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THE BIRDS
OF
ARISTOPHANES.

WITH NOTES, AND A METRICAL TABLE,

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P R E F A C E .

THE Birds of Aristophanes has always been regarded as one of his most delightful pieces. Like the Clouds, it is comparatively free from the objectionable license of thought and language, which deforms several of his plays to such a degree that they cannot be used in schools or colleges. It is true there are some passages in this play also too freely executed: but it has been decided, on mature reflection, to let them stand, so as to offer the drama entire, on the principles which guided my decision in editing the Clouds.

The text of this edition is reprinted from the *Poetae Scenici* of Dindorf. In the preparation of the notes, I have used Commentaries of Christian Daniel Beck, together with the notes and Scholia edited by Invernizius; the notes of Bothe, to whose valuable edition I am under great obligations; and the brief, but excellent, annotations of Blaydes. Credit is always given for what has been taken from the labors of these distinguished scholars.

In addition to the critical apparatus just mentioned, I have endeavored to explain from other sources a branch of the subject to which less attention has heretofore been given; — I mean the natural history of the birds, which are very entertaining figures among the persons of the play. I have carefully examined Aristotle's *History of Animals*,

from which I have drawn illustrative descriptions. But it is well known that a considerable portion of the birds of Aristophanes are not mentioned in Aristotle's work, and some of them are thought to be unknown. Several branches of the natural history of Greece has been almost entirely neglected since the researches of the philosopher of Stagira; and here is an opportunity for a naturalist, who is at the same time a good classical scholar, to make valuable contributions both to science and philology. Sibthorp's magnificent work, the "Flora Hellenica," is ample on the Botany of Greece; but comparatively little has been done in the departments of ornithology and ichthyology.

I suspected that the poet's selection of birds was not made at random, but that, in every instance, they were chosen with a special meaning, and to effect a particular purpose, in point of art. In considering the play from this point of view, I have been much indebted to my friend and colleague, Professor Agassiz, of whose profound and comprehensive knowledge of ornithology I have been permitted to avail myself in attempting to determine the species of some of the birds not hitherto identified; and I have come to the conclusion, that, in all cases, the character and habits of the birds are exactly and curiously adapted to the parts they perform in the comedy, showing Aristophanes to have been a careful observer of nature, as well as a consummate poet. I have also used with profit a little work, entitled "Beitraege zur Ornithologie Griechenlands, von Heinrich Graf von der Mühle," or, *Contributions to the Ornithology of Greece, by Henry Count von der Mühle*; a work of interest and importance, though written without any reference to the classical bearings of the subject.

Great care has been taken to illustrate the political allusions, and the application of judicial expressions, in the course of the piece. For this purpose the excellent writings of Hermann, Smith, and Boeckh have been freely cited. St.

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John's admirable work on the Manners and Customs of the Hellenes has also been consulted.

It is probably impossible, at present, to feel the full force of the wit and gayety of Aristophanes, much of which turned upon temporary and local relations. Still, a careful study of contemporary history, political and judicial institutions, popular prejudices and delusions, and the influence of oracles and other means of working upon ignorant or even cultivated credulity, will make all the material points of the comedy of Aristophanes sufficiently clear.

The satire of the *Birds* is more playful, comprehensive, and genial than that of any other of the poet's comedies. The spirit of parody and burlesque, which is a general trait of the Aristophanic drama, here displays itself most freely and amusingly. Even the solemn genius of Pindar does not escape entirely the poet's whimsical perversions. The dithyrambic poets in general are unsparingly ridiculed; the philosophers and men of science are not allowed to pass untouched; while profligates and impostors of every class and description are here, as well as in the *Clouds*, held up to scorn and contempt.

Much discussion has been held upon the question as to the specific object the poet aimed at in his plan. Some have endeavored to show that the main drift of the piece is to expose the folly of the Athenians in their dreams of universal empire, at the time of the Sicilian Expedition; and these critics have fancied they could identify, not only the political parties in the Peloponnesian War, but individual characters in the history of the times. This is pressing matters of fact too far in judging of a poetical work. No doubt Aristophanes sought to lay the foundation of all his pieces in the actual life, public and private, of his age. But his genius could not so completely bind itself to the prosaic realities around him. His Pegasus trod the firm earth, but never bowed his neck to the yoke. Some of the leading ideas were unques-

tionably suggested by the popular madness which the versatile and profligate genius of Alcibiades had done so much to kindle among the Athenians of his time; but the groundwork only of the play was laid in political passions and historical events. That established, the poet gave free scope to his brilliant fancy, boundless wit, and unsurpassed powers of invention, and produced a poem, not only fitted to amuse and delight his countrymen, but to interest the lovers of literature in future ages, by the richest union of sportive satire and creative imagination that the comic theatre of Athens ever witnessed.

The following Argument is somewhat condensed from the works of the poet Gray. It is prefixed to the spirited translation of the Rev. Henry Francis Cary.

This new edition has been carefully revised, not only by myself, but by my friend Professor Goodwin, who has added valuable notes and illustrations. His excellent work on the Greek Moods and Tenses has been constantly used, as the student will find by numerous references, indicated by the letter G., scattered through the commentary.

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ARGUMENT.*

“EUELPIDES and Pisthetaerus, two ancient Athenians, thoroughly weary of the folly, injustice, and litigious temper of their countrymen, determine to leave Attica for good and all; and having heard much of the fame of Epops, king of the birds, who was once a man under the name of Tereus, and had married an Athenian lady, they pack up a few necessary utensils, and set out for the court of that prince, under the conduct of a jay and a raven, birds of great distinction in augury, without whose direction the Greeks never undertook anything of consequence. Their errand is to inquire of the birds, who are the greatest travellers of any nation, where they may meet with a quiet, easy settlement, far from all prosecutions, lawsuits, and sycophant informers, to pass the remainder of their lives in peace and liberty.

“The scene is a wild, unfrequented country, which terminates in mountains; there the old men are seen, (accompanied by two slaves, who carry their little baggage,) fatigued and fretting at the carelessness of their guides, who, though they cost them a matter of a groat in the market, are good for nothing but to bite them by the fingers and lead them out of the way. They travel

* Works of Gray, edited by Mathias, Vol. II. pp. 151 - 160.

on, however, till they come to the foot of the rocks, which stop up their passage, and put them to their wits' end. Here the raven croaks, and the jay chatters and looks up into the air, as much as to say that this is the place: upon which they knock with a stone and with their heels (as though it were against a door) against the side of the mountain.

“Trochilus, a bird that waits upon Epops, appears above; he is frightened at the sight of two men, and they are much more so at the length of his beak and the fierceness of his aspect. He takes them for fowlers; and they insist upon it, that they are not men, but birds. In their confusion, their guides, whom they held in a string, escape and fly away. Epops, during this, is asleep within, after having dined upon a dish of beetles and berries: their noise awakens him, and he comes out of the grove.

“At the strangeness of his figure, they are divided between fear and laughing. They tell him their errand, and he gives them the choice of several cities fit for their purpose, one particularly on the coast of the Red Sea, all which they refuse, for many comical reasons. He tells them the happiness of living among the birds; they are much pleased with the liberty and simplicity of it; and Pisthetaerus, a shrewd old fellow, proposes a scheme to improve it, and make them a far more powerful and considerable nation. Epops is struck with the project, and calls up his consort, the nightingale, to summon all his people together with her voice. They sing a fine ode.

“The birds come flying down, at first one by one, and perch here and there about the scene; and at last the Chorus, in a whole body, come hopping and fluttering and twittering in. At the sight of the two men they are in great tumult, and think that their king has betrayed

them to the enemy. They determine to tear the two old men to pieces, draw themselves up in battle array, and are giving the word to fall on. Euelpides and Pisthetaerus, in all the terrors of death, after upbraiding each the other for bringing him into such distress, and trying in vain to escape, assume courage from mere despair, seize upon the kitchen furniture which they had brought with them, and, armed with pipkins for helmets, and with spits for lances, they present a resolute front to the enemy's phalanx. On the point of battle, Epops interposes, pleads hard for his two guests, who are, he says, his wife's relations, and people of wonderful abilities, and well affected to their commonwealth. His eloquence has its effect: the birds grow less violent, they enter into a truce with the old men, and both sides lay down their arms. Pisthetaerus, upon the authority of Aesop's fables, proves to them the great antiquity of their nation; that they were born before the creation of the earth, and before the gods, and once reigned over all countries, as he shows from several testimonies and monuments of different nations; that the cock wears his tiara erect, like the Persian king, and that all mankind start out of their beds at his command; that when the kite makes his first appearance in the spring, every one prostrates himself on the ground before it; that the Egyptians and Phoenicians set about their harvest as soon as the cuckoo is heard; that all kings bear an eagle on their sceptre, and many of the gods carry a bird on their head; that many great men swear by the goose, &c., &c. When he has revived in them the memory of their ancient empire, he laments their present despicable condition, and the affronts put upon them by mankind. They are convinced of what he says, applaud his oration, and desire his advice. He proposes that they shall unite, and build a city in the mid-air, whereby all commerce

will effectually be stopped between heaven and earth : the gods will no longer be able to visit at ease their Semeles and Alcmenas below, nor feast on the fume of sacrifices daily sent up to them, nor men enjoy the benefit of the seasons, nor the fruits of the earth, without permission from those winged deities of the middle region. He shows how mankind will lose nothing by this change of government ; that the birds may be worshipped at a far less expense, nothing more than a few berries or a handful of corn ; that they will need no sumptuous temples ; that, by their great knowledge of futurity, they will direct their good votaries in all their expeditions, so as they can never fail of success ; that the ravens, famed for the length of their lives, may make a present of a century or two to their worshippers ; and, besides, the birds will ever be within call, when invoked, and not sit pouting in the clouds, and keeping their state so many miles off. The scheme is highly admired, and the two old men are to be made free of the city, and each of them is to be adorned with a pair of wings at the public charge. Epops invites them to his nest-royal, and entertains them nobly. The nightingale in the mean time joins the Chorus without, and the parabasis begins.

“ They sing their own nobility and ancient grandeur, their prophetic skill, the benefits they do mankind already, and all the good which they design them ; they descant upon the power of music, in which they are such great masters, and intermix many strokes of satire ; they show the advantages of flying, and apply it to several whimsical cases ; and they invite all such as would be free from the heavy tyranny of human laws to live among them, where it is no sin to beat one’s father, &c., &c.

“ The old men, now become birds, and magnificently fledged, after laughing awhile at the new and awkward

figure they make, consult about the name which they shall give to their rising city, and fix upon that of Nephelococcygia, or Cuckoocloudland; and while one goes to superintend the workmen, the other prepares to sacrifice for the prosperity of the city, which is growing apace.

“They begin a solemn prayer to all the birds of Olympus, putting the swan in the place of Apollo, the cock in that of Mars, and the ostrich in that of the great mother Cybele, &c.

“A miserable poet having already heard of the new settlement, comes with some lyric poetry, which he has composed on this great occasion. Pisthetaerus knows his errand from his looks, and makes them give him an old coat; but, not contented with that, he begs to have the waistcoat to it, in the elevated style of Pindar: they comply, and get rid of him.

“The sacrifice is again interrupted by a begging prophet, who brings a cargo of oracles, partly relating to the prosperity of the city of Nephelococcygia, and partly to a new pair of shoes, of which he is in extreme want. Pisthetaerus loses patience, and cuffs him and his religious trumpery off the stage.

“Meto, the famous geometrician, comes next, and offers a plan which he has drawn for the new buildings, with much importance and impertinence: he meets with as bad a reception as the prophet.

“An ambassador, or licensed spy, from Athens arrives, and a legislator, with a body of new laws. They are used with abundance of indignity; and go off, threatening everybody with a prosecution. The sacred rites being so often interrupted, they are forced to remove their altar, and finish them behind the scenes.

“The Chorus rejoice in their own increasing power; and (as about the time of the Dionysia it was usual to

make proclamation against the enemies of the republic) they set a price upon the head of a famous poulterer, who has exercised infinite cruelties upon their friends and brethren; then they turn themselves to the judges and spectators, and promise, if this drama obtain the victory, how propitious they will be to them.

“Pisthetaerus returns, and reports, that the sacrifice appears auspicious to their undertaking: a messenger then enters, with an account how quick the works advance, and whimsically describes the employments allotted to the several birds, in different parts of the building.

“Another messenger arrives in a violent hurry, to tell how somebody from heaven has deceived the vigilance of the jackdaws, who were upon guard, and passed through the gates down into the lower air; but that a whole squadron of light-winged forces were in pursuit of this insolent person, and hoped to fetch him back again. The birds are in great perturbation, and all in a flutter about it.

“This proves to be Iris, who in her return is stopped short, and seized by order of Pisthetaerus. He examines her, Where is her passport? Whether she had leave from the watch? What is her business? Who is she? — in short, he treats her with great authority. She tells her name, and that she was sent by Jove with orders to mankind, that they should keep holiday, and perform a grand sacrifice; she wonders at their sauciness and madness, and threatens them with all her father’s thunder. The governor of Nephelococcygia returns it with higher menaces, and with language very indecent indeed for a goddess and a maid to hear.

“The herald, who had been despatched to the lower world, returns with an account that all Athens was gone bird-mad; that it was grown a fashion to imitate them in their names and manners; and that shortly they might

expect to see a whole convoy arrive, in order to settle among them. The Chorus run to fetch a vast cargo of feathers and wings to equip their new citizens, when they come.

“The first who appears is a profligate young fellow, who hopes to enjoy a liberty which he could not enjoy so well at home, the liberty of beating his father. Pisthetaerus allows it, indeed, to be the custom of his people; but at the same time informs him of an ancient law preserved among the storks, that they shall maintain their parents in their old age. This is not at all agreeable to the youth: however, in consideration of his affection for the Nephelococcygians, Pisthetaerus furnishes him with a feather for his helmet, and a cock’s spur for a weapon, and advises him, as he seems to be of a military turn, to go into the army in Thrace.

“The next is Cinesias, the dithyrambic writer, who is delighted with the thought of living among the clouds, amidst those airy regions whence all his poetical flights are derived; but Pisthetaerus will have no such animal among his birds; he drives him back to Athens with great contempt.

“He then drives away also (but not without a severe whipping) an informer, who for the better despatch of business comes to beg a pair of wings to carry him round the islands and cities subject to Athens, whose inhabitants he is used to swear against for an honest livelihood, as did, he says, his fathers before him. The birds, in the ensuing chorus, relate their travels, and describe the strange things and strange men they have seen in them.

“A person in disguise, with all the appearance of caution and fear, comes to inquire for Pisthetaerus, to whom he discovers himself to be Prometheus, and tells him (but first he makes them hold a large umbrella over his head

for fear Jupiter should spy him) that the gods are all in a starving, miserable condition; and, what is worse, that barbarian gods (who live no one knows where, in a part of heaven far beyond the gods of Greece) threaten to make war upon them, unless they will open the ports, and renew the intercourse between mankind and them, as of old. He advises Pisthetaerus to make the most of this intelligence, and to reject all offers boldly which Jupiter may make him, unless he will consent to restore to the birds their ancient power, and give him in marriage his favorite attendant, Basilea. This said, he slips back again to heaven, as he came. The Chorus continue an account of their travels.

“An embassy arrives from heaven, consisting of Hercules, Neptune, and a certain Triballian god. As they approach the city walls, Neptune is dressing and scolding at the outlandish divinity, and teaching him how to carry himself a little decently. They find Pisthetaerus busy in giving orders about a dish of wild fowl, (i. e. of birds which had been guilty of high misdemeanors, and condemned to die by the public,) which are dressing for his dinner. Hercules, who before was for bringing off the head of this audacious mortal without further conference, finds himself insensibly relent, as he snuffs the savory steam. He salutes Pisthetaerus, who receives them very coldly, and is more attentive to his kitchen than to their compliment. Neptune opens his commission; owns that his nation (the gods) are not the better for this war, and on reasonable terms would be glad of a peace. Pisthetaerus, according to the advice of Prometheus, proposes (as if to try them) the first condition, namely, that of Jupiter's restoring to the birds their ancient power; and, if this should be agreed to, he says that he hopes to entertain my lords the ambassadors at dinner. Her-

cules, pleased with this last compliment, so agreeable to his appetite, comes readily into all he asks; but is severely reprov'd by Neptune for his gluttony. Pisthetaerus argues the point, and shows how much it would be for the mutual interest of both nations; and Neptune is hungry enough to be glad of some reasonable pretence to give the thing up. The Triballian god is asked his opinion for form: he mutters somewhat, which nobody understands, and so it passes for his consent. Here they are going in to dinner, and all is well; when Pisthetaerus bethinks himself of the match with Basilea. This makes Neptune fly out again: he will not hear of it; he will return home instantly; but Hercules cannot think of leaving a good meal so; he is ready to acquiesce in any conditions. His colleague attempts to show him that he is giving up his patrimony for a dinner; and what will become of him after Jupiter's death, if the birds are to have everything during his lifetime. Pisthetaerus clearly proves to Hercules that this is a mere imposition; that by the laws of Solon a bastard has no inheritance; that if Jove died without legitimate issue, his brothers would succeed to his estate, and that he speaks only out of interest. Now the Triballian god is again to determine the matter; they interpret his jargon as favorable to them; so Neptune is forced to give up the point, and Pisthetaerus goes with him and the barbarian to heaven to fetch his bride, while Hercules stays behind to take care that the roast meat is not spoiled.

“A messenger returns with the news of the approach of Pisthetaerus and his bride; and accordingly they appear in the air in a splendid machine, he with Jove's thunderbolt in his hand, and by his side Basilea, magnificently adorned: the birds break out in loud songs of exultation, and conclude the drama with their hymeneal.”

The play was performed in the Archonship of Chabrias, B. C. 414. Ameipsias was first, with the Revellers; Aristophanes second, with the Birds; Phrynichus third, with the Monotropos, or Recluse. (See the first *ἰπρόθεσις*, page 3.)



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ΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΔΡΑΜΑΤΟΣ ΠΡΟΣΩΠΑ.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

ΤΡΟΧΙΛΟΣ, *θεράπων Ἐποπος.*

ΕΠΟΥ.

ΧΟΡΟΣ ΟΡΝΙΘΩΝ.

ΦΟΙΝΙΚΟΠΤΕΡΟΣ.

ΚΗΡΥΚΕΣ.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ.

ΠΟΙΗΤΗΣ.

ΧΡΗΣΜΟΛΟΓΟΣ.

ΜΕΤΩΝ *γεωμέτρης.*

ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ.

ΨΗΦΙΣΜΑΤΟΠΩΛΗΣ.

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΙ.

ΙΡΙΣ.

ΠΑΤΡΑΛΟΙΑΣ.

ΚΙΝΗΣΙΑΣ *διθυραμβοποιός.*

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ.

ΤΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΣ.

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

ΟΙΚΕΤΗΣ *Πεισθεταίρου.*

ΥΠΟΘΕΣΙΣ.

Δύο εἰσὶν Ἀθήνηθεν ἐκκεχωρηκότες πρεσβῦται διὰ τὰς δίκας. Πορεύονται δὲ πρὸς τὸν Τηρέα ἔποπα γενόμενον, πευσόμενοι παρ' αὐτοῦ ποία ἐστὶ πόλις εἰς κατοικισμὸν βελτίστη. Χρῶνται δὲ τῆς ὁδοῦ καθηγεμόσιν ὀρνέοις, ὁ μὲν κορώνη, ὁ δὲ κολοῖψ. Ὀνομάζονται δὲ ὁ μὲν Πεισθέταιρος, ὁ δὲ Εὐελπίδης, ὃς καὶ πρότερος ἄρχεται. Ἡ σκηνὴ ἐν Ἀθήναις. Τὸ δράμα τοῦτο τῶν ἄγαν δυνατῶς πεποιημένων.

Ἐδιδάχθη ἐπὶ Χαβρίου διὰ Καλλιστράτου ἐν ἄστει, ὃς ἦν δεύτερος τοῖς Ὀρνισι, πρῶτος Ἀμειψίας Κωμασταῖς, τρίτος Φρύνιχος Μονοτρόπῳ. Ἔστι δὲ λέ. Φοβερά δὲ τότε τοῖς Ἀθηναίοις τὰ πράγματα. Τό τε γὰρ ναυτικὸν ἀπώλετο περὶ Σικελίαν, Λάμαχος οὐκ ἔτι ἦν, Νικίας ἐτεθνήκει, Δεκέλειαν ἦσαν τειχίσαντες Λακεδαιμόνιοι, Ἄγαις ὁ Λακεδαιμονίων στρατηγὸς περιεκάθητο τὴν Ἀττικὴν, Ἀλκιβιάδης τὰ Λακεδαιμονίων ἐφρόνει καὶ ἐκκλησιάζων συνεβούλευε τὰ χρηστὰ Λακεδαιμονίοις. Ταῦτα αἱ Ἀθηναίων συμφοραί, διὰ ταῦτα αἱ Ἀθηναίων φυγαί. Καὶ ὅμως οὐκ ἀπείχοντο τοῦ κακοπραγμονεῖν καὶ συκοφαντεῖν.

Α Λ Λ Ω Σ.

Τῆς τῶν Ἀθηναίων πολιτείας τὸ μέγιστον ἦν κλέος αὐτόχθοσι γενέσθαι, καὶ αὕτη φιλοτιμία πρῶτη τὸ μηδέπω μηδεμιᾶς πόλεως φανείσης αὐτὴν πρῶτον ἀναβλαστῆσαι. Ἀλλὰ τῷ χρόνῳ ὑπὸ προεστώτων πονηρῶν καὶ πολιτῶν δυσχερῶν ἀνετέτραπτο, καὶ διωρθοῦτο πάλιν. Ἐπὶ οὖν τοῦ Δεκελικοῦ πολέμου, πονηρῶν τινῶν τὰ πράγματα ἐγχειρισθέντων, ἐπισφαλῆς γέγονεν ἡ παρ' αὐτῶν κατάστασις. Καὶ ἐν μὲν ἄλλοις δράμασι διὰ τῆς κωμωδικῆς ἀδείας ἤλεγχεν Ἀριστοφάνης τοὺς κακῶς πολιτευομένους, φανερώς μὲν οὐδαμῶς, οὐ γὰρ ἐπὶ τούτῳ ἦν, λεληθότως δέ, ὅσον ἀνῆκεν ἀπὸ κωμωδίας προσκρούειν. Ἐν δὲ τοῖς Ὀρνισι καὶ μέγα τι διανενόηται. Ὡς γὰρ ἀδιόρθωτον ἤδη νόσον τῆς πολιτείας νοσοῦσης καὶ διεφθαρμένης ὑπὸ τῶν προεστώτων, ἄλλην τινὰ πολιτείαν αἰνίττεται, ὡσανεὶ συγκεχυμένων τῶν καθεστώτων· οὐ μόνον δὲ τοῦτο, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸ σχῆμα ὅλον καὶ τὴν φύσιν, εἰ δέοι, συμβουλεύει μετατίθεσθαι πρὸς τὸ ἡρεμαίως βιοῦν. Καὶ ἡ μὲν ἀπότασις αὕτη. Τὰ δὲ κατὰ θεῶν βλάσφημα ἐπιτηδεῖως ᾤκονόμηται. Καινῶν γὰρ φησι τὴν πόλιν προσδεῖσθαι θεῶν, ἀφροντιστούντων τῆς κατοικίας Ἀθηνῶν

τῶν ὄντων καὶ παντελῶς ἠλλοτριωκότων αὐτοὺς τῆς χώρας. Ἄλλ' ὁ μὲν καθόλου στίχος τοιοῦτος. Ἐκαστον δὲ τῶν κατὰ μέρος οὐκ εἰκῆ, ἀλλ' ἄντικρυς Ἀθηναίων καὶ τῶν παρ' αὐτοῖς ἐγχειριζομένων τὰ κοινὰ ἐλέγχει τὴν φαύλην διάθεσιν, ἐπιθυμίαν ἐγκατασπείρων τοῖς ἀκούουσιν ἀπαλλαγῆναι τῆς ἐνεστώσης μοχθηρᾶς πολιτείας. Ὑποτίθεται γὰρ περὶ τὸν ἀέρα πόλιν, τῆς γῆς ἀπαλλάσσω· ἀλλὰ καὶ βουλὰς καὶ συνόδους ὄρνιθων, ταῖς Ἀθηναίων δυσχεραίνων. Ἀλλὰ καὶ ὅσα παίζει, ἐπίσκοπον, ἢ ψηφισματογράφον, ἢ τοὺς λοιποὺς εἰσάγων, οὐχ ἀπλῶς, ἀλλὰ γυμνοῖ τὰς πάντων προαιρέσεις, ὡς αἰσχροκερδείας ἕνεκεν χρηματίζονται. Εἶθ' ὕστερον καὶ τὸ θεῖον εἰς ἀπρονοησίαν κωμωδεῖ. Τὰ δὲ ὀνόματα τῶν γερόντων πεποιήται, ὡς εἰ πεποιθοῖη ἕτερος τῷ ἑτέρῳ καὶ ἐλπίζει ἔσεσθαι ἐν βελτίοσι. Τινὲς δὲ φασὶ τὸν ποιητὴν τὰς ἐν ταῖς τραγωδίαις τερατολογίας ἐν μὲν ἄλλοις διελέγχειν, ἐν δὲ τοῖς νῦν τὴν τῆς Γιγαντομαχίας συμπλοκὴν ἔωλον ἀποφαίνων, ὄρνισιν ἔδωκε διαφέρεσθαι πρὸς θεοὺς περὶ τῆς ἀρχῆς.

Ἐπὶ Χαβρίου τὸ δράμα καθῆκεν εἰς ἄστνυ διὰ Καλλιστράτου· εἰς δὲ Λήναια τὸν Ἀμφιάραιον ἐδίδαξε διὰ Φιλωνίδου. Λάβοι δ' ἂν τις τοὺς χρόνους ἐκ τῶν πέρυσι γενομένων ἐπὶ Ἀριστομνήστου τοῦ πρὸ Χαβρίου. Ἀθηναῖοι γὰρ πέμπουσι τὴν Σαλαμινίαν, τὸν Ἀλκιβιάδην μεταστελλόμενοι ἐπὶ κρίσει τῆς τῶν μυστηρίων ἐκμμήσεως. Ὁ δὲ ἄχρι μὲν Θουρίου εἶπετο τοῖς μεθήκουσιν, ἐκεῖθεν δὲ δρασμὸν ποιησάμενος εἰς Πελοπόννησον ἐπεραιώθη. Τῆς δὲ μετακλήσεως μέμνηται καὶ Ἀριστοφάνης, ἀποκρύπτων μὲν τὸ ὄνομα, τὸ δὲ πρᾶγμα δηλῶν ἐν οἷς γέ φησι

Μηδαμῶς

Ἡμῖν παρὰ θάλατταν, ἴν' ἀνακύψεται
Κλητῆρ' ἄγουσ' ἔωθεν ἡ Σαλαμινία.

ΑΡΙΣΤΟΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΟΥ.

Διὰ τὰς δίκας φεύγουσιν Ἀθήνας δύο τινές·
Οἱ πρὸς τὸν ἔποπα, τὸν λεγόμενον Τηρέα,
Ἐλθόντες ἠρώτων ἀπράγμονα πόλιν
Εἰς δ' ὄρνις ἔποπι συμπαρῶν μετὰ πλειόνων
Πτηνῶν διδάσκει, τί δύνατ' ὄρνιθων γένος,
Καὶ πῶς, ἐάν περ κατὰ μέσον τὸν ἀέρα
Πόλιν κτίσωσι, τῶν θεῶν τὰ πράγματα
Αὐτοὶ παραλήψοντ'. Ἐκ δὲ τοῦδε φάρμακον
Πτέρυγας τ' ἐποίουν· ἠξίωσαν δ' οἱ θεοί,
Ἐπίθεσιν οὐ μικρὰν ὄρωντες γενομένην.

ΟΡΝΙΘΕΣ.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ὅρθην κελεύεις, ἢ τὸ δένδρον φαίνεται ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Διαρραγείης · ἦδε δ' αὖ κρώζει πάλιν.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Τί, ὦ πονήρ', ἄνω κάτω πλανύττομεν ;

Ἀπολούμεθ' ἄλλως τὴν ὁδὸν προφορουμένω.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τὸ δ' ἐμὲ κορώνῃ πειθόμενον τὸν ἄθλιον

Ὅδοῦ περιελθεῖν στάδια πλείν ἢ χίλια.

ΕΥΕΛΗΙΔΗΣ.

Τὸ δ' ἐμὲ κολοιῶ πειθόμενον τὸν δύσμορον

Ἀποσποδῆσαι τοὺς ὄνυχας τῶν δακτύλων.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄλλ' οὐδ' ὅπου γῆς ἐσμέν οἶδ' ἔγωγ' ἔτι.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἐντευθενὶ τὴν πατρίδ' ἂν ἐξεύροις σύ που ;

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ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐδ' ἂν μὰ Δία γ' ἐντεῦθεν Ἐξηκεστίδης.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οἴμοι.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Σὺ μὲν, ὦ τᾶν, τὴν ὁδὸν ταύτην ἴθι.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἦ δεινὰ νὼ δέδρακεν οὐκ τῶν ὀρνέων,

Ὁ πινακοπώλης Φιλοκράτης μελαγχολῶν,

Ὃς τῶδ' ἔφασκε νῶν φράσειν τὸν Τηρέα, 15

Τὸν ἔποφ', ὃς ὄρνις ἐγένετ' ἐκ τῶν ὀρνέων.

Καπέδοτο τὸν μὲν Θαῤῥελείδου τουτονὶ

Κολοῖον ὀβολοῦ, τηνδεδὶ τριωβόλου.

Τὸ δ' οὐκ ἄρ' ἦστην οὐδὲν ἄλλο πλὴν δάκνειν.

Καὶ νῦν τί κέχηνας ; ἔσθ' ὅποι κατα τῶν πετρῶν 20

Ἡμᾶς ἔτ' ἄξεις ; οὐ γάρ ἐστ' ἐνταῦθά τις

Ὀδός.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐδὲ μὰ Δί' ἐνταῦθά γ' ἀτραπὸς οὐδαμοῦ.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἦ δ' ἢ κορώνη τῆς ὁδοῦ τι λέγει πέρι ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐ ταῦτὰ κρώζει μὰ Δία νῦν τε καὶ τότε.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Τί δὴ λέγει περὶ τῆς ὁδοῦ ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί δ' ἄλλο γ' ἢ 25

Βρύκουσ' ἀπέδρασθαί φησί μου τοὺς δακτύλους ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οὐ δεινὸν οὖν δῆτ' ἐστὶν ἡμᾶς δεομένους
 Ἐς κόρακας ἔλθειν καὶ παρεσκευασμένους,
 Ἐπειτα μὴ ἔξευρείν δύνασθαι τὴν ὁδόν ;
 Ἡμεῖς γὰρ, ὦνδρες οἱ παρόντες ἐν λόγῳ, 30
 Νόσον νοσοῦμεν τὴν ἐναντίαν Σακᾶ.
 Ὁ μὲν γὰρ ὦν οὐκ ἄστος εἰσβιάζεται,
 Ἡμεῖς δὲ φυλῇ καὶ γένει τιμώμενοι,
 Ἄστοι μετ' ἄστων, οὐ σοβοῦντος οὐδενὸς
 Ἄνεπτομεσθ' ἐκ τῆς πατρίδος ἀμφοῖν ποδοῖν, 35
 Αὐτὴν μὲν οὐ μισοῦντ' ἐκείνην τὴν πόλιν
 Τὸ μὴ οὐ μεγάλην εἶναι φύσει κεῦδαίμονα
 Καὶ πᾶσι κοινὴν ἐναποτίσαι χρήματα.
 Οἱ μὲν γὰρ οὖν τέττιγες ἕνα μῆν' ἢ δύο
 Ἐπὶ τῶν κραδῶν ἄδουσ', Ἀθηναῖοι δ' αἰεὶ 40
 Ἐπὶ τῶν δικῶν ἄδουσι πάντα τὸν βίον.
 Διὰ ταῦτα τόνδε τὸν βῆδον βαδίζομεν,
 Κανοῦν δ' ἔχοντε καὶ χύτραν καὶ μυρρίνας
 Πλανώμεθα ζητοῦντε τόπον ἀπράγμονα,
 Ὅπου καθιδρυθέντε διαγενοίμεθ' ἄν. 45
 Ὁ δὲ στόλος νῶν ἐστὶ παρὰ τὸν Τηρέα
 Τὸν ἔποπα, παρ' ἐκείνου πυθέσθαι δεομένω,
 Εἴ που τοιαύτην εἶδε πόλιν ἢ πέπτατο.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὗτος.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Τί ἔστιν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἡ καρῶνῃ μοι πάλαι

Ἄνω τι φράζει.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Χῶ κολοῖος οὔτοσί

Ἄνω κέχηνεν ὡσπερεὶ δεκνύς τί μοι·

Κοῦκ ἔσθ' ὅπως οὐκ ἔστιν ἐνταῦθ' ὄρνεα.

Εἰσόμεθα δ' αὐτίκ', ἣν ποιήσωμεν ψόφον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἀλλ' οἶσθ' ὃ δράσον ; τῷ σκέλει θένε τὴν πέτραν.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Σὺ δὲ τῇ κεφαλῇ γ', ἔν' ἣ διπλάσιος ὁ ψόφος.

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ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Σὺ δ' οὖν λίθῳ κόψον λαβών.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Πάνυ γ', εἰ δοκεῖ.

Παῖ παῖ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί λέγεις, οὔτος ; τὸν ἔποπα παῖ καλεῖς ;

Οὐκ ἀντὶ τοῦ παιδός σ' ἐχρήν ἐποποῖ καλεῖν ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἐποποῖ. Ποιήσεις τοί με κόπτειν αὐθις αὐ ;

Ἐποποῖ.

ΤΡΟΧΙΛΟΣ.

Τίνες οὔτοι ; τίς ὁ βοῶν τὸν δεσπότην ; 60

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἀπολλοῦ ἀποτρόπαιε, τοῦ χασμήματος.



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ΤΡΟΧΙΛΟΣ.

Οὐκ, ἀλλ' ὅτε περ ὁ δεσπότης
 Ἔποψ' ἐγένετο, τότε γενέσθαι μ' ἠΰξατο
 Ὅρνιν, ἵν' ἀκόλουθον διάκονόν τ' ἔχη.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Δεῖται γὰρ ὄρνις καὶ διακόνου τινός ;

ΤΡΟΧΙΛΟΣ.

Οὗτός γ', ἄτ', οἶμαι, πρότερον ἄνθρωπός ποτ' ὦν, 75
 Τοτὲ μὲν ἐρᾷ φαγεῖν ἀφύας Φαληρικός·
 Τρέχω ἔπι ἀφύας ἐγὼ λαβὼν τὸ τρυβλίον.
 Ἔττους δ' ἐπιθυμῆι, δεῖ τορύνης καὶ χύτρας·
 Τρέχω ἔπι τορύνην.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Τροχίλος ὄρνις οὔτοσί.

Οἶσθ' οὖν ὁ δράσον, ὦ τροχίλε ; τὸν δεσπότην 80
 Ἡμῖν κάλεσον.

ΤΡΟΧΙΛΟΣ.

Ἄλλ' ἀρτίως νῆ τὸν Δία
 Εὔδει καταφαγὼν μύρτα καὶ σέρφους τινάς.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ὅμως ἐπέγειρον αὐτόν.

ΤΡΟΧΙΛΟΣ.

Οἶδα μὲν σαφῶς
 Ὅτι ἀχθέσεται, σφῶν δ' αὐτὸν οὔνεκ' ἐπεγερωῶ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Κακῶς σύ γ' ἀπόλοι', ὥς μ' ἀπέκτεινας δέει. 85

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οἴμοι κακοδαίμων, χῶ κολιός μ' οἴχεται
Ἐπὸ τοῦ δέους.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

᾽Ω δειλότατον σὺ θηρίον,
Δείσας ἀφήκας τὸν κολιόν ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Εἰπέ μοι,
Σὺ δὲ τὴν κορώνην οὐκ ἀφήκας καταπεσών ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μὰ Δί' οὐκ ἔγωγε.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ποῦ γάρ ἐστιν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

᾽Απέπτατο. 90

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οὐκ ἄρ' ἀφήκας ᾧγάθ', ὡς ἀνδρείος εἶ.

ΕΠΟΨ.

᾽Ανοιγε τὴν ὕλην, ἵν' ἐξέλθω ποτέ.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

᾽Ω Ἡράκλεις, τουτὶ τί ποτ' ἐστὶ θηρίον ;
Τίς ἢ πτέρωσις ; Τίς ὁ τρόπος τῆς τριλοφίας ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Τίνες εἰσὶ μ' οἱ ζητοῦντες ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οἱ δώδεκα θεοὶ

95

Εἴξασιν ἐπιτρίψαί σε.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Μῶν με σκώπτετον

‘Ορῶντε τὴν πτέρωσιν ; ἢ γὰρ, ὦ ξένοι,
* Ἀνθρώπος.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οὐ σοῦ καταγελῶμεν.

ΕΠΟΨ.

* Ἀλλὰ τοῦ ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τὸ ράμφος ἡμῖν σου γέλοιον φαίνεται

ΕΠΟΨ.

Τοιαῦτα μεντοὶ Σοφοκλέης λυμαίνεται

100

* Ἐν ταῖς τραγωδίαισιν ἐμὲ τὸν Τηρέα.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Τηρεὺς γὰρ εἶ σύ ; πότερον ὄρνις ἢ ταῶς ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

* Ὀρνις ἔγωγε.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Κατὰ σοὶ ποῦ τὰ πτερά ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

* Ἐξερρύηκε.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Πότερον ὑπὸ νόσου τινος ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Οὐκ, ἀλλὰ τὸν χειμῶνα πάντα τῶρνεα

105

Πτερορρύει τε καὺθις ἕτερα φύομεν.

* Ἀλλ’ εἶπατόν μοι, σφῶ τίν’ ἐστόν ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Νώ ; βροτώ.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ποδαπὸ τὸ γένος δ' ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

"Οθεν αἱ τριήρεις αἱ καλάι.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Μῶν ἡλιαστά ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Μάλλὰ θατέρου τρόπου,

'Απηλιαστά.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Σπείρεται γὰρ τοῦτ' ἐκεῖ

110

Το σπέρμ' ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

'Ολίγον ζητῶν ἂν ἐξ ἀγροῦ λάβοις.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Πράγους δὲ δὴ τοῦ δεομένω δεῦρ' ἤλθετον ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Σοὶ ξυγγενέσθαι βουλομένω.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Τίνος πέρι ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

"Οτι πρῶτα μὲν ἦσθ' ἄνθρωπος, ὥσπερ νώ, ποτέ,

Κὰργύριον ὠφείλησας, ὥσπερ νώ, ποτέ,

115

Κοῦκ ἀποδιδούς ἔχαιρες, ὥσπερ νώ, ποτέ.

Εἶτ' αὐθις ὀρνίθων μεταλλάξας φύσιν,

Καὶ γῆν ἐπεπέτου καὶ θάλατταν ἐν κύκλῳ,
 Καὶ πάνθ' ὅσαπερ ἄνθρωπος ὅσα τ' ὄρνις φρονεῖς·
 Ταῦτ' οὖν ἰκέται νῶ πρὸς σὲ δεῦρ' ἀφίγμεθα,

120

Ἐἴ τινα πόλιν φράσειας ἡμῖν εὔερον,
 Ὡσπερ σισύραν ἐγκατακλινηῖναι μαλθακῆν.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἐπειτα μείζω τῶν Κραναῶν ζητεῖς πόλιν;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Μείζω μὲν οὐδέν, προσφορωτέραν δὲ νῶν.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἄριστοκρατεῖσθαι δῆλος εἶ ζητῶν.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἐγώ;

125

Ἦκιστα· καὶ τὸν Σκελλίου βδελύττομαι.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ποίαν τιν οὖν ἥδιστ' ἂν οἰκοῖτ' ἂν πόλιν;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ὅπου τὰ μέγιστα πράγματ' εἶη τοιαδί·

Ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν μου πρῶ τις ἔλθων τῶν φίλων
 Λέγοι ταδί· πρὸς τοῦ Διὸς τοῦλυμπίου,

130

Ὅπως παρέσει μοι καὶ σὺ καὶ τὰ παιδιά
 Λουσάμενα πρῶ· μέλλω γὰρ ἐστίαν γάμους·
 Καὶ μηδαμῶς ἄλλως ποιήσης· εἰ δὲ μή,
 Μή μοι τότε γ' ἔλθης, ὅταν ἐγὼ πράττω κακῶς.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Νῆ Δία ταλαιπώρων γε πραγμάτων ἐρᾶς.

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Τί δαὶ σύ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τοιούτων ἐρῶ καὶ γῶ.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Τίνων ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

“Οπου ξυναντῶν μοι ταδί τις μέμψεται
 “Ωσπερ ἀδικηθεὶς παιδὸς ὠραίου πατῆρ
 Καλῶς γέ μου τὸν υἱόν, ὦ Στιλβωνίδη,
 Εὐρὼν ἀπιόντ’ ἀπὸ γυμνασίου λελουμένον
 Οὐκ ἔκυσας, οὐ προσείπας, οὐ προσηγάγου,
 Οὐκ ὠρχιπέδησας, ὧν ἐμοὶ πατρικὸς φίλος.

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ΕΠΟΨ.

“Ω δειλακρίων, σὺ τῶν κακῶν οἴων ἐρᾶς.
 “Ατὰρ ἔστι γ’ ὅποιαν λέγετον εὐδαίμων πόλις
 Παρὰ τὴν ἐρυθρὰν θάλατταν.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οἶμοι, μηδαμῶς

145

‘Ημῖν γε παρὰ θάλατταν, ἴν’ ἀνακύψεται
 Κλητῆρ’ ἄγουσ’ ἔωθεν ἢ Σαλαμινία.
 ‘Ελληνικὴν δὲ πόλιν ἔχεις ἡμῖν φράσαι ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Τί οὐ τὸν Ἡλείου Λέπρεον οἰκίζετον
 ‘Ελθόνθ’ ;

ΕΥΕΛΗΙΔΗΣ.

‘Οτιῆ νῆ τοὺς θεοὺς, ὅς οὐκ ἰδὼν
 Βδελύττομαι τὸν Λέπρεον ἀπὸ Μελανθίου.

150

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἄλλ' εἰσὶν ἕτεροι τῆς Δοκρίδος Ὀπουντιοί,
Ἴνα χρῆ κατοικεῖν.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἄλλ' ἔγωγ' Ὀπούντιος
Οὐκ ἂν γενοίμην ἐπὶ ταλάντῳ χρυσίου.
Οὗτος δὲ δὴ τίς ἔσθ' ὁ μετ' ὀρνίθων βίος ; 155
Σὺ γὰρ οἶσθ' ἀκριβῶς.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Οὐκ ἄχαρις ἔς τὴν τριβήν ·
Οὐ πρῶτα μὲν δεῖ ζῆν ἄνευ βαλαντίου.

ΕΥΕΛΗΙΔΗΣ.

Πολλήν γ' ἀφείλες τοῦ βίου κιβδηλίαν.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Νεμόμεσθα δ' ἐν κήποις τὰ λευκὰ σήσαμα
Καὶ μύρτα καὶ μήκωνα καὶ σισύμβρια. 160

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἵμεῖς μὲν ἄρα ζῆτε νυμφίων βίον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Φεῦ φεῦ ·

Ἦ μέγ' ἐνορῶ βούλευμ' ἐν ὀρνίθων γένει,
Καὶ δύναμιν ἢ γένοιτ' ἂν, εἰ πίθοισθέ μοι.

ΕΗΟΨ.

Τί σοι πιθώμεσθ' ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὅτι πίθησθε ; πρῶτα μὲν 165
Μὴ περιπέτεσθε πανταχῇ κεχηνότες ·



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ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Εἶδές τι ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Τὰς νεφέλας γε καὶ τὸν οὐρανόν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐχ οὗτος οὖν δήπου ἔστιν ὀρνίθων πόλος ;

180

ΕΗΟΨ.

Πόλος ; τίνα τρόπον ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὡσπερ εἶποι τις τόπος.

Ἐπιτή δὲ πολεῖται τοῦτο καὶ διέρχεται

Ἐπαντα, διὰ τοῦτό γε καλεῖται νῦν πόλος .

Ἐπὶ δ' οἰκίσθητε τοῦτο καὶ φράξηθ' ἄπαξ,

Ἐκ τοῦ πόλου τούτου κεκλήσεται πόλις.

185

Ὡστ' ἄρξεται ἀνθρώπων μὲν ὥσπερ παρνόπων,

Τοὺς δ' αὖ θεοὺς ἀπολείτε λιμῶ Μηλίφ.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Πῶς ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐν μέσφω δήπουθεν ἀήρ ἐστι γῆς .

Εἶθ' ὥσπερ ἡμεῖς, ἦν ἰέναι βουλώμεθα

Πυθῶδε, Βοιωτοὺς δίοδον αἰτούμεθα,

190

Οὕτως, ὅταν θύσωσιν ἄνθρωποι θεοῖς,

Ἐν μὴ φόρον φέρωσιν ὑμῖν οἱ θεοὶ,

Διὰ τῆς πόλεως τῆς ἀλλοτρίας καὶ τοῦ χάους

Τῶν μηρίων τὴν κνῖσαν οὐ διαφρήσετε.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἴου ἰού·

195

Μὰ γῆν, μὰ παγίδας, μὰ νεφέλας, μὰ δίκτυα,
Μὴ ᾿γὼ νόημα κομψότερον ἤκουσά πω ;
᾿Ωστ' ἂν κατοικίζοιμι μετὰ σοῦ τὴν πόλιν,
Εἰ ξυνδοκοίη τοῖσιν ἄλλοις ὀρνέοις.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τίς ἂν οὖν τὸ πρᾶγμ' αὐτοῖς διηγῆσαιτο ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Σύ.

200

Ἐγὼ γὰρ αὐτοὺς βαρβάρους ὄντας πρὸ τοῦ
Ἐδίδαξα τὴν φωνὴν, ξυνὼν πολὺν χρόνον.

● ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Πῶς δῆτ' ἂν αὐτοὺς ξυγκαλέσειας ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ῥαδίως.

Δευρὶ γὰρ ἐμβὰς αὐτίκα μάλ' ἐς τὴν λόχμην,
Ἐπειτ' ἀνεγείρας τὴν ἐμὴν ἀηδόνα,
Καλοῦμεν αὐτούς· οἱ δὲ νῶν τοῦ φθέγματος
Ἐάνπερ ἐπακούσωσι, θεύσονται δρόμῳ.

205

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

᾿Ω φίλτατ' ὀρνίθων σὺ, μή νυν ἔσταθι·
Ἄλλ' ἀντιβολῶ σ', ἄγ' ὡς τάχιστ' ἐς τὴν λόχμην
Ἐσβαινε κἀνέγειρε τὴν ἀηδόνα.

210

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἄγε σύννομέ μοι, παῦσαι μὲν ἕπνου,
Λῦσον δὲ νόμους ἱερῶν ἕμνων,

Οὓς διὰ θείου στόματος θρηνεῖς,
 Τὸν ἐμὸν καὶ σὸν πολύδακρυν Ἴτυν
 Ἐλελιζομένη διεροῖς μέλεσιν
 Γέννος ξουθῆς ·

215

Καθαρὰ χωρεῖ διὰ φυλλοκόμου
 Μίλακος ἠχῶ πρὸς Διὸς ἔδρας,
 Ἴν' ὁ χρυσοκόμας Φοῖβος ἀκούων
 Τοῖς σοῖς ἐλέγοις ἀντιψάλλων
 Ἐλεφαντόδετον φόρμιγγα, θεῶν
 Ἰστησι χορούς ·

220

Διὰ δ' ἀθανάτων στομάτων χωρεῖ
 Ξύμφωνος ὁμοῦ
 Θεία μακάρων ὀλολυγή.
 (Αὐλεῖ.)

225

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

ὦ Ζεῦ βασιλεῦ, τοῦ φθέγματος τούρνηθίου ·
 Οἶον κατεμελίτωσε τὴν λόχμην ὅλην.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οὗτος.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί ἔστιν ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οὐ σιωπήσει ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί δαί ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οὔποψ μελωδεῖν αὐ παρασκευάζεται.

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ΕΠΟΨ.

Jama, d. iii

- Ἐποποποποποποποποποποποποποιῶ,
 Ἰὼ ἰὼ, ἰτὼ ἰτὼ ἰτὼ ἰτὼ
 Ἰτω τις ὧδε τῶν ἐμῶν ὀμοπτέρων ·
 Ὅσοι τ' εὐσπόρους ἀγροίκων γύας
 Νέμεσθε, φῦλα μυρία κριθοτράγων 235
 Σπερμολόγων τε γένη
 Ταχὺ πετόμενα, μαλθακὴν ἰέντα γῆρυν ·
 Ὅσα τ' ἐν ἄλοκι θαμὰ
 Βῶλον ἀμφιτιπτυβίζεθ' ὧδε λεπτόν
 Ἡδομένα φωνᾶ · 240
 Τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιό ·
 Ὅσα θ' ὑμῶν κατὰ κήπους ἐπὶ κισσοῦ
 Κλάδεσι νομὸν ἔχει,
 Τά τε κατ' ὄρεα, τά τε κοτινοτράγα, τά τε κομαρο-
 φάγα,
 Ἀνύσατε πετόμενα πρὸς ἐμὰν ἀοιδάν · 245
 Τριοτὸ τριοτὸ τοτοβρίξ ·
 Οἷ θ' ἐλείας παρ' αὐλῶνας ὀξυστόμους
 Ἐμπίδας κάπτεθ', ὅσα τ' εὐδρόσους γῆς τόπους
 Ἐχετε λειμῶνά τ' ἐρόεντα Μαραθῶνος,
 Ὀρνις τε πτεροποίκιλος 250
 Ἀτταγᾶς ἀτταγᾶς.
 Ὡν τ' ἐπὶ πόντιον οἶδμα θαλάσσης
 Φῦλα μετ' ἀλκυνόεσσι πτοῦται,
 Δεῦρ' ἴτε πευσόμενοι τὰ νεώτερα,
 Πάντα γὰρ ἐνθάδε φῦλ' ἀθροίζομεν 255

Οἰωνῶν ταναοδείρων.

Ἦκει γάρ τις δριμύς πρέσβυς,

Καινὸς γνώμην,

Καινῶν ἔργων τ' ἐγχειρητής.

Ἄλλ' ἴτ' ἐς λόγους ἅπαντα,

260

Δεῦρο δεῦρο δεῦρο δεῦρο.

Τοροτοροτοροτοροτίξ.

Κικκαβαῦ κικκαβαῦ.

Τοροτοροτοροτορολιλιλίξ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὅρᾶς τιν' ὄρνιν ;

ΕΥΕΛΗΙΔΗΣ.

Μὰ τὸν Ἀπόλλω ἄγὼ μὲν οὐ· 265

Καίτοι κέχηνά γ' εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν βλέπων.

Ἄλλως ἄρ' οὐποψ, ὡς ἔοικ', ἐς τὴν λόχμην

Ἐμβὰς ἐπῶζε, χαραδριὸν μιμούμενος.

ΦΟΙΝΙΚΟΠΤΕΡΟΣ.

Τοροτίξ τοροτίξ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὁγάθ', ἀλλὰ χούτοσὶ καὶ δὴ τις ὄρνις ἔρχεται. 270

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Νὴ Δί' ὄρνις δῆτα. Τίς ποτ' ἐστίν.; Οὐ δῆπου ταῶς ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὗτος αὐτὸς νῶν φράσει· τίς ἐστιν ὄρνις οὕτοσί ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Οὗτος οὐ τῶν ἠθάδων τῶνδ' ὧν ὀράθ' ὑμεῖς αἰί,

Ἄλλὰ λιμναῖος.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Βαβαί, καλός γε καὶ φοινικιούς.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Εἰκότως · καὶ γὰρ ὄνομ' αὐτῷ γ' ἐστὶ φοινικόπτερος. 275

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οὔτος, ὦ σέ τοι.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί βωστρεῖς ;

ΕΥΕΛΗΙΔΗΣ.

Ἄλλος ὄρνις οὔτοςί.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Νῆ Δί' ἄλλος δῆτα χούτος ἔξεδρον χώραν ἔχων.

Τίς ποτ' ἔσθ' ὁ μουσόμαντις ἄτοπος ὄρνις ὀριβάτης ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἄλλος τούτῳ Μῆδος ἐστὶ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μῆδος ; Ἄλλος Ἡράκλειος ·

Εἶτα πῶς ἄνευ καμήλου Μῆδος ὦν εἰσέπτατο ; 280

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἄλλος αὖ λόφον κατειληφώς τις ὄρνις οὔτοςί.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

*Τί τὸ τέρας τουτί ποτ' ἐστίν ; Οὐ σὺ μόνος ἄρ' ἦσθ
ἔποψ,*

Ἄλλος χούτος ἄλλος ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἄλλος οὔτος μὲν ἐστὶ Φιλοκλέους

Ἐξ ἔποπος, ἐγὼ δὲ τούτου πάππος, ὥσπερ εἰ λέγοις

Ἰππόνικος Καλλίου καὶ Ἰππονίκου Καλλίας.

285

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Καλλίας ἄρ' οὗτος οὔρνις ἐστίν· ὡς πτερορῥυεῖ.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἄτε γὰρ ὧν γενναῖος ὑπὸ τῶν συκοφαντῶν τίλλεται,
Αἴ τε θήλεια προσεκτίλλουσιν αὐτοῦ τὰ πτερά.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

᾽Ω Πόσειδον, ἕτερος αὖ τις βάπτὸς ὄρνις οὔτοσί.
Τίς ὀνομάζεται ποθ' οὗτος;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Οὔτοσὶ κατωφαγᾶς. 290

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἔστι γὰρ κατωφαγᾶς τις ἄλλος ἢ Κλεώνυμος;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Πῶς ἂν οὖν Κλεώνυμός γ' ὧν οὐκ ἀπέβαλε τὸν λόφον;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄλλὰ μέντοι τίς ποθ' ἢ λόφωσις ἢ τῶν ὀρνέων;

Ἡ ἔπι τὸν διάυλον ἦλθον;

ΕΠΟΨ.

᾽Ωσπερ οἱ Κᾶρες μὲν οὖν

Ἐπὶ λόφων οἰκοῦσιν, ὠγάθ', ἀσφαλείας οὔνεκα.

295

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

᾽Ω Πόσειδον, οὐχ ὀρᾶς ὅσον συνείλεκται κακὸν

Ἵρνέων;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

᾽Ωναξ ἄπολλον τοῦ νέφους. Ἴου ἰού.

Οὐδ' ἰδεῖν ἔτ' ἔσθ' ὑπ' αὐτῶν πετομένων τὴν εἴσοδον.



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ΕΠΟΥ.

Καὶ δεδρακώς γ' ἤδομαι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Κάστὸν ἤδη που παρ' ἡμῖν ;

ΕΠΟΥ.

Εἰ παρ' ὑμῖν εἶμ' ἐγώ.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Στροφή.

Ἔα ἔα,

325

Προδεδόμεθ' ἀνόσιά τ' ἐπάθομεν ·

Ὃς γὰρ φίλος ἦν, ὁμότροφά θ' ἡμῖν

Ἐνέμετο πεδία παρ' ἡμῖν,

Παρέβη μὲν θεσμούς ἀρχαίους,

Παρέβη δ' ὄρκους ὀρνίθων ·

330

Ἔς δὲ δόλον ἐκάλεσε, παρέβαλέ τ' ἐμὲ παρὰ

Γένος ἀνόσιον, ὅπερ ἐξότ' ἐγένετ' ἐπ' ἐμοῖ

Πολέμιον ἐτράφη.

Ἄλλὰ πρὸς τοῦτον μὲν ἡμῖν ἔστιν ὕστερος λόγος ·

Τὸ δὲ πρεσβύτα δοκεῖ μοι τώδε δοῦναι τὴν δίκην

335

Διαφορηθῆναί θ' ὑφ' ἡμῶν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὡς ἀπωλόμεσθ' ἄρα.

ΕΥΕΛΗΙΔΗΣ.

Αἴτιος μέντοι σὺ νῶν εἶ τῶν κακῶν τούτων μόνος.

Ἐπὶ τί γάρ μ' ἐκείθεν ἤγες ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἴν' ἀκολουθοίης ἐμοί.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἴνα μὲν οὖν κλάοιμι μεγάλα.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τοῦτο μὲν ληρεῖς ἔχων
 Κάρτα· πῶς κλαυσεῖ γὰρ, ἦν ἄπαξ γε τῷφθαλμῶ
 ἄκκοπῆς ; 340

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Ἀντιστροφή.

Ἴὼ ἰώ,

Ἐπαγ', ἔπιθ', ἐπίφερε πολέμιον

Ὀρμὰν φονίαν, πτέρυγά τε παντᾶ

Περίβαλε περί τε κύκλωσαι·

Ὡς δεῖ τῶδ' οἰμώζειν ἄμφω 345

Καὶ δοῦναι ῥύγχει φορβάν.

Οὔτε γὰρ ὄρος σκιερὸν οὔτε νέφος αἰθέριον

Οὔτε πολὺν πέλαγος ἔστιν ὃ τι δέξεται

Τῶδ' ἀποφυγόντε με.

Ἀλλὰ μὴ μέλλωμεν ἤδη τώδε τίλλειν καὶ δάκνειν. 350

Ποῦ 'σθ' ὁ ταξίαρχος ; Ἐπαγέτω τὸ δεξιὸν κέρας.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Τοῦτ' ἐκείνο· ποῖ φύγω δύστηνος ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὔτος, οὐ μενεῖς ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἴν' ὑπὸ τούτων διαφορηθῶ ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Πῶς γὰρ ἂν τούτους δοκεῖς

Ἐκφυγεῖν ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οὐκ οἶδ' ὅπως ἄν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄλλ' ἐγὼ τοί σοι λέγω·

Ἐπιμένοντε δεῖ μάχεσθαι λαμβάνειν τε τῶν χυτρῶν. 355

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Τί δὲ χύτρα νῶ γ' ὠφελήσει;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Γλαῦξ μὲν οὐ πρόσεισι νῶν.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Τοῖς δὲ γαμφώνυξι τοισδί;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τὸν ὀβελίσκον ἀρπάσας

εἶτα κατάπηξον πρὸς αἰτίαν.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Τοῖσι δ' ὀφθαλμοῖσι τί;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὁξύβαφον ἐντευθενὶ πρόσθου λαβὼν ἢ τρυβλίον.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

ὦ σοφώτατ', εὖ γ' ἀνεῦρες αὐτὸ καὶ στρατηγικῶς · 360

Ἐπερακοντίζεις σύ γ' ἤδη Νικίαν ταῖς μηχαναῖς.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Ἐλελελεῦ, χῶρει, κάθες τὸ ρύγχος · οὐ μένειν ἐχρήν.

Ἐλκε, τίλλε, παῖε, δεῖρε, κόπτε πρώτην τὴν χύτραν.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Εἰπέ μοι τί μέλλετ', ὦ πάντων κάκιστα θηρίων,

Ἀπολέσαι, παθόντες οὐδὲν, ἄνδρε καὶ διασπάσαι 365

Τῆς ἐμῆς γυναικὸς ὄντε ξυγγενῇ καὶ φυλέτα ;

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Φεισόμεσθα γὰρ τί τῶνδε μᾶλλον ἡμεῖς ἢ λύκων ;
Ἢ τίνας τισαίμεθ' ἄλλους τῶνδ' ἂν ἐχθίους ἔτι ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Εἰ δὲ τὴν φύσιν μὲν ἐχθροὶ, τὸν δὲ νοῦν εἰσιν φίλοι,
Καὶ διδάξοντές τι δεῦρ' ἤκουσιν ὑμᾶς χρήσιμον ; 370

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Πῶς δ' ἂν οἶδ' ἡμᾶς τι χρήσιμον διδάξειάν ποτε,
Ἢ φράσειαν, ὄντες ἐχθροὶ τοῖσι πάπποις τοῖς ἐμοῖς ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἄλλ' ἀπ' ἐχθρῶν δῆτα πολλὰ μαθάνουσιν οἱ σοφοί.
Ἢ γὰρ ^{εὐλαβία} εὐλάβεια σώζει πάντα. Παρὰ μὲν οὖν φίλου
Οὐ μάθοις ἂν τοῦθ', ὁ δ' ἐχθρὸς εὐθὺς ἐξηνάγκασεν. 375
Αὐτίχ' αἱ πόλεις παρ' ἀνδρῶν γ' ἔμαθον ἐχθρῶν κοῦ
φίλων

Ἐκ ^{πο}νεῖν θ' ὑψηλὰ τείχη ναῦς τε κεκτῆσθαι μακράς.
Τὸ δὲ μάθημα τοῦτο σώζει παῖδας, οἶκον, χρήματα.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Ἔστι μὲν λόγων ἀκούσαι πρῶτον, ὡς ἡμῖν δοκεῖ,
Χρήσιμον· μάθοι γὰρ ἂν τις κάπο τῶν ἐχθρῶν σο-
φόν. 380

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οἶδε τῆς ὀργῆς χαλᾶν εἴξασιν. Ἄναγ' ἐπὶ σκέλος.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Καὶ δίκαιόν γ' ἐστὶ, κάμοι δεῖ νέμειν ὑμᾶς χάριν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Ἄλλὰ μὴν οὐδ' ἄλλο σοί πω πράγμ' ἐνηντιώμεθα.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μᾶλλον εἰρήνην ἄγουσιν ἡμῖν · ὥστε τὴν χύτραν

Τὼ τε ^{εὐφρο} τρυβλίῳ καθίει ·

385

Καὶ τὸ δόρυ χρῆ, τὸν ὀβελίσκον,

Περιπατεῖν ἔχοντας ἡμᾶς

Τῶν ὄπλων ἐντὸς, παρ' αὐτὴν

Τὴν χύτραν ἄκραν ὀρώντας

Ἐγγύς · ὡς οὐ φευκτέον νῶν.

390

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἐτεόν, ἦν δ' ἄρ' ἀποθάνωμεν,

Κατορυχησόμεσθα ποῦ γῆς ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὁ Κεραμεικὸς δέξεται νῶ.

Δημόσια γὰρ ἵνα ταφῶμεν,

Φήσομεν πρὸς τοὺς στρατηγούς

395

Μαχομένῳ τοῖς πολεμίοισιν

Ἀποθανεῖν ἐν Ὀρνεαῖς.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Ἄναγ' ἐς τάξιν πάλιν ἐς ταυτὸν,

Καὶ τὸν θυμὸν κατάθου κύψας

Παρὰ τὴν ὀργὴν ὥσπερ ὀπλίτης ·

400

Κάναπυθώμεθα τούσδε, τίνες ποτὲ,

Καὶ πόθεν ἔμολον,

Ἐπὶ τίνα τ' ἐπίνοιαν.

Ἴὼ ἔποψ, σέ τοι καλῶ.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Καλεῖς δὲ τοῦ κλύειν θέλων ;

405

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Τίνες ποθ' οἶδε καὶ πόθεν ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἔένω σοφῆς ἀφ' Ἑλλάδος.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Τύχη δὲ ποία κομί-
ζει ποτ' αὐτὸ πρὸς ὄρ-
νιθας ἐλθεῖν ;

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἔρωσ

410

Βίου διαίτης τε καὶ
Σοῦ ξυνοικεῖν τέ σοι
Καὶ ξυνεῖναι τὸ πᾶν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Τί φῆς ;

Δ Δέγουσι δὲ δὴ τίνας λόγους ;

415

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἄπιστα καὶ πέρα κλύειν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

ἽΟρᾶ τι κέρδος ἐνθάδ' ἄξιον μονῆς,
ἽΟτῶ πέποιθέ μοι ξυνὼν
Κρατεῖν ἂν ἢ τὸν ἐχθρὸν ἢ
Φίλοιπιν ὠφελεῖν ἔχειν ;

420

ΕΠΟΨ.

Λέγει μέγαν τιν' ὄλβον οὔ-
τε λεκτὸν οὔτε πιστὸν, ὡς
Σὰ ταῦτα πάντα καὶ



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ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Οὐ τί που

Τόν ; Οὐδαμῶς.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκ, ἀλλὰ τῷφθαλμῷ λέγω.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Διατίθεμαι ἄγώ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Κατόμοσόν νυν ταῦτά μοι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

ἽΟμνυμ' ἐπὶ τούτοις πᾶσι νικᾶν τοῖς κριταῖς
Καὶ τοῖς θεαταῖς πᾶσιν.

445

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

ἽΕσται ταυταγί.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Εἰ δὲ παραβαίην, ἐνὶ κριτῇ νικᾶν μόνον.

ΚΗΡΥΞ.

ἽΑκούετε λεῶ · τοὺς ὀπλίτας νυνμενὶ
ἽΑνελομένους θῶπλ' ἀπιέναι πάλιν οἴκαδε,
Σκοπεῖν δ' ὅ τι ἂν προγράψωμεν ἐν τοῖς πινακίοις.

450

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Στροφή.

Δολερὸν μὲν αἰεὶ κατὰ πάντα δὴ τρόπον
Πέφυκεν ἄνθρωπος · σὺ δ' ὅμως λέγε μοι.
Τάχα γὰρ τύχοις ἂν
Χρηστὸν ἐξειπὼν ὅ τι μοι παροράς, ἢ
Δύναμίν τινα μείζω

Παραλειπομένην ὑπ' ἐμῆς φρενὸς ἀξυνέτου·

Σὺ δὲ τοῦθ' ὀρᾶς. Δέγ' εἰς κοινόν.

Ὅ γὰρ ἂν σὺ τύχης μοι

Ἀγαθὸν πορίσας, τοῦτο κοινὸν ἔσται.

Ἄλλ' ἐφ' ὅτῳ περ πράγματι τὴν σὴν ἤκεις γνώμην
ἀναπείσας, 460

Δέγε θαρρήσας· ὡς τὰς σπονδὰς οὐ μὴ πρότερον παρα-
βῶμεν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Καὶ μὴν ὀργῶ νῆ τὸν Δία καὶ προπεφύραται λόγος εἰς
μοι,

Ὅν διαμάπτειν οὐ κωλύει· φέρε παῖ στέφανον· κατα-
χεῖσθαι

Κατὰ χειρὸς ὕδωρ φερέτω ταχύ τις.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Δειπνήσειν μέλλομεν, ἦ τί ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μὰ Δί', ἀλλὰ λέγειν ζητῶ τι πάλαι μέγα καὶ λαρινὸν
ἔπος τι, 465

Ὅ τι τὴν τούτων θραύσει ψυχὴν· οὕτως ὑμῶν ὑπερ-
αλγῶ,

Οἵτινες ὄντες πρότερον βασιλῆς

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Ἡμεῖς βασιλῆς ; Τίνος ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἡμεῖς

Πάντων ὅπόσ' ἔστιν, ἐμοῦ πρώτον, τουδί, καὶ τοῦ Διὸς
αὐτοῦ,

Ἄρχαιότεροι πρότεροί τε Κρόνου καὶ Τιτάνων ἐγένεσθε
Καὶ γῆς.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Καὶ γῆς ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Νῆ τὸν Ἀπόλλω.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Τουτὶ μὰ Δί' οὐκ ἐπεπύσμη. 470

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄμαθῆς γὰρ ἔφυς κού πολυπράγμων, οὐδ' Αἴσωπον
^{οὐρανῶν}
πεπύστηκας,

Ὅς ἔφασκε λέγων ^{εὐλαίη} κορυδοῦ πάντων πρώτην ὄρνιθα
γενέσθαι,

Προτέραν τῆς γῆς, ἔπειτα νόσφ' τὸν πατέρ' αὐτῆς
ἀποθνήσκειν·

Γῆν δ' οὐκ εἶναι, τὸν δὲ προκείσθαι πεμπταῖον· τὴν δ'
ἀποροῦσαν

Ἐπ' ἀμηχανίας τὸν πατέρ' αὐτῆς ἐν τῇ κεφαλῇ κατο-
ρύξαι. 475

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ὁ πατήρ ἄρα τῆς κορυδοῦ νυνὶ κείται τεθνεὼς Κεφα-
λήσιν.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Οὐκουν δῆτ' εἰ πρότεροι μὲν γῆς, πρότεροι δὲ θεῶν
ἐγένοντο,

Ὡς πρεσβυτάτων αὐτῶν ὄντων ὀρθῶς ἔσθ' ἡ βασιλεία ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Νῆ τὸν Ἀπόλλω · πάνυ τοίνυν ^{μακαρῶ} χρὴ ρύγχος βόσκειν σε
τὸ λοιπόν ·

Οὐκ ἀποδώσει ταχέως ὁ Ζεὺς τὸ σκῆπτρον τῷ ^{ὠνελ θεοῦ} δρυκο-
λάπτῃ. 480

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὡς οὐχὶ θεοὶ τοίνυν ἤρχον τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὸ παλαιόν,
'Αλλ' ὄρνιθες, καὶ βασίλευον, πόλλ' ἐστὶ τεκμήρια τούτων.
Αὐτίκα δ' ὑμῖν πρῶτ' ἐπιδείξω τὸν ἀλεκτρυόν', ὡς ἐτυ-
ράννει

Ἡρχέ τε Περσῶν πρῶτον πάντων, Δαρείου καὶ Μεγα-
βάζου,

Ὡστε καλεῖται Περσικὸς ὄρνις ἀπὸ τῆς ἀρχῆς ἔτ'
ἐκείνης. 485

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Διὰ ταῦτ' ἄρ' ἔχων καὶ νῦν ὥσπερ βασιλεὺς ὁ μέγας
διαβάσκει

Ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς τὴν κυρβασίαν τῶν ὀρνίθων μόνος
ὀρθήν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὔτω δ' ἰσχυέ τε καὶ μέγας ἦν τότε καὶ πολὺς, ὥστ'
ἔτι καὶ νῦν

Ἐπὸ τῆς ῥώμης τῆς τότε ἐκείνης, ὅποταν μόνον ὄρθριον
ἄσῃ,

Ἀναπηδῶσιν πάντες ἐπ' ἔργον, χαλκῆς, ^{κόλλει} κεραμῆς, σκυ-
λοδέψαι, 490

hai makros *barber* *barber* *lyre turner* *shikéi-*
 Σικυτῆς, Βαλανῆς, ἀλφिताμοιβοί, *make* *make*
 τορνευτολυρασπιδό-
 πηγοί.

Οἱ δὲ βαδίζουσ' ὑποδησάμενοι νύκτωρ.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἐμὲ τοῦτό γ' ἐρώτα.

Χλαῖναν γὰρ ἀπόλεσ' ὁ μοχθηρὸς Φρυγίων ἐρίων διὰ
 τοῦτον.

Ἐς δεκάτην γάρ ποτε παιδαρίου κληθεὶς ὑπέπινον ἐν
 ἄστει,

Κάρτι καθεῦδον· καὶ πρὶν δειπνεῖν τοὺς ἄλλους, οὗτος
 ἄρ' ἦσε,

495

Καγὼ νομίσας ὄρθρον ἐχώρουν Ἀλιμουῦντάδε, κάρτι
 προκύπτω

Ἐξω τείχους, καὶ λωποδύτης παίει ροπάλῳ με τὸ
 νῶτον·

Καγὼ πίπτω, μέλλω τε βοᾶν· ὁ δ' ἀπέβλισε θοῖμά-
 τιόν μου.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἴκτινος δ' οὖν τῶν Ἑλλήνων ἦρχεν τότε κἀβασίλευε.

ΕΗΟΨ.

Τῶν Ἑλλήνων ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Καὶ κατέδειξέν γ' οὗτος πρῶτος βασιλεύων 500
 Προκυλινδεῖσθαι τοῖς Ἴκτινοῖς.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Νῆ τὸν Διόνυσον, ἐγὼ γοῦν

Ἐκυλινδούμην Ἴκτινον ἰδῶν· κᾶθ' ὑπτίος ὦν ἀναχάσκων

Ὀβολὸν κατεβρόχθισα · κᾶτα κενὸν τὸν θύλακον οἴκαδ'
ἀφείλκον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Αἰγύπτου δ' αὖ καὶ Φοινίκης πάσης κόκκυξ βασιλεὺς ἦν ·
Χῶπόθ' ὁ κόκκυξ εἶποι κόκκυ, τότε γ' οἱ Φοίνικες

Τοὺς ^{wh. sat} πύρους ^{ἀπαντες} ἂν καὶ τὰς ^{fr. leaf} κριθὰς ἐν τοῖς πεδίοις ἐθέριζον. 505

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Τοῦτ' ἄρ' ἐκεῖν' ἦν τοῦπος ἀληθῶς · κόκκυ, ψωλοὶ πε-
δίονδε.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἦρχον δ' οὕτω σφόδρα τὴν ἀρχήν, ὥστ' εἴ τις καὶ
βασιλεύοι

Ἐν ταῖς πόλεσιν τῶν Ἑλλήνων, Ἀγαμέμνων ἢ Μενέ-
λαος,

Ἐπὶ τῶν σκῆπτρων ἐκάθητ' ὄρνις, μετέχων ὃ τι δῶρο-
δοκοίη. 510

ΕΥΕΛΗΙΔΗΣ.

Τουτὶ τοίνυν οὐκ ἤδη ἔγω · καὶ δῆτά μ' ἐλάβανε θαῦμα,
Ὅπότ' ἐξέλθοι Πρίαμός τις ἔχων ὄρνιν ἐν τοῖσι τραγυ-
δοῖς ·

Ὁ δ' ἄρ' εἰστήκει τὸν Δυσικράτη ^{match} τηρῶν ὃ τι δωροδο-
κοίη.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὁ δὲ δεινότατόν γ' ἐστὶν ἀπάντων, ὁ Ζεὺς γὰρ ὁ νῦν
βασιλεύων

Ἄετὸν ὄρνιν ἔστηκεν ἔχων ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς, βασιλεὺς
ῶν · 515

Ἡ δ' αὖ θυγάτηρ γλαῦχ', ὁ δ' Ἀπολλων ὡς περ θερά-
πων ^{ἐκ αὐτῆ} ἱέρακα.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Νῆ τὴν Δήμητρ' εὖ ταῦτα λέγεις. Τίνος οὖνεκα ταῦτ'
ἄρ' ἔχουσιν;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἰν' ὅταν θύων τις ἔπειτ' αὐτοῖς εἰς τὴν χεῖρ', ὡς νόμος
ἐστί,

Τὰ σπλάγχνα διδῶ, τοῦ Διὸς αὐτοὶ πρότεροι τὰ
σπλάγχνα λάβωσιν.

Ἄμνυ τ' οὐδεὶς τότε ἂν ἀνθρώπων θεόν, ἀλλ' ὄρνιθας
ἅπαντες. 520

Δάμπων δ' ὄμνυσ' ἔτι καὶ νυνὶ τὸν χῆν', ὅταν ἔξα-
πατᾶ τι.

Οὕτως ὑμᾶς πάντες πρότερον μεγάλους ἀγίους τ' ἐνό-
μιζον,

Νῦν δ' ἀνδρῆποδ', ἡλιθίους, Μανᾶς.

Ὡς περ δ' ἤδη τοὺς μαινομένους

Βάλλουσ' ὑμᾶς, καὶ τοῖς ἱεροῖς 525

Πᾶς τις ἐφ' ὑμῖν ὀρνιθευτῆς

Ἰστησι βρόχους, παγίδας, ῥάβδους,

Ἐρκη, νεφέλας, δίκτυα, πηκτάς.

Εἶτα λαβόντες πωλοῦσ' ἀθρόους.

Οἱ δ' ὠνοῦνται βλιμάζοντες. 530

Κοῦδ' οὖν, εἴπερ ταῦτα δοκεῖ δρᾶν,

Ὀπτησάμενοι παρέθενθ' ὑμᾶς,

Ἀλλ' ἐπικνῶσιν τυρόν, ἔλαιον,



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ΕΠΟΨ.

ὦ Κεβρίονα καὶ Πορφυρίων, ὡς σμερδαλέον τὸ πό-
λισμα.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Κᾶπειτ' ἦν τοῦτ' ἐπανεστήκη, τὴν ἀρχὴν τὸν Δί' ἀπαι-
τεῖν·

Κὰν μὲν μὴ φῆ μηδ' ἐβελήση μηδ' εὐθύς γνωσιμα-
χήση, 555

Ἰερὸν πόλεμον πρωδᾶν αὐτῶ, καὶ τοῖσι θεοῖσιν ἀπει-
πεῖν

Διὰ τῆς χώρας τῆς ὑμετέρας ἐστυκόσι μὴ διαφοιτᾶν,

Ὡσπερ πρότερον μοιχεύσοντες τὰς Ἀλκμήνας κατέ-
βαινον

Καὶ τὰς Ἀλόπας καὶ τὰς Σεμέλας· ἦνπερ δ' ἐπίωσ',
ἐπιβάλλειν

Σφραγίδ' αὐτοῖς ἐπὶ τὴν ψωλῆν, ἵνα μὴ βινῶσ' ἔτ'
ἐκείνας. 560

Τοῖς δ' ἀνθρώποις ὄρνιν ἕτερον πέμψαι κήρυκα κελεύω,

Ὡς ὀρνίθων βασιλευόντων θύειν ὄρνισι τὸ λοιπόν·

Κᾶπειτα θεοῖς ὕστερον αὐθις· προσνείμασθαι δὲ πρε-
πόντως

Τοῖσι θεοῖσιν τῶν ὀρνίθων δὲ ἂν ἀρμόζῃ καθ' ἕκαστον·

Ἦν Ἀφροδίτῃ θύῃ, πυροῦς ὄρνιθι φαληρίδι θύειν· 565

Ἦν δὲ Ποσειδῶνί τις οἶν θύῃ, ὑήττη πυροῦς καθαγίζειν·

Ἦν δ' Ἑρακλέει θύῃ τις βοῦν, λάρῳ ναστοῦς μελι-
τούττας·

Κὰν Διὶ θύῃ βασιλεῖ κριόν, βασιλεύς ἐστ' ὄρχιλος ὄρνις,

ὦτι προτέρω δει τοῦ Διὸς αὐτοῦ σέρφον ἐνόρχην σφα-
γιαίνει.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἦσθην σέρφω σφαιαζομένω. Βροντάτω νῦν ὁ μέγας
Ζάν.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Καὶ πῶς ἡμᾶς νομοῦσι θεοὺς ἄνθρωποι κούχι κολοίους,
Οἳ πετόμεσθα πτέρυγας τ' ἔχομεν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Δηρεῖς · καὶ νῆ Δί' ὃ γ' Ἑρμῆς
Πέτεται θεὸς ὦν πτέρυγας τε φορεῖ, κάλλοι γε θεοὶ
πάνυ πολλοί.

Αὐτίκα Νίκη πέτεται πτερύγοιν χρυσαῖν, καὶ νῆ Δί'
Ἔρωσ γε ·

Ἴριν δέ γ' Ὀμηρος ἔφασκε' ἰκέλην εἶναι τρήρωνι πε-
λείη.

575

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ὁ Ζεὺς δ' ἡμῖν οὐ βροντήσας πέμπει πτερόεντα κε-
ραυνόν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἦν δ' οὖν ὑμᾶς μὲν ὑπ' ἀγνοίας εἶναι νομίσωσι τὸ
μηδέν,

Τούτους δὲ θεοὺς τοὺς ἐν Ὀλύμπῳ, τότε χρῆ στρουθῶν
νέφος ἄρθεν

Καὶ σπερμολόγων ἐκ τῶν ἀγρῶν τὸ σπέρμ' αὐτῶν ἀνα-
κάψαι ·

Κάπειτ' αὐτοῖς ἢ Δημήτηρ πυροὺς πεινώσι μετρέϊτω. 580

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Οὐκ ἐθελήσει μὰ Δί', ἀλλ' ὄψει προφάσεις αὐτὴν πα-
ρέχουσαν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οἱ δ' αὖ κόρακες τῶν ζευγαρίων, οἷσιν τὴν γῆν κατα-
ροῦσιν,

Καὶ τῶν προβάτων τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς ἐκκοψάντων ἐπὶ
πεῖρα·

Εἶθ' ὃ γ' Ἀπόλλων ἰατρός γ' ὦν ἰάσθω· μισθοφορεῖ δέ.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Μή, πρὶν γ' ἂν ἐγὼ τὸ βοιδαρίω τῶ μὲν πρώτιστ' ἀπο-
δῶμαι.

585

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἦν δ' ἠγῶνται σὲ θεόν, σὲ βίον, σὲ δὲ Γῆν, σὲ Κρόνον,
σὲ Ποσειδῶ,

Ἀγάθ' αὐτοῖσιν πάντα παρέσται.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Λέγε δή μοι τῶν ἀγαθῶν ἓν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Πρῶτα μὲν αὐτῶν τὰς οἰνάνθας οἱ πάρνοπες οὐ κατέ-
δονται,

Ἀλλὰ γλαυκῶν ^{σικκῶν} λόχος εἰς αὐτοὺς καὶ κερχνηδῶν ἐπι-
τρίψει.

Εἶθ' οἱ ^{σικκῶν} κνίπες καὶ ^{καλλῶν} ψῆνες αἰεὶ τὰς συκᾶς οὐ κατέδου-
ται,

590

Ἀλλ' ἀναλέξει πάντας καθαρῶς αὐτοὺς ἀγέλη μία
κιχλῶν.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Πλουτεῖν δὲ πόθεν δώσομεν αὐτοῖς ; καὶ γὰρ τούτου
σφόδρ' ἐρώσι.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τὰ μέταλλ' αὐτοῖς μαντευομένοις οὔτοι δώσουσι τὰ
χρηστὰ

Τὰς τ' ἐμπορίας τὰς κερδαλέας πρὸς τὸν μάντιν κατε-
ροῦσιν,

Ὅστ' ἀπολείται τῶν ναυκλήρων οὐδεῖς.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Πῶς οὐκ ἀπολείται ; 595

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Προερεῖ τις ἀεὶ τῶν ὀρνίθων μαντευομένῳ περὶ τοῦ
πλοῦ·

Νυνὶ μὴ πλεῖ, χειμῶν ἔσται· νυνὶ πλεῖ, κέρδος ἐπέσται.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Γαῦλον κτώμαι καὶ ναυκληρῶ, κούκ ἂν μείναιμι παρ'
ὑμῖν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τοὺς θησαυρούς τ' αὐτοῖς δείξουσ' οὓς οἱ πρότερον κα-
τέθεντο

Τῶν ἀργυρίων· οὔτοι γὰρ ἴσασι· λέγουσι δέ τοι τάδε
πάντες, 600

Οὐδεῖς οἶδεν τὸν θησαυρὸν τὸν ἐμὸν ἢ πλὴν εἴ τις ἄρ'
ὄρνις.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Πωλῶ γαῦλον, κτώμαι σμινύην, καὶ τὰς ὑδρίας ἀνο-
ρύττω.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Πῶς δ' ὑγίειαν δώσουσ' αὐτοῖς, οὔσαν παρὰ τοῖσι
θεοῖσιν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἦν εὖ πράττωσ', οὐχ ὑγιεία μεγάλη τοῦτ' ἐστί ; σάφ'
ἴσθι,

Ὡς ἄνθρωπός γε κακῶς πράττων ἀτεχνῶς οὐδεὶς ὑγιαί-
νει.

605

ΕΠΟΨ.

Πῶς δ' εἰς γῆράς ποτ' ἀφίξονται ; Καὶ γὰρ τοῦτ' ἐστ'
ἐν Ὀλύμπῳ .

Ἦ παιδάρι' ὄντ' ἀποθνήσκειν δεῖ ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μὰ Δί', ἀλλὰ τριακόσι' αὐτοῖς

Ἔτι προσθήσουσ' ὄρνιθες ἔτη.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Παρὰ ^{ὡς αὐτὸ} τοῦ ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Παρὰ τοῦ ; Παρ' ἑαυτῶν.

Οὐκ οἶσθ' ὅτι πέντ' ἀνδρῶν γενεὰς ζῶει ^{καὶ τὴν} λακέρυζα κο-
ρώνη ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Αἰβοῖ, ὡς πολλῶ κρείττους οὔτοι τοῦ Διὸς ἡμῖν βασι-
λεύειν.

610

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐ γὰρ πολλῶ ;

Καὶ πρῶτα μὲν οὐχὶ νεὸς ἡμᾶς

Οἰκοδομεῖν δεῖ λιθίνοὺς αὐτοῖς,
 Οὐδὲ θυρῶσαι χρυσαῖσι θύραις,
 Ἄλλ' ὑπὸ ^{ἐπιπέλας} θάμνοισι καὶ ^{κορινθιαῖς} πρινιδοῖσι
 Οἰκήσουσιν. Τοῖς δ' αὖ σεμνοῖς
 Τῶν ὀρνίθων δένδρον ἐλάας
 Ὅ νεὸς ἔσται· κούκ εἰς Δελφοὺς
 Οὐδ' εἰς Ἄμμων' ἐλθόντες ἐκεῖ
 Θύσομεν, ἀλλ' ἐν ταῖσιν ^{ἀντιβυτῆ} κομαροῖσι
 Καὶ τοῖς ^{δινεστῆ} κοτίνοισι στάντες ἔχοντες
 Κριθάς, ^{βοκίην} πυρούς, εὐξόμεθ' αὐτοῖς
 Ἀνατείνοντες τὴν χεῖρ' ἀγαθῶν
 Διδόναι τι μέρος· καὶ ταῦθ' ἡμῖν
 Παραχρήμ' ἔσται
 Πυρούς ὀλίγους προβαλοῦσιν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

ὦ φίλτατ' ἐμοὶ πολὺν πρεσβυτῶν ἐξ ἐχθίστου μετα-
 πίπτων,
 Οὐκ ἔστιν ὅπως ἂν ἐγὼ ποθ' ἐκὼν τῆς σῆς γνώμης ἔτ'
 ἀφείμην.
 Ἐπαυχήσας δὲ τοῖσι σοῖς λόγοις
 Ἐπηπείλησα καὶ κατώμοσα,
 Ἦν σὺ παρ' ἐμὲ θέμενος
 Ὅμόφρονας λόγους δικαίους,
 Ἀδόλους, ὀσίους,
 Ἐπὶ θεοῦς ἴης,
 Ἐμοὶ φρονῶν ξυνφδά, μὴ
 Πολὺν χρόνον θεοῦς ἔτι

Σκῆπτρα τὰμὰ τρίψειν.

Ἄλλ' ὅσα μὲν δεῖ ῥώμῃ πράττειν, ἐπὶ ταῦτα τεταξόμεθ'
ἡμεῖς·

Ἄσα δὲ γνώμῃ δεῖ βουλευέειν, ἐπὶ σοὶ τάδε πάντ' ἀνά-
κειται.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Καὶ μὴν μὰ τὸν Δί' οὐχὶ νυστάζειν γ' ἔτι

640

Ἄρα ὅστιν ἡμῖν οὐδὲ μελλονικίαν,

Ἄλλ' ὡς τάχιστα δεῖ τι δρᾶν· πρῶτον δέ τε

Εἰσέλθετ' εἰς νεοττιάν γε τὴν ἐμὴν

Καὶ τὰμὰ κάρφη καὶ τὰ παρόντα φρύγανα,

Καὶ τοῦνομ' ἡμῖν φράσατον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄλλὰ ῥάδιον.

645

Ἐμοὶ μὲν ὄνομα Πεισθέταιρος.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Τῷδεδί ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Εὐελπίδης Κριῶθεν.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἄλλὰ χαίρετον

Ἄμφω.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Δεχόμεσθα.

ΕΠΟΨ.

Δεῦρο τοίνυν εἴσιτον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἰωμεν· εἰσηγοῦ σὺ λαβὼν ἡμᾶς.



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ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

᾽Ω τοῦτο μέντοι νῆ Δί' αὐτοῖσιν πιθοῦ·

᾽Εκβίβασον ἐκ τοῦ βουτόμου τούρνιθιον,

᾽Εκβίβασον αὐτοῦ πρὸς θεῶν αὐτήν, ἵνα

Καὶ νὼ θεασώμεσθα τὴν ἀηδόνα.

665

ΕΠΟΥ.

Ἄλλ' εἰ δοκεῖ σφῶν, ταῦτα χρὴ δρᾶν. ἼΠ Πρόκνη

᾽Εκβαινε, καὶ σαυτὴν ἐπιδείκνυ τοῖς ξένοις.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

᾽Ω Ζεῦ πολυτίμηθ', ὡς καλὸν τούρνιθιον,

᾽Ως δ' ἀπαλόν, ὡς δὲ λευκόν.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

᾽Αρά γ' οἶσθ' ὅτι

670

᾽Εγὼ διαμηρίζοιμ' ἂν αὐτὴν ἠδέως;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

᾽Οσον δ' ἔχει τὸν χρυσόν, ὥσπερ παρθένος.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

᾽Εγὼ μὲν αὐτὴν καὶ φίλησαί μοι δοκῶ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

᾽Ἄλλ', ὦ κακόδαιμον, ρύγχος ὀβελίσκοιν ἔχει.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

᾽Ἄλλ' ὥσπερ ῥόν νῆ Δί' ἀπολέψαντα χρὴ

675

᾽Απὸ τῆς κεφαλῆς τὸ λέμμα καθ' οὕτω φιλεῖν.

ΕΠΟΥ.

᾽Ἰωμεν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

᾽Ηγοῦ δὴ σὺ νῶν τύχ' ἀγαθῆ.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

ὦ φίλη, ὦ ^{ἰωνυ} ξουθή,

ὦ φίλτατον ὀρνέων,

Πάντων ξύννομε τῶν ἐμῶν

680

ἄγμων ξύντροφ' ἀηδοί,

ἦλθες ἦλθες, ὠφθης

Ἐδὺν φθόγγον ἐμοὶ φέρουσ'.

Ἄλλ', ὦ καλλιβόαν κρέκουσ'

Ἄυλόν φθέγμασιν ἠρινοῖς,

685

Ἄρχου τῶν ἀναπαίστων.

Ἄγε δὴ φύσιν ἄνδρες ^{δαυ} ἀμαυρόβιοι, φύλλων γενεᾶ προ-

Ἄλιγοδρανεες, ^{φέε} πλάσματα ^{σόμοιοι,} πηλοῦ, σκιοειδέα φύλ' ἀμε-

^{υψ} νηνά,

Ἄπτῆνες ἐφημέριοι, ^{βροτοί,} θαλαοὶ βροτοί, ^{εἰκελόνηροι,} ἀνέρες εἰκελόνηροι,

Πρόσχετε τὸν νοῦν τοῖς ἀθανάτοις ἡμῖν, τοῖς αἰὲν

εἶουσι,

690

Τοῖς αἰθερίοις, τοῖσιν ἀγήρως, τοῖς ἄφθιτα μηδομένοισιν

Ἴν' ἀκούσαντες πάντα παρ' ἡμῶν ὀρθῶς περὶ τῶν με-

τεώρων,

Φύσιν οἰωνῶν γένεσίν τε θεῶν ποταμῶν τ' Ἐρέβους τε

Χάους τε

Εἰδότες ὀρθῶς παρ' ἐμοῦ Προδίκῳ κλάειν εἶπητε τὸ

λοιπόν.

Χάος ἦν καὶ Νύξ Ἐρεβός τε μέλαν πρῶτον καὶ Τάρ-

ταρος εὐρύς.

695

Γῆ δ' οὐδ' ἀἷρ οὐδ' οὐρανὸς ἦν. Ἐρέβους δ' ἐν ἀπεί-

ροσι κόλποις

Τίκτει πρώτιστον ^{wind} ὑπηνέμιον Νύξ ἢ μελανόπτερος φόν,
 Ἐξ οὗ περιτελλομέναις ὥραις ἔβλασταν Ἐρως ὁ ποθει-
 νός,

Στίλβων νῶτον πτερύγοι χρυσαῖν, εἰκὼς ^{συνετέλει} ἀνεμώκεσι
 δίναις.

Οὗτος δὲ Χάει πτερόεντι μιγείς νυχίφ κατὰ Τάρταρον
 εὐρύν 700

Ἐνεόττευσεν γένος ἡμέτερον, καὶ πρῶτον ἀνήγαγεν ἐς
 φῶς.

Πρότερον δ' οὐκ ἦν γένος ἀθανάτων, πρὶν Ἐρως ξυνέ-
 μιξεν ἅπαντα.

Ἐυμμιγνυμένων δ' ἑτέρων ἑτέροις γένητ' οὐρανὸς ὠκε-
 νός τε

Καὶ γῆ πάντων τε θεῶν μακάρων γένος ἄφθιτον. Ὡδε
 μέν ἐσμεν

Πολὺν πρεσβύτατοι πάντων μακάρων. Ἡμεῖς δ' ὡς
 ἐσμὲν Ἐρωτος 705

Πολλοῖς δῆλον· πετόμεσθά τε γὰρ καὶ τοῖσιν ἐρώσι
 σύνεσμεν.

Πολλοὺς δὲ καλοὺς ἀπομωμοκότας παῖδας πρὸς τέρμα-
 σιν ὥρας

Διὰ τὴν ἰσχὺν τὴν ἡμετέραν διεμήρισαν ἄνδρες ἐρασταί,
 Ὁ μὲν ὄρτυγα δούς, ὁ δὲ πόρφύριον, ὁ δὲ χῆν, ὁ δὲ
 Περσικὸν ὄρνιν.

Πάντα δὲ θνητοῖς ἐστὶν ἀφ' ἡμῶν τῶν ὀρνίθων τὰ μέ-
 γιστα. 710

Πρῶτα μὲν ὥρας φαίνομεν ἡμεῖς ἦρος, χειμῶνος, ὀπώ-
 ρας.

Σπείρειν μὲν, ὅταν γέρανός κρώζουσ' ἐς τὴν Αἰβύην
μεταχωρῆ,

Καὶ πηδάλιον τότε ναυκλήρῳ φράζω κρεμάσαντι καθεύ-
δειν,

Εἶτα δ' Ὀρέστη χλαῖναν ὑφαίνειν, ἵνα μὴ ῥυγῶν ἀπο-
δύη.

μετε
Ἴκτινος δ' αὖ μετὰ ταῦτα φανείς ἐτέραν ὄραν ἀπο-
φαίνει, 715

Ἡνίκα *θεα* πεκτεῖν ὦρα προβάτων *ποικ* πόκων ἤρινόν· εἶτα χε-
λιδῶν,

Ὅτε χρὴ χλαῖναν πωλεῖν ἤδη καὶ ληδάριόν τι πρίασθαι.

Ἔσμεν δ' ὑμῖν Ἄμμων Δελφοί, Δωδώνη, Φοῖβος Ἀπόλ-
λων.

Ἐλθόντες γὰρ πρῶτον ἐπ' ὄρνις, οὕτω πρὸς ἅπαντα
τρέπεσθε,

Πρὸς τ' ἐμπορίαν καὶ πρὸς βιότου κτήσιν καὶ πρὸς
γάμον ἀνδρός· 720

Ὅρνιν τε νομίζετε πάνθ' ὅσαπερ περὶ μαντείας δια-
κρίνει·

Φήμη γ' ὑμῖν ὄρνις ἐστί, πταρμόν τ' ὄρνιθα καλεῖτε,
Ἔμβολον ὄρνιν, φωνὴν ὄρνιν, θεράποντ' ὄρνιν, ὄνον
ὄρνιν.

Ἄρ' οὐ φανερώς ἡμεῖς ὑμῖν ἐσμεν μαντεῖος Ἀπόλλων;

Ἦν οὖν ἡμᾶς νομίσητε θεούς, 725

Ἐξετε χρῆσθαι μάντεσι Μούσαις,

ἡμετε
Ἀύραις, ὦραις, χειμῶνι, θέρει,

ἡτοκίμ. ἡετ
Μετρίῳ πνίγει· κοῦκ ἀποδράντες

Καθεδούμεθ' ἄνω σεμννόμενοι

Παρά ταῖς νεφέλαις ὥσπερ χὼ Ζεὺς ·

730

Ἄλλὰ παρόντες δώσομεν ὑμῖν,

Ἀυτοῖς, παισίν, παίδων παισίν,

καὶ τῶν + νεφελῶν
Πλουθυγείαν,

Εὐδαιμονίαν, βίον, εἰρήνην,

Νεότητα, γέλωτα, χορούς, *θαλάσσης* θαλάσσης,

735

Γάλα τ' ὀρνίθων.

Ἵστε παρέσται *καὶ* κοπιᾶν ὑμῖν

καὶ ὑπο τῶν ἀγαθῶν ·

Οὕτω πλουτήσετε πάντες.

Στροφή.

Μούσα λοχμαία,

740

Τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιοτίγξ,

Ποικίλη, μεθ' ἧς ἐγὼ

Νάπαισι καὶ κορυφαῖς ἐν ὀρείαις,

Τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιοτίγξ,

Ἰζόμενος *καὶ* μελίας ἐπὶ φυλλοκόμου,

745

Τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιοτίγξ,

Δι' ἐμῆς γένυος ξουθῆς μελέων

Πανὶ νόμους ἱεροὺς ἀναφαίνω

Σεμνά τε μητρὶ χορεύματ' ὀρεία,

Τοτοτοτοτοτοτοτοτοτοτίγξ,

750

Ἐνθεν ὥσπερ ἡ μέλιττα

Φρύνιχος ἀμβροσίων μελέων *καὶ* ἀπεβόσκετα καρπὸν, αἰὲ

φέ-

ρων γλυκεῖαν ῥδάν.

Τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιοτίγξ.

Εἰ μετ' ὀρνίθων τις ὑμῶν, ὦ θεαταί, βούλεται 755

Διάπλεκειν ζῶν ἠδέως τὸ λοιπόν, ὡς ἡμᾶς ἴτω.

“Οσα γάρ ἐστιν ἐνθάδ' αἰσχρὰ τῷ νόμῳ κρατούμενα,

Ταῦτα πάντ' ἐστὶν παρ' ἡμῖν τοῖσιν ὄρνισιν καλά.

Εἰ γὰρ ἐνθάδ' ἐστὶν αἰσχρὸν τὸν πατέρα τύπτειν νόμῳ,

Τοῦτ' ἐκεῖ καλὸν παρ' ἡμῖν ἐστίν, ἣν τις τῷ πατρὶ 760

Προσδραμὸν εἶπη πατάξας, αἶρε πλήκτρον, εἰ μάχρῃ.

Εἰ δὲ τυγχάνει τις ὑμῶν δραπέτης ἐστιγμένος, ^{εἰ γοῦν}

Ἀτταγᾶς οὗτος παρ' ἡμῖν ποικίλος κεκλήσεται. ^{μοι λευ}

Εἰ δὲ τυγχάνει τις ὧν Φρυξ μὴδὲν ἦττον Σπινθάρου,

Φρυγίλος ὄρνις ἐνθάδ' ἔσται, τοῦ Φιλήμονος γένους. 765 ^{finch}

Εἰ δὲ δούλός ἐστι καὶ Κὰρ ὥσπερ Ἐξηκεστίδης,

Φυσάτω πάππους παρ' ἡμῖν, καὶ φανούνται φράτορες. ^{ελαμο ον ω}

Εἰ δ' ὁ Πισίου προδοῦναι τοῖς ἀτίμοις τὰς πύλας

Βούλεται, ^{μαγί} πέρδιξ γενέσθω, τοῦ πατρὸς νεοττίου.

Ὡς παρ' ἡμῖν οὐδὲν αἰσχρὸν ἐστίν ^{εἰς αὐτὴν} ἐκπέρδικίσαι. 770

Ἄντιστροφή.

Τοιάδε, κύκνοι,

Τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιοτίγξ,

Συμμιγῆ βοῆν ὁμοῦ

Πτεροῖς κρέκοντες ἰαχον Ἀπόλλω,

Τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιοτίγξ, 775

“Οχθῶ ἐφεζόμενοι παρ' Ἐβρον ποταμόν,

Τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιοτίγξ,

Διὰ δ' αἰθέριον νέφος ἦλθε βοά.

Πτήξε δὲ ποικίλα φύλά τε θηρῶν,

Κύματά τ' ἔσβεσέ νήνεμος αἴθρη,

780

Τοτοτοτοτοτοτοτοτοτοτίγξ·

Πᾶς δ' ἐπεκτύπησ' Ὀλυμπος·

Εἶλε δὲ θάμβος ἄνακτας· Ὀλυμπιάδες δὲ μέλος Χά-
ριτες Μοῦ-

σαί τ' ἐπωλόλυξαν.

Τιὸ τιὸ τιὸ τιοτίγξ.

785

Οὐδέν ἐστ' ἄμεινον οὐδ' ἥδιον ἢ φύσαι πτέραι·

Αὐτίχ' ὑμῶν τῶν θεατῶν εἴ τις ἦν ὑπόπτερος,

Εἶτα πεινῶν τοῖς χοροῖσι τῶν τραγωδῶν ἤχθετο·

Ἐκπτώμενος ἂν οὗτος ἠρίστησεν ἐλθὼν οἴκαδε,

Κᾶτ' ἂν ἐμπλησθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς αὐθις αὐ κατέπτατο· 790

Εἴ τε Πατροκλείδης τις ὑμῶν τυγχάνει χεζητιῶν,

Οὐκ ἂν ἐξίδισεν ἐς θοιμάτιον, ἀλλ' ἀνέπτατο,

Κάποπαρδῶν κάναπνεύσας αὐθις αὐ κατέπτατο·

Εἴ τε μοιχεύων τις ὑμῶν ἐστίν ὅστις τυγχάνει,

Κᾶθ' ὀρᾶ τὸν ἄνδρα τῆς γυναικὸς ἐν βουλευτικῷ· 795

Οὗτος ἂν πάλιν παρ' ὑμῶν πτερυγίσας ἀνέπτατο,

Εἶτα βινήσας ἐκείθεν αὐθις αὐ καθέζετο.

Ἄρ' ὑπόπτερον γενέσθαι παντός ἐστίν ἄξιον;

Ὡς Διτρέφης γε πύτιναῖα μόνον ἔχων πτέραι

Ἡιρέθη φύλαρχος, εἶθ' ἵππαρχος, εἶτ' ἐξ οὐδενὸς 800

Μεγάλα πράττει, κᾶστὶ νυνὶ ξουθὸς ἵππαλεκτρῶν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ταυτὶ τοιαυτί· μὰ Δί' ἐγὼ μὲν πράγμα πῶ

Γελοϊότερον οὐκ εἶδον οὐδεπώποτε.



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Οