intestines, while new wine is harmful. As a rule, unmixed wine should be drunk after letting blood, but in case one is unable to buy wine, seven black dates should be eaten instead (Sabb. 129a). Wine was also used as an application (Sabb. 109a).

In Northern Syria the custom seems to have prevailed of sipping beer or wine through a long cane directly out of a large vessel, in which the liquor was brewed. On a tombstone¹ of a Syrian mercenary found in Tell el-Amarna this custom is proved for Syria in the fourteenth century B. C. This custom prevailed amongst the Hittites and the peasants of the Armenian mountains. In the cylinder of black serpentine, which was found in Kueltepe, the main-scene shows two seated men, who drink barley-beer through a long reed. The same custom of drinking appears in Babylonia in the oldest time², but seems to have been unknown amongst the Hebrews.

1) Berlin Museum, No. 14122; see plate 17, facing p. 126 in *Aeg. Z.*, Vol. 36.

2) See Ward, *Seal-Cylinders*, Nos. 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 95, 99, 732, 734 and 738.

Wiedemann, in *OLZ*, 1901, Vol. IV, 7 drew attention to the fact that the Armenian tubes for sucking beer differed in so far from those used in Egypt, as Xenophon states regarding the Armenian κάλαμοι: γόνατα οὐκ ἔχοντες, while the Egyptian tubes possessed the γόνυ. Drinking-tubes were probably used in order to avoid swallowing the particles of yeast, which gathered on top of the brew (see *OLZ*, 1900, Vol. III, 307), as well as the barley-grains.

Yahweh the austere god of the Hebrews, strange as may seem, was identified in Classical times, with Dionysos, the god of wine and merry life. In the Symposium of Plutarch¹, it is stated by one who is initiated into the Athenian Dionysian mysteries, that the god of the Hebrews is the same as Dionysos. He makes this assertion on account of the fact that the Hebrews commence other festivals some days after the feast of the tabernacles, which they themselves call those of Bacchos². Movers³ explained this statement in Plutarch by referring to the Hallelu-yah shouts at the feast of the tabernacles, which lasted for eight days. The Athenian, thus, was led to his statement on account of the Hallelu-yah shout which reminded him of the ἰαχεῖν, i. e., the ἰαῦ-shout of the Dionysian rites. Baudissin⁴ has shown beyond doubt that the identification of Dionysos with Yahweh is due to misunderstandings. The εὐάζειν, i. e., the εὐοῖ, or εὐα-shout as well as the ἰαχεῖν, i. e., the ἰαῦ-shout had been considered the same rite as the Ya-shout, i. e., the Hallelu-yah of the Hebrew priests, while on the other hand, the thyrsos-staves of the festivals of Dionysos were wrongly brought into connection with the palm- and myrrh-branches of Jewish festivals. The feast of the temple-dedication, particularly, according to II. Macc. 10, 7, at which hymns were song, while carrying thyrsos-staves, palm-branches and other branches, was responsible for this mistake of identification. Tacitus⁵ also mentions

1) L. IV, 6, 2.

2) ἑορτὴν οὐκ ἂν δι' αἰνιγμάτων, ἀλλὰ ἄντικρυς Βάκχου καλουμένου.

3) Movers, *Die Phönizier*, Bd. I.

4) See Baudissin, W. W., *Studien zur Semitischen Religionsgeschichte*, Leipzig, 1876; III. Der Ursprung des Gottesnamens 'Idw, pp. 181—254.

5) *Hist.* I, V c. 5.

this confusion of the ceremonies, but he rejects it: . . . *quia sacerdotes eorum¹ tibia tympanisque concinebant, hedera vinciebantur, vitisque aurea templo reperta, Liberum patrem coli, domitorem orientis, quidam arbitrati sunt, nequaquam congruentibus institutis: quippe Liber festos laetosque ritus posuit, Judaeorum mos absurdus sordidusque.*

The names of Dionysos, Εὔας, Εὔιος, Εὔϊμος, *Evan* and *Ebon* are derived from the exclamatiōn εὔα, or εὔοι, and the name Iacchos (Ἰακχος) from the Homeric ἰάχειν, "to call aloud"².

While the identification of Yahweh with Dionysos must be ~~×~~ rejected, there is a strong probability of identifying the Phoenician god Esmun with Dionysos³. Dionysos appears on coins of Tyre⁴ since the time of Seleucus IV (167—175 B. C.) and on coins of Sidon⁵ since 111 B. C. In the time of the emperor Gordianus the representation of Dionysos appears also on coins of Berytos⁶. A Hittite wine-god appears in Illustration No. 35.

