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## TRANSLATOR'S FOREWORD.

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THE Translator of Dr. Rosenbaum's great book, the *Geschichte der Lustseuche im Alterthume*, feels that no apology is required for presenting a Work of this calibre and importance in an English dress,—for the first time. Needless to say the Book in no way appeals,—or is meant to appeal,—to the general reading public. It is a book for Students and Specialists, as is recognized indeed by the conditions of the present publication, in a limited edition and at a high price.

To Historical Students and Medical Specialists alike it is of the highest value and interest, and in many respects an indispensable addition to their Library. The object the Writer proposed to himself was a History of Venereal Disease, to trace its existence, symptoms and incidence, from the earliest notices of its occurrence recorded in Literature onwards. This ambitious programme he has only partially carried out in the present Work, which forms Part I. of the projected Treatise as a whole, and deals with the Disease under its various forms and successive manifestations throughout Antiquity.

In it he devotes his efforts to proving, — and we think with conclusive success,—the existence, denied by so many, of the dread Disease in different shapes in Europe, Asia and Africa long before the Christian era, and all through the period of Classical Antiquity, scouting utterly the popular theory of its first introduction at the end of the Fifteenth and beginning of the Sixteenth Centuries from America.

With this end in view the learned and laborious Author collects an enormous *apparatus criticus* of quotations from Greek and Latin writers, both in prose and verse, and this not merely from the better known authors of Antiquity, but equally from later and much less familiar sources. Obscure Erotic Writers, historical fragments, Christian Fathers,—all is fish that comes to his comprehensive, though not indiscriminating, net; and probably there is not to be found in the whole range of Scholarship so wide and complete a collection of historical and literary illustrations and allusions brought together with the express purpose of throwing light on one special subject of enquiry.

Such in briefest outline is the scope and achievement of Dr. Rosenbaum's masterpiece. But brief as it is, it suffices to show to how many classes of Students and Scientists the work appeals. First and foremost it is of direct service to Physicians in general and Specialists in Venereal Disease in particular, to Enquirers into the problems of Insanity and the morbid manifestations of a diseased brain, as well as to Anthropologists and all scientific observers of Humanity. On another side, in virtue of its wealth of curious and recondite quotation, it is of the highest

interest and attraction to Classical Scholars and every Student of Antiquity and Ancient Literature; while midway between these two categories, Students of Morals and Human Institutions cannot possibly afford to neglect a storehouse of "human documents" so invaluable in the domain of their studies.

Even to the general Historical Student, who without laying any claim to the proud title of Specialist, is deeply interested in the conditions of human life on our planet in former days, and eager to enquire into all matters relating to the health and happiness of mankind, the Book has a great deal to offer. Few things have more profoundly modified these factors of human well-being than Venereal disease and its ravages in all ages; while any systematic enquiry into this most important subject cannot fail to throw many side-lights,—lurid enough, but none the less instructive,—on life and morals, social relations and sexual aberrations, among different Peoples and at different Epochs. What can be more interesting,—painful as the interest often is,—than much of the information here afforded, at first hand and from authentic citations of Ancient writers, of social and sexual habits and ideals, of strange rites and rituals and abominable practices, prevalent as well in the free Republics of Greece as under the corrupt sway of the Roman Emperors.

Great and wonderful no doubt were the Communities of the Ancient world, beautiful the fine flower of graceful living, and high the level of philosophic and literary culture attained, consummate the artistic relics they have left us; but what a seamy side this same Classical Civilization had to show,—what

unspeakable abominations underlay its social life, what atrocities of foulness, cruelty and lust,—some of them flourishing under the sanction of Religion itself,—counterbalanced the virtues of wise citizenship and warlike valour and Stoic self-denial. Lurid and terrible indeed are some of the pictures of horror that shape themselves from certain of Dr. Rosenbaum's pages,—the whole Section, for instance, in Vol. I. dealing with "Brothels and Courtesans", and in an even higher degree that on "Paederastia" and the diseases consequent on this unnatural practice. Specially graphic and vivid sections again, in Vol. II., are those treating of the practice of "Depilation" among Greeks and Romans, and the Baths and Bathing habits of Antiquity.

To return for a moment to the Medical and Anthropological aspects of the Work. Perhaps no single branch of Scientific Enquiry has made such noteworthy strides of late years as Anthropology, and in particular the special Department of that Science devoted to morbid and anomalous manifestations of the sexual appetite,—unnatural lusts, sensual aberrations, sexual inversions, and all the rest. The subject, no doubt, is repulsive, but it is none the less profoundly important from the scientific side, in connexion both with the general advance of our knowledge of Mankind, and with the special Study of Insanity and Madness, as well as from the humanitarian point of view as giving material for the eventual alleviation of many of these manifestations of Mental Disease. Out of a host of names, it is only necessary to mention two, those of Lombroso and Krafft-Ebing, to demonstrate

the high place these investigations have vindicated for themselves among the scientific triumphs of the Century that has just closed. On this side the *Geschichte der Lustseuche* is of the highest importance, supplying as it does innumerable instances of those very phaenomena of morbid sexual perversions that constitute the subject matter of this rapidly progressive branch of Science, one likely in the near future to prove of infinite benefit to afflicted humanity.

Of the Author personally there is no need to say much, nor indeed is there much to be said. His life was quiet and uneventful, as a Scholar's and Savant's should be. After holding a Professorship at Berlin, he was summoned to fill a similar post at the University of Halle, where he succeeded to the Chair left vacant by the death of the celebrated Dr. Baumgarten-Crusius; and it was here that he completed his great Work,—in spite of difficulties and lack of books, which he naïvely and rather pathetically laments in his Preface. Halle had already been made illustrious by an earlier and even more distinguished worker in the same field, the famous Sprengel (died March 15. 1833), author of a masterly *History of Medicine* and many other professional works; and with a characteristic touch of Teutonic sentimentality our Author dates the Preface to his own *Geschichte* on Sprengel's birthday.

A by no means unimportant feature of Dr. Rosenbaum's book, and one according well with his patient and laborious methods, is the very extensive and valuable Bibliography, which will be found at the end of the Work. This embraces almost everything that has been written on the subject in all languages,

and should prove of inestimable service to the serious student.

For any errors that may have crept into his version, the Translator must crave indulgence. Some such are inevitable, more particularly in the renderings of the innumerable Latin and Greek quotations, many of which are involved in diction and obscure in allusion, and some of disputed interpretation. The labour involved has been no small one,—the mere proof-reading itself being a heavy task in a book like the present crammed with citations from several languages.

For the general appearance and get up of the Book, the Publisher, Mr. Charles Carrington, of Paris, is responsible, and his name, so well known in connection with the production of Medical and Scientific works of this kind, is a sufficient guarantee of excellence.

In conclusion, the Translator offers with confidence the result of his labours to all Englishmen interested as Specialists in the History of Medicine, in Anthropology and the Scientific Study of Insanity, as also in Classical Scholarship and the Study of Antiquity and Ancient Literature, as well as to Enquirers generally into the History of Morals and the life and life conditions of earlier days. In doing so, he feels sure of a favourable reception for so important and scholarly a Work, throwing such a flood of light on all these different departments of study.

OXFORD, June 14, 1901.

DR. ROSENBAUM'S

PREFACE TO THE FIRST (GERMAN) EDITION





## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

TO THE

FIRST (GERMAN) EDITION.

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It is now six years ago, during my residence in Berlin, and with a view to a historical Survey of military fevers, that I began a closer and more systematic study of the Epidemics of the XVth. and XVIth. Centuries. In the course of these enquiries my attention was inevitably directed to the subject of Venereal disease, which exerted so powerful an influence at that epoch both on the physical and the moral life of nations. Accustomed as I was to regard History as being something more than a mere quasi-mechanical aggregation of facts, the observation was soon borne in upon me that only through a painstaking examination of the contemporary conditions of epidemic disease could the Venereal Disease of the period be really understood. Consequently I felt I must isolate this terrible scourge of humanity from the general survey,—so general as to be well-nigh all-embracing,—and consider it as a phænomenon apart.

Once started on these lines, I occupied myself specially with the subject, and arrived at the surprising result, that the Venereal Disease of the XVth. Century owed its terrible characteristics solely and

entirely to the contemporary exanthematic-typhoïdal *Genius Epidemicus*, which made itself known in the South of Europe by petechial fevers and by the *Sudor Anglicus* (English Sweating-fever) in the North. I concluded further that the disease was not epidemic at all, merely liable to arise under epidemic influence; and must consequently have been already extant before the arrival of the said *Genius Epidemicus*.

Time and circumstances compelled me to remain satisfied provisionally with this general conclusion, and only after I had fixed my abode permanently at Halle, could I resume my earlier investigations. Yet again these were interrupted, partly by my work on the Diseases of the Skin for the Dictionary of Surgery edited by Prof. Blasius, partly by my Habilitation (formal entry on the Staff) at the University of that place, to which I had been repeatedly invited after the unexpected death of the late Dr. Baumgarten-Crusius. Eventually I was enabled to devote the greater part of my leisure hours to this subject, one which in the meantime was never quite lost sight of. I began to sift and arrange the material I found accumulated, but in a short time I convinced myself that in its treatment I had to strike out a different road from that followed hitherto, if I ever intended on my own account to reach important results; and I felt it would be impossible to complete the whole Survey in a single moderate-sized volume. Consequently I proceeded to limit myself to the enquiry whether or no Venereal disease had been extant in Ancient times, and it is this investigation that I now publish as a first Part of the History of Venereal disease.

The general plan I have followed in my treatment of the subject is sufficiently explained in the Introduction; while a perusal of the text will show in what relation my investigations stand towards those of my predecessors, and at the same time to what extent these have been made use of, or indeed could be made use of, in my work. Owing to the

very nature of the subject the Survey as a whole was bound to assume a critical character, dealing as it does not solely with the history of the Disease, but also with the examination of an extensive array of views and opinions already formulated. The conduct of this examination I leave the reader to judge of; but I believe I can confidently assert it was always the matter, never the man, that I subjected to critical treatment. Accordingly I laid little stress on brilliant results, and made no effort to conceal lack of facts by dazzling hypotheses; instead I made it my supreme object to come at the truth as near as possible, and preferred to confess my ignorance, if the helps and authorities I had at my disposal failed me, rather than advance propositions the baselessness of which a sober criticism is only too soon in a position to demonstrate.

“I imposed this law on myself—to believe no man’s mere assertion; to depend on original authorities; to look at every passage with my own eyes, and read it in connexion with its context; to pick out the plain fact observed from the Chaos of hypotheses, and to accept as exact only what I could deduce from the authorities myself and see to be the evident purport of the observation, —absolutely unconcerned how each arbitrary theory might be affected or the sacrosanct authority of such or such a Scholar stand or fall. Why should we deem great men infallible? why find it impossible to honour them and yet dissent from them in opinion?—I felt I owed to my reader a corresponding impartiality in statement of the facts and arguments based upon them. If I was determined to take nothing on trust, but to examine and see for myself, I could not reasonably demand faith from the reader and refuse to communicate to him the proofs and original documents I had drawn upon. It was no case of mere quotation from books,—I was bound to lay open the original evidence for his inspection.” These words of

Hensler's I took as my guiding-principle, and if I have deviated from their standard in the Third Section, this only happened because the greater part of the passages there quoted have been repeatedly handled by my predecessors, and I feared to increase the bulk and consequently the cost of the Book to the prejudice of the reader.

I am well aware that the method I have adopted hardly corresponds with the taste of the present day; and if the public choose to find in my work nothing but an idle display of quotations, I cannot fail to be mortified. Nevertheless I prefer to encounter, if needs be, the reproach of pedantry rather than that of superficiality. With the difficulties I met with in connection with particular investigations I need not trouble the reader at greater length, as they are sufficiently familiar to everyone engaged in similar researches. I may be allowed to point out what a task was presented by the co-ordination of so considerable a number of scattered data. These I had, in the almost total absence of earlier works on the same subject, to collect mostly by my own reading from very widely separated Authors; and anything like symmetry of arrangement was made still more difficult when, as occurred more than once, the discovery of a single passage forced me to entirely re-write a substantial part of my manuscript, often within a short time of its going to Press. For the same reason the indulgent reader must excuse it, if here and there a later observation involves the supplementing and in some degree correcting of a previous statement,—a thing that would have been done much more frequently, had I not dreaded treating my material in too rambling a fashion. It would be quite easy now to subjoin in the form of appendices a multitude of additional proofs, of course only corroborating views already laid down,—proofs I owed to further reading of the Ancient authors. However absolute completeness is impossible of attainment for the individual; and I can only hope

the humble request I hereby express,—a request addressed specially to professional students of Antiquity,—that others may favour me with contributions and remarks relevant to my subject, may be not entirely without result. So later on perhaps the material accumulated may be utilised more efficiently, if the interest manifested by the learned in my undertaking is of such a nature as to demand a re-modelling of the whole Investigation.

The necessity I found myself under of expressing this request for countenance on the part of students of Antiquity is the very thing that specially induced me to strongly recommend the First Part of my work, even on its Title-page, to their particular consideration; and it will be a source of self-congratulation if the attempts incidentally introduced to gain a better insight into the relics of Antiquity, meeting with their approval, become an inducement to the Physician in his professional studies to offer a helping hand to human weaknesses. The question at issue is nothing less than that of gaining a clear insight into the nature and origin of the operation of a Disease that destroys the very marrow of Nations. Without such insight the Physician cannot hope, whether in the particular case or speaking generally, to obtain a radical cure; and of all forms of Disease the Venereal is pre-eminently that where obscurity in the history of the malady conditions obscurity in its curative treatment. For the first time it is successfully proved with irrefragable certainty that the Ancients were infested with this *morbis mundanus* (World-disease) just as much as the Moderns. Honourable nations are freed from the shameful reproach of fathering this Complaint; and at the same time Physicians see themselves forced to seek a reason for the untrustworthiness they recognise at the present day as belonging to the so-called "Specifics", not in the nature of these remedies, but in the changes which the Disease has undergone under external influences. Moreover they

will find that the non-mercurial treatment nowadays so highly extolled is far from being the mere creature of fashion; rather it is the direct consequence of the alteration in the common and universal *genius* of the Complaint, which appears at this moment to be again tending to a gradual disappearance. The grounds for this assertion I have already more than once explained to my hearers in my repeated Lectures on Venereal Disease; and I propose to communicate them fully in the Second Part of my History of the Disease, framed on the same principles as the First.

When I shall publish this Second Part, if ever, will depend first on the reception of the preceding volume; secondly on whether more favourable external conditions provide the leisure that is indispensably necessary for Historical investigations of the sort, and at the same time put at my disposal a more complete literary apparatus than has hitherto been the case. For historico-medical studies in general there exists hardly a more unfavourable <sup>1</sup> place than Halle; and this is specially and peculiarly so with regard to epidemic diseases. As far as Venereal Disease is concerned the whole literary wealth of our University Library amounts to something like ten or twelve Works, half of which are all but worthless. I myself shrank from no expense to obtain possession of the literary helps required, and my collections, particularly on the subject of Epidemics, might boast of being not inferior to those of any private individual; yet they are quite insufficient

<sup>1</sup> It would be a great mistake to think that because SPRENGEL wrote his History here, the opposite must be true. The greater part of the Works collected by him are no longer to be found. It is only too evident that the earlier administrators of the library,

especially ERSCH, so famous as a Historian of Literature, left the medical side almost totally unconsidered; and what gaps the Administration of to-day has to fill up is sufficiently evidenced by the yearly Lists of Additions.

for my purpose, so much, especially from the earlier Centuries, being no longer procurable by way of purchase.

But when all that is extant in writing is procured, the business is still far from being done. I am still in want of quite a formidable array of facts that can only be the fruit of observations in more recent times. For this reason may I appeal to my elder professional brethren, and above all to the different medical Unions and Associations at home and abroad with the request that they will, whether directly or indirectly, help me to the possession of the facts in question. Such are in particular facts concerning the influence of the *Genius Epidemicus* on the different forms of Venereal Disease, and first and foremost it behoves me to learn—*what influence Typhus manifested during the first fifteen years of this Century. particularly since 1811, in different Countries.* That such an influence, and a disastrous one, *did* take place is evidenced not only by the 364 pp. of collected Authorities, but also by the data of the brilliant SACHS in his "Concise Dictionary of Practical Therapeutics", II. Pt. 1. (Article: Guajac) p. 637. To my sorrow I have only just, since the appearance of the Index to that valuable Work, become acquainted with these data, which appealed to me all the more from the fact that throughout they corroborate the results reached by myself in the historical sphere.

SACHS, and so far as I know he was the first to express this opinion openly, holds as a fully established conclusion that the Venereal Disease of the XVth. Century owed the characteristics it then possessed merely to the prevailing *Genius epidemicus typhodes*; though at the same time I cannot favour his assumption of a leprous-syphilitic Diathesis (general condition of body) as already existent. Nothing is better fitted to give a clear insight into these earlier conditions than a knowledge of the period of the Thirty Years' War and of the Typhus

epidemics at the beginning of the present Century. Would it had happened to any of those heroes of the healing art who played an active part in the great Drama of that time to have crowned his day's-work by leaving us a more detailed medical recital of the incidents. The number of men qualified for the task grows daily fewer, the possibility of gathering the material required daily harder of realization; and, though it is not so yet, the work may later on be impracticable <sup>1</sup>.

In conclusion—may I be allowed hereby to offer my sincere thanks to all who in any way have granted me active support in the course my enquiries. I should be glad to give their names, did I not fear they might dislike seeing themselves recorded in connection with a History of Venereal Disease. In spite of this scruple I feel compelled to make an exception in the case of one of them, viz. my friend, Dr. ECKSTEIN, Headmaster of the Royal High-School (Pädagogium) of Halle. He shared with me the exceedingly laborious duty of correcting the proofs; and both myself and my readers into the bargain owe him a debt of warmest gratitude for so doing.

Written on the birth-day of C. SPRENGEL.

<sup>1</sup> The Bibliography of Authorities and Historians has been placed at the end of the present volume.



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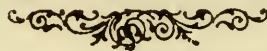
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## INTRODUCTION.

### Conception and Contents of the History of a Disease in general.

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IF we would undertake to write the history of a Disease, the very first thing needful is to frame in one's own mind a clear conception of what the History of a Disease in a general way is, for it is from a right preliminary conception, that the right conditions will follow which a Historian as such is bound to fulfil. Consult experience,—in other words enquire what has been usually understood under the name History of a Disease, and you find to be included in the idea,—first, a more or less complete chronological comparison of the different observations and views of different Physicians at different times on such or such a Disease, secondly, a survey of the course of the Disease in the individual case. The first is properly only a history of the opinions of Physicians, the History of the Literature so to speak of the Disease, which must come before the *actual* History, while the latter is nothing else than a history of a Disease in a single instance, that is to say the history of a particular case of disease, the history of individual patients; and this we have long been in the habit of reckoning a part of Clinics.

Nay, the *sum* of such clinical histories if taken

all together will not help us to the actual history of a Disease, so long as they merely give an account of the visible symptoms by which the disease makes its presence known. By this means we shall be learning merely the ideal course of the Malady, getting a pictorial representation of it such as is demanded by Pathological specialists,—as it were the *internal* history of the Disease. We cannot write the history of a single Man or of a single Nation so as to be a sufficient basis for the understanding and right appreciation of them, if we grasp only their inner history, that of their *internal* development, and consequently view them by themselves as a something separated off from all surroundings, instead of bearing in mind as we should the forms their relations take to environment, to the outer world generally,—in fact their *external* history. Similarly we are just as little in a position to furnish the history of a *Disease*, if we include in the matter of our enquiry only the course of the disease and not its external relations as well.

It is only the inner genetic co-ordination of the two, viz. the internal and the external history (for Disease has also an external history) that can conduct to the *actual History* of the Disease. This may be defined as *a genetic co-ordination and statement of the symptoms of a Disease under different conditions and in different individuals, from the first moment at which they arose and came under observation down to the time when the report is made*; or, expressed more briefly, the History of a Disease is *a genetic co-ordination and account of its development and progress in time* (as conditioned by time). Supposing Time, Relations, and Number of individuals definitely limited, a Special History is the result; while the General History of a Disease properly speaking can *never* be viewed as isolated from its surroundings. In that case the conditions on which the generation and origin of the particular Disease depend would necessarily cease entirely and for ever to exist.

Now if we analyse the conception of the History of a Disease into its component parts, we shall get to know its special *contents*, the efficient factors of which it is compounded, and which the Historian has to comprehend and express. The function of History is to exhibit something that has happened; naturally therefore the first thing the Historian must do is to look out for the point of time at which the process of change began. But certain generating factors and influences are indispensable to every process of change, and their activity again is dependent on certain favourable external conditions; and so it becomes the next duty of the Historian to authenticate the existence of the said favourable influences as well as of the generating factors, and concurrently to determine in what manner they came into active operation. Inasmuch as it happens however sometimes that the interposing or favouring as well as the generative factors are known to be present, and yet no outbreak of disease occurs, so far as we see, or only an incompletely developed one, those influences also will require authentication which hindered or modified the potential activity of the factors.

Only after all this has been systematically and sufficiently analyzed, will it become possible to trace the development and course of the Disease itself and to mark the successive changes offered to observation from its first appearance to the time when its history was recorded. Now these changes are imposed upon it either by its own proper nature or from outside, and so the Historian must explain also the internal and external relations involved. Again in any individual case the various manifestations or signs of a Disease by no means appear all together at one time, but rather develop in a series; so in the *general* course of a Disease, as recorded historically, a similar continuous series of symptoms will be more or less clearly noticeable, yet without implying that it is dependent solely on external conditions. Further, as every Disease is liable at any given time to come

into conflict with another, the Historian will in this case also have to point out, what forms the relations of either took at the moment, whether the disease in question showed itself as determining the other or was itself determined by it, whether it consented to enter into combinations, whether it led to the annihilation of its adversary or was itself annihilated, or whether lastly both remained in a manner neutral. Finally account must be taken of the influence of medical aid, and generally of the relation of the Physician to the Disease.

These different points once successfully and in a competent manner co-ordinated into a kind of organic connexion, the resulting History of Disease, a clinical History, yet as wide as humanity itself, will supply the most momentous factor towards an insight into the nature and essence of Disease. It will not merely afford the theoretical enquirer the necessary materials for his speculations as to Disease in general and systems of treatment, but also teach the practical Physician the conditions of a rational method of Therapeutics; and will consequently be equally interesting, and what is more, equally needful to both. Such an organic connexion can only be established on the condition that the Historian calls to remembrance step by step, as he proceeds, the sciences of Physiology and Pathology. Only by their help is it possible always and everywhere to mark the inner necessity of the relation of cause and effect and to distinguish the essential from the accidental.

### **Possibility of the History of a Disease in General and of Venereal Disease in Particular.**

Having learned the Conception and proper Contents of the History of a Disease, we naturally proceed to another closely connected question,—do all Diseases admit of such a historical exposition? It may be

taken for granted at the outset with tolerable certainty that the answer to this question will be affirmative for the majority of actual Diseases; at any rate hardly an objection can be alleged from the theoretical stand-point. At the same time practical Experience must be allowed a voice on this point.

Unhappily we gain but little that is comforting from experience. It can scarcely be said that even a beginning has been made so far towards writing the History of a Disease in the indicated sense; and besides this, diseases have been primarily selected for consideration in which the historical factor obtrudes itself, as it were, on the attention, to wit the epidemic diseases. For the rest hardly anything at all has been done, excepting only in the case of Leprosy and the Venereal Disease, for which with singular unanimity an epidemic character has always been claimed. The Proteus-like character of these Maladies hindered every attempt of speculation to penetrate their nature, and so enquirers saw themselves forced to consult History. But the merest superficial glance at the treatment of Venereal disease by its Historians (and this applies equally to Leprosy) will show that little more than an insufficient collection of materials towards an actual History of the disease has thus far seen the light; and this in spite of the fact that no contemptible number of the most distinguished Scholars have devoted time and trouble to the subject, in many cases making it their life's work.

However, if the matter is looked into more closely, it will be evident that a large proportion of these scholars directed their attention to one single point only, viz. the antiquity and time of origin of the Disease; and regarded all the other factors only in so far as they supported one or other of the views they had formulated. Besides the co-ordination of these factors is seen to be so loose that no general result of any stringency could ever be obtained. The few men whose definite purpose it was to arrive at

such a result, failed, in view of the difficulty of collecting the material, to reach the completeness they had proposed, and so deferred working up what they had accumulated till death put an end to their enterprise. In especial this was the case with *Hensler*, and the non-appearance of the Second Part of his History of the Venereal Disease must doubtless long continue to be mourned as an irreparable loss.

The Past, on which all experience must draw, affords us so little assistance here that it is to the Future we must look for everything. The Present cannot show us in existence any history of Venereal disease as we understand it, but this in no way entitles it to deny the possibility of such a History. Thus it is of the highest importance to make the attempt to arrange and sift the material now ready and accessible, so far as it concerns the Venereal Disease, on principles conformable to the Conception and proper Contents as indicated above of the History of a Disease, and for this a relative completeness of the collected materials suffices. If in this way we are successful in sketching the history of Venereal Disease at any rate in its general outlines, it can quite well be left to the continued efforts of other Investigators to fill in the individual lines of the picture, especially as then and then only is the particular point ascertained by anticipation, at which later accessions must be worked in.

In every History, what comes first and foremost is to get to know the original Authorities from which the material for its treatment can be drawn, and this forms the proper Contents of the *Literary* history of the Disease. Accordingly our first duty will be to give a general survey of the literary helps lying ready to hand for the use of the Historian of Venereal Disease, and at the same time to specify how far these were accessible to ourselves. Thus the reader will be enabled at the very outset to form a judgement as to the completeness of the

information supplied; and succeeding Enquirers will learn the gaps that are left remaining for them to fill up.

This will conclude a Survey of the historical results so far obtained in connection with the antiquity and time of origin of the Disease; and it will then be possible to indicate the special Scheme we propose to follow in our treatment of the task before us.

**Abstract of Opinions advanced at various  
Periods on the question of the  
Antiquity and First Rise of  
the Venereal Disease.**

The different Opinions advanced at various periods on the question of the Antiquity and Origin of the Venereal Disease may at the outset be brought under two main divisions, according as the disease is supposed to have been already known to the Ancients and from their time onwards to have been continuously observed, *or* on the other hand regarded as having first arisen in the ninetieth year of the XVth. Century. Both views were framed much about the same time, and depended largely on the position and education of the person delivering judgement. The former may be styled the view of the learned, the latter the popular view, though indeed at their first inception it was not so much scientific reasons in either case as men's prejudices that formed their basis.

The few really learned Physicians of the end of XVth. Century and beginning of the XVIth. took as the theme of their study not Nature but rather the medical Writings of the Greeks and Arabians, a field that had long been left unappropriated by them, and all were far too firmly convinced, that *Hippocrates*, and still more *Galen* and *Avicenna* had already included in their Works everything that could

ever be the subject of scientific treatment at any given time.

Attention was concentrated upon the Skin Affection that was the predominant form at first, and this was naturally enough taken for a kind of Leprosy, and called sometimes Elephantiasis (*Seb. Aquilanus, Phil. Beroaldus*), sometimes "Formica" (*Schellig, Cumanus, Gilinus, Leonicens, Steber*), by others "Saphat" (*J. Widmann, Nat. Montesaurus, Jul. Tanus, Jo. de Fogueada, Sim. Pistor*). Hence the view advanced subsequently by *Sydenham, Haller, Plenck, Thierry, Haward*, and held for a time by *Sprenzel*, that the original form of the Venereal Disease was the "Yaws" or "Pians", and consequently that Africa must be assigned as the original home of the disease; and in this way the Moors also were brought in as part of the concatenation. Later on, when the conviction grew up that the beginning of the Disease consists in local affections of the genital organs, it was easy to show that these had always been in existence from the most ancient times. But as no direct information on the relation between affections of the Genitals and Skin-disease was to be found in the earlier Writers, enquirers were driven to the supposition, that Syphilitic affections of the Skin had been confounded by the Ancients with Leprosy.

A view, which *Becket* first sought to establish on precise grounds, appeared on the contrary too bold to other investigators, who thought to find some way of evading it. This was to the effect that Leprosy under favourable conditions had changed into Venereal Disease, and the increased rarity of the former seemed to speak for this opinion. Supporters of this last view are in especial *Sprenzel*, and *Choulant* in his Preface to *Fracastori's "Syphilis"*. Whilst the particular home of the Disease was fixed in this way by some authors, *Swediaur* and *Beckman* thought to find it in the East Indies, and held that the "Dschossam", a familiar Indian disease, or else the

“Persian Fire” must be looked upon as the original form of the Complaint. *Schaufus* agreed with them in part; he believed Venereal disease to have been brought by the Gypsies from India to Europe. *Dr. Wizmann*<sup>1</sup> made the disease arise in the IIInd. Century in Dacia, which at that date was transformed into a Roman Colony and had to welcome the licentious Roman soldiery. The excesses of these colonists, in a strange climate, and seconded by a combination of conditions favourable to epidemic sickness, produced the disease, which he says is generated to this day in its genuine form in Turkey. Accordingly *Wizmann*, as also *Sprengel* and *Choulant*, and to some extent *Gruner*, who considered the Moors to be the parents of the Venereal disease, may be regarded as taking up an intermediate position between the two extreme views, and as making a sort of transition to the opinions of those who look upon the Disease as a new one.

The special supporters of this view were, as mentioned above, the non-medical, though a considerable number of men calling themselves Physicians agreed with them, though on other grounds, differing only as to the mode in which the Disease arose. The prevailing astrological views found the original cause of the Disease in the Conjunction of the Planets, a conjunction declared beforehand by prophecy to bode disaster. With this were included as contributing to the effect Inundations, the oppressed condition of Nations, Famine and the like. The disease was called an epidemic, or what at that period was practically synonymous, a pestilential disease, a Plague, and ascribed of course to the wrath of God. There were other accounts given,

<sup>1</sup> “On the Venereal Disease in the Northern Provinces of European Turkey” in: *Russian Compendium for Natural and Medical Science*, edited by *Alex. Crichton, Jos. Rehmman, C. Fr. Burdach*. vol. I. Riga and Leipzig 1815. large 8vo. pp. 230.

that still carry some show of probability; the Disease was referred to the poisoning of wells and of wine (Caesalpinus), to the admixture of gypsum with the flour (Fallopia), or actually to indulgence in human flesh.

When coition could no longer be denied as an interposing factor, rumour resorted to all sorts of wild tales, the copulation of a courtesan with a Leper, copulation with animals, and particularly with asses, and finally with the voluptuous Indian women of America. From the latter story grew up by degrees the theory of the American origin of Venereal Disease, which found its chief supporters in *Astruc* and *Girtanner*, and in spite of Hensler's exertions seems even yet not absolutely forgotten.

### General Scheme of Treatment.

It now becomes important to consider more closely these various views, as well as the reasons advanced for them, and to subject them to examination. But as the result of this examination will cover to some extent the same ground as the formal History, it will be expedient to treat the two as far as possible in connection with one another. By this method it will *ipso facto* appear how far the individual views are tenable, and how far the grounds alleged in their favour valid. And this is all the more necessary for two reasons, first because by this means a host of repetitions is avoided, secondly because only in this way are such gaps as still remain clearly recognised and made tangible.

All the different views fall, as already stated, into two groups, according as they maintain the antiquity or the modernness of the Venereal Disease. In conformity with this division we must separate our investigation from the outset into two parts, of which Part I is to comprise the Venereal Disease in Antiquity, Part II the Venereal Disease to the end of the

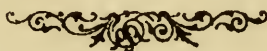
XVth. Century. To this will be added further as a Third Part, the History of the Disease down to our down day.

Each of the two earlier Parts will open, in accordance with the views declared above, with a statement and examination of the Authorities.

After that will follow an investigation of the influences that evoked diseases as a consequence of the use or misuse of the Genital organs and are favourable to their genesis, as well as those influences capable of staying, or in the case of diseases already established, modifying their progress. The difficulty of such an investigation is as striking as is its necessity; for on this subject there is an almost total lack of previous Works of any use to consult; and yet it is only by their help we can possibly win a deeper insight into the history of Venereal Disease.

The attitude of medical Science in face of these influences and their consequences will next claim our attention, so far as it is competent to exert a determining and modifying effect on the form and character of the Disease. In this connection it is especially important to determine whether the Physicians correctly diagnosed these diseases for what they are, or generally speaking had any opportunity of doing so.

Having come to a clear understanding, as far as is possible, on all these points, we shall then be in a position to give a genetic exposition of the development of the Disease itself. This will form the conclusion of each separate part, as well as of the whole Work; and then and then only we shall be able to say our task is fulfilled.





THE PLAGUE OF LUST

IN

CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY.

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FIRST PART.





## AUTHORITIES.

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IN Antiquity we find that for a considerable length of time the medical sciences were far from being confined to a distinct profession, and further, where this does seem to be the case, there is always a not insignificant proportion of such knowledge that comes to us merely as popular or traditional Medicine. It is therefore evident, that if we would gain definite information as to the existence of a Disease among the Ancients, we ought by no means to confine our attention to the medical writers. This becomes still more necessary, if we are bound at the same time to try and discover the ætiological relations of such a disease, of which it can be stipulated at the outset that it is intimately connected with the whole life and activity of peoples. The Historian accordingly is absolutely compelled to test and examine thoroughly everything that can possibly enlighten him as to these relations,—to interrogate the Literature of whole Nations.

But here comes in the drawback that only comparatively speaking a very restricted proportion of the Authors of Antiquity have come down to us, even after due account has been taken of the possibility that many an unknown author may lurk concealed in some corner or other of the globe. Then again the Authors that *have* been preserved are almost without exception Greeks or Romans, so that for the major part of the nations of Antiquity the national authorities are all but entirely lacking,

or else, where something of the sort does exist, it is written in a language the correct interpretation of which is still partially to seek. From all this it clearly follows that a complete and final explanation of any controverted matter of Ancient times can never strictly speaking be expected, and in particular that it would be a very rash conclusion to declare positively that a Disease did not exist in Antiquity, *because* in the extant and known books' no mention occurs of it.

But in as much as this general incompleteness of information exists with regard to all relations of Antiquity, and yet for many of them sufficient explanations have already been obtained, it is obviously incumbent on us to undertake for our subject also the enquiry how far the extant authorities are capable of throwing light on it,—a task that exceeds indeed the powers of any individual, even should he be able to bring to it all the qualifications indispensable for the understanding of the said authorities. Consequently there is no other course left open for him but to institute at the outset a survey of what has so far been accomplished and ascertained, and then to bring into line with this whatever he has gleaned from his own study of the authorities, in the hope that another enquirer, like-minded and better equipped, may follow on in the track of his endeavours, and so by dint of united efforts the intended goal may one day be reached.

It would be unprofitable for us, having laid claim, as authorities for our special enquiry into the ætiological relations, to the remains of Antiquity in their entirety, to consider them in detail in this place. At the same time it might well seem expedient to specify more exactly such of them as are in a position to afford us information as to the Disease itself. These fall into two classes, viz. physicians and laymen. The estimation of the first class as authorities for the Venereal disease demands a number of conditions which we shall only get to know in

the course of our subsequent exposition of the ætiological relations themselves, and will therefore more conveniently find its place after this,—in that part of the work where the question is discussed of the influence of medical aid on the disease. Similarly only a part of the lay authorities come in here,—authorities from whom, as may be supposed, we have only to expect rather fragmentary information, but who are all the more important, when they do exist, as by their evidence is proved men's wide, in fact universal, acquaintance with the disease; and *they* cannot be charged with having made their observations of it through such or such a pair of theoretical spectacles.

The more copious the materials the Historian provides as to the ætiological relations, the more scanty will be his contributions on the question of the existence of the disease, as historical characters of highest importance, or conspicuous frequency of the disease, give him occasion to mention it.

The case is different, from the first with the *Poets*. The *Satirists* and *writers of Comedy* it is true can only supply hints, and these are often quite unintelligible for later times, if Scholiasts and Commentators had not taken on them the task of explanation,—though again their statements must often be used with caution, as they are so apt to impute to earlier times the opinions of their own. But here also the field of these hints is very circumscribed, as they are only admissible so far as it is possible to extract from the subject-matter a ridiculous, satirical *motif* (*versus iocosi, carmina plena ioci*,—jesting verses, songs full of jest, are demanded by the very personality of Priapus); and even then acquaintance with the fact alluded to in general terms is presupposed on the part of hearer and reader. We see from this how ill-considered is the contention of those who say that poets like *Horace*, *Juvenal* or *Martial*, if they had been acquainted with the injurious consequences of sexual intercourse with Hetaerae, could hardly have failed to allude to them on occasion

in *unequivocal* terms. Hensler <sup>1</sup> excellently observed long ago:—"In our Century certainly no German "poet says one word about it,—neither the dallying "light-o'-love versifiers nor the serious poets. But "from this to draw the conclusion,—*then* Venereal "disease did not exist among the people, *then* it has "never been seen in Germany this year, would make "physicians and barber-surgeons smile!"

Then again consider the widely different character of the Peoples and their Languages. The flowery Asiatic and Hindoo was, to begin with, far enough removed from the spirit of Satire, and on all occasions preferred to have recourse to images that to us may well seem more than obscure. The Greek writers of Iambi (Satiric verses in the Iambic metre) are all but completely lost to us, while of the Comedians we possess only *Aristophanes*, in the interpretation of whom we are certainly not yet far enough advanced to make all his allusions plain to us. Above all, those who pronounce so dogmatically as to the existence of the Disease on the evidence of hints, appear to have hardly a notion of the condition in which the Lexicography of both Greek and Latin is,—a condition still in many respects deplorable.

Besides this the Greeks, and for a time<sup>2</sup> to an almost greater degree the Romans, <sup>2</sup> were above all things reticent in speech. The Roman still preserved intact through all the frivolity of his later days certain

<sup>1</sup> "Geschichte der Lust-seuche" (History of the Venereal Disease), Vol. I. p. 326.

<sup>2</sup> *Celsus*, De re medica Bk. VI. ch. 18., "Proxima sunt ea, quae ad partes obscenas pertinent, quarum apud Graecos vocabula et tolerabilius se habent et accepta iam usu sunt, cum omni fere medicorum volumine atque sermone iacentur, apud nos foediora verba, ne consuetudine quidem

aliqua verecundius loquentium commendata sunt."

(Next are particulars relating to the unmentionable parts; the name of these among the Greeks are less objectionable and are now accepted by usage, as they are freely employed by physicians both in books and speech, whereas with ourselves the words are coarse, not approved by any customary use on the

shrines, that were never broken open until the period of the utter corruption of morals; and then no doubt afforded all the richer booty. But in Satire it was not the fact that became matter of derision, but the habits of the voluptuary merely *as affecting morality*, as for instance is clearly seen from a perusal of the passages of Juvenal <sup>1</sup> read in their mutual connection. Moreover the following account will sufficiently prove that even among the Romans affections of the genitals were never ascribed to *natural*, only to *unnatural* coition, Paederastia and the like; and that it was the vice that was derided, and not properly speaking its consequences.

After the Satirists come the *Epigrammatic poets*, near akin to them. Whether in this province the Greeks will afford much material, later investigations must decide; how abundantly the Roman *Martial* has rewarded our repeated perusals, the reader will soon be enabled to convince himself.

part of those who speak with any regard to modesty.) How strictly the words, especially in the case of the poets, were scrutinised in this respect even in later times still, is shown by the passage in *Aulus Gellius*, Noct. Attic. Bk. X. ch. 10.; and in *Petronius*, ~~ne nominare quidem te~~ Satir, 132, Polyænus says: Ne nominare quidem te (scil. penem) inter res serias fas est. Poenitentiam agere sermonis mei coepi, secretoque rubore perfundi, quod oblitus verecundiae meae cum ea parte corporis verba contulerim, quam ne ad cogitationem quidem admittere severioris notae homines solent."

(It is forbidden even to mention thee (viz. the penis) in

serious discourse. I have begun to do penance for my words and to feel the glow of a secret blush, because forgetful of my modesty I expressed in words that part of the body, which men of the stricter type refuse to admit even into their thoughts.) So the collector of Priapeia appeals to the reader: Conveniens Latio pone supercilium! (Lay aside the disapproving frown that befits Latium); and later on people used to say of such talk, they wished to speak plain *Latin*, just as we say, speak *plain English*; while the Greek would excuse himself by his ἄγρουνος καὶ ἄμουνσός εἰμι, (I am but an unpolished rustic).

<sup>1</sup> Satir. II. 8—13.



on garden-walls, and so forth, afforded an inexhaustible mine for collecting amateurs, to whom we owe the Priapeia that have come down to the present day. Had they all been preserved to posterity, we should doubtless have had no need to bewail the lack of clear information as to the Venereal disease among the Ancients.

Connected with the poems are the myths and legends of Antiquity. These however being difficult to understand when studied for their own sake owing to the confusion that still reigns in all the interpretations and discussions of them, hardly admit of being used for our purpose with advantage.

Finally we have yet to mention the Fathers as authorities for the history of the Venereal disease, for their "Orationes contra Gentes" (Denunciations of the Geutiles) especially afford much valuable material towards a knowledge of the moral condition of the nations of Antiquity. True it is very likely these only too willingly allow exaggerations at the cost of Paganism, and attribute to an earlier time as already existing then, what really belongs to their own day. Still these drawbacks lose much of their importance in so far as the question for the present is only,—whether previously to the end of the XVth. Century the Venereal Disease existed or no.

The difficulties that arise in the systematic study and manipulation of all these authorities require no further discussion here, being sufficiently well known to every investigator of Antiquity—be he physician or layman.

wooden of poets. — N.B. *ficoides* means at once *like a fig-tree* and *afflicted with piles*; perhaps we might render "most costive of poets".)

(Thou beholdest, who'er thou art, around the plaster of our walls lines teeming with not too chastened a wit.)

also in *Martial*, bk. XII. Epigr. 62. we read:

Qui carbone rudi, putrique creta  
Scribit carmina, quae legunt  
cacantes.

(Who with rough charcoal or crumbly chalk writes verses that men read as they shit.)

## FIRST SECTION.

### Influences which promoted the generation of Disease consequent upon the Use or Misuse of the Genital Organs.

#### § I.

Directly it becomes a question of studying the diseases of a particular part or organ, diseases occasioned by the nature of the use made of that particular part or organ, it is primarily requisite to investigate more precisely the different forms of this use. Then and then only shall we be in a position to define the share which secondary influences are competent to have in producing the said diseases. The *natural* use of the genital organs is simply the performance of the acts necessary to beget children. On this depends the preservation of the whole species. It is therefore improbable that Nature should have made such use liable to produce disease. As a matter of fact the experience of all ages shows that in a judicious marriage, the natural aim and object of which is the procreation of children, diseases of the genitals seldom, if ever, arise.

There must then be a secondary use of the genital organs, which is carried out without any view of begetting offspring, or in which this plays only a subordinate part, and consequently some other than the *natural* object is that pursued. This object is *Sensual gratification*, which is associated with the use of the genital organs, and the use of the genital

organs for the attainment of this object is *Sensuality*. Every misuse of any given organ cannot but be associated with detriment both to the organ itself and to the whole organism as well. This must of course also be the case with the genitals,<sup>1</sup> and it is in the misuse of them, in Sensual practices, that the most prominent efficient cause of maladies of these organs must be sought. Now it is our business to give a history of the maladies of the genital organs; and this is only possible on the condition that we have first of all gained a clear insight into the history of Sensuality.

Doubtless it is a melancholy task for the Historian to follow up and reveal the moral degradation of Peoples and Nations even to its most revolting details, and the Ethical philosopher might find not a few objections to raise against an undertaking of the kind. None the less is the Physician compelled to search out under all forms the traces of Vice in its most secret hiding-places, and so fathom the nature of the Disease in each individual case; and still more with Nations as a whole is he permitted,— nay! it is his bounden duty, to fix his eyes on their doings and those of each of their component parts. Thus only can he detect the nature of a Disease, which destroys the marrow of Peoples more surely and more terribly for this very reason that its genesis proceeds in secret.

The reproach that the Moral repute of Nations is hereby ruined, and the general mass saddled with the guilt of vices which of course only individuals ever committed, has no place here, for it is solely through the precise knowledge of the doings of these individuals that a due appreciation is possible

<sup>1</sup> *Clement of Alexandria*, Paedag. bk. II. ch. 10. ὅσοι δὲ τὴν παραβολὴν διώκουσι, πταίονσι περὶ τὸ κατὰ φύσιν, σφᾶς αὐτοὺς βλάπτουτες, κατὰ τὰς

παρανόμους συνουσίας.

(“Now they that follow the parable sin against nature, *hurting their own selves*, according to their lawless conversation.”)

of the danger that threatens the whole body politic from this source. Had not a false ideal of Morality hitherto restrained the individual, as it did the mass, from speaking out the truth, we should be much farther advanced than we are in the knowledge of a Disease, whose characteristic symptom it is that those who suffer from it endeavour, as far as they possibly can, to conceal its cause!

### The Cult of Venus <sup>1</sup>.

#### § 2.

The imaginative son of the South, already of his very nature prone to attribute all that his unpractised intellect failed to comprehend to the influence of a special Deity, was bound to do this pre-eminently in the case of an act that is even yet to us moderns wrapped in impenetrable obscurity,—the

<sup>1</sup> *Larcher*, "Mémoire sur Venus," (Mémorial on Venus). Paris 1775. pp. 312. 8vo.—*De la Chau*, "Dissertation sur les Attributs de Venus," (Dissertation on the Attributes of Venus. Paris 1776. pp. 91. 4to. In German, by C. Richter. Vienna 1783. pp. 179. 8vo.—*J. C. F. Manso*, "Ueber die Venus," (On Venus): in "Versuche über einige Gegenstände aus der Mythologie der Griechen und Römer," (Essays on certain Subjects from the Mythology of the Greeks and Romans). Leipzig 1784. large 8vo. pp. 1—308. The Treatise is the most complete account we possess on the subject of Venus.—*Lenz*, *C. G.*, "Die Göttin von Paphos auf alten

Bildwerken und Baphomet," (The Goddess of Paphos in Ancient Sculptures and Baphomet.) Gotha 1808. pp. 26. 4to., with Copperplates.—*Münter*, *Fr.*, "Der Tempel der himmlischen Göttin zu Paphos," (The Temple of the heavenly Goddess at Paphos). Copenhagen 1824. pp. 40. with Copperplates.—*Lajard*, *Felix*. "Recherches sur le culte, les symboles, les attributs et les monuments figurés de Venus en orient et en occident," (Researches on the Cult, Symbols, Attributes and artistic Monuments of Venus in East and West). Paris 1834. 4to., with 30 Plates, fol. Known to us only from the notices.

act of generation and conception. How could he think of this Deity <sup>1</sup>, that used his own body as its instrument and in so doing bestowed on him the highest pleasure of the senses, otherwise than under the shape of a Being equally alluring and loving, convinced that this Being must be infinitely more alluring <sup>2</sup> than even the beloved form that he held in his arms? "The young man's fancy" craves a lovely maiden; the maiden needed a loving sister, into whose arms she could trustingly throw herself, who intuitively divined all her soft, sweet emotions, to express which she sought in vain for words, which she scarce dared to own to herself that she was conscious of, and understood them!

To the Goddess' Temple she wandered, before her poured out the longings that filled her heart to overflowing <sup>3</sup>, and at the last offered up herself a gift at the holy place, that so Aphrodité *Ἀφροδίτη εὐκαρπός, κουροτρόφος, γενετύλλις*.—Aphrodite rich in fruit, giving offspring, of the birth-hour) might be glorified in her, and herself be a participant in the highest happiness of Woman,—the joys of Motherhood. First she prepared herself by bodily purifica-

<sup>1</sup> *Orpheus*, Hymn. 55.

Οὐρανίη Ἀφροδίτη,  
παντογενής, γενέτειρα θεᾶ,  
γεννᾶς δὲ τὰ πάντα,  
ὅσσα τ' ἐν οὐρανῷ ἐστὶ καὶ  
ἐν γαίῃ πολυκάρπῳ  
ἐν πόντου τε βυθῷ.  
γαμοστόλε, μήτερ ἐρώτων.

(Heavenly Aphrodité, parent of all, mother Goddess,—for thou engenderest all things, all things that are in heaven and in fruitful earth and in depth of ocean,—harbinger of marriage, mother of loves).

*Homer*, Hymn. 9. to Venus :

Κυπρογενῆ Κυθήρεια  
ἀείσομαι, ἣτε βροτοῖσιν  
μείλιχια δῶρα δίδωσιν,  
ἐφ' ἡμερῶν δὲ προσώπῳ  
αἰεὶ μειδιάει, καὶ ἐφ' ἡμερῶν  
φέρει ἄνθος.

(Cyprus-born Cytherea will I sing, who to men gives sweet gifts, and on her lovely visage has ever a smile, and brings a lovely blossom of love).

<sup>2</sup> *Hesiod*, *Theogonia*, 190-206.

<sup>3</sup> Consult the Poem of *Sappho* in *Brunck*, *Analect.* vet. poet. Graec., Vol. I. p.

tion <sup>1</sup> before she trod the Temple threshold, then at the Temple altar she received spiritual purity; and thus thrilled through and through with the influence of the holiest, the Priest's hand <sup>2</sup> led her to the arms of her Lover, who as unspoiled yet and unsophisticated as she, had not sought to unveil the most august secrets of Nature with audacious hand. Intoxicated with rapture he drew his darling on to the Torus (sacred couch) bedecked with fragrant blossoms, and almost unconsciously to himself, became the creator of a being wherein both saw themselves made young again.

If Man is really the noblest of created Beings, made by the Creator in his own image, in very truth then the power that unconsciously raises Man to the level of his Maker must be a divine power too, and that act in the exercise of which it comes itself into play an act of most sublime worship. Are we to suppose there never was a time when Man, pure as he came from the hand of his Creator, followed in the singleness of his heart no other law

54.—*Suidas* under the word *Ψιθυριστής* (whisperer), as epithet of Venus. *Eustathius* on Homer, *Odyssey*, XX., p. 1881. Her attribute was a key to the Heart. *Pinder*, *Pyth.* IV. 390. Comp. *Ovid*, *Fast.* IV. 133 sqq.

<sup>1</sup> The Trojan women used to betake themselves before their marriage to the river Scamander, to bathe in it and say: Receive, Scamander, our Virginity. *Aeschines*, *Epist.* II. p. 738.

<sup>2</sup> *Herodotus*, Bk. II. ch. 64. Καὶ τὸ μὴ μίσγεσθαι γυναιξί, ἐν ἱεροῖς, μηδὲ ἀλόου-  
τους ἀπὸ γυναικῶν ἐς ἱερὰ  
ἐσιέναι, οὗτοι εἰσὶ οἱ πρῶτοι

θηρησεύσαντες· οἱ μὲν  
γὰρ ἄλλοι σχεδὸν  
πάντες ἄνθρωποι,  
πλὴν Αἰγυπτίων καὶ Ἑλλή-  
νων, μίσγονται ἐν  
ἱεροῖσι.

(And the practice of not having intercourse with women in temples, and not going into temples unwashed after such intercourse, these practices they were the first to observe as a matter of religion; for almost all the rest of mankind, except Egyptians and Greeks, have sexual intercourse in temples.) Comp. *Clement of Alexandria*, *Stromat.* bk. I. p. 361.

but that written in his heart? Surely not merely in the dreams of the Poet was found the legend of an Eden, from which Man was driven out by his own guilt; more true to say that to this day we are all of us born therein. But alas! others' guilt or our own tears us away from out the garden of Paradise, ere we have yet been able often to raise our eyes to take delight in its glory. Thus it is that many a man now and again has the memory of a Dream, that accompanies him on his pilgrimage through life, and he hopes to find in the future what long ago, before he grew conscious of its existence, became a thing of the past. Perchance it may be the fatal tasting of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge was nothing else than the misuse of the genital organs, to content bestial longings, to arouse the titillation of an enervating pruriency <sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Already in his time St. Jerome affirmed: omnem concubitum coniugale esse peccatum, nisi causa procreandi sobolem (that all conjugal coition is a sin, except for the sake of begetting offspring); and *Andr. Beverland* (de peccato originali—On Original Sin, p. 60.); *Ingenitum nefas nil aliud est, quam coeundi ista libido*, (Inborn sin is nothing else than the foul craving for coition). With this should be compared the view of *Lycurgus*, which *Plutarch* cites in his life of him.

Also *Athenaeus* (*Deipnosoph.* Bk. XII. p. 510.) says: προκριθείσης γούντης Ἀφροδίτης, αὕτη δ' ἐστὶν ἡ ἡδονή, πάντα συνεταράχθη. (thus Aphrodité being rather chosen, —now this is sensual pleasure, —all was thrown into con-

fusion.) *Clement of Alexandria*, *Paedog.* bk. II. ch. 10. Ψιλὴ γὰρ ἡδονή, κὰν ἐν γάμῳ παραληφθῆ, παράνομός ἐστι καὶ ἄδικος καὶ ἄλογος. (For base pleasure— i.e. pleasure for its own sake,— even though it have been enjoyed in wedlock, is unlawful and unjust and unreasonable.—*Philo*, *De opificio mundi*, pp. 34, 35, 38.. *De Allegoria*, II. p. 1100. ὄφιν εἶναι σύμβολον ἡδονῆς. (the snake is the symbol of sensual pleasure.) With some coarseness Rabbi Zahira explains the Fall. The Tree, he says, that bore the forbidden fruit signifies the instrument of generation in Man; not the Tree in the midst of the garden of Eden, he comments, but the Tree in the midst of the body, which is not in the midst

“And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked!” The bestial had won the victory over the divine, which fled away from the desecrated altar; and the Genius of Mankind wept over their Fall!

Here is the History at once of Man individually and of whole Peoples. Over the Temple-worship of Aphrodité also impended such a crisis; and sooner or later the holy courts of Venus Urania (Heavenly Venus) changed into the Lupanar of Venus Vulgiva (Brothel of Venus of the Streets).

### § 3.

A precise knowledge of the extension of the Venus-cult in chronological order would readily supply us the means of following up historically the moral deterioration of the Peoples of Antiquity; but so long as we do not possess this, History cannot be expected to give us anything of great value. All that we are for the present in a position to give, pertinent to the object we aim at, is as follows:

“The worship of this Urania,” says Pausanias <sup>1</sup>, “the Assyrians first introduced amongst themselves, after the Assyrians the Paphians in Cyprus <sup>2</sup>, and among the Phoenicians <sup>3</sup> the inhabitants of Ascalon in Palestine. From the Phoenicians the inhabitants

of the garden, but in the midst of the Woman, for it is there that the garden is planted. *Nork*, “Braminen und Rabbinen,” (Brahmins and Rabbinen), Meissen 1836. large 8vo. pp. 91.

<sup>1</sup> *Descript. Graeciae*, bk. I. ch. 14.

<sup>2</sup> *Homer*, *Odyss.* Bk. VIII. 362.—*Hesiod*, *Theog.* 193.—

*Strabo*, XIV. 983.—*Tacitus*, *Hist.* II. 3.—*Pausanias*, VIII. 5. 2.

<sup>3</sup> *Sanchoniathon*, Fragment. edit. Orelli, p. 34., *Eusebius*, *Praeparat. Evang.*, I. 10., τὴν δὲ Ἀστάρτην Φοίνικες τὴν Ἀφροδίτην εἶναι λέγουσι.

(Now the Phoenicians say that Astarté is Aphrodité.)

of Cythera <sup>1</sup> learned to know and worship her. At Athens Aegæus introduced her worship." It was at Babylon then that the cult of Venus originated as *Mylitta* worship, spread over the inland parts to Mesopotamia as the Sabæan <sup>2</sup> religion, and was passed on by the Phœnicians to the sea-board peoples as Astarté-worship. For at the spot where this cult first arose, it lasted longest in its original purity, and *Herodotus* <sup>3</sup> could report how

<sup>1</sup> *Herodotus*, Bk. I. ch. 105. *Homer*, Hymn. IX. 1. *Ruhnken*, Epist. crit. I. p. 51. *Heyne*, Antiquarische Aufs. I. p. 135.

<sup>2</sup> Hence the Father *Ephraim Syrus* (Hymn, in *Opp.* Vol. II. p. 457. *Gesenius*, "Kommentar. zum Jesaias," Commentary on Isaiah), Pt. II. p. 540. Ephraim lived 379 A. D.):—It is Venus that led astray her followers, the Ishmaelites. Into our land also she came, now most abundantly do the sons of Hagar honour her.

A street-walker (they call) the Moon,  
Like a courtesan they represent Venus.  
Twain they call female among the Stars.  
And not merely names are they,  
Names without meaning, these female names,  
Abounding in Wantonness are they in themselves.  
For since they are the women of all men,  
Who amongst them can be modest,  
Who amongst them chaste,  
Who exercised his wedlock after the fashion of the fowls?

Who (otherwise than the Chaldaeans) introduced the Festival of that frantic God-

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dess, at whose Solemnities Women practise harlotry?

<sup>3</sup> *Histor.* Bk. I. ch. 199. *Ἐπεὶ δὲ μιχθῆ, ἀποσιωσάμενη τῇ θεῷ, ἀπαλλάσσεται ἐς τὰ οἰκία· καὶ τῶπὸ τούτου οὐκ οὔτω μέγα τί οἱ δώσεις ὧς μιν λάμψαι.* (But after she has gone with a man, and so acquitted her obligation to the goddess, she returns to her home; and from that time forth no gift however great will prevail with her.) The same thing is related also by *Baruch* VI. 42, 43. *Comp. Voss* on *Virgil*, *Georgics*, II. 523 sqq. To this day we find amongst the bold sons of the Desert, the Arabians, some trace of this devotion of their fathers, *Niebuhr* writes ("Beschreibung von Arabien"—(Description of the Arabians), Copenhagen 1772. p. 54. note.): "I read that the Europeans have investigated with great erudition and eloquence the question, Num inter naturalis debiti et conjugalis officii egerium liceat psallere, orare, etc.? (Whether in the performance of the debt of nature and the conjugal office it is lawful to sing, to

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at Babylon the daughters of the country were compelled *once* in their life-time to give themselves for money to a strange man to win the favour of the goddess, then to return to their dwelling all the more virtuous for the sin, and neither promises nor gifts, however great these might be, availed ever again to draw them into the arms of a stranger. Later indeed it was different even here, perhaps through the influence of the Phoenicians, who had manifold dealings with them. For *Herodotus* himself relates elsewhere (Bk. I. 196), that after the capture of Babylon by the Persians, the poorer classes, dreading the forcible abduction of their daughters, if means of subsistence failed them, made them harbour-wench<sup>1</sup>. And accordingly *Q. Curtius*<sup>2</sup> felt bound to write of Babylon:

pray, and so on?) I do not know what the Mohammedans have written on this matter. I have been assured that it is their custom to begin all their occupations with the words; Bismallâh errachmân errachhîm (in the name of the merciful and gracious God), and that they must say this also "ante conjugalis officii egerium (before the performance of the conjugal office), and that no reputable man omits this." So at the present day in Italy the courtesan bows before the image of her Madonna, before she gives herself, and says to her, "Madonna, mi ajuta!" or "Madonna, mi perdonna!" (Madonna, be my aid!, Madonna, pardon me!) whilst she draws a veil over her picture, and calls this Christianity! For the rest Constantine abolished the custom in question at

Babylon and at Heliopolis, and destroyed the Temples of Venus at those places. *Eusebius*, Life of Constantine, III. p. 58. *Socrates*, Eccles. Hist. I. 18.

<sup>1</sup> *Heeren*, "Ideen über Politik und Handel," (Ideas on Political Science and Trade), Pt. I. 2. p. 257.

<sup>2</sup> So we think we ought to understand the *καταπορνέει τὰ θήλεια τέκνα* (prostitute down their female children) in the text, for the expression is evidently formed on the same plan as the *καθῆσθαι ἐπ' οἰκήματος* (to sit down at a house of ill-fame in *Plato*, *Charmides*, 163. c.; because the brothels lay near the harbour, and so in the more low-lying region, away from Athens itself. In the same way the Romans used the verb *descendere* (to go down), e. g. *Horace*, Satires I. 2. 34.,

“Nihil urbis eius corruptius moribus, nihil ad irri-  
 “tandas illiciendasque immodicas voluptates instruc-  
 “tius. Liberos coniugesque cum hospitibus stupro  
 “coire, modo pretium flagitii detur, parentes maritique  
 “patiuntur . . . . Feminarum convivia ineuntium in  
 “principio modestus est habitus, dein summa quaeque  
 “amica exuunt, paulatimque pudorem profanant: ad  
 “ultimum . . . ima corporum velamenta proiiciunt; nec  
 “meretricum hoc dedecus est sed matronarum vir-  
 “ginumque apud quas comitas habetur vulgati cor-  
 “poris vilitas.”

(Nothing can well be more corrupt than the manners of this City, nothing more artfully adapted to excite the passions and allure to voluptuous excesses. Strangers are permitted by parents and husbands, provided the price of shame is forthcoming, to have lustful intercourse with their children and their wives . . . . At their first entrance to the banquet-room the women's dress is modest, presently they remove their outer robes one by one, and little by little violate all modesty, . . . at the last stripping off the innermost coverings of their persons. And this is no mere abomination of harlots, but the habit of matrons and maids, who consider that in thus making themselves cheap and exposing their bodies they are showing courtesy). This custom we find again carried still further amongst the Armenians, who *Strabo*<sup>1</sup> says consecrate their daughters for some considerable length of time to Anaitis, and only after this suffer

because the public houses of ill-fame at Rome were in the valley, in the Subura.

<sup>1</sup> Hist. of Alexander the Great, Bk. V. ch. 1. Comp. Isaiah, XIV. 11., XLVII. 1. Jeremiah, LI. 39. Daniel, V. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Bk. XI. p. 532. Ἀλλὰ καὶ θυγατέρας οἱ ἐπιφανέστατοι τοῦ ἔθνους ἀνιεροῦσι παρθένους, αἷς νόμος ἐστὶ,

καταπορνευθεῖσαις πολλὸν χρόνον παρὰ τῇ θεῷ μετὰ ταῦτα δίδοσθαι πρὸς γάμον.

(Moreover the chief men of the nation consecrate their daughters when still virgins, and it is the custom for these, after acting as prostitutes for a long time in the service of the goddess, then to be given in marriage). Hence the Scholiast

them to marry. *Herodotus*<sup>1</sup> relates the same custom of the Lydians, degenerated in the same way as had been the case in later times at Babylon, for here too the lower classes used to abandon their daughters to prostitution for a livelihood. Still in its original purity the usage reached the Phoenicians<sup>2</sup>, but with them also would seem to have early degenerated, although in particular towns of Phoenicia the practice appears to have been followed only under certain circumstances. *Lucian*<sup>3</sup> relates that the women, of Byblus, where was a Temple of *Ἀφροδίτη Βυβλίη* (Venus of Byblos), if they would not allow their hair to be cut off at the Funeral-feast of

also to *Juvenal*, Satir. I. 104, "Mesopotameni homines efrenatae libidinis sunt in utroque sexu, ut Salustius meminit," (The inhabitants of Mesopotamia are people of unbridled lustfulness in either sex, as Sallust records); and *Cedrenus*, Chaldaeorum et Babyloniorum leges plenae sunt impudicitiae atque turpitudinis, (the laws of the Chaldaeans and Babylonians are full of indecency and foulness).

<sup>1</sup> Bk. I. chs. 93, 94. The *ἐνεργάζομεναι παιδίσκει* (maids working at their handicraft) mentioned in this passage are maids who, to use Heine's expression, practice their *horizontal* craft. Herodotus' story is also found mentioned in *Strabo* Bk. XI. p. 533., *Aelian*, Var. Hist., bk. IV. ch. 1., and *Athenaeus*, Deipnos. bk. XII. p. 516.

<sup>2</sup> Augustine, De Civit. Dei, bk. IV. ch. 10. Cui (Veneri)

etiam Phoenices donum de prostitutione filiarum, ante quam iungerent eas viro, (To whom—Venus,—the Phoenicians also made a gift of the prostitution of their daughters, before they married them to a husband). *Athenagoras*, Adv. Graecos, p. 27. D., *Γυναῖκες γοῦν ἐν εἰδωλείοις τῆς Φοινίκιας πάλαι προκαδέζοντο ἀπαρχόμεναι τοῖς ἐνεῖ θεοῖς ἑαυτῶν τὴν τοῦ σώματος αὐτῶν μισθαροῖαν, νομίζουσαι τῇ πορνείᾳ τὴν θεὸν ἑαυτῶν ἰλάσσεσθαι.* (Thus women used of old to sit in the idolatrous temples of the Phoenicians, offering as first-fruits to the gods therein the hire of the prostitution of their own bodies, deeming that by fornication was their goddess propitiated). Comp. *Eusebius*, De Praeparat. Evangel. IV. 8.—*Athanasius*, Orat. contra Gentes.—*Theodoret*, Hist. Eccles. I. 8.

<sup>3</sup> De Dea Syra, ch. 6.

Adonis, were bound in honour of Venus for one whole day to abandon their bodies to strangers. Among the Carthaginians<sup>1</sup> also, as in Cyprus<sup>2</sup>, maidens had to earn their dowry, and the Tyrant Dionysius introduced the same custom, no doubt with a secondary design of a profit for himself, amongst the people of Locri.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Valerius Maximus*, bk. II. ch. 6. 15., Sicae enim fanum est Veneris, in quod matronae (Poenicarum) conserbant; atque inde proserdentes ad quaestum, dotes corporis iniuria contrahebant, (for at Sica is a shrine of Venus, to which the matrons—amongst the Phoenicians—used to repair; and there sitting for hire, earned their dowry by the prostitution of their persons).

<sup>2</sup> *Justinus*, *Histor. Philipp.*, bk. XVIII, ch. 5., Mos erat Cyprii, virgines ante nuptias statutis diebus, dotalem pecuniam quaesituras, in quaestum ad litus maris mittere, pro reliqua pudicitia libamenta Veneri soluturas. (It was a custom among the Cyprians to send the virgins before their marriage on fixed days to the sea-shore, there to sit for hire and so earn money for their dowry, to thus render to Venus the first-fruits of their maidenhood). *Comp. Athenaeus*, *Deipnos*. bk. XII, p. 516.

<sup>3</sup> *Justinus*, *Histor. Philipp.*, bk. XXI. ch. 3., Cum Rheginorum tyranni Leophronis bello Locrenses premerentur, voverant, si victores forent, ut

die festo Veneris virgines suas prostituerent. Quo voto intermisso cum adversa bella cum Lucanis gereret, in concionem eos Dionysius vocat: hortatur ut uxores filiasque suas in templum Veneris quam possint ornatissimas mittant, ex quibus sorte ductae centum voto publico fungantur, religionisque gratia uno stent in lupanari mense omnibus ante iuratis viris, ne quis ullam ataminet. Quae res ne virginibus voto civitatem solventibus fraudi esset, decretum facerent: ne qua virgo nuberet, priusquam illae maritis traderentur. etc. (The people of Locri, when they were hard pressed in the war with Leophron tyrant of the Rhegians, had made a vow, that should they be victorious, they would abandon their virgins to prostitution on the feast-day of Venus. But this vow was broken, and when they were waging a disastrous war with the Lucanians, Dionysius calls them to an assembly, wherein he urges them to send their wives and daughters to the Temple of Venus in the gayest array they could, and that of these a hundred should be chosen by lot to carry out

## § 4.

As to the *reason* for this custom, one might be found in the opinion that prevailed almost universally in Antiquity amongst the Asiatic peoples, that the first-fruits of everything were consecrate to the Deity, and accordingly the virgin's hymen must be offered up to Venus. But this will not in any way explain why the self-surrender must nearly always take place with a *Stranger* (ἄνθρωποι ξείνῳ) of all people in the world. *Heyne*<sup>1</sup> and *Fr. Jacobs*<sup>2</sup>, who paid special attention to this custom, are it is true agreed in thinking that a religious motive lay at the bottom of it, though they differ in their conception of what it was; but neither of them hit on the right explanation. A careful distinction must be made between the *Ceremony* and the *Act* of the self-surrender. The first was a matter of religion, the second not; for the women were conveyed at Babylon outside the Temple-precincts, in Cyprus to the sea-shore, for the purpose of yielding their bodies to strangers<sup>3</sup>.

the public vow; that to fulfil the obligation to the goddess they should stand publicly in a brothel one month, all men having previously bound themselves by oath that none should deflower any one of them. Further that this thing should be no detriment to the maidens who so freed the city of its vow, a decree should be passed to the effect that no maiden might marry, until these were given to husbands; etc.). Comp. *Athenaeus*, *Deipnos.*, bk. XII. p. 516. *Strabo*, bk. VI. p. 259, says: προεγάμει τὰς νυμφοστοληθείσας, (he used to lie first with maidens

that had been made brides).

<sup>1</sup> "De Babyloniorum instituto, ut mulieres ad Veneris templum prostarent," (On the Babylonian custom of Women prostituting themselves at the Temple of Venus), note on Herodotus, I. p. 199 in *Commentat. Soc. Reg. Götting.*, Vol. XVI. pp. 30—42.

<sup>2</sup> *Vermischte Schriften*, vol. VI. pp. 23—50, "Ueber eine Stelle bei Herodotus," (On a passage in Herodotus).

<sup>3</sup> According to *Tacitus*, *Histor.* II. 2., Under no circumstances must blood flow on the altars of the Paphian goddess.

Had the act been regarded at that period as a religious one, it would of necessity have been practised, as was the case before and again later, in the Temple or at least within its precincts, and of course with fellow-countrymen, strangers not being allowed to take part in any native religious practice.

The discrepancies however soon disappear if it is remembered that in Antiquity, as to this day amongst many savage peoples, not only was the menstrual blood (of which more fully later) held to be impure, but also the blood that flowed, when a virgin was deflowered, from the rupture of the hymen, and consequently the act of defloration as well. The same held good in the case of coition with widows, because it was believed that with them the menstrual blood accumulated in greater quantity, then was discharged on occasion of the first coition, and must necessarily cause injury to the man. This also explains why *Herodotus* (loco citato) says *γυναῖκες* (women) and not simply *κόραι* or *παρθένοι* (girls, virgins); and removes at once *Heyne's* doubts (p. 32) and the difficulties raised by *Heeren* <sup>1</sup>.

The dwellers on the sea-coast, who enjoyed more active intercourse with the rest of the world, left to strangers the polluting act of defloration, whilst among inland peoples this office was undertaken for those of the higher classes <sup>2</sup> by the priests, or else an idol, specially appropriated for the purpose, a Priapus or Lingam (see later) was employed. Subsequently several mistaken reasons may well have been alleged for the custom; the only idea that continued to be

<sup>1</sup> "Ideen über Politik und Handel," (Ideas on Political Science and Trade), I. 2. p. 180. note 2.

<sup>2</sup> The King of Calicut at the southern extremity of Malabar gives his principal Priest a honorarium of 500 dollars, that he may loose his

wives' virgin-zone for him in the name of the Deity. *Sonnerat*, "Voyage aux Indes orientales" (Travels to the East Indies), Vol. I. p. 69. *Hamilton*, "New Account of the East Indies," Vol. I. p. 308.

consistently held was that defloration was not a proper function of the bridegroom. It was rather made a matter of honour, and accordingly brides offered themselves first to the wedding-guests, as among the Nasomonians in Africa<sup>1</sup> and in the Balearic Islands<sup>2</sup>, where the right of preference went by age.

We must then take into consideration *several* causal factors to help us to an explanation of the custom in question. The original motive may very well have been in every case the consecration of the maiden's virginity to the goddess,<sup>3</sup>—Hieroduli (Temple hand-maids) in the earlier meaning. Further again the maiden was bound to pay her tribute to the goddess of sexual Pleasure<sup>4</sup>, so as to co-operate with the husband with a view to the procreation of children. Little by little the custom lost its purer character. After a time it ceased to be any longer one of universal obligation, and became binding only for the poorer classes, who found in it an opportunity of earning a dowry<sup>5</sup> for their daughters. Meantime the rich adopted the habit of presenting female slaves to the temple of the goddess, thereby giving occasion for the establishment of the regular

<sup>1</sup> *Herodotus*, bk. IV. ch. 172.—*Pomponius Mela*, bk. I. ch. 8. § 35.

<sup>2</sup> *Diodorus Siculus*, bk. V. ch. 18.

<sup>3</sup> Menstruation was under the protection of the goddess *Mena* (Augustine, *De Civ. Dei*, bk. XI. 11. VII. 2.; but *Myllita* was the Moon!

<sup>4</sup> Therefore in the case of the Lydians the women themselves selected their Strangers. *Strabo*, bk. XI. p. 533., *δέχονται δὲ οὐ τοὺς τυχόντας τῶν ξένων, ἀλλὰ μάλιστα τοὺς ἀπὸ ἴσου ἀξιώματος.*

(but they receive not just the first-comers amongst the strangers, but by preference those of an equal position).

<sup>5</sup> So even in the Middle Ages, e. g. at Venice, it was quite usual for the daughters to earn their dowry by selling their bodies, and there, as in France, it was the mothers who acted as procuresses to their daughters with this object. *Stephanus*, "Apologie d'Herodote", Vol. I. pp. 46—49. *Fr. Jacobs*, loco citato, p. 40.

Hieroduli,—who subsequently grew into *filles de joie* in the proper sense, and laying the foundation of the brothel system (see later). Out of the idea of consecration was subsequently developed on the one hand that of initiation for the married state,—an idea found again in the “proof-nights” custom of the Middle Ages, and on the other the idea of bondage that grew into the “Jus primae noctis” (Right of first night).

As second factor then must be reckoned the belief in the harmfulness of the blood resulting from rupture of the hymen at defloration; and connected with this the actual injury that the man’s genital organs are occasionally exposed to in deflowering a maid with narrow vaginal orifice, or at any rate the effort necessarily called for to perforate the hymen, a motive not without actual weight amongst indolent Asiatics <sup>1</sup>. To this day the bridegroom at Goa gives

<sup>1</sup> Memorari quoque solent causae physicae, seu marium seu feminarum corporis infirmitatis, quibus floris virginei decerpendi molestia aggravatur. (Certain physical reasons also are mentioned, connected with bodily defects whether of the man or the woman, which aggravate the difficulty of deflowering a virgin), *Heyne*, loco citato p. 39. When these partly dietetic and prophylactic relations of the practice disappeared from the memory of the people, the *Priapus* kept only its fecundating qualities, and accordingly we read in *Augustine*, *De Civitate Dei*, bk. VI. ch. 9., Sed quid hoc dicam, cum ibi sit et Priapus nimius masculus, super cuius immanissimum et turpissimum fascinum sedere nova nupta

jubeatur more honestissimo et religiosissimo matronarum? (But why tell of this, though *Priapus* is there, with the exaggerated penis of a man, on whose huge and foul organ the newly-wed bride is told to sit, following the custom held highly honourable and religious of matrons?) Comp. *Lactantius*, I. 20.—*Tertullian*, *Adnot.* II. 11. The same is related by *Arnobius*, bk. VI. ch. 7., of the similar god *Mutuus*: Etiamne Mutuus, cuius immanibus pudendis, horrentique fascino, vestras inequitare matronas, et auspicabile ducitis et optatis. (Mutuus too, on whose huge pudenda, and horrid organ you think it auspicious and desirable for your matrons to ride).

thanks to the *Priapus* (Lingam), that has loosed his bride's virgin-zone, with marks of the deepest adoration and gratitude for having performed this honourable service and so relieved him of a heavy task <sup>1</sup>.

For the maid defloration is yet more painful, and as she had to go through it once and once only with a stranger, she might readily get the idea that it was the stranger alone that was to blame; consequently that every surrender to a stranger must involve the same sufferings. This would deter her from a second experience of the kind, and all the more so because the subsequent embraces of the husband stirred in her only pleasurable sensations. So the wife had no inducement to break the marriage vow.

### § 5.

When and under what circumstances the cult of Venus first came into *Greece* can hardly be discovered, though indeed *Pausanias* states in the passage quoted above that it was *Aegeus* (*Erechtheus*) who brought it to Athens. For a long period it played only a subordinate part, being kept under by the primeval god *Eros* (Love) <sup>2</sup>. No doubt the physical element may have come in early times from abroad <sup>3</sup>, but before long the stamp of the spiritual was strongly impressed upon it (the *Graces* were added as handmaidens to *Aphrodité*!),—so strongly that the idea of the procreating power fell henceforth into the background, to give place to that of Love, an idea that was entirely foreign to Asia. The amalgamation of *Eros* and *Aphrodité*, who was now first hallowed by him, or as the poet puts it, now first brought forward into the assemblage (Order) of the Gods,

<sup>1</sup> *Linschotten*, "Orientalische Schiffahrt," (Oriental Voyage), Pt. I. ch. 33.

<sup>2</sup> *Orpheus*, Argonaut. 422.

—*Lucian*, De Saltat. ch. 27., Dialog. Deorum, 2.

<sup>3</sup> *Strabo*, XI. p. 495.

came about so gradually and imperceptibly that it would hardly be possible to obtain a clear conception of the views of the Greeks on the point. In consequence of the growing intercourse with the peoples of Asia, and particularly the Phoenicians <sup>1</sup>, foreign customs and usages came to be introduced and adopted with ever increasing frequency; and during the flourishing period of Greece we see the Asiatic character of the Venus ritual come into ever greater prominence, and the goddess herself in a sense *re-introduced*. Especially was this the case in the Islands and the seaport-towns, where as a rule the worship of Aphrodite first arose. Hence she was entitled the goddess "born of the (Sea) Foam", and temples were built to her as "Protectress of Havens." <sup>2</sup>

But the Greek genius found this physical Cult too strongly opposed to its own spirit. The Greek could not bring it into unison with his Eros-worship; and accordingly distinguished his goddess, under the name of Aphrodité Urania (Heavenly Aphrodité) <sup>3</sup>, from that worshipped by other Peoples as Aphrodité

<sup>1</sup> *Herodotus*, bk. I. ch. 105., καὶ γὰρ τὸ ἐν Κύπρῳ ἰδὸν ἐνθεῦτεν ἐγένετο, ὡς αὐτοὶ λέγουσι Κύπριοι καὶ τὸ ἐν Κυθῆροισι Φοίνικες εἰσιοὶ ἰδουσάμενοι, ἐκ ταύτης τῆς Συρίας ἐόντες, (for the Temple in Cyprus was built from it,—i.e. in imitation of the temple of Venus at Ascalon, as the Cyprians themselves admit; and that in Cythera was erected by the Phoenicians, who belong to this part of Syria.). *Clemens Alexandrinus*, *Ad Gentes*, p. 10., speaks of Cinyras as having been the man who introduced the temple-service in Cyprus.

*Comp. Jul. Firmicus*, *De Error. profan. relig.* p. 22. *Arnobius*, *Ad Gentes*, bk. V.

<sup>2</sup> Ποντία, Λιμενιάς (of the Sea, of Harbours), at Hermionè, *Pausanias*, *Attica* ch. 34. *Mitscherlich*, on *Horace*, *Odes* bk. I. 3. 1. Also the epithet εὐπλοία (of fair Winds), *Pausanias*, *Attica* I. 3., should be mentioned here. *Musæus*, *Hero* and *Leander* 245. *Horace*, *Odes* III. 26. 3. "Venus Marina", (Venus of the Sea).

<sup>3</sup> *Pausanias*, bk. III. 23., VI. 25., VIII. 32., IX. 16.—*Plato*, *Sympos.*—*Xenophon*, *Sympos.* ch. 8.

Pandemos <sup>1</sup> (Aphrodite Common to all Men). The latter was relegated to the Islands <sup>2</sup>, and particularly Cyprus; and never properly speaking became a national Deity.

It is very interesting as a general fact that the Venus Urania always belongs, so it appears, to the inland regions, the Venus Pandemos on the contrary to the sea-ports and islands <sup>3</sup>; for it was as a rule from East to West along the coast-lines that the Asiatic form of the Cult spread, a thing that could not have happened except through the instrumentality of a people early practising navigation, such as the Phoenicians.

It cannot fail to have an important bearing on our subject to make a more precise acquaintance with the geographical distribution of the Venus-cult. We propose to give here a brief enumeration of the localities where she had her temples. The passages in evidence for this will be found given with tolerable completeness in *Manso*,—p. 46, also pp. 158 sqq.

In *Cyprus*: at Paphos, whither came yearly a great concourse of people at the festival time <sup>4</sup>; in *Pamphilia*; in *Asia Minor*; along the *Coast-line of*

<sup>1</sup> *Augustine*, De Civit. Dei, bk. IV. ch. 10. "An Veneres duae sunt, una virgo, una mulier? An potius tres, una virginum, quae etiam Vesta est, alia conjugatarum, alia meretricum? (Are there two Venuses, one a virgin, the second a matron? Or rather are there three, one of virgins, who is also Vesta, another of wives, another of harlots?)

<sup>2</sup> "Quae Cnidon fulgentesque tenet Cycladas et Paphon," (The goddess who haunts Cnidus and the gleaming Cy-

clades and Paphos), *Horace*, Odes III. 28. 13. <sup>3</sup> *Ἐρῳικέτις τῶν νήσων* (Inhabitrress of the isles), *Suidas*.

<sup>3</sup> Remarkably enough some would derive the name *Bordeaux* (*Bordel*) from the French *bord* and *eau*, because the houses of ill-fame were almost always to be found on the bank of the river or in bagnios! *Parent-Duchatelet*, "Die Sittenverderbniss in der Stadt Paris," (The Corruption of Morals in the City of Paris), Vol. I. p. 125.

<sup>4</sup> *Strabo*, XIV. 683.

*the Aegean*; in Caria (Cnidos); Halicarnassus; Miletus; Ephesus; Sardis; Pergamus; Pyrrha; Abydos (Aphrodité *πόρνη*—harlot); in *Thessaly*; at Tricca; in *Boeotia*, (Tanagra—on the Sea); in *Attica*, (Athens, Colias, Pera<sup>1</sup>, on the Cephissus); in the Islands of the *Aegean Sea*, (Ceos, Cos, Samos, where the temple was built from the earnings of the Hetaerae); in the *Peloponnese*: at Argolis, Epidaurus, Troezen, Hermioné, (was visited by maids and widows before their marriage); in *Laconia*, (Amyclae, Cythera); *Arcadia*, (Megalopolis, Tegea, Orcomenus); *Elis*, (Olympia, Elis); *Achaia*, (Patrae, Corinth); on the *Coast of the Corinthian Gulf*. From Greece we come to *Sicily*, where the temple of Venus on Mount *Eryx* was hardly inferior to that of Paphos, also at Syracuse<sup>2</sup>.

Not without importance for our purpose is the statement of *Strabo*<sup>3</sup>, that in the island of Cos in the temple of Aesculapius was an effigy of Venus Anadyomené (coming from the bath), while according to *Pausanias*<sup>4</sup> in a wood near the temple of the same god at Epidaurus was built a chapel of Aphrodité, since very possibly this may throw some light on the question of the knowledge of complaints of the genital organs possessed by the physicians of Cos. *Böttiger*<sup>5</sup> is of opinion that it was from the infirmaries and lazarettos of the Phoenicians that the earliest medical science of the Greeks was introduced—to the island of Cos; to Aegina, on the

<sup>1</sup> *Suidas*, under expression *κωλλοῦ πήραν* (cripple's wallet) quotes that here—at Pera, —was a Fountain which made fruitful and facilitated delivery.

<sup>2</sup> According to *Athenaeus*, *Deipnosoph.*, XII. p. 647., at the Feast of the Thesmophoria at Syracuse *μυλλοί*, representations of the female genital organs, moulded of sesame

and honey, were carried about. This calls to remembrance the *Juni* of the Indians and the Phallus images.

<sup>3</sup> Bk. XIV. p. 657.

<sup>4</sup> Bk. II. ch. 27.

<sup>5</sup> "Ideen zur Kunst-Mythologie," (Ideas towards a Study of the Mythology of Art). Dresden 1826. large 8vo. p. 207.

Peloponnesian coasts, especially at Epidaurus. Probably these establishments were originally under the protection of the national deity, until the latter was superseded by the god Aesculapius.

As regards the cult of Aphrodité itself and the manner in which it was celebrated in Greece, there appears to be a great lack of particulars capable of supplying a general knowledge of the subject, and especially so where the Pandemian Aphrodité is concerned. Accordingly we will limit ourselves here to mentioning the female *Hieroduli*<sup>1</sup> who as bondswomen of Aphrodité dwelt within the precinct of her Temple, and performed the necessary observances in her honour. These were, as already pointed out, of Asiatic origin, and to be found in greater numbers particularly at Ameria<sup>2</sup> and Comana<sup>3</sup> in Pontus, where they united with the temple-service the traffic of their bodies, (*τῶν ἐργαζομένων ἀπὸ τοῦ σώματος*—of women who traffic with their body), just as in later times male Hieroduli gave up their persons for Paederastia.

When the cult of Venus came into Greece, the

<sup>1</sup> *Coveel*, "De Sacerdotio Veterum Virginum." (On the office of Priestess as filled by Virgins in Antiquity). Abo 1704. 8vo.—*Hirt, A.* "Die Hierodulen, mit Beilagen von Böckh und Buttman," (The Hieroduli, with Supplements by Böckh and Buttman). I Pt. Berlin 1818. large 8vo.—*Kreuser, J.*, "Der Hellenen Priesterstaat, mit vorzüglicher Rücksicht auf die Hierodulen," (Priestly Institutions of the Hellenes, with particular reference to the Hieroduli). Mayence 1822. 8vo.—*Adrian*, "Die Priesterinnen der Griechen," (The Priestesses of the

Greeks). Frankfort-on-the-Main 1822. 8vo.—*Schinke*, in Ersch and Gruber's Allgem. Encyclopaedie, II. Sect. 8 Pt. p. 50.

<sup>2</sup> *Strabo*, Bk. XII. p. 557.

<sup>3</sup> *Strabo*, Bk. XII. p. 559.—*Heyne, Ch. G.* "Comment. de Sacerdotio Comanensi de Religionum cis et trans Taurum consensione," (Commentaries on the Priesthood of Comana, and generally on the Similarity of Religions on the nearer and farther side of the Taurus range), Comment. Soc. Reg. Götting. Vol. XVI. pp. 101—149.

Hieroduli were introduced along with it. But they stripped off in Greece their Asiatic character, which they assumed again only in particular sea-port towns at the period of the decline of the moral greatness of the Nation, in places where the temple of Aphrodité *Πόρνη* (Harlot) was found. Specially was this so at Corinth<sup>1</sup>, in which city were more than a thousand female Hieroduli, who were presented as slaves to the Temple. These attracted a great concourse of strangers to the place, and in particular used to prey upon sea-faring visitors. Possibly however in this case as in others a confusion took place between the Hieroduli properly so-called and the Hetaerae (Lady-Companions), who were euphemistically entitled Priestesses, Handmaids of Aphrodité, because they were under the patronage of that goddess, just as in a general way sexual enjoyment was called an offering to Venus.

This would offer the best solution of the question,

<sup>1</sup> *Strabo*, bk. VIII p. 378.,  
 Τό τε τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἱερὸν  
 οὕτω πλούσιον ὑπῆρξεν, ὥστε  
 πλείους ἢ χιλίας ἱεροδούλους  
 ἐκέκτητο ἑταίρας, ἃς ἀντί-  
 θεσαν τῇ θεῷ καὶ ἄνδρες  
 καὶ γυναῖκες· Καὶ διὰ ταύτας  
 οὖν ἐπολυοχλεῖτο ἡ πόλις  
 καὶ ἐπλουτίζετο. οἱ γὰρ ναύ-  
 κληροὶ ῥαδίως ἐξανηλίκοντο,  
 καὶ διὰ τοῦτο ἡ παροιμία  
 φησὶν, Οὐ παντὸς ἀνδρὸς  
 εἰς Κόρινθον ἔσθ' ὁ πλοῦς.  
 (And the temple of Aphrodité  
 was so rich that it possessed  
 more than a thousand Hetaerae  
 attached to its service as  
 Hieroduli, whom both men  
 and women dedicated to the  
 goddess. And so for this reason  
 the city was frequented by  
 multitudes and grew wealthy;  
 for shipmasters used readily

to visit the port, and on this  
 account says the proverb: It  
 does not fall to every man  
 to sail to Corinth.) Comp. the  
 Commentators on Horace,  
 Epist. I. 17. 36. *Alexander*  
*ab Alexandro*, Genial. dier.  
 lib., VI. ch. 26., Corinthi supra  
 mille prostitutae in templo  
 Veneris assiduae degere et  
 inflammata libidine quaestui  
 meretricio operam dare et velut  
 sacrorum ministræ Deae fam-  
 ulari solebant. (At Corinth  
 more than a thousand prosti-  
 tutes were wont to live always  
 in the temple of Venus and  
 with lust ever a flame to give  
 their lives to the gains of  
 harlotry and to serve the god-  
 dess as handmaidens of her  
 rites).

early debated, of the morality of the Hieroduli. It was quite opposed to Greek feeling to worship Aphrodité after the Asiatic manner in her temples; and so the Greek distinguished his Venus Urania from the Venus Pandemos, and on the same principle separated her temples into two categories, and made the temples of Aphrodité Pandemos, Porné and Praxis (Common to All, Harlot, Sexual Intercourse) into the *οἰκήματα τῆς Ἀφροδίτης* (houses of Aphrodité) serving as ordinary brothels, the latter being only intended for Foreigners originally.

How and under what form the cult of Venus came into Italy is uncertain, but the legend represents Aeneas as having brought it from Troy to Lavinium and Laurentum <sup>1</sup>, and already in the time of Romulus a Venus Myrtea (Venus of the Myrtle) was venerated at Rome. In addition a Venus Cloacina, Erycina, Victrix, and Verticordia (Venus—the Purifier, of Mount Eryx, of Victory, the Turner of Hearts) are mentioned, as also a Venus *Calva* (bald), whose worship King Ancus is said to have introduced, at a time when the Roman women had lost their hair through a plague and it had grown again by the help of Venus <sup>2</sup>. Not only are the notices as to Venus worship in Italy very scanty, but everything on the subject points to the fact that what there was of it in later times showed little of the Asiatic

<sup>1</sup> *Solinus*, Polyhist. ch. 2. *Festus*, *F.*, under word Frutinal (an Etruscan name of Venus).—*Micali*, "L'Italia avanti il Dominio dei Romani," (Italy before the Dominion of the Romans). II. p. 47.—*Heyne* on Virgil, *Aeneid* bk. V. Excursus 2.—*Bamberger*, "Über die Entstehung des Mythos von Aeneas Ankunft zu Latinum," (On the Origin of the Myth of Aeneas' Coming

to Latium), in Welcker and Näke's Rhein. Museum für Phil., VI. 1. 1838. pp. 82—105.

<sup>2</sup> *Servius*, on Virgil, *Aeneid* bk. I. 720.—*Julius Capitolinus*, Vita Maximin. ch. 7. Baldness was in Antiquity, and particularly at Rome, as it is still, frequently one of the sequelae of sexual excesses.

impress; and we can conveniently leave the matter where it is. Some questions belonging to the subject will be discussed later under the heading *Brothels*. In Spain too the worship of Venus was so unimportant that there is no need to enter more closely into the point.

## The Lingam and Phallic Worship.

### § 6.

Whilst the cult of Venus sprang up in the interior of Asia and was disseminated from thence over other parts of the world, it is in India that the Lingam ritual took its rise, a ritual more closely corresponding with the egotism of man. The idea that was early formed as the result of observation, that the man's genitals were the determining element in the process of generation, was bound to conceive these organs themselves as being, in the prevailing system of Pantheism, under the Government of a Deity, and therefore as specially holy<sup>1</sup>. Now how could this Deity be represented to the eyes of men otherwise than by that organ whereby he pre-eminently showed himself efficacious? The later legend it is

<sup>1</sup> *Richard Payne Knight*, An account of the Remains of the Worship of Priapus, lately existing at Isernia, in the kingdom of Naples: in two Letters,—one from *Sir William Hamilton* to *Sir Joseph Banks*, and the other from a Person residing at Isernia. To which is added a discourse on the worship of Priapus and its connexion with the mystic Theology of the Ancients. London (published by T. Spilsburg)

1786. pp. 195. 4to., with 18 Copperplates. Comp. with regard to this rare work *C. A. Böttiger* in *Amalthea*, vol. 3. pp. 408—418., and *Choulant* in *Hecker's Annalen*, Vol. XXXIII (1836). pp. 414-418. —*J. A. Dulaure*, "Les Divinités génératrices, ou sur le Culte du Phallus," (Divinities of generation, or on Phallic worship). Paris 1805., a work which to our regret we have been unable to make use of.

true put the matter into another shape ; and we find in *Sonnerat* <sup>1</sup> the myth of the Lingam-ritual amongst the worshippers of Vishnu related in the following form :

“The Penitents had by means of their sacrifices and prayers attained great power ; but their hearts and their wives’ hearts must ever remain pure, if they would continue in possession of it. Now Siva had heard the beauty of these latter highly extolled, and formed the determination of seducing them. With this aim in view he took on him the form of a young mendicant <sup>2</sup> of perfect beauty, bade Vishnu transform himself into a fair maiden and resort to the spot where the Penitents dwelt, in order to make them fall in love with him. Vishnu betook himself thither, and as he passed through their midst threw them such tender glances that they were all enamoured. They left all their sacrifices to follow after the youthful fair one.

<sup>1</sup> Hence in *Orpheus*, Hym. V. 9., the Protogonos (First-born) i. e. Eros, is called *Πολύηπος ἄναξ* (King Priapus).

<sup>2</sup> “Voyage aux Indes et à la Chine,” (Journey to the Indies and China), Vol. I.—*Schaufus*, “Neueste Entdeckungen über das Vaterland und die Verbreitung der Pocken und der Lustseuche,” (Latest Discoveries as to the Original Home and Dissemination of the Pox and Venereal Disease). Leipzig 1805., pp. 31 sqq., from which we give the quotation that follows in the text.

<sup>3</sup> The beggars or Fakirs in India wander about the country in thousands, almost uncovered, (*Augustine*, *De Civit. Dei*, chs. 14, 17.) and excessively dirty (*Havus*, “Historicae Relatio

de Regno et Statu magni Regis Magor,” (Historical Account of the Reign and State of the great King Magor). Antwerp 1605. p. 1695); after their visits unfruitful wives especially become fruitful (*δύνασθαι δὲ καὶ πολυγόνους ποιεῖν καὶ ἀρξενόγόνους διὰ φαρμακευτικῆς*,—and they can make even the barren have many children by means of their drugs,—*Strabo* says, Bk. II.). The people bestir themselves to do them every honour and the men quit their villages, so as to leave the monks a free hand. *Papi*, “Briefe über Indien,” (Letters on India), p. 217.—*P. von Bohlen*, “Das alte Indien,” (Ancient India), Königsberg 1830. Vol. I. p. 282.

Their passions grew all the fiercer, till at last they seemed all lifeless and their languishing bodies resembled wax that melts near the fire.

Siva himself hied to the dwelling-place of the women. In mendicant guise he carried in one hand a water-bottle, and sang as he went, as beggars do. Now his song was so entrancing, that all women gathered round him, and thereupon under the gaze of the fair singer fell into complete distraction. This was so great with some that they lost their ornaments and clothing, and followed him in the garb of nature without noticing the fact.

When he had marched through the village, he left it, but not unaccompanied, for all followed him into a neighbouring thicket, where he had his will of them. Soon afterwards the Penitents became aware that their sacrifices no longer possessed their former efficacy, and *that their power was no more the same as before*. After a period of pious contemplation they now learned that it had been Siva who in the form of a Youth had seduced their wives into profligacy, and that they themselves had been *led astray* by Vishnu in the likeness of a Maid.

Accordingly they determined to slay Siva by means of a sacrifice.

(After many vain attempts), ashamed to have lost their honour without being able to avenge themselves, they made a last desperate effort; they united into one all their prayers and expiations, and directed them against Siva. It was the most terrible of their sacrifices, and God himself could not withstand the effects of its operation. They went forth like a flame of fire and fastened on Siva's organs of generation and severed them from his body. Enraged with the Penitents, Siva now resolved to set the whole world in conflagration to punish them. The fire was already beginning to seize all around, when Vishnu and Brahma, on whom it was incumbent to save the living creatures in the world, thought of means to put a stop to it. Brahma took the form of a pedestal(?)

and Vishnu that of the female organs of generation, and in this way copied Siva's organs of generation, and thereby the universal conflagration was stayed. Siva suffered himself to be appeased by their prayers, and promised not to burn up the world, if men would pay divine honours to the dissevered organs."

Now if we consider this myth, as related here, more closely, we can scarcely avoid the suspicion that it is one of those that in later times were fabricated in many forms and foisted in as genuine. For it is entirely adapted to explain the origin of the Venereal disease in a way that leaves little to be desired; for which reason it was used by *Schaufus* as the basis of his argument that the Venereal disease was introduced into Europe from India. But on the other hand this particular story is so accordant with the ancient creed of the Hindoos in general that, if it is of later origin, it must have been put together with the assistance of older legends. The continued union with the god, the power which the Penitents owed to him, was connected with purity of heart, with avoidance of sensuality <sup>1</sup>;

<sup>1</sup> *Strabo* and *Arrian*, Indic. 17., already in their time state, at any rate of the nobler Indian women, that they could have been allured to profligacy at no price, except at that of an elephant. According to *von Bohlen* ("Das alte Indien,"—Ancient India, Vol. II. p. 17, Vol. I. p. 275.) it would seem that not the slightest trace (?) can be found of the immoral life of the Indian priests in Antiquity, on the contrary that chastity was the first thing needful to gain them respect and honour, and their whole literature is never ready to extol a priest or hero more

highly than when he has withstood the enticements to unchastity. Hence what is asserted of the Devâdasis or Priestesses of the gods as being courtesans for the Priests is also in the main untrue, since it rests, as in the case of the Hieroduli, chiefly on a confusion with the Bhayatri (Bayaderes, the Hetaerae of the Greeks), or holds good only for particular places (*Häfner*, "Landreise längs der Küste Orixä und Koromandel,"—(Journey along the Orissa and Coromandel Coast). Weimar 1809. Vol. I. pp. 80 sqq.—*Papi*, "Briefe über Indien,"

directly they indulged in the latter, they were deprived of the divine influence, just as in the Mosaic legend resulted from the Fall of Man. This is one part of the legend,—manifestly a double one, while the other includes the punishment of the being who wrought this profanation. His genitals were destroyed by burning, which was attacking the World (i.e. men through the women seduced by Siva?), and ceased only through the prayers of the Penitents, which again became efficacious; thereupon the organs thus happily made sound again were suspended as thank-offerings in the temple of the god.

It would seem then that it was the sickness of the male genitals which gave occasion for their consecration and worship; and this is so far not inconsistent with reason, as the external position of the sexual parts in the male make every affection and injury perceptible at once with but little trouble, while the female organs lie in a more concealed situation. So that to the present day diseases of the male genitals are far more precisely known and appreciated than those of the female.

Should the enquirer push his search for an explanation further still, he might, arguing from what is said as to Vishnu's having copied Siva's sexual

(Letters about India), p. 356.—Wallace, "Denkwürdigkeiten," (Memorabilities), p. 301.—In this connection should be mentioned also the narrative of the Jesuit—in other respects suspicious—in the editing letters addressed to *Schaufus*, ch. I. p. 40, that during his residence in a Hindoo town he had been informed, that it would be unsafe at the present moment to allow foreigners to visit the Devadâsis, on the contrary that there was nothing to fear from those

attached to the Pagoda of the place. Even if we admit the truth of this narrative for more modern times too, still the conclusion that *Schaufus* draws from it, that in Hindostan every Pagoda is a brothel, is surely somewhat hasty.—Some other legends of the origin of the Lingam ritual in India are given in *Meiner's* "Allgem. kritische Geschichte der Religionen," (Universal Critical History of Religions), Vol. I. p. 254.

organs that had been blighted by the fire under the form of female genitals, allege a sort of natural cause for the conflagration, to wit the suggestion of a mode of cure which was frequently recommended and practised in the Middle Ages, when persons thought to drive away the clap by coition with virgins. But this is surely nothing else than an explanation of the Lingam<sup>1</sup> superimposed on the symbol of the *Juni*, the feminine principle, in the form of the triangle, which Böttiger holds to be identical with the navel-stone of the Paphian goddess.

*F. G. Klein*<sup>2</sup> professes to have proved from annals of Malabar that long before the discovery of the West Indies Venereal disease was known in the East Indies, for the Malabar physicians *Sangarasiar* and *Alessianambi*, who lived more than nine hundred years ago, and other physicians even before them, make mention he says of the Disease and its cure by means of Mercury. But in Antiquity affections of the genitals must have certainly been rarities amongst the inhabitants of India, for the Greeks<sup>3</sup> count them amongst the longlived peoples, as owing to their moderation they were subject to few diseases. Again the climate of India is by no means to be

<sup>1</sup> *Anquetil*, Voyage, p. 139., "Le Lingam, c'est à-dire, les parties naturelles de l'homme réunies à celles de la femme," (The Lingam, that is to say, the natural parts of the man joined to those of the woman). Comp. *Roger*, "Neu eröffnetes Indisches Heidenthum," (Paganism of India newly Revealed). Nürnberg 1863. 8vo., II. 2.

<sup>2</sup> "De Morbi Venerei Curatione in India usitata," (On the Mode of Curing the Venereal Disease practised in the East Indies). Copenhagen

1795. Comp. *Tode*, Med. Journal Vol. II. Pt. 2. Unfortunately we have been able to obtain a sight neither of *Klein's* Treatise nor of *Tode*.

<sup>3</sup> *Strabo*, Geogr. pp. 1027, 1037. μηδὲ γὰρ νόσους εἶναι πολλὰς διὰ τὴν λιτότητα τῆς διαίτης καὶ τὴν ἀοιμίαν. (nor yet are their diseases many, owing to their plainness of living and abstinence from wine). Comp. *Ctesias*, Indic. 15. *Lucian*, Macrob. ch. 4. *Diodorus Siculus*, Bk. II. ch. 40. *Pliny*, Histor. Nat. Bk. XVII. ch. 2.

considered as a factor favourable to the disease, *Munro*<sup>1</sup> assuring us that simple herbs and moderate mode of life make the Hindoo recover, when no European could fail to succumb.

## § 7.

Whether the Phallus ritual in Egypt, where it is supposed to have arisen from the generative organs of Osiris cut off by Typho, have an Indian origin or no, it is impossible to decide<sup>2</sup>. But that it existed is certain, for not only are miniature Phalli often found with Mummies, but it was also portrayed in the Temple of Karnak<sup>3</sup>; and Herodotus<sup>4</sup> mentions it, and adds at the same time that in the statutes the Phalli were *movable*. Perhaps from it was developed in part the cult of *Mendes*, of which

<sup>1</sup> *Sprengel's* "Neue Beiträge zur Völkerkunde," (New Contributions to Ethnology), Bk. VII, p. 76.

<sup>2</sup> In this connection may be cited the view which *Clement of Alexandria*, *Ad Gentes* p. 10., expresses as to the origin of Aphrodité: Ἡ μὲν ἀφρογενής τε καὶ κυπρογενής, ἢ Κινύρα φίλη, τὴν Ἀφροδίτην λέγω, τὴν φιλομηδέα, ὅτι μηδέων ἐξέφαάνθη, μηδέων ἐκείνων τῶν ἀποκεκομμένων Οὐρανοῦ, τῶν λάγων, τῶν μετὰ τὴν τομὴν τὸ κῦμα βεβιασμένων ὡς ἀσελγῶν ὑμῖν μορίων ἄξιος Ἀφροδίτη γίνεται καρπὸς ἐν ταῖς τελεταῖς. (Now the foam-sprung, Cyprus-born goddess,

the patroness of Cinyras, Aphrodité I mean, *she that loves the parts of a man, because from them she sprung*, to wit those parts that were lopped off from Uranus, those lewd parts which after their severance violated the sea-wave. Of such foul components is Aphrodité the worthy child in the mysteries).

<sup>3</sup> *Minutoli*, "Reise zum Tempel des Jupiter Ammon," (Journey to the Temple of Jupiter Ammon), p. 121.—*Münter*, "Religion der Babylonier," (Religion of the Babylonians), p. 130.

<sup>4</sup> Bk. II. ch. 48. "Description de l'Égypte" II. p. 411.—*Wytttenbach*, on Plutarch, *Isid.* p. 186.

we shall speak later. Although *Herodotus*<sup>1</sup> declares that the Egyptians were the first people who had forbidden the accomplishment of coition in the temples, yet *Strabo*<sup>2</sup> writes that they dedicated to Zeus the fairest and best-born maidens, whom the Greeks called Pallades, and compelled them to give themselves to men until their menstruation began for the first time, whereupon they were married.

As regards Greece on the contrary there is scarcely a doubt that the worship of Bacchus, and with it the Phallic ritual<sup>3</sup>, was transplanted to that

<sup>1</sup> Histories bk. II. ch. 64. Καὶ τὸ μὴ μίσησθαι γυναῖξιν ἐν ἱεροῖσι, μηδὲ ἀλούτους ἀπὸ γυναικῶν ἐς ἱεῖα ἐσιέναι, οὗτοί εἰσι οἱ πρῶτοι θρησκουσάντες· οἱ μὲν γὰρ ἄλλοι σχεδὸν πάντες ἄνθρωποι, πλὴν Αἰγυπτίων καὶ Ἑλλήνων, μίσηγονται ἐν ἱεροῖσι καὶ ἀπὸ γυναικῶν ἀνιστάμενοι, ἄλουτοι ἐξέρχονται ἐς ἱερόν. (And the practice of not having intercourse with women in temples, and not going into temples unwashed after such intercourse, these practices they were the first to observe as a matter of religion; for almost all the rest of mankind, except Egyptians and Greeks, have sexual intercourse in temples). Comp. also *Clement of Alexandria*, *Stromat.* Bk. I. p. 361.

<sup>2</sup> Geogr. Bk. XVII, ch. 46. Τῷ δὲ Διὶ, ὃν μάλιστα τιμῶσιν, εὐειδεστάτη καὶ γένους λαμπροτάτου παρθένος ἱερᾶται, ἃς καλοῦσι οἱ Ἕλληνες Παλλάδας· αὕτη δὲ καὶ παλλακεύει, καὶ σύνεστιν οἷς βούλεται, μέχρις

ἂν ἡ φυσικὴ γέσηται τοῦ σώματος κάθαρσις· μετὰ δὲ τὴν κάθαρσιν δίδεται πρὸς ἄνδρας. (And to Zeus, whom they reverence most, a maiden, most beautiful and of highest lineage, is consecrated, and these priestesses the Greeks call Pallades. And she acts as a courtesan, and lies with whom she pleases, until the natural purging (menstruation) of the body begins. And after this she is given in marriage). So here we find brought into connection with the Zeus of the Egyptians the same practice we observed amongst Asiatics in the Venus cult.

<sup>3</sup> According to *Herodotus*, bk. II. 51., the Greeks borrowed the Phallic ritual under the form of the Hermae (pillars of Hermes) from the Pelasgians, by which name according to *Böttiger*, "Kunstmythologie," (Mythology of Art), p. 213, Phoenicians should be understood. Comp. *Cicero*, *De Nat. Deorum* bk. III. ch. 22., and *Creuzer's* note on the passage.

country from India. To explain the occasion of this introduction there is a legend related in the highest degree worthy of attention in connection with the history of affections of the genitals. It is told by *Natalis Comes*<sup>1</sup> in the following terms:

<sup>1</sup> "Mythologiae, sive Explicationis Fabularum Libri X," (Mythology, or the Explanation of Legendary Tales, in X Books). Frankfort 1588. 8vo. pp. 498. The Author borrowed this legend according to p. 487 from *Perimander*, "De Sacrificiorum Ritibus apud Varias Gentes," (On the Rites of Sacrifice amongst Various Nations), bk. II. But it is also found in the *Scholiast* to *Aristophanes*, *Acharn.* 1. 242: ὁ Ξανθίας τὸν φαλλὸν. — περὶ δὲ αὐτοῦ τοῦ φαλλοῦ τοιαῦτα λέγεται. Πήγασος ἐκ τῶν Ἐλευθέρων λαβὼν τοῦ Διονύσου τὰ ἀγάλματα ἤκεν εἰς τὴν Ἀττικὴν· οἱ δὲ Ἀττικοὶ οὐκ ἐδέξαντο μετὰ τιμῆς τὸν θεόν· ἀλλ' οὐκ ἀμισθί γε αὐτοῖς ταῦτα βουλευσαμένοις ἀπέβη. μηνισαντος γὰρ τοῦ θεοῦ, νόσος κατέσκηψεν εἰς τὰ αἰδοῖα τῶν ἀνδρῶν, καὶ τὸ δεινὸν ἀνήκεστον ἦν, ὡς δὲ ἀπεῖπον πρὸς τὴν νόσον κρείττω γενομένην πάσης μαγανείας καὶ τέχνης, ἀπεστάλησαν θεωροὶ μετὰ σπουδῆς· οἱ δὲ ἐπανελθόντες ἔφασαν ἴασιν εἶναι μόνην ταύτην, εἰ διὰ πάσης τιμῆς ἄγοιεν τὸν θεόν· πεισθέντες οὖν τοῖς ἠγγελλέμοις οἱ Ἀθηναῖοι, φαλλοὺς ἰδία τε

καὶ δημοσία κατεσκευάσαν, καὶ τούτοις ἐγέραιρον τὸν θεόν, ὑπόμνημα ποιούμενοι πάθους. (Xanthias mentions *the Phallus*.—Now about the Phallus itself the following story is told. Pegasus removed the statues of Dionysus at Eleutherae from there, and came to Athens with them. However the Athenians did not receive the god with due honour. But for this ill counsel they by no means got off scot-free; for the god was wroth, and a disease fell upon the private parts of the men. The plague was incurable; and after they had tried in vain every device of magic art and physician's skill against the disease that only grew the more, envoys were despatched with all speed to the oracle. So these went up, and brought back the reply that the only remedy was this, that they should bring in the god in procession with all possible honour. Therefore the Athenians, submitting themselves to what was reported as the will of heaven, made phalli—private and public, and presented them to the god as a complimentary gift, thus commemorating the affliction). A different explanation from

“Fuerunt et Phallica in Dionysi honorum instituta, quae apud Athenienses agebantur, apud quos primus Pegasus ille Eleutheriensis Bacchi cultum instituit, in quibus cantabant quem ad modum Deus hic morbo Athenienses liberavit et quem ad modum multorum bonorum auctor mortalibus extitit. Fama est enim quod Pegaso imagines Dionysi ex Eleutheris civitate Boeotiae in Atticam regionem portante Athenienses Deum neglexerunt neque, ut mos erat, cum pompa acceperunt: quare Deus indignatus pudenda hominum morbo infestavit, qui erat illis gravissimus: tunc eis ab oraculo, quo pacto liberari possent petentibus, responsum datum est: solum esse remedium malorum omnium, si cum honore et pompa Deum recepissent; quod factum fuit. Ex ea re tum privatim tum publice lignea virilia thyrsis alligantes per eam solennitatem gestabant. Fuit enim Phallus vocatum membrum virile. Alii Phallum ideo consecratum Dionysopotarunt, quia sit autor creditus generationis.”

(There were Phallic rites too established in honour of Dionysus, (these were observed among the Athenians; for it was at Athens that the far-famed Pegasus first established the worship of Eleutherian Bacchus)<sup>1</sup>, at which men chanted hymns telling how the god freed the Athenians from a plague, and how he was the giver of many good gifts to mortals. For the story relates that Pegasus brought the images of Dionysus from Eleutheræ, a city of Boeotia, to the land of Attica; but the Athenians slighted the god, and did not, as was the wont, receive him with a procession. *Wherefore the god was wroth, and afflicted the men's private parts with a disease that was most grievous to them.* So they consulted the oracle, asking in what way they might be freed from the plague, and received the answer: there was one

this is given by the *Scholiast* to *Lucian*, “De Syra dea,” (Of the Syrian goddess), ch. 16., where the Phallus service

is brought in a measure into connection with Paederastia.

<sup>1</sup> Comp. *Pausanias*, *Descriptio Graeciae* bk. I. ch. 2.

only remedy for all their ills, viz. that they should welcome the god with due honour and fitting procession. And this they did accordingly. And in commemoration thereof they used to bind *virilia* (male generative organs) of wood to the thyrsi (Bacchic staves), and carry them thus at the solemnity in question; and this was done both privately and publicly. For *Phallus* is the name given to a man's privy member. Others again considered that it was consecrate to Dionysus for this reason, because he was deemed the author of procreation).

Still more striking is the legend which the same author, *Natalis Comes*<sup>1</sup>, gives of the introduction of Priapus worship into Lampsacus, though it bears so great a resemblance to the preceding that the one might almost be thought to have been taken from the other. Aphrodité, he says, on the occasion of Bacchus'<sup>2</sup> progress to

<sup>1</sup> I. ch. p. 528.; perhaps following *Posidonius*, "De heroibus et daemonibus," (Of heroes and demigods)? comp. p. 391. But *Servius* on Virgil, *Georgics* IV. III., also has this legend. *Suidas*, under the word *πρίαπος*. *Scioppius*, who likewise relates it in his edition of the *Priapeia*, adds: fuit antem morbus ille quem hodie *Gallicum* vocamus, (but it was the disease which we nowadays call the *French disease*--Siphylis).

<sup>2</sup> *Diodorus Siculus*, Bk. IV. ch. 4., says of Bacchus: He had a tender body and was extremely effeminate; his beauty distinguished him above all others, and his temper was strongly inclined to voluptuousness. On his progresses he used to take with him a crowd of women, etc. *Clement of*

*Alexandria*, Paedag. Bk. II. ch. 2., Ὀργῶσι γούν ἀραιδέστερον ἀναξέοντες οἴνον, καὶ οἰδοῦσι μαστοὶ τε καὶ μόρια, προσηρόσοντες ἤδη πορνείας εἰκόνα. (So they revel shamelessly being full of wine, and breasts and members swell, showing forth already an image of harlotry). Sufficiently noteworthy is the following passage from *Augustine*, *De Civit. Dei* bk. VI. ch. 4., Liberum a liberamento appellatum volunt, quod mares a coeundo per eius beneficium emissis seminibus liberentur; hoc idem in feminis agere Liberam quam etiam Venerem putant, quod et ipsas perhibeant semina emittere et ob hoc Libero eamdem virilis corporis partem in templo poni, femineam Liberae. (The name of Liber (Bacchus) they

India was made pregnant by him, and on her return to Lampsacus was brought to bed of *Priapus*, whose deformity was caused by the goddess Juno<sup>1</sup>, who afforded succour to the mother at the time of his birth :

“Deinde, cum adolevisset (*Priapus*) pergratusque foret Lampsacenis mulieribus, Lampsacenorum decreto ex agro Lampsaceno exulavit. — Fuerunt qui memoriae prodiderint *Priapum* fuisse virum Lampsacenum, qui cum haberet ingens instrumentum et facile paratum plantandis civibus, gratissimus fuerit mulieribus Lampsacenis. Ea causa postmodo fuisse dicitur, ut Lampsacenorum omnium ceterorum invidiam in se converterit, ac demum eiectus fuerit ex ipsa insula. At illud facinus aegerrime ferentibus mulieribus et pro se deos precantibus, post cum nonnullis interiectis temporibus Lampsacenos

derive from *liberamentum*, the act of freeing, because males in the act of coition are freed by his aid when the seed is emitted ; the same function they consider *Libera*, who is identified with *Venus*, to perform for women, because they say that women also emit seed, and that for this reason that same part of the male body is consecrated to *Liber* in his temple, and the corresponding female part to *Libera*).

<sup>1</sup> Juno was not merely the Patron goddess of the birth-hour, but also of fornication. Comp. *Dousa*, Praecidan. pro *Tibullo*, ch. 18.—*Politian*, *Miscell.* ch. 89. Hence also “filles de joies” used to swear by Juno, as we see from *Tibullus*, Bk. III. *Eleg.* 4.,

Esto perque suos fallax iuravit  
ocellos,  
Junonemque suam, perque suam  
Venerem,

(Be it so, she said, and the deceiver sware it by her own eyes, and by Juno and by Venus, her patron goddesses). Bk. IV. *Eleg.* 18.,

Haec per sancta tuae Junonis  
numina iuro,  
Quae sola ante alios est mihi  
magna Deos.

(This by the holy divinity of Juno, thy goddess, I swear, who alone before other deities is great in my eyes); and also from *Petronius*, who (*Satir.* ch. 25.) makes a “fille de joie” declare: *Junonem meam iratam habeam, si unquam meminerim virginem fuisse* (Juno my patron goddess be wroth with me, if ever I remember to have been a maid). According to *Lucian*, *De Syra Dea* ch. 16., *Bacchus* dedicated to Juno *noverca* (stepmother) *divers Phalli*.

“gravissimus pudendorum membrorum  
 “morbus invasisset, Dodonaicum oraculum adeuntes  
 “percunctati sunt an ullum esset eius morbi reme-  
 “dium. His responsum est: morbum non prius  
 “cessaturum, quam Priapum in patriam revocassent.  
 “Quod cum fecissent, templa et sacrificia illi statuerunt,  
 “Priapumque hortorum Deum esse decreverunt.”

(Subsequently when he—Priapus—had come to man’s estate, and was now exceedingly pleasing to the women of Lampsacus, by a decree of the Lampsacenes he was exiled from the territory of Lampsacus.—Some there are to tell the tradition that Priapus was a man of Lampsacus who had a huge “instrument” ready and willing for the making of new citizens, and who on that account was most pleasing to the Lampsacene women. Wherefore it is said afterwards to have come about that he incurred the envy and hatred of all the rest of the men of Lampsacus, and eventually was expelled from the island altogether. But this was a disaster that the women most bitterly regretted; so they prayed to the gods to help them, and after some interval of time had elapsed *a most grievous disease of the private parts attacked the men of Lampsacus*. Then they resorted to the oracle of Dodona, and enquired of the god if there were any remedy for this plague. The reply was to the effect that the disease would not cease till they had recalled Priapus to his native land. This they did; and furthermore built temples and established sacrifices in his honour, and decreed that Priapus should be the god of gardens).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Greeks used to make little figures of men with big genitals of wood, which they called *Νευρόπαστα* (figures moved by strings, puppets). *Lucian*, *De Syra Dea* ch. 16. *Herodotus*, II. 48. *Diodorus*, I. 88.—*Hesychius*

says: *νάνος ἐπὶ τῶν μικρῶν ὡς νάνον καὶ αἰδοῖον ἔχοντα μέγα· οἱ γοῦν νάνοι μέγала ἔχουσιν αἰδοῖα*, (*dwarf*: applied to the undersized; dwarf, but having large private parts. Dwarfs *do* have large private parts). Which reminds us of

Whatever interpretation we may give to these legends of Bacchus and Priapus, this much at any rate may be gathered from them without fear of contradiction, that affections of the male genitals at the time when they first became prevalent were taken to be the original cause of the introduction of Phallic worship,—in connection with the defloration of virgins mentioned in § 4. This is not without importance as bearing on the antiquity of the well-known Indian legend of the Lingam-ritual; and at the same time shows clearly that those affections of the genital organs must have borne a malignant character that men could not explain to themselves otherwise than as proceeding from the wrath of a Deity, a deity who on the other hand alone possessed the power to remove these ills. Another factor of great importance in connection with affections of the genitals in Antiquity, and of all the greater importance in as much as it leads us to the conclusion that resort was had for their cure not to human but to divine assistance, partly indeed depends on reasons which we shall discuss more exactly later on. However these reasons may in part be gathered at once from the following *supremely important* poem in the Priapeia<sup>1</sup>, to which *de Jurgeneu* first called attention

the unhappy "cretins" with monstrous generative organs, who are notoriously passionate Onanists (Masturbators) also.

<sup>1</sup> "*Priapeia*, sive diversorum poetarum in Priapum lus, illustrati commentariis Casp. Scioppii, Franci; L. Apuleji Madaurensis *Ἀνεχόμενος* ab eodem illustratus. Heraclii imperatoris, Sophoclis Sorphistae, C. Antonii, Q. Sorani et Cleopatrae reginae epistolae de prodigiosa Cleopatrae reginae libidine. Huic editioni accedunt Jos. Scaligeri

in *Priapeia Commentarii ac Friderici Linden-Bruch. Patavii 1664. 8. pag. 45. carmen XXXVII,*" (*Priapeia*, or Verses of Various Poets to Friapus, illustrated by commentaries of Caspar Scioppius, a Frenchman; also Lucius Apuleius, of Madaura, his *Ἀνεχόμενος*, illustrated by the same Scholar. Letters of the Emperor Heraclius, Sophocles the Sophist, Caius Ausonius, Quintus Soranus and Queen Cleopatra, concerning the extravagant and wanton volup-

in his Dissertation, p. 11, but without communicating it in its entirety :

## VOTI SOLUTIO.

Cur pictum memori sit in tabella  
 Membrum quaeritis unde procreamur?  
 Cum penis mihi forte laesus esset,  
 Chirurgique manum miser timerem,  
 Diis me legitimis, nimisque magnis  
 Ut Phoebos puta, filioque Phoebos  
 Curatum dare mentulam verebar.  
 Huic dixi, fer opem, Priape, parti,  
 Cuius tu, pater, ipse par videris: <sup>1</sup>)  
 Qua salva sine sectione facta,  
 Ponetur tibi picta, quam levaris,  
 Parque consimilisque concolorque.  
 Promisit fore: mentulam movit  
 Pro nutu deus et rogata fecit.

## PAYING A VOW.

Why, you ask, is portrayed on the tablet the member whereby we are begotten? *When, as it befall, my penis was damaged, and like a wretched coward I dreaded the Surgeon's hand, I was afraid to entrust myself and the cure of my organ to the great official gods, that were too high for me, such I mean as Phoebus and Phoebus' son.* "To the member, I said, do thou, Priapus, give aid,—the member that thou art fashioned in the likeness of <sup>1</sup>. Then when

tuousness of the said Queen. To this edition are appended the Commentaries of Joseph Scaliger and of Fridericus Linden-Bruch to the Priapeia. Padua 1664. 8vo., p. 45. Ode XXXVII).

<sup>1</sup> Similarly we read in the distich of *Antipater*, Antholog. Graec. bk. II. Tit. 5. No. 3.:

Ἐστηκὸς τὸ Κίμωνος ἰδὼν  
 πέος, εἶφ' ὃ Πρίηπος,  
 Οἴμοι, ὑπὸ θνητοῦ λείπομαι  
 ἀθάνατος.

(When Priapus saw Cimon's penis standing stiff, he said, "Woe's me!" I am thrown in the shade by a mortal, immortal though I be).

it has been healed *without the knife*, a painted image of the part thou has relieved shall be dedicated to thee,—a match, a perfect match in form and in hue.” Thus he made his vow; the god nodded his penis in token of assent, and answered his prayers).

This poem, whoever its author may have been <sup>1</sup>, testifies most explicitly that the Poet’s genital organs were seriously affected (by Phimosis and Ulcers?), that he from fear (*timerem*) of the Surgeon’s knife,

<sup>1</sup> In the Codex Coburgensis the Priapeia begin with the following words: P. Virgilio Maronis Mantuani poetae clarissimi Priapi carmen incipit feliciter, (the Song of Priapus by Publius Virgilius Maro, of Mantua, the renowned poet, begins happily). Comp. *Bruckhusius* Notes to Tibullus bk. IV. Eleg. 14. At any rate the majority of the poems belong to the golden age of Roman literature. For readers of the old poets it may perhaps not be out of place here to remark that *Priapus* as *Cultor Hortorum* (Patron of Gardens) is not unfrequently mentioned with an equivocal meaning, if indeed he has not come into the garden entirely through misunderstanding. So we read in Priapeia, Ode 4.,

Quod meus hortus habet, sumas  
impune licebit;  
Si dederis nobis, quod tuus hortus  
habet,

(What my garden has thou  
mayest take at will, if only  
thou give to us what thine

possesses) and in the “An-  
echomenos” of *Apuleius*.

Thyrsumque pangant hortulo in  
Cupidinis,

(Let them plant the thyrsus (Bacchic staff) in the garden-plot of Cupid). Similarly *Lucretius*, Bk. IV. 1100., says, ut muliebria conserat arva, (to sow the woman’s seed-fields), and *Virgil*, *Georgics* III. 136., speaks of, genitali arvo, (the seed-field of generation). Possibly in this direction may be found a better interpretation of the, irriguo nihil est elutius horto, (There is nought more insipid than a new-watered garden), of *Horace*, *Satires* Bk. II. 4. 16. The Greeks used in the same way their word κήπος (garden), e. g. *Diogenes Laertius*, II. 12, and *Hesychius* explains it by τὸ ἐφήβιον γυναικείον (the female organ of puberty), Similarly in *Aristophanes* καλὸν ἔχουσα τὸ πεδίον, (having the plain beautiful). The Koran also says, Thy Wife is thy field!

from shame (*verebar*) before the regular physician in view of the part affected and of the way in which he had got the disease, had recourse to prayer and vow before the image of Priapus, and thereupon happily recovered without medical assistance!

The veneration of Priapus was pretty well universal in Italy, as the Roman poets teach us, and equally so the Phallic worship, of which the frequent representations of the Phallus that we find at Pompeii bear witness; in fact the latter, as *Knight* shows, maintained itself in connection with the veneration of Saints *Cosmus* and *Damian* down to the last Century at Isernia. The just quoted Poem from the Priapeia might perhaps serve to afford us an indication as to how the Phallus ritual has come to be connected with these Christian Saints; for probably patients attacked by the Venereal disease prayed to them, just as the Romans did to Priapus. Possibly examples of such cures by the saints in question are found in the "Acta Sanctorum Bollandi". (Bollandist Lives of the Saints),—under Sept. 27.; but we are not able to consult the book. These Saints however were not the only ones that were venerated in the Middle Ages in the same way as the Priapus of the Ancients. In France unfruitful wives used to pray to St. Guerlichon, in Normandy to St. Giles, in Anjou to St. René, in connection with whom they practised rites which *Stephanus* declares himself ashamed to specify <sup>1</sup>.

### Plague of Baal-Peor.

#### § 8.

Although the period at which the worship of Priapus was introduced among the different Peoples cannot be always definitely fixed, and although

<sup>1</sup> "Apologie pour Herodote," (Defence of Herodotus), II., 253.

Classical Mythology invariably counts him as belonging to the newer<sup>1</sup> gods. yet he appears in quite early times to have played a not unimportant part in Syria<sup>2</sup>,—if that is to say the conclusion<sup>3</sup>, pretty generally believed on other grounds, is well founded, that the god *Baal Peor* was a sort of Priapus, in whose temple, situated on Mount *Peor*<sup>4</sup>, young Maidens were offered up. The Rabbis<sup>5</sup> derive the name from פֶּעוּר *aperire* sc. *hymenem virgineum*, (to open sc. the hymen of a virgin), as if it had sprung from the Phallus ritual, as still found in Italy. At Goa indeed a man's member made of iron or ivory is fastened in the Pagoda, which in the case of every bride is pushed by the parents and relations into her vagina, until it brings away with it visibly the

<sup>1</sup> *Strabo*, bk. XIII. 588.

<sup>2</sup> *Lucian*, *De Dea Syra*, § 28., relates that at Hieropolis there was a Phallus 180 or 1800 feet in size.

<sup>3</sup> *Creuzer*, *Symbolik*, Bk. II. p. 85.—*de Wette*, *Archäologie*, § 233 k.—*Wiener*, *Biblisches Realwörterbuch*. 2nd. ed. Leipzig 1833., Vol. I. p. 139. Article, *Baal*; and p. 260. Article, *Chamos*.

<sup>4</sup> *Numbers*, Ch. 23. v. 28. *Deuteronomy*, Ch. 4, v. 46.

<sup>5</sup> *Jonathan*, on *Numbers* Ch. 25. v. I. Might one draw attention to the old Greek πέος (the penis), which is found in *Aristophanes* and *Antipater*,—p. 72. Note 2. loco citato? The adjective πεισίδης (πεισώδης) is given in *Eustathius* according to *Schneider*, in the sense: with thick, swollen member; and *Rodigin*, *Lect. Antiq.* Bk.

VIII. ch. 6. p. 377, says: Postremo qui ex intemperanti Veneris usu pereunt, dicuntur *Peolae*, media producta, quia Peos signet pudendum, sive veretrum, (Lastly those who are undone by excessive indulgence in Love are called *Peolae*, with the middle vowel long, because *Peos* means the private, or privy, member. Possibly the old form was πέσορ, just as sometimes πούρ stands for πούς in the Laconian dialect. Moreover *Penis* might surely more readily be derived from πέος than from what is commonly given as its derivation, *pendendo* (because it hangs), in as much as the parts of the body are named from the condition of their activity, not of their rest. Thus *Baal-Peor* would be "Lord of the Penis"! ἄναξ Πρίηπος (King Priapus).

bloody traces of the rupture of the hymen <sup>1</sup>; a proceeding that is connected, as shown in § 4., with the belief in the malignity of the menstrual blood, and in that of blood coming from the ruptured hymen. On the Coromandel Coast likewise a wooden Priapus is to the present day most ardently venerated by the inhabitants <sup>2</sup>.

Here again we encounter a legend, which is not without importance for the history of the affections consequent upon the misuse of the genital organs, to wit the story of the *Plague* that broke out amongst the Jews at Shittim in consequence of their having taken part in the worship of Baal-Peor. *Sickler* <sup>3</sup> was the first who, as a champion of the antiquity of the Venereal disease, made this the subject of a more precise examination. However, in order to obtain as clear an insight into the matter as possible, it will be needful to quote at length the

<sup>1</sup> *Lintschotten*, "Orientalische Reisen," (Eastern Travels), Pt. I. ch. 33.—*Beyer* on *Seldens*, Syntagm. de Diis Syris, p. 235. perhaps the Greeks called the penis also *κρείς* on this account,—*κρείς* from *κρέω*, I cleave!

<sup>2</sup> *Gynaecologie*, Vol. II. p. 337. The worship of the Lingam is reported among the Druses by *Buckingham*, "Travels among the Arab Tribes inhabiting the Countries east of Syria and Palestine, etc." London 1825. p. 394. On the worship of *Gopalsami*, a god of a similar character to Priapus worshipped in the neighbourhood of Jagrenat, and the licentious representations customary at his festival, even including representations of unnatural lusts, compare

*Hamilton*, "A New Account of the East Indies." Edinburgh 1727. 8vo. pp. 378 sqq.—*Moore*, C., "Narrative of the Operations of Capt. Little's Detachment, and of the Mahratta Army." London 1794. 4to., p. 45. — There were similar representations in several temples of Mexico. *Kircher*, *Oedipus Aegypt.*, I. sect. 5. p. 422.—*J. de Laet*, "Beschryvinge van West-Indien," (Descriptions of the West Indies). Leyden 1630. fol., Bk. VI. ch. 5. p. 284.

<sup>3</sup> "Diss. exhibens novum ad historiam luis venereae additamentum," (Dissertation containing New Material towards a History of the Venereal Disease). Jena 1797. 32mo., p. 8.

passages of the Old Testament connected with the subject, according to the English Revised Version <sup>1</sup>:

- Numbers, Ch. 25. verses 1—18: “And Israel  
 “abode in Shittim, and the people began to  
 “commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab:  
 2) “for they called the people unto the sacrifices  
 “of their gods, and the people did eat, and  
 3) “bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined  
 “himself unto Baal-Peor: and the anger of the  
 4) “Lord was kindled against Israel. And the  
 “Lord said unto Moses, Take all the chiefs of  
 “the people, and hang them up unto the Lord  
 “before the sun, that the fierce anger of the  
 5) “Lord may turn away from Israel. And Moses  
 “said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every  
 “one his men that have jointed themselves unto  
 6) “Baal-Peor. And, behold one of the children  
 “of Israel came and brought unto his brethren  
 “a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses,  
 “and in the sight of all the congregation of  
 “the children of Israel, while they were weep-  
 7) “ing at the door of the tent of meeting. And  
 “when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son  
 “of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from  
 “the midst of the congregation, and took a  
 8) “spear in his hand; and he went after the man  
 “of Israel into the pavilion, and thrust both of  
 “them through, the man of Israel, and the  
 “woman through her belly. So the plague was  
 9) “stayed from the children of Israel. And those  
 “that died by the plague were twenty and four  
 “thousand <sup>2</sup>. . . . . Now the name of the

<sup>1</sup> The quotations from the Bible are given by Dr. Rosenbaum according to the German translation of *de Wette*, “Die Heilige Schrift, übersetzt von Dr. de Wette,” (The Holy Scriptures, translated by Dr. de Wett, 2nd.

edition. Heidelberg 1835. large 8vo.

<sup>2</sup> “Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.” *St. Paul*, 1st. Epistle to Corinthians, Ch. 10. v. 8.

- 14) "man of Israel that was slain, who was slain  
 "with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the  
 "son of Salu, a prince of a fathers' house among  
 15) "the Simeonites. And the name of the Midian-  
 "itish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter  
 "of Zur; he was head of the people of a fathers'  
 16) "house in Midian.—And the Lord spake unto  
 17) "Moses, saying, Vex the Midianites, and smite  
 18) "them: for they vex you with their wiles, where-  
 "with they have beguiled you in the matter of  
 "Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter  
 "of the prince of Midian, their sister, which  
 "was slain on the day of the plague in the  
 "matter of Peor."

- Numbers, Ch. 31. verses 7—24: "And they  
 "warred against Midian, as the Lord commanded  
 9) "Moses; and they slew every male. . . . And  
 "the children of Israel took captive the women  
 "of Midian and their little ones; and all their  
 14) "cattle, etc. . . . And Moses was wroth with  
 15) "the officers of the host, . . . . and Moses said  
 "unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?  
 16) "*Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through*  
 "*the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against*  
 "*the Lord in the matter of Peor, and so the plague*  
 17) "*was among the congregation of the Lord. Now*  
 "therefore kill every male among the little ones,  
 "and kill *every woman that hath known man by*  
 18) "*lying with him.* But all the women children,  
 "that have *not* known man by lying with him,  
 19) "keep alive for yourselves. And encamp ye  
 "without the camp seven days: whosoever hath  
 "killed any person, and whosoever hath touched  
 "any slain, purify yourselves on the third day  
 "and on the seventh day, ye and your captives.  
 20) "And as to every garment, and all that is made

μὲνησθε γὰρ τὰς τέσσαρας      remember the four and twenty  
 καὶ εἴκοσι χιλιάδας διὰ      thousand that were rejected  
 πορνείαν ἀπωσμένας, (for      for fornication).

- “of skin, and all work of goats’ hair, and all things made of wood, ye shall purify yourselves. And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This is the statute of the law which the Lord hath commanded Moses: howbeit the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead, every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation (impurity): and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make to go through the water. And ye shall wash your clothes, on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.”

Besides these passages in the Books of Moses we find the plague of Baal-Peor further mentioned in the following places in the Old Testament:

*Joshua*, Ch. 22. v. 17: “Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, *from which we have not cleansed ourselves unto this day*, although there came a plague upon the congregation of the Lord?”

- Psalms* 106. verses 28—30.: “They joined themselves also unto Baal-Peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead (idols). Thus they provoked him to anger with their doings; and the plague brake in upon them. Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgement: and so the plague was stayed.”

*Hosea*, Ch. 9. v. 10.: “I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first season; but they came to Baal peor, and consecrated themselves unto the shameful thing, and became abominable like that which they loved.”

## § 9.

We find the Jews on their march towards Canaan already arrived at the Jordan, from which river Shittim lay at a distance of 60 Stades or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  leagues according to *Josephus* <sup>1</sup>, and the neighbouring Peoples in a state of terror at their near approach and at their victories. The King of the Moabites, Balak, had sent to the soothsayer Balaam, that the latter by his arts (his curse) might annihilate the threatening foe. Balaam however, inspired by the spirit of the Lord, blessed the sons of Israel instead of cursing them, but gave Balak counsel how he could in another way bring about the ruin of the Jews. This counsel is indicated in the passage quoted, Numbers Ch. 31, v. 16, without being explicitly stated; but what it was can indeed be partially gathered from the context of the whole passage, and was apparently so understood by the author of the Apocalypse, when he says: <sup>2</sup> "But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there some that hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication." Both *Philo* and *Josephus*, who perhaps lived only a little later, picture the course of events in full detail, though, it is true, from unknown authorities.

*Philo* <sup>3</sup> writes as follows:

"Quae prius, inquit (Bileam), dixi oracula sunt omnia et vaticinationes: de reliquo quae loquar, animi mei coniecturae erunt. — Age vero praeclara eius monita videamus, quibus artibus instructa fuerint ad certissimam offensionem eorum, qui semper vincere poterant. Cum enim intelligeret

<sup>1</sup> Antiquitat. Judaeor. Bk. V. ch. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Ch. 2. v. 14. Comp. *Areth.* Commentar. in Apocalips. ch. 2. *Isidor.* Pel.

bk. III, ep. 150. *Suidas* under word *προφητεία*, (prophecy).

<sup>3</sup> "Vita Mosis," (Life of Moses), Works Vol. II. p. 217.

“ Hebraeos una tantum ratione capi posse, violata  
“ facinore aliquo lege, per stupri libidinem et intem-  
“ perantiam, magna mala, ad maius impietatis scelus  
“ inducere studebat voluptatis esca. Huius enim,  
“ aiebat, regionis, o rex, mulieres specie reliquis longe  
“ praestant: viri autem nulla re facilius quam mulieris  
“ forma expugnari possunt. Proinde si formosissimas  
“ quaestum facere prostareque permiseris, inventutem  
“ adversariorum velut hamis capient. Ita autem  
“ doceri eas oportet, ne statim floris sui volentibus  
“ copiam faciant. Nam molestus ille aculeus simulatae  
“ recusationis libidinem acrius excitabit, et amorem  
“ accendet, actique libidine tanquam obtorto collo  
“ trahuntur, quidvis et facere et pati in animum  
“ inducent. Amatorem igitur ut quaeque sic affectum  
“ nacta erit, quae ad venationem illam subornantur,  
“ ferociter dicat: tibi consuetudine mea frui nefas  
“ est, nisi a patriis institutis desciveris, mutataque  
“ sententia eadem iuxta mecum colere coeperis.  
“ Huius defectionis fides ea demum mihi perspecta  
“ fuerit, si libamentorum eorundem et sacrorum par-  
“ ticeps esse volueris, quae simulacris et statu-  
“ reliquisque signis ex ritu facere solemus. — Sic  
“ igitur ille tum consulebat: rex ista non abs re dici  
“ ratus, sublata de adulteris lege et abrogatis omnibus  
“ de stupro corruptelaque sanctionibus, proinde quasi  
“ nunquam rogatae essent, liberam facit mulieribus  
“ quibuscum vellent consuescendi potestatem. Illae  
“ vero licentia et impunitate data adolescentulorum  
“ multitudinem illiciebant, multo ante eorum animis  
“ circumventis et illecebrarum praestigiis ad impietatem  
“ impulsis: usque dum postremo pontificis filius  
“ Phinees, facta ista supra modum indignatus (teter-  
“ rimum enim ei videbatur eodem tempore corpora  
“ et animos pro deditiis, illa voluptatibus, hos sceleri  
“ et impiae fraudi tradi <sup>1</sup> iuvenilis audaciae memora-  
“ bile facinus viroque dignum forti edidit. Nam  
“ quendam sui generis sacris operatum ad scortum  
“ ingredi conspicatus, neque submittentem in terram  
“ vultum, neque latere cupientem, neque, ut assolet,

"clanculum aditum suffurantem, sed inverecundam  
 "fiduciae intemperantiam prae se ferentem et in  
 "flagitio ridiculo velut in re praeclara magnifice se  
 "efferentem, exacerbatus indignitate rei et iusta  
 "repletus ira, cursu irrumpens adhuc in lecto iacentes  
 "amatorem et meretriculam confodit, genitaliaque eis  
 "praeterea desecat, quibus incestum satum patrarant.  
 "Istud exemplum aliqui continentiae et religionis  
 "studiosi iussu Mosis imitati, omnibus qui initiati  
 "fuerant simulacris manu factis, propinquis iuxta  
 "necessariisque occidione occisis, scelus gentis expia-  
 "runt inexorabili sceleratorum supplicio, — unoque  
 "die viginti quatuor millia hominum caesa sunt, et  
 "una statim sublata est communis labes, qua totus  
 "exercitus maculosus polluebatur.

(All my words, said he (Balaam), thus far are dark sayings and prophecies; what I shall speak henceforth will be the counsels of my own mind.—But come let us look into his excellent advice, in what artful ways it has been framed for the sure and certain destruction of our ever-victorious foes. For perceiving that the Hebrews could be overcome in one fashion only, viz. through their violating the law by some terrible wrongdoing, he set himself, employing the bait of lust, to lead them on by way of fornication and incontinence, great offences in themselves, to the still greater crime of impiety. For this land, he said, oh! King, far excels all others in the beauty of its women; and by no other thing may men's minds be so readily mastered as by a woman's fairness. So if thou suffer the fairest amongst them to play the harlot and offer their beauty for a price, they will catch the young men of our enemies, so to speak, on their hooks. But they must be instructed not to surrender the enjoyment of their persons straightway at the first offer. For the sharp sting of a feigned refusal will, as thou knowest, excite their longing more keenly than ever, and inflame their passion, till driven on by lustfulness they are dragged along, as it were, by a halter round their

necks, and there is nothing they will not consent to do or suffer. Accordingly the lover that each of the fair women who are set on to this task has won for herself and brought to this condition, must be bluntly told: It is impossible for thee to enjoy my love unless thou break with the customs of thy fathers, and change thy heart, and undertake the observance of the same rites as we. And this desertion of thy people's faith will I then only hold as manifested, when I shall see thee willing to partake in those same libations and sacrifices that we are wont duly to pay to our idols and statues and other images.—Now such was the advice Balaam then offered; and the King deeming that he spake much to the purpose, repealed the law as to unlawful intercourse, and removed all punishments for fornication and licentious conduct, and made them as though they had never been, giving free licence to the women to lie with any man they pleased. And the latter, permission being granted and impunity guaranteed, soon ensnared a great number of the young Jewish warriors, whose minds indeed had long beforehand been entangled and by every trick and allurements impelled towards impiety.

At the last the high-priest's son, Phinehas, above measure indignant at such deeds of shame, and convinced that both souls and bodies were at one and the same time being enslaved, the one by sensual pleasures, the other by wickedness and craft and impiety<sup>1</sup>, did a deed at once memorable for youthful daring, and worthy of a hero. For when he saw a kinsman of his own and one of the priestly order go in to a harlot, and this without any look

<sup>1</sup> Factis per mulierum obscenam libidinem et protervam petulantiam quae corpora consuescentium stupro debilitarent, animosque impietate profligarent. *ibid.* p. 129. (Practices that originating in

the foul lustfulness and provocative wantonness of the women weakened the bodies of those consorting with them, and leading them into impiety destroyed their minds).

of shame fixed on the ground, without any attempt at concealment, without any stealing up privily and making, as men are wont in such a case, a surreptitious entrance, but instead carrying it off with an air of shameless self-confidence and bearing himself proudly as though his act were one to merit renown and not ridicule, he was fired by the indignity, and filled with righteous anger rushes up and bursts in on the lover and his wanton actually lying on the bed. He pierces them through, and furthermore cuts away those organs wherewith they were satisfying their unholy passion. This example was followed, by command of Moses, by other zealous partizans of purity and religion; and those who had been initiated into the service of idols died the death at the hands of their family and kinsfolk, and so the wickedness of the nation was expiated by a merciless punishment of the wrongdoers;—and in one day four and twenty thousand men were slain, and thereby was straightway removed the common stain wherewith the whole host was spotted and polluted).

In much the same way, only still more fully, *Josephus*<sup>1</sup> relates the circumstance. Licentiousness had laid hold of almost the entire host, and ancestral institutions were in danger of being abandoned altogether. Consequently, Josephus says, Moses appointed an assemblage of the People and in a speech drew attention to the perils that threatened. Sambrias (Simri) however made a defence, maintaining that they had long enough obeyed tyrannous laws and would fain live free henceforth. Hereupon he quitted the assembly, and was assassinated in his tent by the enraged Phinehas. Josephus (§ 12.) proceeds:

“Iuvenes autem omnes, qui virtutis aliquid sibi  
“vindicarent et honestatis studio tenerentur, Phineesis  
“fortitudinis exemplo accensi, eiusdem cum Zambria

<sup>1</sup> Antiquit. Judaic. bk. IV. ch. 6. §§ 6—13.

“criminis reos interfecerunt. Multi itaque illorum, “qui leges patrias violarant, horum egregia virtute “perempti sunt. Peste autem reliqui omnes perierunt, “deo hunc illis morbum immittente. Et quotquot “e cognatis, qui cum prohibere debuerint, eos ad “haec impulerant, a deo pro sceleris sociis habiti, “pariter sublati erant.”<sup>1</sup>

(But all the younger men who laid any claim to manly virtue and tried to live honorably, fired by the example of Phinehas' bold deed, slew all that were guilty of the same crime as Sambrias. And so by their singular courage and patriotism numbers of the men who had broken their ancestral laws were destroyed. But all that survived perished by a plague, that God sent upon them. Moreover such of their kinsfolk as ought to have hindered them, but instead had urged them to these courses, these God deemed accomplices in the wickedness, and they also were cut off.) Philo and Josephus are not indeed to be regarded as authentic eye-witnesses of what they record; stil the passages quoted from them prove this much, that in their time the opinions they express were generally held.

The Jews were thus led astray by the daughters of the Moabites, and both practised fornication with them and made sacrifice in their temples to the god of the country, whose priestesses, as Balaam declared, were conspicuous above other women for their beauty. The *consequence* of these excesses was an infectious disease. (according to *Josephus* it communicated itself, but, he says, only to kinsmen!), which cost many<sup>2</sup> their lives. The number however fell

<sup>1</sup> Ἀπολλονται μὲν οὖν καὶ ὑπὸ τῆς τούτων ἀνδραγαθίας πολλοὶ τῶν παρανομησάντων, ἐφθάρησαν δὲ πάντες καὶ λοιμῶ, ταύτην ἐνσκήψαντος αὐτοῖς τοῦ Θεοῦ τὴν νόσον ὅσοι τε συγγενεῖς ὄντες, κωλύειν

δέον, ἐξώτρυνον αὐτοὺς ἐπὶ ταῦτα, συναδικεῖν τῷ Θεῷ δοκοῦντες, ἀπέθνησκον.

<sup>2</sup> Yet this would appear to have been no serious loss, for the disease was quite able indeed to weaken the power of the Jews, but not to actu-

far short of 24000, for these perished mainly by the sword of their brethren, as *Philo* and *Josephus* expressly remark, and the author of the Pentateuch intimates, when he says (Numbers Ch. 26. v. 5.), "And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that have joined themselves unto Baal-Peor." The narrator declares that by this slaughter the plague was stayed for the sons of Israel; but it certainly cannot have ceased altogether, as is manifest from the passages quoted from Joshua, where Phinehas asserts: that to that day the people was not yet cleansed from the misdoing of Peor.

The disease therefore cannot have been merely some passing disorder. It must evidently have been somewhat widely disseminated by the Moabitish women, and have been of very common occurrence among them; and that it was readily infectious follows from the whole course of Moses' proceedings. The latter was angry because the woman had been suffered to live, and commanded to put to death all of them that had known men in carnal intercourse, but to keep alive the young virgins,—and their number was, according to Ch. 31. v. 35., thirty-two thousand!—who were brought into the

ally destroy it. So Balaam says in *Josephus* (loco cit. § 6.): *Hebraeorum quidem genus nunquam funditus peribit, nec bello, nec peste, nec inopia terrae fructuum, nec alio casu inopinato delebitur.* — In mala autem nonnulla et calamitates ad breve tempus incident; a quibus licet deprimi humique affligi videantur, postea tamen reflorescent, cum eos timere coeperint qui damna illis intulerant. (The nation of the Hebrews in fact will never utterly perish, and can be

destroyed neither by war, nor *plague*, nor famine of the fruits of the earth, nor any other unlooked for disaster.— They will fall however for a brief space into sundry ills and calamities; whereby they may well seem to be broken down and brought to the earth. But they will flourish again, when once they have learned to fear the enemies that brought the disasters upon them). It was in order to bring about this consummation that Balaam gave his advice just cited.

camp as prisoners and there divided amongst their captors. So we see the executions took place not in order that opportunity for intercourse with the heathen women,—a thing which might very well on its own account have been an abomination to the Lord,—might be altogether removed, (for how in that case account for the maidens being saved alive, brought into camp, and divided as booty? <sup>1</sup> but that by this means the risk of the further dissemination of the disease might be for ever prevented.

The imminence of this risk in Moses' opinion is shown finally by the purification of the host which he had despatched for the massacre of the Moabites and their women. He made it, prisoners and all the spoil included, halt for a period of seven days outside the camp, and twice over submit to a thorough purification. The Jews had slain many thousands of men in their previous wars, nay! just before they marched against the Moabites, they had actually slaughtered 24000 of their own youth; yet they had never been ordered to leave the camp for seven days, and twice over during this time to purify themselves and all their possessions. Only after the annihilation of the Moabish women (not of the Moabite men), from the accomplishment of which they had just returned, had this happened. All this points to some most cogent reason. Here comes into operation the same law which was enforced on

<sup>1</sup> In fact Moses gives direct permission to captives to wed. *Deuteronomy*, Ch. 21. vv. 11—13., “. . . and seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and thou hast a desire unto her, and wouldest take her to thee to wife; then thou shalt bring her home to thine house, . . . after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be

thy wife.” Comp. besides *Ruth*, Ch. 1. v. 4., Ch. 4. v. 13.—*I Chronicles*, Ch. 2. v. 17.—*I Kings*, Ch. 3. v. 1., Ch. 14. v. 21. Only after the exile was matrimonial connection with foreigners forbidden. *Ezra*, Ch. 9. v. 2., Ch. 10. v. 3. *Nehemiah*, Ch. 13. v. 23. *Josephus*, *Antiq. Jud.*, XI. 8. 2., XII. 4. 6., XVIII. 9. 5.

occasion of purification after Leprosy and after foul discharge: and indeed also after contact with a dead person,—even where they had first caused the death of the said person! Thus no one can very well dispute the view taken by *Philo*,<sup>1</sup> when he says with regard to the purification after the annihilation of the Moabites:—

“Nam ut legitima hostium caedes sit, attamen qui  
 “hominem interfecit quamquam iure, quamquam vim  
 “propulsans, quamquam coactus, non insons esse  
 “videtur nec extra noxiam, propter summam illam  
 “et communem hominum inter ipsos cognationem.  
 “Quo nomine piacula suscipienda fuerunt interfec-  
 “toribus ad luendum scelus, quod conceptum cen-  
 “sebatur.”

(For whereas the slaying of enemies is lawful, nevertheless whosoever has killed a man, whether lawfully, or whether initiating the violent act, or whether on compulsion, seems not to be innocent or free from responsibility; and this is owing to that supreme and general relationship of all mankind with one other. Wherefore certain expiations had to be undertaken by any man who had killed another, to wipe out the guilt that was deemed to have been incurred).

What was the precise nature of the disease that the Jews had brought on themselves by their intercourse with the Moabitish women cannot indeed be determined; but that it affected the genital organs can hardly admit of a doubt. The fact, if it is a fact, that not a few lost their lives owing to it, need be no objection, since the ulceration of the genitals that prevailed at the end of the XVth. Century caused similar fatalities, and as we shall presently see, the uncircumcised *Apion* met his death in some such way. Now the Jews were almost without exception still uncircumcised at that time,

<sup>1</sup> Vita Mosis, (Life of Moses), Bk. I., Works Vol. II. p. 130.

for it was *Joshua*<sup>1</sup> who first on his arrival in Canaan, at the bidding of Jehovah, circumcised the children of Israel with stone knives on the hill Araloth. When the people adopted the worship of Baal Peor, we may be sure they ceased at the same time to observe the ancestral laws of purification,—if indeed these latter even as regards foul discharge and leprosy as well as intercourse with women during menstruation were not perhaps, as might almost be believed, *first* enacted in all their severity only in consequence of the plague of Baal Peor. Again it may well have been this experience that first taught the inhabitants of Palestine the necessity of circumcision, which was then laid down as an ordinance by command of Jehovah!

### Brothels and Courtesans<sup>2</sup>.

#### § 10.

There is no doubt that it was in the Asiatic cult of Venus that the first elements were given for

<sup>1</sup> Ch. 5. v. 5., “. . . but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, they had not circumcised.”

<sup>2</sup> *J. Laurentius*, “De adulteriis et meretricibus Tractatus,” (Treatise on Adultery and Courtesans), in *Gronovius’ Thesaurus Antiq. Graecor.* Vol. VIII. pp. 1403—16.—*G. Franck de Franckenau*, “Disp. qua lupanaria sub verbo Hurenhäuser ex principiis quoque medicis improbantur,” (Disputation wherein Brothels (under the name “Hurenhäuser”—brothels) are condemned on medical as well as other grounds), Heidelberg

1674. 4to., in the author’s *Satirae Medicae*, (Medical Satires), pp. 528—549.—*J. A. Freudenberg* (C. G. Flittner) “Ueber Staats- und Privatbordelle, Kuppelei und Concubinat, in moralisch-politischer Hinsicht, nebst einem Anhang über die Organisirung der Bordelle der alten und neuen Zeiten,” (On Public and Private Brothels, Procuracy and Concubinage, in their moral and political Aspects; together with an Appendix on the Organization of Brothels in Ancient and Modern Times), Berlin 1796. 8vo. We have not been in a position to make use of this book.

sexual excesses. It is hardly a matter of surprise therefore if these same elements came constantly, as has been shown above, into greater and greater prominence, and in this way pushed the original form of the Worship into the background. By degrees as enlightenment increased and the respect felt towards the gods diminished, Venus also soon lost her old character as goddess of procreation and sank into the patroness of sensual gratification. Her temples as well as her holy groves lost their exclusive title to bestow the blessing of fruitfulness on the embraces of the sexes, and came merely to serve as appointed trysting-places of carnal pleasures. The offerings made at her shrines were no longer to win an assurance of posterity; they became bribes paid to buy a free opportunity for the indulgence of sensuality. They degenerated into fornication-fees, as her temples did into brothels. The priestesses of Astartè or Mylitta stood at the beck and call alike of strangers and natives, and the opportunity was ever open for sexual enjoyment. Hence too it is that a special designation for the brothel will be looked for in vain in Asia. The thing existed there without the name being required; and the State found no need to establish an institution, which had long ago, without any intervention on its part, taken form under the cloak of religion.

Even amongst *the Jews*, who frequently enough, but always as a temporary aberration merely, adhered to the foreign cult, brothels in the strict sense seem never to have existed<sup>1</sup>. Although courtesans are

<sup>1</sup> *Michaelis*, "Mosaisches Recht," (Mosaic Law), Pt. V. p. 304. From 1 Kings Ch. 3. v. 16. it might indeed be gathered that such establishments were in existence; but strictly speaking the passage proves only that two women of this character dwelt in a

particular house. Comp. *Philo*, De special. legg. (Works ed. Mangey, Vol. II. p. 308.). The *maidens' chambers* that according to 2 Kings, Ch. 17. v. 30. were set up in the precincts of the Temple at Jerusalem were cells with figures of Astartè, in which

frequently mentioned in the Old Testament, and even the dwelling of a Wanton as well as her behaviour pictured with considerable fullness of detail<sup>1</sup>, yet all this would seem to have had more of a private than of a public character,—due heed being given to the fact that not a few passages are to be taken only in a figurative sense. Prostitution as a regular calling was strictly prohibited<sup>2</sup> to the daughters of Israel; and such women as practised it openly seem to have been mainly foreigners, perhaps natives of Phoenicia and Syria, who at the same time entertained with dancing and the music of stringed instruments<sup>3</sup>. But the attempt to draw a conclusion from this as to the pre-eminent chastity of the Jewish women, as e.g. *Beer* (on p. 25 loco citato) wishes to do, would be justifiable neither for earlier nor yet for later times. The passages of the Old Testament dealing with Sodom and with the dissoluteness under Mannasseh even in the very

the Jewish maidens offered themselves to the goddess, and so in fact though not in name brothels.

<sup>1</sup> *Proverbs*, Ch. 7. vv. 6—27. Compare *Genesis*, Ch. 38. v. 14.—*Ezekiel*, Ch. 25.

<sup>2</sup> *Leviticus*, Ch. 19. v. 19.—*Deuteronomy*, Ch. 23. v. 17.; this latter passage *Beer* (loco citato) would fain utilise to free the Jews from the suspicion of having disseminated the Venereal disease in the XVth. Century. *Spencer*, "De Legibus Hebraeorum ritualibus," (On the ritual laws of the Jews), p. 563., however showed at once that the prohibition strictly speaking only went so far as to forbid that harlotry should be practised

for the honour of God, as among other Asiatic peoples; and explains the first passage in this sense, that the Jews must not, *as had happened*, dedicate their daughters to the service of Mylitta.

<sup>3</sup> *Richter*, XVI. 1.—*I Kings*, Ch. 3. 16.—*Proverbs*, Ch. 2. 16., Ch. 5. 3., Ch. 7. 10., Ch. 23. 27.—*Amos*, Ch. 2. 7., Ch. 7. 17.—*Baruch*, Ch. 6. 43. Comp. *Grotius*, "Ad Matthaei Evangelium," (Commentary on St. Matthew), V. 3. 4.—*Hartmann*, "Die Hebräerin am Putztisch und als Braut," (The Hebrew woman at the Toilette table and as Bride), Amsterdam 1809. Pt. II. pp. 493 sqq.

Temple at Jerusalem are sufficient by themselves to prove the contrary.

As to *Macedonia* there is a passage in *Athenaeus*, quoted from *Hermesianax* to this effect: *ἀλλὰ Μακεδονίης πάσας κατενίστατο λαύρας* (But he went through all the alleys of Macedonia), where *Dalechamp* translates the word *λαύρα* by brothel, but *Casaubon* even in his time threw doubt on this rendering. Possibly however this judgement is connected with similar licentious practises among the Macedonians to what we find among the Persians<sup>2</sup>, who indulged in sexual intercourse with their own mothers, daughters, etc., and begat children upon them,—a practice which *Euripides*<sup>3</sup> makes the Barbarians generally guilty of.

But if there *were* actually brothels existing in Macedonia, this would be the less surprising, as its inhabitants may well be reckoned amongst Greeks in many respects.

The Greek knew perfectly the boundary between the physical and the ethical, and sought ever to subordinate the former to the latter. His whole life belonged in the first instance to the State, of it he

<sup>1</sup> *Deipnosoph.*, bk. XIII. p. 598. v. 65.

<sup>2</sup> *Philo*, *De special. legg.*, Works ed. Mangeyn, Vol. II. p. 301. *Clement of Alexandria*, *Stromat.* III. quotes from *Xanthus*: *μίγνυντο δὲ, φήσιν, οἱ Μάγοι μήτρᾶσι, καὶ θυγατρᾶσι, καὶ ἀδελφαῖς μίγνυσθαι θεμιτὸν εἶναι*, (Now the Magi, he says, used to have intercourse with mothers, and held it lawful to do so with daughters and with sisters). Comp. the same author's *Recognit.*, bk. IX. ch. 20.—*Sextus Empiricus*, *Pyrrh. hypot.* bk. III. 24.—

*Origen*, *Contra Celsum*, bk. V. p. 248.—*Jerome*, *Contra Jovian.* bk. II.—*Cyril*, *Adv. Julian.* bk. IV.—*Sophocles*, *Oedipus Tyrannus* 1375 and 452.

<sup>3</sup> *Euripides*, *Andromaché*, 174.

τοιούτον πᾶν τὸ βάρβαρον  
γένος,  
πατήρ τε θυγατρὶ, παῖς τε  
μητρὶ, μίγνυνται.

(Such is the habit of the whole barbarian race,—father has intercourse with daughter, and son with mother).

was bound to be a citizen, and for it to endeavour to produce good citizens. Consequently polygamy early disappeared in Greece, and so too community of wives, a custom which prevailed down to historical times at Sparta only. Monogamy was the first law of marriage, and marriage was the bounden duty of every true citizen<sup>1</sup>, to save his family from dying out. But while the Asiatic prided himself on the number of his children, the Greek's boast was of their excellence. Only with the object of procreating offspring was the Greek husband to rest in the arms of his spouse (*ἐπ' ἀρότω παιδων γνησίων*—for the sowing, procreation of lawful children), and not to desecrate the holy Torus (marriage-couch) by mere lustfulness. Where this was stirred in him, he ceased to be free; a slave of lust, he must consort only with slave-women, and not with free citizenesses<sup>1</sup>. Nay! even this was permitted solely to avoid greater evils; and illicit coition never ceased

<sup>1</sup> *Osann*, "De caelibum apud veteres populos conditione," (On the Status of Bachelors among the Ancient Peoples), *Commentat. I. Gies-sen* 1827. 4to.

<sup>2</sup> *Demosthenes*, *Orat.* in *Neaeram*, edit. *Wolf*, p. 534., *τὰς μὲν γὰρ ἑταίρας ἡδονῆς ἐνεκ' ἔχομεν, τὰς δὲ παλλακὰς τῆς καθ' ἡμέραν θεραπειᾶς τοῦ σώματος, τὰς δὲ γυναῖκας τοῦ παιδοποιεῖσθαι γνησίως καὶ τῶν ἐνδον φύλακα πιστὴν ἔχειν.* (for *hetaerae*—lady-companions—we keep for our pleasure, but concubines for the daily service of the person, and wives for the procreation of lawful children and to have a trusty guardian of household matters). The same sentence is quoted

from *Demosthenes* by *Athenaeus*, *Deipnos.*, bk. XIII. ch. 31., but with the difference that he says *παλλακὰς τῆς καθ' ἡμέραν παλλακειᾶς* (concubines for daily concubinage). Comp. *Plutarch*, *Praecept. Coniugal.*, ch. 16. 29. It is true this purely moral view, as it was originally, of marriage, came in times subsequent to just the flourishing period of Greece to contrast so sharply with the rest of the Greeks, full and imaginative as it was, that it appears an exceedingly homely bit of prose, and one is led away to pass a not exactly favourable judgment as to the position of Greek married women and their level of culture. But is this quite fair?

to be held as something *οὐ καλόν*—unseemly)<sup>1</sup>, particularly when it was indulged in by married men.

It has been shown how under the clearer skies of Greece the Asiatic worship of Venus took on a form more worthy of mankind, how the Greek distinguished his Venus Urania (Heavenly Venus) from the Venus of the rest of the world, the Pandemian (Venus common to all), and so set up a barrier to the flood of dissoluteness,—a barrier however that was little by little broken down in later times. Foreigners, especially the voluptuous inhabitants of Asia, when they saw that the Greek cult did not like their native worship abet their carnal appetites, imported slave-women. These were purchased by the Greeks, and handed over as offerings to the temple of Aphrodité under the title of Temple-servants or “Hiroduli”<sup>2</sup>; and acquainted as they were with the needs of their fellow-countrymen, sought in every way to supply them,—as was in particular the case at Corinth.

This example could not well remain without influence on private life. The Greek indeed took no part in the Asiatic form of the Venus-worship;

<sup>1</sup> *Aristotle*, Politics bk. IV. ch. 16., Viri autem cum alia muliere aut aliorum concubitus omnino indecorus et inhonestus habeatur, cum sit apelleturque maritus. Quod si quid tale tempore procreandis liberis praescriptio quispiam facere manifesto deprehendatur, ignominia scelere digna notetur. (But as to the connexion of a man with a woman who is not his wife or of a woman with a man who is not her husband, while such intercourse in whatever form or under whatever circumstances must be considered absolutely

discreditable to one who bears the title of husband or wife. so especially any one who is detected in such action during the time reserved for the procreation of children should be punished with such civil degradation as is suitable to the magnitude of his crime).—*Seneca*, Controvers. bk. IV. Preface, says: Impudicitia in ingenio crimen est, in servo necessitas, (Immodesty in a free-man is a vice, in a slave a necessity).

<sup>2</sup> *Athenaeus*, Deipnos. bk. XIII. p. 374.

all the same illicit connection grew more and more universally prevalent, and as it could not be gratified in any other way, wives <sup>1</sup> and daughters of fellow-citizens were imperilled. To avert this danger *Solon* (B. C. 594) according to the statements of *Philemon* and *Nicander* <sup>2</sup> introduced actual *brothels*, οἰκημα,

<sup>1</sup> In the time of *Xenarchus* immorality with married women was particularly universal. *Athenaeus*, XIII. p. 569.

<sup>2</sup> *Athenaeus*, *Deipnosoph.* bk. XIII. p. 569., καὶ Φιλήμων δ' ἐν Ἀδελφοῖς προιστορῶν, ὅτι πρῶτος Σόλων, διὰ τὴν τῶν νέων ἀκμὴν, ἔστησεν ἐπὶ οἰκημάτων γυναῖκα πριάμενος· καθὰ καὶ Νικάνδρος ὁ Κολοφώνιος ἱστορεῖ ἐν τρίτῳ Κολοφωνιακῶν, φάσκων αὐτὸν καὶ Πανδήμον Ἀφροδίτης ἱερὸν πρῶτον ἰδρῦσασθαι ἀφ' ὧν ἠργυρίσαντο αἱ προστάσαι τῶν οἰκημάτων· ἀλλ' ὃ γε Φιλήμων οὕτως φησὶ

Σὺ δ' εἰς ἅπαντας εὔρες  
ἀνθρώπους, Σόλων,  
οὐ γὰρ λέγουσιν τοῦτ' ἰδεῖν  
πρῶτον [βροτῶν].  
δημοτικὸν, ὦ Ζεῦ, πρᾶγμα  
καὶ σωτήριον·  
μεστὴν ὄρωντα τὴν πόλιν  
νεωτέρων,  
τούτους τ' ἔχοντας τὴν  
ἀναγκαίαν φύσιν,  
ἀμαρτάνοντας τ' εἰς ὃ  
μὴ προσῆκον ἦν,  
στῆσαι πρίαμενδόν τότε  
γυναῖκας κατὰ τόπους  
κοινὰς ἅπασι καὶ  
κατεσκευασμένας.  
Ἔστασι γυμναί· μὴ ἕξαπα-  
τηθῆς· πάνθ' ὄρα·

— — — — ἡ δ' ὄρα 'στ'  
ἀνεωγμένη.  
εἰς ὀβολός· εἰσπήδησον· οὐκ  
ἔστ' οὐδὲ εἰς  
ἀκκισμὸς, οὐδὲ λῆρος, οὐδ'  
ὑψήρασεν.  
ἀλλ' εὐθὺς ὡς βούλει σὺ  
χῶν βούλει τρόπον.  
Ἐξῆλθες; οἰμῶζειν λέγ',  
ἄλλοτρία 'στὶ σοι.

(So too *Philemon* in his play the "Adelphi" relates that it was *Solon* who first on account of the vigorous desires of the young men bought and established public women in brothels. The same is related by *Nicander* of *Colophon* in the Third book of his *Colophoniaca*, who says that he (*Solon*) was the first to found a temple of the *Pandemian Aphrodité*, built from the gains of the women in charge of brothels. *Philemon* writes as follows: "Well hast thou deserved of all men, *Solon*; for thou they say wert first to invent a thing both popular, by *Zeus*, and salutary. Seeing the city crowded full of young men, and these possessed of the natural appetites of manhood, and consequently offending in quarters unmeet, bought women and established them in certain places to be

*πορνείον*, (house, brothel) and public women. *πόρναι* (prostitutes), who were accessible at a trifling charge. The houses of ill-fame were situated, as *Pollux* informs us, at Athens in the neighbourhood of the Harbour, and in the Ceramicus according to *Hesychius* <sup>2</sup>, in later times also in the city itself <sup>3</sup>. They

*common to all and put there for that very purpose.* There they are, standing all but naked; don't be cheated; examine everything . . . The door is open. One obol; in you go. There's not an atom of coyness. no coquetry, no stealing off; but right away as you please and how you please. You have left the house? tell the girl go hang! she's nothing to you.")

*Alexander ab Alexandro*, Genial. Dier., bk. IV. ch. 1. Solón vero ut ab adulteriis cohiberetur inventus, coemptas meretriculas Athenis prostituit primus, obviasque in venerem esse voluit, ne matronarum contagio polluerentur. (But Solon, in order that young men might be kept from adulterous connexions, was the first to buy women and set them up as harlots at Athens; and wished all to resort to them for the gratification of love, that they might not be polluted by intrigue with matrons). Comp. *Meursius*, "Solon, sive de eius vita, legibus, dictis atque scriptis," (Solon—his Life, Laws, Words and Works). Copenhagen 1732. 4to., p. 98.

<sup>1</sup> *Onomast.*, bk. IX. ch. 5. 34., *Τὰ δε περι τοὺς λιμένας*

*μέρη, δεῖγμα, χῶμα, ἐμπορίον* — τοῦ δ' ἐμπορίου *μέρη, καπηλεία, καὶ πορνεία, ἃ καὶ οἰκήματα ἂν τις εἴποι.* (And the parts of the city near the harbour, market, mole. exchange;—and parts of the exchange, inns and brothels or "houses" as one might say). *Meursius*, Peiræeus, last chapter—From this low-lying situation of the brothels comes the expression *ἐπ' οἰκήματος καθῆσθαι* (to live down in a "house", e. g. in *Plato*, *Charmides* 163 c.—*C. Ernesti* on *Xenophon*, *Memorab. Socrat.*, II. 2. 4.

<sup>2</sup> s. v. *Κεραμεικός*· *τόπος Ἀθήνη ἐστίν, ἔνθα αἱ πόρναι προστήκεσαν· εἰσὶ δὲ δύο Κεραμεικοί, ὁ μὲν ἔξω τείχους, ὁ δὲ ἐντός.* (Under the word "Ceramicus": this is a place at Athens, where the Prostitutes plied their trade. There are two Ceramici, the Ceramicus without, and the Ceramicus within, the walls). Comp. *Meursius*, *Graecia feriat* (Holiday Greece), p. 186.

<sup>3</sup> *Pollux*, *Onomast.* bk. IV. ch. 5. 48., *Καὶ ταῦτα δὲ, εἰ καὶ αἰσχίω, μέρη πόλεως, ἀσωτεῖα, πεττεῖα, κυβεῖα, κυβεντήρια, σιραφεῖα, ματρυλεῖα, ἀγωγεῖα,*

were presided over by a Whoremaster (*πορνοβοσκός. πορνοτρόφος*—harlot-maintainer, harlot-keeper). As to the internal arrangements of brothels among the Greeks we have been unable so far to discover anything more precise, but in all probability the same conditions held good as among the Romans.

Besides the regular brothels, women were also kept at the taverns <sup>1</sup> (*καπηλεία, καπηλείον, καπήλιον, πανδοχεῖα*,—tavern, inn), which likewise were situated chiefly near the Port. The women were bought slaves, as the passages quoted above (p. 70. note 2.) show; and even such free Greek women <sup>2</sup> as at a later period undertook the calling, were then looked upon as slaves <sup>3</sup>. All women of this class, as well as the whore-masters, were professionally under the supervision of the *Ἄγορανόμοι* (Market Commissioners <sup>4</sup>, who fixed how much each was allowed to

[*προαγωγεία*]. (And these also are parts of the city, though somewhat disreputable ones, the profligates' quarter, the gamesters' quarter, the dicers' quarter, the quarter of dicing-houses, of gaming-houses, of bawdy houses and of pimps' establishments).

<sup>1</sup> *Philostratus*, *Epist.* 23., πάντα με αἶρει τὰ σὰ, τὸ καπηλείον ὡς Ἀφροδίσιον. (Everything about you draws me, like the tavern, home of love).

<sup>2</sup> In the better times of Athens this never occurred. The women were kept far too closely shut up; and their moral behaviour was subject to the supervision of the *γυναικονόμοι* (Commissioners for the oversight of Women). *Meursius*, *Lect. Attic.* II. 5.—*Reiske*, *Index Graec.* in

*Demosthen.* p. 66. A regulation which existed even among the self-indulgent Sybarites. *Athenaeus*, *Deipnos.* bk. XII. p. 521. Later it was poverty especially that drove free Greek women to take up the calling of prostitute. *Demosthenes*, *In Neaeram* p. 533., παντελῶς ἤδη ἡ μὲν τῶν πορνῶν ἐργασία ἤξει εἰς τὰς τῶν πολιτίδων θνηγατέρας δι' ἀπορίαν, ὅσαι ἂν μὴ δύνωνται ἐκδοθῆναι. (Completely after a while will the trade of prostitutes come to be the occupation of the daughters of our fellow-citizenesses through poverty, that will force all to it who cannot get a dowry).

<sup>3</sup> *Lysias*, *Orat.* I. in *Theomnestum*.

<sup>4</sup> *Suidas*, διὰ γράμμα' τὸ μίσθωμα' διέγραφον δὲ

receive for her services. This fee was called *μισθωμα*, *διάγραμμα* or *ἐμπολή*,—fee, scale, purchase). It varied in amount;—8 Chalci— = 1 obol, a little less than twopence (*τριαντοπόρνη*,—an obol, twopenny, girl) <sup>1</sup>, 2 obols— = about three-pence halfpenny (*διωβολιμαῖα*, *χαλκιδίτις*,—a two obol, three-pence halfpenny, girl) <sup>2</sup>, a drachma—a franc, say ten-pence <sup>3</sup>, a Stater— = 4 drachmae, say three and three-pence (*στατηριαία*,—a stater, three and three-penny, girl) <sup>4</sup>.

The Hetaera (Lady-Companion) seems in this respect to have enjoyed a greater liberty of choice, and a knowledge of their prices to have been regarded as something out of the common <sup>5</sup>. The well-known *Gnathaena* at Athens asked 1000 Drachmae for a night from a foreign Satrap <sup>6</sup>; *Phryné* a mina (= 100 drachmae, something over four pounds sterling). But the most notorious of all was *Lais* at Corinth for the high price at which she sold the marks of her favour, from which arose the proverb: *Non cuivis homini contingit adire Corinthum*,

οἱ ἀγορανόμοι, ὅσον ἕδει λαμβάνειν τὴν ἑταίραν ἐκάστην — μισθωμα ὁ μισθὸς ὁ ἑταιρικὸς. ("Scale": the fee; for the Market-Commissioners fixed the scale, how much each hetaera was to receive. — "fee": the pay of a hetaera).

<sup>1</sup> *Hesychius*, s. v. *τριαντοπόρνη* λαμβάνουσα τριαντα, ὅ ἐστι λεπτὰ ἐν εἴκοσι. (under the word *τριαντοπόρνη*: girl who receives a trias, which is twenty one lepta).

<sup>2</sup> *Suidas*, s. v. *χαλκιδίτις*. παρὰ Ἰωσήφω ἡ πόρνη, ἀπὸ τῆς ἐντελείας τοῦ διδομένου νομίσματος. (under the word *χαλκιδίτις*: in Josephus = prostitute, from the smallness of the coin given. —

*Eustathius*, on Homer, II. bk. XXIII., p. 1329., Od. bk. X., p. 777.

<sup>3</sup> *Aristophanes*, *Thesmoph.* 1207., δώσεις οὖν δραχμήν. (you will give a drachma then).

<sup>4</sup> *Pollux*, *Onomast.* IX. 59., οὐ φησιν εἶναι τῶν ἑταιρῶν τὰς μέσας *στατηριαίας*. (he denies that of the hetaerae the middling ones were the *Stater-girls*).

<sup>5</sup> *Athenaeus*, XII. p. 547., states it of the Peripatetic philosopher *Lycon*: καὶ πόσον ἐκάστη τῶν ἑταιρουσῶν ἐπράττετο μισθωμα, (and how much pay each of the hetaerae-girls charged).

<sup>6</sup> *Athenaeus*, *Deipnos.* bk. XIII. chs. 44, 45.

(It is not every man that can go to Corinth)<sup>1</sup>.

Licences to follow the calling were granted to the whore-masters, and also the women, on payment of a fixed duty, called "prostitute tax" (τέλος πορνικόν)<sup>2</sup>,

<sup>1</sup> *Horace*, Epist. I. 17. 36.—*Aulus Gellius*, Noct. Attic. bk. I. ch. 8. Comp. above p. 63. note 1.

<sup>2</sup> *Aeschines*, Orat. in Timarch. p. 134. ed. Reisk., Ἀποθανμάζει γὰρ, εἰ μὴ πάντες μὲμνησθ', ὅτι καθ' ἕκαστον ἐνιαυτὸν ἡ βουλή πωλεῖ τὸ πορνικὸν τέλος· καὶ τοὺς πριαμένους τὸ τέλος τοῦτο οὐκ εἰκάζειν, ἀλλ' ἀκριβῶς εἰδέναι τοὺς ταύτη χρωμένους τῇ ἐργασίᾳ· ὅποτε οὖν δὴ τετόλμηκα ἀντιγράψασθαι, πεπορευμένῳ Τιμάρχῳ μὴ ἐξεῖναι δημηγορεῖν, ἀπαιτεῖν φησὶ τὴν προᾶξιν, αὐτὴν οὐκ αἰτίαν κατηγοροῦν, ἀλλὰ μαρτυρίαν τελώνου τοῦ παρὰ Τιμάρχου τοῦτο ἐκλέξαντος τὸ τέλος· ἀλλὰ τοὺς τόπους ἐπερωτήσῃ ὅπου ἐκαθέζετο, καὶ τοὺς τελώνας, εἰ πώποτε παρ' αὐτοῦ πορνικὸν τέλος εἰλήφασιν. (He expresses extreme surprise, though possibly you don't all remember, at the fact that *every year the senate sells the lease of the prostitution-tax*; and that the purchasers do not conjecture, but know precisely, those who practise this calling. So when I have the audacity to counter-plead, that Timarchus as having exercised the trade of prostitution is not

competent to address the people, he does not deny the fact charged against his client by the accuser, but says, 'I demand the evidence of any *tax-collector who collected this tax* from Timarchus.' . . . . . but he will cross-examine as to the localities where he was established in the business, and will question the collectors as to whether they have ever levied prostitution-tax upon him).

This passage shows at the same time in the clearest way that *Schneider* is wrong, when in his Lexicon he explains πορνοτελώνης, occurring in *Pollux*. Onomast. VII. 202., IX. 29., as meaning a privileged or licenced whore-master, paying a duty to the magistrates on his trade. Besides anything like a sanitary police supervision on the part of the Agoranomi at this period is of course out of the question. For the word ἀσφαλῶς (safely) in the fragment of *Eubulus*, (*Athenaeus* bk. XIII. p. 568), where it is said of the brothel-girls:

παρ' ὧν βεβαίως ἀσφαλῶς  
τ' ἐξεστὶ σοὶ  
μικροῦ πριάσθαι κέρματος  
τὴν ἡδονήν

(from whom surely and *safely* you may buy your pleasure for

which was leased out yearly by the Magistracy, and collected by professional *farmers of the prostitution-tax* or Collectors, known as *πορνοτελώναι*, who kept a complete list, in which were included even the "Pathici" (pathic sodomites), of all liable to the impost. From the proceeds of this prostitution-tax *Solon* would seem to have built a temple at Athens to Aphrodité Pandemos<sup>1</sup>. From this an idea may

a small coin), admits of an easy explanation, if we consider that these common women are contrasted here not with the *hetaerae* but with the free women of the city, illicit intercourse with whom was always dangerous for the voluptuary, being punished as rape or adultery. The most telling proof is afforded by the passage of *Diogenes Laertius*, bk. VI. ch. 4., where he says: "When *Antisthenes* saw a man accused of adultery, he said to him, Unhappy man, what serious risk you might have avoided for an obol! (*ὦ δυστυχῆς, πηλίκον κίνδυνον ὀβολοῦ διαφυγεῖν ἐδύνασο*). Also the passage of *Xenarchus*, (*Athenaeus*, bk. XIII. p. 569.), is pertinent, where it is said. *καὶ τῶν δ' ἐκάστην ἐστὶν ἀδεῶς, εὐτελῶς*, (and of the women each can be enjoyed without fear, cheaply). Hence too the verses of *Menander* (*Lucian*, *Amor.* 33.) should read,

καὶ φαρμακεῖαι, καὶ νόσων  
καλεπωτάτη  
φθόνος, μεθ' οὗ ζῆ πάντα  
τὸν βίον γυνή

(and medicines, and hardest of diseases—envy, wherewith a woman dwells all her life long) and not, as the received text has it,

καὶ φαρμακεῖα, καὶ νόσοι  
καλεπάτατος  
φθόνος.

(and medicine, and disease; hardest is envy).

<sup>1</sup> Comp. above p. 70. note 2. *Harpocration*, *Lexicon* X. rhetor.—*Eustathius*, *Comment.* on Homer's *Iliad* XIX. 282., p. 1185., *Quod auro gaudeat Venus, de qua est in fabula, ille quoque manifestum facit, qui tradit: Solonem Veneris vulgaris templum dedicasse e mulierum quaestu, quas coentas prostituerat in cellis, in adolescentum gratiam, (That Venus, of whom is question in the tale, rejoices in gold, is manifest from the historian who relates, how Solon dedicated a temple of the Common (Pandemian) Venus from the gains of the women that he had bought and established in chambers as prostitutes, to gratify the young men).* Comp. *Boeckh*, *Corp. Inscript.* I. p. 470.

be formed, even if nothing more than a sort of brothel is to be understood by the term, of the large number of women of this character and of the considerable revenue of the city.

The public women were either such as lived in the brothels (*πόρνη, αἱ προστάσαι τῶν οἰκημάτων*, —harlots, prostitutes of the “houses”), where they used to stand at the doors, and that in rows (*ἐπὶ κέρως τεταγμένας*,—drawn up in column) more or less stripped, in almost transparent dresses (*γυμναί, ἐν λεπτοπήνοις ὑμέσιν*,—stripped, in fine-woven robes)<sup>1</sup>, or else they were kept partly as *ἑταῖραι μουσικαί*—“musical” hetaerae, like the harp-girls in German beer-halls, or with procurers (*μαστροπός, προαγωγός*,—bawds, procurers) in their taverns (*προαγωγεῖα, μαστρόπιον, ματρύλλεια*,—procurer’s house, bawdy-house, brothel). Or again they followed their trade in the Port-Market (the *δεῖγμα*) as *δεικτηριάδες* (Market-girls)<sup>2</sup>, in the *στοὰ μακρὰ*, (Long Portico), and generally in the Lanes of that neighbourhood (*χαμαιτύπαι*<sup>3</sup>, *χαμαιεννάδες, χαμαιεύνης, χαμαιτηρίς, χαμεύνης*,—all nick-names for common strumpets, “ground-thumpers,” “sleepers on the ground”), where they either surrendered themselves on the spot or hied to recognised harlots’ dens (*χαμαιτυπεῖον*) or houses of accommodation (*τέγος*)<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> How clean and neat they were can be gathered from the fact that a certain Phanostrata got the *sobriquet* of Phtheir-opyle (doorlouser), *ἐπειδήπερ ἐπὶ τῆς θύρας ἐστῶσα ἐφθειρίζετο*, (because she used to stand at the door and pick the lice off her).

<sup>2</sup> *Athenaeus*, *Deipnos*. bk. XIII. ch. 37. Comp. *Palmerius*, *Exercitat.* p. 523.

<sup>3</sup> *Athenaeus*, *Deipnos*. bk. XIII. ch. 27.—*Suidas*, s. v.

*χαμαιτύπη*: ἡ πόρνη, ἀπὸ τοῦ χαμαὶ κειμένη ὀχεύεσθαι, (under the word *χαμαιτύπη*: harlot, from her copulating lying on the ground).

<sup>4</sup> Here they reckoned “Money for house-room”, *ἐνοίκιον* for *στεγανόμιον* (*Pollux*, *Onomast.* I. 75.), the same in fact as the *pretium mansionis* (price of house-room) of the Romans in their inns. Comp. *Casaubon*, on *Athenaeus* I. ch. 14.

The place of their abode shows at once what class of men frequented "filles de joye" of the sort. It was foreign sailors<sup>1</sup> in particular who here indemnified themselves for their compulsory continence at sea. Of Greeks only the dregs of the people and debauchees who had lost all self-respect came here; and even these used by preference the taverns<sup>2</sup>, where procuration was carried on as well<sup>3</sup>,—for which reason they had fallen into general disrepute. For as late as Aristophanes'<sup>4</sup> time the lower class of citizens felt no hesitation about taking their pleasure along with their wives in inns. On the other hand persons of repute, prominent by office and dignities, were actually forbidden by law to visit such places. "Were an Areopagite to have been seen but once in an Inn," says *Hyperides*<sup>5</sup>, "his colleagues would no longer have tolerated him as a member of the Areopagus." Later, matters changed, for the moralizing *Isocrates*<sup>6</sup> says, "Nay! no well-conducted slave dares even eat or drink anything in an Inn"; and *Theophrastus*, portraying the character of a madman quite devoid of shame gives this as a trait,—he would be quite capable of keeping an Inn!

The hetaera (female-companion) must be distin-

<sup>1</sup> *Bergler*, on Alciphron VI. p. 25.

<sup>2</sup> *Zell*, "Ferienschriften," (Holiday Papers), First Series. Freiburg 1826. No. 1., "Die Wirthshäuser der Alten," (Inns of the Ancients), pp. 3—53.

<sup>3</sup> *Athenaeus*, *Deipnosoph.* bk. XIII. p. 567., *Σὺ δὲ ὦ Σοφιστὰ, ἐν τοῖς καπηλείοις συναναφύρη οὐ μετὰ ἐταίρων, ἀλλὰ μετὰ ἐταιρῶν, μαστροπενούσας περι ταυτὸν οὐκ ὀλίγας ἔχων.* (But you, Sophist, wallow in the inns not with companions

but with female-companions (hetaerae), keeping a host of women *pandering* for your pleasure).

<sup>4</sup> *Lysistrat.* 467.

<sup>5</sup> *Athenaeus*, *Deipnos.* bk. XIII. p. 567.

<sup>6</sup> *Areopagit.* p. 350. ed. Wolf.—*Athenaeus*, *Deipnos.* bk. XIII. p. 567., *ἐν καπηλείῳ δὲ φαγεῖν ἢ πινεῖν οὐδεὶς οὐδ' ἂν οἰκέτης ἐτόλμησεν.* (But no one, not even a servant, would have dared to eat or drink in an inn).

guished from the *πόρνη* (harlot), though both were under similar conditions as to police surveillance. The hetaera was also strictly speaking a slave-woman, usually stolen as a child or otherwise obtained by procuresses, or bought by older hetaerae. They were educated<sup>1</sup> in all that was understood by the Ancients under the name "Music", that over and above their charms of person, they might especially captivate their lovers by their intellectual cultivation,

<sup>1</sup> This can best be seen from the Speech of *Demos-thenes*, In *Neaeram*. ed. H. Wolf. Bâle 1572. fol., p. 519., where we read as follows in the Latin translation: *Iam peregrinam esse Neaeram, id vobis ab ipso primordio demonstrabo. Septem puellas ab ipsa infantia emit Nicareta, Charisii Elei liberta, Hippiae coqui eius uxor, gnara et perita perspiciendae venustae parvulorum naturae et eos sol-lerter educandi instituendique scia, ut quae artem eam ex-erceret, atque ex ea re victum collegisset, filiarum autem eas nomine compellavit, ut quam maximas ab iis, qui earum consuetudinem, tanquam inge-nuarum appetebant, mercedes exigeret, posteaquam autem florem aetatis earum magno cum quaestu prostituuit: uno, ut dicam, fasce, corpora etiam earum, cum septem essent, vendidit: Antiae, Stratolae, Aristoclae, Metanirae, Philae, Isthmiadis et Neaerae. Quam igitur unusquisque earum emerit, et ut ab iis qui eos a Nicareta emerant, libertate donatae sint. (That Neaera*

was a foreigner by birth, I will make it my first business to prove. Seven girls were bought in earliest childhood by Nicareta, freed-woman of Charisius of Elis, wife of his cook Nicias,—a knowing woman, astute at noting the promise of beauty in children and skilful in their clever up-bringing and instruction, as might be expected of one who practised that art as a profession and had made her living thereby. Her daughters however she called them, that she might demand the greater fees from such as sought to enjoy their favours, as being free-born maidens. Then when they had reached the flower of their age, she prostituted them with great profit to herself, selling their persons, seven as they were, in one bundle, so to express it,—whose names were Antia, Stratole, Aristoclea, Metanira. Phile, Isth-mias, and Neaera. Thus each of them found a purchaser, and on such conditions that they were presented with their freedom by the lovers who had bought them from Nicareta).

who bought them to give them their freedom,—and then more often than not were presently abandoned by them. The great nursery of hetaerae was above all places Corinth, from which centre they travelled through all parts of Greece, as e.g. did Neaera, and frequently acquired enormous riches. The better class of them were everywhere held in high esteem; and many a hetaera, grown weary of her condition, gave her hand to a husband, in order to close her life as an honest wife<sup>1</sup>, or else retired so as at any rate to lead a blameless existence<sup>2</sup>. Frequently indeed they were also “Dames de Maison”, and often kept a considerable number of girls under the title of hand-maids. This was the case with Nicareta, just mentioned, at Corinth, as well as with the famous Aspasia at Athens, the latter of whom flooded all Hellas with her protégées<sup>2</sup>. Such as were held in less respect often put themselves under the protection of their more renowned sisters, or else carried on the calling on their own account, and this especially when they were not so well educated, not “musical” (*πέζαι ἑταίραι*—*prose lady-companions*)<sup>4</sup>, at Athens

<sup>1</sup> Comp. the list, compiled chiefly from Athenaeus, of the most renowned hetaerae in *Musonius Philosophus*, “De luxu Graecorum” ch. XII. in *Gronovius’ Thesaurus Antiq. Graecor.* vol. VIII. pp. 2516 sqq.

<sup>2</sup> *Athenaeus*, *Deipnos*. bk. XIII. p. 577. *μεταβάλλονσαι γὰρ τοιαῦται εἰς τὸ σῶφρον, τῶν ἐπὶ τούτῳ σεμννομένων εἰς βελτίους.* (For women of this class when they change and adopt an honest life, are of better character than those who pride themselves on this account).

<sup>3</sup> *Athenaeus*, *Deipnos*. bk.

XIII. p. 569., *Καὶ Ἀσπασία δὲ ἡ Σωκρατική ἐνεπορεύετο πλήθη καλῶν γυναικῶν καὶ ἐπλήθυνεν ἀπὸ τῶν ταύτης ἑταιρίδων ἢ Ἑλλάς.* (And Aspasia too, the preceptress of Socrates, used to import multitudes of handsome women, and Greece was filled with her hetaerae). Even the King of the Sidonians, *Strato*, had his wants supplied from there. *Athenaeus*, bk. XII. p. 531.

<sup>4</sup> *Hesychius*, s. v. *πέζας μοίχους· οὕτως ἐκάλουν τὰς μισθαρονοῦσας ἑταίρας χωρὶς ὄργάνου.* (under the expression *πέζας μοίχους*,—

going to settle at the Peiraeus to entice the merchants who arrived in the port, whilst the more choice merely showed themselves there<sup>1</sup>. They often followed the troops on service in crowds, accompanying for instance the general *Chares*<sup>2</sup> and *Pericles* to Samos, where they made so large an income that they even built a temple of Ἀφροδίτη ἐν Καλάμοις (Aphrodité at Calami,—the Reeds). For the remaining details as to the life of the hetaerae the classical Treatise of *Friedrich Jacobs*<sup>4</sup> should be consulted.

Even these regular "filles de joie" at first existed almost exclusively for foreigners, who often squandered prodigious sums in their arms; the Athenians at any rate up to the time of Themistocles did not go with them<sup>5</sup>. But the example proved too strong to resist. Little by little the younger men acquired a taste for the freer society of the highly educated and luxuriously bedecked<sup>6</sup> courtesans, who on their side were possessed of tact enough to subordinate the purely sensual to the intellectual, in order to

common, prose fornicators: this was the name given to hetaerae who were prostitutes without playing any instrument). Comp. *Photius*, Lexicon, under same word.—*Procopius*, Anecdot. p. 41.—*Cuperi* Observat. I. 16. p. 116.—*Casaubon*, on Sueton. Nero. ch. 27.

<sup>1</sup> *Athenaeus*, Deipnos., bk. XIII. p. 582.

<sup>2</sup> Chares took flute-players, singing-girls and πέζαι ἐταίραι with him, according to *Athenaeus*, Deipnos., bk. XII. p. 532.

<sup>3</sup> *Athenaeus*, Deipnos., bk. XIII. p. 573. When Darius was marching to take the field against Alexander, he had 350 παλλακίδες (concubines) in his

train (*Athenaeus*, XIII. p. 557.), of whom 329 understood music. (ibid. p. 608).

<sup>4</sup> "Vermischte Schriften," (Miscellaneous Writings), Vol. IV. pp. 311 sqq.

<sup>5</sup> *Athenaeus*, Deipnos., bk. XII. p. 533. Θεμιστοκλῆς δ', οὐπω Ἀθηναίων μεθυσκομένων, οὐδ' ἐταίραις χρωμένων, ἐκφανῶς τέθριππον ζεύξας ἐταιρίδων κ. τ. λ. (But Themistocles, at a period when Athenians were not yet in the habit of getting drunk, nor frequenting harlots, openly put in harness a four-horse team of hetaerae, etc.).

<sup>6</sup> *Athenaeus*. Deipnos., bk. XII. p. 532.

captivate the Greek sense of beauty. Even older men might easily be seen at their feet, for the Greek ladies had but too little aptitude for stepping beyond the household sphere <sup>4</sup>. And so it was no longer matter for surprise when *Chares* took with him on his expedition, as stated above, a large number of hetaerae. The Athenian youth was already in the habit of killing time in their society <sup>5</sup>; and the important rôle they played in the time of *Pericles* needs to be no further insisted on. The Greek however never descended to the lowest level of shameless, brutal, coarseness. Before he threw himself into the arms of the foreign Wanton, he first raised her to some equality with himself; and of the handmaid and slave made a friendly companion or hetaera!

The account here given applies particularly only to Athens, for our efforts to discover anything more precise as to brothels and courtesans in the remaining States and Cities of Greece have not so far been crowned with success.

<sup>4</sup> Comp. Bernhardt, "Grundriss der Griechischen Literatur," (First Sketch of Greek Literature), Pt. I. p. 40.

<sup>5</sup> Hetaerae were bound by law to wear gay, party-coloured clothes, *Suidas*, s. v. *ἑταιρῶν ἄνδρινον*. *Νόμος Ἀθήνησι, τὰς ἑταίρας ἄνδρινα φέρειν* (under the expression *ἑταιρῶν ἄνδρινον*—flowered robe of hetaerae: it was a law at Athens that the hetaerae must wear flowered robes); at Locri Zaleucus prescribed the same costume, *Suidas*, s. v. *Ζάλευκος* (under the word

Zaleucus); it was also law among the Syracusans, *Athenaeus*, *Deipnos.*, bk. XII. ch. 4. Comp. *Petit*, "Legg. Attic.," (Laws of Athens), p. 476. The same is stated of the Lacedaemonians by *Clemens Alexandrinus*, *Paedog.*, bk. II. ch. 10. Comp. *Wesseling*, on *Diodorus Sic.*, IV. 4.—*Sidon. Apoll.*, *Epist.*, XX. 3. *Iamblichus*, *De Vita Pythagor.*, ch. 31.—*A. Borremans*. *Var. Lect.*, ch. 10. p. 94.—*Artemidorus*, *Oneirocrit.*, bk. II. ch. 3.

## § II.

With the Roman, who could spare hardly a thought to any other feeling than his pride, love played but an insignificant rôle in his existence. Even the deference he showed towards marriage and the married woman was not really so much the outcome of a pure morality as of the interest that the State must of necessity feel in the nursing-mothers of each succeeding generation; in fact it can scarcely be regarded as much more than a mere measure of police. When a Censor like *Metellus* in a public Speech intended to encourage matrimony could say <sup>1</sup>: *Si sine uxore possemus, Quirites, esse, omnes ea molestia careremus: sed quoniam ita natura tradidit, ut nec cum illis satis commode, nec sine illis ullo modo vivi possit, salutis perpetuae potius quam brevi voluptati consulendum.* (If we could live without a wife, Quirites, we should all be free from such inconvenience; but since nature has arranged it in this wise that neither with women in any real comfort, nor without them at all, can existence be carried on, we ought to think of our life-long well-being rather than of a momentary gratification),—and when even the strict *Cato* declared <sup>2</sup>: *In adulterio uxorem tuam si deprehendisses, sine iudicio impune necares: illa te, si adulterares, digito non auderet contingere, neque ius est.* (If you should have detected your wife in adultery, you might kill her without trial and be scatheless; but she, if *you* were the adulterer, would not dare to lay a finger upon you, *nor is it lawful* she should),—it can hardly surprise us to find a complete lack of the ideal or intellectual element in the relations of the sexes. These never really rose among the Romans much above the level of the bestial; and harlots are found

<sup>1</sup> *Aulus Gellius*, Noct. Attic., bk. I. ch. 6.

<sup>2</sup> *Aulus Gellius*, Noct. Attic., bk. X. ch. 23.

already in evidence at the very threshold of Roman history<sup>1</sup>, whilst association with them far from ever being a subject of blame, is rather represented as being a custom sanctified by immemorial usage that had never been forbidden<sup>2</sup>.

In spite of this however, and of the fact that the *Etruscans*<sup>3</sup>, at a time when Rome was hardly more than *coming* into existence, already led a life that

<sup>1</sup> *Livy*, Hist. I. 4., II. 18.

<sup>2</sup> *Cicero*, Orat. pro Coelio, ch. 20., Si quis est, qui etiam meretriciis amoribus interdictum iuventuti putet, est ille quidem valde severus, negare non possum: sed abhorret non modo ab huius seculi licentia, verum etiam a maiorum consuetudine atque concessis. Quando enim factum non est? quando reprehensum, quando non permissum? (If any is found to think that young men should be forbidden to indulge simple intrigues with harlots, I can only say he is an exceedingly stern moralist, I cannot deny he is right in the abstract. *But his view is opposed not merely to the free habits of the present age, but also to the usage and permitted licence of our fathers? When, I ask, has this not been done? when rebuked, when not allowed?*

*Horace*, Sat., bk. I. 2. vv. 31—35.,

Quidam notus homo, cum exiret  
fornice: Macte  
Virtute esto, inquit sententia dia  
Catonis.

Nam simul ac venas inflavit tetra  
libido,  
Huc iuvenes aequum est descendere; non alienas  
Permollere uxores.

(When a certain well-known citizen came out of a brothel, "Bravo! go on and prosper!" was the word of Cato, great and wise. For when fierce desire has swollen the veins, *right* it is that young men should resort hither, and not grind their neighbours' wives), —a passage that involuntarily reminds us of the fragment of *Philemon* quoted above.

<sup>3</sup> They had indiscriminate intercourse with the women, who did not hold it disgraceful to appear half-naked (*γυμναί*) and to practise both among themselves and in common with the men gymnastic exercises, and this in the presence of spectators, even in that of young men. These were actually enjoined to practise copulation, and to have the whole body polished and freed from hair by professional male artistes). *Athenaeus*, Deipnos., bk. XII. pp. 517, 518.

was worse than licentious, while *Messapians*, *Samnites* and *Locrians*, as has been shown, habitually gave up their daughters to prostitution,—in spite of all this I say, the sexual excesses of the Romans were for the first 500 years on the whole insignificant. Their way of life as warriors and husbandmen hardly suffered them to sink into indolent sloth, the beginning of all vicious living, whilst the law of the XII Tables, "*coelibes prohibeto*" (be it forbidden to remain bachelors)<sup>1</sup> forced men in the vigour of their powers to satisfy the impulse of nature in the arms

<sup>1</sup> The law was in the first instance made only with a view to the future, in order to ensure the state a sufficiently large number of citizens; *Sozomenes*, *Histor. Eccles.*, I. 9., *Vetus lex fuit apud Romanos, quae vetabat coelibes ab anno aetatis quinto et vigesimo pari iure essent cum maritis.* — *Tulerant hanc legem veteres Romani, cum sperarent, futurum hac ratione, ut urbs Roma et reliquae provinciae imperii Romani hominum multitudine abundarent.* (There was an old law among the Romans, which forbid bachelors after the age of 25 to enjoy equal political rights with married men.—The old Romans had passed this law in the hopes that in this way the city of Rome, and the provinces of the Roman empire as well, might be ensured an abundant population). For the same reason *Caesar*, after the African War when the city was much depopulated through the great number of the slain, established

prizes for such citizens as had the most children). — *Dio Cassius*, Bk. XLIII. 226. — All this availed little. The Censors *Camillus* and *Posthumius* were soon obliged to introduce a tax on celibacy,—the "old-bachelors' tax" (*Aes uxorium*). — *Festus*, p. 161., *L. Valerius Maximus*, bk. II. ch. 9. — Augustus endeavoured in vain by the *Lex Julia de maritandis ordinibus* (Julian Law concerning marriage in the different classes) to counteract the tendency; till the *Lex Papia Poppaea* originating with the Senate (B.C. 9.) was ratified; (*Tacitus*, *Annal.* III. 25.—*Dio Cassius*, (LIV. 16., LVI. 10.), though even this did not long remain in force. *Comp. Lipsius*, *Excurs. ad Tacit. Annal.* III. 25. — *Heineccius*, *Antiquit. Roman. Jurispr.* (Antiquities of Roman Law), I. 25. 6. p. 209.—*Hugo*, "*Geschichte des römischen Rechts*," (History of Roman Law), I. p. 237., II. p. 861.

of the lawful wife. But more and more did the Romans come into contact with foreign Peoples, and began to adopt more and more their customs and vices. In the year 513 A.U.C. (B.C. 240) the Floralia were introduced, which even granting they cannot have had the origin that *Lactantius*<sup>1</sup> assigns

<sup>1</sup> *Instit. Divin.*, I. 20. 6., Flora cum magnas opes ex arte meretricia quaesivisset, populum scripsit haeredem, certamque pecuniam reliquit, cuius ex annuo foenere suus natalis dies celebraretur editio Ludorum, quos appellant Floralia. (Flora having acquired great riches by the harlot's calling made the people her heir, and left a certain sum of money, the interest of which was to be applied to celebrating her birth-day by the exhibition of the games which are called Floralia.—I. 20. 10., Celebrantur cum omni lascivia. Nam praeter verborum licentiam, quibus obscenitas omnis effunditur, exuuntur etiam vestibus populo flagitante meretrices, quae tunc mimarum funguntur officio et in conspectu populi, usque ad satietatem impudicorum hominum cum pudendis motibus detinentur. (They are solemnized with every form of licentiousness. For over and above the looseness of speech that pours forth every obscenity, harlots strip themselves of their clothing at the importunities of the mob, and then act as mimes,—pantomimic actors,—and in full view of the crowd

indulge in indecent posturings, till their shameless audience is satisfied). It may be noted that scarcely 40 years after the introduction of the Floralia, P. Scipio Africanus in his Speech in defence of Tib. Asellus could say: Si nequitiam defendere vis, licet: sed tu in uno scorto maiorem pecuniam absumsisti, quam quanti omne instrumentum fundi Sabini in censum dedicavisti. Ni hoc ita est: qui spondet mille nummum? Sed tu plus tertia parte pecuniae perdidisti atque absumsisti in flagitiis. (If you choose to defend your profligacy, well and good! but as a matter of fact you have wasted on one strumpet more money than the total value, as you declared it to the Census commissioners, of all the plenishing of your Sabine farm, If you deny my assertion, I ask who dare wager a thousand sesterces on its untruth? You have squandered more than a third of the property you inherited from your father, and thrown it away in debauchery).—*Gellius*, *Noct. Attic.*, VII. 11.—As not only did hetaerae build a temple to Aphrodité, but a similar one was also erected

them, yet by the very nature of the celebrations were an outrage on all good morals. Yet so universally popular were they that *Cato* could win no greater concession to his indignant zeal against them than that their closing scenes should be delayed until he had retired <sup>1</sup>.

The enormous wealth the Romans had won as booty in their continual Wars of spoliation, could not be hoarded unused, it must be enjoyed; and how enjoyed, the warriors knew already. The younger members of the Equestrian and Patrician orders went on travels, and learned in the arms of Greek and Asiatic wantons how to lavish their money *secundum artem*. Then on their return to Rome finding the native *Scorta* (common harlots) no longer to their taste, they brought home with them their freed-woman "Amica" (Mistress), who was a fair match for the Greek hetaera in greed, if not in refinement. It was not long before the old-fashioned Roman matron succumbed in the struggle with her for supremacy, and by dint of her only too successful endeavours to outdo the foreign courtesan in *recherché* vice and effrontery, became but the more despicable in the eyes of the proud Roman. She had indeed learned to be a mother, but not to love. At the same time the Roman himself, surrounded as he thus was by no softening influences, ceased not only to be a citizen of the state, but even to be a man at all; and the Ruler of the World sank at last to such a depth of exaggerated viciousness that it became his glory and boast to be without a rival in its enormity.

in their honour at Abydos (*Athenaeus*, XIII. p. 573.), and Phryné wished to rebuild Thebes at her own cost, on the condition that an inscription should be set up to the effect, "Alexander destroyed it; Phryné the hetaera restored

it", there is not the slightest reason for counting the above story as merely one of the ridiculous inventions common in the Fathers.

<sup>2</sup> *Valerius Maximus*, II. 10. 8.—*Seneca*, Epist. 97.—*Martial*, Epigr. I. 1 and 36.



vision of the city. With the regulations and arrangements however we are more precisely acquainted. The brothels, *lupanaria*<sup>1</sup>, *fornices*<sup>2</sup>, were situated chiefly in the Second District (Secunda Regio) of

<sup>1</sup> The usual derivation of the word *lupanar* (brothel) is from Lupa, the wife of Faustulus (*Livy*, I. 4.); thus *Lactantius* (*Divin. Instit.*, bk. I. 20 sqq., says, fuit enim Faustuli uxor et, propter vulgati corporis vilitatem, Lupa inter pastores, id est meretrix, nuncupata est, unde etiam lupanar dicitur. (For she was the wife of Faustulus, and because of the easy rate at which her person was held at the disposal of all, was called among the shepherds Lupa, (she-wolf), that is harlot, whence also Lupanar—a brothel—is so called). Comp. *Isidore*, bk. XVIII. etymol. 42. *Jerome*, in *Eusebius' Chronicle*. However it is a fruitless effort to try and connect lupar and lupanar with lupus, the wolf. If we are not mistaken, the root-word is the Greek λῦμα, filth, and so, shameless person; from this comes *lupa*, just as from λῦμαρ was formed *lupar*, the oldest form for lupanar, which has maintained itself in the adjective *luparius*, and in *lupariae* in *Rufus* and *A. Victor* as synonyms of lupanar. Indeed *Lactantius* speaks of the hetaerae Leana and Cedrenus as γυναικας λυκαίνας.

<sup>2</sup> The common derivation of *fornix* (brothel) is from *furnus* or *fornax* (an oven), or else makes it identical with *fornix*, an archway. *Isidore*, bk. X. 110., writes: a *fornicatrix* is one whose person is public and common. These women used to lie under archways, and such places are called *fornices*, whence also *fornicariae* (whores). Granted that the women used to resort in numbers to the arches in the town-walls through which sorties were made (*Livy*, XXXVI. 23., XLIV. 11.), yet several passages in ancient authors prove clearly that the *fornices* were houses (especially *Petronius*, *Satir.* 7., *Martial* XI. 62.). The *ancient Glosses* have:—"fornicaria": πορνὴ ἀπὸ καμάρας ἢ ἴστανται. (a harlot, from the chamber where they take their stand). But in all probability the brothels took their name from the circumstance of their being situated in the neighbourhood of the town-wall and its arches; for which reason the women were also called *Summoenianae* (women of the Summoenium,—district under the walls). *Martial*, XI. 62., III. 82., I. 35., XII. 32. Or should we say that *fornix* was formed from πορνικὸν?



door of each of these was inscribed the name of the girl, that which she had adopted on her first admission<sup>1</sup>, and the price of her embraces<sup>2</sup>. In

Cella and Cellae (chambers) are constantly used in the sense of lupanar (brothel).

<sup>1</sup> *Martial*, bk. XI, 46., Intrasti quoties inscripta limina cellae, (As oft as you have crossed the thresholds of a "chamber" with inscription over). *Seneca*, *Controv.*, bk. I. 2., Deducta es in lupanar, accepisti locum, pretium constitutum est, *titulus* inscriptus est, (You were taken away to a brothel, you received your stand, your price was fixed, *your name written up*).—Meretrix vocata es, in communi loco stetitisti, *superpositus est cellae tuae titulus*, venientes recepisti, (You were called a harlot, you took your stand in a public brothel, *your name-ticket was put up above your chamber*, you received such as came).—Nomen tuum pendit in fronte, pretia stupri accepisti, et manus, quae diis datura erat sacra, capturas tulit, (Your name hung on your door, you took the price of fornication, and your hand, that was meant to offer sacred gifts to the gods, held the fees). This last passage interpreters have wished to understand as if the name-ticket were fastened on the woman's forehead; but, not to mention that in this case *tibi* would have to be read for *tuum*, it is a perfectly well known fact

that *frons* (front, forehead) was used in Latin for the face of a door (*Ovid*, *Fasti*, I. 135., Omnis habet geminas, hinc atque hinc, ianua frontes, (Every door has two faces, inside and out). *Seneca* says *pependit* (it hung there), and afterwards is promoted onto the list of the Leno (Brothel-keeper)!

<sup>2</sup> This is seen most clearly from the following passage in the "Vita Apollonii Tyrii", (Life of Apollonius of Tyre), p. 695., Puella ait, prosternens se ad pedes eius: miserere, domine, virginitatis meae, ne prostituas hoc corpus sub tam turpi titulo. Leno vocavit villicum puellarum et ait, ancilla, quae praesens est et exornetur diligenter et scribatur et titulus, quicumque Tarsiam deviolaverit, mediam liberam dabit: postea ad singulos solidos populo patebit. (Says the girl, throwing herself at his feet: "Sir! have pity on my maidenhood, and do not prostitute this fair body under so ugly a name." The Brothel-keeper (Leno) called the Superintendent (villicus) of the girls and says, "Let the maid here present be decked out with every care, and a name-ticket written for her; the man that takes Tarsia's virginity shall pay half a "libera" (?), afterwards she shall be at the

each "chamber" was to be found a bed (*pavimentum*, cubiculum, pulvinar,—pavement, sleeping-place, couch), which was spread with a particular kind of coverlet, *lodix*, *lodicula*, (blanket, little blanket),<sup>1</sup> and a lamp, *lucerna*<sup>2</sup>.

As for the brothel-keeper, the Romans seem to have had no special word to express this; they use in fact *leno* in this signification, though the word properly means the Procurer who merely offers his house for the purpose, but does not keep women, giving them board and wage. Perhaps this arose from the fact that in earlier times no regular brothels existed in Rome; the women merely hired a lodging, and the owner of the house had nothing at all to do with their business, whilst the match-maker or pandar confined *his* efforts to procuring girls for his patrons and letting out his "chambers" for a fixed charge *merces cellae* (hire of the chamber)<sup>3</sup>, paid by

disposal of all comers at a "solidus"—or "aureus", gold coin worth 25 denarii, say 20 shillings—each). So we see even in the name there prevailed a certain luxury; and a young girl of handsome person would fain have a handsome-sounding name to match.

<sup>1</sup> *Petronius* Satir. 20.—*Barth*, on Claudian, note 1173.—*Martial*, XIV, 148., 152.—*Juvenal*, VI, 194. From this the women themselves were often called *lodices meretrices* (blanket harlots) in contradistinction to the Street-walkers.

<sup>2</sup> *Martial*, XIV, 39—42. XI. 105.—*Apuleius*, *Metam.*, V. p. 162.—*Horace*, Satir. II. 7. v. 48.—*Juvenal*, Sat. VI. 131.—*Tertullian*, *Ad Uxor.*,

II. 6., *Dei ancilla in laribus alienis—et procedet de ianua laureata et lucernata, ut de novo consistorio libidinum publicarum*, (The handmaid of God in strange dwellings,—and she shall go forth from the door that is laurel-decked and lamp-lit, as it were from a new assembly-hall of public lusts), where the expression *consistorium libidinum* (assembly-hall of lusts) for brothel is noticeable.

<sup>3</sup> *Petronius*, Satir. 95., *Vos me hercule ne mercedem cellae daretis*, (Ye would not, by heavens, give even the hire of the chamber). The fee amounted usually to an As. *Petronius*, Satir. 8., *Iam pro cella meretrix assem exegerat*, (Already had the harlot demanded the As for the chamber).

each visitor. Only when the business became more profitable, did Lenones or Lenae (Procurers, Procurers), for women also carried on Lenocinium (procuration), actually keep girls, whom they bought as slaves<sup>1</sup>. The Leno had his *Villicus puellarum* (Superintendent of the Maids), who assigned name and price, provided the girls with clothes<sup>2</sup>, and

*Martial*, I. 104., Constat et asse Venus, (And an As is the recognised price of Love). II. 53., Si plebeia Venus gemino tibi vincitur asse, If you win for yourself a base-born Love for a couple of Asses). Comp. the inscription in *Gruter*, "Inscript. antiq. totius orbis Romani", (Ancient Inscriptions of the whole Roman world). Amsterdam 1616., No. DCLII. 1.—*Heinsius* on *Ovid*, *Remedium Amoris* 407.

<sup>1</sup> *Seneca*, *Controv.* I. 2., Nuda in litore stetit ad fastidium emptoris, omnes partes corporis et inspectae et contractatae sunt. Vultis auctionis exitum audire? Vendit pirata, emit leno. — Ita raptae pepercere piratae, ut lenoni venderetur: sie emit leno, ut prostituerit. (Naked she stood on the shore at the pleasure of the purchaser; every part of her body was examined and felt. Would you hear the result of the sale? The pirate sold, the pandar bought.— For this the pirates spared their captive, that she might be sold to a pandar; for this the pandar bought her, that he might employ her as a prostitute).—*Quintilian*, *De-*

*clam.* III., Leno etiam servis excipitur, fortasse hac lege captivos vendes, (A pandar too is supplied with slaves; perhaps in this way you will sell your captives).—*Lex* § 1. de in ius vocando: Prostituta contra legem venditionis venditorem habet patronum, si hac lege venierat, ut, si prostituta esset, fieret libera, (*Law* § 1. Of the right of appeal: A female slave prostituted contrary to the condition of sale has the seller for patron, if she was sold on this condition, that, should she be prostituted, she should become free). These sales took place in the Subura. *Martial*, VI. 66.

<sup>2</sup> *Seneca*, *Controv.*, I. 2., Stetisti cum meretricibus, stetisti sic ornata ut populo placere posses, *ea veste quam leno dederat*, (You stood with the harlots, you stood decked out so as to please the public, wearing the dress that the leno had given you). The dress of the public women was always gay-coloured and very bold; they had to wear the male toga (gown). *Cicero*, *Philipp.* II., Sompstisti virilem togam, quam statim muliebrem reddidisti. Primo vulgare scortum:

certa flagitii merces, nec ea parva. (You assumed the man's toga, which straightway you made a woman's. First a common strumpet; sure was the profit of your shame, and not small either.)—*Tibullus*, IV. 10. *Martial*, II. 30. Hence public women were also called *togatae* (wearing the toga or man's gown). *Martial*, VI. 64. *Horace*, Sat. I. 2. 63., Quid interest in matrona, ancilla, peccesque togata? (What difference does it make whether it is with a married woman, or a serving-maid, or a toga'd harlot (togata), that you offend?) *Ibidem* 80—83.,

Nec magis huic inter niveos viri-  
desque lapillos  
(Sit licet hoc. Cerinthe,  
tuum.) tenerum est femur aut  
Rectius; atque etiam melius per-  
sape togatae est.

(Nor amidst all her snowy gems and green jewels is her thigh more soft (though it is your belief, Cerinthus. that it is) or her leg straighter; nay! very often that of the toga'd harlot is the better limb).

It is well-known what trouble *Bentley* gave himself to explain this *locus implicatissimus* (most intricate passage), as he calls it, because he supposed the common reading to be corrupt and accordingly altered the text, all to bring out a comparison of Cerinthus' thigh—a comparison that never was in *Horace's* mind at all. Several years ago in our Work, "De

Sexuali Organismorum Fabrica," (On the Sexual Fabric of Organisms), Spec. I., Halle 1832. large 8vo., p. 61., we disentangled the matter and showed exactly how it stood, proving that the "Sit licet hoc, Cerinthe, tuum" (Though this be your (opinion), Cerinthus) must be taken as a parenthesis, consequently that the usual reading is the right one. But as the book would seem to have come into few hands, and least of all into those of Philologists, we may be allowed to take this opportunity of once more developing our view. The comparison is between the matron and the "togata", and it is maintained that the matron, i. e. the noble Roman lady, possesses for all her jewelry neither a softer thigh nor a straighter leg than the "togata", the girl of common stamp; that the latter in fact can often make a better show of both, even though her leg is as crooked as the matron's is,—a peculiarity that every female leg has, because in a woman the knee projects more forwards. *Aristotle*, Hist. Anim., IV. 11. 6., even in his time notes this fact: τὸ θῆλυ τῶν ἀρρῆνων καὶ γονυκροτώτερον. (the female is more knock-kneed also than the male). Comp. same author's Physiognom., 3.5.6. *Adamant.*, Physiognom., II. 107. ed. Syll. *Polemo*, Physiognom., p. 179. Anatomical investigation moreover proves this most clearly.

kept a list of them and what they earned <sup>1</sup>. In fact such of the women as were bond-servants were obliged,—and this applied equally to those that were not slaves,—to deliver up not merely the As for the hire of the chamber, but the whole fee as well, according to the amount fixed by the brothel-keeper (Leno) <sup>2</sup>, though much underhand trickery of various

But as Cerinthus seems to be ignorant of it, in spite of its being a well known fact, he lets himself be deluded by the outward magnificence of attire and distinguished birth, and believes the matron to be the better built, and it is for this mistake the poet taunts him. Horace in this passage is merely giving a commentary on v. 63 above. Now compare what *Plautus*, *Mostell.*, I. 3. 13, makes *Scopha* say to *Philemation*, *Non vestem amatores mulieris amant, sed vestis fartum* ('Tis not the dress of a woman that lovers love, but the lining of the dress); also *Martial*, III. Epigr. 33.; and the folly of *Cerinthus* is made quite obvious. The phrase—*Sit licet hoc tuum* (Though this be yours) in the sense, "though you look at it this way, take the dazzle of jewels as the criterion of a woman's beauty", surely needs no further confirmation.

<sup>1</sup> *Seneca*, *Controv.*, I. 2., *Da mihi lenonis rationes; captura conveniet.* (Give me the brothel-keeper's accounts; the fee will suit).

<sup>2</sup> *Seneca*, *Controv.*, I. 2., *Deducta es in lupanar, ac-*

*cepisti locum, pretium constitutum est.* (You were taken to a brothel, you took your place, your price was fixed). *Ovid*, *Amores*, I. 10., *Stat meretrix cuivis certo mercabilis aere.* (There stands the harlot that any man can buy for a fixed sum). The fee was called *captura* (fee) (compare *Schulting*, on *Seneca*, loco citato, and *Casaubon* on *Suetonius*, *Caligula* 40.), *quaestus meretricius* (harlot's hire) (*Cicero*, *Philipp.* II. 18.) or simply *quaestus* (hire); *merces* (cost) and *pretium stupri* (price of fornication); *aurum lustrale* (brothel, literally *den*, money). The women used to demand its payment. *Juvenal*, *Sat.* VI. 125. *Exceptit blanda intrantes atque acra poposcit.* (Blandly she welcomed her visitors as they entered and asked for the fee). Hence the expression "*basia meretricum poscinum-mia*" (harlots kisses that ask for money) in *Apuleius*, *Met.*, X. p. 248. For the rest prices were very various among the brothel-harlots as they were with the others. Comp. *Martial*, X. 75., IX. 33., III. 54. The lowest fee was one As or 2 obols (three pence); hence

sorts occurred in connection with this regulation <sup>1</sup>.

The brothels were not allowed to be opened before the ninth hour (four o'clock in the afternoon), so as not to draw young men away from their duties <sup>2</sup>. The girls either stood (*Prostibula*—women who stand in front) <sup>3</sup> or sat (*Proседа*—women who sit in front) <sup>4</sup> before the "chambers" or Lupan-

girls of the sort were called by the Romans also *diobolares meretrices* (two-obol harlots) (*Festus*) or *diobolaria scorta* (two-obol whores) (*Plautus*, *Poen.*, I. 2. 58.). *Comp.* p. 90 above.

<sup>1</sup> *Plautus*, *Trinum.*, IV. 2. 47., *Quae adversum legem accepisti a plurimis pecuniam.* (You who contrary to the regulation accepted money from a great many men).

<sup>2</sup> Hence the women were also called *Nonariae* (Ninth-hour women). *Persius*, *Sat.* I. 133. The Scholiast observes on the passage: *Nonaria dicta meretrix, quia apud veteres a nona hora prostabant, ne mane omissa exercitatione illo irent adolescentes.* (A harlot was called "Nonaria", because in former times they used to act as prostitutes from the ninth hour only, for fear the young men should resort thither in the morning to the neglect of their athletic exercises).

<sup>3</sup> *Nonius Marcellus*, V. § 8., *Inter meretricem et prostibulum hoc interest: quod meretrix honestioris loci est et quaestus: nam meretrices a merendo dictae sunt, quod copiam sui tan-*

*tummodo noctu facerent: prostibula, quod ante stabulum stent quaestus diurni et nocturni causa.* (This is the difference between a *meretrix* (harlot) and a *prostibulum* (common strumpet): a *meretrix* is of a more honorable station and calling; for *meretrices* were so named *a merendo* (from earning wages), because they plied their calling only by night; *prostibula*, because they stand before the *stabulum* (stall, "chamber") for gain both by day and night).—*Plautus*, *Cistell. fragm.*, *Adstat ea in via sola: prostibula saue est.* (She stands there in the way alone: surely she is a *prostibula*—common whore).

<sup>4</sup> *Plautus*, *Poenul.*, I. 2. 54.,

*An te ibi vis inter istas vorsarias  
Prosedas, pistorum amicas,  
reliquias alicarias,  
Miseras coeno delibutas, servili-  
colas, sordidas,  
Quae tibi olent stabulum, statum-  
que, sellam et sessibulum merum,  
Quas adeo haud quisquam tetigit,  
neque duxit domum?*

(It is your wish to pass your time there amongst those *common strumpets*, bakers' mistresses, refuse of the spelt-mill girls, drabs besmeared with filth, slaves' darlings,

aria (brothels), to call the passers-by to them. Did a lover make his appearance, then the door of the "chamber" was carefully fastened<sup>1</sup>, and "*occupata*" (engaged) written over the door<sup>2</sup>, an unoccupied "chamber" being called *nuda* (naked)<sup>3</sup>. Towards morning the "chambers" were opened, and the Leno (brothel-keeper) let the girls go<sup>4</sup>. It would seem to follow from this that these either did not live in the brothel-keeper's house at all, or that the „chambers" were situated somewhere else, away from head-quarters. From a passage in *Juvenal*<sup>5</sup> it has, perhaps wrongly, been concluded that these "chambers" were at the Circus Maximus. Such places are at any rate mentioned by *Dionysius of Halicarnassus* as existing at the Portico above the

squalid creatures that reek of their stand and trade, of the chair and bare stool, women that no free man ever touched or took home?) This serves also to explain the passage in *Juvenal*, III. 136., *Et dubitas alta Chionem deducere sella.* (And you hesitate to hand down Chione from her high seat).

<sup>1</sup> *Martial*, XI. 45., I. 35. Usually however this appears only to have been done, when the customer was gratifying unnatural lusts.

<sup>2</sup> *Plautus*, *Asin.*, IV. I. 19., *In foribus scribat, occupatam esse se.* (Let her write on the door that she is engaged).

<sup>3</sup> *Martial*, XI. 62.,

*Quem cum fenestra vidit a Suburana  
Obscoena nudum lena fornicem  
clausit.*

(When she saw him from a window in the Subura, the foul brothel-mistress shut the

*unoccupied "chamber").*

*Juvenal*, VI. 121.,

*Intravit calidum veteri centone  
lupanar,  
Et cellam vacuum atque suam.*

(She entered the brothel cosy with its old patch-work quilt, and the chamber that was *vacant* and her own.). *Mesalina* had hired, we see, a special "chamber" of her own, where she acted as a prostitute under the name of *Lycisca*.

<sup>4</sup> *Juvenal*, VI. 127.,

*Mox, lenone suas iam dimittente  
puellas,  
Tristis abit — tamen ultima cellam  
clausit.*

(Presently when time is up and the brothel-keeper dismisses his girls, sadly she takes her departure,—but she was the last to shut her chamber).

<sup>5</sup> III. 65., *et ad circum iussas prostare puellas* (and girls bidden stand for hire at *the Circus*).

shops<sup>1</sup>; and without doubt several passages are to be found in Latin authors to prove that the women plied their trade even after the close of the Representations<sup>2</sup>, and we know that besides the regular *Ludi Circenses* (Games of the Circus) other performances of a similar kind were held in the Circus.

Besides the brothels, we find, particularly in the Taverns (*cauponae*, *tabernae*—inns, taverns) and Cookshops (*popinae*, *ganea*—cookshops, eating-

<sup>1</sup> Of Heliogabalus *Lampridius*, (*Vita Heliog.* ch. 26.) relates: *Omnes de circo, de theatro, de stadio—meretrices collegit.* (He collected all the harlots,—from *circus*, theatre and stadium—race-course). An old poem (*Priapeia*, *carm.* 26.) says:

*Deliciae populi, magno notissima circo*  
Quintia.

(The darling of the people, Quintia, so well known in the *Great Circus*). *Comp. Buleng. De Circo* ch. 56. Supposing this view to be correct, we might read in the passage of *Juvenal*, III. 136., as several Critics do, "*alta Chionem deducere cella*" (to lead Chione down from her lofty "chamber").

<sup>2</sup> Already in *Livy*, II. 18., we read the account: *Eo anno Romae, cum per ludos ab Sabinorum iuventute per lasciviam scorta raperentur, etc.* (That year at Rome, when during the games harlots were carried off in their wantonness by the youth of the Sabines, etc.) *Plautus*, *Casin.* *Prolog.*, 82—86.; this passage is re-

peatedly cited in this connection, but really has only a remote bearing on the matter. But in confirmation *Isidore*, XVIII. 42., says: *Idem vero theatrum idem et prostibulum, eo quod post ludos exactos meretrices ibi prosternerentur.* (But theatre and brothel were identical, for after the games were over, harlots used to prostitute themselves there). *Comp. Buleng. De Theatro* I. 16. and 49. *Lipsius*, *Elect.*, I. 11. Of course these statements may refer equally well to the *Floralia* or, as *Isidore* lived so much later, to the lascivious representations of brothel-life of which *Tertullian* tells us. The latter writes, *De Spectaculis* ch. 17., *Ipsa etiam prostibula, publicae libidinis hostiae, in scena proferantur, plus miserae in praesentia feminarum, quibus solis latebant: perque omnis aetatis, omnis dignitatis ora transducuntur, locus, stipes, elogium, etiam quibus opus est, praedicatur.* (Nay, the very harlots, victims of the public lust, are brought forward on the stage, more wretched still in the



same footing with Lenones and Meretrices (Brothel-keepers and Prostitutes) <sup>1</sup>.

Now who frequented these places? Down to the time of the Empire only the lowest class of the people, particularly Sailors <sup>2</sup>, Freedmen and Slaves <sup>3</sup>, though indeed later, when *Claudius* and *Nero* <sup>4</sup> set so eminent an example, high and low equally might be found both in brothels and in Taverns and Cookshops. The bakers, envious of the profits made by the inn-keepers, organized their *tabernae* (bread-stalls or shops) in the mills in such a way that they too could provide their customers with what they wanted <sup>5</sup>. This appears to have been done first in

banks harlots and pandars sit as it were daily). Comp. *Stockmann* "De Popinis (Of Cookshops). Leipzig 1805. 8vo.

<sup>1</sup> *Codex Theodos.* bk. IX. tit. VII. 1. p. 60. edit. Ritter.

<sup>2</sup> *Horace*, Epodes, XVII. 20., *Amata* nautis multum et inistoribus (A woman much loved by sailors and traders).—*Petronius*, Satir. 99.—*Juvenal*, Sat. VIII. 173—175. *Seneca*, Controv., I. 3.

<sup>3</sup> *Columella*, Res Rustica, I. ch. 8., Socors et somniculosum genus id mancipiorum, otiis, campo, circo, theatris, aleae, popinae, lupanaribus consuetum, nunquam non easdem ineptias somniat. (That slothful and sleepy tribe of domestic slaves, habituated to ease, games, circus, theatres, dice, cookshop, brothels, would ever be dreaming the same sort of follies).

<sup>4</sup> *Suetonius*, *Claudius*, ch. 40., *Nero*, ch. 27.—*Tacitus*,

*Annal.*, XIII. 25.

<sup>5</sup> *Paulus Diaconus*, XIII. 2., Horum mancipis tempore procedente pistrina publica latrocinia esse fecerunt: cum enim essent molae in locis subterraneis consitutae, per singula latera earum domuum tabernas instituentes, meretrices in eis prostare faciebant, quatenus per eas plurimos deciperent, alios qui pro pane veniebant, alios qui pro luxuriae turpitudine ibi festinabant. (The owners of these as time went on turned the public corn-mills into mischievous frauds. For the mill-stones being fixed in places underground, they set up stalls on either side of these chambers and caused harlots to stand for hire in them, so that by their means they deceived very many,—some that came for bread, others that hastened thither for the base gratification of their wantonness).

Campania <sup>1</sup>. But not solely in regular Houses and "Chambers" were "filles de joie" to be met with. They carried on their trade also as *Scorta erratica* (wandering whores, street-walkers) the commonest sort, in all public places, at the corners of streets <sup>2</sup>, round the tombs and monuments <sup>3</sup>, in out-of-the-way nooks of the town and the surrounding plantations in its neighbourhood <sup>4</sup>. In these places they

<sup>1</sup> *Festus*, p. 7., Alicariae meretrices appellabantur in Campania solitae ante pistrina alicariorum versari quaestus gratia. (Harlots were called alicariae (spelt-mill girls) in Campania, being accustomed to ply for gain in front of the mills of the spelt-millers).—*Plautus*, *Poenul.*, I. 2. 54., Prosedas, pistorum amicas, reliquias alicarias, (Common strumpets, bakers' mistresses, refuse of the spelt-mill girls).

<sup>2</sup> *Catullus*, LVIII. 1.,

Illa Lesbia, quam Catullus unam  
Plusquam se atque suos amavit  
omnes,  
Nunc in quadriuis et angiportis  
Glubit magnanimos Remi nepotes.

(The fair Lesbia, that Catullus loved above all women, more than himself and all his friends, now at cross-ways and in alleys skins the high-souled sons of Remus). We see from this that it was partly such freed-women girls that, past their prime and come down in the world, no longer visited by rich admirers, had to seek their living on the streets.—*Plautus*, *Cistell.*,

Intro ad bonam meretricem; adstat  
ea in via  
Sola; prostibula sane est.

(I am going in to a "good" harlot; she stands in the road alone,—she is surely a common whore).—*Plautus*, *Sticho*: Prostibuli est stantem stanti suavium dare, (It's a strumpet's way to give a kiss standing to a standing lover); whence it might be concluded that only street-whores were called "Prostibula".—*Prudentius*, *Peristeph.*, XIV. 38.,

Sic elocutam publicitus iubet  
Flexu in plutea sistere virginem.

(When she had uttered this public address, he bids the maiden stand at the turn of the street).

<sup>3</sup> *Martial*, I. 35., Abscondunt spurcas et monumenta lupas. (The monuments too hide filthy strumpets). Hence they were called *bustuariae* (women that haunt tombs). *Martial*, III. 93., Admittat inter bustuarias moechas. (Let him admit her among the fornicators of the tombs). *Comp. Turnebus*, *Advers.*, XIII. 19.

<sup>4</sup> *Prudentius*, *Symmach.*, I. 107..

Scortator nimius, multaue libidine  
suetus

carried on their trade, some no doubt on their own account, other perhaps as slaves working for their masters and mistresses and bound to deliver in a fixed sum daily.

The different kinds of "filles de joye" so far particularized were all of them slave-women, but over and above these there were in Rome a large number of Gay Women who carried on their profession entirely on their own account, either merely as a second string to their bow, like the Mimes, Dancers, Harp-girls, Ambubaiae<sup>1</sup>, or else as sole aim and object of their lives, in the character of *Scorta nobilia* (noble whores) or *bonae meretrices* (good harlots) to use *Plautus'* expressions. They were all of them

Ruricolas vexare lupas, interque  
salicta,  
Et densas sepes obscoena cubilia  
inire,

(An inordinate fornicator, went to vex the rustic harlots with multiplied lusts, and amidst the willow-plantations and thickset hedges to creep into foul lairs); where *Barth*, *Advers.*, X. 2., for *ruricolas* (haunting the country, rustic) would read *lustricolas* (haunting wild dens),—those who prostituted themselves in wild-beasts' dens, desert places. Hence also a brothel is called *lustrum* (den) and *cellae lustrales* (den-like chambers), and harlots' hire *aurum lustrale* (den-money).—*Crede-nus*, *De Romulo et Remo*: ὁ τοίνυν πάππος Ἀμούλιος διὰ τὴν πορνείαν παροξύνθη εἰς τὰς ὕλας αὐτοῦς ἐξέθετο, οὗς εὐροῦσα γυνὴ πρόβατα νέμουσα ἐν τῷ ὄρει ἀνεθρέψατο. Εἶθιστο

δὲ τοῖς ἐγγωρίοις λυκαῖνας τὰς τοιαύτας καλεῖν γυναῖκας διὰ τὸ ἐπίπαν ἐν τοῖς ὄρεσι μετὰ λύκων διατρέβειν, διὸ καὶ τούτους ὑπὸ λυκαίνης ἀνατραφῆναι μυθολογεῖται. (So their grandfather Amulius exasperated by his wife's adultery took the children into the woods and exposed them there; but his wife, as she was pasturing sheep, found them, and reared them on the mountain. Now it was the custom of the inhabitants of those parts to call women of this kind "she-wolves" (λυκαῖνας) on account of their living entirely on the mountains with the wolves, whence also the tale is told that these babes were fostered by a she-wolf).

<sup>1</sup> *Horace*, *Sat.* I. 2. 1., Ambubaiaram collegium (Society of — Syrian — Singing-girls).—*Suetonius*, *Nero*, ch. 27.

foreigners, and generally freed-women<sup>1</sup>, and were distinguished not only for their more elaborate dress<sup>2</sup>, but also on account of their education, which far and away surpassed that of the Roman ladies. In this respect however they fell short of the level reached by the Greek hetaerae in the best times of Greece, and for this reason never obtained the influence at Rome on the life of the city and of the State which the former possessed at Athens. They were not so much friends (*Amicae*) as mistresses (*Dominae*) of their Roman lover, and their relations with him bodily only and not intellectual. For the rest this class yet awaits a *Friedrich Jacobs* to be its historian. They were either kept by an individual lover, or else gave themselves only to rich admirers at their own private lodgings,<sup>3</sup> that lay *perdu* far from the bustle of street and market; but no doubt descended, when the time of youth and beauty was over, to the condition of common courtesans or even of mere street-walkers.

Just as happened in Greece, immodesty spread not a little among the daughters and wives of the Roman citizens also, and already in the reign of *Germanicus*, *Tacitus* could report<sup>4</sup>: "Eodem anno gravibus

<sup>1</sup> *Plautus*, *Cist.*, I. 1. 39.,  
Eunt depressum, quia nos sumus  
libertinae,  
Et ego et mater tua, ambae meretrices sumus.

(They go about to depreciate us, because we are freed-women, both I and your mother, we are both courtesans).—*Livy*, XXXIX. 9.

<sup>2</sup> They were called for this reason *vestita scorta* (dressed out whores). *Juvenal*, *Satir.* III. 135.—*Horace*, *Sat.* I. 2. 28.,

Sunt qui nolint tetigisse, nisi illas  
Quarum subsuta talos tegat  
instita veste.

(There are men who will refuse to touch any woman but those whose frilled tunic has a *flounce* touching their heels).—*Comp. Burmann* on *Petronius*, pp. 64 and 95.—*Ferrarius*, *De re vestiari.* (On costume), bk. III. ch. 23.

<sup>3</sup> *Horace*, *Odes* II. 11. 21.,  
Quis devium scortum domo  
eliciet Lyden? (Who will entice from her home the sequestered harlot Lyde?).

<sup>4</sup> *Annal.*, II. 85. In fact mention had been made of *Vestilia*, member of a Praetorian family, as being a public prostitute.

“senatus decretis libido feminarum coercita, cautumque ne quaestum corpore faceret, cui avus aut pater aut maritus Eques Romanus fuisset.” (This same year severe decrees of the Senate were passed to restrain unchastity on the part of women, and it was forbidden for any to give her person for hire, whose grandfather, father, or husband had been a Roman knight). So it cannot cause any great surprise to find *Martial*<sup>1</sup> declaring:

“Quaero diu totam, Sophroni Rufe, per urbem:  
“Si qua puella neget; nulla puella negat.”

(I have long been searching the city through, Sophronius Rufus, if there is e'er a maid to say no; there is not one!) To this result the introduction at Rome of the worship of Isis had contributed not a little<sup>2</sup>. Under pretence of serving Isis, the matrons found an opportunity of wantoning unhindered in the arms of paramours<sup>3</sup>, for the husbands dared not enter the temple precincts while their wives offered were performing their ten days' devotion there. Probably in cases of disease of the genitals Roman women offered their prayers to Isis, as the men did to Priapus, for the temples of the goddess were full of images of parts of the body that had been healed and of maimed organs<sup>4</sup>, and contained numer-

<sup>1</sup> Bk. IV. Epigr. 71. Already in his time *Ovid* dared to say: casta est, quam nemo rogavit. (she is chaste—whom no man has solicited).

<sup>2</sup> Although the goddess Isis was worshipped at Rome as early as Sulla's time (*Apuleius*, *Metam.*, XI. p. 817. edit. Oudendorp), she did not possess a public temple there till the Triumvirate (711 A. A. C.) *Dio Cassius*, bk. XLVII. 15. p. 501., XLIII.

2. p. 692., LIV. 6. p. 734., XL. 47. p. 252. edit. Fabricius.—*Tertullian*, *Apologet.*, ch. 6. *Spartian*, *Caracalla*, 9. *Suetonius*, *Domitian*, 12.

<sup>3</sup> *Ovid*, *Ars Amandi*, I. 27.—*Burmahnn* on *Propertius*, p. 348. *Josephus*, *Antiq. Jud.* XVIII. 4. Hence in *Juvenal*, *Sat.* VI., 488., *Isiacae sacraria lenae* (sanctuaries of Isis—the brothel-mistress).

<sup>4</sup> *Tibullus*, bk. I. *carm.* 3. 27.,

ous establishments for the care of sick persons of this particular character.

But of more influence than all the rest was the example which the Emperors *Tiberius*, *Nero*, *Caligula* and the infamous *Messalina*<sup>1</sup> gave. Not contented with the possession of a *Harem*, they set up actual brothels in their palaces,—a practice the aristocracy

Nunc dea, nunc succurre mihi;  
nam posse mederi,  
Picta docet templis multa  
tabella tuis.

(Now goddess, even now help me; for that thou *canst* heal, many a painted tablet in thy temples shows). *Gerning*, "Reise durch Oestreich und Italien" (Journey through Austria and Italy). Vol. II. pp. 188—199.—*St. Non*, "Voyage pittoresque" (Picturesque Tour), Vol. II. pp. 170 sqq. Hardly anything is yet known as to the connection of the worship of Isis with the healing of disease, least of all with regard to establishments for the sick; for the particulars collected by *Hundertmarck* ("De principibus Diis Artis medicae tutelaribus" (Of the principal Gods that presided over the Medical Art). Leipzig 1735. 4to. and "Diss. de Artis Medicae incrementis per aegrotorum apud Veteres in Vias Publica et Tempa expositionem" (Treatise on advances in medical Art due to the practice of the Ancients of exposing the sick in Public Ways and Temples). Leipzig 1739. 4to.) are quite insufficient.

<sup>1</sup> *Juvenal*, Sat. VI. 121, 131. *Tacitus*, Annal., XI. ch. 37.—*Dio Cassius*, IX. p. 686. *Messalina* adulteriis et stupris non contenta (iam enim etiam in cella quadam in palatio et ipsa sessitabat et alias prostituebat) maritus simul multos ritu legitimo habere cupivit. (*Messalina* not satisfied with adultery and fornication (for already in a certain chamber within the very palace she was in the habit of sitting as a prostitute herself and also of making other women do the same), was eager to have many husbands at once under sanction of the laws).—*Xiphilinus*, LXXIX. p. 912., Denique in palatio habuit cellam quandam, in qua libidinem explebat, stabatque nuda semper ante fores eius, ut scorta solent. (At last she had in the palace a certain chamber, in which she was wont to satiate her lustfulness, and used to stand always stripped before its doors, as whores do). *Suetonius*, *Caligula*, ch. 41., Ac ne quod non manubiarum genus experiretur, lupanar in palatio constituit: distinctisque et instructis pro loci dignitate compluribus cellis, in quibus ma-

soon copied, organizing similar establishments on their estates, to be able to wallow undisturbed in the mire of bestial lusts<sup>1</sup>.

Of vice as practised in the Baths and of male whores in the brothels we shall speak later.

Now how were Brothels and Courtesans affected in connection with the police of the State in Rome? It has been shown already that no penalty whatever attached either to illicit intercourse or to prostitution in general, because the disgrace to individuals involved in the commission of such offences in the eyes of their fellows was thought sufficient to ensure at any rate the daughters of citizens against unchastity. But the case was different with married women who were guilty of a breach of marriage honour. Of the manifold punishments we will mention only one here: the offender was imprisoned and obliged to surrender her person to all comers, whilst each time this took place a notification was given by the ringing of a bell;—a procedure that continued till finally abolished by the Emperor Theodosius<sup>2</sup>.

tronae ingenuique starent. (And that there might be no species of gain left that she had not tried, she established a brothel in the palace; and a number of chambers were set apart and furnished in conformity with the dignity of the locality, and there matrons and men of birth stood for hire).

<sup>1</sup> *Ulpian*, *Lex ancillarum ff. de haered. petit.* (Law as to female-slaves making claim of heirship). *Pensiones, licet a lupanario praeceptae sint: nam et multorum honestorum virorum praediis lupanaria exercentur.* (Rents, even though they be received from a brothel;

for many honourable men have brothels kept on their estates).

<sup>2</sup> *Paulus Diaconus*, *Hist. miscell.*, bk. XIII. ch. 2., *Aliam rursus abrogavit huiusmodi causam. Si qua mulier in adulterio capta fuisset, hoc non emendabatur, sed potius ad augmentum peccandi contradebatur. Includebant eam in angusto prostibulo et admittententes qui cum ea fornicarentur, hora qua turpitudinem agebant, tintinnabula percutiebant, ut eo sono illius iniuria fieret manifesta. Haec audiens Imperator, permanere non est passus, sed ipsa prostibula destrui iussit.* (Again he repealed another regulation of

They sought indeed to avoid the punishment by declaring themselves engaged in *Lenocinium* (Procuration) as a calling, or by joining the ranks of the the actresses; but the *Lex Papia* included provisions to put a stop to this irregularity <sup>1</sup>.

*Lenocinium* (Procuration) in fact as well as the *licentia stupri* (fornication permit) had to be notified before the *Aediles* <sup>2</sup>, whose especial duty it was to

the following nature. If any should have been detected in adultery, by this plan she was not in any way, reformed, but rather utterly given over to an increase of her ill behaviour. They used to shut up the woman in a narrow room, and admitting any that would commit fornication with her, and at the moment when they were accomplishing their foul act, to strike *bells*, that the sound might make known to all the injury she was suffering. The Emperor hearing this, would suffer it no longer, but ordered the very rooms to be pulled down).

<sup>1</sup> *De adult. lex X.* (On adultery, law X.), *Mulier quae vitandae poenae adulterii gratia lenocinium fecit, aut operas suas scenae locavit, adulterii accusari damnarique senatus consulto potest.* (A woman who in order to avoid the penalty attached to adultery has practised procuration, or has sold her services to the stage, can be accused on the charge of adultery and condemned in virtue of a decree of the Senate).—*Suetonius*, *Tiberius*, 35., *Feminae famosae*,

ut ad evitandas legum poenas iure ac dignitate matronali exsolverentur, lenocinium proferi coeperant: quas ne quod refugium in tali fraude cuiquam esset, exsilio affectit. (Infamous women, in order to be relieved of the legal status and dignity of matrons and thus escape the penalties assigned by the laws, began to follow procuration as a calling. These he exiled, that none might find a way of escape in such a subterfuge).

<sup>2</sup> *Tacitus*, *Annal.*, II. 85., *Nam Vistilia, praetoria familia genita, licentiam stupri apud aediles vulgaverat, more inter veteres recepto, qui satis poenarum adversum impudicas in ipsa professione flagitii, credebant.* (For *Vistilia*, born of a family of Praetorian rank, had publicly notified before the aediles a permit for fornication, according to the usage that prevailed among our fathers, who supposed that sufficient punishment for unchaste women resided in the very nature of the calling.) *Comp. Lipsius*, *Excurs. O.* p. 509.—*Schubert*, *De Romanorum aedilibus* (On the

see that no Matron became a prostitute<sup>1</sup>. With this object they were bound to frequently search all such places as have been specified above (*loca aedilem metuentia*—places that fear the aedile)<sup>2</sup>; but dared not themselves indulge in any immorality there<sup>3</sup>. When that pure-minded prince *Caligula* became Emperor, he introduced the Whore-duty (*vectigal ex capturis*—tax on prostitution-fees) as a State impost<sup>4</sup>. This *Alexander Severus* retained it is true, but assigned the revenue from it to the maintenance of the public buildings, that it might not contaminate the State Treasure.<sup>5</sup>

Roman Aediles), bk. IV. Königsberg 1828., p. 512.

<sup>1</sup> *Livy*, bk. X. 31., bk. XXV. 2.

<sup>2</sup> *Seneca*, *De vita beata* ch. 7.—The aediles in fact exercised police supervision over the public welfare, and in particular over weights and measures and the sale of goods (*Suetonius*, *Tiberius*, ch. 34.), games of chance, etc. *Martial*, V. 85. bk. XIV. 1. Comp. *Schubert*, loco citato, bk. III. ch. 45.

<sup>3</sup> *Aulus Gellius*, *Noct. Attic.*, bk. IV. 14.;—where an action at law is cited, in which the aedile Mancinus had wished to force his way at night into the lodging of Mamilia, a courtesan, who had thrown stones and chased him away. In the result we read: *Tribuni decreverunt aedilem ex eo loco iure dejectum, quo eum venire cum coronario non decuisset.* (The tribunes gave as their decision that the aedile had been lawfully driven

from that place, as being one that he ought not to have visited with his officer). This happened, as is seen by comparison with *Livy*, bk. XL. ch. 35., in the year B. C. 180.

<sup>4</sup> *Suetonius*, *Caligula*, ch. 40., *Vectigalia nova atque inaudita . . . exercuit; . . . ex capturis prostituerum quantum quaeque uno concubitu mereret. Additumque ad caput legis, ut tenerentur publico et quae meretricium et qui lenocinium fecissent, nec non et matrimonia obnoxia essent.* (He levied new and hitherto unheard of imposts; . . . a proportion of the fees of prostitutes,—so much as each earned with one man. A clause was also added to the law, directing that both women who had practised harlotry and men who had practised procuration should be rated publicly; furthermore that marriages should be liable to the rate).

<sup>5</sup> *Lampridius*. *Alexander*

The information here collected, imperfect as it may be in many respects, is yet sufficient to throw some light on the external relations of brothels and courtesans. It shows convincingly that in the entire absence of police supervision on the sanitary side, such diseases as arose generally in Antiquity consequent upon coition must have had their especial home and chief focus in the brothels and their denizens. But of what nature these diseases were, and what parts of the body they attacked, we shall only then be able to determine, when we come to consider more precisely the actual excesses that led to them, whether within or without the walls of the brothels.

### Paederastia.

#### § 12.

In the preceding investigations we have shown how the natural aim and object of coition, viz. procreation of children, fell more and more into the background, in order to make way for sensual gratification; and we have made acquaintance with the establishments that grew up in course of time for its indulgence. The facility with which the bestial instinct could be satisfied and the titillation

Severus, ch. 24., Lenorum vectigal et meretricum et exoletorum in sacrum aerarium inferri vetuit, sed sumptibus publicis ad instaurationem theatri, circi, amphitheatri et aerarii deputavit. (He forbid that the tax on harlots and on male debauchees should be paid into the sacred Treasury of the State, but allotted it as a public contribution towards the repair of the

theatre, circus, amphitheatre and treasury). Also at Byzantium a similar duty was paid under the name of χρυσάργυρον (tribute of gold and silver), which however the Emperor Anastasius abolished, and at the same time ordered the tax-rolls to be burned). (Zonaras, Annal.—Nicephorus, Hist. eccles., bk. XVI. ch. 40.).

of carnal pleasure procured, was bound to rob the customary manner of sexual indulgence of the charm of novelty, and to set the depraved imagination of the voluptuary at work to solve the problem of how to import manifold variations into the simple act of copulation. This stage reached, it inevitably followed that the natural ways of union of the sexes began to appear insufficient, and the methods of so-called *unnatural* Love (*Venus illegitima*) grew up, wherein at last almost every trace of the specific purpose of the genital organs was lost sight of.

The "*figuræ Veneris legitimæ*" (modes of natural Love) are not altogether without interest for the physician <sup>1</sup>, but their study is less necessary for our particular purpose. The modes of "*Venus illegitima*" (*unnatural* Love) are what concern us here. The major part of these have unfortunately never been included by writers on the history of Venereal disease within the range of their enquiries. Hence it has come about that while on the one hand they have given quite false interpretations of various morbid affections, they have on the other mistaken for the names of diseases expressions signifying nothing more than forms of the unnatural sensual indulgence alluded to. The historical enquirer into these subjects must indeed tread very slippery ground. Supposing him to rise superior to the possible reproaches of morality, fortified by the words of St. Paul <sup>2</sup>, still he can

<sup>1</sup> Compare *Ch. G. Gruner*, "Dissertatio de Coitu eiusque variis formis quatenus medicorum sunt." (Treatise on Coition and its Different Forms in their Medical Aspect). Jena 1792. 4 vols. German edition: "Ueber den Beischlaf" (On Coition). Leipzig 1796. 8 vols. Comp. Salzburg med. chir. Zeitung. Jahrg. 1796. III. 5. —*Forberg*, p. 118, loco citato.

<sup>2</sup> Epistle to Titus, ch. I. v. 5. Πάντα μὲν καθαρὰ τοῖς καθαροῖς; τοῖς δὲ μiasμένοις . . . οὐδὲν καθαρὸν, ἀλλὰ μεμίανται αὐτῶν καὶ ὁ νοῦς καὶ ἡ συνείδησις. (To the pure all things are pure; but to them that are defiled . . . nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.)

Also *Clement of Alexandria*,

find absolutely nowhere in his investigations any secure stopping-place, he must make up his mind to dispense with all external help and to be thrown utterly on his own resources. Not only do the best and fullest Dictionaries of the Greek and Latin languages leave him almost completely in the lurch, but above and beyond this he has very often to struggle with positive errors both in the Dictionaries and on the part of the professional Philologists in their annotations to the writings of the Ancients. These mistakes he must first of all discover, and afterwards correct. What such an undertaking involves, what powers it demands, will be obvious to anyone who is in any degree conversant with the systematic study of Antiquity. Nevertheless the task should not remain unattempted, if that is, we wish ever to come to a clear understanding of the relations of words and things in this connection; and on this ground the following researches no less than others find a legitimate place here. These we offer as the best that the limitation of our powers allowed,—at the same time gladly acknowledging the no small assistance we have received from the Treatises of Forberg <sup>1</sup> and Meier <sup>2</sup>.

one of the Fathers of the Church, who speaks largely on this special point of Paedestastia, says (Paedagog., Bk. III. ch. 3.) *εἰ γὰρ μηδὲν ἀπρακτον ὑπολείπεται, οὐδὲ ἔμοι ἀβόητον*. (For if nought is left undone by them, neither shall aught be left untold by me).

<sup>1</sup> *Antonius Panormites*, "Hermaphroditus". First German edition, with explanatory appendices, by Frider. Carol. Forberg. Coburg 1824. 8 parts. The Editor's Appendices treat (pp. 205—393): De figuris

Veneris (Concerning the modes of Love), and in particular, ch. I. De fututione (Of Copulation)—pp. 213—234; ch. II. De paedicatione (Of Sodomy)—pp. 234—277; ch. III. De irrumando (Of vicious practices with the mouth)—pp. 277—304; ch. IV. De masturbando (Of masturbation)—pp. 304—321; ch. V. De cunnilingis (de eis qui cunnos mulierum lingunt, Of men who lick women's private parts)—pp. 322—345; ch. VI. De tribadibus (Of women who practise vice with one another

Paederastia appears, as is the case with all sexual perversions, to owe its origin to the stimulation of the Asiatic climate, the mother of exuberance and voluptuousness. The primary condition of its genesis may be easily traced, if side by side with the dictum of Forberg (*loco citato*, p. 235): "Et voluptas quidem paediconis facile intellicitur, cum omnis voluptas mentulae pendeat ex frictione" (And the pleasure indeed of the sodomite is readily intelligible, since all voluptuous pleasure depends on friction of the penis), we take into consideration the fact that the genital organs of Asiatic women,—a fact true also of Italian and Spanish women<sup>1</sup>—like their whole bodies, exhibit great looseness, and further note that the "Sphincter ani"<sup>2</sup> muscle far and away surpasses

—pp. 345—369; ch. VII. De coitu cum brutis (Of unnatural copulation with animals)—pp. 369—372; ch. VIII. De spintris (Of pathic Sodomites)—p. 373. All the important passages in ancient authors are here noted in every case, and given in the original.

The following work was unfortunately not procurable by us: *C. Rambach*, *Glossarium Eroticum*,—a Commentary to the Poets and Prose-writers of Classical Antiquity and Supplement to all Lexicons of the Latin Language. 2nd. edition. Stuttgart 1836.

<sup>1</sup> *Patentiora sunt nobis Italis Hispanisve, quis neget? Veneris ostia.* (With us, Italians or Spaniards, the orifices of Love are more open,—who can deny the fact?). *Aloysia Sigaea* *Satira sotadica*, p. 305. Compare

*Martial*, I, Bk. XI. epigram 22. Less frequently, and only for later times, may the reason have existed which *Martial* specifies in the case of the young wife, *Martial* Bk. XI. epigr. 78:

Paedicare semel cupido dabit illa  
marito,  
Dum metuit teli vulnera prima  
novi.

(She—the newly-wed wife—will allow her longing husband just *once* to lie with her as with a man, while she still dreads the first wounds of the unfamiliar weapon). *Comp. Priapeia*, carmen II.

<sup>2</sup> For this reason the Greeks called the pathic sodomite also *σφιγκτήρ* or *σφιγκτής*. *Hesychius*: *σφιγκται οἱ κιναιδοὶ καὶ ἀπαλοὶ.* (*σφιγκται* = sodomites and effeminate men). *Photius*: *σφιγκται Κρατῖνος τοὺς κιναιδώδεις καὶ μαλθάκους.* (*σφιγκται* used

the "Constrictor cunni" in strength. So it is by no means improbable that the Apostle Paul is accurate when he says<sup>1</sup>: "Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonoured among themselves; *for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature*: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness."

In Asia *natural* copulation formed a part of the Temple service of Venus, and in course of time Paederastia as well was joined with it, as is seen from the following passage of St. Athanasius<sup>2</sup>:

by Cratinus = sodomitish and womanish men). *Strato* in Antholog. MS.:

Σφιγκτῆρ οὐκ ἔστιν παρὰ  
παρθένω, οὐδὲ φίλημα  
Ἀπλοῦν, οὐ φυσικὴ χρωτὸς  
εὐπνοίη.

(With a virgin there is no sphincter, no frank kiss, no natural fragrance of the skin).

*Hesychius* sub verbo:

μεγαρικαὶ σφίγγες·

Καλλίας πόρνους τινὰς οὕτως  
εἴρηκειν.

(*Hesychius* (Lexicon) on the phrase *μεγαρικαὶ σφίγγες* says: Callias speaks of certain harlots by this title).

*Suidas* sub verbo:

μεγαρικαὶ σφίγγες.

αἱ πόρνοι οὕτως εἴρηνται,  
ἴσως δὲ ἐντεῦθεν καὶ σφίγγ-  
ται οἱ μαλακοὶ  
ὠνομάσθησαν· ἢ καὶ ἀπὸ  
Μαίας οὕτω λεγομένης ἐν  
Μεγάροις·

Ἄλλ' ἔστιν ἡμῖν Μεγαρικὴ  
τις μηχανή.  
ἄντι τοῦ, πονηρὰ· διεβάλ-  
λοντο γὰρ ἐπὶ πονηρίᾳ οἱ·  
Μεγαρεῖς.

(*Suidas* (Lexicon) on the phrase *μεγαρικαὶ σφίγγες* says: harlots are so called, and perhaps for the same reason debauched men are entitled *σφίγγται*; or else from a saying current in Megara to this effect:—But we have a certain *Megarian* trick,—that is a *knavish* one. For the Magarians were ill spoken of for their knavishness).

<sup>1</sup> Epistle to the Romans, ch. I. vv. 24—26, 27.

<sup>2</sup> *Athanasius*, Oratio contra Gentes, ch. 26. in "Opera Omnia studio Monachorum Ord. St. Benedicti." (Complete Works of St. Athanasius. edit. by the Monks of the Order of St. Benedict). Padua 1777. folio.—Vol. I. p. 1.

“Sane olim Phoeniciae mulieres in idolorum templis  
 “prius prostabant, sui que meretricii quaestus pri-  
 “mordia diis, qui illic colebantur, consecrabant, suam  
 “deam stupris propitiam reddi, benevolamque hoc  
 “pacto effici ratae. Viri quoque propriam  
 “ementiti naturam, nec amplius mares  
 “se esse patientes, in feminas se  
 “converterunt, pergratum et honori-  
 “ficum matri deorum se ita facturas  
 “arbitrati. Omnes denique una cum perditissimis  
 “vivunt, et secum ipsi pugnant ut peiores quotidie  
 “evadant, atque ut dixit sanctus Christi minister  
 “Paulus:—(Here follows the passage just quoted from  
 “the Epistle to the Romans.)—Haec autem et similia  
 “agendo, fatentur certe et arguunt deos, quos ipsi colunt,  
 “huiusmodi vitam duxisse, scilicet ex Jove puerorum  
 “corruptiones atque adulteria, ex Venere meretriciam  
 “vitam . . . ex aliis alia didicere, quae quidem cum  
 “leges puniunt, tum probi homines abhorrent.”

(Indeed the Phoenician women used in former times to prostitute themselves for hire in the temples of their idols and to offer up the gains of their fornication as first-fruits to the deities that were worshipped therein, deeming that in this way they won the favour and goodwill of their goddess. Moreover men, perverting their own proper nature, and no more enduring to be males, turned themselves into the likeness of women, supposing that by so doing they rendered a service most grateful and honourable to the Mother of the Gods. In one word they all consort with the most abandoned of mankind, and strive one with the other how they may grow worse and worse day by day; and as St. Paul the Apostle of Christ says:—(Here follows the passage just quoted from the Epistle to the Romans.)—By such and such-like acts they verily confess and show forth that those gods that themselves worship led lives of a like kind. Thus from Jupiter they learned to seduce boys and to commit adultery, from Venus harlotry, and so on from the

other gods other vile practices,—practices which are at once punished by the laws and abominated by every honourable man). The same passage explains also how the Old Testament comes to designate Cinaedi (on pathic Sodomites) by the expression קֹדֶשׁ (kadêsh, sanctus,—holy, consecrated). This originally implied nothing more than a person who devoted himself for the glory of a God as a servant in his Temple; and we have good reason for believing we can establish the conjecture that the whole cult of the Priests of Cybelé, etc., who had to practice emasculation and who were known by the name of *Galli*, rests originally on a simple misunderstanding of the expressions εὐνοῦχοι and ἀνδρογῦνοι (eunuchs, men-women),—expressions which will be discussed later on,—these words having meant at first nothing more than *Cinaedi* (sodomites). It was only in later times that Paederastia became a motive for Castration, as by this means the body of the male could be made to preserve for a longer period the youthful boyishness that approximated it to the female form. This is shown in the following passage of Lucian <sup>1</sup>, a passage of special interest for the history of Paederastia:

“So at first when men still lived the old heroic life and revered virtue that brought them nearer the gods, they obeyed the laws that nature had laid down and marrying in due proportion of age became the fathers of noble children. But little by little the age degenerated from that high level

<sup>1</sup> Amores, chs 20, 21. The hetaera Glycera would seem, according to *Clearchus*' report, to have said, καὶ οἱ παῖδες ἔισι καλοὶ, ὅσον ἐόκασι γυναικὶ χρόνον. (And boys are beautiful for so long as they resemble a woman). *Athenaeus*, Deipnos. bk. XIII. p. 605 D. According to *Hel-*

*lanicus*, as *Donatus*, on *Terence's Eunuch.*, I. 2. 87. notifies, the custom of emasculating boys would seem to have come from the Babylonians. *Herodotus*, III. 92., says that the Babylonians were bound to deliver every year as tribute to the Persian king 500 castrated boys.

“to the pit of sensual indulgence, and struck out  
 “new and abnormal modes of gratification. Soon  
 “a reckless licentiousness broke the very laws of  
 “nature; and for the first time a lover looked on a  
 “*man* as on a woman to lust after him, and worked  
 “his wicked will either by superior force or by dint  
 “of artful persuasions. So in one bed came together  
 “one and the same sex. And each seeing himself  
 “in the other, took no shame in anything they did or  
 “in anything they suffered to be done. Wasting their  
 “seed on barren <sup>1</sup> rocks, as the saying goes, they  
 “bought a brief pleasure at the cost of deepest  
 “infamy. Indeed with some to such a height of  
 “overmastering force did their reckless passion rise  
 “that they actually violated nature with the knife;  
 “and only when they had emptied men of their  
 “manliness did they attain the summit and acmé of  
 “their gratification.

“But the wretched and unhappy creatures, that  
 “they may remain longer boys, suffer themselves to  
 “be no more men,—an ambiguous riddle midway  
 “between the sexes, neither preserving the sex they  
 “were born to, nor yet having any other to belong

<sup>1</sup> As a matter of curiosity a tale of *Phlegon*, *De Rebus mirabilibus*, ch. 26., may find a place here. According to the report of the physician *Dorotheus* a *Cinaedus* (pathic sodomite) at Alexandria in Egypt bore a child, which was preserved at that place. The text reads, *Δωρόθεος δέ φησιν ὁ ἰατρός ἐν Ἰπομνήμασιν, ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείᾳ, τῇ κατ' Αἴγυπτον, κίναιδον τεκεῖν τὸ δέ βρέφος ταριχευθὲν, χάριν τοῦ παραδόξου, φυλάττεσθαι.* (Now *Dorotheus* the Physician says in his *Memoirs*, that at Alexandria

in Egypt a *cinaedus* brought forth; and that the babe was mummified and kept as a curiosity). The same thing is reported in the following chapter of a slave with the Roman army in Germany under the command of *T. Curtilius Mancias*. These stories may possibly borrow some probability from modern investigations as to the “foetus” within the “foetus”. The expression “to sow seed on barren rocks” occurs, it may be mentioned, very frequently in connection with *paederastia* in the *Fathers*.

“to. The bloom that was kept a while in youth  
 “wITHERS in old age and makes them wither with it  
 “in premature decay. At one moment they are  
 “counted as boys, then lo! they are old men; there  
 “is no middle time of manhood between the two.  
 “Thus wanton luxury, the foul mother of every evil  
 “thing, contriving shameful pleasures one to cap the  
 “other, fell into the slough of that *disease* that can-  
 “not even be named with decency, (μέχρι τῆς οὐ  
 “ῥηθῆναι δυναμένης εὐπρεπῶς νόσου) that no  
 “province of impurity might remain unexplored.”

In later times indeed castration was resorted to  
 after the attainment of man's estate, in order that  
 the Eunuchs might be able to appease the titillation of  
 sensual desire in the women without fear of impregn-  
 ating them <sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> *Juvenal*, Sat. VI. 366 sqq.,

Sunt quas eunuchi imbelles ac  
 mollia semper  
 Oscula delectent et desperatio  
 barbae.  
 Et quod abortivo non est  
 opus, illa voluptas  
 Summa tamen, quod iam calida  
 matura iuventa  
 Inguina traduntur medicis, iam  
 pectine nigro.  
 Ergo expectatos ac iussos crescere  
 primum,  
 Testiculos, postquam coeperunt esse  
 bilibres,  
 Tonsoris damno tantum rapit Helio-  
 dorus.

(Women there are to find  
 delight in unwarlike eunuchs  
 and kisses ever soft and the  
 lack of a beard that can never  
 grow, and this especially be-  
 cause then there is no need  
 for any abortive. But the  
 pleasure is greatest when the  
 organs are delivered full-grown  
 to the surgeons, just in the  
 heat of youth, just when the  
 down of puberty is darkening.

Then when the testicles, long  
 looked for and at first en-  
 couraged to grow, begin to be  
 of double balanced weight, lo!  
 Heliodorus whips them off,—  
 to the barber's loss).

*Martial*, VI. 67.,

Cur tantum Eunuchos habeat tua  
 Gellia, quaeris  
 Pannice? vult futui Gellia, non  
 parere.

(Why your Gellia is fain to  
 have eunuchs only, do you  
 ask, Pannicus? Because she  
 wishes to be f-ck-d, not to  
 be a mother). In longam  
 securamque libidinem exsectus  
 spado, (A eunuch castrated  
 with a view to long-continued  
 and *harmless* lust), says St.  
 Jerome. The information given  
 by *Galen* (De usu Partium  
 bk. XIV. 15. edit. Kühn,  
 vol. IV. p. 571) is notable,  
 to the effect that the athletes  
 at Olympia were castrated,  
 that their strength might not

In Syria, where this vicious practice of paederastia was especially in vogue, the Jews also appear to have been acquainted with it <sup>1</sup>. From Asia, whether through the instrumentality of the Phoenicians, or as *Welcker* <sup>2</sup> maintains, through that of the Lydians, Paederastia came in the first instance to Crete, and spread from thence over the whole of Greece <sup>3</sup>.

Just as was the case with the cult of Venus in that country, so the "love of boys" assumed quite a different form in Greece. As *Paedophilia* (Affection for boys) it took rank as one of the means of

be wasted by coition. Have the words "Olimpia agona" (Olimpic — Olympic — games) been in some way misunderstood in the passage?

<sup>1</sup> Genesis XIX. 4., Levit., XVIII. 2., XXIX. 13.

<sup>2</sup> *Welcker*, Aeschylus—Trilogy, p. 356.

<sup>3</sup> *Athenaeus*, Deipnosoph., p. 602., τοῦ παιδεραστειῖν παρὰ πρώτων Κρητῶν εἰς τοὺς Ἕλληνας παρελθόντος, ὡς ἱστορεῖ Τίμαιος. (The practice of paederastia having been introduced among the Greeks first by the Cretans, as Timaeus relates).—*Heraclitus Ponticus*, fragment. περὶ πολιτείας III. p. 7.—*Servius* on Virgil—Aeneid bk X. 325., de Cretensibus accepimus, quod in amore puerorum intemperantes fuerunt, quod postea in Laconas et totam Graeciam translatum est. (Of the Cretans we have been told that they were excessive in their love of boys, a practice afterwards imported into Laconia and all parts of

Greece.) Comp. *K. O. Müller*, "Die Dorier", (The Dorians), Vol. II. pp. 240 sqq. *K. Höck*, "Kreta", (Crete), Vol. III. p. 106. Though in Crete as in all Dorian States Paedophilia was a universal and official institution, yet paederastia too was common enough, as is shown by the censure expressed by *Plato* (De Legibus bk. I. 636., bk. VII. 836.) and *Plutarch*, (De puerorum educatione ch. 14.).—as also by the expression *Κρητὰ τρόπον* (Cretan fashion) given in *Hesychius*; and probably the word *κρητίζειν* (to play the Cretan) is to be understood from this point of view also. *Pfeffinger*, "De Cretum vitiis," (Of the Vices of the Cretans). Strasbourg 1701. 4to.) From this *Aristotle* (Politics II. 7. 5.) may have got the idea that the lawgiver in Crete introduced paederastia in order to check the increase of population. *Hesychius* says at any rate *κρητὰ τρόπον*,

education, being consecrate to the heavenly Eros, while Paederastia (Carnal love of boys) fell to the province of the common Eros. Down to quite modern times Paedophilia has been confounded with Paederastia, and in this way a shameful stigma attached to the Greek nation,—a stigma that *Meier*, following the initiative of *Jacobs* and *K. O. Müller* (loco citato), was the first to free the Greeks from. Granted, the two things approached very near each other; still *Paederastia was never approved by the Greeks*<sup>1</sup>. At Sparta the violation of boys was

παιδικοῖς χρῆσθαι. (Cretan fashion, i.e. to indulge in boy-loves). Of the Scythians later on.

<sup>1</sup> Thus *Plutarch*, *Eroticus*, ch. 5., Ἡ δὲ ἀπὸ τῶν ἀρρένων ἀκόντων, μετὰ βίας γενομένη καὶ λεηλασίας, ἀνδρῶν ἐκουσίως, σὺν μαλακίᾳ καὶ θηλότητι βαίνεσθαι κατὰ Πλάτωνα νόμῳ τετραπόδος καὶ παιδοσπορεῖσθαι παρὰ φύσιν ἐνδιδόντων, χάρις ἄχαρις παντάπασιν καὶ ἀσχήμων καὶ ἀναφρόδιτος. (But the pleasure that is won from males against their will by dint of force or robbery, or if voluntarily, then only because in their wantonness and effeminacy they consent to men *treading them*, as Plato puts it, *like a four-footed beast*, and emitting seed with them unnaturally—this pleasure is a *graceless* one altogether, and unseemly and *loveless*). The passage of Plato referred to here is in the *Phaedrus*, p. 250 E., ὥστε

οὐ σέβεται προσορῶν, ἀλλ' ἡδονῇ παραδοὺς τετραπόδος νόμον βαίνειν ἐπιχειρεῖ καὶ παιδοσπορεῖν, καὶ ὕβρει προσομιλῶν οὐδέδοικεν οὐδ' αἰσχύνεται παρὰ φύσιν ἡδονῇ διώκων. (And so he feels no reverence when he looks on him, but giving way to pleasure endeavours to *tread like a four-footed beast* and to emit his seed, and using insolent violence in his intercourse, has no fear and no shame in pursuing pleasure in an unnatural way). As something *παρὰ φύσιν* (contrary to nature) we find paederastia further characterized in *Athenaeus*, *Deipnosoph.*, bk. XIII. p. 605. *Lucian*, *Amores*, 19. *Philo*, *De legg. spec.*, II. p. 306. 17. *Libanius*, *Orat.*, XIX. p. 500. ἡ παράνομος Ἀφροδίτη. (Unlawful Love). *Galen*, *De diagnos. et curat. anim. effect.* (On the Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of Animals). edit. Kühn. Vol. V. p. 30. τῆς παρὰ φύσιν αἰσχροουργίας

punished by loss of civil rights, exile or death<sup>1</sup>, and it was the same at Athens, as *Meier* (loco citato) pp. 167 sqq.) has sufficiently proved. The fact that the laws relating to this offence were promulgated at Athens only after the time of *Solon* shows that paederastia, as well as brothels, did not come into use there till about that time. True Athens in later times was quite as notorious for the prevalence there of paederastia as Corinth was for its Gay Women<sup>2</sup>; and Aristophanes' Comedies

(of unnatural viciousness). In the *Anthologia Graeca*, bk. II. tit. 5. No. 10. is the distich following by an unknown author:

Υἱὸς Πατρικίου μάλα κόσ-  
μιος, ὃς διὰ Κύπριον  
Οὐχ ὀσίην ἐτάρους πάν-  
τας ἀποστρέφεται.

(Son of Patricius, a very discreet man, who by *unholy love seduces* all his comrades). But above all the passage in *Aeschines*, Orat. in Timarch. edit. Reiske, p. 146., is to the point in this connection: ὀρίζομαι δ' εἶναι, τὸ μὲν ἐρᾶν τῶν καλῶν καὶ σωφρόνων, φιλανθρώπου, πάθος καὶ εὐγνώμονος ψυχῆς· τὸ δὲ ἀσελγαίνειν ἀργυρίουτινὰ μισθούμενον, ὕβριστοῦ καὶ ἀπαιδεύτου ἀνθρώπου ἔργον εἶναι ἡγοῦμαι· καὶ τὸ μὲν ἀδιαφθόρως ἐρᾶσθαι, φημι καλὸν εἶναι· τὸ δὲ ἐπαρθέντα μισθῷ πεπορευῆσθαι, αἰσχρόν. (Now I make this distinction; that to love honourable and prudent friends is the passion of an amiable and reasonable soul; whereas to

behave licentiously, hiring anyone for the purpose, I consider the act of a ruffianly and uncultivated man. Similarly, to be loved purely, I declare to be a noble thing; but, induced by pay, to allow oneself to be debauched, a foul thing). Anyone who has read this passage attentively, together with what follows in the Speech, cannot possibly any longer confound Paedophilia with Paederastia, or maintain that the latter was approved by the Greeks.

<sup>1</sup> *Aelian*, Var. Hist., III. 12. — *Xenophon*, De republ. Lacedaem, II. 13., Sympos., VIII. 35. *Plato*, De leg., VIII p. 912.

<sup>2</sup> *Lucian*, Amores, 41., Μηδὲν ἀχθεσθῆς, εἰ ταῖς Ἀθήναις ἢ Κόρινθος εἴξει, (Do not be annoyed, if Corinth yields to Athens), on which the scholiasts add the explanation: ἢ ὡς τῆς Κορίνθου μὲν ἀνακειμένης Ἀφροδίτῃ (διὸ καὶ πολλὴ ἐν Κορίνθῳ ἢ γυναικεία μίξις) Ἀθηρῶν δὲ παιδεραστία κομώντων ἦτοι τῇ κατὰ φιλοσοφίαν

show only too abundantly how much occasion he could find for scourging the "Pathics", and how the Gymnasia and Palaestrae (Wrestling-grounds) also were responsible for a great deal of the harm done.

For, as Aristophanes<sup>1</sup> says:

ἐν παιδοτριβῶν δὲ καθίζοντας, τὸν μηρὸν ἔδει  
 προβαλέσθαι  
 τοὺς παῖδας, ὅπως τοῖς ἔξωθεν μηδὲν δειξίαν  
 ἀπηνές.  
 εἴτ' αὖ πάλιν αὐθις ἀνισταμένους ξυμψῆσαι, καὶ  
 προνοῆσαι  
 εἰδῶλον τοῖσιν ἐρασταῖσιν τῆς ἡβῆς μὴ  
 καταλείπειν.

(Of old when boys sat at the trainer's, they were bound to throw out the thigh, so as not to expose to the spectators' gaze anything unbecoming; then again when they got up again, they had to scrape out the mark in the sand, and take care not to leave behind a model of their youthful shape,—an incitement to lovers).

Besides the Gymnasia and Palaestrae, the barber's

καὶ σώφροσι ἢ τῇ τῷ ὄντι  
 μιᾶρᾳ καὶ διαβεβλημένῃ.  
 (while Corinth is devoted to  
 Aphrodité (wherefore in Co-  
 rinth there is much varied inter-  
 course with women), Athens  
 prides herself on paederastia,  
 whether a love of boys that  
 is philosophic and wise, or a  
 love that is veritably vile  
 and despicable). *Aristophanes*,  
*Plutus*, vv. 149—152.,

Καὶ τὰς χ' ἐταίρας φασὶ  
 τὰς Κορινθίας,  
 Ὅταν μὲν αὐτὰς τις πένης  
 πειρῶν τύχη

Οὐδὲ προσέχειν τὸν νοῦν  
 εἰάν δὲ πλούσιος,  
 Τὸν πρωκτὸν ἀντὶ  
 εὐθὺς ὡς τοῦτον  
 τρέπειν.

(And they say that the Corinthian hetaerae, should any poor man chance to solicit them, pay no attention whatever; but if it be a rich man, at once they turn their posterior to him).

<sup>1</sup> *Clouds*, vv. 973 sqq.—see also F. A. Wolf's German translation.

shops (*κουρεία*)<sup>1</sup>, perfumers' shops (*μυροπωλεία*)<sup>2</sup>, Surgeries (*ιατρεία*)<sup>3</sup>, Money-changers' counters (*τράπεζαι*)<sup>4</sup>, bath-houses<sup>5</sup>, and to a greater or less extent all kinds of workshops (*ἐργαστήρια*)<sup>6</sup>, particularly when in situations handy to the Market, served as trysting-places of the pederasts and pathics. Here the former sought victims for their vicious desires, and the latter opportunities to sell their persons; while many of the proprietors of such places may well have acted as Procurers (*προαγωγοί, μαστροποί*,—Procurers, Pandars) for this purpose. The vice itself was chiefly practised in lonely, obscure parts of the town, and particularly on the Pnyx hill<sup>7</sup>.

The Eleans and Bœotians are not only reproached with pederastia, but the violation of boys is alleged to have been *allowed* among these peoples<sup>8</sup>. Megara

<sup>1</sup> *Lysias*, *Contra Pancl.*, 731., from which passage it would seem that each "Deme" had its own *κουρείον* (barber's shop) in the city. *Demosthenes*, *Contra Aristogit.*, 786, 7. *Theophrastus*, *Charact.*, VIII. 5. XI. *Plutarch*, *Sympos.*, V. 5. *Aristophanes*, *Plut.*, 339.

<sup>2</sup> *Aristophanes*, *Knights*, 1380., where the expression *τὰ μειράκια τῶν τῷ μύρῳ* (the striplings, those in the myrrh-market) is intentionally ambiguous.

<sup>3</sup> *Aelian*, *Var. Hist.*, VIII.8. *Aeschines*, *In Timarch.*, § 40. says that Timarchus resided at the Surgery of Euthydicus, not to learn medicine, but to sell his person.

<sup>4</sup> *Theophrastus*, *Charact.*, V. edit. Ast, p. 183.

<sup>5</sup> *Theophrastus*, *Charact.*, VIII. 4.

<sup>6</sup> *Xenophon*, *Memorab.*, IV. 2. 1. *Diogenes Laertius*, III. 21.

<sup>7</sup> *Aeschines*, *In Timarch.*, p. 35., *τὰς ἐρημίαις καὶ τὸ σκότος ἐν πλείστη ὑποφία ποιούμενος*. (regarding the lonely localities and the darkness as in the highest degree suspicious). p. 112. p. 90., *ἡ πράξις αὕτη εἴωθε γίνεσθαι λάθρα καὶ ἐν ἐρημίαις*. (this practice is usually carried on secretly and in lonely places). p. 104, it is said that Timarchus had more experience *περὶ τῆς ἐρημίας ταύτης καὶ τοῦ τόπου ἐν τῇ Πηνυί*. (about this lonely spot and the locality of the Pnyx) than of the Areopagus. *Comp. Plato*, *Sympos.*, p. 217 b.

<sup>8</sup> *Plato*, *Sympos.* p. 182. 6. *Xenophon*, *Sympos.* VIII.

it is true is charged with ὕβρις (shameful violence), a common designation for paederastia<sup>1</sup>, but we may certainly doubt whether the temple of Ἀφροδίτη πρᾶξις there, which *Pausanias*<sup>2</sup>, mentions, had anything to do with this vice. The author in question says: "After the sanctuary of Dionysus is shown "a temple of Venus. The image of Venus is of "ivory, and is calted Aphrodité *Praxis*. It is the "most ancient image in the temple." No other author however mentions any such cult as existing in Megara, and even though the word πρᾶξις (intercourse), as *Meier* (loco citato p. 153, note 49) has shown by examples, is used specially of paederastia, yet at the same time the passage of *Euripides*, Ion 894.

θεὸς ὁμειννέτας ἄγες ἀναιδείᾳ  
Κύπριδι χάριν πράσσων.

(Thou, god, partner of my bed, didst lead me, in shamelessness *doing favour to Cypris—Love*), clearly proves that πράσσειν (to do, to have intercourse) was used of coition generally<sup>3</sup>.

Moreover in the passage of *Plutarch* quoted a

34.—*Cicero*, De Republ., IV. 4., Apud. Eleos et Thebanos in amore ingenuorum libido etiam permissam habet et solutam licentiam. (Among the Eleans and Thebans, in the love of free men, lust has actually a permitted and unchecked licence). *Maximus Tyrius*, Diss. XXXIX. p. 467. *Plutarch*, De pueror. educat., ch. 14. The Elean "boy-loving" was even more notorious than the Boeotian. *Xenophon*, De Republ. Lacedaem., II. 13. *Maximus Tyrius*, Diss., XXVI. p. 317.

<sup>1</sup> *Theognis*, Sentent., 39.

<sup>2</sup> *Descript. Graeciae*, Bk. I. ch. 43., Μετὰ δὲ τοῦ Διονύσου τὸ ἱερόν ἐστὶν Ἀφροδίτης ναός· ἄγαλμα δὲ ἐλέφαντος Ἀφροδίτη πεποιημένον, Πρᾶξις ἐπὶ κλησὶν τοῦτ', ἐστὶν ἀρχαιότατον ἐν τῷ ναῶ·  
<sup>3</sup> *Pollux*, *Onomast.*, bk. VII. ch. 33. says: εἰ δὲ χορὴ καὶ τὰς αἰσχίους πράξεις τέχνας ὀνομάζειν, (if that is we must call the more disgraceful πράξεις—doings, modes of intercourse—arts); and then cites the different designations of whores, brothels, etc.

little above paederastia is called *χάρις ἄχαρις* (a grace that is without grace) and further down "*Ἔρως, Ἀφροδίτης μὴ παρούσης, — Ἔρως χωρὶς Ἀφροδίτης*, (Love—Eros—where Aphrodité is not, Love without Aphrodité); so how can it have been regarded by the Greeks as under the *patronage* of Venus? Undoubtedly *πρᾶξις* is here synonymous with *πόρνη* (harlot), and the *Ἀφροδίτη πρᾶξις* at Megara is nothing else than the *Ἀφροδίτη πόρνη* of other cities.

*Chalcis* had gained such notoriety for paederastia<sup>1</sup>, that *χαλκιδίζειν* (to act the Chalcidian) was said proverbially for *παιδεραστεῖν* (to practise paederastia). It was the same with *Chios* and *Siphnos*, as the expressions *χιάζειν* and *σιφνιάζειν* (to play the Chian, the Siphnian) in *Hesychius* prove. *Hesychius* says indeed *σιφνιάζειν*: i.e. to finger behind; for the Siphnians are ill-spoken of as enjoying boy-lovers. To act the Siphnian then means, to poke with the finger. But the first explanation by *καταδακτυλίζειν* (to finger behind), as well as the gloss of *Suidas*<sup>2</sup>, show clearly that the inhabitants of the island of *Siphnos*,—one of the *Cyclades*, practised a species, if we may use the expression, of *Onania postica* (back-door, posterior masturbation),—like the cobbler at *Vienna*, who to allay the *Prurigo ani* (itching of the anus) pushed his hammer up his posterior, and then alas! could not pull it

<sup>1</sup> *Hesychius* under the word *χαλκιδίζειν*. *Athenaeus* *Deipnos.*, bk. XIII. p. 601 e. *Plutarch*, *Amat.*, 38. '2.

<sup>2</sup> *Σιφνιάζειν*· ἐπὶ τῶν τὰς χεῖρας προσαγόντων τοῖς ἰσχύοις, ὡς περὶ λεσβιάζειν ἐπὶ τῶν παρανομούντων ἐν τοῖς ἀφροδισίοις· σιφνιάζειν δὲ καὶ λεσβιάζειν, ἀπὸ τῆς νήσου Σίφνου καὶ τῆς Λέσβου· ὡς καὶ τὸ κρητίζειν ἀπὸ τῆς Κρήτης· καὶ τὸ Σίφνιος

δὲ ἀρῆαβῶν, ὁμοίως σιφνιάζειν γὰρ τὸ ἀπτεσθαί τῆς πυγῆς δακτύλῳ. Λεσβιάζειν δὲ τὸ τῷ στόματι παρατομεῖν. *Hesychius* s. v. *Σίφνιοι*· ἀνάδαρτοι· ἀπὸ Σίφνου τῆς νήσου. *Σίφνιος* ἀρῆαβῶν· περὶ τῶν Σιφνίων ἄτοπα διεδίδοτο, ὡς τῷ δακτύλῳ σκιμαλίζοντων· δηλοῖ οὖν τὸν διὰ δακτυλίου αἰδούμενον ἐπὶ τοῦ κακοσχόλου. (To play the Siphnian :

out again. In the same way the Siphnians used the fingers <sup>1</sup>.

The inhabitants of Italy were according to *Suidas* (under the name *Θάμυρις*—Thamyris) inventors of paederastia; and Etruscans, Samnites and Messapians, as well as the Greeks dwelling in Magna Graecia, lay under the reproach of practising the most vicious forms of love with men and violation of boys <sup>2</sup>. In all probability the vice spread from here to Rome, where it is found as early as the year 433 A.U.C. <sup>3</sup>. To such an extent did it increase that in 585 A.U.C. (B.C. 169), as *Meier* has demonstrated, the *Lex Scantinia* had to be passed against it. Yet all this amounted as yet to nothing in comparison with the scenes of horror that were enacted under the Emperors *Tiberius*, *Caligula*, etc., of whom *Martial* <sup>4</sup> says:

said of those who apply the hands to the loins; as "to play the Lesbian" of those who act viciously in carnal pleasures. *Σιφνιαξεν* and *λεσβιάξεν* from the islands Siphnos and Lesbos; just as the expression *κρητίξεν* (to play the Cretan) from Crete. Also the phrase "*Siphnian* surety"; for in the same way "to play the Siphnian" means to finger the posterior. But "to play the Lesbian"; to act viciously with the mouth.—*Hesychius* under the word *Σίφνιοι*: Siphnians, i.e. unclean persons; from the island of Siphnos. "*Siphnian* surety": of the Siphnians abominable tales were told, to the effect that they poked the posterior with the finger. Signifies therefore one who acts disgracefully in connection with the anus,

said of the idle voluptuary. Comp. *σιμαλίσαι, σινδαρεύεσθαι* in the same—*Hesychius*.

<sup>1</sup> Comp. *Libanius*, In Florent., p. 430. *Toup*, Opusc. critic., Leipzig 1780. p. 420.

<sup>2</sup> *Athenaeus*, Deipnos., bk. XIII. p. 517 f.

<sup>3</sup> *Dionysius of Halicarnassus*, Exc. p. 2336. *Valerius Maximus*, Bk. VI. 1. 9. *Suidas*, under *Γαίος Λαιτώριος* (Caius Laetorius).

<sup>4</sup> Bk IX. Epigr. 9. Comp. *Suetonius*, Nero 28, 29. *Dio Cassius*, LXII. 28., LXIII. 13. *Juvenal*, Satir. I. 62., and especially *Tacitus*, Annal., Bk. XV. 37.—*Tatian*, Orat. ad Graec., p. 100., *Παιδεραστία μὲν ὑπὸ βαρβάρων διώκεται, προνομίας δὲ ὑπὸ Ῥωμαίων ἤξίωται, παίδων ἀγέλας, ὥσπερ ἵππων φορ-*

Tanquam parva foret sexus iniuria nostri  
 Foedandos populo prostituisse mares <sup>1</sup>,  
 Iam cunae leonis erant, ut ab ubere raptus  
 Sordida vagitu posceret aera puer,  
 Immatura dabant infandas corpora poenas.  
 Non tulit Ausonius talia monstra pater:  
 Idem qui teneris nuper succurrit ephebis,  
 Ne faceret steriles saeva libido viros.  
 Diluxere prius pueri, iuvenesque senesque:  
 At nunc infantes te quoque, Caesar, amant.

(As though it were a small wrong done our sex to make males prostitutes <sup>2</sup> to be debauched by the crowd, cradles now became a part of the brothel-keeper's stock in trade, that the baby-boy torn from

βάδων, συναγείρειν αὐτῶν  
 περιωμένων. (Paederastia is followed by barbarians generally, but is held in preeminent esteem by Romans, who endeavour to get together herds of boys, as it were of brood mares). *Justin Martyr*, Apolog., I. p. 14., Πρῶτον μὲν ὅτι τοὺς πάντας σχεδὸν ὀρῶμεν ἐπὶ πορνείᾳ προάγοντας, οὐ μόνον τὰς κόρας, ἀλλὰ καὶ τοὺς ἄρσενας· καὶ ὃν τρόπον λέγονται οἱ παλαιοὶ ἀγέλας βοῶν, ἢ αἰγῶν, ἢ προβάτων τρέφειν, ἢ ἵππων φορβάδων, οὕτω νῦν δὲ παῖδας, εἰς τὸ αἰσχρῶς χοῆσθαι μόνον, καὶ ὁμοίων θηλειῶν, καὶ ἀνδρογύνων, καὶ ἀρρήτοποιῶν πλήθος κατὰ τὸ πᾶν ἔθνος ἐπὶ τοῦτου τοῦ ἄγους ἔστηκεν. (First because we behold nearly all men seducing to fornication not merely girls, but also males. And just as our fathers are spoken of as keeping herds

of oxen, or goats, or sheep, or of brood mares, so now they keep boys, solely for the purpose of shameful usage, treating them as females, or men-women, and doing unspeakable acts. To such a pitch of pollution has the multitude throughout the whole people come).

<sup>2</sup> That boys were kept in the brothels at Rome as paramours is seen from a host of passages in Ancient authors, e. g. *Martial*, bk. XI. Epigr. 45.,

Intrasti quoties inscriptae limina  
 cellae  
 Seu puer arrisit, sive puella tibi.

(As oft as you have crossed the threshold of a "chamber" inscribed with name on door, whether it were *boy* that threw you a smile, or girl). They, as well as women, had to pay the Whore-tax. Comp. above p. 118. Note 6.

the breast might solicit a sordid wage by his wailing, and immature bodies paid horrible penalties. Horrors such as these the great Father of Italy (Domitian) would not suffer: that same good Emperor who of late came to the rescue of tender youths, that raging lust might not make men unfruitful. Heretofore boys loved him,—and young men and old; now the very infants too love thee, Caesar).

Yet this was of little avail; the vice descended from generation to generation, and passed on to the Christian nations, just as the Roman punishments did in their legal codes.

### Diseases consequent on Paederastia.

#### § 13.

If we consider, first that the contractile power of the *Sphincter ani* muscle offered great resistance to the paederast, a resistance only to be overcome by the exertion of considerable force, secondly that the glands of the *rectum* exude a malodorous secretion, which under the influence of climate,—a subject to be dealt with more precisely later on,—assumes a more or less acrid quality, it will not surprise us to find that manifold forms of disease showed themselves in Ancient times both among paederasts and cinaedi (pathics). These were no doubt all the more serious in cases where the one set of organs or the other was already morbidly affected. As to the paederast indeed the direct evidence is scanty, yet it is not entirely wanting, as may be seen from the following Epigram of *Martial*<sup>1</sup>:

#### IN NAEVOLUM.

Mentula cum doleat puero, tibi, Naevole, culus,  
Non sum divinus, sed scio quid facias.

<sup>1</sup> Bk. III. Epigr. 71.

(To Naevolus.—When I see *pained and sore the boy's penis and your posterior*, Naevolus,—I'm no wizard, but I know what it is you do). Here we see both parts suffering from disease, the paederast in his penis, the pathic in his posterior: and *Martial* concludes Naevolus was a *cinaedus*.

But more especially must phimosis and paraphimosis have had a tendency to be set up in the case of the paederast. These at first, because the continuous state of erection of the *penis* which is a feature of these affections was obviously the most visibly conspicuous symptom, were designated by the name Satyriasis, the usual appellation of the latter condition. This will also give a probable explanation of the mortality from this cause observed by *Themison* in *Crete*<sup>1</sup>,—a locality notorious, as we have seen, for the dishonouring of boys,—and generally for the frequency of Satyriasis, which often took an almost epidemic character in that island. Paraphimosis it should be noted in passing had already been only too frequently noted as affecting masturbators. Physicians indeed say nothing as to the predisposing causes, and explain the disease as arising from an *Acrimonia humorum* (Acridness of the humours) or from drinking a Philtre (Love-potion). *Naumann*<sup>2</sup> appears to wish to make the Satyriasis that prevailed in Crete some form of leprous affection, but for this view we can find absolutely no ground.

<sup>1</sup> *Caelius Aurelianus*, *Acut. morb.* (Acute Diseases), bk. III. ch. 18., *Aliorum autem medicorum, excepto Themisone, nullus hanc passionem conscribit, cum non solum raro, verum etiam coacervatim, saepissime invasisse videatur. Memorat denique Themison, apud Cretam multos satyriasi interfectos.* (But of other physicians none, with the excep-

tion of Themison, describes this complaint, though it appears to have attacked the population very frequently not only sporadically, but actually as an epidemic. In fact Themison records that in Crete men died of Satyriasis).

<sup>2</sup> "Handbuch der medicin. Klinik" (Manual of Clinical Medicine), Vol. VII. pp. 88 and 670.

Much more frequent mention is found of affections of the *rectum* among the pathics as consequences of paederastia. First come fissures, and in their train ulcers of the *rectum*; whence the expressions *sectus*, *percisus* (cut), and the like are applied so often in Roman writers to the pathic, and to his vice generally. So *Martial*<sup>1</sup> says:

## IN CARINUM.

Secti podicis usque ad umbilicum  
Nullas reliquias habet Carinus,  
Et prurit tamen usque ad umbilicum.  
O quanta scabie miser laborat!  
Culum non habet, est tamen cinaedus.

(To Carinus.—Carinus has no relics left of *his fundament, cut up to the very navel*; and yet he itches with desire up to the very navel. Oh! what a vile itch torments the unhappy man! He possesses no posterior, and nevertheless is a cinaedus (pathic).

IN LESBIAM<sup>2</sup>.

De cathedra quoties surgis, jam saepe notavi,  
Paedicant miseram, Lesbia, te tunicae.  
Quas cum conata es dextra, conata sinistra  
Vellere, cum lacrimis eximis et gemitu.  
Sic constringuntur gemina Symplegade culi,  
Et Minyas intrant Cyaneasque nates.  
Emendare cupis vitium deforme? docebo.  
Lesbia, nec surgas censeo, nec sedeas!

(To Lesbia.—As oft as you rise from your chair, Lesbia, I have many a time noticed the fact, *your undergarments, poor lady, play the paederast with you. You endeavour to pluck them away first with the right, anon with the left hand; finally you release them with tears and groaning.* So drawn together are the twin Symplegades of your fundament, and enter in between Minyan and Cyanean buttocks. Would you fain

<sup>1</sup> Bk. VI. Epigr. 37.

<sup>2</sup> *Martial*, Bk. XI. Epigr. 99.

cure *this ungraceful defect?* I will tell you how: I think, Lesbia, you'd better not get up, nor yet sit down!)

Usually indeed the Pathic tried to conceal his complaint, and to make it pass under some other name, as does Charisianus:

DE CHARISIANO <sup>1</sup>.

Multis jam, Lupe, posse se diebus  
Paedicare negat Charisianus.  
Causam cum modo quaererent sodales:  
Ventrem, dixit, habere se solutum.

(On Charisianus.—Charisianus says, Lupus, that for many days he has been unable to indulge in paederastia. When his comrades asked the reason; *his bowels*, he said, *were relaxed!*)

But most frequently of all are the fig-like swellings on the fundament (Ficus, Mariscae,—figs, large figs) mentioned by Ancient authors as a consequence of paederastia.

DE SE PRIAPUS <sup>2</sup>.

Non sum de fragili dolatus ulmo;  
Nec quae stat rigida supina vena,  
De ligno mihi quolibet columna est,  
Sed viva generata de cupresso. —  
Hanc, tu quisquis es, o malus, timeto:  
Nam si vel minimos manu rapaci  
Hoc de palmitate laeseris racemos:  
Nascetur, licet hoc velis negare,  
Inserta tibi ficus a cupresso.

(Priapus on Himself.—I am not hewn of fragile elm, nor is my pillar that stands bent back with penis stiffly erect of any chance wood, but born of the living cypress.—Beware this image, thief, whoe'er thou art; for should you damage with plundering

<sup>1</sup> *Martial*, XI, 88.

<sup>2</sup> *Martial*, VI, 49.

hand the tiniest clusters of this stem, *there shall grow a fig*, deny it if you will, *of cypress-wood inserted up your fundament.*)

DE LABIENO <sup>1</sup>.

Ut pueros emeret Labienus, vendidit hortos,  
Nil nisi ficetum nunc Labienus habet.

(On Labienus.—To buy boys Labienus sold his gardens; nought but *a fig-garden* does Labienus now possess.)

AD CAECILIANUM <sup>2</sup>.

Cum dixi ficus, rides quasi barbara verba.  
Et dici ficos, Caeciliane, iubes.  
Dicemus ficus, quas scimus in arbore nasci,  
Dicemus ficos, Caeciliane, tuos.

(To Caecilianus.—When I have said *ficus*, you laugh, Caecilianus, as though I had committed a solecism, and declare *ficos* should be the word. We will say *ficus*, meaning the figs that we know grow on the tree, but your figs, Caecilianus, we will call *ficos*).

Now too we shall understand the *medico ridente* (the doctor grinning) in the following passage of *Juvenal* (II. 12):

Sed podice laevi  
Caeduntur tumidae, medico ridente, mariscae.

(But from your smooth posterior are cut, the doctor grinning the while, *the bloated swellings*).

<sup>1</sup> *Martial*, Bk. XII. Epigr. 33.

<sup>2</sup> *Martial*, Bk. I. Epigr. 66. The old Grammars had the following lines:

Hæc ficus, fici vel ficus,  
fructus et arbor,

Hic ficus, fici, malus est  
in podice morbus.

(Feminine:—*ficus*. gen. -i and -us, fig and fig-tree; masculine:—*ficus*, gen. -i, is an evil disease of the fundament.

Just as it admits of no doubt that in the passage of *Horace*<sup>1</sup>:

Nam, displosa sonat quantum vesica, pepedi  
Diffissa nate ficos.

(For as loud as a burst bladder sounds, I farted my swellings (ficos—figs) away, splitting the rump), *ficos* and not as commonly *ficus* must be read.

That these morbid growths were not entirely free from contagious matter seems to be indicated by the following passages. In the *Priapeia* (Carm. 50) we read:

Quaedam, si placet hoc tibi, Priape,  
Ficosissima me puella ludit,  
Et non dat mihi, nec negat daturam;  
Causasque invenit usque differendi.  
Quae si contigerit fruenda nobis,  
Totam cum paribus, Priape, nostris  
Cingemus tibi mentulam coronis.

(A certain girl, if it please you to listen, Priapus, is playing with me. Most sorely afflicted is she with swellings; and she will not give herself to me, yet does not say she never will, and ever finds excuses for putting off and putting off. Now if ever she shall be mine to enjoy, I and my comrades with me, will wreath all thy *penis*, Priapus, with garlands). The girl, who was badly affected with these swellings, and that presumably in the secret parts, refuses her lover coition. The latter does not insist, but prays to Priapus, as was habitually done in all cases of affections of the genitals (see p. 74 above) and vows to deck his penis with garlands. It follows that the lover was aware these swellings would be injurious to him, if he should constrain the girl, of whom the poet says, *nec negat daturam* (yet does not say she will *not* give herself), to lie with him. Still clearer evidence of this may be

<sup>1</sup> Satir. Bk. I. Sat. VIII. 46.

found in the following Epigram of *Martial*, where a whole family is affected with these swellings or tumours:

De familia ficosa. <sup>1</sup>

Ficosa est uxor. ficosus et ipse maritus,  
 Filia ficosa est, et gener atque nepos.  
 Nec dispensator, nec villicus, ulcere turpi,  
 Nec rigidus fossor, sed nec arator eget.  
 Cum sint ficosi pariter invenesque senesque,  
 Res mira est, ficus non habet unus ager.

(On a tumourous household.—The goodwife is tumourous, tumourous the goodman her husband, tumourous the daughter of the house, and the son-in-law and the grandson. Neither house-steward nor factor is free of the foul ulcer, nor the rugged ditcher, nor yet the ploughman. Now when all alike, young and old have tumours (ficos, ficus), the strange thing is, not a single field has fig-trees (ficus)). For the rest the words *ulcere turpi* (foul ulcer) show that *ficus*, like *σῦκος* and *σῦκωσις* (fig, fig-like swelling) in Greek, signifies not only a fig-shaped swelling, but also an ulcer with granulous surface, like a fig cut in two. Or possibly it would be better to understand here swellings that have passed into the ulcerated stage <sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> *Martial*, Bk. VII. Epigram 71.

<sup>2</sup> There still remains some doubt in our mind as to the meaning of another Epigram of *Martial's*, Bk. IV. Epigr. 52.

Gestari iunctis nisi desinis,  
 Hedyle, capris  
 Qui modo ficus eras, iam caprif-  
 icus eris,

(Unless you cease, Hedylus, to go with "she-goats" in copulation, you who were but now a fig-tree, will presently be a wild fig-tree (goat-fig)).

If *capra* (she-goat) here has the meaning of *scortum* (common strumpet),—and it cannot very well signify anything else,—the passage is an undoubted proof that such swellings were a consequence of coition with common prostitutes, and that the latter were ordinarily affected with them.—In *Petronius*, Sat. ch. 46., it is said of some one: Ingeniosus est et bono filo etiamsi in nave morbosus est. (He is of good abilities and good fibre, but

Seeing how plainly the passages just quoted from non-medical Writers point to these swellings being a consequence of paederastia, it is surprising that not one of the Ancient physicians, spite of *Juvenal's medico ridente* (the doctor grinning the while), ever so far as we know, alleges this form of licentiousness as cause of affections of the sort. On the other hand we cannot help remarking that the frequency of these swellings in the time of *Martial* and *Juvenal* can hardly be explained as arising solely from the general prevalence of paederastia. More probably, then as now, the *Genius epidemicus* (Epidemic influences) bore no unimportant share in bringing about the result, just as was the case (see later) with *Mentagra* (Eruption of the chin).

However not merely primary affections of the posteriors were the punishment of the *Cinaedus*, but also secondary ones of the *mouth* and *throat*. First and foremost was hoarseness of the voice, to which *Martial*<sup>1</sup> alludes. when he makes the champion of the baths the *cinaedus* Charinus speak *raucidulo ore* (with a weak, hoarse voice). This we find, following

he is diseased with swellings on the fundament.) *Burmam* notes on this: *In nave—id est mariscas habet. Navis est podex ficosus. Hinc dictum illud Casellii apud Quintilianum, (De Instit. Orat. VI. 3. 87.) Consultori dicenti, navem dividere volo, respondentis, perdes. (In nave—that is, he has swellings. Navis (literally a ship) means a fundament afflicted with swellings. Hence the bon mot of Casellius, quoted in Quintilian. In reply to a client who said "I wish to cut (divide into shares) my ship" (navis,*

—means also diseased fundament), he retorted, "It'll be fatal!"

<sup>1</sup> Bk. VII. Epigr. 38.<sup>4</sup> *Persius*, Satir. I. 33., *Hic aliquis—Rancidulum quiddam balba de nare locutus. (Hereupon some one spoke something offensive through stuttering nose—in a stuttering nasal voice). Sidonius Apollinaris*, Epist. bk. IX., *Orationem salebrosas passam iuncturas per cameram volutatam balbutire. (To stammer out through the palate's vault all a-tremble a speech where the periods are joltingly united).*

Reiske's<sup>1</sup> indication, more explicitly dealt with in *Dio Chrysostom*<sup>2</sup>:—

“But this is surely worth mentioning, and it is a thing no one can deny. I mean the noteworthy fact that a disease has attacked so many in this city,—one which I used to hear of as prevailing much more frequently with others than amongst you. What is it I mean? Even though I could explain myself no more clearly, yet you might easily guess the answer. Do not think I am speaking of secrets, of hidden doings, when the astounding fact itself speaks plainly enough. For there are many in this city that are asleep, even while they walk and stand and speak; though they may appear to most observers to be awake, yet it is not really so.

“Now they give, in my opinion, the clearest proof that they are asleep,—they snore (*ῥέγγουσιν*). I cannot, by heaven, express myself more clearly with decency. True only a few of the sleepers

<sup>1</sup> *Joannes Jac. Reiske*, and *Joannes Ern. Faber*, “*Opuscula medica ex monumentis Arabum et Ebraeorum*,” (Medical Tracts—from Arabic and Hebrew Writings), edit. *Ch. G. Gruner*. Halle 1776. 8vo., p. 61 Note: Ita tamen miror, ab antiquitatis patronis argumentum inde allatum non fuisse, quod veterum cinaedi passi fuerint in naribus et in palato vitium, a quo clare non potuerint eloqui, sed *ῥέγγειν*, stertere et rhonchisare debuerint. Cf. diserta sed acris oratio Dionis Chrysostomi Tarsica prior etc. (Yet I wonder at this, that the advocates of its antiquity have not drawn an argument from the fact that among the

Ancients the *cinaedi* suffered from an affection of the nose and palate, that prevented their speaking distinctly, and made them *ῥέγγειν*, snore and snort, Comp. the eloquent, but censorious, Speech of the Rhetor Dio Chrysostom, First Tarsica, etc.) *Gruner* in his *Antiq. Morborum* (Antiquity of Diseases), p. 77., likewise cited this reference, but it appears without having personally compared the passages with precision.

<sup>2</sup> Speeches, edit. by *Joannes Jac. Reiske*. 2 Vols Leipzig 1784 large 8vo., Vol. II. Speech XXXIII (not XXXII, as given in *Reiske* and *Gruner*), pp. 14 sqq.

“are suffering from the complaint I mean, and of  
 “the others it affects only the drunken, the overfed  
 “and such as have lain ill. But I maintain this  
 “vicious practice (*ἔργον*) shames the city and brands  
 “it publicly. The grossest ignominy is brought down  
 “upon their native city by these sleepers by day,  
 “and they ought, I say, to have been expelled  
 “your borders, as has been their fate everywhere  
 “else. For it is not now and then, nor here and  
 “there, they are met with; but at all times and in  
 “all places in the city occasion may be found to  
 “threaten, scorn or deride them. For the rest the  
 “practice has actually penetrated now to boys still  
 “young, and adults that yet would fain be reputable,  
 “suffer themselves to be led away into regarding  
 “the matter as a trifle, and if they refrain from the  
 “decisive step, yet it was their wish to take it.

“If there were a city in which wailing were to  
 “be heard all day long, and no one could walk  
 “about in it, no! not one minute, without listening  
 “to the sound of lamentation, tell me, what man  
 “would willingly stay here? Now wailing, as all  
 “agree, is a sign of unhappiness; but that other sound  
 “is the sign of shamelessness and lewdness the most  
 “scandalous. Surely one would much rather choose  
 “to associate with unhappy men than with paeder-  
 “asts<sup>1</sup>. I might avoid listening, if a single man  
 “were to be blowing the flute everlastingly, but if  
 “in a particular place there is an everlasting noise  
 “of flutes, singing or guitar-playing,—such as might  
 “be where the rocks ever ring with the Syrens’  
 “song,—I could not, having arrived there, endure  
 “to remain. And this unmusical and harsh tone  
 “of voice<sup>2</sup>, what man of any virtue can abide it?

<sup>1</sup> *Ἀκολάστοις* (intemperate). This word often occurs in the sense of paederast, especially when the latter is spoken of as pursuing the vice passionately. Thus *Aeschines*, In

*Timarch.*, pp. 63, 183. *Plato*, *Sympos.*, 186 c.

<sup>2</sup> *Τὸν δὲ γε ἄριον τοῦτον καὶ χαλεπὸν ἦχον.* (This rough and harsh tone of voice). The word *ἄριος* (rough,

“If a man passes in front of a house in which he catches the sound, he says, “Of a surety there is a brothel there!” Now what shall be said of a city where nothing *but* this tone of voice prevails universally, so that no exception can be made of time or day or place whatever? For in streets and houses, in public places, in the theatre and in the Gymnasium, *paederastia* is rife <sup>1</sup>.

“Again I have never yet heard a flute-player of a morning in the city, but this horrible sort of din is raised <sup>2</sup> from earliest dawn.

“I do not indeed shut my eyes to the fact that it will be said I am talking silly nonsense most likely, in making such allegations, and that there is nothing in it. Nay! but surely you are only carrying pot-herbs in your cart, and behold with indifference profusion of white bread on the road, as well as salt and fresh meat. But just consider the thing (*πράγμα* i. e. *paederastia*) in this way too: If any one of these objectors should come into a city, where all men, when they point to a thing, point at it with the middle finger <sup>3</sup>, when any one gives

savage) is specially used of the *paederast*, *Aristophanes*, *Clouds* 347., and the Scholiast on the passage; the same is true of *χάλειπος* (hard, harsh). The Scholiast on *Aeschines*, In *Timarch.*, p. 731 R., ἀγρίους τοὺς σφόδρα ἐπτοημένους περὶ τὰ παιδικὰ καὶ χάλειπους παιδεραστάς. (rough men that are above measure agog for boy-loves,—hard *paederasts*.) All through the Speech are found a host of allusions to the expressions in common use to signify *paederastia*, which may well make the right understanding of it difficult.

<sup>1</sup> *Τὸ πρᾶγμα* (the thing) has the same meaning here as *πρᾶξις* (doing, intercourse) in *Aeschines*, In *Timarch.*, pp. 159, 160. *Plato*, *Sympos.*, 181 b.

<sup>2</sup> *Κινεῖται* (is raised, is stirred), from which the word *Κίναϊδος*, *cinaedus*, is derived.

<sup>3</sup> On the *digitus medius* (middle finger) or *intamus* compare *Upton* on *Arrian's* *Diss. Epictet.*, II. 2. p. 176.—“*Abhandlung von den Fingern*, deren Verrichtungen und symbolischen Beteutung.” (Treatise on the Fingers, their Gestures and Symbolic Meaning). Leipzig 1756. pp. 172 —

“the right hand, gives it with this same gesture, “and when he stretches out the hand, as the people “does in voting or the judges in giving decisions, “does so in the same way, what, pray will he think “of such a city? What, if further all men walk in “this city with skirts up-raised, as if wading in a “quagmire? For do you not really and truly know “what has given occasion to the defamation you “suffer; what it is has offered matter to such as “are unfriendly disposed to you for censure on “your city? Tell me, what is the reason they “nickname you “hawks” (*περσίδες*)<sup>1</sup>”

221. But in particular *Forberg*, loco citato p. 338. note h.: Cum digitus medius porrectus, reliquis incurvatis, tentam repraesentet mentulam cum coleis suis, factum est, ut medium digitum hoc modo ostenderent (Graeci uno verbo dixerunt *σκιμαλίξειν*) cinaedis, sive pelliciendis, sive irridendis. (In as much as the middle finger stretched out, the other fingers being bent under, represents the extended penis with its bags (testicles), it came about that the Greeks used to show the middle finger in this way (the Greeks expressed it by one word *σκιμαλίξειν*) to *cinaedi*, whether to beckon them or by way of derision.). *Martial*, I. 93., Saepe mihi queritur Celsus . . . Tangi se digito, Marmuriane, tuo. (Often Celsus complains to me that he is touched by your finger, Marmurianus.) VI. 70., Ostendit digitum, sed impudicum. (He shows a finger, but an inde-

cent one). *Οἱ δὲ Ἀττικοὶ καὶ τὸν μέσον τῆς χειρὸς δάκτυλον καταπύγων αὐνόμαζον.* (Now the Attics used to call the middle finger of the hand the *lewd* finger.) *Pollux*, *Onomast.*, II. 4. 184. *Suetonius*, *Caligula*, ch. 56., Osculandam manum offerre, formatam commotamque in obscenum modum. (To offer his hand to be kissed, put into an obscene shape and moved in an obscene way.) *Th. Echtermeyer*, “*Progr. über Namen und symbol. Bedeut. der Finger bei den Griechen und Römern.*” (Names and Symbolic Meaning of the Fingers amongst the Greeks and Romans.) Halle 1835. 4to., pp. 41—49., treats very exhaustively of this subject.

<sup>1</sup> On account of the resemblance of its harsh, screeching note? *Reiske* remarks on this passage: Est autem *περσίδες* avis quaedam a stertendo sic dicta, vel stridore, quem edit

“Well, but you opine the question is not what others say of you, but what you really do yourselves? Good; but if a single disease of such a sort attacks a people that they all of them acquire women’s voices, and no man, neither stripling nor grey-beard, can utter a word in a man’s voice, is not this a horrible thing, and harder to bear, I should suppose, than any Plague? For it is not *shameful* to have a fever, nor even to die.

“Nay! but to speak with women’s voice is after all to speak with human voice, and no one is filled with aversion when he hears a woman. But, tell me, whose is this voice; does it not belong to the *Androgyni* (men-women), the *Cinaedi*? or to such as have had the genitals amputated? True it is not invariably found with all such, but it is characteristic of them and a sign of what they are.

“Well then! suppose a stranger from a distance to judge from your voices, what kind of men you are, and what are your pursuits (*πράττειν*,—what it is you do). You are not fit, I tell you, to be neatherds or shepherds. I wonder would any one take you for descendants of the Argives, as you profess to be, or indeed for Greeks at all,—you who outdo the Phoenicians in lubricity? At any rate I do think it would behove a man of any morality in such a city to close his ears with wax far more than if he were sailing past the Syrens’ shore. There he would run the risk of death, but here of foulest licence, of violation, of the vilest seduction.

“Once Ionic harmony was in vogue, or Doric, or yet another sort, the Phrygian and Lydian, now it is the music of Aradus and the Phoenician modes that please you; you love this rhythm *par*

similem iis qui stertunt. (But the *νεσσηνίς*,—hawk, is a bird so called from the snoring, or harsh note it utters, like men

who snore). Comp. *Schneider*, Lexicon, under words *νεσσηνός* and *νέσσω* (hoarseness, to make hoarse).

"*excellence*, as others do the Spondaic. Was ever  
"a race of men that were good musicianers—through  
"the nose?!

(p. 409). "But such a rhythm must needs have  
"something to follow. You would seem not to  
"know what; just as with other nations the wrath  
"of the gods overtook some single part, the hands,  
"the feet or the face<sup>1</sup>, in the same way among  
"you an endemic disease has attacked the nose.  
"Just as the angry Aphrodité they say made the  
"Lemnian women's armpits abominable, know now that  
"the gods in their anger have played havoc with the  
"noses of most of your fellow citizens, and that  
"is why they have this characteristic voice of their  
"own. Indeed from where else could it have come?

"But *I* say this thing is the mark of most  
"infamous lewdness, of most infamous madness, of  
"contempt for all decency (all morality), and (a  
"proof) of the fact that there is no more any single  
"thing held to be disgraceful. Their speech, their  
"gait, their look, proclaim it."

From this passage of Dio Chrysostom, who lived  
at the end of the First and beginning of the Second  
Century A.D., we see that at that period the vice  
of paederastia prevailed at Tarsus to an appalling  
extent; and very possibly it is this circumstances  
that gave occasion to the declaration of the Apostle  
St. Paul<sup>2</sup>, whose native town of course Tarsus was,  
when he says:

"Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of  
"their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies  
"should be dishonoured among themselves. . . . .

<sup>1</sup> *Horace*, Odes II. 8.,

Ulla si iuris tibi peierati  
Poena, Barine, nocuisset unquam,  
Dente si nigro fieres, vel uno  
Turpior ungui,  
Crederem.

(If *any* punishment for per

jured faith had ever hurt you,  
Barinus, if you had had but  
a blackened tooth, or had been  
disfigured in one single nail,  
I would believe).

<sup>2</sup> Epistle to the Romans,  
Ch. I. vv. 24. 26, 27.

“For their women<sup>1</sup> changed the natural use into that which is against nature; and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due.” This recompense was no doubt the *ῥέγχειν* (snoring), which according to *Reiske* was the consequence of an affection of the throat and nose in which the breath was exhaled with a characteristic noise. To corroborate this view he quotes in his edition of Dio Chrysostom the following passage from *Ammianus Marcellinus*<sup>2</sup>, who picturing the habits of the Romans in the middle of the Fourth Century, wrote thus: “Haec nobilium instituta. Ex turba vero imae sortis et pauperrimae, in tabernis aliqui pernoctant vinariis: nonnulli velabris umbraculorum theatralium latent, quae Campanam imitatus lasciviam Catulus in aedilitate sua suspendit omnium primus; aut pugnaciter aleis certant, turpi sono fragosis naribus introrsum reducto spiritu concrepantes.” (Such are the usages of the nobles. But of the masses, those of lowest and poorest lot, certain spend the night in wine-taverns, some lurk under the curtains of the theatre awnings,—which Catulus in his aedileship, imitating Campanian luxury, was the very first to erect; or quarrel and fight at dice, *making an ugly*

<sup>1</sup> Names of noted women are given by *Martial*, bk. XI. Epigr. 95. Comp. below. p. 118. note 3.

<sup>2</sup> *Rerum Gestarum* bk. XIV. ch. 19.—*Petronius*, Satir., ch. 68., says of a slave: duo tamen vitia habet, quae si non haberet, esset omnium nummorum: recutitus est ei stertit. (Yet has he two faults, lacking which he would

be a man above price: he is circumcised and he snorts.) —Terence, *Eunuch.*, Act. V. sc. I. v. 53, Fatuus et insulsus, bardus, stertit noctes et dies. Neque istum metuas ne amet mulier. (Foolish and silly, a stupid fellow, *he snores all night and all day*. Have no fear that a woman could love him.)

rattling sound the while by drawing in the breath through their rough nostrils).

Now we know that paederasts had foul breaths, as *Martial*<sup>1</sup> indeed noted, consequently the mucous membrane of the mouth was morbidly affected in its action, and further that they spoke *raucidulo ore* (with hoarse voice)<sup>2</sup>, which must have been with many the ordinary consequence of a thickening of the tissues by previous ulceration; and at this fact this Speech of Dio Chrysostom, as *Reiske* understands it, may very well hint. But to take the main gist of his speech, the author of the "Tarsica" signifies

<sup>1</sup> Bk. XII. Epigr. 87.,

Paediconibus os olere dicis.  
Hoc si sic, ut ais, Fabulle, verum est,  
Quid tu credis olere cunnilingis?

(You say paederasts' breath smells foul. If what you allege is true, Fabullus, what sort of a breath think you have *cunnilingi*?—*cunnilingi*, i. e. illi qui pudenda mulierum lingunt, men who lick women's private parts).

<sup>2</sup> *Lucian*, *Philopatr.*, ch. 20. relates: 'Ανθρωπίσκος δὲ τις, τοῦνομα Χαρίκενος, σεσημμένον γερόντιον, ᾧ ἔγχον τῆ δινί, ὑπέβητε μύχιον, ἐχρέμπετο ἐπισευρμένον· ὁ δὲ πτύελος κνανώτερος θανάτον· εἶτα ἤρξατο ἐπιφθέγγεσθαι κατισχημένον. (But a little man, whose name was Charicenus, a tiny mouldy old man, *snorting through his nose*, gave a deep cough and cleared his throat with a long-drawn hawking,—and his spittle was blacker than death. Then he began to speak in a thin voice). The same is said of an Egyptian boy in *Lucian's*

*Navigium*, ch. 2. *Aulus Gellius*, *Noct. Attic.*, Bk. III. ch. 5., gives the following story: *Plutarchus* refert, *Arcesilaum philosophum* vehementi verbo usum esse de quodam nimis delicato divite, qui incorruptus tamen et castus et perinteger dicebatur. Num cum vocem eius infractam, capillumque arte compositum et oculos ludibundos atque illecebrae voluptatisque plenos videret: Nihil interest, inquit quibus membris cinaedisitis, posterioribus an prioribus. (*Plutarch* reports a biting phrase made use of by the philosopher *Arcesilaus* of a certain rich and over-dainty man, who yet had the name of being unspoiled and temperate and highly virtuous. Noting his *broken voice*, and hair artfully arranged, and rolling eyes full of allurements and wantonnes, "It makes no odds," he said, "which members ye play the *cinaedus* with, whether those behind or those in front). *Comp.* § 16. below.

by *ῥέγχειν* (to snort) something quite different from this, as the whole context shows clearly.

It was in fact a signal or mode of solicitation, by which the pathics sought to allure the paederasts to them and invited them to lewdness, as comes out more plainly in the following passage of *Clemens Alexandrinus*<sup>1</sup>:  
*Αὶ δὲ ἀνδρογύνων συνουσίαις ἡδονται παρεισῥέουσιν δὲ ἔνδον κιναιδῶν ὄχλοι, ἀθυρό-  
 γλωσσοὶ μιαιοὶ μὲν τὰ σώματα, μιαιοὶ δὲ τὰ  
 φθέγματα, εἰς ὑπουργίας ἀκολάστους ἠνδρωμένοι,  
 μοιχείας διάκονοι, κιχλίζοντες καὶ ψιθυρίζοντες,  
 καὶ τὸ πορνικὸν ἀναίδην εἰς ἀσέλγειαν  
 διὰ ῥινῶν ἐπιπροφούντες ἐπικιναιδισμα,  
 ἀκολάστοις ῥήμασι καὶ σχήμασι τέρπειν πειρώ-  
 μενοι, καὶ εἰς γέλωτας ἐκκαλούμενοι, πορνείας  
 παράδρομον ἔστι δ' ὅτε καὶ ὑπεκκαίόμενοι διὰ  
 τὴν τυχοῦσαν ὄργην, ἥτοι πόρνοι αὐτοὶ ἢ καὶ  
 κιναιδῶν ὄχλον εἰς ὄλεθρον ἐξηλωκότες, ἐπικρο-  
 τοῦσι τῇ ῥινὶ, βατράχων δίκην, καθάπερ ἔνοιον  
 τοῖς μυκτῆρσι τὴν χολὴν κεκτημένοι.* (But they delight in the *assemblies of the Androgyni* (men-women); and crowds of pathics hurry along to join them within, everlasting chatterers, abominable in person and abominable in voice; reared up to manhood for unchaste ministrations, servants of adultery; tittering and whispering, and *sounding through their nose the debauched cinaedus' call to shameful licentiousness*, striving to please with indecent words and gestures, and challenging to laughter, a race and competition in harlotry. Then again at times kindled by some chance gust of anger, whether debauchees themselves or roused to a fatal emulation with the crowd of pathics, they make a rattling sound with the nose, like frogs, as though they kept their stock of gall up their nostrils).

But possibly the Tarsians were also *Fellatores* (ii qui penem alienum in os admittunt, ibique eo sugunt ut voluptas quaedam libidinosa paretur,—those who allow another's penis to be put in their

<sup>1</sup> Paedagog., bk. III. ch. 4. p. 230.

mouth, and suck it) (see later), and snorted as *fellatores* did at their task,—for the word *ῥέγχειν* (to snort) is manifestly used in several different senses. It only remains to mention that a *pale complexion* was also reckoned one of the signs of a *Cinaedus*, a fact to which *Juvenal's* (II. 50.) words refer: *Hippo subit iuvenes et morbo pallet utroque*. (Hippo submits to men, and is pale with twofold disease). Of these marks of the *Cinaedus* we shall speak in greater detail directly.

### Νοῦσος Θήλεια (Feminine Disease) <sup>1</sup>.

#### § 14.

The passage of *Dio Chrysostom* discussed in the preceding section brings us, in virtue of a variety of hints it contains, to the much canvassed *Νοῦσος Θήλεια* (feminine disease) of the Scythians. *Stark* has collected with the greatest care everything that has so far been adduced by different authors in

<sup>1</sup> *E. G. Bose*, "Progr. de Scytharum νόσῳ θηλείᾳ" (Discussion of the νόσος θηλεία of the Scythians). Leipzig 1774. 4to.—*Chr. Heyne*, "De maribus inter Scythas morbo effeminatis et de Hermaphroditis Floridae." (On the transformation of males into females among the Scythians as the result of disease, and on the Hermaphrodites of Florida). Göttingen 1779., Vol. I. pp. 28—44.—*E. L. W. Nebel*, "De Morbis Veterum obscuris." (On some Obscure Diseases of the Ancients) Sect. I. Giessen 1794. No. 1. pp. 17, 18.—*Graaf*, "Morbus femi-

neus Scytharum. (Feminine Disease of the Scythians). Würzburg N. D. 8vo., is cited by *Friedreich*. p. 33.—*C. W. Stark*, "De νόσῳ θηλείᾳ apud Herodotum Prolusio." (Disquisition on the νόσος θηλεία in Herodotus). Jena 1827. 64 pp. 4to.—*J. B. Friedreich*, "Νοῦσος θηλεία", a Historical fragment in his "Magazin für Seelenheilkunde" (Magazine of Medical Psychology). Pt. I. Würzburg 1829., pp. 71—78., and in his "Analekten zur Natur- und Heilkunde" (Selections in Natural and Medical Science) Würzburg 1831. 4to., pp. 28—33.

explanation of the subject; and on his Work we must base our own efforts in the investigations that follow.

*Herodotus* relates how the Scythians had made themselves masters of all Asia, and how some of them on their homeward march had plundered the very ancient temple of *Venus Urania* at Ascalon, a town of Syria; and then proceeds as follows:

“On such of the Scythians as plundered the temple at Ascalon, and on their posterity for successive generations, the goddess inflicted the *θήλεια νόσος*—feminine disease. And the Scythians say themselves it is for this cause they suffer the sickness, and moreover that any who visit the Scythian country may see among them what is the condition of those whom the Scythians call *Ἐναρέες*”, (a Scythian word, probably having the same meaning as Greek *ἀνδρόγυνοι*—men-women).

The different views that have been formulated at different times as to the nature of the *νόσος θήλεια* may be readily classified as follows. It was regarded as:—

1. a *Vice*, this vice being,

a) *Paederastia*; manifestly the oldest explanation, —already alluded to by *Longinus*, but specially championed by *Bouhier*<sup>2</sup>, also entertained by the interpreters of *Longinus*, *Toll* and *Pearce*, as well as by *Casaubon* (*Epistolae*) and *Costar*<sup>3</sup>;

<sup>1</sup> *Herodotus*, Hist. Bk. I. ch. 105. Τοῖσι δὲ τῶν Σκυθῶν σπλήσασι τὸ ἱερὸν τὸ ἐν Ἀσκαλωνί, καὶ τοῖσι τούτων αἰεὶ ἐγγόνοισι, ἐπέσκηψε ἡ θεὸς θήλεια νόσος ὥστε ἅμα λέγουσιν τε οἱ Σκύθαι διὰ τοῦτο σφραγίσαντες, καὶ ὄραν παρ᾽ ἑαυτοῖσι τοὺς ἀπικνεομένους εἰς τὴν Σκυθικὴν χώραν ὡς διακίεσθαι, τοὺς καλεῖσθαι Ἐναρέες οἱ Σκύθαι.— for translation see text.

<sup>2</sup> “Recherches et Dissertations sur Herodote.” (Recherches and Dissertation sur Herodote). Dijon 1746. 4to., pp. 207—212. Ch. XX., Ce que c’étoit que la maladie des femmes, que la Déesse Venus envoya aux Scythes. (What was the nature of the “Women’s Disease” which the goddess Venus sent on the Scythians).

<sup>3</sup> *Costar*, “Defence des Œuvres de Voiture.” (Defence

b). Onanism (Self Masturbation),—a view *Sprengel*<sup>1</sup> is inclined to decide in favour of.

2. a *bodily Disease*,—to wit,

a). *Haemorrhoids* (Piles); an opinion maintained by *Paul Thomas de Girac*<sup>2</sup>, *Valckenaar* in his Notes to Herodotus, *Bayer*<sup>3</sup>, and the authors of the "General History of the World"<sup>4</sup>;

b). *actual Menstruation*, for which *le Fèvre* and *Dacier* would seem to have declared;

c). *Gonorrhoea* (Clap), which *Patin*<sup>5</sup>, *Hensler*<sup>6</sup> and *Degen*<sup>7</sup> understood to be meant;

d). *actual loss of the Testicles, true Eunuchs, Mercurialis*<sup>8</sup> considered must have been implied; and with this view *Stark's* conclusion in part coincides, who understood a diseases involving complete loss of virile power, both corporeal and mental, and producing an actual metamorphosis of the male type into the female.

(3). a *mental Disease*, in fact a form of Melancholia. This is the view adopted by *Sauvages*<sup>8,9</sup>, *Heyne*, *Bose*, *Koray*<sup>10</sup> and *Friedreich*.

of the Works of Voiture), and "Apologie" p. 194.

<sup>1</sup> *Sprengel*, "Apologie des Hippocrates." (Defence of Hippocrates). Leipzig 1792. Pt. II. p. 616.

<sup>2</sup> *De Girac*, "Réponse à l'Apologie de Voiture par Costar." (Reply to Costar's Apology of Voiture). p. 54.

<sup>3</sup> *Bayer*, "Memoria Scythica in Commentat. Petropolitano," (Mémorial on the Scythians,—in St. Petersburg Commentaries). 1732., Vol. III. pp. 377, 8.

<sup>4</sup> Part. VI. p. 35.

<sup>5</sup> *Patin*, "Comment. in vetus monument. Ulpiae Marcellin." (Commentary on the

ancient Monument of Ulpia Marcellina) p. 413.

<sup>6</sup> *Hensler*, "Geschichte der Lustseuche." (History of Venereal Disease). Altona 1783., Vol. I. p. 211.

<sup>7</sup> *Degen*, Translation of Herodotus (German), Vol. I. p. 81. note.

<sup>8</sup> *Mercurialis*, Various Readings. Bk. III. d. 64.

<sup>9</sup> *Sauvages*, "Nosologia methodic." (Systematic Nosology). Lyons 1772., Vol. VII. p. 365.

<sup>10</sup> *Koray* on Hippocrates, "De aere aq. et loc." (On influence of Air, Water and Locality), Vol. II. p. 326.

It would naturally be our task to examine the reasons alleged for and against these separate views. Supposing however we succeed in satisfactorily proving one of them to be the right one, then *ipso facto* all the rest come to nothing; and so we propose here to essay the advocacy of the oldest of them,—the view that makes the *νοῦσος θήλεια* to be the vice of paederastia. *En passant* we must call attention to the fact that under the name of paederastia must be understood not only the vicious habit of the paederast pure and simple, of the man that is who *practices* the act, but also of the *pathic*, who offers opportunities for its commission. This is a point which above all others has been quite left out of sight by the adversaries of the view in question.

The next question we have to answer would seem to be this: Could paederastia be regarded as a consequence of the vengeance of Venus? As it is the Scythians that are in question, the first thing would naturally appear to be to determine what conception the Scythians had of Venus. But inasmuch as the data are lacking for any demonstration of the sort, while the Scythians themselves ascribe the *νοῦσος θήλεια* to the vengeance of Venus, we may very well refer for a reply to this first question to the general character of the cult of the goddess<sup>1</sup> and what has been said on the whole subject above; and herein there seems to exist no reason why we should not answer the query asked above in the affirmative. Granted that Venus was regarded as goddess of fruitfulness or as dispenser of the joys of Love, then in either aspect it was but natural she should withdraw the

<sup>1</sup> In *Euripides'* *Hippolytus*, v. 5., Venus says of herself:

τοὺς μὲν σέβοντας τὰμὰ  
 πρεσβεύω κράτη,  
 σφαλλῶ δ' ὅσοι φρονοῦσιν  
 εἰς ἡμᾶς μέγα.

(I love and protect him who recognises my right, and undo him whose pride rebels against me).

marks of her favour from the culprits (the paederasts). These neither wished for posterity nor enjoyed the delights connected with *natural* coition, but were equally indifferent towards the one and towards the other<sup>1</sup>; and the first sign of the vengeance of the goddess consists in the withdrawal of her benefits.

How *Stark*, following the lead of an anonymous French author quoted by *Larcher*<sup>2</sup>, can maintain there is no question of punishment here, as in that case Venus would be acting against her own interest, we fail to understand; and *Larcher* himself calls this unknown writer *un homme d'esprit, mais peu instruit* (witty but superficial). This is proof sufficient in our opinion that only a jest is intended, but one that *Stark*, p. 7 (notes 19 and 20.), has taken with the utmost seriousness.

However our view is *directly* supported by another myth, which *Dio Chrysostom* mentions, speaking of the sweating at the arm-pits with which the Lemnian

<sup>1</sup> *Plato*, *Sympos.* 192 b., πρὸς γάμους καὶ παιοποιίας οὐ προσέχουσι τὸν νοῦν φύσει, ἀλλὰ ὑπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἀναγκάζονται, ἀλλ' ἐξαρκεῖ αὐτοῖς μετ' ἀλλήλων καταξῆν ἀγάμοις. (To marriage and the procreation of children they pay no attention whatever naturally, but are only forced by the law to do so. It is enough for them to live out their lives with one another unwed).

<sup>2</sup> "Histoire d'Herodote, par M. Larcher." (Herodotus' History, translated (French) by Mons. Larcher). Vol. I. Paris 1786., p. 368. Un homme d'esprit, mais peu instruit, croyoit que le sentiment de M. le President Pouchier se detruisoit de lui-

même. Peut on supposer, disoit il, que Vénus aveugle en sa vengeance, se soit fait à elle même l'affront le plus sanglant, et qu'aux dépens de son culte, elle ait procuré des adorateurs au Dieu de Lampsaque, qu'elle ne doit chérir que lorsqu'il vient sacrifier sur ses autels. (A witty but superficial critic considered the opinion of the president Bouhier to be self-contradictory. Can Venus be supposed, he argued, so blind in her vengeance as to have put on herself the deadliest of affronts, and at the expense of her own worship to have given adorers to the god of Lampsacus, whom she must only patronize when he comes to sacrifice at her altars?)

women were afflicted. According to this legend Venus punishes the women of Lemnos<sup>1</sup>:

<sup>1</sup> *Natalis Comes*, Mythologia p. 392., according to the report of several Scholiasts. The Scholiast on *Lucian*, *Amores* ch. 2., writes 'Ἐπεὶ καὶ ταῖς Ἀημνίαις γυναιξὶν ἔγκυτος Ἀφροδίτη γενομένη, εἶτε δυσώδεις αὐτὰς ποιήσασα, ἀποκοίτους αὐτὰς ποιῆσαι τοὺς ἄνδρας αὐτῶν ἠνάγκασεν. (When Aphrodité, angered with the women of Lemnos, had then made them malodorous, and so compelled their husbands to expel them from their beds). Similarly the Scholiast on *Apollonius Rhodius*, *Argonaut.*, I. 609., αἱ Ἀημνίαι γυναικες... τῶν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης τιμῶν καταλιγορήσασαι, καθ' ἑαυτῶν τὴν θεὸν ἐκλήσαν· πάσαις γὰρ δυσσομίαν ἐνέβαλεν, ὡς μηκέτι αὐτὰς τοῖς ἀνδράσιν ἀρέσκειν. (The Lemnian women, by neglecting the honours due to Aphrodite, stirred the goddess' anger against them. For she inflicted on them all an ill-odour, so that they were no longer pleasing to their husbands). To the same purport the Scholiast on *Euripides*, *Hecuba* v. 887., who cites *Didymus* as authority:

Ἐν Ἀημνῶ γυναικες ἐτέλουν ἐτήσιον ἑορτὴν Ἀφροδίτῃ· ἐπεὶ οὖν ποτε καταφρονήσασα τῆς θεοῦ, ἀπέλιπον

τὸ ἔθος, ἢ Ἀφροδίτῃ ἐνέβαλεν αὐταῖς δυσωδίαν, ὡς μὴ δύνασθαι τοὺς ἑαυτῶν ἄνδρας αὐταῖς πλησιάζσαι· αἱ δὲ νομίσασαι, ὅπῃ τῶν ἀνδρῶν καταφρονεῖσθαι, τοῦτους πάντας ἀπέκτειναν. ὁ δὲ Δίδυμος οὕτω. (At Lemnos the women used to celebrate a yearly festival in honour of Aphrodité. And so when on one occasion they scorned the goddess and neglected the custom, Aphrodité afflicted them with an ill odour, so that their own husbands could not come near them. And they concluding they were scorned by their husbands, killed them all. *Didymus* confirms this). The Lesbian *Myrtilus* or *Myrsilus* gives a different account of the origin of the evil smell of the Lesbian women, representing it in the First Book of his "Lesbica" as a consequence of the magic arts of *Medea*, who had landed with *Jason* at Lemnos. The story was taken from the lost Work of *Myrtilus* by *Antigonus Carystius*, *Histor. mirab.* collect., edit. *J. Meursius*. Leyden 1629. 4to., ch. 130. p. 97., Τὰς δὲ Ἀημνίας δυσόσμονος γενέσθαι, Μηδείας ἀφικομένης μετ' Ἰάσονος καὶ φάρμακα ἐμβαλλούσης εἰς τὴν νῆσον· κατὰ δὲ τινα χρόνον καὶ μάλιστα ἐν

“Haec Dea veluti etiam ceteri, sua sacrificia prae-  
 “termitti non aequo animo ferebat: quae cum Lem-  
 “niae mulieres Veneris sacrificia sprevisent, Deae

ταύταις ταῖς ἡμέραις, ἐν αἷς  
 ἱστοροῦσι τὴν Μήδειαν  
 παραγενέσθαι, δυσώδεις  
 αὐτὰς οὕτως γίνεσθαι  
 ὥστε μηδένα προσίεναι.

(And that the Lemnian women  
 became malodorous, when  
 Medea came thither with Jason  
 and cast poisonous drugs on  
 the island; and that for some  
 length of time and particularly  
 in those days when Medea is  
 related to have been there,  
 they were so ill-smelling that  
 no man could approach them.)

Also the Scholiast on *Apollonius Rhodius*, I. 165., says:  
 τῶν ἄλλων ἱστορούντων, ὅτι  
 κατὰ χόλον τῆς Ἀφροδίτης  
 αἱ Λημνιάδες δύσοσμοι ἐγέν-  
 νοντο, Μυρτίλος ἐν πρώτῳ  
 Λεσβικῶν διαφέρεται· καὶ  
 φησὶ τὴν Μήδειαν παρα-  
 πλέουσαν, διὰ ζηλοτυπίας  
 εἶναι εἰς τὴν Λήμνον φάρ-  
 μακον, καὶ δυσσομίαν γενέσ-  
 θαι ταῖς γυναιξίν, εἶναι τε  
 μέχρι τοῦ νῦν κατ' ἐνιαυτον  
 ἡμεραν τινα, ἐν ᾗ δια τὴν  
 δυσωδίαν ἀποστρέφονται  
 τὰς γυναικὰς ἀνδρῆς τε καὶ  
 υἱοῖς. (Whereas others relate  
 that in consequence of the  
 anger of Aphrodité the women  
 of Lemnos became evil-smell-  
 ing, Myrtilus in the first Book  
 of the “Lesbica” tells a  
 different tale. He says that  
 Medea, sailing past the land,  
 moved by envy cast a poison  
 on the island, and so an ill

odour fell on the women;  
 further that there is down to  
 the present time a day once  
 a year, on which owing to  
 this foul odour husbands and  
 sons turn and flee from the  
 women.) Finally there is an  
 Epigram of *Lucilius* in the  
*Greek Anthology* (edit. H. de  
 Bosch, Vol. I. p. 416.) Bk.  
 II. Tit. 14. no. 4., mentioning  
 the evil smell of the Lemnian  
 women:

Οὔτε Χίμαιρα τοιοῦτον ἔπ-  
 νει κακὸν, ἢ καθ' Ὀμηρον,  
 Οὐκ ἀγέλη ταύρων (ὡς ὁ  
 λόγος) πυρίπνουσ,

Οὐδ' Ἀἴμνος σύμπαδ',  
 οὐκ Ἀρπυιῶν τὰ περισσά,  
 Οὐδ' ὁ Φιλοκτήτων ποῦς  
 ἀποσηπόμενος,

Ὅστε σε παμψηφει νικᾶν,  
 Τελέσιλλα, Χιμαίρας,

Σηπεδόνας, ταύρους, ὄρ-  
 νεα, Λημνιάδας.

(Neither the Chimaera of  
 Homer had so ill a smell,  
 nor yet the herd (as the story  
 goes) of fire-breathing bulls,  
 not *all Lemnos*, not the foulest  
 of the Harpies, nor even  
 Philoctetes' putrefying foot.  
 So you see, Telesilla, you  
 outdo—the vote is unanimous,  
 —Chimaeras, putrefactions,  
 bulls, birds, *Lemnian women!*)  
 The stench of Telesilla outdid,  
 we see, all known evil smells,  
 even that of the Lemnian  
 women, etc. Also in *Valerius*

“maxime iram in se concitasse creditae sunt, quod  
 “etiam non impune putantur fecisse. Nam tan-  
 “tum foetorem illis excitasse feminis  
 “Dea perhibetur, ut a suis maritis con-  
 “temnerentur.” (This goddess, no less than other  
 deities, could not bear the neglect of her proper sacri-  
 fices with eqnanimity. Thus the women of Lemnos,  
 having omitted to perform these sacrifices of Venus, are  
 believed to have brought down on themselves the most  
 serious anger of the goddess, and this they are  
 accounted not to have done with impunity. *For  
 the goddess, as is related, caused such a foul odour to  
 arise among the women, that they were scorned by  
 their husbands.*) If the view mentioned just above  
 as taken by the Apostle Paul and by St. Athanasius  
 is the right one, it would seem that the Lemnian  
 women had suffered themselves to be used by their  
 husbands for purposes of paederastia; then as a  
 consequence there had been set up the evil odour  
 of the mouth and breath, and this had driven the  
 men to desert their wives to live with the captive  
 Thracian slave-women (*Apollonius*).

But indeed the Ancients generally, or at any  
 rate the Greeks and Romans, seem to have always  
 held the opinion that unnatural coition, as well as  
 all the similar forms of indulgence taking its place,  
 were a consequence of the wrath of Venus, against  
 whom the individuals had offended<sup>1</sup>. This appears

*Flaccus*, bk. II. 99—241., is  
 found this myth of the Lemnian  
 women.

<sup>1</sup> Hence Iphis, in *Ovid*,  
*Metam.*, IX. 723 sqq., says:

Iphis amat, qua posse frui desperat,  
 et auget  
 Hoc ipsum flammis: ardetque in  
 virgine virgo.  
 Vix tenens lacrimas: Quis me  
 manet exitus, inquit,  
 Cognita quam nulli, quam prodigi-  
 giosa novaeque

Cura tenet Veneris? si dii mihi  
 parcere vellent.  
 Naturale malum saltem et  
 de more dedissent.  
 Nec vaccam vaccae, nec equas  
 amor urit equarum.  
 Femina femineo correpta cupidine  
 nulla est.  
 Vellem nulla forem.

(Iphis loves one that she  
 knows, alas! she can never  
 enjoy, and this fact itself  
 increases her passion. A

also from the play of *Philoctetes*, of whom the *Scholiast*

maiden burns for a maiden. Hardly keeping back her tears she cries: What fate awaits me,—me who suffer sorrow of Venus known to none, a sorrow monstrous and of strange new sort? If the gods were willing to spare me, they would have given me a *natural* curse surely, one of *ordinary kind*. No cow burns for a cow, no mare for the love of mares, nor any woman is taken with love for a woman. Would I were no woman!)

Similarly *Lucillius* says of the paederast Cratippus in the Greek Anthology, bk. II. Tit. V. no. 1.;

Τὸν φιλόπαιδα Κράτιππον  
ἀκούσατε· θαῦμα γὰρ ὑμῖν  
Καινὸν ἀπαγγέλλω· πλήν  
μεγάλαι νεμεσεῖς·

Τὸν φιλόπαιδα Κράτιππον  
ἀνεύρομεν ἄλλο γένος· τί;

Τῶν ἑτεροζήλων ἤλπισα  
τοῦτ' ἂν ἐγὼ;

Ἦλπισα τοῦτο, Κράτιππε;  
μανήσομαι, εἰ λόκος εἶναι

Πᾶσι λέγων ἐφάνης ἑξαπί-  
νης ἕριφος.

(Of the boy-loving Cratippus will I tell you; for a strange new wonder I report. *Yea! great are the penalties he pays*. The boy-loving Cratippus we have found has another character. What character? I should have thought him to be of those whose love is eager on one side only.

Did I think so, Cratippus? Well, I shall seem a madman, if—professing the while to all to be a wolf,—you of a sudden appear in the character of a kid).

But most important in this connection is the passage of *Aeschines*, Orat. in Timarch., p. 178., μὴ γὰρ οἶεσθαι, ὡς Ἀθηναῖοι, τὰς τῶν ἀτυχημάτων ἀρχὰς ἀπὸ θεῶν, ἀλλ' οὐχ ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων ἀσελγείας γίνεσθαι, μηδὲ τοὺς ἡσεβηκότας, καθάπερ ἐπὶ ταῖς τραγωδίαισι, Ποινὰς ἐλαύνειν καὶ κολάζειν θασίν ἡμμέναις· ἀλλ' αἱ προπετεῖς τοῦ σώματος ἡδοναί, καὶ τὸ μηδὲν ἱκανὸν ἡγείσθαι. (For you must not dream, Athenians, that the causes of calamities are from the gods, and that such are not rather due to the wickedness of mankind. Do not imagine the impious are driven by Furies, as is represented in the Tragedies, and chastised with blazing torches; nay! it is reckless indulgence in bodily pleasures that is the scourge, and immoderate desires). Comp. *Theon*, Progymn., ch. 7.—*Cicero*, Orat. in Pison., 20., Nolite putare, Patres Conscripti, ut in scena videtis homines consceleratos impulso deorum terreri Furiarum taedis ardentibus. Sua quemque fraus, suum facinus, suum scelus, sua audacia de sanitate ac mente deturbat. Hae sunt impiorum Furiae,

to *Thucydides*<sup>1</sup> says: "Moreover Philoctetes, having "on account of the death of Paris fallen sick of "the *feminine disease*, and being unable to bear the "shame of it, left his country and founded a city, "which in memory of his misfortune he named Mala- "cia—Effeminacy." *Martial*<sup>2</sup> had the same myth in his mind when he wrote:

In Sertorium

Mollis erat, facilisque viris Paecantius heros,  
Vulnera sic Paradis dicitur ulta Veuus.  
Cur lingat cunnum Siculus Sertorius, hoc est,  
Ex hoc occisus, Rufe, videtur Eryx.

(To Sertorius. — The Hero, son of Paeas (Philoctetes), was effeminate and easy of access to men; in this way Venus is said to have avenged the murder of Paris. Why should Sicilian Sertorius lick the pudendum of women? this is why, because it would appear, he was the slayer, Rufus, of a man of Eryx.) Of course there can be no question here of the disease which detained Philoctetes at Lemnos and prevented his taking part in the expe-

hae flammae, hae faces. (Dream not, Conscript Fathers, that wicked men, as you see represented on the stage, are driven in terror, at the instigation of the gods, by the blazing torches of the Furies. 'Tis his own dishonesty, his own wickedness his own baseness, his own recklessness, that destroys each man's health and sanity. These are the furies that torment the impious, these the flames and torches).

<sup>1</sup> De Bello Peloponnesiaco, Bk. I. ch. 12. (edit. Bauer. Leipzig 1790. 4to., p. 33.), και Φιλοκτήτης διὰ τὸν

Πάριδος θάνατον θήλειαν νόσον νοσήσας, και μη φέρων τὴν αἰσχύνην, ἀπέλθων ἐκ τῆς πατρίδος, ἐκτίσε πόλιν, ἣν διὰ τὸ πάθος Μαλακίαν ἐκάλεσε.—for translation see text above. Our view on this passage is shared by *Manso*, pp. 46 and 70.

<sup>2</sup> Bk. II. Epigr. 84. How *Meier*, loco citato p. 160., could derive a proof from this passage that Philoctetes had been the *pathic* of Hercules is beyond our comprehension, seeing that Hercules had long been dead when Philoctetes was punished with this vice by Venus.

dition to Troy; and if the older legend says nothing as to the *νοῦσος Θήλεια* of Philoctetes, it is clear from this (as Meier, loco citato, has shown) that only in times when paederastia was becoming prevalent, were all these legends invented, to get as it were a sort of excuse by alleging a distinguished predecessor in the practice. So *Martial* says, addressing *Gaurus*:<sup>1</sup>

Quod nimio gaudes noctem producere vino,  
 Ignosco: vitium, Gaure, Catonis habes.  
 Carmina quod scribis Musis et Apolline nullo,  
 Laudari debes: hoc Ciceronis habes.  
 Quod vomis: Antoni, quod luxuriaris: Apici;  
 Quod fellas — vitium dic mihi, cuius habes?

(That you love to prolong the night with excess of wine, I can excuse; you have the vice, Gaurus, of Cato. That you write verses with no inspiration of Muses and Apollo, for this, you should be praised; it is a fault of Cicero's you have. That you vomit, well! 't was a habit of Antony's; that you are a gourmand, 'twas Apicius' weakness.—That you suck (as a *fellator*), whose vice have you here, pray tell me!) The above Epigram of *Martial's* (To Sertorius) shows very clearly how the poets represented each form of unnatural indulgence of the sexual impulse as vengeance of Venus. It is a *cunnilingus* that is in question here, and his vice is accounted for in this way:—just as Philoctetes on account of the slaying of Paris had been punished by Venus with paederastia, so the Sicilian Sertorius probably became a *cunnilingus* because he had killed an inhabitant of Eryx, where was situated a famous temple of the goddess. Similarly it will not surprise us if besides paederastia Philoctetes was saddled with the vice of Onanism at a later period, as is implied in the following poem of *Ausonius*:<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bk. II. Epigr. 89.

Delphin edition, revised by

<sup>2</sup> Works pf Ausonius; *J. B. Souchay*. Paris 1730.

## SUBSCRIPTUM PICTURAE CRISPAE MULIERIS IMPUDICAE

Praeter legitimi genitalia foedera coetus,  
 Repperit obscoenas Veneres vitiosa libido.  
 Herculis haeredi quam Lemnia suasit egestas,  
 Quam toga facundi scenis agitavit Afrani,  
 Et quam Nolanis capitalis luxus inussit;  
 Crispa tamen cunctas exercet corpore in uno:  
 Deglubit, fellat, molitur per utramque cavernam,  
 Ne quid inexpertum frustra moritura relinquat.

(Inscribed beneath a Portrait of Crispa,—an immodest woman.—Over and above the natural modes of intercourse in legitimate coition, vicious lust has discovered impure ways of love: the way that his loneliness at Lemnos taught the heir of Hercules (Philoctetes), that which the comedies of eloquent Afranius displayed on the stage, and that which deadly luxury branded on the men of Nola. But Crispa practises them all in her sole person: she skins, she sucks, she works by either aperture, that she may not leave anything untried, and so have lived in vain!)

No doubt *Stark*, p. 19, is quite right in saying this passage has nothing to do with the *Θήλεια νοῦσος*; but the poet has by no means, as he puts it in his note, *temporum ordine lapsus*,—committed an anachronism. He makes no mention whatever of any vengeance of Venus, saying nothing more than that loneliness led the inheritor (of the arrows) of Hercules to Onanism. This is not merely advancing a conjecture, as *Stark* does, but (to say nothing of the *Lemnia egestas*—Lemnian loneliness), admits of being legitimately developed from the whole sequence of thought in the Epigram. Crispa's vices are mentioned in the order of their shamefulness. The least disgraceful is Onanism, such as Philoctetes

4to., p. 4. Carm. 71. Following a ridiculous custom the "Obscoena e textu Ausoniano resecta" (Objectionable pas-

sages removed from the text of Ausonius) are printed together at the end of the Book, and separately pagged.

practised, next comes the vice of the *cinaedus* and of the *pathic*, for which Afranius serves as example, and lastly *fellatio*. Thus it shows a complete want of comprehension, when the commentators quote the scholion to Thucydides given a little above as an explanation. Had Philoctetes been referred to as a *pathic*, the succeeding verse would be entirely superfluous; which verse does not receive a word of notice from the expositors, presumably because they failed to understand the allusion. The true explanation is afforded by a passage in *Quintilian*:<sup>1</sup> *Togatis excellit Afranius, utinamque non inquinasset argumenta puerorum foedis amoribus, mores suos fassus.*" (Afranius excels in *fabulae togatae* (polite comedies), and it were to be wished he had not defiled his plots by disgusting intrigues with boys, thereby discovering his own morals). *Forberg*, loco citato p. 283, quotes this passage indeed, but explains (both here and on p. 343) the *libido* (lust) of Philoctetes as being that of the *pathic*.

To prove that Venus manifested her wrath in the way specified, we may further cite the race of the daughters of Helios, whom she punished by the infliction of licentious love. Thus *Hyginus* says:<sup>2</sup> *Soli ob indicium (concubitus cum Marte) Venus ad progeniem eius semper fuit inimica*, (Because of the Sun's revelation (of her intrigue with Mars) Venus was ever a bitter enemy of his posterity); and Seneca:<sup>3</sup>

Stirpem perosa Solis inuisi Venus  
Per nos catenas vindicat Martis sui  
Suasque: probris omne Phoebeum genus  
Onerat infandis.

<sup>1</sup> *Instit. orat.*, Bk. X. ch. 1.

<sup>2</sup> *Fab.* 148.—*Barth* on *Stattius' Thebaid.* V. 59.

<sup>3</sup> *Tragoed. Hippolyt.*, 124.; and *Servius* on *Virgil, Aeneid*, Bk. VI. v. 14., Venus vehementer dolens stirpem

omnem Solis persequi infandis amoribus coepit. (Venus, exceedingly indignant, proceeds to afflict all the descendants of the Sun with abominable loves.)

(Venus, loathing the posterity of the hated Sun, punishes on us the fetters that bound her lover Mars and her. *With abominable and disgraceful practices* she afflicts the whole race of Phoebus).

An example of such vengeance is afforded by Pasiphaë, of whom the Scholiast on the passage of Lucian cited below relates how, *Ἥλιον οὔσα ἐκ μήνιδος Ἀφροδίτης ταύρου ἠράσθη*, (being a daughter of the Sun, she became enamoured of a bull through the influence of angry Aphrodité), a fable which might very well be explained—for *ταύρος* (a bull), like *κένταυρος* (a Centaur), occurs in the sense of paederast—as meaning that she had become a female pathic. So Theomnestus says in *Lucian*:<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Amores, ch. 2., οὔτω τις ὑγρὸς τοῖς ὄμμασιν ἐνοικεῖ μύωψ, ὅς ἅπαν πᾶλλος εἰς αὐτὸν ἀρπάζων ἐπ' οὐδενὶ κόρῳ παύεται καὶ συνεχὲς ἀπορεῖν ἐπέρχεται μοι, τίς οὔτος Ἀφροδίτης ὁ χόλος· οὐ γὰρ Ἡλιάδης ἐγὼ τις, οὐδὲ Λημνιάδων ἕρις, οὐδὲ Ἴππολύτειον ἀγροικίαν ὠφρωμένος, ὡς ἐρεθίσαι τῆς θεοῦ τὴν ἀπανστον ταύτην ὀργήν. (for translation see text above.) The word *ἕρις*—strife, in this passage is obviously corrupt, having got into the text probably by confusion with *ἐρεθίσαι*—to provoke, standing just below in the MS. *Jacobs* proposed *ἕρνος*—scion, but according to *Lehmann* this is too poetical a word for *Lucian*; *ἕρενς*—in the sense of *heir*, might very well be read, giving the same meaning. Could *ὑβριν*—insolence, have been the original word in the text? *Lucian*

must have written the passage with a reference to the above mentioned punishment of the Lemnian women by Venus, and by *Λημνιάδων*—Lemnian women, we must understand not the descendants of the women of Lemnos, but these women themselves, *Apollonius Rhodius* (*Argon.*, I. 653.) also using *Λημνιάδες δὲ γυναῖκες*—Lemnian women, of these same inhabitants of the island. Now the Greeks characterized every form of behaviour of a kind to incur the anger of the goddess by the word *ὑβρις*—overbearing insolence; and this would exactly fit in the passage, for the *οὐδὲ . . . οὐδὲ*—neither . . . nor, calls for a correspondence of phrase in each clause, and *ὑβρις* and *ἀγροικία*—brutal insensibility, tally excellently. For *ὑβρις* in the sense indicated comp. *Clement of Alexandria*, *Paedag.*, Bk. II. ch. 10.,

“So lecherous a look resides in the eyes, that compelling all beauty to its will, it can find no satiety. And often was I uncertain whether this were not some spite of Aphrodité. Yet am I none of the children of Helios, neither a natural heir of the Lemnian women, nor puffed up with the scornful insensibility of Hippolytus, that I could have provoked against me such an implacable hatred on the part of the goddess). *Philo Judaeus*<sup>1</sup> also represents paederastia as a punishment of such men as married a woman legally repudiated, and the like: *πρὸς δὲ συμβάσεις εἴ τις ἐθέλοι κωρεῖν ἀνὴρ τῇ τοιαύτῃ γυναικί, μαλακίας καὶ ἀνανδρίας ἐκφερέσθω δόξαν, ὡς ἐκ τετμημένου τῆς ψυχῆς τὸ βιωφελέστατον μισοπόνηρον πάθος... δίκην οὖν τινέτω σὺν τῇ γυναικί.* (But if any man should wish to enter into contracts with such a woman, let him bear the *ill-repute of softness and effeminacy*, as having eradicated from his soul that

*ἐπιθυμία γὰρ κακὴ ὄνομα ὕβρις, καὶ τὸν τῆς ἐπιθυμίας ἵππον, ὕβριστήν ὁ Πλάτων* (Phaedr. pp. 1226, 27.) *προσεῖπεν, Ἴπποι θηλυμανεῖς ἐγενήθητέ μοι, ἀναγρούς.* (for evil concupiscence is called ὕβρις, and the horse of concupiscence Plato named Ἴππος—Overbearing, having read “Wild horses ye became to me.”) We should then have to translate, supposing we read ὕβριν in the text, “I am neither puffed up with the insolence of the women of Lemnos, nor yet with the brutal insensibility of Hippolytus.” Very possibly an Attic writer would not have expressed himself so; but we must remember that *Fr. Jacobs*, a man of fine discrimination of

Classical diction, denied from the first Lucian’s authorship of the passage *ob orationem difficilem valdeque impeditam*—because of its difficult and exceedingly awkward style. The unfavourable judgement which *Lehmann* in his edition passes on this Work (Lucian’s Amores) so far as its general tenor is concerned, is based we may observe almost entirely on the confusion of paedophilia with paederastia. However under no circumstances has any actual allusion been made to the lewdness of the Lemnian women, if *Belin*, *de Ballu*, and others agree in this rendering.

<sup>1</sup> De special legib., Opera Vol. II. p. 304.

sentiment of hatred for ill-doers which is most useful for life,—So let him pay his penalty along with the woman). In *Athenaeus* one of the speakers exclaims Deipnos., XIII. p. 605 D.): Ὁρᾶτε οὖν καὶ ὑμεῖς, οἱ φιλόσοφοι παρὰ φύσιν τῆ Ἀφροδίτῃ χρώμενοι, καὶ ἀσεβοῦντες εἰς τὴν θεὸν, μὴ τὸν αὐτὸν διαφθαρήτε τρόπον. (Beware then ye too, philosophers who indulge the pleasures of Aphrodité against nature, and act impiously towards the goddess, that ye be not destroyed in the same way).

According to *Diodorus* (V. 55) the sons of Neptune in consequence of the wrath of Venus plunged into such madness that they violated their mother. The Propontides, who had denied the godhead of Venus, were cast by her into such an amorous phrenzy that they publicly gave themselves to men, and they were subsequently turned into stones.<sup>1</sup> Myrrha, whose mother proclaimed herself to be fairer than Venus, was driven by the goddess into unchastity with her own father.<sup>2</sup>

In later times this idea was even transferred to the Star of Venus. The following appears in *Firmicus* "In octavo ab horoscopo loco, Mercurius cum Venere, "si vespertini ambo, inefficaces et apocopos reddent, "et qui nihil agere possint." (In the eighth place of the horoscope, Mercury in conjunction with Venus, if both are evening stars, will make men impotent eunuchs and such as can effect nothing.)—a notion that first arose perhaps from the name Hermaphroditus<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> *Ovid*, *Metamorphos.*, bk. X, 238.

<sup>2</sup> *Ovid*, *Metamorphos.*, bk. X. 298.—*Servius* on *Vlrgil*, *Eclog.* X. 18. *Fulgentius*, *Mytholog.* III. 8.

<sup>3</sup> *Ausonius*, *Epigr.* C.,

De Hermaphrodito  
Mercurio genitore satus, genitrice  
Cythere,

Nominis ut mixti, sic corporis  
Hermaphroditus,  
Concretus sexu, sed non perfectus,  
utroque :  
Ambiguae Veneris, neutro potiun-  
dus amori

(Of Hermaphroditus.—Born of Mercury as sire, of Cythera as mother, Hermaphroditus, at once of compound name and compound body, combi-

Thus there would be nothing inconsistent with the views universally held in Antiquity in considering the *νοῦσος θήλεια* (feminine disease) of the Scythians, and equally that of Philoctetes, as consequences of the wrath of Venus. That paederastia was invariably regarded as a *Vice* by the Ancients (and particularly by the Greeks) we have already, following the lines laid down by *Meier*, we think sufficiently proved. *Stark*, who repeatedly (pp. 12, 16, 20.) denies this, has been led into error merely by the mistake that was generally prevalent in his time of confusing paedophilia and paederastia; and it is on this misapprehension he bases his argument. How the Scythians came to hold this belief that the wrath of Venus was to blame for what they suffered, must indeed be left an open question. But it should be remembered it was not the *pathics* themselves who advanced this opinion, but only the rest of the Scythians; for Herodotus says expressly, *λέγουσί τε οἱ Σκύθαι διὰ τοῦτο σφραγ νοσέειν* (and the Scythians say that for this cause *they* were afflicted). Again it was only *ὀλίγοι τινὲς αὐτῶν ὑπολειφθέντες* (a few of the Scythians who were left behind), a few of the stragglers, who would seem to have plundered the temple of Aphrodité; and it certainly was only later that this act of impiety was brought into connection with the vice,—in the same way as the killing of Paris by Philoctetes was with the legend of his lewd practices.

## § 15.

The second question we have to answer will be this: how could Herodotus write *that the descendants of these few stragglers alive in his time suffered from the νοῦσος θήλεια (feminine disease)?* From

ned of either sex, but com-      enjoy the joys of neither  
plete in neithvr; a being of      passion.)  
ambiguous love, that can

the fact that, while descendants are named, strictly speaking only *male* descendants can be in question, it is clear the statement is only a general one, and must not be understood to imply more than that certain members of these families were Cinaedi, not of course that the *whole* posterity was afflicted with the *νοῦσος θήλεια*. We see at the present day how the impurity of the father passes on to the son; so it need be matter for no surprise whatever to find the vice of the cinaedi descending in the same way among certain members of a family. As a matter of fact these Scythian temple-robbers are by no means the only examples Antiquity holds up to us of such a thing, for the Orator *Lysias*<sup>1</sup> says of the family of *Alcibiades*, that *most members of it had become prostitutes*.

What is more, the opinion was avowedly and directly held by the Ancients, that pathics were born with the predisposition to the vice. In particular *Parmenides* (509 B.C.) expressed this view in a Fragment, which *Caelius Aurelianus*<sup>2</sup> has preserved in a chapter of his Work. This chapter treats solely of the vice of the pathic, and is of the greatest importance for our subject. We could not

<sup>1</sup> Orat. contra Alcibiad., I. p. 550., οἱ μὲν πολλοὶ αὐτῶν ἤταιρήμασιν. (the majority of them have become prostitutes.) Comp. *Meier*, loco citato p. 173., who in another place, p. 154 note 79., has authenticated the meaning of ἔταιρ-εῖν (to be a hetaera, prostitute, used of men, viz. to submit the body for pay to another to violate.

<sup>2</sup> "De morbis acutis et chronicis, lib. VIII." (On acute and chronic Diseases—8 Books.) edit. Amman. Amsterdam 1722. 4to. Chronic

Diseases, Bk. IV. ch. 9. In this book diseases of the intestinal canal are treated, and immediately preceding the subject of Worms. So the vice must have been regarded as if it were a disease of the rectum, though the author says it had its origin in a mental derangement. Comp. *C. Barth*, *Adversar.*, bk. IV. ch. 3., bk. XLIII. ch. 21, bk. XLVIII. ch. 3., bk. XXIII. ch. 2. bk. XIII. ch. 13., where several emendations are to be found of the corruptions of the text.

forgo quoting it in full, particularly as it is the sole authority for the views held by physicians on this vice, and up to now appears to have been entirely overlooked.

DE MOLLIBUS SIVE SUBACTIS, QUOS GRAECI  
*μαλθακούς* VOCANT.

“Molles sive subactos Graeci *μαλθακούς* vocaverunt, quos quidem esse nullus facile virorum credit. Non enim hoc humanos ex natura venit in mores, sed pulso pudore, libido etiam indebitas partes obscoenis usibus subiugavit. Cum enim nullus cupiditati modus, nulla satietatis spes est, singulis Sparta non sufficit sua. Nam sic nostri corporis loca divina providentia certis destinavit officiis. Tum denique volentes alliciunt veste atque gressu, et aliis femininis rebus, quae sunt a passionibus corporis aliena, sed potius corruptae mentis vitia. Nam saepe tumentes [timentes], vel quod est difficile, verentes quosdam, quibus forte deferunt, repente mutati parvo tempore virilitatis quaerunt indicia demonstrare, cuius quia modum nesciunt, rursus nimietate sublatis, plus quoque quam virtuti convenit, faciunt et maioribus si peccatis involvunt. Constat itaque etiam nostro iudicio, hos vera sentire. Est enim, ut Soranus ait, malignae ac foedissimae mentis passio. Nam sicut feminae Tribades<sup>1</sup> appellatae, quod utramque Venerem

<sup>1</sup> Tribades dictae a *τριβω*, frico, frictrices, sunt quibus ea pars naturae muliebris, quam clitoridem vocant, in tantam magnitudinem excrescit, ut possint illa pro mentuia vel ad futuendum vel ad paedicandum uti. “Tribades”, so called from *τριβω*,—I rub, *women that rub*, are such as have that portion of the

woman's parts which is called the clitoris grown to a size so excessive that they can use it as a penis whether for fornicating or for pederastia. So says Forberg, loco citato p. 345. Comp. *Hesychius* *ἐταριστριαί τριβάδες* (lewd women, *tribades*.) The Lesbian women were especially notorious for it. *Lucian*,

“exerceant, mulieribus magis quam viris misceri  
 “festinant et easdem, invidentia pene virili sectantur,  
 “et cum passione fuerint desertae, seu temporaliter  
 “relevatae, ea quaerunt aliis obicere, quae pati  
 “noscuntur, iuvamini humilitate [iuvandi voluptate  
 “ex] duplici sexu confecta, velut frequenti ebrietate  
 “corruptae in novas libidinis formas erumpentes,  
 “consuetudine turpi nutritae, sui sexus iniuriis gau-  
 “dent, illi comparatione talium animi passione iactari  
 “noscuntur. Nam neque ulla curatio corporis depel-  
 “lendae passionis causa recte putatur adhibenda,  
 “sed potius animus coercendus, qui tanta peccatorum

Dialog. meretr. 5., τοιαύτας  
 (ἑταιριστρίας) ἐν Λέσβῳ  
 λέγουσι γυναῖκας, ὑπὸ ἀν-  
 δρῶν μὲν οὐκ ἐθελούσας  
 αὐτὸ πάσχειν, γυναιξὶ δὲ  
 αὐτὰς πλησιαζούσας, ὥσπερ  
 ἄνδρας. (such women—*triba-*  
*des*, they say there are in  
 Lesbos, who will not suffer  
 it from men, but themselves  
 go with women, as if they  
 were men). But we must  
 beware of connecting the word  
 λεσβιάζειν (the act the Les-  
 bian) with this; it means  
 something quite different, as  
 we shall see later on. The  
 Milesian women were skilled  
*Tribades*, employing an arti-  
 ficial penis made of leather,  
 which was called by the  
 Greeks ὄλισβος. Aristophanes,  
*Lysistrat.* 108—110.,

οὐκ εἶδον σὺδ' ὄλισβον  
 ὀταδάατυλον,  
 ὃς ἦν ἄν ἡμῖν σκντίνη  
 πικσυρία.

(Since when the the Milesians  
 betrayed us, I have never seen

even an eight-inch *olisbos*,  
 that would have been a  
 leathern succour for us.) *Sui-*  
*das*, s. v. ὄλισβος· εἰδοῖον  
 δερμάτινον, ᾧ ἐχρῶντο αἱ  
 μιλήσσαι γυναῖκες, ὡς τσι-  
 βάδες, καὶ αἰσχρονογοί.  
 ἐχρῶντο καὶ αὐτοῖς καὶ αἱ  
 χῆραι γυναῖκες.—s. v. μισή-  
 τής· μισήται δὲ γυναῖκες  
 ὄλισβῳ χρῆσονται. (under the  
 word ὄλισβος: a member of  
 leather; which the Milesian  
 women used, such as *tribades*  
 and bad women. They were  
 used by widows also.—under  
 the word μισήτης (lewd per-  
 son): and lewd women will  
 use the *olisbos*.) Comp. the  
 Scholiast to the passage to  
 the passage of Aristophanes  
 quoted. There were also cakes  
 shaped like an *olisbos* and  
 called ὀλισβόκολλοξ (*olisbos-*  
*loaves*)—*Hesychius*, which  
 remind us of the cakes in the  
 shape of a penis that were  
 sold in Italy at the feast of  
 SS. Cosmus and Damian. see  
*Knight*, loco citato p. 62.)

“labe vexatur. Nemo enim pruriens corpus femi-  
 “nando correxit, vel virilis veretri tactu mitigavit,  
 “sed communiter querelam sive dolorem alia ex  
 “materia toleravit. Denique etiam a Clodio historia  
 “curationis data ascaridarum esse perspicitur, quos  
 “de lumbricis scribentes vermiculos esse docuimus  
 “longaonis<sup>1</sup> in partibus natos. Parmenides<sup>2</sup>  
 “libris quos de natura scripsit, eventu, inquit  
 “conceptionis molles aliquando seu  
 “subactos homines generare. Cuius quia  
 “graecum est epigramma et hoc versibus intimabo  
 “[imitabo]: Latinos enim, ut potui, simili modo  
 “composui, ne linguarum ratio misceretur.

Femina, virque simul Veneris cum germina miscent  
 Venis, informans diverso ex sanguine virtus  
 Temperiem servans bene condita corpora fingit.  
 At si virtutes permixto semine pugnent,  
 Nec faciant unam, permixto in corpore dirae  
 Nascentem gemino vexabunt semine sexum.

“Vult enim seminum praeter materias esse virtutes,  
 “quae si se ita miscuerint et [ut] eiusdem corporis  
 “[vim unam] faciant, unam congruam sexui generent  
 “voluntatem. Si autem permixto semine corporeo vir-  
 “tutes separatae permanserint utriusque Veneris natos  
 “adpetentia sequatur. Multi praeterea sectarum prin-  
 “cipes genuinam dicunt esse passionem et propterea

<sup>1</sup> *Longao* or *Longano* signifies the rectum—straight gut, the large intestine, the *longus anus*, prolonged-anus, as it were. The word is found frequently in *Caelius Aurelianus* and in *Vegetius*, *De re veterin.* (On Veterinary medicine). II. 14., 21., 28. IV. 8. Since the large intestine was used for sausages (*Apicius*, *De re coq.* (On Cookery, Bk. IV. ch. 2.), the sausage

was also called *longano* or *longavo*. *Varro*, *De ling. lat.* V. III.

<sup>2</sup> We have not been able to ascertain whether the Fragment here quoted is extant in Greek as well, for the Fragments of Parmenides, by G. G. Fülleborn. Züllichau 1795. 8vo. were as inaccessible by us as were *Brandis'* *Commentationes Eleaticae*.

"in posteros venire cum semine, non  
 "quidem naturam criminantes, quae suae puritatis  
 "metas aliis ex animalibus docet: nam sunt eius  
 "specula a sapientibus nuncupata: sed humanum  
 "genus, quod ita semel recepta tenet vitia, ut nulla  
 "possit instauratione purgari, nec ullum novitati  
 "liquerit locum, sitque gravior senescentibus mentis  
 "culpa, cum plurimae genuinae, seu adventitiae pas-  
 "sionis corporibus infractae consenescant, ut podagra,  
 "epilepsia, furor et propterea aetate vergente mitiores  
 "procul dubio fiant. Omnia et enim vexantia validos  
 "effectus dabunt firmitate opposita subiacentium  
 "materiarum, quae cum in senibus deficit, passio  
 "quoque minuitur, ut fortitudo; sola tamen supra  
 "dicta, quae subactos seu molles efficit viros, senescenti  
 "corpore gravius invalescit et infanda magis libidine  
 "moveret, non quidem sine ratione. In aliis enim  
 "aetatibus adhuc valido corpore et naturalia ventris  
 "[veneris] officia celebrante, gemina luxuriae libido non  
 "dividitur, animorum nunc faciendo, nunc facie iactata  
 "[animo eorum nunc patiendo nunc faciendo iactato]:  
 "in iis vero qui senectute defecti virili veneris officio  
 "caruerint, omnis animi libido in contrariam ducitur  
 "appetentiam, et propterea femina validius Venerem  
 "poscit. Hinc denique coniiciunt plurimi etiam  
 "pueros hac passione iactari. Similiter enim senibus  
 "virili indigent officio<sup>1</sup>, quod in ipsis est nondum,  
 "illos deseruit." (On effeminate men or *subservients*,  
 called *μαλθακοί*—soft, effeminate, by the Greeks.—  
 Effeminate men, or *subservients*, were called by the  
 Greeks *μαλθακοί*. A man finds it difficult to believe  
 in the existence of such creatures. For it was not  
 nature prompted the introduction of this as part of  
 human habits; rather was it lust that, expelling  
 shame, subjected to foul uses parts of the body that  
 should never have been so employed. For no limit  
 being set to passion, and no hope of satiety being  
 entertained, the several members find each its own  
 realm insufficient; whereas divine providence destined  
 the different portions of the body to perform definite

functions. In fine they go out of their way to allure by dress and gait and other feminine attributes, things unconnected with bodily emotions, being rather due to a corrupted mind. For often, moved by fear, or (however difficult to believe) by shame, towards persons whom they happen to respect, they change of a sudden and for a brief space seek to show marks of manly power; but not knowing where to put the limit, they are again carried away by excess, and going beyond what is fit for an honest man are involved in yet greater offences. Thus it is evident, in *our* opinion, that such men have a sense of the true state of things. For theirs is, as Soranus declares, the passion of a corrupt and utterly foul mind. For as women that are called *Tribades*, because they practise the love of either sex, are eager to have intercourse with women more than with men, and pursue these with a jealousy almost as violent as a man's, and when they have been deserted by their love or for the time being superseded, seek to do to other women what they are known to suffer, and winning from their double sex a pleasure in giving pleasure, like persons deboshed by constant drunkenness, being nurtured on evil habitude, delight in wrongs to their own sex,—even so these men (pathics) are seen by a comparison with women of this sort to be tormented with a passion that is of the mind. For no bodily treatment it is rightly deemed should be adopted to expel the passion, rather must the mind be disciplined which is afflicted with such a pollution of vices.

For no man ever remedied a prurient body by foul practices as a woman, nor got mitigation by contact of the male member, but concurrently he suffered some complaint or pain from a different (material) cause. So in fact the history of a cure given by Clodius is found to be really a case of recovery from "ascaridae", which writers on intestinal worms have shown are a kind of worm born in

the region of the rectum or straight gut. *Parmenides* in his books on natural science says "*Effeminate men or subservients occasionally bring forth as a result of conception.*" But as his Epigram is in Greek, I will imitate it in verse; so I have composed Latin lines like the original so far as I could make them, that there might not be a mixture of the two languages:—"When a woman and a man together mingle in the veins the seeds of love, the formative virtue that moulds of the diverse blood, if it keep due proportion, makes well-framed bodies. But if the virtues are discordant in the commingled seed, and have no unity, in the commingled body furies will torment the nascent sex with two-fold seed." He means that over and above the material seed there are certain virtues residing in it; and if these have commingled in such a way as to have one and the same operative force in the same body, then they produce one single will that tallies with the sex. But if when the bodily seed was commingled, the virtues remained separate, the appetite for love of both kinds must pursue the offspring.

Many leading doctors of the schools moreover declare that the passion is innate, and *therefore passes on with the seed to descendants*, not indeed hereby incriminating nature, which teaches men the bounds of its purity by the example of other animals (for animals are called by wise men nature's mirrors), but rather the human race that retains so obstinately vices once adopted, that by no renewal can it be purified, and has left no room for change. Similarly a *mental* depravity grows graver as men advance in life, whereas most affectious of the *body*, whether innate or adventitious, get weaker as men get older, for instance gout, epilepsy and madness, and so as age advances undoubtedly grow milder. For all troublesome factors will produce strong effects in proportion to the firmness to resist possessed by the affected parts, and as this firmness is deficient in old men, so the complaint or passion diminishes

in intensity, as does the general strength. *But* that passion which makes men subservient or effeminate, grows stronger and more serious as the body grows old and stirs the sufferers with yet more abominable lustfulness,—and not without a reason. For at other ages, the body being still strong and capable of performing the natural offices of love, there is no division of lust into double forms of wantonness, through their mind being tossed to and fro now by passive now by active lewdness. But in such as have failed from age, and become incapable of the manly office of love, all the wantonness of the mind is directed on the appetite for the opposite form of gratification; and for this cause a woman demands love more strongly than a man. In fact many conjecture it is for this reason that boys also are tormented by this passion. For they resemble old men in lacking power for the virile function. It is not yet born in boys; old men have lost it.)

To leave on one side for the present the many inferences of various sorts that this passage of *Caelius Aurelianus* must necessarily lead us to, as they will find a more suitable place later on, and to return to our question,—the mere fact of Herodotus mentioning posterity at all ought of itself to be sufficient to negative any idea of actual eunuchs, of loss of the generative power. For had the Scythians returning from Ascalon lost this power, they could have had no more descendants, and therefore the *νοῦσος θήλεια* could not have passed on to these, but must have become extinct with the original sufferers. On the other hand children already begotten by them before that period could have been in no way influenced by a disease communicable through the act of generation. Accordingly the *νοῦσος θήλεια* cannot possibly have affected *these* Scythians so as to annihilate the power of generation. Both must have co-existed side by side; and the contrary can never be proved from anything *Herodotus* says. As to another passage of Herodotus

that might seem to demand some notice here, where the expression *ἀνδρόγυνος* (man-woman) is put side by side with *ἐνάρες*, we will speak subsequently.

## § 16.

*But*, it is maintained by those who take a different view,—the individuals who suffered from the *νοῦσος θήλεια* (feminine disease) could be recognized as doing so by their looks; thus it cannot have been a mere vice, it must have been an actual bodily complaint. We will not say a word more insisting on the declarations general amongst ancient writers, for example the words of *Ovid: Heu! quam difficile est crimen non proderè vultu* (Alas! how difficult it is not to betray a vice by the look), but will simply ask the question,—*had the Ancients really no bodily marks of identification* by which they could recognise in an individual the vice of the pathic or cinaedus? On this point we must look to the Physiognomists for information, and as a matter of fact they supply it in considerable completeness. First of all Aristotle<sup>1</sup>:

<sup>1</sup> Physiognomicon ch. 3., in *Scriptores Physiognomiae veteres* (Ancient Writers on Physiognomy), edit. *J. G. Fr. Franzius*. Altenburg 1780 large 8vo., p. 51., *Κιναίδου σημεῖα, ὄμμα κατακεκλασμένον, γονύκροτος, ἐγκλίσεις τῆς κεφαλῆς εἰς τὰ δεξιὰ· αἱ φοραὶ τῶν χειρῶν ὑπτίαι καὶ ἔκλυτοι, καὶ βαδέσεις διτταὶ, ἡ μὲν περινεύοντος, ἡ δὲ κρατοῦντος, τὴν ὄσφυν, καὶ τῶν ὀμμάτων περιβλέψεις· οἷος ἂν εἴη Λιονόσιος ὁ σοφιστής.* (for translation

see text above). On p. 77. *γονύκροτος* (knock-kneed) is laid down as a characteristic of a woman. On p. 155 we read, *οἱ ἐγκλινόμενοι εἰς τὰ δεξιὰ ἐν τῷ πορεύεσθαι, κίναιδοι.* (those who bend to the right in walking are cinaedi.); on p. 50. *καὶ ἰσχνὰ ὄμματα κατακεκλασμένα — ἅμα δὲ καὶ τὰ κεκλασμένα τῶν ὀμμάτων, δύο σημαίνει, τὸ μὲν μαλακόν καὶ θήλυ.* (and withered, broken-down looking eyes,—and this broken-down appearance of the eyes denotes

*"Distinguishing Marks of the Cinaedus :*

"An eye broken-down, as it were, knees bent inwards, inclination of the head to the right side; movements of the hands always back downwards and flaccid, the gait double, as it were, one leg being crossed over the other in walking, the gaze wandering; such a man for example was the Sophist Dionysius." Polemo enters into greater detail<sup>1</sup>:

*"Distinguishing Marks of the Androgynus (Man-woman):* "The man-woman has a lecherous and wanton look, he rolls his eyes and lets his gaze wander; forehead and cheeks twitch, eyebrows are drawn together to a point, neck bent, hips in continual movement. All the limbs twitch spasmodically, knees and hands seeming to crack; like an ox he glares round him and fixes his eyes on the ground. He speaks with a thin voice, at once croaking and shrill, exceedingly uncertain and trembling." In very similar terms the pathic is sketched by Adamantus<sup>2</sup>. *Dio Chrysostom* in his

two things, the one being softness and effeminacy). *Clement of Alexandria*, *Pædagog.* bk. III. ch. 11., οὐδὲ κατακεκλασμένως, πλάγιον ποιήσας τὸν τραχήλον, περιπατεῖν ὡσπερ ἑτέρους ὁρῶ κιναιδούς ἐνθάδε πολλοὺς ἄσκει. (nor yet with broken-down look, bending the neck askance, to walk about as I see others do here, cinaedi,—yea, many of them in the city).

<sup>1</sup>) *Physiognom.* bk. II. 9. l. c. p. 290., Ἄνδρογύνου σημεῖα. Ὑγρὸν βλέπει καὶ ἰταμὸν ὁ ἀνδρόγυνος, καὶ δονεῖται τὰ ὄμματα, καὶ περιτρέχει μέτωπον σπᾶ, καὶ παρειάς, αἱ ὄφρυες οἰδαίνουσι κατὰ χάραν, τρά-

χηλος κέκλιται, ὄσφύς οὐκ ἀτρεμεῖ· κινεῖται πάντα τὰ μέλη ἄλματι γονάτων κρότος καὶ χειρῶν φαίνεται ὡς ταῦρος περιβλέπει εἰς ἑαυτὸν καὶ καταβλέπει· φωνεῖ λεπτόν, κράζει δὲ λιγυρὰ, σκολιὰ πάνυ καὶ πάνυ ἐντρομα. (for translation see text above.) p. 275., οἱ τὰ γόνατα ἔσω νεύοντες, γυναικειοὶ τε καὶ θηλυδρίαί. (men that bow the knees inwards are womanish and effeminate).

<sup>2</sup>) *Physiognom.* bk. II. 38. l. c. p. 440., Εἶδος ἀνδρόγυνου. Ὁ ἀνδρόγυνος ὑγρὸν βλέπει, καὶ ἰταμὸν καὶ δονεῖται τὰ ὄμματα καὶ περιτρέχει μέτωπον σπᾶ καὶ παρειάς. αἱ ὄφρυες μένουσι

speech cited a little above <sup>1</sup> relates how "a physiognomist had come into a certain city, in order to give an exhibition of his art there, and declared he could tell by looking at any individual whether he were brave or timid, a boaster or a debauchee, a cinaedus or an adulteror. A man was brought to him who had a meagre body, eyebrows grown together, a dirty look, who was in evil condition, with callosities on his hands, and dressed in coarse gray clothing, one that was overgrown with hair to the knuckles, and ill-shaved, and the physiognomist was asked, what sort of a man he was. When he had looked at him a considerable time, and at the end was still uncertain, as it seems to me, what he should finally say, he declared he did not know and ordered the man to go. But when the latter sneezed, just as he was going, he cried out instantly he was a cinaedus. Thus the sneeze betrayed the man's habits, and prevented them, in spite of all the rest, from continuing hid." No doubt the man's walk had already given the Physiognomist an indication, and the gesture he made when he sneezed,

κατὰ χάραν, τράχηλος κέκλιται, ὄσφους οὐκ ἀτρεμεῖ κινεῖται πάντα τὰ μέλη καὶ ἐπιθρόσκει ἄλματίας ἐστὶ, γονύκροτος, χειρῶν φοραὶ ὑπτιαὶ περιβλέπει ἑαυτὸν φωνὴ λεπτή, ἐπικλάζουσα, λυγρὰ, σχολαία πάνν. (Appearance of the *Man-woman*. The *man-woman* has a lecherous and wanton look, he rolls his eyes and lets his gaze wander; forehead and cheeks twitch, eyebrows remain drawn to a point, neck bowed, hips in continual movement. All the limbs move and jump; he is spasmodic, knock-kneed, the movements of the hands

with backs downwards; he gazes round him; his voice is thin, plangent, shrill, very uncertain.) p. 382., οἱ τὰ γόνατα ἔσω νεύοντες ὥσπερ συγκρούειν, γυναικεῖοι καὶ δηλυδρῖαι. (men that bow the knees inwards as if to strike them together are womanish and effeminate.)

<sup>1</sup> Tarsica I. p. 410., These distinguishing marks were adequate for the Romans too, as we see from the passage of *Aulus Gellius* quoted on p. 143 above; side by side with which may be put another passage of the same author, Bk. VIII. ch. 12.

quickly confirmed his Diagnosis. In fact the cinaedus probably made a grip at his posterior as he sneezed, so as to close the orifice, the weakened or possibly ruptured *Sphincter ani* no longer being able to perform this office (*χαννοπρώκτος*,—wide-breeched, in Aristophanes!). Indeed with a healthy *Sphincter* it is often hardly possible during a sneeze to keep back the out-rush of wind and even of the more liquid faeces.<sup>1</sup>

Further the following passage of Lucian should be quoted in this connection:<sup>2</sup>

“But I tell you, pathic,—your habits are so obvious “that even the blind and the deaf cannot fail to “recognise them. If you only open your mouth to “speak, only undress at the baths, nay, if you do “not yourself undress, but only your slaves put off “their garments, what think you,—are not all your “secrets of the night at once revealed? Now just “tell me, if your Sophist Bassus, or the flute-player “Batalus, or the cinaedus Hemitheon of Sybaris, “who wrote your beautiful laws, how you must “polish the skin, and pluck out the hair (with “tweezers), how you must submit to the performance “of paederastia, and how yourselves perform it,—

<sup>1</sup> Still another explanation would seem possible, according to *Clement of Alexandria*, Paedag. bk. II. ch. 7. p. 179..  
*ναί μὴν καὶ τῶν ὠτῶν οἱ γαργαλισμοὶ καὶ τῶν πταρῶν οἱ ερεθισμοί, ὑάδεις εἰσὶ κνησμοί, πορνείας ἀκολάστον* (Yea! and moreover ticklings of the ears, and irritations causing sneezing, these are swinish itches, signs of excessive licentiousness). For the rest *Seneca*, Epist. 114., also says, Non videt—si ille effeminatus est, in ipso *incessu* apparere mollitiam?

(See you not—if he is effeminate, that his lasciviousness is apparent in his very walk?)

<sup>2</sup> *Lucian*, *Adversus indoctum* ch. 23., . . . . . *μυρία γὰρ ἔστι τὰ ἀντιμαρτυροῦντα τῷ σχήματι, βάδισμα καὶ φωνή, καὶ τραχῆλος ἐπικεκλασμένος, καὶ ψιμύδιον, καὶ μαστίχη καὶ φῶκος οἷς ὑμεῖς κοσμεῖσθε, καὶ ὄλωσ, κατὰ τὴν παροιμίαν, θάπτον ἂν πέντε ἐλέφαντας ὑπὸ μάλῃς κρούσειας, ἢ ἓνα κίναιδον.* (for translation see text above).

“now if one of these man should throw a lion’s skin round him, and enter with a club in his hand, what would the spectators really believe?—that it was Hercules? Surely not, unless they were utterly blear-eyed. A thousand things betray such a masquerade,—gait, look, voice,<sup>1</sup> the bowed neck, the ceruse, the mastich, the paint on the cheeks that you make yourselves up with; in a word it were easier, as the proverb says, to hide five elephants under your armpit than to conceal one cinaedus!”

Now if the *natural* marks of identification that have been specified were sufficient to betray the cinaedus, even when he was devoid of all external adornment from art,<sup>2</sup> how much more readily recognizable must the pathic become, if he arranged his get-up and costume to match his shameful practices,<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Clement of Alexandria*, Paedog. Bk. II. ch. 7. p. 173., also says ἀλλὰ τὸ τεθρομμένον τῆς φωνῆς, θηλυδρόιον. (but the broken character of the voice is a mark of the womanish man).

<sup>2</sup> *Martial*, Bk. VII. Epigr. 57.,

— sed habet tristis quoque  
turba cinaedos,  
Difficile est, vero nubere, Galla,  
viro.

(... but the dismal throng contains cinaedi as well; 'tis a difficult matter, Galla, to marry a real man). Comp. *Juvenal*, Satir. II. 8—13.,

Quis enim non vicus abundat  
Tristibus obscoenis? castigas  
turpia, cum sis  
Inter Socraticos notissima fossa  
cinaedos:  
Hispida membra quidem et durae  
per brachia setae

Promittunt atrocem animum? sed  
podice laevi  
Caeduntur tumidae, medico ridente,  
mariscaee.

(For what street has not its crowd of *dismal* debauchees? you inveigh against vice, when you are the most notorious pit of abomination of all the host of Socratic cinaedi. Shaggy limbs indeed and sturdy bristles [on your arms promise a rugged virtue; but your fundament is smooth, and the great bursting swellings on it are cut, the doctor grinning the while.) *Seneca*, Epist. 114., Ille et crura, hic nec alas vellit. (One man plucks bare his very legs, another not even the armpits.)

<sup>3</sup> *Aeschines*, Orat. in Timarch. p. 179., expresses it excellently, οὕτω τοὺς πεπορνευμένους, καὶ μὴ

and that this was so *Martial* affords evidence in countless places. In fact these male whores used to have the beard quite clean shaven (*ἐξυρημένοι* close-shaven) and not merely on the posteriors but generally all over the body, with the exception of the head, carefully removed the hair, so as make themselves more like women.

ἀντίκα γυναικεῖ ἦν ποιῆ τις δράματα,  
μετουσίαν δεῖ τῶν τρόπων τὸ σῶμ' ἔχειν,

(Directly, if a man play women's parts, the body must have its share in the characterization), Aristophanes makes Agatho say at the Thesmophoria, where Mnesilochus has been transformed into a woman by means of depilation, so as to be able to back up the women in opposition to Euripides in their attacks on him at that festival.

On the other hand cinaedi let the hair of the head grow long <sup>1</sup> (comae,—long locks), and dressed altogether like women. Hence the reply of the Cynic *Diogenes* <sup>2</sup> to a young man clothed after this fashion, who had asked him a question on some subject or other; he would not answer, he said,

παρῶμεν τοῖς αὐτῶν ἔργοις,  
ἐκ τῆς ἀναιδείας καὶ τοῦ  
θράσους καὶ τῶν ἐπιτηδευ-  
μάτων γινώσκουμεν. (So with  
regard to debauchees, even  
though we are not present at  
their actual doings, we recog-  
nize them by their bold,  
shameless bearing and their  
general habits.)

<sup>1</sup> This was the special  
adornment of the woman, and  
was sacred to Venus; we read  
in *Ausonius*,

Barba Iovi, crines Veneri decor;  
ergo necesse est,  
Ut nolint demi, quo sibi uterque  
placet.

(The beard is Jove's pride,  
her locks Venus's: they must  
needs then object to the  
removal of that wherein each  
takes special delight). Hence  
*Ambrosius* too, *Hexamer. bk.*  
*VI.*, writes, *Haud inscitum*  
*extat adagium: nullus comatus*  
*qui non idem cinaedus.* (There  
is a familiar proverb that says:  
never a long-haired man but  
is a cinaedus.) In *Martial*,  
*III. 58.*, they are called  
*capillati* (long-haired.)

<sup>2</sup> *Diogenes Laertius*, *Vita*  
*Diogenis Bk. VI. 54.*

till his questioner had lifted up his clothes, and shown him his sex! Equally important is the conversation of *Socrates* with *Strepsiades* in the "Clouds" of *Aristophanes*:<sup>1</sup>

Στρεψιάδης.... Δέξον δὴ μοι τι παθοῦσαι,  
εἶπερ Νεφέλαι γ' εἰσὶν ἀληθῶς, θνηταῖς  
εἴξασι γυναιξίν;  
οὐ γὰρ ἐκεῖναί γ' εἰσὶ τοιαῦται . . . . .

Σωκράτης. Γίγνονται πάνθ' ὅτι βούλονται κατ' ἦν  
μὲν ἴδωσι κομήτην,  
ἄγριόν τινα τῶν λασίων τούτων, οἷόν περ  
τὸν Ξενοφάντου,  
σκώπτουσαι τὴν μαρίαν αὐτοῦ, Κενταύρους  
ἤκασαν αὐτάς.

Καὶ νῦν ὅτι Κλεισθέη εἶδον, ὄρας, διὰ  
τοῦτ' ἐγένοντο γυναῖκες.

(*Strepsiades*.—Now tell me, how comes it that, if these are really and truly clouds, they resemble women? Common clouds are not like that. . . . .

*Socrates*.—They can easily make themselves anything they please. And so, if they but catch sight of one of those long-haired, ruffianly, shaggy fellows, such a man as *Xenophantus*' son for example, straightway in derision of their folly they change into Centaurs. And now when they beheld *Cleisthenes*, see you? they became women!) *Cleisthenes* was a notorious cinaedus at Athens, whom *Aristophanes* had made a special butt for his wit; for example, he makes *Mnesilochus*, mentioned just above, after his transformation into a woman, say,—he looks just like *Cleisthenes* now.

The evidence adduced will, we think, be sufficient to show that the Scythians had good reason for saying, that with persons in this case (cinaedi) it was easy to recognise by looking at them what stamp of men they were: and that *Juvenal*<sup>2</sup> was right when he wrote:

<sup>1</sup> *Clouds*, 340 sqq. See *Aristophanes* by *Fr. A. Wolf*.  
also (German) Translation of <sup>2</sup> *Satir. II. 16. W. E. Weber*

Verius ergo  
Et magis ingenue Peribomius: *hunc ego fatis*  
*Imputo, qui vultu morbum incessuque fatetur.*

(More truly then and more candidly Peribomius says: the man I consider a victim of fate, who in face and gait betrays the disease he suffers from.)—a passage that strongly confirms what has been advanced. Peribomius is quite candid, he confesses to being a pathic, for in any case his appearance would betray the fact: He finds the less reason to deny it, as he regards the vice which has mastered him as an infliction of providence (*fatis impulo*). Here is proof that the opinion of the Greeks as to the pathic's being one who had incurred the anger of the gods, was still commonly held in Juvenal's time, though perhaps less as a matter of conviction than in order to provide an excuse for indulgence. So we must further read *hoc* for *hunc* in the passage (*hoc ego fatis impulo*,—

("Die Satiren des D. J. Juvenalis."—The Satires of Decimus Junius Juvenalis. Halle 1838.) is mistaken in his way of taking this passage. Not only does he in his translation assign Peribomius' words to Juvenal himself, but also in the notes, pp. 286 sqq., gives quite wrong explanations of several words. For instance he says, "*inter Socraticos... cinaedos*, (amongst the Socratic breed of wantons, the kind that give themselves an air of sober and highly moral habits, like Socrates;" but really the poet merely meant to express the idea of later times that Socrates had been a paederast. Dis-

cussing the passage Weber remarks of Peribomius, "One who in looks and gait, as being effeminate and of a womanish dandified bearing, confesses his evil state,—one of enervation and womanish amorousness," whereas as a matter of fact Peribomius makes no other confession than simply that he is a pathic. We are not to suppose any sort of intentional suppression of the facts, as indeed is shown both by the rest of the translation and also expressly on p. VI of the Preface; so we are bound to characterize what is said in these places as the result of downright mistake.

*this* I regard as an infliction of fate); unless indeed we construe thus, *ego, qui morbum vultu incessuque faletur, hunc (sc. morbum) fati impulo*. "I in truth,— as for the man who confesses by look and gait his disease, *this disease* I regard as an infliction of fate." The words are obviously Peribomius' own expression of opinion; and directly afterwards the poet goes on:

Horum simplicitas miserabilis, his furor ipse  
Dat veniam: sed peiores, qui talia verbis  
Herculis invadunt et de virtute locuti  
Clunem agitant.

(These men's simplicity moves our pity; their very infatuation craves pardon. But worse are they who enter such courses with Hercules' words on their lips, and prating of manly virtue, heave the wanton buttocks.)

§ 17.

But the passage just quoted from *Juvenal* is of still greater importance for another reason. In it the vice of the cinaedus is called *morbus* (a disease); and in virtue of its explicitness it is sufficient by itself to settle all doubts as to this being a usual mode of expression with the Romans, who ordinarily designated any vice by this name <sup>1</sup>. The only

<sup>1</sup> When *Juvenal*, V. 50., says: *Hippo subit iuvenes et morbo pallet utroque*, (Hippo submits to young men, and is pale with a double disease), this must be understood to mean that Hippo is not only a pathic, but also a Fellator (see subsequently). Further Epigr. 131. of *Ausonius* is to the point in this connection:

Inguina quod calido levas tibi  
dropace, causa est:  
Irritant volsas levia membra  
lupas;  
Sed quod et elixo plantaria podice  
vellis,  
Et teris incusas pumice Clazo-  
menas,  
Causa latet: bimarem nisi  
quod patientia morbum  
Appetit et tergo femina,  
pube vires.

(The reason why you make

question remaining will be, Did the *Greeks* also use this form of expression? Any scholar possessed of a special acquaintance with the Greek language will

the private parts smooth with hot pitch-ointment (as a depilatory) is this: Smooth limbs excite the passions of the harlots, plucked smooth themselves. But why you pluck the hair from your fundament, soaked in hot water first, and polish with pumice your well-pounded Clazomenae (i. e. buttocks) the reason is obscure: *unless indeed your long-suffering lust hankers for a double disease (vice),—a woman behind, in your member a strong man).*

*Manilius*, *Astronomica* bk.

V. vv. 140—156., says:

Taurus, in aversos praeceps cum  
tollitur artus,  
Sexta parte sui certantes luce  
Pleiades ducit: quibus aspirantibus,  
sorores  
almam  
In lucem eduntur Baechi Vene-  
risque sequaces:  
Perque dapes, mensamque super  
petulantia corda,  
Et sale mordaci dulces quaerentia  
risus.  
Illis cura sui cultus, frontisque  
decorae  
Semper erit: tortos in fluctum  
ponere crines,  
Aut vinclis revocare comas et  
vertice denso  
Fingere et appositis caput emutare  
capillis,  
Pumicibusque cavis horrentia mem-  
bra polire,  
Atque odisse virum, sterilesque  
optare lacertos.  
Femineae vestes; nee in usum  
tegmina plantis,  
Sed speciem; fractique placent ad  
mollia gressus.  
Naturae pudet atque habitat sub  
pectore caeca

Ambitio et morbum virtutis  
nomine iactant.  
Semper amare parum est: cupient  
et amare videri

(When the Bull tending down-words lifts his head with limbs bent back, he brings with him in his sixth house the sister Pleiades, his equals in brilliancy. When these are in the ascendent, there are brought forth to the light of day such as follow after Bacchus and Venus; and hearts that wanton at feast and board, and that seek to raise the merry laugh by biting wit. These will ever be giving thought to their bedizenment and becoming appearance; to curl the hair and lay it in waving ripples or else to gather in the locks with circlets and arrange them in a heavy top-knot, and to alter the head by adding false ringlets; to polish the shaggy limbs with hollow pumice-stone; yea! and to hate the very sight of a man, and long for arms without growth of hair. Women's robes they wear; the coverings of their feet are less for use than show; and steps broken in to an effeminate gait are their delight. Nature they scorn; indeed in their breast there lies a pride they cannot avow, and they vaunt their disease (vice) under the name of virtue. Ever to love is a little thing

in their eyes; their wish will be to be seen to love).

*Seneca*, Quaest. nat. bk. VII. ch. 31., Egenus etiam in quo *morbum suum* exerceat, legit. (The poor man too chooses one on whom he may practise his disease (vice).—*Seneca*, Epist. 114. Cum vero magis vires *morbus* exedit et in medullas nervosque descendere deliciae. (But when the disease (vice) has eaten deeper into a man's vigour, and its delights penetrated to the very marrow and nerves).—Comp. Epist. 75.—*Cicero*, De finibus I. 18., in Verrem II. 1. 36., Tusc. quaest. IV. 11.—*Wytttenbach*, in Bibliothec. critic. Pt VIII. p. 73.—*Horace*, Sat. I. 6. 40., Ut si qui aegrotat quo *morbo* Barrus, haberi ut cupiat formosus. (As if one who is sick of the same *disease* as Barrus, as if he should long to be considered handsome.) Another passage of the same author (Odes I. 37. 9.) must be mentioned :

Contaminato cum grege turpium  
Morbo virorum.

(With her (Cleopatra's) herd of foul men stained with disease—vice). It is taken by *Stark* as by most of the commentators to mean *castrated* persons, though strictly speaking it implies nothing more than a contemptuous circumlocution for Egyptians. The boys that were kept in

the brothels at Rome for purposes of paederastia were for the most part from Egypt, whence they were imported in flocks. Accordingly the poet calls the whole *entourage* of Cleopatra pathics. There can be no mistake, if only we translate thus: *cum contaminato grege virorum, morbo turpium*, (with a polluted herd of men, defiled with disease—vice). In this Horace was all the more justified, because as a matter of fact Cleopatra did keep cinaedi, as we learn from *Suidas*: s. v. κίναϊδα καὶ κίναϊδία· ἢ ἀναίσχυντία· ἀπὸ τοῦ κινεῖν τὰ αἰδοῖα. Ὁ τῆς Κλεοπάτρας κίναϊδος Χελιδὼν ἐκαλεῖτο. (under the words κίναϊδα and κίναϊδία: shameless practice; from the moving (τὸ κινεῖν of the genitals. *Cleopatra's cinaedus* was called Chelidon. True *Terence*, Eunuch. I. 2. 87., makes Phaedria say :

Porro eunuchum dixi velle te,  
Quia solae utuntur his  
reginae, reperi,

(I have discovered wherefore you said you wanted a *eunuch*, because only queens use them) and Donatus observes on the passage that *reginae* (queens) stands for *feminae divites* (rich ladies). Accordingly just as Eunuchus is used for cinaedus or pathicus, in the same way cinaedus might very well stand in *Suidas* for eunuch, and as a matter of

fact the *entourage* of Cleopatra may have consisted of actual eunuchs. Still it is Horace's main point that they were *pathics*. As to the reason why *reginae* (queens, rich ladies) kept *castrati* (eunuchs) at all, comp. p. 125 above.—The Latin *grex* (herd) is sufficiently explained by the *παίδων ἀγέλας* (herds of boys) in the passages already quoted (p. 131.) from *Tatian* and *Justin Martyr*, along side which we may put the *μειραίων ὠραίων ἀγέλαι* (herds of lads in the bloom of youth) of *Clement of Alexandria*, Paedag. bk. III. ch. 4. The word is used in the same sense by *Seneca*, Epist. 95., *Transeo puerorum infelicium greges*, quos post transacta convivia aliae cubiculi contumeliae expectant. *Transeo agmina exoletorum* per nationes coloresque descripta. (I pass over the *herds of unhappy boys*, whom after the feast is done, other affronts of the bed-chamber await. I pass over the *serried ranks of debauchees* (cinaedi) marshalled by nation and complexion.) *Cicero*, Ad Atticum I. 13., *Concursabant barbatuli iuvenes, totus ille grex Catilinae*, (Thither flocked the youths of the baby beards, all the *herd* of Catiline's friends. *Petronius*, Sat. ch. 40., *Grexit agit in scena mimum*. (The common herd plays the mime on the stage.) *Grexit* was used generally for any crowd of

*common men*.—The use of the word *contaminatus* (polluted) brings to mind *catamitus*, which bears the sense of pathic, e. g. in *Cicero*, Philipp. II. 31., *Appuleius*, Metam. I. p. 107 and especially is used as a nickname for Ganymede. *Plautus*, Menaechn. I. 2. 34.—*Festus*: *Catamitum pro Ganymede dixerunt, qui fuit Jovis concubinus*, (Men said *catamitus* for Ganymedes, who was Jupiter's bed-fellow),—which probably led to the ridiculous idea being entertained, e.g. by *Scheller*, that the word was derived from *Ganymedes* by corruption in the pronunciation! The fact that the word is metrically a "Paeon tertius", that is to say the *i* in the third syllable is long, might have led us at once to the conclusion that originally the word was *catamytus*, and derived from the Greek *καταμύσσω* (to tear), and so has the same meaning as the Latin *percisus* (cut), or else that it stands for *καταμίχτος* (mixed), and is connected with *καταμίγνυμι* (to mix), and so in fact *concupinus* (sharing the bed), as *Festus* says! At any rate the passages quoted above from *Cicero* and *Seneca*, which might easily be multiplied, prove that Stark's supposition expressed on p. 22., to the effect that *morbis* (disease) is used in this sense *only* in the poets, is unfounded.

most certainly not hesitate an instant to answer this question in the affirmative, the Lexicographers having long ago collected an exhaustive list of examples of such use <sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> *Menander*, in *Lucian*, Amores ch. 43., says: νόσων χαλεπωτάτη φθόνος (of diseases the cruellest is envy.) It is used of envy by Aristophanes, Birds 31. νόσον νοσοῦμεν τὴν ἐναντίαν Σάκκα. (we are sick of the disease that was Saces' enemy.) *Euripides*, Medea 525., γλωσσαλγία αἰσχιστος νόσος (garrulousness, a most shocking disease.) But in a special way νόσος (disease) was used of Love (*Pollux*) Onomast. Bk. VI. 42., εἰς Ἀφροδίτην νοσῶν. (being sick of Love). *Eubulus*, in Nannio, quoted by *Athenaeus*, Deipnos. Bk. XIII. ch. 24., says:

μικροῦ πρίασθαι κέρματος  
τὴν ἡδονήν  
καὶ μὴ λαθραίαν Κύπριν  
(αἰσχιστήν νόσων  
πασῶν) διώκειν, ὕβρεος, οὐ  
πόθου χάριν.

(To buy pleasure for a small coin, and not pursue secret amours,—most base of all diseases,—for over-mastering lust's sake and not for love.) *Νόσημα* (disease) is used in the same sense in *Lucian*, Amores 3., and πάθος (suffering, passion) in many passages in the same Work. *Plutarch*, Amator. p. 763., καὶ λελάληκε (*Μένανδρος*) περὶ τοῦ πάθους φιλοσοφώ-

τερον. (And he—Menander—has talked about the passion more like a philosopher). The following passage in *Philo*, De specialibus legibus,—Opera. edit. Mangey, Vol. II. p. 301., is of interest: Ἐχει μὲν οὖν καὶ ἡ κατὰ φύσιν ἡδονὴ πολλάκις μέμψιν, ὅταν ἀμέτρως καὶ ἀκορῆστως χοιῆται τις αὐτῇ, καθάπερ οἱ ἀπληστοὶ περὶ ἐδωδῆν, κἂν εἰ μηδὲν τῶν ἀπηγορευμένων προσφέρουσι· καὶ οἱ φιλογυνναίοις συνουσίαις ἐπιμνηνότες, καὶ λαγνίστερον προσομιλοῦντες γυναιξίν οὐκ ἄλλοτρίαις, ἀλλὰ ταῖς ἐαντιῶν. Ἡ δὲ μέμψις σώματός ἐστι μᾶλλον ἢ ψυχῆς κατὰ τοὺς πολλοὺς, πολλὴν μὲν ἔχοντος εἴσω φλόγα, ἡ τὴν παραβλήθεισαν τροφήν ἐξαναλίσκουσα ἑτέραν οὐκ εἰς μακρὰν ἐπιζητεῖ πολλὴν ἰκμάδα, ἧς τὸ ῥοῶδες διὰ τῶν γεννητικῶν ἀποχετεύετο, κνησμοὺς καὶ ὀδαξισμοὺς ἐμποιοῦν καὶ γαργαλισμοὺς ἀπάσσοις. (So the gratification even of natural pleasure is often blameworthy, when it is indulged immoderately and insatiably, just as men who are insatiably greedy about eating are blameworthy, even though they should not

*Plutarch*<sup>1</sup> says, comparing the action of the Sun with that of Love:—*Καὶ μὴν οὔτε σώματος ἀγύμναστος ἔξις ἥλιον, οὔτε Ἔρωτα δύναται φέρειν ἀλύπως τρόπος ἀπαιδευτοῦ ψυχῆς· ἐξίσταται δ' ὁμοίως ἐκάτερον καὶ νοσεῖ, τὴν τοῦ θεοῦ δύναμιν, οὐ τὴν αὐτοῦ μεμφόμενον ἀσθενεῖαν.* — (ch. XXIII.) *Τὴν μὲν πρὸς ἄφρονα ἄφρονος ὁμιλίαν, μᾶλλον δὲ ἀκρασίαν καὶ ἐπιπήδησιν εἶποι τις ἂν ἐννοήσας,*

*Ἔβρις τὰδ' οὐχ ἢ Κύπρις ἐξεργάζεται.*

*Διὸ τοὺς μὲν ἡδομένους τῷ πάσχειν εἰς τὸ χεῖριστον τιθέμενοι γένος κακίας, οὔτε πίστεως μοῖραν, οὔτε αἰδοῦς.... Ἀλλὰ πολλὰ φαῦλα καὶ μανικὰ τῶν γυναικῶν ἐρώτων· Τὶ δὲ οὐχὶ πλείονα τῶν παιδικῶν; Ἀλλ' ὥσπερ τοῦτο παιδομανία τὸ πάθος, οὐδέτερον δὲ Ἔρωτος ἔστιν.* (And in fact neither can an untrained body bear the sun, nor can any fashion of uneducated soul bear Love (Eros) without pain; but each equally is disorganized

partake of any forbidden meats. So too men who are madly devoted to intercourse with women, and go with women lewdly,—not strange women but their own wives. *And the blame lies rather with the body than with the mind in most cases, for the body has within it a great flame, which using up the fuel cast to it, does not for long lack much moisture, the watery humour of which is drawn off by intercourse with women, producing ticklings and gnashings with the teeth and unappeasable itchings.*) Immoderate copulation then with a man's own wife is only a reproach that concerns the body more than the mind; on the other hand *Philo* in the succeeding sentences speaks

of those who practise fornication with *strange* women as, *ἀνίατον νόσον ψυχῆς νοσοῦντας* (sick of an incurable sickness of the soul., *Clement of Alexandria*) *Paedag.* bk. II. ch. 10., *μικρὰν ἐπιληψίαν τὴν συνουσίαν ὁ Ἀβδηρίτης ἔλεγε σοφιστῆς, νόσον ἀνίατον ἠγοούμενος.* (the sophist of Abdera used to speak of coition as a miniature epilepsy, deeming it an incurable disease.) *Gellius*, bk. XIX. ch. 2., indeed attributes this expression to Hippocrates, *Stobaeus*, *Florileg.* I. 6. De intemperantia, to Eryximachus.

<sup>1</sup> *Eroticus* ch. 19. in *Plutarch*, *Opera Moralia*, edit. A. G. Winckelmann, Vol. I. Zürich 1836. large 8vo.

and grows sick, having to blame the power of the god, not its own weakness.—ch. XXIII.—Now intercourse of male with male one would rather call, after due reflection, incontinence and violent assault.

“’Tis *overmastering insolence* works this result, not love (Cypris).”<sup>1</sup>

Wherefore such as take pleasure in pathic lust, devoting themselves to the vilest kind of wickedness, have no portion in honour or in modesty.—Indeed much there is base and insane in amours with women; how much more so in those with boys! Now the name of the latter passion is paedomania—<sup>2</sup> madness for boys,—but *neither* kind is Love—Eros).

These passages are of the highest importance in connection with our subject, as confirming in the most distinct manner what has been said above as to the wrath of Venus; but for the sake of greater clearness they had to be held over for discussion till now. It is clearly stated in them: that paederastia is no work of Venus, i.e. not an expression or consequence of the customary activity of the goddess, but a ὕβρις (act of insolent violence) and the consequence of ὕβρις i.e. of some act that has roused the anger of the gods. Here we have the oldest view of all: that paederastia is a consequence of the vengeance of Venus, arising in consequence of a ὕβρις, and again in turn itself constituting a ὕβρις.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Manetho, Astronom. bk. IV. 486.,

ἐν αἷς ὕβρις, οὐ Κύπρις ἄρχει.

(women in whom overmastering insolence, not Love, rules).

<sup>2</sup> Plutarch, De capt. util. ex host. p. 88. f., οὐκοῦν μηδὲ μοιχὸν λοιδορήσης, αὐτὸς ὦν παιδομανής. (Therefore you must not reproach even an adulterer, being yourself a

paedomaniac). Comp. Jacobs, Animadv. in Antholog. (Notes on the Anthology), I. II. p. 244. Athenaeus, XI. p. 464.

<sup>3</sup> Isocrates, Paneg. 32., ὕβρις παίδων (violence towards—violation of—boys). Aeschines, Timarch. pp. 5. and 26., πιπράσκειν τὸ σῶμα ἐφ’ ὕβρει and ὕβριν τοῦ σώματος (to buy the body for violation, violation of the body).

But besides this the later view of a more enlightened time is also implied. According to this it was not any *δύναμις τοῦ θεοῦ* (operation of a god's might), but simply an *ἀσθενεία* or *ἀκρασία*<sup>1</sup> (weakness,

<sup>1</sup> *Aristotle, Nicomach. Ethics bk. VII. ch. 5., ἀλλὰ μὴ οὕτω διατίθενται οἱ ἐν τοῖς πάθεσιν ὄντες· θυμοὶ γὰρ καὶ ἐπιθυμίαι ἀφροδισίων καὶ ἔνια τῶν τοιούτων ἐπιδήλως καὶ τὸ σῶμα μεθιστάσιν, ἐνίοις δὲ καὶ μανίας ποιοῦσιν· δῆλον οὖν ὅτι ὁμοίως ἔχειν λεκτέον τοὺς ἀκρατεῖς τοῦτο. cap. 6. αἱ δὲ νοσηματώδεις ἢ ἐξ ἔθους, οἷον τριχῶν τίλσεις καὶ ὀνύχων τρώξεις, ἔτι δ' ἀνθρώπων καὶ γῆς, πρὸς δὲ τούτοις ἢ τῶν ἀφροδισίων τοῖς ἄρρεσιν· τοῖς μὲν γὰρ φύσει τοῖς δ' ἐξ ἔθους συμβαίνουσιν, οἷον τοῖς ὑβριζομένοις ἐν παιδῶν ὄσοις μὲν οὖν φύσις αἰτία, τούτους μὲν οὐδεὶς ἀνεῖπειεν ἀκρατεῖς, ὥσπερ οὐδὲ τὰς γυναικάς, ὅτι οὐκ ὀπνίουσιν ἀλλ' ὀπνίονται. — πᾶσα γὰρ ὑπερβάλλουσα καὶ ἀφροσύνη καὶ δειλία καὶ ἀκολασία καὶ χαλεπότης αἱ μὲν θηριώδεις αἱ δὲ νοσηματώδεις εἰσίν. ch. 8. ἀνάγκη γὰρ τοῦτον μὴ εἶναι μεταμελητικόν, ὥστ' ἀνίατος· ὁ γὰρ ἀμεταμέλητος ἀνίατος. — ὁ δ' ἐλλείπων πρὸς ἃ οἱ πολλοὶ καὶ ἀντιτείνουσι καὶ δύνανται, οὗτος μαλακὸς καὶ τρυφῶν· καὶ γὰρ ἡ τρυφή μαλακία τίς ἐστίν· ὅς ἔλκει τὸ ἱμάτιον, ἵνα μὴ πονήσῃ*

*τὴν ἀπὸ τοῦ αἶρειν λύπην κ τ. λ. ... ἀλλ' εἴ τις πρὸς ἃ οἱ πολλοὶ δύνανται ἀντέχειν, τούτων ἠττάται καὶ μὴ δύναται ἀντιτείνειν, μὴ διὰ φύσιν τοῦ γένους ἢ διὰ νόσον, οἷον ἐν τοῖς Σκνυθῶν βασιλεῦσιν ἢ μαλακία διὰ τὸ γένος, καὶ ὡς τὸ θῆλυ πρὸς τὸ ἄρρεν διέστηκεν· δοκεῖ δὲ καὶ ὁ παιδιώδης ἀκόλαστος εἶναι, ἔστι δὲ μαλακός. — ἀκρασίας δὲ τὸ μὲν προπέτεια τὸ δ' ἀσθενεία· οἱ μὲν γὰρ βουλευσάμενοι οὐκ ἐμμενουσιν οἷς ἐβουλεύσαντο διὰ τὸ πάθος, οἱ δὲ διὰ τὸ μὴ βουλεύσασθαι ἄγονται ὑπὸ τοῦ πάθους. (ch. 5., But this is the very condition of people who are under the influence of passion; for fits of anger and the desires of sensual pleasures and some such things do unmistakably produce a change in the condition of the body, and in some cases actually cause madness. It is clear then that we must regard incontinent people as being in much the same condition as people so affected, i.e. people asleep or mad or intoxicated.—ch. 6., Other such states again are the results of a morbid disposition or of habit, as e.g. the practice*

incontinence) of the individual that was in question, (and it is for this reason *Plutarch* quotes the line of *Manetho*, an old and obscure poet, in this sense);

of plucking out one's hair, or biting one's nails, or eating cinders and earth, or of committing unnatural vice; for these habits are sometimes natural,—when a person's nature is vicious,—and sometimes acquired, as e.g. by those who are the victims of outrage from childhood. Now whenever nature is the cause of these habits, nobody would call people who give way to them incontinent, any more than we should call women incontinent for being not males, but females.—For all excess whether of folly, cowardice, incontinence, or savagery is either brutal or morbid.—ch. 8., for he is necessarily incapable of repentance and is therefore incurable, as to be incapable of repentance is to be incurable:—If a person gives in where people generally resist and are capable of resisting, he deserves to be called effeminate and luxurious; for luxury is a form of effeminacy. Such a person will let his cloak trail in the mud to avoid the trouble of lifting it up, etc.—if a person is mastered by things against which most people succeed in holding out, and is impotent to struggle against them, unless his impotence is due to hereditary constitution or to disease,

as effeminacy is hereditary in the kings of Scythia, or as a woman is naturally weaker than a man. But the man addicted to boys would seem to be incontinent, and is effeminate.—*Incontinence* assumes sometimes the form of impetuosity, and at other times that of weakness. Some men deliberate, but their emotion prevents them from abiding by the result of their deliberation; others again do not deliberate, and are therefore carried away by their emotion).

This passage has been quite misunderstood by *Stark*, loco citato p. 27, for he has made it too refer to the νόσος θήλεια (feminine disease); in this error indeed *Camerarius*, (Explic. Ethic. Aristot. Nicomach.—Explanations of Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics—Frankfort 1578, 4to., p. 344) whom he cites, had preceded him. *Stark* says: Excusat autor eos, qui propter naturae quandam mollitiem et levitatem vitiorum illecebris resistere nequeant. Haec infirmitas vel ex morbo procreata vel a sexus differente natura profecta esse potest. Quorum rationum exempla et quidem alterius διὰ νόσον, Scythiarum morbum, alterius διὰ φύσιν τοῦ γένους mulierum debili-

Paederastia was called a *πάθος*, a form of insanity (*παιδομανία*—madness for boys), and was not looked upon in any sense as a consequence of the power

tatem affert. (The author is excusing such as on account of a certain softness and lightness of nature cannot resist the allurements of vice. This weakness may have been either induced by disease, or have sprung from the different nature of the sexes. Of which cases he gives two examples—*of the one διὰ νόσον* (on account of disease), *the disease of the Scythians*, of the other *διὰ φύσιν τοῦ γένους* (on account of congenital nature), the relative weakness of women). But Aristotle says expressly in the passage that the *μαλακία* (softness, effeminacy) of the Scythians, as well as of a woman, was *διὰ γένους* (congenital),—that Scythians equally with women are weakly by birth; while his examples of the *διὰ νόσον* (on account of disease) do not come till further on. The Scythians, he says, like women, are *μαλακοί* (soft), and the same is true of the man who practises vices with boys (*παιδιώδης*); it is a part of their nature, and so they are not *ἀκόλαστοι* (“intemperate”), for the *ἀκόλαστος* is such a man as cannot owing to disease govern himself (*ἀκρασία, ἀσθενεία, διὰ τὸ πάθος*—incontinence, weakness, owing to passion). Thus the ques-

tion cannot possibly be here of the *νοῦσος θήλεια* (feminine disease), but merely of a weakly, effeminate mode of life; and this is properly speaking *μαλακία*, while the vice of the pathic is called *μαλθακία*,—but the two words were constantly interchanged, and thus a part of the blame for the mistake may very well lie with the transcribers. A Pathic is habitually *μαλακός*, but the *μαλακός* is not necessarily also a Pathic. Hence it might very probably be right to read, as Aspasius and other editors have actually done, *Περσῶν* for *Σκυθῶν* (kings of the Persians for kings of the Scythians), even though the MSS. show no variants; and indeed to confirm this one might bring forward the trailing of the cloak (*ὅς ἔλκει τὸ ἱμάτιον*—the man who trails his cloak) which is mentioned as an example, and which was, as is well known, a fashion among the Persians.—ch. 10., *οὐ γὰρ πᾶς ὁ δι' ἡδονὴν τι πράττων οὔτ' ἀκόλαστος οὔτε φαῦλος οὔτ' ἀκρατής, ἀλλ' ὁ δι' αἰσχροῦν.* (For not every man that does a thing for pleasure is “intemperate” or base or incontinent, but he that does it for *disgraceful* pleasure).

of Eros—Love. That the vice was also called νόσος (a disease) is shown,—not to mention the expression νοῦσος θήλεια (feminine disease), which we have yet to fully explain,—by the Speech of Dio Chrysostom cited above, as well as by a number of passages quoted in the course of our investigation,—e.g. on p. 125. In the “Wasps” of *Aristophanes*, *Xanthias* relates how a son had confined his father and put him under surveillance, and then goes on (vv. 71 sqq.):

νόσον γὰρ ὁ πατήρ ἀλλόκοτον αὐτοῦ νοσεῖ,  
ἦν οὐδ’ ἂν εἰς γνοιῆ ποτ’ οὐδέ ξυμβάλη,  
εἰ μὴ πύθοιθ’ ἡμῶν ἐπεὶ τοπάζετε·

(For his father is *sick* of a portentous *sickness*, one that no one would ever know or conjecture the nature of, unless he should have learned it from us; for it you doubt me, guess yourselves.)

Love of play is suggested, and love of drink, love of sacrifice and finally love of winning guests and seeing them at his house (φιλόξενον—lover of guests), which last conjecture Sosias understands in an obscene sense as implying a cinaedus, and (vv. 84 sqq.) says:

μὰ τὸν κύν’, ὦ Νικόστρατ’, οὐ φιλόξενος,  
ἐπεὶ καταπύγων ἐστὶν ὄγε Φιλόξενος,

(No! no! by heavens! Nicostratus, not a lover of guests (φιλόξενος) for our friend Philoxenus is a man given to unnatural lust,) where φιλόξενος and καταπύγων are explained as being synonymous. Now if paederastia had not been a disease, how should they have come to call a man φιλόξενος, when guessing the form his sickness took? For the rest there was a well-known cinaedus Philoxenus, to whom allusion is made. The scholiast quotes a very noteworthy line from *Eupolis* (in the “Urbes”) or else from Phrynichus (“in the Satyrs”) as follows:

ἔστι δέ τις θήλεια Φιλόξενος ἐκ Διομείων.  
(And there is a certain *female* Philoxenus of Diomeia);

The healthy good sense of the Greeks could not possibly regard the vice of the Pathic otherwise than as a deviation from Nature, an *unnatural* appetite; and every *unnatural* appetite (*ἀκολασία*—"intemperance") was a νόσος or πάθος (disease, or suffering, passion), or a consequence of these, as the passages quoted from *Aristotle* and elsewhere show conclusively. From the point of view of the paederast reasons perhaps were to be discovered, that appeared to justify his peculiar taste; and the mode in which he obtained the titillation of sensual pleasure was looked upon merely as one way of getting rid of the semen, as a *figura Veneris* (mode of Love) standing in close relationship with Onanism. The paederast was relegated to the category of voluptuaries, but without his incurring any special condemnation. On the other hand for the pathic who lent himself as subject of the vice, no excuse of this sort was forthcoming. His lust was not seen (this was impossible at the time) to have a bodily origin in "prurigo ani" (itching of the anus), and could only be regarded as springing from a *depraved imagination* (*ἀνίατον νόσον ψυχῆς ἡγούμενος*—deeming it an incurable disease of the soul); it must be that a demon had dragged him along irresistibly in his train, and drove his victim who was incapable of helping himself (*ἀσθενής*—"weak") to degradation.

All men thus held in thrall by evil demons were supposed to have offended against the gods, to have roused their anger, and were avoided and shunned by their fellows. If in addition they showed any traces of mental aberration, madness, epileptic convulsions, or the like, rude peoples saw in *these* the manifestation of a god's influence, and took the victim's sayings and dreams for oracles. So *Herodotus* relates (IV. 67.) that the Scythians considered the *ἐναρέες* to have received the gift of prophecy from Aphrodite,—οἱ δὲ ἐναρέες οἱ ἀνδρόγυννοι, τὴν Ἀφροδίτην σφισι λέγουσι μαντικὴν δοῦναι (now the *ἐναρέες*, the men-women, declare that

Venus brought madness on the object of her anger, and held the vice of the pathic to be due to the goddess's wrath, or at a later time to be an [incurable] disease of the soul (*ψυχή*),—as is proved again by the passage of *Caelius Aurelianus* already quoted; but they did *not* ascribe to such men the power of prophecy, though in a certain sense every actual madman was supposed to possess it <sup>1</sup>. For the vice of the pathic was not in the eyes of the Greeks actual madness, but rather a vice (*νόσος*—disease) that robbed the sufferer of the power of governing himself <sup>2</sup>, in the same sense as they called sexual love a madness. From this point of view therefore the commentators who saw in the *νοῦσος Θήλεια* a mental affliction, had some grounds for their view; but should not have lost sight of the fact of its being a *vice* at the same time.

But why did the *νοῦσος* (disease) receive the epithet *Θήλεια* (feminine)? Taking the word to be used *passively*,—as obviously is done by those who make out the *νοῦσος Θήλεια* to have been an affection similar in character to menstruation,—we might find its explanation in the dictum of Tiresias, who, as

<sup>1</sup> *Cicero*, De Divinat. I. 38., Aristoteles quidem eos etiam, qui valetudinis vitio furerent et melancholici dicerentur, censebat habere aliquid in animis praesagens atque divinum. (Aristotle indeed considered that such men as were mad in consequence of ill-health and were called "melancholics", also possessed in their minds somewhat of the prophetic and divine).

<sup>2</sup> *Aristotle*, Nicomach. Ethics VII. ch. 11., ὁ μὲν γὰρ ἀκρατῆς οὐκ ἐμμένει τῷ λόγῳ διὰ τὸ μᾶλλον. ch. 12. ἔτι ἐμπόδιον τῷ φρονεῖν

αἱ ἡδοναί, καὶ ὅσῳ μᾶλλον χαίρει, μᾶλλον, οἷον τὴν τῶν ἀφροδισίων οὐδένα γὰρ ἀνδύνασθαι νοῆσαι τι ἐν αὐτῇ. . . . ἔτι παῖδια καὶ θηρία διώκει τὰς ἡδονάς. (For the reason why the incontinent person does not abide by reason lies in an excess.—ch. 12., Pleasures too are an impediment to thoughtfulness, and the greater the pleasure, the greater the impediment, as e.g. the pleasure of love, for thought is out of the question, while it lasts. . . . And lastly children and brute beasts pursue pleasure).

is well known, ascribed to the woman the greater pleasure in the act of coition. From this fact,—if it is a fact,—a greater longing on the part of the woman for coition may be deduced; for which reason *Plato* compared the *uterus* (womb) to a wild beast. Thus the *νοῦσος θήλεια* would be *feminine concupiscence*. Just as the woman longs intensely for natural coition with the man, in the same way and with a like intensity does the pathic long after unnatural<sup>1</sup>. Thus the punishment inflicted by *Venus* would have consisted in the goddess having implanted in the man the concupiscence of a woman.

If on the other hand *θήλεια* (feminine) is taken in an *active* sense, as it is by *Stark* and other interpreters,—and with greater correctness, then the *νοῦσος θήλεια* is a form of lust that transforms men into women,—and this can be said of *paederastia* in several senses, as is manifest from what has been said already on preceding pages. The Pathic becomes a woman, because he renounces his man's prerogative, as being the stronger, to play the *active* part<sup>2</sup>, and assumes instead the

<sup>1</sup> So *Quintilian*, *Declam.* III., says: Siculi in tantum vitio regnant, ut obscœnis cupiditatibus natura cesserit, ut pollutis in femineam usque patientiam maribus incurrat iam libido in sexum suum. (The Sicilians are so predominant in vice, that Nature has ceased to satisfy their foul lusts,—that males are debauched to a *feminine passivity* (to suffer treatment proper to women), and men fall back for the gratification of their concupiscence on their own sex).

*Seneca*, *Epist.* 95., *Libidine vero ne maribus quidem cedunt,*

*patis natae.* (In concupiscence they yield not even to males, *though born to the passive part*).

<sup>2</sup> *Nonne vehementissime admiraretur, si quisquam non gratissimum munus arbitraretur, virum se natum, sed depravato naturae beneficio in mulierem convertere se properasset.* (Should one not marvel exceedingly, if any man should fail to hold it a most excellent privilege to have been born a man, but should rather, degrading the gift of nature, have hastened to turn himself into a woman) says *Rutilius Lupus*, *De figur. sentent.* bk.

passive rôle of the woman <sup>1</sup>, Entering into compe-

II. Speaking of men who use unguents, *Clement of Alexandria*, Paedag. bk. II. ch. 8. p. 177., says, ἀνδρωνίτιν ἐκθηλόουσι and τὰ γενικὰ ἐκθηλόειν (they womanize their manhood, to womanize their sex). Similarly, though with a different reference, *Clearchus* says of the Lydians, τέλος, τὰς ψυχὰς ἀποθηλυθέντες ἠλλαξάντο τὸν τῶν γυναικῶν βίον. (in fine, having become womanized in their souls, they adopted the mode of life of women). *Athenaeus*, Deipnos. XII. p. 516.

<sup>1</sup> Hence pederastia is called also πασχησιασμός (practice of passive lust) in *Lucian*, Gallus 32. *Clement of Alexandria*, Paedag. bk. II. ch. 10. *Eustathius*, Comment. in Hexameron. p. 38. Also the verb πασχητιάω (to indulge in passive lust) is found in *Lucian*, Amor. 26., in this sense. The same is excellently expressed by an anonymous poet in the Greek Anthology. bk. II. tit. 5. No. 2.,

Ἀνέρας ἠρνήσαντο, καὶ οὐκ  
ἐγένοντο γυναῖκες·  
Οὐτ' ἄνδρες γεγάσιν, ἐπεὶ  
πάθων ἔργα γυναικῶν,  
Οὐδὲ γυναῖκες ἔασιν, ἐπεὶ  
φύσιν ἔλλαχον ἀνδρῶν.  
Ἀνέρες εἰσὶ γυναιξὶ καὶ ἀν-  
δράσιν εἰσὶ γυναῖκες.

(They refused to be men, and failed to become women. They are no men, for they endure

the tasks of women, nor yet are they women, for they inherited at birth the nature of men. Men are they to women, and women to men).

In *Aeschines*, Orat. in Timarch., edit. Reiske p. 128., the pathic Timarchus is called the γυνή (woman, wife) of Hegesander, his violator: θαυμασάντων δὲ ὕμων, πῶς ἀνὴρ καὶ γυνή, καὶ τίς ὁ λόγος, εἶπε μικρὸν διαλιπὼν ἄγνοεῖτε, ἔφη, ὅ, τι λέγω· ὁ μὲν ἀνὴρ ἐστὶν Ἡγήσανδρος ἐκεῖνος γυνή, ἔφη, πρότερον δ' ἦν καὶ αὐτὸς Λεωδάμαντος γυνή· ἢ δὲ γυνή Τιμαρχος οὐτοσίην. (And when you wondered how he could be man and woman, and what the phrase meant, he replied after a moment's pause. You don't understand, he cried, what I mean. The husband is Hegesander yonder, he went on, now; but once Hegesander himself was wife of Leodamas; and the wife of Hegesander is Timarchus here). *St. Amphilocheus*, who lived under Theodosius, says in his "Epistola iambica ad Seleucum" (Letter in iambic verse to Seleucus) vv. 90—99.,

ἄλλοι δ' ἐκείνων ἔθνος  
ἀθλιότατον,  
τῶν ἀρρένων τὴν δόξαν  
ἐξορχούμενον,  
μελῶν λιγυμοῖς συγκατα-  
κλῶντες φύσιν.

tion as he does with the ladies of pleasure in courting the favour of men, he has recourse to all the arts they invoke to gain their object; and seeks by artificial means to bring his body into as close a resemblance as possible to the female form. He dresses himself out like a woman of pleasure, adopts female dress, and lets the hair of the head grow long, whilst at the same time he carefully eradicates by the process of *dropacismus* (use of pitch-ointment as a depilatory) every trace of hair on other parts of the person, even sacrificing what was the chief ornament of a man in Ancient

ἄνδρες, γυναῖκες ἄρῆνες,  
 δηλῶδρῖαι.  
 Οὐκ ἄνδρες, οὐ γυναῖκες,  
 ἀψευθεῖ λόγῳ.  
 Τὸ μὲν γὰρ οὐ μένουσι, τὸ  
 δ' οὐκ ἔφθασαν,  
 Ὅ μὲν γὰρ εἰσὶν οὐ μένουσι  
 τῷ τρόπῳ,  
 ὃ δ' αὖ κακῶς θέλουσιν,  
 οὐκ εἰσὶν φύσει.  
 Ἄσωτίας αἰνιγμα καὶ γρίφος  
 παθῶν.  
 ἄνδρες γυναιξὶ καὶ γυναῖκες  
 ἀνδράσιν.

(Others of them belong to that most miserable tribe that dances away their repute as man, breaking down their nature to the shrill tones of songs,—men that are male women, womanish men. Not men and not women are they in very truth. For the one sex they will not keep, the other they have not gained; for what they really are they remain not, such is their fashion, and what they foully long to be, that they are not, such is their nature. An

enigma of uncleanness, and a riddle of lust. Men they are to women, and women to men).

Comp. *Barth*, *Adversar.* bk. XLIII. ch. 21. p. 1968., and the expression *θήλεια Φιλόξενος* (a feminine Philoxenus) quoted p. 169 above. The Romans also used their word *femina* (woman, wife) in the same way; as may be gathered from *Ausonius*, *Epigr.* LXIX. —In *eum qui muliebria patiebatur* (On one who suffered himself to be treated as a woman), where we read at the end:

Nolo tamen veteris documenta  
 arcessere fama.  
 Ecce ego sum factus femina  
 de puero.

(Yet I need not call up instances from ancient legend. Lo! I myself have become a woman, who was erst a boy).

*Petronius*, *Satir.* 75, *femina ipse mei domini fui.*—I myself (masc.) was my master's wife. *Justin*, *Hist.* Philipp. I. 3. *Curtius*, III. 10.

times,—his beard <sup>1</sup>. All this was done by the hero of *Aristophanes*' "Thesmophoriazusae", and without a doubt an underlying irony *à propos* of the pathics was at the bottom of the poet's conception. Care of the skin, such as women adopt, by means of baths, friction with pumice-stone, etc. complete the feminine appearance <sup>2</sup>,—hence the expressions *μάλακος, μαλθακός* (soft or effeminate) for the pathic, *μαλακία, μαλθακία* (softness, effeminacy) for the pathic's vice; and outraged Nature avenges herself by seconding his endeavours. In consequence of the stretching of the fundament, the buttocks become broader towards the lower part, and the space between them wider, causing the hips to take more the shape they have in a woman,

<sup>1</sup> Comp. *Epictetus*, Dissertat. I. 16. 10., and Upton on the passage.

<sup>2</sup> *Clement of Alexandria*, Paedag. bk. III. ch. 3.. *Εἰς τοσοῦτον δὲ ἄρα ἐλήλακεν ἡ χλιδὴ ὡς μὴ τὸ θῆλυ μόνον νοσεῖν περὶ τὴν κενόσπουδιαν ταύτην, ἀλλὰ καὶ τοὺς ἄνδρας ζηλοῦν τὴν νόσον· μὴ γὰρ καθαρθεύοντες κωλοπιμοῦ, οὐχ ὑγιαίνουσιν. πρὸς δὲ τὸ μαλθακώτερον ἀποκλίνοντες, γυναικίζονται, κορυὰς μὲν ἀγεννεῖς, καὶ πορνικὰς ἀποκειρόμενοι· χλιδῆ δὲ διαφανέσι περιπεπεμμένοι, καὶ μαστίγην τρώγοντες, ὄζοντες μύρον. Τί ἂν τις φαίη, τοῦτους ἰδὼν; ἀτεχνῶς καθάπερ μεταποσκόπος, ἐκ τοῦ σχήματος αὐτοὺς καταμαντεύεται, μοιχοὺς τε καὶ ἀνδρογύνοους, ἀμφοτέρωθεν Ἀφροδίτην θηρωμένους· μισότρικας, ἀτρι-*

*χας· τὸ ἄνθος τὸ ἀνδρικὸν μυσαττομένους· τὰς κόμας δὲ ὥσπερ αἱ γυναῖκες κοσμονόμενος. . . Διὰ τούτους γοῦν πληρεῖς αἱ πόλεις πιττούντων, ξηρούντων, παρατιλλόντων τοὺς θηλυδρίας τοῦτους· ἐργαστήρια δὲ κατεσκεύασται καὶ ἀνέφικται πάντη· καὶ τεχνῆται τῆς ἐταιρικῆς ταύτης πορνείας, σπυρνὸν ἐμπολῶσιν ἀργύριον ἐμφανῶς, οἱ σφὰς καταπιτοῦσιν· καὶ τὰς τρίχας τοῖς ἀνασπῶσι πάντα τρόπον περιέχουσιν· οὐδὲν αἰσχυνόμενοι τοὺς ὀρῶντας, οὐδὲ τοὺς παριόντας, ἀλλ' οὐδὲ ἑαυτοὺς ἄνδρας ὄντας. (To such a height then has wanton luxury advanced, that not merely the female sex is sick with this eagerness after frivolities, but even men are eager after the disease; for indeed none being free from love of self-adornment,*

the pelvis itself seems to be enlarged, while the legs lose their straightness and the knees bend more and more inwards (*γονύκροτος*—knock-kneed,—in short the whole of the lower half of the body assumes the *feminine* type.

Deterioration of body is followed by deterioration of mind, and the character also grows womanish.<sup>1</sup> The pathic despises intercourse with women, and will not enter into marriage, so long as he continues to find his lust satisfied. When this ceases to be the case as years advance, Nature herself forbids his propagating his race; the genital organs that have withered through disuse and refuse their office.<sup>2</sup> Driven from

they are not *free from disease*. But giving way to effeminacy, they play at being women, cutting the hair in ignoble and meretricious fashion; decked out too in transparent robes, chewing mastich-gum and scented with myrrh. What should a man say, on seeing them? Why! exactly like a phrenologist, he divines them from their look as adulterers and *men-women*, such as hunt after both kinds of Love,—abhorers of hair, hairless men, that loathe the bloom of manhood,—men that dress their locks like women.—For these men's needs cities are full of such as apply pitch-ointments, sear and pluck out the hairs of these *effeminate*s. For this purpose shops are established and open everywhere; and artistes of this meretricious harlotry earn many a fee openly, the artistes that lay on the pitch-ointments for them. And to those that

pluck out their hairs they offer every facility, feeling no shame of spectators nor of passes-by, nay! *nor even of themselves that are no men*).

<sup>1</sup> Clement of Alexandria, Paedagog., bk. III. ch. 5., δι' ἀλαζονείαν περιιτήν, μάλιστα δὲ τὴν ἀντεξούσιον ἀπαιδευσίαν, καὶ ἦν κατηγοροῦσιν ἀνάνδρων ἀνδρῶν, πρὸς γυναικῶν κερρατημένων, ἀποδεικνύμεναι. (Known by their excessive chicanerie, and particularly that voluntary indisciplin of character, whereof they accuse womanish men that are mastered by women).

<sup>2</sup> "Besides haemorrhoidal swellings are a very usual symptom with these unhappy sufferers; and *when the evil has reached its highest development, the power of erection in the male member is completely lost, the scrotum entirely relaxed and the testicles flaccid*," C. L. Klose

the society of men, he takes refuge, neither woman nor man himself, with the women, who in contempt use him as a slave, and like Omphalé of old with Hercules, put the distaff into his hands! Thus from the *νοῦσος θήλεια*, the vice, an actual disease has sprung; and we can now see that *Longinus*<sup>1</sup> was surely right in calling the expression of *Herodotus ἀμίμητος*,—an *inimitable* one, for certainly in no more concise or better way can the facts and the consequences of the vice of the Pathic be characterized.

However if any one should consider all this still insufficient to prove the case, and regard the indication given by *Longinus* as not explicit enough, he may learn from *Tiberius the Rhetorician*<sup>2</sup> that as a matter

in Ersch und Gruber, Encyclopädie: Article, Paederastia, Sect III Vol. 9. p. 148. In fact it is the usual practice of the paederast to elicit the pathic's semen at the same time by using the hand!

<sup>1</sup> περὶ ὕψους, ch. 28., Καὶ τὸ ἀμίμητον ἐκείνο τοῦ Ἡροδότου, τῶν δὲ Σκυθῶν τοῖς συλήσασιν τὸ ἱερὸν ἐνέβαλεν ἢ θεὸς θήλειαν νοῦσον. (And that inimitable phrase of Herodotus', "and on such of the Scythians as plundered her temple the goddess inflicted *feminine disease*.")

<sup>2</sup> De figuris, edit, J. Fr. Boissonade. London 1818. 8vo., ch. 35 pp. 56 sqq., Περιφρασις δ' ἔστιν ὅταν τῆς ἀπλῆς καὶ εὐθείας γινόμενης ἐρμενείας εὐτελοῦς οὔσης, μεταβαλλόντες, κόσμον ἐνεκα ἢ πάθους, ἢ μεγαλοπρεπείας, ἄλλοις ὀνόμασι,

καὶ πλείοσι τῶν κυρίων καὶ ἀναγκαίων, τὸ πράγμα ἐρμηνεύσωμεν· οἷον ἔστι — παρὰ δὲ Ἡροδότῳ, ἐνέσκηψεν ἢ θεὸς θήλειαν νοῦσον, ἀντὶ τοῦ ἐποίησεν ἀνδρογύνους ἢ κατεαγότας. (for translation see text above). The Greek word *κατεαγότας* broken, enervated) corresponds to the Latin *percisus*. The Romans undoubtedly used *effeminatus* (effeminate) as synonymous with *cinaedus*, as is shown by a passage in *Seneca*, De benefic., bk. VII. ch. 25., Aristippus aliquando delectatus unguento, male, inquit, istis effeminatis eveniat, qui rem tam bellam infamaverunt. (On one occasion Aristippus being much pleased with a certain perfume, said: Confound those vile *effeminate*s, who have made so fine a delicacy infamous). This is

of fact the Ancients understood the *νοῦσος θήλεια* in Herodotus in this and in no other sense. He says:

“Now a paraphrase is when authors alter a simple, “straightforward statement of fact that is complete, “for the sake of style or effect or sublimity of “phrase, and express the matter in other words, and “these more forcible and suitable; as e.g. in *Herodotus*, “when he wrote *ἐνέσκηψεν ἡ θεὸς θήλειαν νόσον* “(the goddess afflicted them with *feminine disease*) “instead of “made them men-women or cinaedi”. The word *ἀνδρόγυνος* (man-woman) is used here in the same way as in another passage where *Herodotus* says <sup>1</sup>, *οἱ δὲ ἐνάρεες, οἱ ἀνδρόγυνοι* (and the *ἐνάρεες*, the men-women). The false interpretation of this word has more than anything else led to misunderstanding as to the *νοῦσος θήλεια*, for it was supposed that by *ἀνδρόγυνοι* (men-women) actual eunuchs were intended, whereas pathics are meant and nothing more. How the case really stood might have been seen from *Suidas*, who tells us: *ἀνδρόγυνος· ὁ Διόνυσος, ὡς καὶ τὰ ἀνδρῶν ποιῶν καὶ τὰ γυναικῶν πάσχων· ἢ ἀνανδρος καὶ Ἑρμαφρόδιτος· καὶ ἀνδρογύνων, ἀσθενῶν. γυναικῶν καρδίας ἔχόντων.* (*man-woman*: Dionysus, as both performing a man’s part and suffering a woman’s. Synonyms, “unmanly”, and “Hermaphrodite”. Also of men-women, weakly men, having the hearts of women.) Dionysus <sup>2</sup> then performed

obviously a free translation of the Greek words as they stand in *Diogenes Laertius*, *Vita Aristippi*, bk. II. ch. 8. note 4.,—and in *Clement of Alexandria*, *Paedag.*, bk. II. ch. 8. p. 279., *Ἀρίστιππος γοῦν ὁ φιλόσοφος, χρισάμενος μύρω, κακοῦς κακῶς ἀπολωλέναι χρῆναι τοὺς κιναιδούς ἔφασκεν, τοῦ μύρου τὴν ὠφέλειαν εἰς λοιδορίαν διαβεβληκότας.* (Now Aris-

tippus the philosopher, after he had anointed himself with myrrh, said, foully should the foul cinaedi perish, because they have brought into disrepute that excellent creature myrrh.).

<sup>1</sup> Bk. IV. ch. 67.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps it is from this that Bacchus gets his secondary title of *Attis*. *Clement of Alexandria*, *Ad Gentes*, p. 12, says, *δι’ ἣν αἰτίαν οὐκ ἀπει-*

the act of coition as a man, and suffered himself to be used as a woman, and for this reason was called *ἀνδρόγυνος* (man-woman). We find the word used

κότως τὸν Διόνυσόν τινες ἄτιν προσαγορεύεσθαι θέλουσιν, αἰδοίων ἐστρεφμένον. (For which reason some maintain, and not without probability, that Dionysus is called Attis, as being deprived of the genital organs). According to the Scholiast to *Lucian*, De Dea Syra, ch. 16, Dionysus was roaming about in the search for his mother Semelé, when he came upon Polyymnus, and the latter promised to reveal his mother's place of abode, if he would practise paederastia with him. This he did, and Polyymnus accompanied him to Lerna, where Selemé would seem to have been, and died there. Mourning the death of his paederast, Dionysus hewed out of fig-tree wood private parts of wood, and carried them about with him constantly in memory of Polyymnus. For this reason Dionysus is worshipped with Phallic emblems). (λυπηθεὶς δὲ ὁ Διόνυσος, ὅτε ὁ ἑραστῆς αὐτοῦ ἔθνησκε, αἰδοῖον ξύλινον ἐκ σνκίνου ξύλου πελεκήσας, κατεῖχεν ἀεὶ πρὸς μνήμην τοῦ Πολύμνου· διὰ ταύτην τὴν αἰτίαν τοῖς φαλλοῖς τιμῶσιν τὸν Διόνυσον.) The story is related at greater length by *Clement of Alexandria*, Cohortat. ad Gentes, p. 22; but he calls the lover Prosym-

nus (as does *Arnobius*, bk. V. 27. Comp. Tzetzes, in *Lycophron*., 213), and actually makes Bacchus practise *Onania postica* (Masturbation by the posterior), for he says: ἀφοσιούμενος τῷ ἑραστῇ ὁ Διόνυσος, ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον ὀρμᾶ, καὶ πασχητιξ· κλάδον οὖν σνκῆς, ὡς ἔτυχε, ἐκτεμνῶν ἀνδρείου μορίου σκευάζεται τρόπον· ἐφέξεται τε τῷ κλάδῳ, τὴν ὑπόχρῃσιν ἐκτελῶν τῷ νεκρῷ ὑπόμνημα τοῦ πάθους τοῦτου μυστικὸν· φαλλοὶ κατὰ πόλεις ἀνίστανται Διονύσω. (Dionysus by way of performing due service to his lover's memory, hastens to his tomb, and proceeds to practise passive lust. So cutting down the branch of a fig-tree, he fashions it to a semblance of a man's member; and then he mounts the branch in a sitting posture, fulfilling his promise to the dead man,—a mystic memorial of his pathic loves. Phalli are set up in Cities in honour of Dionysus). In *Arnobius*, loco citato, we read that Dionysus: Ficorum ex arbore ramum validissimum praeferens dolat, runcinat, levigat et humani penis fabricatur in speciem: figit super aggerem tumuli, et postica ex parte nudatus, accedit, subdit, insidit. Lascivia deinde luxuriantis

assumpta, huc atque illuc clunes torquet et meditatur ab ligno pati, quod iam dudum in veritate promiserat. —(Bringing with him a sturdy branch of a fig-tree, hews, planes and smoothes it, and fashions it into the shape of a man's penis; then he fixes it upright on the mound of the tomb, and stripping his posteriors, advances, mounts, and sits down on it. Then imitating the lascivious motions of a wanton in the act, writhes his buttocks this way and that, and imagines himself to be receiving from the wooden member the treatment which he had long ago promised in reality). Similarly we read in *Petronius*, Sat., Profert Enothea scorteum fascinum quod ut oleo et minuto pipere atque urticae trito circumdedit semine, paulatim coepit inserere ano meo. (Enothea produces a man's member made of leather, which first of all she covered with oil and ground pepper and pounded nettle-seed, and then began by degrees to push it up my anus). Now too we shall be able to explain to our satisfaction what is the meaning of the phrase *συνίκη ἐπικουρία ἐπὶ τῶν ἀσθενῶν* (*fig-wood succour*,—said of weak allies), which is mentioned by *Suidas* under the word *ὄλισβος* (artificial member), and for which in the passage quoted above. *Aristophanes* substitutes *συν-*

*τίνη* 'πικουρία (*leathern succour*). On this the Scholiast observes: *συντίνην ἐπικουρίαν καλεῖ τὴν συντίνην βοήθειον, εἴτε τὴν δερματίνην βοήθειαν, τὴν πληροῦσαν ἐπιθυμίαν ἀντι τῶν ἀνδρῶν· τοῦτο δὲ ποιοῦσιν αἱ ἀκόλαστοι γυναῖκες· συντίνην δὲ ἐπικουρίαν λέγει, παρὰ τὴν παροιμίαν· Συνίκη ἐπικουρία· ἐπὶ τῶν ἀσθενῶν βοήθημάτων καὶ ἴσως ἐνταῦθα γραπτέον, συνίκη ἀντι τοῦ συντίνης.* (*leathern succour*: so *Aristophanes* calls the leathern help, or help of hide, the instrument that satisfies (women's) longings in default of men. This is a practice that incontinent women follow. He says leathern (*συντίνη*), succour playing on the proverb, "Fig-wood (*συνίκη*) succour", said of weak efforts at assistance. Possibly we should read *συνίκη* (of fig-wood) for *συντίνη* (of leather) here. Again: *συντάλα· στρογγύλα καὶ λεῖα ξύλα.* — *συντάλη· βακτηρία ἀκροπαχής* (batons: rounded and polished staves)—(baton: a blunt-pointed staff) in *Suidas*, and the passage in *Aristophanes*, *τοῦτ' ἔστ' ἐκείνο τῶν συντάλων, ὧν πέρθετο* (this is the particular baton that made him break wind), which *Suidas*, under the word *συντάλον* (baton) has obviously misunderstood, just as much as the Scholiast has. For in all these passages it is the

in the same way in *Plato*<sup>1</sup>, in the passage of *Dio Chrysostom* quoted a little above, in various places in the *Writers on Physiognomy*, in *Philo*, loco citato,

*Priapus ficulnus* (Priapus of fig-wood), also well-known to the Romans, that we must understand to be intended. Apposite in this connection is Horace's (Sat. I. 8. 1.), *Olim truncus eram, inutile lignum* (Once the trunk of a fig-tree was I, a useless log,) —on which the commentators have wasted a host of extraordinary interpretations.

<sup>1</sup> *Symposion*, p. 189., ἀνδρόγυνον γὰρ ἐν τότε μὲν ἦν καὶ εἶδος, καὶ ὄνομα, ἐξ ἀμοφοτέρων κοινὸν τοῦ τε ἀρσένου καὶ θήλεος. (For then there was a third, a man-woman, sex, in form as well as in name, commingled of both sexes, the male and the female.) Plainer still is this passage from *Lucian*, *Amores* 28., πᾶσα δὲ ἡμῶν ἢ γυναικωνίτις ἔστω Φιλαίνις, ἀνδρόγυνους ἔρωτας ἀσχημονοῦσα. καὶ πόσω κρείττον εἰς ἀρσένου τροφήν βιάζεσθαι γυναῖκα ἢ τὸ γενναῖον ἀνδρῶν εἰς γυναῖκα δηλύεσθαι. (And let all our women's apartments be Philaenis, foully indulging in male-female loves. And how much better it were that a woman should trespass on male wantonness than that the noble manliness of men should be effeminated and made womanish.) *Clement of*

*Alexandria*, *Paedag.*, bk. II. ch. 10., ἐντεῦθεν συμφανὲς ἡμῖν ὁμολογουμένως παραιτεῖσθαι δεῖν τὰς ἀρσενομιξίας, καὶ τὰς ἀκράτους σποράς καὶ κατόπιν εὐνάς καὶ τὰς ἀσυμφύεις ἀνδρογύνους κοινωνίας. (Hence it is manifest we ought avowedly to deprecate intercourse with males and inordinate embraces and copulation behind and unnatural unions of men-women.) A little further on the same author says, αἱ δολεραὶ γυναῖκες καὶ τῶν ἀνδρῶν οἱ γυναικώδεις. (deceitful women and the womanish kind of men,) and speaks of *θηλυδριώδης ἐπιθυμία* (effeminate lustfulness). A résumé of pretty nearly all words of this class is given by *Suidas*, s. v. Ἄρσεν καὶ Ἀρσενικῶς. Καὶ ἡμίανδρος καὶ ἡμιγύναιξ καὶ διγενής καὶ θηλυδρίας, καὶ ἔρμαφρόδιτος, καὶ Ἰθρις, οὗ ἰσχύς τεθέρισται καὶ ἀρσενωπὸς, ὁ ἀνδρόγυνος καὶ ὁ ἀνδρεῖος· ὁ στερέρδς λέγουσι δ' οὕτω τὰ μὲν ἄλλα γύνιδας, ἔχοντας δὲ τι ἀνδρόμορφον. Ἰππῶναξ δὲ, ἡμίανδρον, τὸν οἶον ἡμιγύναικα· λέγεται δὲ καὶ ἀπόκοπος, καὶ βάνηλος [βάνταλος] καὶ ἀνδρόγυνος, καὶ Γάλλος, καὶ γύννις, καὶ Ἄττις καὶ εὐνονυχώδης. (under the words Ἄρσεν and ἀρσενικῶς (mas-

and in Artemidorus <sup>1</sup>. From the last we quote a passage highly interesting for our purpose:

"A man saw in a dream his penis covered with hair to the extreme tip, shaggy with very thick hair that grew all of a sudden on it. He was a notorious cinaedus, indulging in every abominable pleasure, effeminate and a man-woman; only never using his member as a *man* does. In this way it happened that that part was so little employed, that through not being rubbed against another body hair actually grew on it." The same author relates in another place <sup>1</sup>: "A man saw in a dream

culine, masculinely): Semi-man, semi-woman, double-sexed, womanish man, hermaphrodite, eunuch—one whose virility has been cut; masculine-looking, the man-woman,—also the manly, the strong, man. By such names are signified effeminate men that yet have some look of men. Hipponax also uses in this sense semi-man, and its synonym semi-woman. Such a one is called also castrated, eunuch (pathic), man-woman, Gallus—eunuch-priest of Cybele, Attis, eunuch-like.) The same holds good of the word *εὐνοῦχος* (eunuch), which by no means signifies only actual castrated eunuchs. Thus *Clement of Alexandria*, *Paedagog.*, bk. III. ch. 4., says, *εὐνοῦχος δὲ ἀληθῆς, οὐχ ὁ μὴ δυνάμενος, ἀλλ' ὁ μὴ βουλόμενος φιληθεῖν*... *εὐνοῦχοι πολλοί, καὶ οὗτοι μαστροποὶ τῷ ἀξιοπίστῳ τοῦ μὴ δύνασθαι φιληθεῖν, τοῖς εἰς ἡδονὰς ἐθέλουσι ῥαθυμεῖν ἀνυπόπ-*

*τως διακονούμενοι.* (But the true eunuch is not he that cannot, but he that will not, love... Many eunuchs, and these serving as pandars, by reason of the certainty that they cannot love, to such as are fain to indulge in secure pleasures without suspicion.)

<sup>2</sup> *Oneirocritica.*, bk. V. ch. 65., "Ἐδοξέ τις τὸ αἰδοῖον αὐτοῦ ἄχρῖς ἀκρας τῆς κορώνης τετριχῶσθαι, καὶ λάσιον εἶναι πνικῶν πάνν τριχῶν αἰφνίδιον φνείσῶν ἀποπεφασμένος κίναιδος ἐγένετο πάση μὲν ἀκολάστῳ χρησάμενος ἡδονῇ, θηλυδρίας ἂν καὶ ἀνδρογυνος, μόνῳ δὲ τῷ αἰδοίῳ κατὰ νόμον ἀνδρῶν μὴ χρώμενος. Τοιγαροῦν οὕτως ἤδη ἀργὸν ἦν αὐτῷ τὸ μέρος ἐκείνο, ὡς διὰ τὸ μὴ τρίβεσθαι πρὸς ἕτερον σῶμα καὶ τρίχας ἐκφύσαι. (for translation see text above).

<sup>1</sup> *Ἀνδρογυνον κωμωδεῖν ἔδοξέ τις δράμα ἐνόσησεν αὐτῷ τὸ αἰδοῖον. Γάλλους*

ὄρᾶν ἔδοξέ τις ἐνόσησεν αὐτῷ τὸ αἰδοῖον. Τὸ μὲν πρῶτον διὰ τὸ ὄνομα οὕτως ἀπέβη, τὸ δὲ δεύτερον διὰ τὸ συμβεβηκὸς τοῖς ὄρωμένοις. Καὶ τοι καὶ τὸ κωμωδεῖν οἰσθα ὃ σημαίνει, καὶ τὸ Γάλλους ὄρᾶν. Μέμνησο δὲ, ὅτι, εἴτε κωμωδεῖν, εἴτε τραγωδεῖν ὑπολάβοι τις, καὶ μνημονεύει, κατὰ τὴν ὑπόθεσιν τοῦ δράματος κρίνεται καὶ τὰ ἀποτελέσματα. (for translation see text above). The signification of κωμωδεῖν and τραγωδεῖν (to represent Comedy, Tragedy) is given by *Artemidorus*, bk. I. ch. 56. As to the *Galli* comp. bk. II. 69. In bk. II. ch. 12. we read: "Ταῖνα δὲ γυναῖκα σημαίνει ἀνδρόγυνον ἢ φαρμακίδα, καὶ ἄνδρα κίναιδον οὐκ εὐγνώμονα. (Hyaena signifies a woman that is *male-female* or a sorceress, and a man that is a cinaedus without moderation). It was a widespread belief amongst the Ancients that the hyaena was at one time a male and at another a female (comp. *Aelian*, *Hist. anim.*, I. 25. *Horapollo*, Hieroglyph., II. 65. *Ovid*, *Metamorph.*, Bk. XV. Fab. 38. *Tertullian*, *De Pallio*, ch. 3.). As early however as the time of *Aristotle* it had been declared a fable by him, *Hist. anim.*, Bk. VI. ch. 32., and *Clement of Alexandria* says the same, *Paedagog.*, II. 9. Yet the idea was still cherished at the beginning of the present Century at the Cape of Good

Hope, see *Corn. de Jong*, "Reise nach dem Vorgebirge der Guten Hoffnung," (Voyage to the Cape of Good Hope). Hamburg 1803. Pt. I. Letter 6. *Clement of Alexandria*, *Paedagog.*, bk. II. ch. 9., tells a still more remarkable tale of the hare, καὶ τὸν μὲν λαγῶν κατ' ἔτος πλεονεκτεῖν φασὶ τὴν ἀφρόδενσιν, εἰς ἀριθμοὺς οἷς βεβίωκεν ἔτεσιν ἴσχοντα τρυπᾶς ταύτη ἄρα τὴν κώλυσιν τῆς ἐδωδῆς τοῦ λαγῶ, παιδεραστίας ἐμφαίνειν ἀποτροπήν. (Moreover it is said that the hare gets every year fresh means of voiding its excrement, having holes corresponding to the number of years it has lived; and that for this reason the prohibition against eating hare appears to be a dissuasion from pederastia). This is confirmed by *St. Barnabas*, *Epist.*, ch. 10. and by *Pliny*, *Hist. Nat.*, VIII. 55. To this fable also we must look for an explanation of the proverbial saying δασύπους κρεῶν ἐπιθυμεῖ (puss longs for flesh-meats), and *Lepus tute es, et pulmentum quaeris?* (Are you a hare, and look for condiments?) in *Terence*, *Eunuch.*, III. 36. Possibly too the κύνων τεύτλα οὐ τρώγει (dog does not gnaw pot-herbs) of *Diogenes* has a connection with the same notion, — *Diogenes Laertius*, VI. 2. 6. So *Strato* in the distich (*Greek Anthology* bk. I. tit. 72. No. 6.):

"the rôle<sup>1</sup> of a man-woman played on the stage; "his *privy member fell sick*. A man thought he saw "a priest of Cybelé (a castrated man); *his privy member fell sick*. This happened in the first instance "because of the name, in the second because of "the coincidence of the fact with the spectator's "condition. And indeed you know what *κωμωδεῖν* " (to represent in comedy) signifies in dreams, and "what it means to see a priest of Cybelé. You "remember too that if any one dreams he sees a Comedy "or Tragedy and remembers it afterwards, the event "can be predicted according to the plot of the "piece dreamed of."

The passage affords us yet another proof as to the causes that were supposed in Antiquity to condition the rise of diseases of the genitals, and we need certainly feel no surprise if we find the ætiological relations of these complaints even in professional writers wrapped in all but impenetrable obscurity.

Now what *is* the word *ἐναρξέες*? Some scholars take it to be Greek; and accordingly would read

Ἔστι Δράκων τις ἔφηβος,  
ἄγαν καλὸς· ἀλλὰ δράκων ὦν  
Πῶς εἰς τὴν τρώγλην ἄλλον  
ὄφιν δέχεται;

(A certain youth there is, Draco (serpent) by name, very fair to see; but being a serpent, how comes it he *takes another snake* into his hole?) *Aristophanes*, *Eccles.*, 904., *καπὶ τῆς κλίνης ὄφιν εὖροις*, (and on your bed may you find a *snake*), on which the Scholiast comments *ὄφις—λαμβάνεται ἀντὶ τοῦ αἰδοίου οὐ τεταμένον δηλαδὴ, ἀλλ' ἀνειμένον*. (ὄφις — snake: to be taken as meaning the privy member,—not erect that

is, but relaxed). So in the *Priapeia*, LXXXIII. 33., we find: *licebit aeger, angue lentior* (will be reckoned as sick, slacker than a snake).

<sup>1</sup> *Clement of Alexandria*, *Paedagog.*, Bk. II. ch. 10., *οὐδὲ τῶν καταγόντων, τούτων δὴ τῶν τὴν κιναιδίαν τὴν ἄφωνον ἐπὶ τὰς σκηνὰς μετιόντων ὀρχηστῶν ἀπορρέουσιν εἰς τοσοῦτον ὕβρεως τὴν ἐσθῆτα περιορώντων*. (nor yet of the debauchees, those dancers I mean that bring onto the stage *cinaedia* in pantomime, and suffer their costume to flow loosely to such a degree of indecency).

**ἐναγέες** (persons who have sinned against the god-head), as *Bouhier* did, and perhaps *Caelius Rhodoginus* even in his time, or else **ἀνάριες** (*imbelles, ad luctum veneream inepti*,—unwarlike, i.e. unfit for the struggle of love), which was *Coray's* emendation. *Stark* does not believe in any corruption of the word, but thinks it should be derived from **ἐναίρω** (*spolio*,—I rob, spoil), **ἐναρα** (*spolia*,—spoils), making it signify *virilitate spoliati*,—men robbed of their virility. But **ἐναίρω** according to *Buttmann's* *Lexilogus*, p. 276., means “to send down to Hades”, to slay, **ἐναρα** the spoils taken from the *slain*, and from this comes the idea of spoliation, deprivation. The word undoubtedly occurs (Homer, *Iliad* XXIV. 244.) in the sense of “to be slain”, but the meaning *virilitate spoliari* (to be deprived of virility) without the addition of some supplemental word can certainly not be authenticated in old Writers: Supposing this derivation to be correct, **ἐναρέες** might signify simply (Temple) robbers, and as a matter of fact the glosses give **ὀπλίται** (warriors) as an explanation, It is a surprising thing that those who make out the **νοῦσος θήλεια** to have been gonorrhœa (clap), should not have derived the word from **ἐάρ**, the sap, the seed, with inserted *v*.

However a Greek origin of the word is rendered unlikely by one simple circumstance. *Herodotus* writes **τοὺς καλέουσι Ἐναρέας οἱ Σκύθαι**, (whom the Scythians call **Ἐναρέες**;—which is obviously the same thing as saying, “in the language of the Scythians they are called **Ἐναρέες**”). And again why should *Herodotus* have explained it by **ἀνδρόγυννοι** (men-women), if it was a word that every Greek could understand, In this view moreover *Wesseling* and *Schweighaüser*, scholars possessing a special, critical knowledge of their *Herodotus*, concur. We do not indeed know to what family of speech the Scythian belongs; but it may be assumed that the word signifying the disease took its origin from the same country where the **νοῦσος θήλεια** itself arose.

We believe *ἐναρέες*<sup>1</sup> to have been originally a Syrian word, which the Scythians, or more likely the Greeks<sup>2</sup>, first adopted into their own idiom. The Greeks were particularly good at the transformation or, if you please, distortion, of foreign names! The word which we think must be claimed as the original is the Semitic *נַאֲרָא* (*naārâ*),—the *girl*, the *woman* in the abstract; and we conjecture *Herodotus* wrote *ναρέες*, a form which is actually found according to *Coray* in one Manuscript. The meaning then would be the *womanish* man, and this gives a complete correspondance with *νοῦσος θήλεια* and *ἀνδρόγυνος*. Another conjecture is based on the name of the Babylonish Praefect or "*Ανναρος*, to which *Coray* calls attention, adding: *mais qui pourroit bien être un surnom altéré par les copistes, et relatif à sa vie effeminée et au milieu des femmes.* (but which might very possibly be a surname

<sup>1</sup> *Naumann* (Schmidt's Jahrbuch 1837. Vol. 13. p. 100.) says: '*Εναρέες*, probably a Scythian word, calls to mind the dwarf *Anar* or *Onar* in the old Northern Mythology, —a eunuch in a sort, but who was nevertheless revered as father-in-law of *Odin*. (*J. Grimm*, "Deutsche Mythologie" (German Mythology). Göttingen 1835. p. 424). With this *Hippocrates* statement would agree, according to which these eunuchs were regarded by their countrymen with a reverence almost as if they had been gods.—As to this, first observe that it yet remains to be proved that the Scythian language belongs to the Indo-Germanic family, secondly that with *Onar* or

*Anar* there is no question at all of a *non-man* or actual *eunuch*, for, *Anar* *begat a daughter on Notta*. This daughter, *Jördh*, was wife of *Odin*, making *Anar* *Odin's* father-in-law.

<sup>2</sup> Such a corruption of the word on the part of *Herodotus* is all the more likely, as it is clearly established by modern investigations (as indeed *Heyne*, loco citato, maintained long ago) that he never was in *Scythia* proper. Comp. *Herodoti Musae*, edit. *J. Ch. F. Baehr*, Vol. IV. Leipzig 1835., p. 395., and Vol. I. p. 455. *C. G. L., Heyse*, De *Herodoti* vita et itinere Diss. (Dissertation on the Life and Journeys of *Herodotus*). Berlin 1826. 8vo. p. 104.

changed by the transcribers and referring to his effeminate life and his living surrounded by women.) In *Athenaeus*<sup>1</sup> we read in fact: *Κτησίας δ' ιστορεῖ, Ἄνναρον τὸν βασιλέως ὑπαρχον καὶ τῆς Βαβυλωνίας δυναστεύσαντα στολῇ χρῆσθαι γυναικείᾳ καὶ κόσμῳ· καὶ ὅτι βασιλέως δούλῳ ὄντι κ. τ. λ.* (Ctesias relates in his History that Annarus, the King's Praefect and Governor of Babylon wore a woman's robes and ornaments; and that being a slave of the King, etc.) Still as a matter of fact it is difficult to see *why* the transcriber should have introduced the name as *Ἄνναρος*, the whole form of the sentence demanding a proper name. *Coray* refuses to admit that *ἐναρέες* is a foreign word at all, for he says, "cette manière de s'exprimer n'est souvent qu'une version littérale du mot étranger dans la langue de l'écrivain qui l'emploie". (such a mode of expression is very often nothing more than a literal translation of the foreign word into the language of the writer using it). But if this were the case, and the word one that a Greek would have understood, why did *Herodotus* go out of his way to explain it by *ἀνδρόγυνοι*? Supposing a transcriber to have inserted *Ἄνναρον* into the text, yet even then the word must have been familiar to him in the sense of *womanish, unmanly*. But if it *has* this meaning, *Coray's* conjecture,—to read *ἀναρέες* for *ἐναρέες*, should be unhesitatingly adopted,—if that is (a point to which *Prof. Pott* has drawn attention) the derivation is taken from Sanskrit or Zend.

In Zend in fact man is *nara*, woman *nari*; in Sanskrit *nrî* is the stem, nom. *nâ*, pl. *nar-as*,—or else *nara* the stem and nom. *naras*, from which has come the Greek *ἀνήρ* (man) by addition of the prosthetic, (not privative), *α*. Now from *nara*, by prefixing *α* privative, which exists both in Zend and Sanskrit, may be formed *a-nara*, with the meaning of *not-man, unmanly*,—a meaning which is preserved

<sup>1</sup> Deipnos., bk. XII. p. 530 D.

in the name *Ἄναρος* (the doubling of the *ν* is undoubtedly wrong); and so *ἀναρέες* would be literally the same by etymology with Hippocrates' *ἀνανδριεῖς* (unmanly men), occurring in a passage to be presently discussed. This, and equally *ἀνανδρία*, *ἀνάνδρος* (unmanliness, unmanly) are all expressions for the pathic and his vice, as is shown again and again by passages quoted in the course of our investigation.

But again, if with *Coray* an actual verbal translation of a foreign word is supposed, then *ἀνανέρες* (*ἀ-ν-ἀνέρες*) might be read,—a word which though quite legitimately formed, was not in actual use by the Greeks, and for this reason *Herodotus* naturally enough explained it by *ἀνδρόγυνοι*. In any case the remarkable fact remains that no one of the ancient Lexicographers, *Suidas* for instance or *Hesychius*<sup>1</sup>,

<sup>1</sup> *Hesychius* does give the word *ἀνάρσιοι*, and explains it by *ἀνάρμοστοι πολέμιοι ἀπὸ τοῦ μη συννημοσθῆναι τοῖς ἡθροῖν*. (incompatible foes: from their not being compatible in character and disposition). Plutarch, *περὶ τῆς ἐν Τιμαίῳ ψυχογονίας* (On the Generation of the Soul in Plato's "Timaeus") near the end says: *οἱ ποιηταὶ καλοῦσιν ἀναρσίους τοὺς ἐχθροὺς καὶ τοὺς πολέμιοις, ὡς ἀναρμοστίαν τὴν διαφορὰν οὖσαν*. (the poets call incompatible such as are hostile and at enmity, the difference being irreconcilable). *Zonaras*, *Lexicon*, writes: s. v. *ἀνάρσιοι ἐχθροὶ ἀδικοὶ ἀνάρμοστοι*. (under the word *ἀνάρσιοι* — incompatible: hostile; unjust; irreconcilable). Similarly the

*Etymologicum Magnum*; s. v. *ἀνάρσιοι ἀδικοὶ, ἐχθροί. — ὁ ἀνάρμοστος καὶ ἀσύμφωνος ὄρεος πολέμιος, ὑβριστῆς καὶ ἀναρσίος: νεῖκος, πόλεμος*. (under the word *ἀνάρσιοι*—incompatible: unjust, hostile,—one that is irreconcilable, discordant. Orus (the Grammmarian) gives: enemy, *overbearing* man; also *ἀναρσίος*,—incompatibility: strife, war). According to this we might very well read for *ἐναρέες ἀνάρσιοι*; for the Temple-robbers had been *ἀδικοὶ* and *ὑβρισταὶ* (unjust, overbearing), and were further known as pathics—whose vice was *ἀδικία* and *ὑβρις* (injustice, overbearing violence), as we have seen again and again. Another point is that *Homer*, *Iliad* XXIV. 365., *Odyssey* X. 459., uses the

should have thought the word, in whatever form it may have been read, worthy of notice in his Dictionary.

§ 18.

We have now, we think, adequately discussed the *νοῦσος θήλεια* (feminine disease) in the preceding Sections, and proved that the oldest view of all, viz. that *the vice of the Pathic* must be understood by that term, may be justified from every point of view. It only remains to subject to examination passages from such other authors as have employed the expression. These *Stark*, §§ 11—18., has most carefully collected. In this way we shall see how far they may be brought into harmony with the view adopted.

*Philo*<sup>1</sup> relates among a number of other evidences

expression *ἀνάρσιοι* in the sense of *ὑβρισται*, *ἄδικοι* (overbearing, unjust men), and this fact was always likely to be of weight with Herodotus, even when he was translating a foreign word. Inasmuch as the word *ἀνάρσιοι* had several meanings, he may very well have added the *ἀνδρόγυνοι* in the second passage, instead of the *καλοῦσι Σκύθαι* (the Scythians call it), in explanation of it.

<sup>1</sup> Liber quisquis virtuti studet. Opera, edit. Mangey, Vol. II. p. 465., *Λέγεται γοῦν, ὅτι θεασάμενός τινα τῶν ἀνομύμενων, ὃν θήλεια νόσος εἶχεν ἐκ τῆς ὄψεως οὐκ ἄρῆεν α, προελθὼν ἔφη, σύ με πρῶτον σὸν γὰρ ἀνδρὸς χρεῖαν ἔχειν μοι δοκεῖς ὡς τὸν μὲν δυν-*

*ωπηθέντα ἐφ' οἷς ἐαντῶ σύννοιδε, καταδύναι, τοὺς δὲ ἄλλους τὸ σὺν εὐτολμῖα εὐθυβόλον ἐκπλήττεσθαι.* (for translation see text above).

*Diogenes Laertius*, bk. VI. ch. 2. note 4, relates the story only in outline: *Φησὶ δὲ Μένιππος ἐν τῇ Διογένους πράσει, ὡς ἀλοὺς καὶ παλούμενος ἠρωτήθη τί οἶδε ποιεῖν; ἀπεκρίνατο, Ἀνδρῶν ἄρχειν καὶ πρὸς τὸν κήρυκα, Κήρυσσε, ἔφη, εἴ τις ἐθέλει δεσπότην αὐτῷ πρίασθαι.* (Menippus says in the sale of Diogenes that the philosopher, a captive and for sale as a slave, was asked what he could do. He answered, "Govern men"; turning to the crier and adding, "Cry!—does anyone wish to buy a master to govern him?") Comp. *ibid.* note 9.

of the out-spokenness of Diogenes the Philosopher, when he was a captive and exposed for sale as a slave, how his fellow-prisoners all stood sad and cast down, but *he* again and again gave free course to his witty humour. "For instance when he cast "his eye on one of the buyers, who suffered from "the *feminine disease*, he would seem to have gone up "to the man, whose outward appearance announced "him to be an *unmanly* man, and said: "Do you "buy me, for you seem to be in want of a "man!" The buyer, conscious and ashamed, slunk "away among the crowd, whilst the bystanders "marvelled at Diogones' wit and boldness."

In another place <sup>1</sup> *Philo* says, after having spoken

<sup>1</sup> De Specialibus Legibus, pp. 305 sqq., Ἐπεισκευάμακε δὲ ταῖς πόλεσιν ἕτερον πολὺ τοῦ λεχθέντος μείζον κακὸν τὸ παιδεραστεῖν, ὃ πρότερον μὲν καὶ λεχθῆναι μέγα ὄνειδος ἦν, νυνὶ δ' ἐστὶν ἀύχημα οὐ τοῖς δρωσὶ μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ τοῖς πάσχουσιν, οἱ νόσον θήλειαν νοσεῖν ἐπιζόμενοι. τὰς τε ψυχὰς καὶ τὰ σώματα διαρρέουσι, μηδὲν ἐμπύρευμα τῆς ἄρρενος γενεᾶς ἕωντες ὑποτύφεσθαι, περιφανῶς οὕτως τὰς τῆς κεφαλῆς τρίχας ἀναπλεκόμενοι καὶ διακοσμούμενοι, καὶ ψιμμυθῖω καὶ ψύκσει καὶ τοῖς ὁμοιοτρόποις τὰς ὕψεις τριβόμενοι, καὶ ὑπογραφόμενοι, καὶ εὐώδεσι μύροις λίπα χριόμενοι (προσαγωγὸν γὰρ μάλιστα ἐν τοῖς τοιούτοις τὸ εὐῶδες) ἐν πᾶσι τοῖς εἰς εὐκοσμίαν ἡσκημένοισι καὶ τὴν ἄρρενα φύσιν ἐπιτηδεύσει τεχνάζοντας εἰς

θήλειαν μεταβάλλειν, οὐκ ἐρυθριῶσι. Καθ' ὧν φρονᾶν ἄξιον νόμῳ πειθαρχοῦντας, ὃς κελεύει τὸν ἀνδρογυνοῦν τὰ φύσεως νόμιμα παρακόπτουτα, νηποινεῖ τεθνάναι, μηδεμίαν ἡμέραν ἀλλὰ μηδ' ὥραν ἐώμενοι ζῆν, ὄνειδος αὐτοῦ καὶ οἰκίας καὶ πατρίδος ὄντα καὶ τοῦ σύμπαντος ἀνθρώπων γένους. Ὁ δὲ παιδεραστῆς ἔστω τὴν αὐτὴν δίκην ὑπομένων, ἐπειδὴ τὴν παρὰ φύσιν ἡδονὴν διώκει, καὶ τὰς πόλεις, τὸ γ' ἐπ' αὐτὸν ἦκον μέρος, ἐρήμους καὶ κενὰς ἀποδείκνυσιν οἰκητόρων, διαφθείρων τὰς γουὰς, καὶ προσέτι, τῶν μεγίστων κακῶν, ἀνανδρίας καὶ μαλακίας ὑψηγητῆς καὶ διδάσκαλος ἄξιός γινεσθαι τοὺς νέους ὠραίζων καὶ τὸ τῆς ἀκμῆς ἀνθος ἐκθηλεύων. ὃ πρὸς ἀλκὴν καὶ ῥώμην ἀλείφειν ἀρμόττον ἦν. Καὶ τελευταῖον, ὅτι κακοῦ τρο-

of the Laws of Moses against harlotry: "Yet another  
 "evil much more serious than the one mentioned,  
 "has crept into states, *paederastia* to wit, the bare  
 "naming of which was *formerly* an outrage. But  
 "now it is a matter of boast, not only with those  
 "who *practise* it, but also with the *pathics*, the men  
 "of whom it is customary to say,—*They suffer from*  
 "*feminine disease*. In fact they are effeminated in body  
 "and soul, and not one spark of manliness do they  
 "suffer to appear in them. They braid and deck  
 "their hair to look like women, they smear and  
 "paint their faces with ceruse and cosmetics and  
 "such like things, anoint their persons with fragrant  
 "ointments,—for a fragrant smell is an attraction  
 "much sought after by such. Expending every  
 "possible care on their outward adornment, they  
 "are not ashamed even to employ every device to  
 "*change artificially their nature as men into that of*  
 "*women*. Against such it is right to be bloodthirsty,

πον γεωργοῦ, τὰς μὲν βαθυ-  
 γείους καὶ εὐκάρπους ἀρού-  
 ρας χειρσεύειν ἔᾶ, μηχανώ-  
 μενος ἐπ' αὐταῖς ἀγωνίαν·  
 ἐξ ὧν δ' οὐδὲν βλάστημα  
 προσδοκᾶται τὸ παράπαν,  
 εἰς ταῦτα πονεῖται καθ'  
 ἡμέραν καὶ νύκτωρ. Αἴτιον  
 δ' οἶμαι, τὸ παρὰ πολλοῖς  
 τῶν δήμων, ἀκρασίας καὶ  
 μαλακίας ἄθλα κείσθαι.  
 Τοὺς γοῦν ἀνδρογύνους  
 ἰδεῖν ἐστὶ διὰ πληθούσης  
 ἀγορᾶς ἀεὶ σοβοῦντας, κἂν  
 ταῖς ἑορταῖς προπομπεύον-  
 τας καὶ τὰ ἱερὰ τοὺς ἀνιέ-  
 ρους διειληχότας, καὶ μυσ-  
 τηρίων καὶ τελετῶν κατ-  
 αρχοντας, καὶ τὰ Διμήτρος  
 ὀργιάζοντας. Ὅσοι δ' αὐτῶν  
 τὴν καλὴν νεανειάν προσ-  
 επιτείνοντες, εἰς ἅπαν ὠρέ-

χθησαν μεταβολῆς τὰς εἰς  
 γυναῖκας, τὰ γεννητικὰ  
 προσάπεικνοσαν, ἀλουργίδας  
 ἀμπεχόμενοι, καθάπερ οἱ  
 μεγάλων ἀγαθῶν αἴτιοι ταῖς  
 πατρίσι, προέρχοντο δορυ-  
 φορούμενοι, τοὺς ὑπαντῶν-  
 τας ἐπιστρέφοντες. Εἰ δ' ἦν  
 ἀγανάκτησις οἷα παρὰ τῶ  
 ἡμετέρῳ νομοδέτῃ, κατὰ τῶν  
 τὰ τοιαῦτα τολμώντων· καὶ  
 ὡς κοινὰ τῶν πατρίδων ἄγη  
 καὶ μιάσματα δίχα συγγνώ-  
 μης ἀνηροῦντο, πολλοὺς ἂν  
 ἐτέρους νοθετεῖσθαι συνέ-  
 βαιεν. Αἱ γὰρ τῶν προκα-  
 ταγνωσθέντων τιμωρίαι ἀπα-  
 ραίτητοι, ἀνακοπήν οὐ  
 βραχεῖαν ἐργάζοντο τοῖς  
 ζηλωταῖς τῶν ὁμοίων ἐπι-  
 τηδευμάτων. (for translation  
 see text above.)

“obeying the Law, which commands: to slay,—and  
 “fear no penalty,—the *man-woman* who transgresses  
 “the law of nature, to let him live not a day, not  
 “an hour,—shaming as he does himself, his family,  
 “his country, nay! the whole race of mankind. The  
 “*paederast* must endure the same penalty, for he  
 “pursues after a pleasure that is contrary to Nature,  
 “and, so far as in him lies, makes States desert and  
 “empty of inhabitants, annihilating the begetting of  
 “children. More than this he endeavours to entice  
 “others and lead them away into two most abomin-  
 “able vices, *unmanliness* and *effeminacy*, bedizening  
 “youths (like women), and womanizing men in the  
 “vigour of their age, just at the time when they  
 “ought rather to be roused to aim at strength and  
 “hardihood. In a word, like a bad farmer, he lets  
 “the rich and fertile ploughland lie untilled, and makes  
 “it unfruitful, but labours day and night where he  
 “can expect no harvest whatever. Now this comes,  
 “I think, from the fact that in most States prizes  
 “are really offered for *incontinence* and *effeminacy*,—  
 “the vices of the *paederast* and the *pathic*. At  
 “any rate these men-women may be seen constantly  
 “strutting in the *agora* at the hour of high market,  
 “walking in procession at the sacred festivals, shar-  
 “ing, unholy as they are, in holy offices, participating  
 “in mysteries and sacrifices, even engaging in the  
 “rites of Demeter. Some of them have brought the  
 “charm of their youth to such a pass that *craving*  
 “*a complete transformation into women, they have*  
 “*amputated their generative members*; and now clad  
 “in purple robes, as if they had wrought some  
 “great benefit to their country, and surrounded by  
 “a body guard, they enter in state, all eyes fixed  
 “on them. Now if only such indignation as our  
 “Lawgiver has expressed, were generally entertained  
 “against those guilty of such effrontery, and if they  
 “were banished, as expiating the common guilt of  
 “their country, without appeal, this would do much  
 “to improve many of their companions. The punish-

“ment of such as had been condemned, if in no possible way to be shirked, would contribute no little to checking any imitation of these lusts on the part of others.”

In the third passage, *Philo*<sup>1</sup> is speaking of the difference between the *symposia* (banquets) of his time and those of the Greeks, and says:—“The Platonic banquet has to do almost entirely with Love, but not the love of men for women, or of

<sup>1</sup> De vita contemplativa, p. 480., Τὸ δὲ Πλατωνικὸν ὄλον σχεδὸν ἐστὶ περὶ ἔρωτος, οὐκ ἀνδρῶν ἐπὶ γυναιξίν ἐπιμα- νέντων, ἢ γυναικῶν ἀνδρά- σιν αὐτὸ μόνον (ἐπιτελοῦντο γὰρ αἱ ἐπιθυμίαι αὐταὶ νόμῳ φύσεως) ἀλλὰ ἀνδρῶν ἄρσεσιν ἡλικία μόνον διαφέ- ρουσι. Καὶ γὰρ εἴτι περὶ ἔρωτος καὶ οὐρανόιο Ἄφρο- δίτης κεκομψεῦσθαι δοκεῖ, χάριν ἀστεῖσμοῦ παρείληπ- ται· τὸ γὰρ πλεῖστον αὐτοῦ μέρος ὁ κοινὸς καὶ πάνθη- μος Ἔρως διελήφεν· ἀν- δρείαν μὲν τὴν βιωφελεστά- την ἀρετὴν κατὰ πόλεμον καὶ κατ' εἰρήνην ἀφαιρού- μενος, θ' ἡλείαν δὲ νόσον ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἀπεργα- ζόμενος, καὶ ἀνδρογύ- νουvs κατὰ κενὴν ἀζων, οὗς ἐχρῆν πᾶσι τοῖς πρὸς ἀλκὴν ἐπιτηδεύμασι συγκρο- τεῖσθαι. Ἀνμηνάμενος δὲ τὴν παιδικὴν ἡλικίαν καὶ εἰς ἐρωμένης τάξιν καὶ διάθεσιν ἀγαγὼν, ἐξημίωσε καὶ τοὺς ἐραστὰς περὶ τὰ ἀναγκαιότατα, σῶμά τε καὶ ψυχὴν καὶ οὐσίαν. Ἀνάγκη γὰρ τοῦ παιδεραστοῦ τὸν μὲν νοῦν τετάσθαι πρὸς τὰ

παιδικὰ, καὶ πρὸς ταῦτα μόνον ὀξυδεροκοῦντα, πρὸς δὲ τὰ ἄλλα πάντα ἰδίᾳ τε καὶ κοινὰ τυφλούμενον ἀπὸ τῆς ἐπιθυμίας καὶ μάλιστα εἰ ἀποτυγχάνοιτο, συντή- κεσθαι· τὴν δὲ οὐσίαν ἐλαττοῦσθαι διχόθεν, ἐκ τε ἀμελείας, καὶ τῶν εἰς τὸν ἐρώμενον ἀναλωμάτων. Πα- ραφύετο δὲ καὶ μείζον ἄλλο πάνθημον κακόν· ἐρημίαν γὰρ πόλεων, καὶ σπάνιν τοῦ ἀρίστου γένους ἀνθρώπων, καὶ στείρωσιν καὶ ἀγονίαν τεχνάζονται, οἱ μιμοῦνται τοὺς ἀνεπιστήμονας τὴν γεωργίας, κ. τ. λ. (for trans- lation see text above). This passage at any rate shows beyond a doubt that *Philo* quite failed to understand *Plato*, who not only clearly and distinctly distinguishes paedophilia from pederastia, but also analyzes at length the injuries to body and soul the latter involves on the pathic,—particularly in the *Phaedrus*, pp. 239—241., which we beg the reader to consult. To quote textually would occupy too much space.

“women for men,—for these are passions that are “satisfied conformably with the law of Nature,— “but the love of men whose affections are directed “to youths. For all the noble things that are said “besides about Eros (Love) and the heavenly Aphro- “dité are to be taken as mere fine talk. By far “the most part in fact concerns” *Ἔρως κοινός* and “*Ἔρως πάνδημος* (Common Love, Public Love), “which destroys all manliness, the virtue that is “most needful in war and peace, *infecting the mind “with the “feminine disease”, and turning men into “men-women*, whereas they should be equipped with “everything conducive to manly vigour. Instead of “this it ruins young men’s manliness, and gives “them the nature and character of a wanton; also “inflicting injury on the Lover in the most important “factors of life,—body, soul and property. For the “thoughts of the pederast must needs be all centred “on the boy he loves, and his gaze quick to see “that object only: while for all other concerns, “private or public, his eyes are blinded and use- “less, and this especially if he is unhappy in his “love. His wordly condition takes hurt in two “ways, partly through neglect, partly through ex- “penditure on the loved one. Associated with this is “yet another, and a greater because general, mischief. “Such men bring about the depopulation of Cities, and “cause a lack of a good, sound strain of men, producing “barrenness and unfruitfulness. They resemble those “that are unskilful in husbandry, etc.”

In a fourth passage again, one overlooked however by *Stark, Philo*<sup>1</sup> says, speaking of the inhabitants of

<sup>1</sup> De Abrahamo, pp. 20. sqq., *Οὐ γὰρ μόνον θηλυ- μανοῦντες ἀλλοτρίους γά- μους διέφθειρον, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἄνδρες ὄντες ἄρῆσειν ἐπι- βαίνοντες, τὴν κοινὴν πρὸς τοὺς πάσχοντας οἱ δρῶντες φύσει οὐκ αἰδοῦμενοι, παι-*

*δοσποροῦντες ἠλέγγοντο μὲν ἀτελεῖ γονὴν σπεύροντες. Ὁ δ’ ἔλεγχος πρὸς οὐδὲν ἦν ὄφελος, ὑπὸ βιαιοτέρας νικω- μένων ἐπιθυμίας· εἰτ’ ἐν τοῦ κατ’ ὀλίγον ἐδίξοντες τὰ γυναικῶν ὑπομένειν τοὺς ἄνδρας γεννηθέντας, θή-*

Sodom and their unbridled dissoluteness and vice:—

“For not only being mad after women did they  
 “form disgraceful unions with strange women, but  
 “actually, men as they were, they had intercourse  
 “with males: they that practised the vice had no  
 “shame for the sex they shared in common with  
 “those that suffered it, but were guilty of wasting  
 “their seed and disdaining the generation of offspring.  
 “But conviction of guilt was of no avail to restrain  
 “men mastered by an overpowering lust. Later,  
 “learning by degrees the custom for such as were  
 “born men yet to endure the treatment proper to  
 “women, *they brought upon themselves feminine disease,*  
 “*a curse they could in no wise contend against.* For  
 “not merely womanizing their bodies by effeminacy  
 “and wanton luxury, but utterly unsexing their very  
 “souls, they destroyed, so far as in them lay, all  
 “the manliness of their sex. In fact, if Greeks and  
 “Barbarians had been unanimous and had all been  
 “eager at once after such intercourse, the conse-  
 “quence would have been to make every city  
 “desolate, as though wasted by some pestilential  
 “sickness.”

In the fifth and last passage of all *Philo*<sup>1</sup> is speaking of those whose entry into the sanctuary

λειαν κατεσκεύαζον  
 αὐτοῖς νόσον, κακὸν  
 δύσμαχον. Οὐ μόνον  
 γὰρ τὰ σώματα μαλα-  
 κότητι καὶ θρύψει  
 γυναικοῦντες, ἀλλὰ  
 καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς ἀγεν-  
 νεστάτας ἀπεργαζόμε-  
 νοι, τό γ' ἐπ' αὐτοῖς ἦκον  
 μέρος, τὸ σύμπαν ἀνθρώπων  
 γένος διεφθειρον. Εἰ γοῦν  
 Ἕλληνες ὁμοῦ καὶ βάρβαροι  
 συμφωνήσαντες ἐξήλωσαν  
 τὰς τοιαύτας ὁμίλιας, ἡρή-  
 μωντο ἂν ἐξῆς αἱ πόλεις,  
 ὥσπερ λοιμῶδει νόσῳ κε-

νοθεῖσαι. (for translation see text above).

<sup>1</sup> De Sacrificantiis, p. 261.,  
 προανείργει πάντας τοὺς  
 ἀναξίους ἱεροῦ συλλύγου,  
 τὴν ἀρχὴν ποιούμενος ἀπὸ  
 τῶν νοσοῦντων τὴν  
 ἀληθῆ [θῆλειαν] νόσον  
 ἀνδρογύνων, οἷ τὸ φύσεως  
 νόμισμα παρακόπτοντες, εἰς  
 ἀκολάστον γυναικῶν πάθος  
 καὶ μορφᾶς εἰσβιάζοντο·  
 Θλαδίας γὰρ καὶ ἀποκεκομ-  
 μένους τὰ γεννητικὰ ἐλεύνει,  
 τό τε τῆς ὥρας ταμιεύοντας  
 ἄνθος, ἵνα μὴ ῥαδίως μα-

was interdicted by the Law-giver: "He forbad all "that were unworthy to frequent, the Temple, "beginning *with the men-women, those that are sick "of the true (the feminine) disease, who transgressing "the established law of Nature, annex the lust and "looks of incontinent women. He expelled all eunuchs, "those with strangled testicles and those with "amputated, who carefully safeguard the bloom of "youthfulness against decay, and transform the manly "type into a womanish shape. He expelled not only "harlots, but harlots' children as well, etc."*

If we review systematically and in detail these passages of *Philo*, given by *Stark* only in fragments, any unprejudiced reader must see that there is not one of them that does not refer to the vice of the Pathic. As to the second and third passages *Stark* himself (pp. 13 and 22.) admits this, while as to the fourth we do not know what he thought, it having been unknown to him: thus it is only in relation to the *first* and *fifth* passages that we have to examine his reasons for supposing this not to be the case. After quoting the text and *Mangey's* Latin translation, *Stark* remarks à propos of the *first* passage,—that dealing with Diogenes:—"Quin "hic verum corporis, nec animi vitium seu morbum "indicetur, quo laborantes virilitate orbarentur et "hanc suam impotentiam corporis habitu atque oris "specie proderent, nullus dubito. Nam hoc et ver- "borum series aperte declarat et ex eo colligi potest, "quod ille, qui hoc crimine tactum se sentiret, pudore "movetur. . . . Si vero Pathicorum labes, quam ab inter- "pretibus quibusdam hic suspicari video, ita intelli- "genda esset, haec neque ex vultu conici "poterat neque a Graecis tam turpi ma- "cula notabatur, ut huic vitio deditis causa "esset, quam ab rem eius opprobrium effugerent.

ραίνονται, καὶ τὸν ἄρρενα  
τύπον μεταχαράττοντας εἰς  
δηλόμορφον ἰδέαν. Ἐλαύνει

δὲ οὐ μόνον πόρνας ἀλλὰ καὶ  
τοὺς ἐκ τῆς πόρνῆς κ. τ. λ.  
(for translation see text above).

“Tantum enim abfuit, ut Pathici dedecus suum  
 “occultarent, ut potius multo fastu atque pompa  
 “prae se ferrent.... Verum autem Eunuchum geni-  
 “taliū exsectione redditum his verbis significari,  
 “non crediderim, quia hi neque inter licitatores,  
 “sed potius inter vendendos reperiri, neque ob  
 “harum partium defectum pudore tangi solerent.”

(I have no doubt whatever that a real fault of body, and not of mind, in other words a disease, is intended here,—a disease that robbed the sufferers of virility, who then betrayed this impotence by the condition and appearance of body and countenance. This indeed is fully shown by the context, from which it may also be gathered that the sufferer who felt himself touched by this vice, has a feeling of shame.... But if it is the taint of the pathics that is to be understood here, as I see is conjectured to be the case by some commentators, this taint could not be guessed at from the face; nor yet was it marked by the Greeks with so strong a stigma of disgrace, as to cause those who were given to it to strive to escape the opprobrium. For so far were pathics from wishing to conceal their shame, that they actually made a point of displaying it ostentatiously.... On the other hand I should not be inclined to suppose that a Eunuch, an actual Eunuch by amputation of the genitals, is meant by these words. These were hardly likely to be found among the bidders, but rather with the slaves for sale: nor were eunuchs accustomed to feel shame on account of the loss of these organs.)

In § 16 above it has been abundantly proved that the recognition of a pathic *ἐκ τῆς ὄψεως*, *ex vultu*, (by the look), was a simple and familiar thing with the Ancients, and especially so if we understand, as is only reasonable, by *ἐκ τῆς ὄψεως* not merely by the *face*, but by the whole appearance of the person as well. We can only wonder at *Stark's* repeated denials of the existence of such external marks of recognition, and all the more so, as every

Text-book of Medical Jurisprudence making any pretensions to complete detail (e.g. *Masius, Mende*) gives information on the point. Again, it is proved that paederastia was always regarded by the Greeks, till the time when they lost their independence, as a disgraceful vice,—the reason why the buyer spoken of slunk away with a blush. As for the ostentatious show of pathics, and particularly their importance and the power they acquired, to which *Stark* refers (p. 12. in his Note—28), this is only true for times as late as *Philo's* own, (he lived 40 A.D.), whereas *Diogenes* appears in History in the middle of the 4th. Century B.C. *Stark*, again, cites as evidence the words from the second passage: *Puerorum amor, de quo vel loqui olim probrum fuit maximum, nunc laudi ducitur*, (The love of boys, merely to speak of which was formerly a deep disgrace, but which now is made a boast),—without observing that his contention as to paederastia not being held disgraceful in Antiquity is most obviously contradicted by it. Undoubtedly actual castrated eunuchs were not meant, but the reasons *Stark* brings forward to show this are without force, for he will hardly be able to prove that in Asia the Castrated never acquired importance and wealth, so as to be in a position to buy themselves slaves. Further it may be gathered that the man *Diogenes* addressed was rich or held an important station from the fact that the bystanders marvelled at *Diogenes's* boldness and outspokenness, a point that *Stark* indeed has forgotten to mention. For *Philo's* own times the second passage is evidence enough. Equally do we fail to see why a castrated eunuch would be unlikely to blush, when the fact is thrown in his face. *Stark* (p. 22) explains the *νοῦσος θήλεια* as *vitium corporis* or *effeminatio interno morbo corporis statu procreata*, (a fault of body, condition of effeminacy produced by an internal morbid state of body). Now if it were really this, how could he possibly speak of the sufferers as *crimine tactos*, (touched by

his *vice*)? They had nothing to be ashamed of, unless indeed they had acquired the disease in a shameful way, but this was not the case according to his original assumption. This is confirmed by *Clement of Alexandria*.<sup>1</sup>

So far as the *fifth* passage is concerned, *Stark* declares castrated eunuchs to be certainly intended, and blames the editor of *Philo* (*Mangey*) for wishing to read for ἀπὸ τῶν νοσοῦντων τὴν ἀληθῆ νόσον ἀνδρογύνων (with the men-women, those that are sick of the *true* disease) τὴν θήλειαν νόσον (the *feminine* disease). He says in his note 30.: "*Mangetius* (a mistake for *Mangey*) reponit "*θήλειαν*. Quare hoc fieri, non dicam debeat, sed "ne oporteat quidem, non video. Nam νόσος "ἀνδρογύνων idem est, quod νόσος θήλεια. Si "igitur haec vox verbis superioribus adiiciatur, iners "atque inutilis appareat et pleonasmum vanum efficiat, "necesse est: τὸ ἀληθῆ contra, quod ille demit, "non vacuum ceteris additur verbum, ut eo perspicue "demonstraretur, hic verum morbum seu illud "corporis vitium esse intelligendum, quod "viros exsecando paritur, nec hanc animi labem, "qua contaminati solum muliebria patiuntur, quaeque "iisdem verbis nuncupatur, ut loci mox laudandi "docebunt." (*Mangetius* restores *θήλειαν*—feminine.

<sup>1</sup> *Paedagog.*, bk. III. ch. 3., "πρὸς τοὺς καλλωπιζομένους τῶν ἀνδρῶν": ἕνα τινὰ τούτων τῶν ἀγεννῶν παιδαγωγικῶς ἐπιπλήττων ὁ Διογένης, ὀπηνίκα ἐπιπράσκετο, ἀνδρείως σφόδρα, Ἦκε, εἶπεν, μειρακίον, ἄνδρα ὠνῆσαι σαντῶ ἀμφιβόλω λόγῳ τὸ πορνικὸν ἐκείνου σωφρονίζων· τὸ γὰρ ἄνδρας ὄντας, ξύρεσθαι καὶ λεαίνεσθαι, πῶς οὐκ ἀγεννές; ("To men who

bedizen their persons": One of these base fellows *Diogenes* rebuked like a schoolmaster. At the very time he was on sale as a slave, he cried with wonderful boldness: 'Come, young man, buy a man for yourself': *by this double entendre chastising his meretricious habits*. For *is it not a base thing*, that men should have their bodies shaved and polished smooth.

I cannot see why he should do this; in fact he had no business to do so whatever. For νόσος ἀνδρογύνων (disease of men-women) is the same thing as νόσος θήλεια (feminine disease). So if this expression is added on to the preceding words, it can only appear redundant and useless and make a silly pleonasm. Τὸ ἀληθῆ (the word *true* disease) on the other hand is not otiose when added to the other words. It shows distinctly that the *true disease or notorious vitiation of body* was meant to be understood, that which arises from castrating men, and not merely the taint of mind that makes the men whom it affects endure the treatment proper to women, and which is called by the same name, —as will be shown in passages to be cited presently.)

These last words evidently refer to the third passage, where we read: Θήλειαν δὲ νόσον ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἀπεργαζόμενος καὶ ἀνδρογύνους κατασκευάζων (infecting the mind with feminine disease, and turning men into men-women), for Stark himself explains the νοῦσος θήλεια (feminine disease) as being identical with the ἀνδρογύνων νόσος (disease of men-women). So he is bound to explain this sentence too as a *Pleonasmus vanus* (silly, useless, pleonasm), for as a matter of fact those suffering from νοῦσος θήλεια are men-women (ἀνδρογόγυνοι). But if a pleonasm is found in these latter words, it is difficult to see why there should not be one equally well in the fifth passage.

Yet for all he says, it is far from being demonstrated that this pleonasm is useless and silly. The sequence of thought is evidently this: Common Eros (Love) infects the soul (ψυχῆ) with the νοῦσος θήλεια, rousing the insatiable craving to play the part of the woman, to be pathic in fact; and then, this craving being indulged, the man becomes a man-woman (ἀνδρογόγυνος). As long as he goes on practising the vice of the pathic, he is sick of the νοῦσος θήλεια, and so it is perfectly correct to speak of the νοῦσος θήλεια ἀνδρογύνων (feminine

disease of men-women). A man-woman, that is a person who suffers coition to be consummated with him as with a woman, and concurrently also consummates coition with women as a man, or at any rate has the ability to do so,—this anyone may quite well be, without suffering for all that from the *νοῦσος θήλεια*. For instance he may be constrained by force to be a pathic, or may regard it as a way of earning money, like the male prostitutes of Greece and Rome; and in that case has no interest further in the vice of the pathic as such. On the other hand if he is urged to it by *prurigo ani impudica* (lascivious itch of the anus), this is sheer lubricity, not to be expected in a sensible, healthy-minded man. It can only be the consequence of a morbid condition of temperament and body. Such a man is the victim of *νοῦσος θήλεια*, the craving to be a woman! This is just the position taken in the fifth passage, as the subsequent words show quite plainly.

But granted that *Philo* actually wrote in this fifth passage *τὴν ἀληθῆ νόσον ἀνδρογύνων* (the true disease of men-women), would a bodily defect, castration, be signified by the expression? Certainly not. We could then take it in no other way but this, "he began with the men-women, who suffered from the true disease," and should be constrained to ask, "what disease?"—a definite disease being manifestly intended, as the addition of the definite article (*τὴν*) shows. But this would imply that men-women who were not suffering from this particular disease were *not* excluded from visiting the Temple. Yet most certainly *Philo* would never make any such statement. However *Stark* translates with *Mangey*: *Exorsus a vero semivirorum morbo laborantibus* that is, "he began with those suffering from the true disease of men-women", from which it would follow that there were other persons who suffered from the *apparent* disease of the men-women, or no reason exists for the special emphasis the definite article gives.

Really the question all along is not of castrated persons at all, and cannot be, if the sense of the whole passage is taken into account; for these (castrated persons) are specially and separately forbidden access to the Temple in the next sentence, —a fact which nothing but the introduction into the text of the conjunction γὰρ (for) by *Mangey*, (following a MS. it is true), has obscured. The words as they stand are *Θλαδιᾶς [γὰρ] καὶ ἀποκεκομμένων τὰ γεννητικὰ ἐλαύνει*, (he expells all eunuchs, those with strangled testicles, and those with amputated). So if the men-women who suffered from the νόσος *Θήλεια* were actual eunuchs, this would indeed be a *Pleonasmus vanus et ineptus* (silly and idle pleonasm). *Stark* has evidently been led to maintain the opinion he does, and to blame *Mangey's* emendation, which is in any case justified, by a mistake as to the construction of the sentence. *Stark* construed *νοῦσον ἀνδρογύνων* (disease of men-women), whereas the construction requires: *τὴν ἄρχην ποιούμενος ἀπὸ ἀνδρογύνων, τῶν νοσοῦντων τὴν Θήλειαν (ἀληθῆ) νόσον* (beginning with men-women,—those that were sick of the feminine—true—disease), the latter words being simply in apposition to *ἀνδρογύνων*.

## § 19.

We now proceed to consider the passages from the historian *Herodian* (170—240 A.D.). He relates <sup>1</sup>:

<sup>1</sup> *Herodian*, *Historiarum Libri Octo*, edit. *Th. Guil. Irmisch*. Leipzig 1780. 8vo., Vol. II. Bk. IV. ch. 12.: εἰς τοῦτον οὖν, ὡς μηδὲ στρατιωτικὸν, μηδὲ γενναῖον, δημοσίᾳ πολλάκις ἀπέσκωπτε, καὶ μέχρις αἰσχροῦ βλασφημίας· ἐπεὶ γὰρ

ἤκονεν αὐτὸν καὶ διαίτη ἐλευθερίῳ χρώμενον, καὶ τὰ φαῦλα καὶ ἀπερῆμιμμένα τῶν ἐδεσμάτων καὶ ποτῶν μυστατόμενον, οἷς, ὡς στρατιωτικὸς δὲ, ὁ *Αντωνίνος* ἔχαιρε, γλαμύδιον ἢ τινα ἄλλην ἐσθῆτα ἀμφιεσάμενον ἀστειοτέραν, εἰς ἀνανδρίαν

“Now he (Antoninus) had two generals, of whom the one, an oldish man but stupid and quite unacquainted with state affairs, was yet held to be a good soldier; his name was *Adventus*. The other who was called *Macrinus*, was not inexperienced in forensic practice and possessed besides some knowledge of law. Now the latter *Antoninus* frequently assailed in public with gibes, saying he was neither a soldier nor a man, going so far as positive *insult*. For having heard that he led a somewhat free life, and abominated scanty, rough eating and drinking (in which *Antoninus* as a hardy soldier took a pride), and wore a woman’s cloak or other elegant raiment, he accused him of *ἀνανδρία* and *θηλεια νοῦσος* (*unmanliness* and *feminine disease*), and was constantly threatening to put him to death. *Macrinus* could not endure such treatment and was very much exasperated. And this was the result.... etc.” Here *ἀνανδρία* and *θηλεια νοῦσος* (*unmanliness* and *feminine disease*) are laid to *Macrinus*’ charge by *Antoninus* by way of insult, but it is not in any way stated that he had become actually impotent or Pathic. True *ἀνανδρία* (*unmanliness*) is frequently used of the Pathic, but here it refers simply to a womanish way of life in connexion with eating and drinking, whilst the *θηλεια νοῦσος* (*feminine disease*) is inferred from the female costume, a thing in which, as we have seen, the Pathics delighted<sup>1</sup>.

καὶ θήλειαν νόσον  
διέβαλλεν, αἰεὶ τε ἀποκτενεῖν  
ἠπειλεῖ· ἄπερ οὐ φέρων ὁ  
Μακρίνος, πάνυ ἤσχαλλε·  
συνέβη δὲ τι καὶ τοιοῦτον  
κ. τ. λ. for translation see  
text. A somewhat similar  
circumstance is given in *Livy*,  
Hist. XXXIX. ch. 42.

<sup>1</sup> Aeschines, Orat. in  
Timarch. edit. Reiske, p, 139.

μὴ Δημοσθένην καλούμενον,  
ἀλλὰ Βάταλον, — p. 142.  
ἐπεὶ καὶ περὶ τῆς Δημοσ-  
θένους ἐπωνυμίας, οὐ κακῶς  
ὑπὸ τῆς φήμης, ἀλλ’ οὐχ ὑπὸ  
τῆς τίτθης, Βάταλος προσα-  
γορεύεται, ἐξ ἀνανδρίας  
τινὸς καὶ κιναιδεΐας  
ἐνεγκάμενος τοῦνομα· εἰ  
γάρ τις σὺν τὰ κομψὰ ταῦτα  
γλανίσια περιελόμενος, καὶ

*Stark* indeed gives the following note on the passage: "Ego quidem impotentiam virilem et illam "morbosam in sexum sequiorem degenerationem, "quae per animi mollitiem aequae ac per corporis "mutationem se prodit, hic accipiendam esse credo, "nec video, cur interpres labem illam qua muliebris "tolerantiae viri maculantur, intellectam velit." (In fact I consider we must take to be here meant impotence and that morbid degeneration towards the inferior sex which betrays itself at once by effeminacy of mind and bodily deterioration; at the same time I see no reason for a commentator thinking that specific pollution to be signified whereby men are affected who suffer themselves to be treated as women.) However if only *Stark* had chanced to read through the succeeding 13th. chapter of *Herodian* as well, he would have found *Antoninus* only meant to put upon the man an ordinary coarse jest; for he there makes the very same reproach against the Centurion *Martialis*, whose brother he had had executed a few days previously; *αὐτῷ τε τῷ Μαρτιαλίῳ ἐνύβρισεν, ἄνανδρον αὐτὸν καὶ ἀγεννή καλῶν καὶ Μακαρίνου φίλον,*

*τοὺς μαλακοὺς χιτωνίσκους, ἐν οἷς τοὺς κατὰ τῶν φίλων λόγους γράφεις, περιενέγκας δοίῃ εἰς τὰς χεῖρας τῶν δικαστῶν, οἶομαι ἂν αὐτοὺς, εἴ τις μὴ προειπὼν τοῦτο ποιήσειεν, ἀπορῆσαι, εἴ τε ἄνδρὸς, εἴ τε γυναικὸς εἰλήφασιν ἐσθῆτα.* (called not Demosthenes, but Batalus, i.e. Pathic.—Now with regard to Demosthenes' surname, he is excellently called by common report, though not by his nurse, Batalus—Pathic, having got the name *from a certain unmanliness and cinaedism.* For

if a man should strip you of these elegant robes you wear and your womanish tunics, clad in which you indite your speeches against your friends, and bring them up and put them in the hands of the jurymen, I suppose, if he should do so without any previous explanation, the latter would be quite unable to tell *whether it were a man's or a woman's clothes they had got hold of.*)—a passage which affords the best commentary to what is stated in the text both here and on previous pages.

(And be insulted Martialius himself, *calling him unmanly and ignoble and a friend of Macarinus.*) In any case the passage shows that even at that period Paederastia was held to be dishonourable and the name of Pathic involved an insult.

The Church Historian *Eusebius Pamphili* (264—340 A.D.) relates in his *Life of Constantine*<sup>1</sup> that on a part of the peak of Mount Lebanon stood a Temple of Venus: "Therein was a school of vice for licentious persons of every description, for all such as dishonoured their bodies in various ways; womanish men, that are no men at all, abrogated their natural dignity and propitiated the goddess by *θήλεια νοῦσος* (feminine disease); and again unlawful unions of women, lecherous embraces, abominable and abominated acts, were indulged in in this Temple, as in a spot where neither law nor religion held good. And there was no one to overlook their doings, for no respectable man dared go near the place." Now to any one examining the whole drift of the passage, it cannot for a single moment remain doubtful that by *θήλεια νοῦσος* is here meant some particular form of vice; and the words of the text are such that, even if the expression only occurred here and nowhere else at all, absolutely no other meaning could be assigned to it but that of the vice of the Pathic. We have already shown that the words *ἀκόλαστος* (licentious person), *πράξις*,

<sup>1</sup> Bk. III. ch. 55: *Σχολή τις ἦν αὐτῆ κακοεργίας πᾶσιν ἀκολάστοις, πολλῆ τε ῥαστώ- νη διεφθορόσι τὸ σῶμα· γύννιδες γοῦν τινες ἄνδρες οὐκ ἄνδρες, τὸ σεμνὸν τῆς φύσεως ἀπαρνησάμενοι, θηλεία νόσῳ τὴν δαίμονα ἰλεοῦντο· γυναικῶν τ' αὖ παράνομοι ὁμιλῖαι, κλεψιγαμοὶ θ' ὁμιλῖαι, ἄρρητοί τε καὶ ἐπίρρητοὶ πράξεις, ὡς ἐν ἀνόμῳ καὶ ἀποστάτῃ*

*χώρῳ κατὰ τόνδε τὸν νεῶν ἐπεχειροῦντο· ἐφορός τε οὐδεις ἦν τῶν πραττομένων, τῷ μηδένα σεμνῶν ἀνδρῶν αὐτόθι τομᾶν παρῆναι.* for translation see text. As to this Temple of Venus compare *Zosimus*, *Histor.*, bk. I., *Etymolog. Magnum*, under word Ἄφρακα; *Suidas*, under word Χριστόδωρος; *Selden*, *Syntagm. de Diis Syris*, II.

πράττειν (action, to act) are used of the Pathic, whilst the phrase τὸ σεμνὸν τῆς φύσεως (natural dignity) finds its explanation in the τὸ φύσεως νόμισμα (custom of nature) of *Philo*, and γύννιδες (womanish men) is interpreted in *Zonaras*<sup>1</sup> by ἀνδρόγυννος (man-woman), μαλακός (soft, effeminate), and in *Eustathius*<sup>2</sup> by *θηλυδρίας μὴ εὖ διακείμενος*

<sup>1</sup>) *Zonaras*, Lexicon. edit. Tittmann. Leipzig 1808. 4to. p. 457

<sup>2</sup>) *Eustathius*, Commentar. in Homer., Iliad 1680. 44., *Stark* cites merely the figures. We can clearly see the meaning of γύννιδες in the following passage of *Clement of Alexandria*, Paedag., bk. III. ch. 3. p. 227, τί τοίνυν οὐκ ἄν ἐπιτηδεύσειαν αἱ γυναῖκες, αἱ εἰς μαχλοσύνην σπεύδουσαι, τοιαῦτα τολμῶσιν ἐνοποριζόμεναι τοῖς ἀνδράσιν; μᾶλλον δὲ οὐκ ἄνδρας βατάλους δὲ καὶ γύννιδας καλεῖν τοῦτους χρή' ὦν καὶ αἱ φωναὶ τεθρομμέναι καὶ ἡ ἐσθῆς τεθρομμένη ἀφῆ καὶ βαφῆ· δῆλοι δὲ οἱ τοιοῦτοι ἐλεγχόμενοι τὸν τρόπον ἕξωθεν ἀμπεχόνῃ, ὑποδέσει, σχήματι, βαδίσματι, κουρᾷ, βλέμματι. Ἀπὸ ὀράσεως γὰρ ἐπιγνωσθήσετο ἀνήρ, ἢ Γραφή λέγει κ. τ. λ. (What then would not women practise, such women as run into wantonness, rivalling the men that dare such abominations? but these men ought we not rather to call *batali* (cinaedi) and

*womanish fellows?* whose voices are broken languishingly and their dress fashioned like women's in texture and colour. *Now such-like men are clearly manifest in outward appearance for what they are by their show, and their foot-gear, by their bearing, and walk, and hair, and glance. For by the eyes shall a man be known*, says the Scripture, etc.). The word βάταλος meaning *cinaedus* is found also in *Aeschines*, In *Timarch.*, p. 139, 163, 142. De *legatione falsa*, p. 273. *Harpocration* under the word, conjectured that the *Cinaedi* were called for the same reason that e. g. *Eupolis* ὁ *πρωκτος* (the wide-bottomed) was called βάταλος; and *Plutarch* also, *Vita Demosth.* 4 *Schol.* *Aeschin.* p. 742., *Etymolog. Magnum*, 190. 20., agrees in same idea. *Comp. Schäfer*, *Apparat. Crit. ad Demosthen.*, I. 875. Moreover this was the nick-name of *Demosthenes* (*De Corona* 288. 18.). At any rate this passage of *Clement of Alexandria* tells in favour of the possibility of recognizing Pathics by their exterior!

πρὸς τὰ ἀφροδίσια (womanish man, one not properly behaved with regard to love),—meanings the real force of which we have elsewhere verified, but which most certainly are not to be taken as implying actual castration, as *Stark* (§ 16) thinks. Indeed the last named says, commenting on the passage of Eusebius: “Haec verba non solum de mera morum atque cultus mutatione muliebri rationi magis congrua, intelligi posse, sed etiam per veram evirationem genitalium truncatione confectam aptissime explicanda esse, cum verborum series et Eustathii, Hesychii ac Zonarae atque Valesii auctoritas me suadet, tum multo magis illud monet, quod in cultu Veneris virorum exsectionem solemnem fuisse compertum habemus. Sin autem contenderis, viros tales exsectos et effeminatos etiam muliebria passos esse, ego quidem non repugno, exploratam vero rem esse atque ratam, ex ipsis auctoris verbis non liquet.” (That these words may be understood not merely of a simple change of mode of life and habit to one more closely assimilated to the female type, but that they are most suitably to be explained as implying an actual effemination of the individual produced by amputation of the genitals, both the context of the passage and the authority of Eustathius, Hesychius, Zonaras and Valesius induces me to believe, and still more am I led to this view by the fact we already know, viz. that the castration of men was customary in connection with the cult of Venus. But if you further maintain that such men so castrated and effeminated submitted to the treatment proper to women, I do not deny it; I only say that this point is not duly ascertained and certified on the showing of the Author’s own words.)

Certainly we have already seen from the passage of *Lucian* and from *Philo* that Paederastia supplied a motive for the making of Eunuchs; but the passages quoted from *Athanasius* and other Authors have also taught us that the pollution of boys was carried out in honour of Venus in her temples. As for the

*auctoritas Valesii* (authority of Valesius), *Stark* adds in his notes (49): "Eandem vim his verbis tribuit, "ut ex interpretatione ejus Latina Eusebii videre est. "Histor. scriptor. ecclesiast. Paris 1677. fol. p. 211. B." (He assigns the same force to these words, as may be seen from his Latin translation of Eusebius). To our regret we are unable to refer to this edition,—which it appears to us would have been a highly desirable precaution; for the one which lies before us,<sup>1</sup> a word for word, only more correct, re-impression of the Paris edition, gives the version of Valesius entirely in our sense: "Quippe effeminati quidam "et feminae potius dicendi quam viri, abdicata sexus "sui gravitate, muliebria patientes, daemonem "placabant." (Whereas certain effeminate men, that should rather be called women than men, abrogating the dignity of their sex, and suffering treatment proper to women, used in this way to propitiate their deity.) The same holds good of the translation given by *Stark*: "Viri effeminati et non viriles, "naturae dignitatem ultro exuentes, morbo muliebri deam placabant." (Effeminate men and unmanly, of their own will putting off their nature

<sup>1</sup> Eusebii Pamphili Ecclesiasticae historiae libri decem; eiusdem de vita imp. Constantini libri IV. Quibus subiicitur Oratio Constantini ad Sanctos et Panegyricus Eusebii. Henricus Valesius graecum textum collatis IV. MSS. Codicibus emendavit, Latine vertit et Adnotationibus illustravit. Iuxta exemplar quod antea Parisiis excudebat Antonius Vitré, nunc vero verbotenus et correctius edebant Moguntiae Christian Gerlach et Simon Beckenstein. MDCLXXII. fol. (*Eusebius*

*Pamphili*, Ecclesiastical Histories, X books; also the same author's Life of the Emperor Constantine, IV books. Together with Constantine, "Ad Sanctos", and the Panegyric of Eusebius. Greek text emended by the collation of four MSS, a Latin translation provided and illustrative notes added, by *Henricus Valesius*. Based on the edition first printed at Paris by Antonius Vitré, now re-edited unexpurgated and corrected by Christian Gerlach and Simon Beckenstein at Maintz. 1672. fol.)

dignity, used to propitiate the goddess *with feminine disease*.) Ought this to be taken as implying a claim on his behalf to the translation generally as adduced by him or merely to the rendering of the word γύννιδες by *virī effeminati*? The previous authorities, *Eustathius*, *Hesychius* and *Zonaras*, at any rate refer only to γύννιδες, while *Stark* himself assigns it the meaning of the *Vice of the Pathic* in the last words quoted.

Bishop *Synesius* (378—431 A.D.) in his Speech *De Regno*<sup>1</sup> addressed to the Emperor *Arcadius* exhorts the latter to set bounds to the insubordination in the army, and for the foreign subject peoples, that are continually meditating treason, to attack them and really conquer them, rather than wait till their hostile temper break out in open revolt. That the renown of the Romans stood fast, that they were victorious, wherever they came and marched through the countries of the world, like the gods, supervising men's insolence and government. "But those Scythians, *Herodotus* tells us so, and

<sup>1</sup> *Synesii* Episcopi Cyrenes Opera quae extant omnia, interprete *Dionysio Petavio* — codicum fide recensita ac notis illustrata et eodem modo omnia secunda hac editione multo accuratiora et uberiora prodeunt. *Lutetiae Parisiorum* 1633. fol. p. 25. A. Ὡς Ὀμηρός φησι τοὺς θεοὺς Ἄνδρώπων ὕβριν τε καὶ εὐνομίαν ἐφέποντες Σκύθας δὲ τούτους, Ἡρόδοτός τε φησι, καὶ ἡμεῖς ὁρῶμεν, κατεχομένους ἅπαντας ὑπὸ νόσον θηλείας· οὗτοι γὰρ εἶσιν, ἀφ' ὧν οἱ παντοχοῦ δοῦλοι κ. τ. λ. *Synesius* Bishop of Cyrené, Complete Works so far as Extant, edit. *Dionysius Petavius*; text

revised and compared with MSS, and illustrated with explanatory notes; the whole re-issued in a more accurate and fuller form in this Second Edition. Paris 1633. fol., p. 25. A., "As *Homer—Odyssey* XVII. 487—says of the gods, visiting the insolence and good government of men; but these Scythians *Herodotus* declares, and we see the fact for ourselves, to be all fallen under the feminine disease; and it is they from whom come as a rule the slaves, etc." The word *θηλείας* even in the edition mentioned stands both in text and margin as γρ. *δειλίας*.

we see it for ourselves, are all fallen under the νόσος θήλεια (feminine disease). And it is they of whom the subject peoples mainly consist, etc." He goes on to say how they had submitted only in appearance, while secretly they laughed at the folly of the Romans, who took their submission seriously, etc. Now in the first place we must remember the fact that *Synesius*, like all Greek Orators and Fathers of later times, considered it his special duty to cite the Classical Greek authors as frequently as possible, and with this object made almost any peg do to hang a quotation on. He says of the Romans that they, ὡς "Ὀμηρός φησι τοὺς θεοὺς

*Ἄνθρώπων ὕβριν τε καὶ εὐνομίαν ἐφέποντες*

(as Homer says of the gods, "visiting the insolence and good government of men"), and to explain this ὕβρις (insolence), he recalls the statement of Herodotus to the effect that the Scythians suffered from the νόσος θήλεια, a statement which, he adds, still holds good of them; that the vice had prevailed amongst them from the earliest times, that it was quite inveterate, and that accordingly men of such abandoned character could never be trusted, trained as they were to dissemble; all this *Synesius* is specially anxious to enforce strongly upon Arcadius! In this sequence of thought we find a sufficient explanation of the καὶ ἡμεῖς ὀφθαλμοῦμεν (and we see it for ourselves); this refers not so much to the ocular recognition of the νόσος θήλεια, the possibility of which however we have demonstrated elsewhere, as to the fact that the disease was *still* to be met with among the Scythians, in order to show which *Synesius* laid special stress on the phrase, and added—undoubtedly to the sacrifice of truth—the word ἅπαντας (all of them). Besides which, *Dionysius Petavius* reminds us in his notes on this passage that the name "Scythian" is used here, as it is in *Strabo*, in its widest signification, and includes

Goths, Alani, Vandals, Germans, Huns, in fact all the Northern peoples. This is the more interesting as *Sextus Empiricus*<sup>1</sup> relates of the Germans that they practised Paederastia, Prof. *Meier* (loco cit. p. 131. Note 20.), who cites the passage, doubted the truth of the statement, on the ground that *Sextus Empiricus* is the only author, and even he does so only as a matter of hearsay (ὡς φασιν—as men say), to lay this vice to the charge of the Germans, whose purity of morals is not impugned

<sup>1</sup> Pyrrh. Hypotyp., bk. III. ch. 199., *Νενόμισται τὸ τῆς ἀρσενομιξίας παρὰ Γερμανοῖς ὡς φασιν οὐκ αἰσχρὸν ἀλλ' ὡς ἐν τι τῶν συνηθῶν* (But the practice of intercourse with males is not among the Germans, so they say, reckoned a shameful thing, but as one of the customary acts)—*Aristotle*, *Polit.* II. 6. 6., *Strabo*, *Geogr.*, IV. 199. *Diodorus*, *Bibl.* V. 32. *Athenaeus*, *Deipn.*, p. 603 a., relate the same thing of the Celts. *Quintilian* who lived about 42 after Christ, directly denies the fact, it is true: *Declam.* 3, *Nihil tale noverere Germani et sanctius vivitur ad Oceanum. Non sit mihi forsitan quaerendum aversis auribus saeculi huius in tantum vitia regnare, ut obscœnis cupiditatibus natura cesserit, ut pollutis in femineam usque patientiam maribus incurrat iam libido in sexum suum, finem tamen aliquem sibi vitia ipsa exceperunt, ultimumque adhuc huius flagitii crimen fuit corrupisse futurum virum. Hoc*

vero cuius est dementia? In concubinatum iuniores leguntur, et in muliebrem patientiam vocatur fortasse iam maritus. (The *Germans* know no such practice; for life is purer near the Ocean. Would it were possible to shut my ears to the fact that Vice in this age prevails to such a degree that Nature has had to yield to foul lusts, that men corrupted even to the length of *suffering themselves to be treated as women* are filled with lust towards their own sex; yet vice itself set some limit to its own excesses, and the last extremity of this lewdness was to have ruined one that might have grown into a man. But what a height of insanity is here! Young men are chosen as mistresses, and a man is called upon to endure the treatment proper to a woman.) Who can fail to see that in this passage the words *feminea patientia*, *muliebris patientia*, are given as a translation of νοῦσος θήλεια?

by any other Writers. But surely he did not take into consideration that Sextus Empiricus lived about 200 years after Christ, and is speaking of the Germans of his own times, not of the old Germans such as *Tacitus* and *Caesar* knew them. It is hardly likely the Germans of Sextus' and Synesius' day should have entirely escaped the universal degeneracy of all Nations; and again, with what object did German Emperors at a later date promulgate laws against the vice of Paederastia, Sodomy, etc., if it did not exist among their people?

*Clement of Alexandria*, after speaking of the objectionable character of the worship of the different gods of the Heathen, goes on to relate as follows<sup>1</sup>:

"All blessings befall that King of the Scythians, whatever his name may have been, who when one of his subjects copied the service of the Mother of the gods usual among the people of Cyrené, beating the drum and clashing the cymbals hung at his neck, and dedicating himself as a Menagyrtes (Priest of Cybelé), shot him dead, as a man who had been made *no man* (ἄνανδρος) among the Greeks, and as a teacher of the *feminine disease* (νόσος θήλεια) to the rest of the Scythians." *Herodotus*<sup>2</sup> who tells the same story, calls the King Saulius and the offending citizen Anarcharsis<sup>3</sup>, but makes no mention,

<sup>1</sup> Cohortatio ad Gentes, edit. Potter. Oxford 1715., Vol. I. p. 20., Πολλὰ κάγαθὰ γένοιτο τῷ τῶν Σκυθῶν βασιλεῖ, ὅστις ποτὲ ἦν οὗτος τὸν πολίτην τὸν ἑαυτοῦ, τὸν παρὰ Κυζικηνοῖς μητρὸς τῶν θεῶν τελετὴν ἀπομιμούμενον παρὰ Σκύθαις, τύμπανόν τε ἐπικτυποῦντα, καὶ κύμβαλον ἐπηχοῦντα τοῦ τραχήλου, οἷα τινὰ Μηναγύρτην ἐξηρημένον, κατετόξευσεν, ὡς ἄνανδρον αὐτόν τε παρὰ Ἕλλησι γε-

γενημένον, καὶ τῆς θήλει-  
ας τοῖς ἄλλοις Σκυθῶν  
διδάσκαλον νόσον. for  
translation see text.

<sup>2</sup> *Herodotus*, Histories, Bk. IV. ch. 76.

<sup>3</sup> In Anacharsid. I. ch. 8. note 4. The question here is solely of Greek customs (ἑλληνίζειν, βιοῦν ἥθεσιν Ἕλληνικοῖς—to Grecize, to live after Greek fashions), without any evil implication, or of Greek mysteries (τελετὰς Ἕλληνικὰς διατελοῦντα—

any more than do *Diogenes Laertius* and *Philo*<sup>1</sup>, of the *θήλεια νοῦσος* (feminine disease). Accordingly we must evidently regard this as an *addition* on the part of Clement of Alexandria, who judging from his own times, when the Priests of Cybelé universally practised paederastia with each other, and in order to further lay stress on the fact that the Scythian king had done right in killing the man who was introducing a heathen, and besides an exceedingly licentious, form of worship, felt no hesitation in making the addition. And as a matter of fact, how widely paederastia prevailed in the time of Clement of Alexandria, and how intimately he was acquainted with it, is proved by the passages quoted on previous pages from his writings. *Stark* prefers here also to understand a *vera eviratio* (true effemination), i.e. that they were actually castrated, maintaining that this was the case with the priests of Cybelé, whilst *Larcher* considers merely the womanish cult of the *Dea Mater* (Goddess Mother) to be indicated.

The last passage in which the expression *θήλεια νοῦσος* (femine disease) occurs, is a *scholion* on the word *γαλλιαμβικὸν* (viz. *μέτρον*—galliambic metre) in *Hephaestion*<sup>2</sup>. The Scholiast says: *Γαλλιαμβικὸν δὲ ἐκλήθη, ἐπεὶ λελυμένον ἐστὶ τὸ μέτρον· οἱ δὲ*

carrying out Greek rites). How else could the words, *γλώσσης, γαστρὸς, αἰδοίων κρατεῖν* (to be master of tongue, of belly, of *members*) have been used as a motto on the pedestals of statues of Anacharsis, and how could he himself have written to Croesus, that after he had learnt the customs of the Greeks, *ἀπόχρη με ἐπανήκειν ἐς Σκύθας ἄνδρα ἀμείνονα* (I was bound to return to the Scythians a *better man*). For the rest Anacharsis is

called the son of Gnurus and brother of the Scythian king Caduidas, who stabbed him on a hunting party.

<sup>1</sup> *Archaeolog. Jud.*, bk. II.

<sup>2</sup> *Hephaestionis Enchiridion* (de metris) ad MS. fidem recensitum cum notis variorum, praecipue Leonardi Hotchkis, A. M. curante Th. Gaisford, Edit. nova et auct. Lips. 1832. c. 12. p. 75. (*Hephaestion's Enchiridion* (on metres); the text revised and compared with the MSS, together with notes of various

**Γάλλοι, διάβάλλονται ὡς θήλειαν νόσον ἔχοντες. διὸ καὶ σώματα φόρον ἐτέλουν Ῥωμαίοις εἰς τοῦτο· οἱ τοιοῦτοι δὲ ἱερεῖς εἰσὶ Δήμητρος.**

(Now it was called galliambic, because the metre is loose; and the Galli are evil spoken of as having *feminine disease*. Wherefore also they used to pay their bodies as tribute to the Romans—or, their bodies used to pay tribute to the Romans—to this day; and such men are priests of Demeter.) *Stark* gives (p. 21.) the following translation of this. “Galli-ambicum vocabatur, quod solutum est metrum; Galli enim utpote morbo muliebri laborantes inculpantur, quod Romanis corpora ad hoc (tanquam) tributum persolverent,” (It was called galliambic, because the metre is loose; for the Galli are accused as suffering from *feminine disease*, inasmuch as they used to pay their bodies to the Romans to this day as it were a tribute),—but without committing himself to any more precise explanation of the words. The meaning of the first two sentences is plain enough: The metre is called the galliambic, because it is loose, resolved, i. e. instead of long syllables short are used, and so the metres changed from masculine to feminine. Now the Galli are charged with practising *θήλεια νόσος* (*feminine disease*) (as *Homer*, *Odyssey* I. 368., says: ὑπέρβιον ὕβριν ἔχοντες—having, practising very audacious insolence). But what do the words that follow mean: διὸ καὶ σώματα φόρον ἐτέλουν Ῥωμαίοις εἰς τοῦτο? The *tanquam* (as it were) added in the Latin translation shows that the translator took the sentence in a figurative sense. But what is the subject of the sentence? is it σώματα or Γάλλοι — ἔχοντες? The translator must necessarily have taken the latter as the subject: “wherefore they paid or offered up their bodies to the Romans as it were for tribute”; and this could imply nothing less than that the Galli

Commentators, notably Leonard Hotchkiss, M. A. edit. Th. Gaisford. New and enlarged edition). Leipzig 1832., ch. 12. p. 75.

gave themselves up to the Romans as Pathics. Now does the arrangement of the words admit of this? We think not; for in that case the Scholiast must needs have put *ἐαυτῶν* with *σώματα* or at any rate the article *τὰ*.

Therefore if we take the sentence literally and regard *σώματα* as being the subject, it reads: "wherefore also the bodies (of the Galli) were subject to tax to the Romans to this day." We have seen already how the word *τέλος* signified among the Greeks the "prostitution tax," and how the Septuagint translators rendered the Hebrew *קֶדֶשׁ* (Kêdeshah) and *קָדֵשׁ* (Kâdesh), by which names the Priests of Cybelé were understood, by *τελεσφόρος* and *τελιόχομος* (subject to tax, paying tax), how the Priests of Cybelé are characterised by other writers as men who were Pathics in honour of their goddess, and how as a matter of fact the *Cinaedi* or *Exoleti* at Rome in the time of the Emperor Severus had to pay an impost similar to the prostitution-tax. The *scholion* then shows us that the Galli also were subjected to this impost payable to the State. Were it a question merely of Castrated persons or indeed of anything else but actual Paederastia, the whole *scholion* would be unintelligible; yet Stark maintains that simply Eunuchs are intended, and this because of the words that are appended, to the effect that the Galli were Priests of Demeter. No doubt they may have been castrated, but this is a side issue; the important point is, that they were Pathics.

Finally we have still a passage from *Dio Chrysostom*<sup>1</sup> to mention, in which however the hitherto

<sup>1</sup> *Dio Chrysostom*, De Regno, Orat. IV. p. 76., Ὁ μὲν γὰρ ἀσθένης τε καὶ ἀτολμος ἐκ τούτου τοῦ γένους δαίμων ἐπί τε τὰς γυναικείας νόσους καὶ ἄλλας αἰσχύνας, ὅποσαις πρόσεστι ζημία καὶ ὄνειδη, προσάγει ῥαδίως. for translation see text. — Ὁ δ' ἐκ μέσων ἀναβοάτων τῶν γυναικῶν, ὀξύτερον καὶ

almost stereotyped expression *θηλεία νόσος* (feminine disease) is exchanged for *γυναικεία νόσος* (womanly disease). The author is here expounding how all acts are under the governance of a definite Genius or Spirit, and says: "for a weakling and faint-hearted Spirit of this sort leads readily to the *γυναικεία νόσος* (womanly disease) and other shames, to which is attached punishment and disgrace." Then in the following sentences the life and appearance of one governed by this Spirit are more exactly described, in such a way that there can be no possibility of supposing anything else to be intended than the vice of the Pathic, and even *Stark* (p. 12.) admits this much.

On reviewing once again what has been said, we find that the Scythians in Asia became acquainted with paederastia, when Pathics returned from foreign lands, and henceforth practised the vice at home as well. Their fellow-countrymen could only suppose an evil demon animated them. So when at length as a natural result of their vice they fell sick in body and in mind, when nervous disorders and imbecility visited the unfortunates, they never for a moment ascribed this to the vice these men practised, but rather regarded their condition as a consequence of the avenging wrath of Venus, whose temple they had robbed, and thus brought into connection an earlier incident and a later.

When the Greek became acquainted with the vice,

ἀκρατέστερον λευκὸς ἰδεῖν,  
ἐντροφερός αἰθρίας καὶ  
πόνων ἄπερος, ἀποκλίνων  
τὸν τράχηλον, ὑγροῖς τοῖς  
ὄμμασι, μάχλον ὑποβλέπων,  
ἀεὶ τὸ σῶμα καταθεώμενος,  
τῇ ψυχῇ δὲ οὐδὲν προσέχων,  
οὐδὲ τοῖς ὑπ' αὐτῆς προς-  
τασσομένοις. (But that Spirit  
which cries out from the midst  
of women is something shriller

and more intemperate; he is  
pale to look upon, wanton  
and luxurious, incapable of  
enduring open air or toil,  
drooping the neck, with  
liquorish eyes, casting stolen  
glances of lewdness, ever  
looking down upon the body,  
but giving no thought to the  
soul, nor the things beneath  
its ordinance).

he of course shared at first the notion of the avenging action of a deity, but he directed his attention less to the consequences of this vice, which in Greece were generally slighter, than to the Vice itself, which robbed the man of his manly characteristics and normal activity, and drove him to take on him the rôle of the woman in exchange for that of the man. But to be a woman was invariably among all nations a disgrace for the man, whom *Plato* (*Timaeus* 42.) considered the *γένος κρείττον* (superior sex), while *Aristotle* not merely represents the woman as owing her existence to an *ἀνάγκη* (unavoidable necessity), but calls her an *ἄρρην πεπηρωμένον* (crippled male), an *ἀναπηρία φυσική* (natural crippling), even a *παρέκβασις τῆς φύσεως* (aberration of nature)<sup>1</sup>. But no man of sound intellect could possibly suffer himself to be used as a woman; therefore he must needs be sick, be afflicted with a disease that assimilated him to a woman (*θηλεία*—feminine). When *Herodotus* wrote, the Greeks to be sure knew the vice which was practised with *boys* (*Paederastia*) or youths, who had not yet reached man's estate, but these were always first corrupted by adults; they did not practise the vice of their own impulse and could not as a rule be held accountable. When however they saw adults, men who were already in possession of manly prerogatives, appear as *Pathics*—not merely boys and youths not yet capable of the procreative act,—they could in no way explain the phenomenon to their satisfaction except by supposing them to have been attacked by a disease that changed them into women<sup>2</sup>. This also gives

<sup>1</sup> Comp. author's Work, *De Sexuali Organismorum Fabrica* (Of the Sexual Conformation of Organisms), Pt. I. Halle 1832. pp. 1—12., where these relations are brought out in detail, and referred back to anatomical reasons.

<sup>2</sup> We expressed an opinion above (p. 175.) that no grounds of excuse could be found for the *Pathic*; but we must here modify this so far as to admit that *Aristotle* imagines himself to have discovered such. In the *Problemata*, IV. 26., he

the reason why the expression *νοῦσος Θήλεια* (feminine disease) occurs so seldom in the Greek writers, for it was the violation of boys, not the

examines the question: *διὰ τί ἔνιοι ἀφροδισιαζόμενοι χαίρουσι, καὶ οἱ μὲν ἅμα δρῶντες, οἱ δ' οὐ;* (Why some men take pleasure in being loved, and of these some in performing the act also, but others not?), i.e. why some find a pleasure in suffering paederastia to be practised with them (the word *ἀφροδισιάζεσθαι* is found in this meaning possibly also in *Hippocrates*, edit. Kühn, Vol. III. pp. 680 and 574., where exactly such symptoms of a complaint are described as might serve for an explanation of the *ῥέγγειν*—snorting (mentioned above), while either they exercise coition as men concurrently, or do not. As answer we read, to follow the translation given by *Th. Gaza*: An quod excrementis singulis locus determinatus a natura est, in quem instituto secerni naturali debeat, sollicitaque natura spiritus excurrans tumorem admovet, excrementumque una extrudere solet... His autem proxime genituram quoque in testes et penem deferri constitutum est. Quibus itaque meatus habitu suo naturali privantur, vel quia occoecati sunt qui ad penem tendant, quod spadonibus hisque similibus evenit

(οἷς δὲ οἱ πόροι μὴ κατὰ φύσιν ἔχουσιν, ἀλλ' ἢ διὰ τὸ ἀποτυφλωθῆναι τοὺς εἰς τὸ αἰδοῖον, οἷον συμβαίνει τοῖς εὐνουχίαις), vel etiam aliis de causis, his talis humor in sedem confluit (*εἰς τὴν ἕδραν σφῆξει ἢ τοιαύτην ἰκμας*), quippe qui hac transmeare soleat, quod eius loci contractio in coeundo et partium sedi oppositarum consumptio incidant. Qui si admodum semine genitali abundant, excrementum illud large in eum locum se colligit; itaque cum excitata cupiditas est, attritum pars ea desiderat, in quam confluit excrementum. Cupiditas autem excitari tum a cibo tum imaginatione potest. Cum enim alterutra de causa libido commota est, spiritus eodem concurrat, et genus id excrementi confluit, quo secedere natum est... Quorum vera natura mollis et feminea est (*οἱ δὲ φύσει θηλυδρῖαι*) ita ii constant ut genitura vel nulla vel minima conveniat, quo illorum secernitur qui praediti natura integra sunt, sed se in partem sedis divertat; quod propterea evenit quia praeter naturae normam constiterunt. Cum enim mares crearentur, ita degenerarunt ut partem virilem mancam atque

violation of *men*, that was a familiar fact to them. For in the fact that the beautiful form of a boy was capable of firing a sensual longing to enjoy it,

oblaesam habere cogentur,.... ita enim mulieres non viri crearentur. Ergo perverti citari- que aliorum, quam secernendum natura voluit, necesse est. Unde fit ut insatiabiles etiam sint modo mulierum (διὸ καὶ ἄπληστοι, ὥσπερ αἱ γυναῖκες). Humor enim sollicitans ille exiguus est, nec quicquam se promere conatur, refrigeratur celeriter. Quibus itaque sedem humor ex toto adiit, ii pati tantummodo avent, quibus autem in utramque partem sese dispertit, ii et agere et pati concupiunt (καὶ ὅσοις μὲν ἐπὶ τὴν ἔδραν, οὗτοι πάσχειν ἐπιθυμοῦσιν ὅσοις δὲ ἐπ' ἀμφοτέρα, οὗτοι καὶ δρᾶν καὶ πάσχειν), idque eo amplius quo tandem plenius fluxerit. Sed sunt quibus vel ex consuetudine affectus hic accidet (ἐνίοις δὲ γίνεται καὶ ἐξ ἔθους τὸ πάθος τοῦτο). Fit enim ut tam gestiant quam cum agunt, usque genituram nihilo minus ita emittere valeant. Ergo agere cupiunt, quibus haec ipsa usu evenerunt et consuetudo magis veluti in naturam iccirco illis evadit, quibus non ante pubem sed in ea vitium patiendi invaluit (ἐθισθῶσιν ἀφροδισιάζεσθαι), quoniam his recordatio rei, cum desi-

derant, oritur; una autem cum recordatione gestiens exsultat voluptas. Desiderant autem perinde ac nati ad patendum (ὥσπερ πεφυκότες, ἐπιθυμοῦσι πάσχειν) magna igitur parte vel ob consuetudinem rex existit sed si accadat ut idem et salax et mollis sit (λάγνος ὢν καὶ μαλακός) longe expeditius haec omnia evenire posse putandum est. (Is it because for each evacuation a particular locality has been fixed by nature, to which it must be secreted by the law of its being, and when effort occurs the spirit issuing out causes a swelling, and then pours out the evacuation along with it.—And similarly to these other secretions, the semen is naturally secreted to the testicles and private parts. *And accordingly in the case of those in whom the passages are not in a natural state, either through those that lead to the private part being blocked as is the case with eunuchs and those similarly affected to eunuchs, or through some other circumstance, this sort of humour flows to the seat;* for it passes that way, as is proved by the contraction of this part in the act of coition, and the wasting of the regions about the seat. Therefore

the Greek saw nothing at all unnatural; and he found excuses for the momentary forgetfulness of self-respect on the part of the paederast, as he did

whenever men have an excess of lewdness, in their case it collects in this quarter, and so when desire is excited, that part where it accumulates desires friction. And desire may be excited either by food or mentally; for whenever it is stirred by any circumstance, the spirit runs to that spot, and the particular secretion flows to the particular quarter natural to it.—But such as are womanish by nature are so constituted that no secretion or only a little occurs in the quarter where the secretion takes place with such as are naturally constituted, but to this spot (the seat) instead. And the reason is they are not naturally constituted, for being males they are yet so framed that of necessity the manly part in them is maimed. Now maiming either destroys an organ completely, or produces perversion and deterioration; but here it cannot be the former; otherwise the patient would be a woman outright. Wherefore it follows that it is perverted and deteriorated, and the secretion of semen elsewhere directed. And for this cause they are insatiable, like women; for the humour is small in quantity, is not constrained to find an issue, and quickly cools. *And those*

*in whom the secretion is to the seat, these desire passive pleasure only, but those in whom it is both to the seat and to the private parts, these desire both active and passive love; and to whichever part the secretion is greater, the more do they desire the corresponding kind of pleasure. Besides in some cases this occurs through habituation. Whichever act they do, a pleasurable feeling results, and so they emit semen correspondingly. Then they desire to do the act in which this most occurs, and thus this becomes in preference their custom, and a sort of second nature. Wherefore such as have been habituated to passive love not before puberty but about the time of puberty, because when they desire pleasure memory suggests what they must do, and on memory follows pleasure, acquire through habituation the desire for passive gratification just as if they were born to it. And if a man happen to be lewd and effeminate to begin with, all this results all the sooner).—In the Pathic then, according to Aristotle's view, the semen-vessels carry the semen not to the penis, but to the fundament, and set up there the feeling of desire and*

in the case of the boy or youth. But if there had been seduction, then the offence was strongly reprobated, unless the Pathic had been a slave.

Neither bodily nor psychical consequences of the vice of the Pathic ever attained in Greece, as has been said, any very high degree of development; and most of the characteristic marks of the *Cinaedus* were regarded as artificial, worn half intentionally by him for show. Even in his peculiar gait, voice and look, the Greeks saw more an invitation to the perpetration of the vice than anything else; and if *Plato* denies to this class of persons the wish for natural coition, this is rather a sign how completely the vice mastered them than a proof of the annihilation of their power to procreate at all.

Even when positive diseases did actually occur in consequence of the vice, public opinion was far from ascribing these to the vice itself; nervous and mental affections were regarded as a punishment from the gods, or else they were treated according to their several symptoms without any examination into the original cause. Bodily ailments, especially if they did not affect the posterior or penis, were set down to any cause but the true one, often to quite ridiculous ones. The *νοῦσος θήλεια* (feminine disease) was invariably thought of merely as a form of vice dependent on a morbid imagination, while its consequences as such were left entirely out of consideration. *Nam neque ulla curatio corporis depellendae passionis causa recte putatur adhibenda, sed potius animus coercendus, qui tanta peccatorum labe vexatur*, (For the right opinion is this: no bodily treatment should be applied in order to expel the

sensual craving. These are the *born Pathics* (*πεφουνοτες*), from whom he distinguishes the *seduced* Pathics, who indulge in the vice as the result of habituation (*ἐξ ἔθους*). This is the very same view

that we have already (p. 172. Note 3.) gathered from his *Ethics*, and which supports in the strongest way what we there made good as against *Stark*.

complaint, rather should the mind be disciplined (that is vexed by so foul a stain of sinful indulgences), are the words of *Coelius Aurelianus* in the passage quoted on page 159.

From this it is evident the later enquirers quoted above could take the *νοῦσος θήλεια* (feminine disease) for a purely mental affection, and be right in a sense,—but a sense that certainly never entered into their heads to consider. For they looked upon the intellectual imbecility that resulted from the vice of the Pathic as being the essence of the *νοῦσος θήλεια* (feminine disease), and the bodily derangements as merely secondary and dependent on the psychical disturbances. Thus to some extent they confounded cause and effect, putting one for the other; yet without hitting on the true explanation, against which the meritorious *Stark* has tried so hard not perhaps to shut his eyes, but rather to forcibly remove it in any possible way out of the range of his ideas. For this very reason it has pursued him from beginning to end of his investigations, and in spite of all his struggles has found at last a reluctant and partial recognition from him.

As to the remaining views cited above, no attentive reader surely needs any further confutation of these.

#### § 20.

We have now, we think sufficiently, proved that *Herodotus* as well as the other writers who use the expression *νοῦσος θήλεια* (feminine disease), denoted by it merely a *Vice*, which lent a feminine character to the behaviour and indeed to the whole look and mode of life of a man, assimilating him equally in body and in mind to the woman. Throughout the enquiry we have kept our eyes fixed on the *cause* of this transformation; and we shall now find it easy to estimate the value of a passage of *Hippocrates*, originally brought forward by *Mercurialis* (*loco citato*,

p. 143. Note 10.) later by *Zwinger*<sup>1</sup> and others, but which *Stark* in particular has characterised as a more complete delineation of the disease, merely pointed out and named νοῦσος θήλεια (feminine disease) by *Herodotus*. On the other hand *Bouhier* specially and strenuously denies the identity of the two, yet without accurately recognising the true relationship.

Hippocrates in his well-known Work on *Air, Water and Environment*, describes the country of the Scythians as a bare but well-watered tableland, with so cold and damp a climate that a heavy mist covered the fields all day long and only a short summer was enjoyed. The inhabitants he says are arrogant, puffed up and exceedingly idle creatures, in outward look and mode of life having little distinctly marked characteristics of sex, the men having only very moderate desire for coition, and the women, whose menstruation is less frequent, possessing little capacity for conception. Then he goes on<sup>2</sup>: "Moreover there are very many men amongst the Scythians resembling Eunuchs (εὐνουχίαι); these not only follow women's occupations (show feminine inclinations, behave as women?—γυναικεῖα ἐργάζονται) just like the women, but also bear a name signifying this, for such men are called No-men (ἀνανδριεῖς). The natives ascribe the cause to a deity; they are afraid of these men, and show them a slavish respect (προσκυνέουσι<sup>3</sup>), though each individual dreads such a fate for himself. It seems to me that affections of this sort may

<sup>1</sup> Hippocratis Coi XXII. Commentarii tabulis illustrati, (Hippocrates of Cos, The XXII Commentaries; illustrated with Plates). Bâle 1579. fol., p. 273.

<sup>2</sup> Hippocratis Opera (Hippocrates, Works), edit. Kahn., Vol. I. pp. 561—564.

<sup>3</sup> For the use of this word,

comparé *Létronne*, Recherches pour servir à l'Histoire d'Égypte, (Researches with a view towards a History of Egypt), pp. 134, 148, 458; and what we have called attention to on an earlier page in *Hecker's Annalen* (Annals), Vol. XXVI. p. 143.

be said to have come from a deity to exactly the same degree as all other diseases,—no single one is more than any other in a sense of divine origin. Each one of them has its own peculiar nature, and nothing happens outside its nature. Now how these affections arise in my opinion, I will proceed to state. From constant riding they get *κέδματα* <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The word *κέδματα*, which probably is used in several senses, can scarcely in this case betoken anything else than varicose veins, and is according synonymous with *ἰξίαι*, with which it also occurs in connection. It is interesting to find Aristotle also pronouncing those suffering from varicose veins incapable of generation; he writes in *Problemata*, Bk. IV. 20., *Διὰ τί αἱ ἰξίαι τοὺς ἔχοντας κωλύουσι γενεῶν, καὶ ἀνθρώπους καὶ τῶν ἄλλων ζώων ὅ, τι ἀν ἔχη; ἢ ὅτι ἡ ἰξία γίνεται, μεταστάντος; διὸ καὶ ὠφελεῖ πρὸς τὰ μελαγχολικά.* Ἔστι δὲ καὶ ὁ ἀφροδισιασμὸς μετὰ πνεύματος ἐξόδον. *Εἰ οὖν ὁδοποιεῖται ἡ ὁρμὴ γινομένου αὐτοῦ, οὐ ποιεῖ ὁρμᾶν τὸ σπέρμα, ἀλλὰ καταψύχεται μαραίνει οὖν τὴν συντονίαν τοῦ αἰδοίου.* (Why varicosities hinder those that have them from begetting, both men and of other animals all that are subject to them? is it because the varicosity arises, through a transference of spirit; for which reason also it is of use in case of melancholia. But the act of love also occurs

in conjunction with an outburst of spirit. If therefore the impulse is made at the time the varicosity is forming, it suffers not the seed to make a vigorous impulse, but it is quickly cooled; and so it wastes and destroys the tension of the private part). On the contrary according to *Problemata*, 31., the lame are lecherous: *διὰ τ' αὐτὸ δὲ καὶ οἱ ὄρνιθες λάγνοι καὶ οἱ χωλοί· ἢ γὰρ τροφὴ ἀμφοτέροις. κάτω μὲν ὀλίγη, διὰ τὴν ἀναπηρίαν τῶν σκελῶν.* (And for the same reason birds are lecherous and lame men; because in both cases the nourishment downwards is slight, on account of the deficiency in the legs). In connection with *κέδματα* we must refer to *Foesius*, *Œconomia Hippocratis*, *Coray*, loco citato p. 339 sqq., and *Stark*, loco citato Note 20., and observe that like the Latin *ruptura* and the English *rupture* it appears to specially signify swellings due to distension and subsequent bursting. That swellings of the groin are a result of long-continued riding, we see also from *Livy*, *Hist.* bk. XLV. ch. 39., where

(varicose dilatations), because their feet always hang away from the horse. Hence they become lame, and get, those that are seriously ill, ulcers on the hips (in the region of the *ischium*, festering of the *cotyla* or joint-socket? <sup>1</sup>). Then they treat themselves with a view to cure in the following fashion. So soon as the complaint breaks out, they open their veins on either side of the ear; then when the blood has flowed, they fall asleep from weakness, and go on sleeping till they wake, some of them cured and some of them not. But it appears to me that by such a treatment they ruin themselves <sup>2</sup>. For there

*M. Servilius* says: tumorem hunc inguinum in equo dies noctesque persedendo habeo (this swelling of the groin I have owing to sitting my horse nights and days on end). Comp. *Plutarch*, In *Aemil.*, Vol. II. p. 308.

<sup>1</sup> ἔλκοντα τὰ ἴσχια (they are ulcerated on the hip-joints) is found in the text. But the meaning of both words is disputed, and by no means fixed so far. With regard to ἴσχια—we must primarily understand the mass of muscle at the lower exterior portion of the “os ilium”, secondly the whole seat, and the joint-socket (*cotyla*) of the upper thigh. This is the interpretation of the *Etymologicon Magnum*; ἴσχια, ὅτι ἴσχει τοὺς καθήμενους· σημαίνει δὲ ἴσχιον τὸ ὑπὸ τὴν ὀσφῦν ὀστέον, εἰς ὃ ἔγκειται τὸ ἰερόν ὀστοῦν, ὅπερ καὶ γλουτὸς καλεῖται, καὶ κοτύλη, παρὰ τὴν κοιλότητα· ἢ τὸ κοῖλον τοῦ γλουτοῦ, ἐν ᾧ ἡ κοτύλη στρέφεται. (ἴσχια,—

so called because supporting (ἴσχειν) those who sit; also ἴσχιον signifies the bone below, the loin, on which rests the *os sacrum*, which is also called γλουτὸς (rump), and also κοτύλη (joint-socket) in reference to its hollowness; or else the hollow of the rump, in which the joint-socket turns). Similar is the explanation of *Suidas*, *Hesychius*, *Zonaras*, the Scholiast on *Homer*, *Iliad*, V. 305, and on *Theocritus*, VI. 30. The general context shows that the meaning of “Joint-socket” is evidently to be preferred here.

<sup>2</sup> The word διαφθείρεσθαι (ruin themselves) in the text is undoubtedly written by the author with reference to the ἀνανδρία (unmanliness). Still it is surprising that what is here pointed out as injurious is in the *Epidem.* bk. VI. edit. *Kühn*, Vol. III. p. 609. recommended as salutary. The expression there is: κεδμάτων τὰς ἐν τοῖσιν ὠσιν ὑπισθεν φλίβας σχάζειν (in cases of

lie near the ears certain veins, and when these are severed, the men so cut become seedless (unfruitful); and it is these veins that, *as I think*, they sever.

varicose dilatations to open the veins that are behind in the ears). *Palladius* in his Commentary on this passage (edit. Dietz. Vol. II. p. 143.) declares the whole sentence wrong, writing: Πᾶς οὗτος ὁ λόγος ψευδής· κέδμα γάρ ἐστι διάθεσις τις περὶ τὴν λαγόνα, ἢ φλεγμονή ἢ ρευματικὴ διάθεσις· φησὶν οὖν ὅτι καὶ ἐπὶ ταύτῃ τῇ διαθέσει τέμνων τὰς ὀπισθεν φλέβας ἀφελήσεις· καὶ ποία συγγένεια τῆς λαγόνας καὶ τῶν ἄτων, καὶ ταῦτα τῶν ἐκεῖ ἀγγείων λεπτῶν ὄντων, καὶ τριχοειδῶν καὶ μηδὲν ἀξιόλογον κενῶσαι δυναμένων; (*All this sentence is wrong*; for κέδμα is really a certain condition of the parts about the flank, either inflammation or rheumatic condition. Now they say that in this condition, by cutting the veins behind, you will do good; but what connexion is there between the flank and the ears, and especially as the vessels there are small, and like hairs, and not able to void any considerable quantity?).—Not a word is said here about the practice among the Scythians; are we to suppose *Palladius* was ignorant of the fact? Also in the “De Natura Ossium” (Of the Nature of Bones), (edit. Kühn, I. p. 508.) we find the operation recom-

mended in pains of the hips, testicles, knees and knuckles; and according to a passage in the “De Morbis” (Of Diseases), bk. II. (edit. Kühn, bk. II. p. 223.) these veins should be seared, until they cease to pulsate. On the other hand in the “De Genitura” (Of Generation), (edit. Kühn, I. p. 373.) and the “De Locis in Homine” (Of certain Localities in the Body), edit. Kühn, II. p. 106.) incapacity for generation is represented as a consequence of blood-letting from these vessels. We leave to others the task of drawing the necessary conclusions in view of the unanimity of the Authors of the books named, and merely observe further that *Dr. Paris* (Roux Journ. de Med., Vol. XLIV. p. 355., *Murray*, Med. Pract. Bibliothek., Vol. III. p. 293.) while giving some observations on the diseases of the Turks, relates as following: Almost every Armenian, Greek, Jew, Turk, has a seton, and they abuse cupping to an equal extent. For a simple head-ache, they allow the first barber they come across to put a bandage round their throat, in order to retain the blood, and then with a razor make sundry cuts round about the ears, for then as much blood flows away, and without risk, as would fill a phial.

But when subsequently they approach women, and find themselves in no condition to use them (to consummate coition with them), at the first they are not discouraged, but keep quiet. However later, after they have tried twice, three times, or oftener, with no better success, they believe themselves to have sinned against the deity, whom they hold to be to blame, put on a woman's frock, and acknowledge their unmanliness (*ἀνανδρίην*), behave as women, and in company with the women perform the same tasks as they do. The like of this however happens only to the rich Scythians, not to the poor, in fact to the nobler classes and such as have attained to some considerable wealth, to a smaller degree to those of lesser position, because these latter do not ride.

But surely the complaint, since it is above all others of divine origin, must attack not solely the noblest and richest Scythians, but all equally,—or even to a greater extent those who possess little, and therefore fail to make offerings; if that is to say the gods take pleasure in (active) veneration on the part of men and see that they win a due return for it<sup>1</sup>. For naturally the rich offer much to the

<sup>1</sup> In the text of Froesius it stands: *καὶ μᾶλλον τοῖσιν ὀλίγα κεκτημένοισιν, οὐ τιμωμένοισιν ἤδη, εἰ χαίρουσιν οἱ θεοὶ καὶ θανμαζόμενοι ὑπ' ἀνθρώπων, κ. τ. λ.* (to a greater extent those who possess little and therefore fail to make offerings; if that is to say the gods take pleasure in being venerated by men, etc). *Coray* has emended this into *εἰ δὴ τιμώμενοι χαίρουσι* (if that is to say the gods take pleasure in being honoured and venerated), on the grounds that *τιμᾶν*

and *θανμάζειν* (to honour, to venerate) are frequently used in conjunction with one another to express the veneration of the gods, which fact he confirms by passages from *Euripides* and *Aristophanes*. Yet this emendation can scarcely be right, even though *de Mercy* has also adopted it. The latest editor, Prof. Petersen of Hamburg, a professed Philologist, has undoubtedly maintained not without weighty reasons the old reading, noting *Coray's* conjecture in the notes. Indeed neither is the old read-

gods, bring correspondingly great contributions from their goods as marks of their veneration; but the poor less, because they possess nothing. Then are these discontented, because they have given them no wealth; so that those who possess little suffer more of the punishments for such faults than the rich. But as a matter of fact, as I have said before, these things come from the deity to just the same degree as the others; for everything happens in accordance with nature, and so does this affection arise among the Scythians from the original cause I have pointed out. Now it is precisely the same among the rest of mankind; where riding is practised most and most continuously, there very many suffer from *κέρματα* (varicose dilatations), hip and foot

ing altogether correct, but can be easily restored, we think, if the words, as has already been done in our translation above, are read in the following way: *οὐ τιμωμένοισιν εἰ δὴ χείρουσιν οἱ θεοὶ θαναζόμενοι*,—a way of taking it that *Coray* had already seen to be possible, only that he preferred to read instead of *οὐ τιμωμένοισιν*, — *ἢ τοῖσι τιμωμένοισιν*, because he does not think that the words can refer at all to the poorer Scythians, as did *Cornarius* before him, though he translates quite correctly: "It affected to a greater extent poorer men, as being more negligent concerning the worship of the gods." *Foesius* translates: "and they do not pay honour." In fact *Coray's* chief difficulty was as to the active meaning of *τιμωμένοισι* (i.e. "paying honour", not "being honoured"); but

this use is by no means so rare, and exactly in this sense of veneration paid to the gods by men is found in *Homer*, *Od.* XIX. 280, where we read of the Phaeacians on the occasion of *Odysseus's* landing:

οἷ δὴ μιν περὶ κῆρι θεὸν  
ὥς τιμήσαντο.

(Now they *honoured* him from their heart as if he had been a god). The whole sense of the passage requires us to refer the words *οὐ τιμωμένοισιν* to the poorer Scythians, who possess little, and therefore can offer nothing to the gods, and also do not wish to do so, as is clearly shown in what follows; and it is exactly for this reason that *Hippocrates* says, then they ought to suffer more from the disease than the rich, if the gods practised any system of equivalent returns.

affections, and accomplish coition very badly (are only slightly disposed to coition). And this is the case with the Scythians, and they are of all men most like eunuchs, for the following reasons: Because they always wear trousers, and besides that pass the greatest part of their time on horseback, so that they cannot touch the genitals with the hand, through cold and lassitude forget the desire for coition and coition itself, and (in their senseless infatuation) think of nothing else but how to resign their manly privilege<sup>1</sup>. This is an account of how it is with the stock of the Scythians."

<sup>1</sup> Ταῦτα δὲ τοῖσι τε Σκύθῃσι πρόεσσι, καὶ εὐνοχοειδέστατοῖ εἰσι ἀνθρώπων διὰ τὰς προφάσις, καὶ ὅτι ἀναξυρίδας ἔχουσι ἀεὶ καὶ εἰσι ἐπὶ τῶν ἵππων τὸ πλεῖστον τοῦ χρόνον, ὥστε μήτε χειρὶ ἄπτεσθαι τοῦ αἰδοίου, ὑπό τε τοῦ ψύχεος καὶ τοῦ κόπου ἐπιλήθησθαι τοῦ ἡμέρου καὶ τῆς μίξις, καὶ μηδὲν παρακινεῖν πρότερον ἢ ἀνανδρωθῆναι. for translation see text above: "And this is the case . . . . ., to resign their manly privilege." We have it is true translated according to the text, yet we cannot possibly take this as being uncorrupted, but without for the moment being in a position to offer a complete emendation of it. The sequence of thought, if we are not altogether in error, is this: The Scythians ride *continually*, which of its self weakens their power of generation and desire for coition, then besides

this they wear trousers, a thing that particularly struck the Greek because he did not use them himself. These trousers were so tight, that the wearer could not get at the genitals with his hand; again the genitals lay close to the body, did not hang down, could not be set in motion; at the same time they were also protected against the wind, so that no cooling process could take place; the idle repose and the constantly heightened temperature in combination weakened the genitals to such a degree that the impulse to coition was at last totally lost. Views which entirely agree with our experience of the present day, and indeed were by *Faust*, as is notorious, exaggerated almost to caricature. Now if Hippocrates has expressed, as is likely enough, these views in the words ὑπό τε τοῦ ψύχεος καὶ τοῦ κόπου (under the influence of cold and lassitude), the text must be corrupt, and

Now if we separate the facts which are brought forward in this passage of Hippocrates from his attempted explanations, there can be no doubt that the same thing is in question here as that which

this is what we wish to insist on. For if by the words we understand frost and lassitude, then the first at any rate is impossible; how could the Scythians suffer from frost, when they wore trousers! Then the cooling process spoken of just now must be intended by ψύχος (cold)! But if κόπος (striking, beating, so weariness, lassitude) is understood literally, in accordance with its derivation from κόπτω (to strike), in the sense of blows, shocks, and taken as referring to the genitals, especially the testicles, a negative and a verb must have been lost from the text, and this appears to us too the most probable explanation, though at the time we cannot say what verb. The matter would be at once decided, if we could translate: "so that they could not put the hand to the genitals, and since these were encountered neither by the cooling wind, nor yet by the shock (against the horse's back or the saddle), they forgot the desire for coition and coition itself, i.e. the genitals being neither fortified by the cold nor yet set in motion, do not remind the Scythians of the fact that they have such organs and must use them. The movement (κίνησις)

in riding is at any rate regarded as early as Aristotle (Probl. bk. IV. 12.) as cause of the greater lasciviousness of those who ride. He asks: Quare qui equitant, libidinosiores evadunt? An caloris agitationisque causa eodem afficiuntur modo, quo per coitum. Quocirca aetatis quoque accessione membra genitalia contrectata agitataque plenius augentur, quod igitur semper eo utuntur motu qui equitant, hinc fluentiore corpore praeparatoque ad concumbendum evadunt. (Why those who ride come to be more lascivious? It is that on account of the heat and movement they are affected in the same way as by coition? Wherefore as age also advances, the genital organs being handled and moved more, are the more increased in size, so therefore because those who ride use the same movement, hence they come to be of a more fluid body and one ready prepared for sexual intercourse). In Probl. 24. he is investigating the causes of the erection of the penis, and says *διὰ τε τὸ βάρος ἐπιγίνεσθαι ἐν τῷ ὀπίσθεν τῶν ὄρχεων αἵρεσθαι* (now it is on account of the increase of weight in the hinder part of the testicles that it is raised). Comp. Probl. 25.

Herodotus describes. There are men amongst the Scythians who behave as women, speak as women, perform women's work and keep with the women, and their condition the Scythians consider as something sent by the deity, and for this reason honour and fear these men. All the rest is part of the attempted explanations of the author, who brings together every possible consideration in order to discover a natural cause of the phænomenon, leaving utterly and entirely unrecognized all the time the most natural cause of all. This of course was due to no other reason except that it was *unknown* to him, and that he was acquainted with the circumstances not from his own observation, but only from hearsay. This is a conjecture which *Heyne (loco citato)* had already made in his time, but which has met with many opponents, yet without the argument having ever been properly brought to the test of the evidence. In favour of Heyne's view a passage from the book *περὶ ἄρθρων* (On Joints) <sup>1</sup> might be cited, in which

*Continual* riding naturally stimulates the impulse, wherefore the Scythians are the first in later times to become *ἀνάνδριες* (unmanly), and this sooner than other riding nations because they wore trousers. However those who are better informed must decide the point!—Finally that in any case *ἀνανδροθῆναι* (to be made unmanly) and not *ἀνδροθῆναι* (to be made manly) must be read, any one who considers the passage at all carefully must easily see. *Coray's* lucubration cannot for a moment convince us.

<sup>1</sup> Edit. Kühn, Vol. III. p. 218., *μνθολογοῦσι δέτινες ὅτι οἱ Ἀμαζονίδες τὸ*

*ἄρσεν γένος τὸ ἐωντῶν αὐτίκα νῆπιον ἐὼν ἐξάρθρῶσιν, αἱ μὲν κατὰ γούνατα, αἱ δὲ κατὰ τὰ ἰσχία, ὡς δῆθεν χωλὰ γίνοιτο καὶ μὴ ἐπιβουλεύει τὸ ἄρσεν γένος τῷ θῆλει χειρῶναξιν ἄρα τοῦτοισι χρέονται, ὀνόσ' ἢ συντίης ἔργα ἢ χαλκείης ἢ ἄλλο τι ἐδραῖον ἔργον· εἰ μὲν οὖν ἀληθέα ταῦτα ἔστι, ἐγὼ μὲν οὐκ οἶδα.* (Now some relate *the myth* that the Amazons dislocate the male sex of their off spring while still quite young, some doing it at the knees, some at the hips, with the avowed object of laming them, and so the male sex does not rise in revolt against the female;

the limping of the men of the Amazons in consequence of the dislocation of the limbs is clearly declared to be an unauthenticated myth; for which reason *Gruner*<sup>1</sup> denied Hippocrates' authorship of this work in opposition to the general witness of Antiquity.

But really and truly we are as well without the passage; for if what he relates were the result of his own observation, how could the author write in connexion with his remark that the Scythians bled themselves behind the ears, *ταύτας τοίνυν μοι δοκέουσι τὰς φλέβας ἐπιτάμνειν* (now these are the veins, *as it seems to me*, that they cut)? Is the actual fact possibly, that all these attempted explanations flowed from the pen of some later, or of several later, writers? At any rate for ourselves, we have never yet been able to get rid of a suspicion to that effect. But be this as it may, so much at least is certain, as was stated above; viz. that the Author was unacquainted with the actual cause of attempts to explain it, probably from misunderstanding

then they employ them as handicraftsmen, for such tasks as shoe-making or brassworking or other sedentary occupations. *But whether this tale is true, I do not know*). *Gardeil* also in a work that is not often met with in Germany, his "Traduction des œuvres médicales d'Hippocrate, sur le texte grec, d'après l'édition de Foes". (Translation of the Medical Works of Hippocrates,—from the Greek text of Foesius' edition.), Vol. I. Toulouse 1801. large 8vo., p. 162., says: "On pourroit induire d'un endroit du traité des articles, à la fin du numéro 38 (27), que ce qu' Hippocrate rapporte ici concernant les

Scythes, et ce qu'il a dit ci-dessus, numéro 23, au sujet des Sarmates *ne lui étoit connu que par une tradition dont il n'étoit pas bien assuré,*" (It might be inferred from a passage in the *Treatise on Joints*, at the end of no. 38 (27), that what Hippocrates relates here concerning the Scythians, and what he had said in a previous passage, no. 23, of the Sarmatians, *was known to him only by a tradition, the authenticity of which he was not well assured of*).

<sup>1</sup> "Censura Librorum Hippocraticorum", (Criticism of the Works of Hippocrates), p. 181.

the effemination of the Scythians, and that all of the words *ἀνανδρίες* and *εὐνουχία* (unmanly, eunuchlike), aim at referring the loss of the generative power, i.e. *ἀνανδρία* in its strict sense, to some natural reason, while the effemination is looked upon merely as a secondary circumstance.

That Hippocrates was not, any more than the later Physicians of antiquity, fully and exactly acquainted with the consequences of the vice of the Pathic as affecting the body, we see from the following passage, appearing in an exceedingly corrupt form in the text of Foësius<sup>1</sup>: *εὐνοῦχος ἐκ κνηγεσίης καὶ διαδρομῆς ὑδραγωγὸς γίνεται ὁ παρὰ τὴν Ἐλεαλκίους κρήνην ὁ περὶ τὰ ἕξ ἔτα ἰπποῦρίν τε καὶ βουβῶνα καὶ ἴξιν καὶ κέδματα ὁ τὸν κενεῶνα φθινήσας ἑβδομαῖος ἀπέθανεν, προπιόντων ἄπεπτον, ἄλμυρὰ μετὰ μέλιτος πορνείῃ ἄχρωμος δυσεντερίας ἄκος.* (a eunuch by hunting or running becomes dropsical; he that is beside the fountain of Elealces; he that about six years [suffered from] „horse-tail” [a disease of the groin due to too much riding], swelling of the groin, *varicocele* and dilatations; he that was sick in the *flank* died the seventh day, when they were about to administer a raw drink, salt liquid with honey; inordinate fornication is a cure for dysentery.??) All editors of Hippocrates have been especially scandalized by the connection in which *πορνείῃ ἄχρωμος* (inordinate fornication) stands in this passage; only *Foësius* defended it, referring to other passages in *Aëtius*<sup>2</sup> and *Paul of Aegina*<sup>3</sup>, in which coition is recommended in chronic

<sup>1</sup> Epidem., bk. VII. end, edit. Kühn, Vol. III. p. 705. Comp, *Papst*, Allg. med. Zeitung. Altenburg Jahrg. 1838. No. 60. pp. 950—952., where we have already at an earlier date developed our views on this passage.

<sup>2</sup> Bk. III. ch. 8., τὰς διαφόρας χρονίους ἔστιν ὅτε

ξηραίνει τὰ ἀφροδίδια, (On occasion indulgence in love dries up chronic diarrhoeas).

<sup>3</sup> Bk. I. ch. 35., τῶν κηρονισμένων διάφοριαν τὰ ἀφροδίδια ἐπιξηραίνουσι, (Indulgences in love dry up diarrhoea in the case of chronic sufferers).

diarrhœa as drying up the humours. This he might equally well have established from Hippocrates himself, for the latter says (Epidem. bk. VI. sect. 5. note 29.), *λαγνεία τῶν ἀπὸ φλέγματος νούσων ὠφέλιμον* (lasciviousness is advantageous in diseases that arise from phlegm) and (note 26.), *μιξίς τὰ κατὰ τὴν γαστέρα σκληρύνει* (sexual intercourse hardens the contents of the belly<sup>1</sup>). However this holds good only of the man who performs coition, inasmuch as the effusion of semen compels the body to supply what is lost, and this can only be done at the cost of other secretions, and so must stop the flow of any morbid secretions as well to a greater or less degree. But the question here is not of the coition the man performs, but of that which he suffers another to perform on him, in fact the vice of the Pathic, as the word (fornication) clearly shows; and that Pathics have habitually a pallid complexion has been already mentioned (p. 144).

To bring some sort of sense into the passage quoted above, *Mercurialis* would read *πόρην ὡς ἄχρωμος* (like a shameless harlot), *Dacier πορνείη ἄχρωμον ἄκος*, (fornication is a shameless remedy ...) and *Richard Mead προόρη ἄχρωμος* (an inordinate effusion). But *Triller*<sup>2</sup> was the first to come to the conclusion that the words were in the wrong order, and emends the sentence thus: *ὁ τὸν αἰῶνα φθινήσας, πορνείη ἄχρωμος, ἐβδομαῖος ἀπέθανεν, προϊόντων ἀπέπτων. Ἀλυτρά μετὰ*

<sup>3</sup> In Epidem. bk. V. edit. Kühn, Vol. III. p. 574. it is related that the nasal catarrh of Timochares disappeared (*ἀφροδισιάσαντι ἐξηράνθη*—was dried up after he had indulged in love) after coition (Paederastia? p. 209. Note 1.); and this is repeated again in bk. VII. p. 680.) Comp. *Palladius*, Schol. in Epidem.

bk. VI. edit. *Diez.*, Vol. II. pp. 143, 145. *Marsilius Cagnatus* in *Gruter's Lampas*, Vol. III. Pt. 2. p. 470.

<sup>1</sup> Progr. de sordidis et lascivis remediis antidysentericis vitandis, (Graduation Essay on Avoiding filthy and licentious Remedies as against Dysentery), pp. 10 sqq.

**μέλιτος δυσεντερίας ἄκος**, (he that destroyed his life and vigour, being inordinate in fornication, died on the seventh day, undigested matters coming from him. Salt drinks with honey are a remedy for dysentery). This certainly makes it more readable, particularly if **πορνείη ἄχρωμος** is put *before* **ὁ τὸν αἰῶνα**, inasmuch as the pallid complexion was undoubtedly a forerunner of phthisis. His reasons, which we beg the reader to peruse for himself in the author's work, are at any rate to us so convincing that we do not hesitate a moment to adopt his emendations. These have unfortunately hitherto gone entirely unnoticed; for *Grimm*, who appears to have taken no exception to the passage generally, has translated entirely in accordance with the old text, and not added any note at all. The same is the case with *Lilienhain*, who has more recently gone over the same ground again; though both have restored instead of **κενεῶνα** (belly) **αἰῶνα** (life) previously conjectured by *Foesius*.

Granted that by these means the last sentence is made intelligible, and justice done Hippocrates by no longer making him recommend coition as a remedy against dysentery, still the preceding sentence likewise stands in need of correction. For **ἴξιν** obviously **ἰξίαν** or **ἰξίας** (varicosities) must be read, which indeed was done by former translators, and long ago suggested by *Foesius*; but as to **ἰππορῖν**, no sufficient account has ever yet been given by any editor. The word appears to us to be corrupt, and to have got into the text owing to the fact that in the Manuscript, instead of **προπιόντων**,—which indeed no single Codex has, the majority reading **ὑποπιόντων**, there stood in the next line **ὑποπορῶντων**, **ὑπορῶνόντων** or **ὑπορῶθέντων**. *Cornarius* read, **περὶ ἕξ ἔτεα ἕξ ἰππασίης βονβῶνα, ἰξίας, κ. τ. λ.** (for about six years, in consequence of riding, inguinal swellings, varicosities, etc.), but without assigning his reasons; in all probability however he made this conjecture, which

does not commend itself at any rate to us, with the passage about the Scythians in his mind's eye.

But we can only arrive at a probable emendation on the condition that we correctly estimate the sequence of the sentences as a whole. If we are not greatly mistaken, it is as follows: First of all the question is of a Eunuch who became dropsical; then in connection with this, the *rest* is added applying to *another Eunuch*. In the Book *περὶ γονῆς* (Of the Seed), (Vol. I. p. 273. K.) we read: *οἱ δὲ εὐνοῦχοι διὰ ταῦτα οὐ λαγνεύουσιν, ὅτι σφέων ἡ δίοδος ἀμαλδύνεται τῆς γονῆς — αὕτη δὲ ἡ δίοδος ὑπὸ τῆς τομῆς οὐλῆς γενομένης στερεῇ γέγονεν.* (Now Eunuchs are not lascivious, because in them the passage of the seed is wasted away, . . . and this passage has become hardened by the wound where they were cut getting *skinned over but festering within*). Now we might well be tempted to read in the text: *ὁ περὶ τὰ ἕξ ἔτεα ὑπὸ τῆς τομῆς οὐλῆς καὶ βουβῶνα*, that is to say, the man suffered for six years in consequence of the skinning over of the cut from swelling in the groin, etc. However this could hardly be justified, and we think it much better to join *ὑπὸ* and *οὐλῆς*, and either to read *ὑπουλος*, *ὑπουλῶς* or *ὑπουλήν περὶ τὰ βουβῶνα*, that is, he had had for six years festering places in the inguinal region,—which idea possibly Calvus may have had in his mind, or else *ὑπουλήν τε καὶ βουβῶνας*, he had had for six years festering places (fistulas), inguinal swellings, etc., or finally, what might seem the best of all, *ὑπουλον βουβῶνα*, a festering inguinal region <sup>2</sup>. In the *De morbis mulierum*,

<sup>1</sup> *Suidas* writes: ὑπουλος — ὡς ἐπὶ τῶν ἐλκῶν, τῶν ἐχόντων οὐλῆς ὑγιεῖς ἐπιπολαίως, ἐνδοθεν δὲ σηπεδόνας πυώδεις. — ὑπουλα γόνατα καὶ ὑπουλον πόδα καὶ ὑπουλον χεῖρα καὶ σῶμα τὸ

φλεγμαῖνον διὰ τινος πληγῆς καὶ ἐγγὺς τοῦ ἀφίστασθαι ὑν' Κρατίνος· ὑπουλα ἔλκη· τὰ κονπτά. — *Hesychius*: ὑπουλα δὲ λέγεται τὰ μὴ φανερὰ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν ἔλκη. ὑπουλος — applied to wounds, those

(On the Diseases of Women), bk. I., edit. Kühn, Vol. II. 680. we read, *ὀδύνη ἔχει καὶ τὰς ἰξύας καὶ τοὺς κενεῶνας καὶ τοὺς βουβῶνας* (pain holds both the loins and belly and the inguinal regions),—so we might perhaps similarly read here, *ὑποῦλον (ἔχει) καὶ βουβῶνα καὶ ἰξύα καὶ κενεῶνα καὶ κέδματα, πορνείη ἄχρωμος, ὠθινήσας κ. τ. λ.* (he has in a festering condition both inguinal region and loin and belly and also varicosities, being inordinate in fornication, in pain etc.), which would give *κέδματα* the meaning of *Varices* (varicosities), and the sense of the whole passage would then be as follows: “A Eunuch in consequence of hunting and running became dropsical; another at the fountain of Elealces, who for six years had had festering (fistulous) ulcers in the inguinal region, the loins and in the region of the *os sacrum*, as well as varicosities, had grown pallid and suffered wasting through indulgence in the vice of the pathic, died, after making involuntary evacuations, to counteract which he had taken salt with honey, a usual remedy against dysentery, on the seventh day.”

Be this as it may, at any rate it is shown very distinctly by the passage that its author was but very slightly acquainted with the consequences resulting from the vice of the Pathic, for he ascribes to it

that have healthy scars on the surface, but underneath offensive putrefactions,—said of the knees, or foot, or hand, or body; the part that is highly inflamed in consequence of blows and is near breaking. Cratinus gives: *ὑποῦλα* wounds, i.e. hidden ones.—*Hesychius*: *ὑποῦλα* is said of wounds that are not manifest to the eye.—The word *ὑπαφρον* (frothy beneath), which is found in Hippocrates, *De Arte*, Vol. I. p. 17.

K., instead of which the MSS. also have *ὑπόρροον* (liquid underneath), and *Schneider* in his *Lexicon* wished to read *ὑπόφερρον* (bearing underneath), *Hesychius* explains as *τὸ μὴ φανερόν κρύφτιον καὶ ὑποῦλον* (that which is not visible, concealed and festering underneath).—Ought we to read for *καὶ ἰξιν* perhaps *κατ' ἰξιν*? Comp. *Erotian*, *Glossary to Hippocrates*, edit. *Franz*, p. 322.

nothing but the pallidness of complexion, whereas the whole series of morbid symptoms might very well have been due to it (Comp. p. 180.). Certainly the Author is to be excused, for as a rule the bodily consequences resulting from the vice of the Pathic were in Greece very slight and of rare occurrence, neither did the vice in that country reach anything like such a height. Again among the pastoral Scythians, whose racial character in other respects was but little marked, the local bodily consequences fell rather into the background, while the assimilation of the whole person to the female type occurred the more readily; but at the same time stood out all the more glaringly conspicuous to the eyes of a foreign observer, as he had noted nothing to correspond at home. Thus it was easy for him to be misled in considering the marvellous phenomenon into forgetting its real origin, which no doubt was, in seeming, somewhat remote; and was apt to think of any other cause rather than the vice of the pathic, the consequences of which even distinguished Physicians of more modern times failed adequately to appreciate. Is it for us to throw a stone on these grounds at Hippocrates and his contemporaries?

In confirmation of our view as to the *νοῦσος θήλεια* (feminine disease) we might further cite from more modern times the examples given by *Reineggs* and *J. von Potocki* in the case of the Mongolian race of the Nogay, and by the older Historians of America, particularly in connection with Florida and Mexico. Notoriously down to the present day Paederastia is in Asia one of the common vices, while as to America some reporters when speaking of the Men-women and Hermaphrodites of that Continent, expressly state that they indulged in the vice. But as the original Authorities are not accessible to us, we can only refer to *Heyne*, loco citato, p. 41. and *Stark*, loco citato, pp. 29 and 31., especially as without this the subject has already occupied overmuch space. Still we trust the less blame may

attach to us on this account from the fact that so distinguished a scholar as *Stark*, whose conclusions even professed Philologists have endorsed, may naturally claim of a younger enquirer in the same field who challenges his views, not mere general phrases, but the most complete and satisfactory reasons possible. This much merit we trust he cannot deny us!



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“Aphrodisiacus sive de lue venerea in  
 “duo volumina bipartitus, continens omnia  
 “quaecunque hactenus de hac re sunt ab omnibus  
 “Medicis conscripta, ubi de ligno Indico, Salsa  
 “parillia, Radice Chinae, Mercurio ceterisque omnibus  
 “ad hujus luis profligationem inventis, diffusissima  
 “tractatio habetur ab eccellente Aloysio Luisino,  
 “Utinensi Medico celeberrimo novissime collecta.  
 “Venet. apud Baretium et socios. 1599. fol.

(“*Aphrodisiacus: or A Treatise on the Venereal Disease,—in Two Volumes*, containing all that has been written on this subject to the present day by all Doctors, and in which Indian wood (Ironwood, Guajac), Sarsaparilla, China Root, Mercury and all other remedies discovered for the Destruction of this Disease are most fully treated, compiled and newly edited by the excellent *Aloysius Luysinus*, a Celebrated Physician of Udine,—Friuli. Venice, published by Baretius and Associates, 1599. fol.

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celeberrimo novissime collectum, indice rerum omnium scitu dignarum adornatum. Editio longe emendatio, et ab innumeris mendis repurgata. Tomus primus et secundus. Lugd. Batav. apud. Joann. Arnold. Langerak et Joh. et Herm. Verbeck. MDCCXXVIII. 1366 gespaltene Seiten, ohne 11 Blatt Vorrede und 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  Blatt Index. fol.

(“*Aphrodisiacus: or A Treatise on the Venereal Disease,—in Two Volumes*, containing all that has been written on this subject to the present day by all Doctors. In which Indian wood (Ironwood, Guajac), Sarsaparilla, China Root, Quicksilver and all other remedies discovered for the Destruction of this Disease are most fully treated. A Work pre-eminently necessary in our Day when the infection of this Complaint is so widely diffused; the whole collected for the first time by the most excellent *Aloysius Luisinus*, of Udine,—(Friuli), a most famous Physician, and provided with an Index of all Matters worthy of note. Much improved Edition, freed from very numerous errors. Vols. I and II. Leyden, published by Joann. Arnold. Langerak and Joh. and Herm. Verbeck, 1728. pp. 1366, besides 11 leaves Preface and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  leaves Index. fol.

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(*"Aphrodisiacus: or A Treatise on the Venereal Disease, divided into two parts, whereof the one contains Traces of this Disease to be met with in the Writings of Ancient Authors, the other Those Writers, whether Doctors or Historians, whom Aloysius Luisinus has without sufficient reason omitted, arranged in chronological order. Collected and edited, with Notes, Glossary, and Index of noteworthy Matters, by D. Christianus Gothofredus Gruner, etc. Jena, published by heirs of Christ. Henr. Cuno. 1789. pp. XIV, 166 and 16. fol.*)

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 "Alex. Benedictus, Conrad. Schelling, Jac.  
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 "Mellicensis, Joan. Salicetus, Marcellus  
 "Cumanus, Chronica von Cöln, Joan,  
 "Thrithemius, Unicersitas Manuasca.  
 "Sebast. Brant, Joh. Grünbeck, Decretum  
 "Senatus Parisiensis, Proclamatio Anglica,  
 "Joan. Sciphover de Meppis, Bartholom.  
 "Steber, Simon Pistoris, Anton. Benivenius,  
 "Petr. Pinctoꝛ, Joan. Bapt. Fulgosus, Chris-  
 "toph. Columbus, Petr. Martyr, Franciscus  
 "Roman. Pane, Elias Capreolus, M. Anton.  
 "Coccius Sabellicus, Albericus Vesputius,  
 "Wendelinus Hock de Brackenau, Petr.  
 "Crinitus Linturius, Clementius Clemen-  
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 "Sebast. Frank. Sebast. Montuus, Joan.  
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 "de Cieça de Leon, Joan. Fernelius, Michael  
 "Angel. Blondus, Augustin. de Zaratte,  
 "Joan. Stumpf, Rodericus Diacius Insu-  
 "lanus, Hieron. Montuus.

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 et historici partim inediti partim rari et nota-  
 tionibus aucti. Accedunt morbi gallici origines  
 maranicae. Collegit, edidit. glossario et indice  
 auxit D. Christ. Gothofr. Gruner. Jenae sump-  
 tibus bibliopolii academici 1793. XVIII. XXXVI.  
 624. S. 8.

(“*Medical and Historical Writers on Syphilis*,” some not before published, others rare, with Notes. To which are added Moorish *Sources* of Syphilis. Collected and edited, with the addition of a Glossary and Index. by *D. Christ. Gothofr. Gruner*. Jena, at the cost of the University Press, 1793. pp. XVIII, XXXVI, 624. 8vo.).

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11) *D. Christ. Goth. Gruner* Spicilegium scriptorum de morbo gallico. Spic. I—XV. Jenae 1799—1802. 4.

(*D. Christ. Goth. Gruner*, “Selection of Writers on Syphilis”, Selections, I—XV. Jena 1799—1802. 4to.).

This third Supplement to Luisinus was never regularly published; the separate Selections were issued as “Programs” in connection with the Public Announcements of Doctorial Graduations in the Faculty of Medicine at Jena. Selections I—VI. contain Investigations as to the History and Nature of the Disease; VII—XI. Passages from the Poems and Letters of *Conrad Celte*, from a Letter of *Albert*

*Durr*, from Symphorian. (*Champerius*, Vocabulorum Medicorum Epitoma); XII, Passages from the Poems of *Henric. Bebelius*, *Hel. Eoban. Hessus* and a quotation from a Work of *Petr. Parvus*; XIII, XIV. Passage from *Erasmus Jac. von Bethencourt*, *Jo. Lud. Vives*, *Enric. Cordus*, *Georg. Bersmannus*, *Engelbert, Werlichius*, and the Latin translation of a Fragment from a Book written in the Coptic language which the Society of Missions had sent to Cardinal Borgia; *Domeier* communicated it to *Baldinger* and the latter handed it on to *Gruner* to make use of in his Collection.

In Selection XV. *Gruner* makes some objections against the view expressed by *Hensler* in his "Program," "De herpette seu formica Veterum". This Collection belongs in part to the Works mentioned in the next section ("Historians"), but appears to be little known generally, for it has escaped even *Choulant* in his usually complete Survey of the "Scripta Historica de Morbo Gallico",—Historical Works on Syphilis, in the Edition of the Poem of Fracastor, pp. 5—9. *Hacker*, p. 20. mentions it indeed, but appears not even to have seen it, as he gives nothing more precise as to its contents.

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(*Patin*, *Carolus*. of Paris, Chevalier of St. Mark, First Prof. of Surgery at Padua, "The Venereal Disease not a new Complaint: Speech delivered in

the High Schools of Padua on Nov. 5th 1687." Padua 1687. 4to.)

*Astruc*, II. p. 991., knew this Speech only from a citation of *Zach. Platner*, who equally had not seen it, and supposed it had probably never appeared, since *Nic. Comnenus Papadopoli* in his "historia gymnasii Patavini" (History of the High School of Padua) Vol. I. sect. 2. ch. 25. No. 159., does not mention it at all, though he cites freely from *Patin's* Speeches and his separate Works. *Girtanner*, II. p. 279., however cites the complete Title as above; and must consequently have seen the book, though he remarks nothing further about its contents than, "He recapitulates the old well-known Reasons for the Antiquity of the Venereal Disease". For the rest, *Patin* seems to have taken the main part from the *Lettres Choisies*, Vol. III, Letter 370, p. 95, of his father *Guy Patin*, where the latter defends the antiquity of Venereal Disease.

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("Medical Question to be discussed in open disputation for and against in the morning, Thursday, 9th of December 1717. M. Joannes Baptista Faustus Alliot de Mussay, Doctor of Medicine, presiding:—*Is Syphilis an Ancient Disease?* Raised by Johannes Franciscus Leaulté, of Paris. 1717. Printed by Johann. Quillau, Printer to the Faculty of Medicine. 8 leaves. 4to.)

According to *Astruc*, II. p. 1054., this Dissertation consists of 8 Corollaries, of which only the fifth seeks to establish the antiquity of Venereal Disease, arguing from: *Horace*, Odes bk. I. 37. Sat. bk. I.

5. 62 (morbus campanus,—the Campanian disease); *Juvenal*, Sat. II.; *Martial*, Epigr. bk. I. 66.; *Tacitus*, Annals bk. IV.; *Suetonius*, Vita Octav. Augusti ch. 80.; *Lucian*, Pseudologista; *Valerius Maximus*, Memorab. bk. III. ch. 5.; *Lucius Apuleius*, Metamorphos. bk. X. The refutation given by *Astruc* repeats almost word for word *Girtanner* vol. II. p. 357—363., though he gives it, as usual, as his own Production.

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(*Sanchez*, Antonio Nunhez Ribeiro. "Dissertation on the Origin of the Venereal Disease, to prove: that the Malady did not come from America, but that it began in Europe by an Epidemic." Paris, published

by Durand and Pissot. 1752. pp. 110. 8vo. Reprinted 1765. 12mo.)

The first issue of this Work published without the name of the Author, must have been ready, as early as the year 1750, for not only is the "Privilegium" (Licence to print) subscribed in that year (August and October), but also Sanchez says himself in the Preface to the second Part that this First Part had appeared in Paris in 1750, published by Durand. It runs thus: "M. *Castro*, Médecin de Londres, ayant traduit en Anglais une dissertation avec ce titre: Sur l'origine de la Maladie Vénérienne; imprimée à Paris, chez Durand 1750, envoya un Exemplaire de la traduction à M. le Baron de Van-Swieten",—M. *Castro*, Physician in London, having translated into English a Dissertation entitled: *On the Origin of the Venereal Disease*; printed at Paris 1750, and published by Durand, sent a Copy of the Translation to the Baron Van-Swieten). The Title of this English Translation is: "*A Dissertation on the Origin of Venereal Disease; proving that it was not brought from America, but began in Europe by an Epidemical Distemper. Translated from the original MS. by an Eminent Physician*". London 1751. 8vo. According to this the Translation must have appeared very nearly at the same time as the original.—A German Translation came out under the Title: "*Treatise on the Origin of the Venereal Disease*, in which is proved: that this Evil did not come from America, but took its beginning in Europe by an Epidemic," translated from the French; edited by *Georg Heinrich Weber*. Bremen 1775. pp. 94. 8vo.—An Abstract from the Original may be found in: "*Commentaria de rebus in scientia naturali et medicina gestis*"—(Records of Achievements in Natural Science and Medicine): Supplement. Leipzig 1772. pp. 156—159.—Allgem. deutsche Bibliothek, Vol. 28. p. 461.—*Tode*, Med. Chir. Bibliothek. Vol. IV. Pt. I. p. 49.—*Haller's* Tagebuch. Vol. III. p. 331.—The Work itself is divided into 7 Sections.—The *First Section* contains:

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5) Examen historique sur l'apparition de la maladie vénérienne en Europe, et sur la nature de cette epidémie. A Lisbonne MDCCLXXIV. pp. VIII. and 83. 8vo.

("Historical Inquiry concerning the First Appearance of the Venereal Disease in Europe, and the Nature of that Epidemic." Lisbon 1774. pp. VIII, and 83. 8vo.).

*H. Dav. Gaubius* had this Work again re-printed together with the preceding (Leyden 1777. 8vo.) and a Preface. An English Translation was edited by *Jos. Skinner*. London 1792. 8vo.—The Work falls into 8 Divisions. Div. 1. Extracts from Pet. Pintor, Sebast. Aquitanus, Pet. Delphinus, Petr. Martyr. pp. 1—24.—Div. 2. Symptoms of the so called Venereal Disease, as they were observed in Italy in the month of March 1793 and 1794. pp. 24—31.—Div. 3. In the history of Medicine there is no Description of an epidemic Disease resembling in all its consequences that which invaded Italy, Spain and France in the years 1493 and 1494. pp. 31—42.—Div. 4. The Venereal attacks, which have been observed since the time of Hippocrates, were not the consequence of the inflammatory or chronic Venereal Disease, such as it has been observed since the years 1493 and 1494. pp. 42—45.—Div. 5. On certain passages in *Astruc's* book "On the Venereal Disease". pp. 45—54.—Div. 6. Conclusions from the passages of Pet. Pintor and Pet. Delphinus concerning the Venereal Epidemic in Italy, France and Spain in the years 1493, 1494. pp. 54—61.—Div. 7. Did the early Voyages who discovered the Harbours and Peoples of North and South America observe the Venereal Disease, and was their Manhood infected with it? pp. 62—72.—Div. 8. On the Spread of infectious Diseases by sea, and the Quarantine observed during the Plague on the different coasts of the Mediterranean Sea. pp. 73—81.—*Recapitulation*: The Venereal Disease prevailed as a "Febris Pestilentialis" (pestilential fever) in March 1493, and after the arrival of Charles VIII in Italy (1494) took the name of "Morbus Gallicus" (French Complaint); the Venereal affections observed in Antiquity are distinct from the

Venereal Disease as known since 1494; the Spaniards imported it into the Antilles, and the French were already infected when they came into Italy, where the Disease had been prevalent before their arrival. The early Voyages mention not a word of having found the Disease among the Savages. America, Africa and the East Indies have never communicated their epidemic and endemic Diseases to Europe; therefore the Venereal Disease cannot have been brought by the Spaniards from America to Europe.—Both Works of Sanchez are now rare. Comp. *Girtanner*, vol. III. pp. 460—471.—*Richter*, Chirurg. Bibliothek. vol. III. p. 381.

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*Ph. Gabr. Hensler*, "History of the Venereal Disease, which broke out at the End of the XVth. Century." First Volume. Altona 1783. pp. 335 and 134. 8vo. New Impression or new Title? 1794.)

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*Ph. Gabr. Hensler*, "On the West-Indian Origin of the Venereal Disease." Hamburg 1789. pp. 92 and 15. 8vo.)

Also under the Title: "History of the Venereal Disease etc." Second Volume, Second Part. The First Part of this Vol., which was to contain the Description of the Disease, never appeared. The Work is particularly directed against *Girtanner*; and investigates. (2) The exact Time of the appearance of the Disease in Italy. (3) The eye-witnesses of the importation of Venereal Disease from Hispaniola to Spain. (4) Eye-witnesses of the existence of Venereal Disease in Hispaniola as its home. (5) Testimonies to the fact that Venereal Disease was once endemic on the main-land of America. (6) Later witnesses of the importation into Spain of the Venereal Disease previously endemic in Hispaniola. The proofs are from (pp. 1—15): *Oviedo*, *Welsch*, *Lopez de Gomara*, *Roman. Pane*,

Pedro de Cieça de Leon, Augustin. de Zaratte, Hieron. Benzoni.

9) Phil. Gabr. Hensler, Programma de Herpete seu Formica veterum labis venereae non prorsus experte. Kilon. 1801. 64 S. 8.

*Phil. Gabr. Hensler*, " "Program" (College Exercise) on the *Herpes* (Creeping eruption) or *Formica* of the Ancients,—a Malady not unconnected with the Venereal Disease." Kiel 1801. pp. 64. 8vo.)

This "Program", which *Hensler* wrote on his resignation as Dean and for the Public Announcement of certain Graduations, is divided into 10 Divisions, of which Div. 1 gives a survey of the Contents, Div. 2 considers certain passages from the genuine Writings of Hippocrates (Prorrhetic. II, 18, 21, "de aere, aquis et locis"—of the effects of air, water and locality", II. Aphorism. V. 22.) dealing with *Herpes*, from which we gather that under the name *Herpes* were understood eating (phagedenic) Ulcers, that the *Herpes esthiomenes* attacked especially the abdomen and the Genitals, that *Epinyctis* was pre-eminently a disease of adults, whence a suspicion arises of its being communicated by coition. Div. 3 gives medical opinion on the different kinds of *Herpes* down to *Celsus*. Div. 4 gives the same on *Epinyctis*, special importance being given to the pains at night. Div. 5 discusses the *Therioma* of *Celsus* (V. 28. 3.), which according to *Pollux*, Onomast. IV. 15., specially affects the Genitals, and is closely akin to the *Epinyctis*. Div. 6 gives the views of *Galen* on *Herpes*. Div. 7. The Author proceeds to the *Formica* of the Arabians, and shows that they have designated several distinct Skin-diseases by this name. Div. 8 treats the views held by Arabic writers down to the XVth. Century; whilst Div. 9 gives the shape these views took during the XVth. Century. In Div. 10 *Hensler* draws the following conclusions from the evidence he has adduced: *Formica* was the same thing as the *Herpes* of the

Greeks; under both names, yet by no means exclusively, were indicated syphilitic affections. Immorality at all periods generated Venereal Disease, which arose at first rather sporadically, but towards the end of the XVth. Century in consequence of its universal diffusion became virtually epidemic. The early neglect of Etiology, as well as the Galenian hypotheses of deteriorations of the humours, stood in the way of the right understanding of the Disease. Venereal Disease is not a single Malady, but a Diathesis (General Condition of Body), which in accordance with time and circumstances may manifest itself in different forms. "Hujusmodi vero lues mihi illa omnis esse videtur, quae ipso coitu, quo quidem loco luis praecipuus focus est, facillime cum aliis communicari et ad ipsam prolem propagari possit. Summa ejus genera esse equidem arbitror Leporam, malum, quod Pians vocant, ipsamque Syphilidem." "This contagion seems to me to be a general one, and of this sort that it is capable of being very readily communicated to others by the act of coition, where indeed is the chief *nidus* of the Disease, and of being propagated even to posterity. Its main forms are, in *my* opinion, Leprosy, a Malady called *Pians*, and Syphilis itself." (p. 54). The *Pians* would seem to be Pox, the seeds of which the Moors disseminated, Syphilis a "Morbus Europae inquilinus" (a Disease native to Europe). The three Diseases are akin, and merge into one another.

10) *La America vindicada de la calumnia de haber sido madre del mal venereo.* Madrid 1785. 4.

("America Vindicated from the Calumny of having been the Mother of the Venereal Disease." Madrid 1785. 4to.)

*Sprengel* in the Annotations to *P. Ant. Perenotti di Cigliano*, "Of the Venereal Disease", p. 348., calls this Work, which would seem to be in the University Library of Göttingen: "a well-written Tract, wherein, from p. 34 onwards, it is demonstrated

that Venereal Disease did not come from Hayti." Comp. Götting. gelehrte Anzeig. 1788. Sect. 169 p. 1614.

11) P. Ant. Perenotti di Cigliano, Storia generale dell' origine dell' essenza e specifica qualita della infezione venerea. Turin 1788. 8.

(*P. Ant. Perenotti di Cigliano*, "General History of the Origin, Essence and Specific Quality of the Venereal Contagion". Turin 1788. 8vo.)

This Work with another of the same Author dealing with the treatment of Venereal Disease was translated into German and furnished with appendices by *C. Sprengel*, under the Title: *P. A. Perenotti di Cigliano*, "Of the Venereal Disease, translated from the Italian, with Appendices." Leipzig 1791. pp. XVI, 384. large 8vo. The Author maintains the antiquity of the Disease.

12) Will. Turnbull, An inquiry into the origin and antiquity of the lues venerea, with observations on its introduction and progress in the Islands of the South-Sea. London 1786. 8vo.

Of this there appeared a German translation by *Dr. Christ. Friedr. Michaelis*. Zittau and Leipzig 1789. pp. 110. large 8vo. The Author maintains the American origin, and especially seeks to confute *Becket* and *Raynold Forster*.

13) Just. Arnemann, De morbo venereo analecta quaedam ex manuscriptis musei Britannici Londinensis. Götting. 1789. 4.

(*Just. Arnemann*, "Certain Extracts from Manuscripts in the British Museum in London dealing with the Venereal Disease." Göttingen 1789. 4to.)

This Work contains according to *Girtanner*, III. p. 733., fresh proofs for the American origin.

14) M. Sarmiento, Antiquidad de los bubas. Madrid 1788. 32 S. 8.

(*M. Sarmiento*, "Antiquity of Buboos." Madrid 1788. pp. 32. 8vo.)

Comp. the English Review. 1778. p. 221.—Allgem. Literaturzeitung 1789. vol. II. p. 647.

15) M. S. G. Schmidt, praeside (et auctore) C. Sprengel, de ulceribus virgae tentamen historico-chirurgicum. Halae 1790. 8.

(*M. S. G. Schmidt, (Editor and part-Author, C. Sprengel), "On Ulcers of the Penis,—a Historico-Surgical Essay."* Halle 1790. 8vo.)

16) Christ. Gothofr. Gruner, Morbi Gallici origines Maranicae. Progr. Jen. 1793. 4.

(*Christ. Gothofr. Gruner, "Moorish Sources of Syphilis". (University "Program")* Jena 1793. 4to.)

Is re-printed in the above cited, p. 12. No. 10., Collection of "Scriptores de Morbo Gallico" (Writers on Syphilis).

17) Sind die Maranen die wahren Stammväter der Lustseuche von 1493? Im Journal der Erfind., Theorien und Widersprüche in der Natur- und Arzneiwissenschaft. Stück III. Gotha 1793. S. 1—34. Stück IV. Gotha 1794. S. 119—129.

("Are the Moors the true Parents of the Venereal Disease of 1493?" In the Journal of Discoveries, Theories and Refutations in Natural Science and Medicine. Part III. Gotha 1793. pp. 1—34. Part IV. Gotha 1794. pp. 119—129.)

Both these Papers would seem to have had *Prof. Fr. Aug. Hecker*, of Erfurt, as Author; and are directed especially against the just mentioned Work of *Gruner*, and the Moorish origin generally. *Gruner* sought to maintain his views in the following Papers:

18) Die Maranen sind die wahren Stammväter der Lustseuche von 1493; in s. Almanach Jahrgang 1792. S. 51—92.—Geschichte der Maranen und der Eroberung von Granada. Ebendasselbst S. 158—196.—Die Maranen dürften doch wohl die Stammväter der Lustseuche von 1493 sein. Ebendass. 1793. S. 69—89. 1794. S. 229—268.

("The Moors are the true Parents of the Venereal Disease of 1493;" in his *Almanach*, Year 1792. pp. 51—92.—"History of the Moors and the Conquest of Granada." Ibid. pp. 158—199.—The Moors must be admitted the Parents of the Venereal Disease of 1493." Ibid. 1793. pp. 69—89. 1794. pp. 229—268).

Comp. also some earlier Papers in Year 1784. pp. 224—237, Year 1790. pp. 139—157.

19) Sim. N. H. Linguet, *Historie politique et philosophique de Mal de Naples*. Paris 1796. 8.

(*Sim. N. H. Linguet*, "History, Political and Philosophical, of the Neapolitan Disease." Paris 1796. 8vo.).

This Work seems to be no longer on the market; at any rate we were unable by any means to procure it.

20) C. Sprengel, *Ueber den muthmasslichen Ursprung der Lustseuche aus dem südwestlichen Afrika*. In dessen *Beiträgen zur Geschichte der Medicin*. Halle 1796. Bd. I. Hft. 3. S. 61—104.

(*C. Sprengel*, "On the probable Origin of the Venereal Disease in South-Western Africa." In his *Contributions to the History of Medicine*. Halle 1796. Vol. I. Pt. 3. pp. 61—104).

The Author maintains, following up a previous suggestion of *Hensler's*, that *Yaws* and *Pians* are the original forms of Venereal Disease.

21) J. F. B. Bouillon la Grange, *Observations sur l'origine de la maladie vénérienne dans les Isles de la mer du Sud*. In *Recueil périodique de la société de Santé*. T. I. 1797. 38—47.

*J. F. B. Bouillon la Grange*, "Observations on the Origin of the Venereal Disease in the Islands of the South Sea." In *Periodical Review of the Health Society*. Vol. I. 1797. 38—47).

22) Wilh. Ernest. Christ. Aug. Sickler, Diss. exhibens novum ad historiam luis venereae additamentum. Jenae 1797. (VIII. April.) 32 S. 8.

(*Wilh. Ernest. Christ. Aug. Sickler*, "Dissertation containing some fresh Material towards a History of the Venereal Disease." Jena 1797. (Apr. 8.) pp. 32. 8vo.).

The Author here treats some of the passages from the Old Testament referring to the Plague of the Jews that spread amongst them on account of their worshipping Baal Peor, which had not before been used. The little Work seems not to have been made use of by later Writers; neither *Hacker* nor *Choulant* note it. The Author's brother had first called attention to the passages in *Augusti*, "Theologische Blätter", Gotha, No. 13.

23) Dr. Schaufus, Neueste Entdeckungen über das Vaterland und die Verbreitung der Pocken und der Lustseuche. Leipzig 1805. 160 S. 8.

(*Dr. Schaufus*, "Latest Discoveries with regard to the Original Home and Dissemination of Pox and Venereal Disease." Leipzig 1805. pp. 160. 8vo).

Comp. *Ehrhardt*, Med. Chirurg. Zeitung. Insbruck 1806. Vol. I. p. 375. *Pierer*, Allgem. Med. Annalen. 1866. p. 364.

The Author derives Venereal Disease from the East Indies and makes the Gypsies bring it to Europe. From p. 65 to the conclusion of the Work he treats fully of the Venereal Disease in the islands of the South Sea, and at the same time gives an exhaustive list of the authorities on this subject.

24) Carol. Sam. Törnberg, Spic. in aug. med. sistens sententiarum de vera morbi gallici origine synopsis historicam. Jenae XXIX. August. 1807. 26 S. 8.

(*Carol. Sam. Törnberg*, "Selection of Medical "Programs",—giving a Historical Synopsis of Views

as to the True Origin of Syphilis." Jena 29 Aug. 1807. pp. 26. 8vo.).

The Author decides for the American origin, but without adducing anything fresh.

25) J. B. C. Rousseau, New observations on Syphilis, tending to settle the disputes about its importation, by proving that it is a disease of the human race, that has and will always exist among the several Nations of the Globe. In Coxe, Philadelph. med. Museum. 1808. Vol. IV. No. 1. pp. 1—11.

26) H. A. Robertson, Historical Inquiry into the Origin of the Venereal Disease. Pts. I. II. in the London Medical Repository 1814. Vol. II. pp. 112—119, 185—192.

The Author maintains the antiquity of Venereal Disease, but denies that the Malady which prevailed amongst the French at the siege of Naples was true Syphilis; he supposes it rather to have been a fever resembling the Plague accompanied by pustulous eruptions. A later Paper in the same Periodical, 1818. vol. IX. pp. 465—495., contains the result of his observations in Spain during the War, so far as they confirm his earlier views.

27) Rob. Hamilton, On the early History and Symptoms of Lues. In the Edinburgh medical and surgical Journal 1818. Vol. XIV. pp. 485—498.

The Author seeks to prove that the Disease at the end of the XVth. Century was not "Lues Venerea", but "Sibbens". Comp. *Ehrhardt*, Med. Chirurg. Zeitung. 1819. Vol. I. p. 198.

28) Gust. Adolph Werner, de origine ac progressu luis venereae animadversiones quaedam. Diss. inaug. med. Lips. 1819. 29. S. 4.

(*Gust. Adolph Werner*, "Some Thoughts on the Origin and Progress of the Venereal Disease,"—a Medical Graduation Exercise. Leipzig 1819. pp. 29. 4to.).

Maintains the antiquity of the Disease, citing again the passages already known. The Ancients, he says, confounded Syphilis with Leprosy; the Immorality prevailing at the end of the XVth. Century and the arrival of the Moors in Italy were the original cause and occasion of the general extension of the Disease. According to *Choulant* in *Pierer*, Allgem. Med. Annalen, Year 1825. p. 237., *Prof. Heinrich Robbi* was the Author of this Dissertation.

29) J. L. W. Wendt, Bydrag til historien af den veneriske sygdoms begyndelse og fremgang i Danmark. Kjöbenhavn 1820. 8. Deutsch in Hufelands Journ. 1822. Bd. 55. S. 1—51.

(*J. L. W. Wendt*, "Contribution to the History of the Origin and Progress of the Venereal Disease in Denmark." Copenhagen 1820. 8vo. In German in Hufeland's Journ. vol. 55. pp. 1—51).

Shows that Venereal Disease became known in Denmark after 1495; that its treatment was given over especially to the Surgeons and quacks; also an account of the medical Police-regulations against the Disease.

30) Nicol. Barbantini, Notizie istoriche concernanti il contagio venereo, le quali precedono la sua opera sopra questo contagio. Lucca 1820. 8.

(*Nicol. Barbantini*, "Historical Notices concerning the Venereal Contagion,—introductory to his Work on this Disease." Lucca 1820. 8vo.).

Appears to be not yet at all well known in Germany. Neither through the booksellers nor in any other way could we obtain the Work. It would seem to be out of print.

31) Domenico Thiene, Lettere sulla storia de' mali venerei. Venezia 1823. 303. S. gr. 8.

(*Domenico Thiene*, "Letters on the History of Venereal Maladies." Venice 1823. pp. 303. large 8vo.).

Contains 9 letters as follows: I. On the common opinion of the American origin of the Venereal Disease,—to Signor *C. Sprengel*, pp. 7—27, in which the American Source and *Girtanner's* Arguments for it are confuted. He cites here in the Notes, p. 238, an Italian poem of George Summaripa, a Patrician of Verona (1496), not previously known, in which the Disease is represented as having come from Gaul; which a letter of *Nicolaus Scillatius* re-printed on p. 236 confirms. This had already been given in *Brera*, *Giornale di Medicina*, August 1817, vol. XII. p. 123, and borrowed and made use of by *Huber*, p. 37., and *Sprengel*, *Geschichte der Medicin*, 3rd ed., vol. II. p. 701., in correction of *Choulant's* statement, as cited below p. 238.—II. Of Discharge from the Penis (Scolagione) or Gonorrhœa of the Ancients,—to Signor *Christ. Goff. Gruner*<sup>1</sup>, shows that the Gonorrhœa of the Ancients was no mere Spermatorrhœa, but actual Gonorrhœa (Clap) pp. 31—48.—III. Of Discharge from the Penis (Scolagione) or Gonorrhœa of the Middle Ages,—to Signor *F. Swediaur*, pp. 51—73. Shows that actual Gonorrhœa existed in the Middle Ages.—IV. Of Ulcers, Buboës and other such Affections of the Secret Parts in Antiquity,—to Signor *Nic. Barbantini*, pp. 77—92.—V. Of the true Venereal Disease or Syphilis,—to Signor *Anton Scarpa*, pp. 95—119. Survey of the Venereal Disease to the end of the XVth Century and of its changes, with special reference to the sympathy of the Genital organs and those of the Throat.—VI. On certain modern Forms of Disease referable to the Venereal Taint,—to Signor *Cullerier*, pp. 123—144. Considers the Brûnn Sickness in the the year 1577, the “Sibbens, Amboina pox, Canadian Disease,” “Scherlievo” and “Falcadina”.—VII. Of

<sup>1</sup> A remarkable proof of the acquaintance of Italian scholars with German Literary History. The Author dedicated this letter in the year 1823 to

*Gruner* who died in 1815, and forwarded him a copy with an autograph inscription. Both are preserved in the University Library at Jena.

certain ancient Forms of Disease referable to the Venereal Taint,—to Signor *Dr. Cambieri*, pp. 148—178. In this are more exactly described the “Yaws”, “Pians”, “Judham”, Mentagra, Malum mortuum and Morphea, and the near relationship of leprosy with Venereal Disease hinted at.—VIII. Of the Origin of the Venereal Disease,—to Signor *Filip. Gabr. Hensler*, pp. 182—208. The Author considers the Disease endemic in Africa, whence it came into Italy with the Moors, and to America with the Negro slaves.—IX. On the public Hygiene of Venereal Maladies,—to *Franc. Aglietti*, pp. 212—235. Chronological Survey of Legislation as to Brothels. The book ends, pp. 230—303, with Annotations in which he gives specially the documentary proofs on which his conclusions rest, and that too arranged according to the numbers given in the text.

An Abstract of this Work, rare apparently in Germany, is given by *Choulant* in *Pierer's Allgem. Med. Annalen*, Year 1825. pp. 236—244.

32) V. A. Huber, *Bemerkungen über die Geschichte und Behandlung der venerischen Krankheiten*. Stuttgart und Tübingen. 1825. 124 S. 8.

(*V. A. Huber*, “Remarks on the History and Treatment of Venereal Diseases.” Stuttgart and Tübingen 1825. pp. 124. 8vo.).

The Author specially combats the American origin, and to this end examines particularly the Spanish Chroniclers. Without exactly wishing to arrive at a definite conclusion for or against, he contents himself with exposing the inconsistencies in the reasoning of the supporters of either view.—Commendatory notices of the Book are found in: *Heidelberg Jahrb.* 1825. Pt. XII. pp. 1194—1199.—*Hecker's Lit. Annalen* 1826. Vol. IV. pp. 77—97.—*Hufeland's Bibliothek d. prakt. Heilde.* 1826. Vol. LV. pp. 262—268.

33) Alex. Dubled, *Coup d'œil historique sur la maladie vénérienne*. Paris 1825. ?

(*Alex. Dubled*, "Historical Survey of the Venereal Disease." Paris 1825.?)

*Hacker*, p. 164, says: "would seem to contain much of interest." We have not been able to obtain a sight of this Work; however it appears to quite agree with what *Dubled* has repeated in a later work, "Statement of the new Doctrine as to Venereal Disease," transl. from the French. Leipzig 1830. pp. VI—VIII and pp. 1—10. He says, p. V of the Preface,—“Finally, inasmuch as the systematic historical study of the Venereal Disease seems also to confirm the truth of my view, I have prefixed to this Work the Historical Survey, which at the time of its composition I read before the Surgical Section of the Royal Academy of Medicine. A Report that should have been rendered by it never appeared.” Then follows a Preface belonging to the Historical Survey, subscribed—Paris, October 1823, to which year accordingly must be assigned the above-mentioned Work. But the whole publication, as may be supposed from the scanty number of pages, is more than superficial.

34) S. J. Beer, Beiträge zur Geschichte der Syphilis. In *Oken's Isis*. Jahrg. 1828. Bd. II. S. 728—731.

(*S. J. Beer*, "Contributions to the History of Syphilis." In *Oken's Isis*. Year 1828. Vol. II. pp. 728—731).

The Author, a Jewish Physician, seeks to prove that the Moors did not suffer from Venereal Disease, because they as Martyrs of their Faith, could not therefore be dissolute, immoral men, because (Deuteronomy, Ch. 33. v. 17.) excesses in love, especially with Gentiles (Nehemiah Ch. X. vv. 29, 30) are strictly forbidden, finally because *Don Isac Abarbanel*, born 1437, in his Exposition of the Prophets (printed 1650), on Zachariah Ch. XIV. v. 12. says expressly, that the Disease "Zarfosim" occurs only amongst the "Goim" (Gentiles) and not amongst the Jews. The

Author promises eventually to issue a Treatise on Syphilis which he has in hand on a larger scale; but to our knowledge it has not appeared.

35) H. Spitta, Beitrag zur Geschichte der Verbreitung der Lustseuche in Europa. In Heckers lit. Annalen 1826. Bd. IV. S. 371—374.

(*H. Spitta*, "Contribution to the History of the Spread of the Venereal Disease in Europe." In *Hecker's Lit. Annalen* 1826. Vol. IV. pp. 371—374).

The contribution is a passage from the following book: "Libro que trata de las cosas, que traen de las Indias Occidentales, que sirven al uso de medicina, y de la orden qui se ha de tener en tomar la Rayz de Mechoacan etc. Hecho y copilado por el Doctor *Monardes*, medico de Sevilla. 1565." (Book treating of Substances imported from the East Indies and used in Medicine, and of the Course to be observed in taking the Mechoacan Root, etc. Written and compiled by *Dr. Monardes*, Physician of Seville. 1565). This work treats of the drug "Guajac", and lays down the American origin of Venereal Disease as confidently as if the Author had been on the spot when it happened! The value of the whole argument may be judged from this passage, "Our Creator willed that from that same country whence Venereal Disease (el mal de las buvas,—the malady of buboes) came, should come also the Means of its cure."

36) Pet. de Jurgenev, Luis venereae apud veteres vestigia. Diss. inaug. Dorpati Livon. 1826. 54 S. 8.

(*Pet. de Jurgenev*, "Traces of the Venereal Disease amongst the Ancients." Medical Graduation Exercise, Dorpat (in Livonia) 1826. pp. 54. 8vo.).

An industrious, partly critical, Collection of the passages connected with this subject down to Peter Martyr in chronological order, of which however perhaps only those given on given p. 11, though these

are incomplete, from the "Lusus in Priapum" or "Priapeia" had not previously been noted. Comp. Recension by *Struver* in *Rust's* and *Casper's* Krit. Repertor. Vol. XX. p. 141.

38) Friedr. Alex. Simon, Versuch einer kritischen Geschichte der verschiedenartigen, besonders unreinen Behaftungen der Geschlechtstheile und ihrer Umgegend, oder der örtlichen Lustübel, seit der ältesten bis auf die neueste Zeit, und ihres Verhältnisses zu der Ende des XV. Jahrhunderts erschienenen Lustseuche; nebst praktischen Bemerkungen über die positive Entbehrlichkeit des Quecksilbers bei der Mehrzahl jener Behaftungen, oder der sogenannten primären syphilitischen Zufälle. Ein Beitrag zur Pathologie und Therapie der primären Syphilis, für Aerzte und Wundärzte. I. Thl. Hamburg. 1830. XVIII. 253 S. II. Thl. 1831. XVI. 543 S. gr. 8.

(*Friedr. Alex. Simon*, "Essay towards a Critical History of the different sorts of Infections, particularly of foul Infections, of the Sexual parts and their Neighbourhood, in other words of Local Venereal Maladies, from the earliest times to the most recent, and of their Relation to the Venereal Disease that made its appearance at the end of the XVth Century; together with Practical Remarks as to the positive Needlessness of Mercury in the case of the majority of those Infections, or the so-called primary Syphilitic Symptoms. A Contribution to the Pathology and Therapeutics of Primary Syphilis, for Physicians and Surgeons." I Part. Hamburg 1830. pp. XVIII, 253. II Part. 1831. pp. XVI, 543. large 8vo.)

The first Part of this Work, one displaying great care and diligence, contains the History of Gonorrhœa, Swellings of the Testicles, Ulcers and warty Growths in the Urethra, Scalding Urine, Strictures, Ulcers and Fistulae in the Perinœum, so far as these subordinate affections were observed *before* the appearance of the Venereal Disease; the second Part the History

of the Ulcers or Shankers in the Sexual organs, particularly after coition where infection is suspected, down to the most recent time. The promised Critical History of the Venereal Disease with reference to its appropriate Treatment has unfortunately never yet appeared, though only then can we estimate the justice of many of the Author's views and statements touching the local Symptoms. Would that an end might be put to the delay!

38) Math. Jaudt, de lue veterum et recentium. Diss. inaug. med. Monachii 1834. 23 S. 8.

(*Math. Jaudt*, "On Syphilis amongst Ancients and Moderns." Medical Graduation Exercise. Munich 1834. pp. 23. 8vo.).

In this somewhat cursory Treatise the Author assumes with the English writers a "Lues antiqua" (ancient Contagion), which manifested itself only through affections of the Genitals of a similar nature, and a "Lues universalis" (general Contagion) since 1494—1496, both of which now occur; hence he would deduce the distinction in the treatment with Mercury,—Mercury not being necessary for the former, but required for the latter.

39) Max Ludov. Schrank, de luis venereae antiquitate et origine. Dissert. inaug. Ratisbonae (Monachii) 1834. 24 S. 8.

(*Max Ludov. Schrank*, "On the Antiquity and Origin of the Venereal Disease." Graduation Exercise. (Ratisbon Bavaria) 1834. pp. 24. 8vo.).

The Author seeks to prove by citation of the familiar passages of the ancient writers: (1) "luem veneream antiquissimis temporibus jamjam cognitam itidemque contagiosam, sub finem saeculi XV. majorem malignitatis gradum, conditionibus secundis concurrentibus, ostendisse, ideoque, (2) Americam ejusdem patriam non esse habendam" (that the Venereal Disease was already known in the most ancient times, that towards the end of the XVth.

Century, under the concurrence of favouring conditions, it exhibited a greater degree of malignancy; consequently that America is not to be considered its place of origin. He seems especially to have made use of *Huber's* Work.

40) Prof. Naumann, zur Pathogenie und Geschichte des Trippers, in *Schmidts* Jahrb. der in- und ausländ. gesamt. Medicin Jahrg. 1837. Bd. XIII. S. 94—105.

(*Prof. Naumann*, "Pathology and History of Gonorrhoea", in *Schmid's* Jahrb. der in- und ausländ. gesamt. Medicin, Year 1837. Vol. XIII. pp. 94—105).

Contains valuable notices on the history of Venereal disease, specially dealing with Gonorrhoea in Antiquity; cites several very important passages from *Galen* previously overlooked, and by their help maintains the antiquity of the Disease. The matters dealt with in this Treatise had already been gone into by the same Author in the Seventh Volume of his Handbook to Medical Clinics.

41) August Zennaro, Diss. inaug. de syphilidis antiquitate et an sit semper contagio tribuenda, Patav. 1837. 32 S. gr. 8.

(*August Zennaro*, "Graduation Exercise, on the Antiquity of Syphilis; should it be considered always Contagious?" Padua 1837. pp. 41. large 8vo.).

42) Jos. Ferd. Masarei, Diss. sist. argumentum, morbos venereos esse morbos antiquos. Viennae 1837. 8.

(*Jos. Ferd. Masarei*, "Exercise maintaining the thesis that: the Venereal diseases are ancient Diseases." Vienna 1837. 8vo.).

Besides the above Works, specially devoted to the History of Venereal Disease and dealing exclusively with this, the subject is discussed also by most of the larger Hand-books and Manuals on this

Malady, e.g. *Swediaur, Bertrandi, Foot, Barbantini, Jourdan*. However we must particularize:

Joan. Astruc, de morbis venereis libri sex. In quibus disseritur tum de origine, propagatione et contagione horumce affectuum in genere: tum de singulorum natura, aetiologia et therapeia, cum brevi analysi et epicrisi operum plerorumque quae de eodem argumento scripta sunt. Paris 1736. XVIII. 20. 628. 50 S. 4. Paris (Nachdruck zu Basel). 1738. 4. — Translated by Will. Borrowby. Lond. 1737. 8. — Editio secunda: de morbis venereis libri IX. Paris 1740. 4. Vol. I. XXXVI. 608 S. (Enthält zugleich Dissertatio I. de origine, appellatione natura et curatione morborum venereorum inter Sinas S. DXXXVII—DLXVI). Vol. II. 537—1196 S. (Unsere Citate beziehen sich auf diese Ausgabe). — Paris 1743. Vol. I—IV. 12. Die ersten 4 Bücher wurden von Boudon und Aug. Franc. Jault ins Französische übersetzt. Paris 1740. 12. Vol. I—III. — Editio tertia aucta per Jo. Astruc et Ant. Louis. Paris 1755. Vol. I—IV. 12. Nachdruck Venetiis 1760. 4. mit Hinzufügung von Gerardi van Swieten, Epistolae duae de mercurio sublimato und Jos. Mar. Xav. Bertini, diss. de usu mercurii. — Translated by Sam. Chapmann. Lond. 1755. 1. deutsch von Joh. Gottlob Heise. Frankf. und Leipz. 1784. gr. 8. Editio quarta: Paris. 1773. Vol. I—IV. 12. — Editio quinta, cura Ant. Louis. Paris 1777. Vol. I—IV. 12.

(*Jean Astruc*, "On Venereal Diseases,—Six books. In which is discussed the Origin, Propagation and Contagion of these Maladies generally; secondly the Nature, Etiology and Therapeutics of the same individually; together with a brief Analysis and Appreciation of most of the Works dealing with this Subject." Paris 1736. XVIII, 20, 628, 50 pp. 4to. Paris (pirated edition, Bâle) 1738. 4to.—Translated by *Will. Borrowby*, Lond. 1737. 8vo.—*Second Edition*: "On Venereal Diseases,—IX books." Paris 1740. 4to. Vol. I. pp. XXXVI, 608. (Contains also Dissertation

I, "On the Origin, Nomenclature, Nature and Treatment of Venereal Diseases amongst the Chinese, pp. DXXXVII—DLXVI). Vol. II. pp. 537—1196. (Our citations refer to this Edition).—Paris 1743, Vols. I—IV. 12mo. The first 4 books were translated into French by *Boudon* and *Aug. Franc. Jault*. Paris. 1740. 12mo, Vols. I—III.—*Third Edition* enlarged by *Jo. Astruc* and *Ant. Louis*. Paris 1755. Vols. I—IV. 12mo. Pirated edition, at Venice 1760. 4to., with addition by *Gerardi van Swieten*, "Epistolae Duae de Mercurio sublimato" (Two Letters concerning Mercury Sublimate), and *Jos. Mar. Xav. Bertini*, *Diss. de usu Mercurii* (Dissertation on the Use of Mercury).—Translated by *Sam. Chapmann*. Lond. 1755. 8vo.; in German by *Joh. Gottlob Heise*. Frankfort and Leipzig 1784, large 8vo.—*Fourth Edition*: Paris 1773. Vols. I—IV. 12mo.—*Fifth Edition*, edit. *Ant. Louis*. Paris 1777. Vols. I—IV. 12mo).

To *Astruc* belongs the credit of having been the first who began to collect on a comprehensive plan and to sift the material for a history of the Venereal Diseases that had been accumulating for Centuries. His historical results are imperfect and one-sided, in so far as they are directed solely to maintaining the American origin; but at the same time his chronological Review of the Writers from 1475 to 1740 is even now almost indispensable, as he gives comprehensive Extracts from all the Works that were at his disposal, that fill the whole of the second Volume of his Book. Down to *Hensler*, almost all later Historians owe to him their Bibliography of Authorities, though they are not always honest enough to specify the mine from which they drew their knowledge. According to *Bertrandi*, "Treatise on the Venereal Diseases", transl. from the Italian by *C. H. Spohr*, Vol. I. p. 44. Note k., *Astruc* has copied almost the whole of the first book of this Work, without naming the Author (!?), from: *Charles Thuillier*, "Observations sur les maladies vénériennes avec leur cure sûre et facile, lettres sur les accidents,

l'origine et les progrès de la vérole," (Observations on the Venereal diseases, with a sure and easy method of cure: Letters on the Symptoms, Origin and Progress of the Pox.) Paris 1707. pp. 211—261. 8vo.

Christoph Girtanner, Abhandlung über die venerische Krankheit. I. Bd. Götting. 1788. 459 S., II. und III. Bd. 1789. 933 S. gr. 8. Zweite Ausgabe 1793. III Bde. gr. 8.—Dritte Ausgabe vom I. Bde. 1796.—Vierte Ausgabe vom I. Bde., mit Zusätzen und Anmerkungen herausgegeben von Ludw. Christoph Wilh. Cappel 1803. XVI. 455 S. gr. 8. (*Christoph Girtanner*, "Treatise on the Venereal Disease." I Vol. Göttingen 1788. pp. 459, II and III Vols. 1789. pp. 933. large 8vo.—*Third* edition of Vol. I. 1796.—*Fourth* edition of Vol. I., edited with Addition and Notes by *Ludw. Christoph Wilh. Cappel*, 1803. pp. XVI, 455. large 8vo.).

In the *First* Volume the Author gives, Bk. I. Pt. 1. pp. 1—57, a history of the Venereal disease, in which he employs every possible artifice and perversion of the facts in his endeavour to prove the American origin of the Disease. In the *Second* and *Third* Vols. (in which the pages run on continuously, pp. 808) he gives a general review of all the Works that have appeared on Venereal disease from 1595 to 1793, the total—including Supplements—amounting to 1912. As far as *Astruc* served, he has often translated him word for word,—without declaring the fact. But as only those Works which support his own views, in particular the American origin, are estimated with any accuracy, while the rest are summarily disposed of,—often without any precise account of the Contents, it is properly speaking solely for the sake of the Titles that the Review as a whole is of use to Historians. A Continuation of this Bibliographical review is found in

Heinr. August Hacker, Literatur der syphilitischen Krankheiten vom Jahr 1794 bis mit 1829, etc. Leipzig 1830. 264 S. gr. 8. (*Heinr. August Hacker*, "Literature of the Venereal Disease from

the year 1794 down to and including 1829, etc." Leipzig 1830. pp. 264. large 8vo.).

Unfortunately a major portion of the Books, particularly of the foreign ones, did not actually come into the hands of the Author, so that he was forced often to content himself with merely citing the Titles; and in such as are more precisely designated, he omits, as indeed is the case also with *Girtanner*, to give the length (pagination, or number of sheets) of the Works, from which at any rate a relative judgement might be made as to their completeness. Then since its publication almost another decade has passed, and the continuation of his Collection is still awaited on the part of the Author; consequently a second edition, carried on so as to cover the latest period, one that has been very prolific in Literary productions, is both necessary and desirable, and in it what is deficient might easily be supplied. Again from earlier Literature many additions might well be made and supplements giving what was overlooked or only cursorily noted by *Girtanner*. However would it not on the whole be more expedient to undertake an entirely new Work dealing with the whole Literature of Venereal Disease, but on other principles than those of *Girtanner*? Indeed for such a task the use of a Library such as Göttingen would be required. It would undoubtedly be of very great utility.

George Rees, On the primary Symptoms of the lues venerea, with a critical and chronological account of all the English writers on the subject, from 1735 to 1785. Lond. 1802. 8vo.

Finally we have to mention the Writers on the History of Medicine who have treated more or less fully the History of the Venereal Disease. To this class belong in especial:

J. Freind, *histoire de la médecine*, traduit de l'Anglais par Etienne Coulet. Leide 1727. 8. T. III. S. 192—277. (*J. Freind*, "History of Medicine," translated from the English by Etienne

Coulet. Leyden 1727. 8vo. Vol. III. pp. 192—277).  
Seeks to prove the American origin.

Chr. Godofr. Gruner, *Morborum antiquitates*.  
Vratislav. 1774. gr. 8. S. 69—101. (*Chr. Godfr. Gruner*,  
“Antiquities of Diseases.” Breslau 1774. large 8vo.  
pp. 69—101).

Decides for the American origin.

Curt. Sprengel, *Versuch einer pragmat. Geschichte der Arzneikunde*. 3. Auflage. Halle 1828.  
Bd. II. S. 521—525. 697—714. Bd. III. S. 204—  
217. Bd. V. S. 579—594. (*Curt. Sprengel*, “Attempt  
at a Pragmatic History of Medicine.” 3rd. edition.  
Halle 1828. Vol. II. pp. 521—525, 697—714. Vol.  
III. pp. 204—217. Vol. V. pp. 579—594).

The Author accepts the Development of Venereal  
disease from Leprosy.

In connection with other Diseases the Venereal  
is also dealt with in the following Works :

Franc. Raymond, *Histoire de l'éléphantiasis*,  
contenant aussi l'origine du Scorbut, du Feu St.  
Antoine, de la Vérole etc. Lausanne 1767. 132  
S. 8. (*Franc. Raymond*, “History of Elephantiasis,  
containing also the Origin of Scurvy, St. Anthony's  
Fire, Pox, etc.” Lausanne 1767. pp. 132. 8vo.).

The Author maintains the Antiquity of the Disease.  
Comp. “*Commentar. de rebus in Scientia naturali  
et Medicina gestis*” (Record of Exploits in Natural  
Science and Medicine). Leipzig Vol. XVI. pp.  
455—460.

Gerhard Gebler, *Diss. Migrationes celebriorum  
morborum contagiosorum*. Götting. 1780. 4. (*Gerhard  
Gebler*, “Dissertation: The Migrations of the more  
important Contagious Diseases.” Göttingen 1780. 4to.)

According to *Girtanner* the portion dealing with  
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