According to Baruch II, 4, the tree that seduced Adam was the vine-stalk. It was planted by the angel 'Samael'. This angered God, and he cursed it and did not permit Adam to touch the plant. But Satan seduced Adam through the vine. The vine was swept away from Paradise through the waters of the flood, but it was not completely destroyed. Noah found the plant after the Flood. He was troubled in his conscience whether to make use of the plant or not. In order to ascertain the will of God regarding it he prayed for forty days. Finally God sent his angel Sarasael with the permission

1) Scil. Judaeorum.

2) Baudissin, o. c., pp. 209 and 210. — In Homeri Hymni, XXVII, ΕΙΣ ΑΡΤΕΜΙΝ, 7: ἰάχει δ' ἐπι δάσκιος ὕλη δεινὸν ὑπὸ κλαγγῆς θηρῶν, the verb ἰάχειν goes back to ἰσηχειν. ἰσηχειν > ἰηχειν > ἰάχειν. It, therefore, has no bearing on the question.

3) See Baudissin, *Der phönizische Gott Esmun*, ZDMG, Vol. 59 (1905), pp. 482—489.

4) Rouvier, *Journ. Intern. d'archéol. numismat.*, Vol. KI, p. 279, n. 1829—1835; Vol. VII, p. 76 n. 2366.

5) Rouvier, o. c., Vol. V, p. 131, n. 1279; p. 230, n. 1298; p. 230 ff., n. 1299—1302; p. 245, n. 1397; p. 248, n. 1417; p. 248 ff., n. 1418—1437; p. 267 ff., n. 1528; p. 277, n. 1573; p. 282 ff., n. 1613 and 1614.

6) Rouvier, o. c., Vol. III, p. 307 ff., n. 603—606.

to plant the vine. Tanchumah, Noah contains the story as to what happened at the time when Noah was about to plant the first vineyard. "When Noah began to plant the vineyard, came Satan up to him and said to him: 'What art thou planting?'; he said to him: 'A vineyard'. 'What are its properties?'



No. 35. Rock-sculpture at Ibriz — a king or noble worshipping a god of corn and wine (after Ball, *Light from the East*).

'Its fruits are sweet and pleasant, green as well as dried; and wine is made from them, which gladdens the hearts, as it is written: 'Wine gladdens the heart of man' (Ps. 104, 15). Satan said to him: 'Come on and let us both lay out this vineyard'. 'Alright' he said. What did Satan do? He brought a lamb

and killed it under the vinestalk, and again he brought a pig and killed it and again he brought a lion and killed it, and again he brought a monkey and killed it under the vine and caused the blood to drip on the vinestalks, and they were moistened from their blood. He indicated thereby, that man, before he has drunk of the wine, is innocent like a lamb, which knows nothing and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb (Isaiah, 52, 7). Has he drunk moderately, (then) he is strong like a lion, and is saying that none is like him in all the world. Should he drink wine beyond measure, he will become like a pig, trodding about in the mire and if he has become drunk, he will act like a monkey, jumping about and speaking filthy words, without knowing what he does." **בשעה שבא נח ליטע הכרם בא שטן ועמד לפניו אמר לו מה אתה נוטע אמר לו כרם אמר לו מה טיבו אמר לו פירותיו מתוקים בין לחים ובין ובישים ועושיין מהן יין המשמח לבבות דכתיב ויין ישמח לבב אנוש (תהלים ק"ר ט"ו) אמר ליה שטן בא ונשתתף שנינו בכרם זה אמר לו לחיי. מה עשה שטן הביא כבש והרגו תחת הגפן ואחר כך הביא חזיר והרגו ואחר כך הביא ארי והרגו ואחר כך הביא קוף והרגו תחת הכרם והטיפו דמם באותו הכרם והשקוהו מדמיהם. רמז לו שקודם שישתה האדם מן היין הרי הוא תם ככבש שאינו יודע כלום וכרחל לפני גזוזה נאלטה (ישעיה נ"ג ז) שתה כהוגן הדרי הוא גבור כארי ואומר אין כמותו בכל-העולם. כיון ששתה יותר מדאי נעשה כחזיר מתלכלך במי רגלים ובדבר אחר. נשתכר נעשה כקוף עומד ומרקד ומשחק ומוציא לפני הכל נבלות פה ואינו יודע מה יעשה**

Pre-Islamic Arabia has left us sufficient material to form an idea of the use of wine in that country. Our sources are exclusively Old-Arabic poems. Wine-drinking was a habit freely indulged in by the pre-Islamic Arabs, and no old poem, which pictures the daily life of the Arab, is without a reference to it. Ibn Haldûn (see S. de Sacy, *Chrest. arab.* Vol. I, pp. 12, 17), makes the strange statement that the pre-Islamic noble Arabs abstained from the use of wine, that the vine was not one of the trees cultivated in Arabia and that old and young regarded wine-drinking as shameful: **وقد كانت حال** **الاشراف من العرب في الجاهلية في اجتناب الخمر معلومة ولم تكن** **الكرم شجرتهم وكان شربها مذمة عند الكبير منهم والصغير** **always were, of course, to be found individuals in pre-Islamic**

time, who abstained from the use of wine and other liquors. But these were rather isolated cases, so f. i., 'Âsad, the son of Kurz ibn 'Âmir ('Ağ. XIX, 53, 22). 'Âsad's father "a man of high qualities" was seemingly always well supplied with wine (see, Kaïs ibn al-Ḥaṭîm, ed. Kowalski, XIV, 16—17). Self-imposed temporary abstinence from wine (and food, women, etc.) is often undergone before starting on the mission of blood-revenge. Amruul-Kaïs, at the news of the murder of his father at Demmun in al-Yaman vowed, after seven nights spent in drinking, to abstain from it until he had taken blood-revenge (Kitâb al-'ağânî, VIII, p. 68). 'Abû Kaïs ibn al-'Aslat swore to abstain from wine for thirty nights (var., years; Kaïs ibn al-Ḥaṭîm, ed. Kowalski, IV, 28). Ta'abbata Sharran, after having accomplished his task of avenging his uncle, slain by the tribesmen of Hudhayl, sings¹:

"Lawful now to me is wine, long forbidden:
Sore my struggle ere the ban was o'erridden.
Pour me wine, O son of 'Amr! I would taste it,
Since with grief for mine uncle I am wasted."

Three motives are always recurring. The poet boasts of his drinking powers, mentions his liberality when drunk, and the exorbitant price he paid for the drinking-bout. Yet, the Arab had not always a chance to drink wine. He was dependent upon the wine merchant, the *tağîr*, who was generally a Jew², and sometimes a Christian. In 'Ağ. VIII, 79 the Christians of Ḥîra are mentioned as being engaged in the sale of wine. Wine was very expensive in all parts of Arabia. In the deathsong of 'Abd-Yaghûth, son of Waqqâs, chief of the Banu-l-Ḥârith, of Najrân, he sings: "Now am I as though I ne'er had mounted a noble steed, or called to my horsemen — "Chargel gain space for our men to breathe", or bought for a wealth of gold the full skin of wine"³. 'Amr ibn Qamî'ah⁴ XII, 3: "The wine-skin is a kingdom to him who pos-

1) Ḥamâsa, p. 382 ff.; translated by Micholson, R. A., *A Literary History of the Arabs*, p. 100.

2) Goldziher, *ZDMG*, Vol. 46, 1892, p. 185. Mufaḍḍaliyât, ed. Lyall II, 34.

3) Lyall, Ch. J., *Transl. of Anc. Arab. Poetry*, London, 1885, p. 86.

4) Lyall, Charles, *The Poems of 'Amr son of Qamî'ah*, Cambridge, 1919.

sesses it, and the kingdom therein, though small, how great it is!" 'Abîd VII, 17—18: "We bid up the price of all old wine, strong and fragrant, whiles we are sober. And we hold of no account, in pursuit of its delights, the mass of our inherited wealth, when we are drunken¹." When 'Abd-Yaghûth was taken prisoner and "was about to be gagged, lest he should utter satires against them before being put to death: for he was a famous poet then he said — "Ye men of Taim, if ye must slay me, let me die as befits one noble". "And how wouldst thou die?" asked they. "Give me wine to drink, and let me sing my death-song, 'he answered'"².

Mutalammis³ describes the wine as his sweetheart⁴, who exercises such a great power over him, that his own volition completely succumbs to his beloved, It has made him light-minded, frivolous. But, finally, he severs the bonds and gives up drinking, after he recognized that fear of god and thrift are after all more profitable. He says⁵:

"My heart is frivolous after a period of rest and it is generous in submissiveness to the friend.

1) Lyall, *o. c.*, p. 29; see also 'Abîd XXVIII, 4 (Lyall, *o. c.*, p. 59): "If I drink wine, if I buy the costly juice at its price."

2) Lyall, *o. c.*; pp. 84 and 85.

3) See Vollers, *Arabische Gedichte des Mutalammis*, in BA, Vol. V. pp. 189—190 and p. 218.

4) The poet really turns it around and describes his sweetheart as wine. His love is filled for woman as though he is a drinker etc.

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| 1) وَأَسْمَاحَ لِلْقَرِيْنَةِ بِانْقِيَادِ | صَبَا مِنْ بَعْدِ سَلْوَتِهِ فُوَادِي |
| وَحَثَّ بِهِمْ كَدَى الْمَوْمَاةِ حَادِ | كَأَنِّي شَارِبٌ يَوْمَ اسْتَبَدُّوا |
| كَانَ حَبَابِهَا حَدَقُ الْجِرَادِ | عُقَارًا عُنُقْتُمْ فِي الدَّنِّ حَتَّى |
| لَهَا أَبَدًا إِذَا دُكِرَتْ حَمَادِ | جَمَادٍ لَهَا جَمَادٍ وَلَا تَقُولِي |
| بِنَشَاشُهُ كُلِّ عَلِيٍّ مُسْتَفَادِ | فَإِنَّمَا حُبِّهَا عَرْضًا وَإِنَّمَا |
| وَتَقْوَى اللَّهِ مِنْ خَيْرِ الْعَتَادِ | وَأَعْلَمُ عِلْمَ حَقِّي غَيْرَ ظَنِّ |
| وَسَيَّرَ فِي الْبِلَادِ بَغِيرَ زَادِ | لِحِفْظِ الْمَالِ أَيْسَرُ مِنْ بُغَاةِ |
| وَلَا يَبْقَى الْكَثِيرُ مَعَ الْفَسَادِ | وَإِصْلَاحِ الْقَلِيلِ يَزِيدُ فِيهِ |

I am like a drinker on the day they go their own way, and the driver rouses them for the departure to the desert, (a drinker of) wine that has aged in the wine-jar, until the drops of its foam are like the eyes of the locust.

A curse upon it! a curse upon it! And thou shalt never say to it, when it is mentioned: Praise unto it!¹

Its love is either non-enduring, or like the joy for every precious thing from which one draws profit.

But (now) I know with absolute certainty, without a doubt, since the fear of god is of the best endowment:

To guard the wealth is easier than to seek it and to wander about in the country without provisions.

A little which is kept in good order multiplies, but abundance does not remain with corruption."

In a second poem the same author thinks of death and the grave and he asks his friends to think of him when he is gone. In this mood he turns back and remembers the joy which he experienced in life. Amongst the pleasures he does not fail to mention also the wine:

"And did not a maiden give him to drink of a well-tasting, agreeable, cool beverage, which the people guard?

And has he not taken a morning-drink of wine, whose fire permeates his members, be the day warm or cold?"²

'Amr ibn Qamī'ah³ deploras his lost youth, in which he often used to sit in the wine-shop, in the following verses:

"O woe unto me for the youth which I miss —
(I miss in it no small thing!) —

1) A similar sentiment is expressed in 'Amr ibn Qamī'ah, XII, 6.

2) وَلَمْ تَسْقِهِ مِنْهَا بَعْدَ مُمْتَعٍ بَرُودِ حَمْتِهِ الْقَوْمِ رَجْرَاجَةً بَكْرُ
وَلَمْ يَصْطَبِحْ فِي يَوْمِ حَرٍّ وَفَرَّةٍ حُمَيَّا فَدَبَّتْ فِي مَفَاصِلِهِ الْخُمُرُ

3) 'Amr was a contemporary of Imraul-Qais, with whom he journeyed to the Court of the Greek Emperor Justinian (C. 535 A. D.). He died on the way in Asia Minor at a great age.

When I trailed my garments of silk and wool to the
 nearest of my wine-sellers,
 And I shook my locks" 1.

A slight intoxication was considered as constituting one
 of life's joy by Sulmī ibn Rabi'ah of Dabbah 2:

"Roast flesh and a slight intoxication

 These are life's joy" 3.

Burdj ibn Mushar of Tai describes his care-free life with
 his friend in the following song 4:

"And many a drinking-companion, who increased the cup's
 sweet odor, —
 I gave to drink, when the stars disappeared.
 I lifted his head and removed from him,
 With pure wine, the rebuke of him who found fault.

1) يَا لَيْهَافَ نَفْسِي عَلَى السَّبَابِ وَلَمْ أَفْقِدْ بِهِ إِذْ فَقَدْتُهُ أَمَمَا

إِذْ اسْتَحَبَّ الرَّيْبَ وَالْمُرُوطَ إِلَى أَدْنَى تِجَارِي وَأَنْفَضَ اللَّيْمَا

2) He seems to have lived some two generations before Muhammad.

3) إِنَّ شِوَاءًا وَنَسْوَةً

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مِنْ لَذَّةِ الْعَيْشِ

4) (1) وَكُدْمَانٍ يَزِيدُ الْكَاسَ طِيبًا سَقِيَتْ إِذَا تَعَوَّرَتِ النُّجُومُ

(2) رَفَعْتُ بَرَأْسَهُ وَكَشَفْتُ عَنْهُ بِمَعْرِفَةِ مَلَامَةٍ مَنْ يَلُومُ

(3) فَلَمَّا أَنْ تَنَسَّيَ قَامَ خِرْقٌ مِنَ الْفِتْيَانِ مُخْتَلِقٌ هَضُومٌ

(4) إِلَى وَجَنَاءِ نَاوِيَةٍ فَكَاسَتْ وَهِيَ الْعُرْقُوبُ مِنْهَا وَالصَّمِيمُ

(5) كَهَيَاةِ شَارِفٍ كَانَتْ لِشَيْخٍ لَهُ خُلُقٌ يُحَاذِرُهُ الْغَرِيبُ

(6) فَاسْتَبَعَّ شَرْبَهُ وَسَعَى عَلَيْهِمْ بَابِرَيْفَيْنِ كَاسُهُمَا رَكُومٌ

(7) تَرَاهَا فِي آلَانَاءِ لَهَا حُمَيَّا كُمَيْتًا مِثْلَ مَا فَقَعَ آلَادِيمُ

(8) تَرْتَجُّ شَرْبَهَا حَتَّى تَرَاهُمْ كَأَنَّ الْقَوْمَ تَنْزِفُهُمْ كُلُّومٌ

When he was inebriated, he rose up —
 The most liberal youth (and) a well-bred lavisher —
 Unto a strong and fat camel. It limped
 And its knee-joint and tendon was torn,
 An old (and) noble (camel) which belonged to a sheikh,
 Whose disposition was feared by the creditor.
 He satiated his drinkers and hastened unto them
 With two wine-jars; whose cup filled to the brim.
 You see it in the vessel having strength, reddish even
 As the red goat's skin (of Yaman).
 Its drinkers stagger, so that they seem
 Like warriors, whom wounds have exhausted."

The wineshop, or tavern, is called *hânût*. Tarafa, Mu'all. 46: "If you seek me in the circle of the people, you will meet me, and if you hunt for me in the taverns, you will find me"¹. The *hânût* which is most generally frequented by a person is called *mâ'laf*, مَأْلَف, "the customary, familiar place", i. e., die Stammkneipe, f. i., Kais ibn al-Hājīm, XII, 4. The tavern was most likely a wooden booth, which could easily be erected and taken down, since these wine-booths were to be found particularly at fairs². In some instances it may have consisted of a special compartment of the bazaar-booth, being separated from the bazaar proper by means of curtains. 'Abda³ describes the tavern as a cube (*ka'ba*), which was illuminated by lamps. Carpets or rugs with elaborate designs of animals, etc.⁴, were spread on the floor. The Arabs, like the Greeks and Romans, reclined at their banquets⁵, a custom which was introduced into Arabia probably through Syrian influence. The tavern contained (sometimes) also a table (*khiwân*), f. i., in 'Abda Mufaḍḍaliyât XXV, 77, which is a piece of furniture which is otherwise unknown in the Arabic

وإن تبغني في حلقه القوم ذلغني وإن تفتنصني في الحوائيتِ
 ذصطد.

2) Ibn-Hishām, ed. Wüstenfeld, 438.

3) Mufaḍḍaliyât, XXV, 72.

4) 'Abda, Mufaḍḍ. XXV, 70, 71.

5) Jacob, Georg, *Studien in arabischen Dichtern*, Heft III, p. 102.

household. The Ghassânid king Jabala¹ sat on a couch of myrtle and jasmine and other sweet-smelling flowers when he would drink wine. About him were gold and silver vessels full of ambergris and musk (Aġānî, XVI, 15 l. 24 ff.). The wine was served by a waiter, whose finger-tips were colored red with *firsâd*. He also wore a woman's upper-garment and was adorned with ear-rings². The wine was drunk either from a glasscup (كَأْسٌ) or from a goblet, called *sahn* (صحن) or from a bowl, called *qadaḥ* (قدح). The tavern was distinguished by a sign, probably a green branch³, which indicated that the wineshop-keeper had still a supply of wine for sale. When the wine had run out, the sign was taken down. 'Antara calls him a gallant man "who causes to be taken down the taverner's sign". Lebid⁴ sings: "Moreover, you do not know how many serene nights, pleasant in their amusement and mirthful revelry I passed in gay conversation and how many a sign of the wine merchant I went to, when it was raised and the wine had become high in price". The drinking bouts were attended by singing-girls. "My companions are bright as stars, and a singing-girl comes to us at night, clad in a striped robe and saffron-colored mantle"⁵. In A'shâ m. 30 the singing girl (*Qaine*) wears a wide kimono and is, therefore, called *fudul*. According to Tarafa m. 50 the singing-girl was by no means bashful. She is asked to sing by calling to her "*as-mi'înâ*", i. e. "let us hear". "When we say: 'Let us hear', she steps before us at her ease, gently, in a voice not forced. When she repeats her tones, you would believe her voice to be that of a camel lamenting her lost young"⁶. Abû Miḡgan compares her song to the buzzing of flies of the meadow⁷.

1) Jabala was a contemporary of the ruler of Hira Iyâs ben Qabiṣa of the tribe of Ṭayyi', who ruled from 602—611 A. D.

2) al-Aswad ibn Ja'fur in *Mufaḍḍaliyyât*, ed. Thorbecke, XXXVII, 23 and A'shâ *mu'all.* 29. The upper-garment is called *qurṭaq*. Compare with this garment that of the ancient Egyptian butler, p. 84.

3) See Jacob, Georg, *Studien in arabischen Dichtern*, Heft I, p. 18.

4) Lebid, m. 57—58; see also Lebid, XII, 20.

5) Tarafa, m. 49.

6) Tarafa, m. 51—52.

7) See Jacob, Georg, *o. c.*, Heft III, p. 103.

In 'Antara, m. 23 the song of a man inebriated with wine is likewise compared to the humming of the fly. In *Lebîd* XVII, 37 the song of the drinker is 'whining'. The singing-girl accompanied her song sometimes with musical instruments¹. As presents the *qaine* received the drinker's cloak, which was torn apart in case two singing-girls were present². In the description of the Ghassânid court by Ḥasan ibn Thâbit (*Agânî*, XVI, 15, line 22 ff.) mention is made of ten singing-girls, of whom five were Greeks, singing Greek songs to the music of lutes, and five came from Ḥîra, probably Christian girls, who had been presented to king Jabala by Iyâs ibn Qabîša, who was the successor of Nu'mân III. of Ḥîra. The Ḥîra singing-girls sang Babylonian airs. In addition, Arabic singers were accustomed to come from Mecca. The singing-girls³ were disrespected (*Dîwân* of the Hudhailites, 107, 30) and prostitutes (Lidzbarski, M., *Das Johannesbuch der Mandäer*, Giessen. 1915, p. 97 and 99). For the evil influence of the tavern see, *ibid.*, p. 99: "Einen jeden der in einer Schenke Wein trinkt, sich bei Pauken und Liedern berauscht und in diesem Zustande Unzucht treibt, wird man mit Kämmen von Ketten zerkämmen und er wird seine Augen an Abathur nicht sättigen."

The tavern was often visited during the early morning-hours. The morning draught is called *sabûḥ* (صَبُوح). *Lebîd*, m. 60, 61: "Many a morning draught of pure wine I quaffed, the singing-girl taking her stringed instrument, which her thumb manages skilfully. I hastened in the early morning before the cock for want of it, that I might take a second draught from it, when the sleepers awoke"⁴. *Ḳais ibn al-Ḥaṭîm*, I, 3: "As often as I take my morning draught, — four

1) See *Lebîd*, m. 60, 61; *Imr.* 63, 5, 6; 'Alqama XIII, 37. For the use of the tambourine (*duff*) see Gâbir ibn Ḥunay, *Mufadd.* XXXV, 9.

2) 'Abda, *Mufadd.* XXV, 81; *Kitâb al-agânî*. XV, 76.

3) The omayyade caliphe Yazid II. was completely under the influence of two singing-girls Habâba and Salâma. When Habâba died, he worried himself to death over her loss (Kremer, *Culturgeschichte des Orients*, I, p. 150).

4) See also 'Abda, *Mufadd.* XXV, 66 ff. and Tha'aba, *Mufadd.* XXI, 17, and 'Abîd ibn al-Abras V, 14 (Lyll, *The dîwâns of 'Abîd ibn al-Abras*, etc. 1913).

(cups) —, my *mi'zar* draws lines (in the sand) and in generosity I let my pail follow its pulling-rope,"

إِذَا مَا أَصْطَبَحْتُ أَرْدَبًا خَطَّ مِثْرِي وَأَتْبَعْتُ دَلْوِي فِي السَّخَاءِ رِشَاءَهَا

Also A'sha makes mention of his early walks to the tavern, stating that he is followed by a zealous, quick and active cook (de Sacy, *Chrest. Arab.*, p. 103, verse 20). A'sha was buried in Manfuḥa in Yamama. Revellers were accustomed to meet at his grave and to pour wine over it (Nicholson, R. H., *A Literary History of Arabs*, New York, 1907, p. 124). 'Antara, m. 37 speaks of the time of the midday-heat: "And I quaffed after the midday-heat had abated, old wine bought with bright and well-stamped coin". Fortunes were squandered in the tavern, on account of the great expense of wine¹. "When I have drunk", says 'Antara², "verily, I am the squanderer of my property, but my fame remains great and unsullied". The generous host is praised even though wine has overcome him (Lebid XII, 21). Liberality was a characteristic trait of the host. "And if you meet my drinking companions they will tell you that I am the string of a purse, from which I never took refuge in poverty (i. e., by pleading poverty)", Kaïs ibn al-Ḥaṭīm, fr, v, 2:

وَإِنْ تَلَقَّ نُدْمَانِي تُحْمِرْكَ أَذْنِي وَكَأَنَّ لِكَيْسِي لَمْ أَعِدْ مِنْهُ بِالْفَقْرِ

Kaïs ibn al-Ḥaṭīm probably reviles the Banû Ḥârîṭa in the following verses: "But there are in aš-Šauṭ some servants from Yathrib, whose price will perish in wine. The al-'Aus consider their price despicable, when one of their drunkards staggers at evening" (III, 16, 17)

وَبِالشَّوْطِ مِنْ يَثْرِبٍ أَعْبُدُ سَتَهْلِكُ فِي الْخَمْرِ أَمَانُهَا
يَحْمُونَ عَلَى الْأَوْسِ أَنَّهُمْ أَنْتُمْ إِذَا رَاحَ نَحْطُرُ نَشْوَانُهَا

1) The price of a wine-skin filled with wine was a three-year old camel; see reference in Jacob, Georg, *Studien in arabischen Dichtern*, Heft III, p. 104. Jacob also cites a passage in which it is said that also mares, stallions and slaves were spent in drinking.

2) 'Antara, m. 39.

The drinker, in his intoxicated condition, is compared to a male hyaena (Lyll, 'Amr ben Ramī'ah. XII, 15).

The Nabataeans, who were of the Arabic race, worshipped as their chief-god Dûshara (Nabataean דושרא, Greek Δουσαρης), whose chief sanctuary was situated at Petra¹. The Classical writers identified Dûshara with Dionysos-Bacchus. The Nabataeans from about the sixth century B. C. occupied the old Edomite country, with Petra as the capital. In history, however, they do not appear before 312 B. C., when, according to Diodorus², Antigonos sent two expeditions against them. In the first century of our era the kingdom extended from Petra northward east of the Jordan over Hauran. Twice it reached even as far as Damascus³. In the third century A. D. coins were struck at Bostra in Hauran, which show a wine-press and the legend ΑΚΤΙΩ ΔΟΥΣΑΡΙΑ. Since Petra, as we have seen above, cultivated the vine extensively, it is altogether possible to suppose that the Bacchic character of Dushara is original and that he did not change from a solar deity to that of a Nabataean Dionysos⁴. Gods of Bacchic character are otherwise unknown in Pre-Islamic Arabia.

In a Palmyrene inscription (Littmann, E., *Sem. Inscr.* p. 70 = *Ephemeris* 1, 345)⁵ appears the god Šai' al-Ḳaum, who seems to have been worshipped by a group of Nabataeans in opposition to the cult of Dushara-Dionysos. The votive inscription reads in lines 4 and 5: "to Šai' al-Ḳaum, the good and gracious god, who does not drink wine," לשיע-אלקום אלהא טבא ושכרא די לא שתא חמר.

We may finally mention the old tradition concerning the destruction of the peoples of 'Ad in the Ḥaḍramaut, in which wine and two famous singing-girls play an important part (Tabari, *Annals*, I, 231 ff.). The 'Adites were of great stature

1) See Epiphanius. *Haer.* I, 22. 2) Diod. XIX, 94.

3) In 85 B. C. and about 34—62 A. D.

4) For wine-prohibition amongst the Nabataeans see Diod. XIX, 94, 3.

5) See also Dussaud, René, *Les Arabes en Syrie avant l'Islam*, Paris, 1907; Clermont-Ganneau, *Rec. d'arch. or.*, IV, p. 382—402, and Wellhausen, *Götting. gelehrte Anzeigen*, 1902, p. 269.

and strength. They committed all sorts of evil deeds. Finally God sent the prophet Hud unto them, to preach repentance. The 'Adites, however, disregarded the warning of this messenger of God and answered: "O Hud, thou hast brought us no evidence, and we will not abandon our gods for thy saying, nor will we believe in thee. We say: 'One of our gods has afflicted thee with madness'" (Koran, XI, 66, 57). The divine punishment at last overtook the evil 'Adites. A fearful draught fell upon the land. A number of 'Adite chiefs were sent to Mecca to pray for rain. Mu'awiya ibn Bakr, an Amalekite prince sent his envoys on their arrival to the city and he received the 'Adites hospitably. They were entertained by him with wine and music. Two famous singing-girls, known as *al-Faradatân*, took part in these entertainments. For an entire month they neglected their mission. When they, at last, executed it, there appeared three clouds in the sky, one red, one black and one white. However, by choosing the black cloud¹, they brought about the destruction of their people, for God drove the cloud unto the land of 'Ad and from it issued a roaring wind, which consumed all the people, except a few who had listened.

The prohibition of wine-drinking by Muhammed brought about a great change in the attitude towards wine and other intoxicants. This prohibition was never felt to be very severe in a country, such as Arabia, since wine was always expensive and often difficult to procure. And in Syria, the chief wineland of the Orient, it never vitally affected the culture of vine, on account of its strong Christian and Jewish population, while amongst the Persians the new conquering religion of Islâm very seldom took a great enough hold on the people in order to break them away from the customs of their wine-growing country. The prohibition of wine in Sûra V, 93 is stated as being due to the fact that Satan causes dissensions in the congre-

1) The 'Adites quite naturally choose the black cloud, since it was considered to contain much water. Compare here: אמרי במערבא חשך ענני סגיאין מוהי נחור עננין זעירין מוהי (תענית ר' ע"ב. ילקוט שמואל ק"ט)
 "In Palestine it is said: The dark clouds contain much water, the white clouds contain little water."

gation through wine and gambling. But this is, however, not the real cause which induced Muhammed to introduce his injunction. Palgrave¹ held that "the strongest arguments would lead us to assign it, with considerable probability, to the Prophet's antipathy to Christianity, and to a desire to broaden the line of demarcation between his followers and those of Christ." "Wine" he proceeds to say, "has, in fact, been not only tolerated by the Founder of Christianity, but even, if I may so say, patronized, and raised to a dignity of the highest religious import; nay, in the belief of three-fourths of the Christian world, absolutely supernatural. Close on its religious and mystical use follows its social quality and among all nations who own, in Eastern phrase, "the Gospel for their book", that is, are Christians in the most comprehensive sense of the term, wine has always been in high favour, the accompaniment of civilization, of friendship, of cheerful and elegant life, of social, domestic, even of political union, and in this view has been everywhere greatly esteemed and largely employed. This Mahomet well knew; his Greek neighbors alone, with whose ways and customs he was by no means unacquainted, might suffice him for a good example of the fact. Meanwhile his seer-like sagacity, in which he had few equals, led him to anticipate from the Christians far more dangerous opponents, and a more lasting and more perilous hostility than whatever might be expected from Jews or Persians; and at the same time the prudent and almost respectful toleration which numbers and strength exacted, rendered pre-eminently necessary the establishment of distinctive nay disjunctive marks, calculated to maintain his followers in a permanent antagonism with those whom they could not lightly despise, nor yet securely persecute. To declare the social, the sacred liquor which had become well nigh typical of Christianity, and in a manner its badge, "unclean", "an abomination", and "the work of the devil", was to set up for his own followers a counter-badge, equally unmistakable and irreconcilable, of a nature to last through all time, of daily occurrence, and of equable application in the mosque that antithesis of the sanc-

1) Palgrave, W. G., *Central and Eastern Arabia*, Vol. I, p. 428.

tuary, and in the harem that contradiction of the house." Palgrave really ascribed to the prophet greater wisdom and insight than he actually possessed. Historical evidences also would point to another direction. Since the law falls within the time, when Muhammed was engaged in a warfare of extermination of the Jews, i. e., in the fourth year of the Hedjra, during the campaign against the Jewish tribe Nadîr, it is probable to suppose that this law was primarily directed against the Jews, in order to undermine their flourishing wine-trade in Arabia¹. During the earliest period of the new religion prohibition was strictly observed, although it was not always easy to enforce the law on unwilling Arabs. In Mas'ûdî, Murûg edhdhab VI, 153² it is said of the tribe Garm: "They did not drink it, when it was permitted, and did not raise its price on the market-day, but since the prohibition of wine has come from heaven, behold no Garmî is sober anymore".

Under the Omayyades a tolerant attitude was taken towards the wine-prohibition³, but the 'Abbâsides introduced a stricter enforcement of the law. Transgressors were threatened with severe punishments, which, however, had not always the desired effect. Already Omar II. was forced to issue a special order prohibiting the use of fermented wine, but allowing the use of *mâ zebîb* and date-wines. In South-Arabia the muslims continued to drink the *misr*-beer as well as their national beverage of honey-wine (*bit* also called *mâdi*). The lower classes in the Irak continued to drink date-wine, and *sakar*,

1) This view was first expounded by Georg Jacob, *Stud. in arab. Dichtern*, Heft III, p. 106.

2) Cited after Jacob, *o. c.*, p. 107.

3) At the court of the Omayyades in Damascus wine-drinking was introduced by Yazid I., of whom it is said that he intoxicated himself daily and that he hardly ever was sober. Abdalmalik drank wine once every month emptying his stomach by means of emetics, in order to be well again next morning. His son Walid I. drank wine every second day. Walid II. spent most of his time in the circle of musicians, singers and his drinking-companions. When in 110 a. H. his uncle Hishâm appointed him leader of the pilgrim-caravan to Mecca, he entered Mecca with great pomp and even desired to have his tent erected on the roof of the Kaaba, in order to carouse therein with his drinking-companions.

which was prepared from dried dates and addition of bitter herbs and myrrh. The court-poet Abû Nowâs frequently mentions the *khumâr*, the effect of excessive drinking, in his wine-songs.⁷ When, in time, a stricter application of the prohibition had taken place among the people, other narcotic and stimulating substances came more generally into use, as, for instance, the chewing of the leaf of the *kâdi*-shrub (*catha edulis*), a plant which grows only in South-Arabia, and the consumption of coffee.

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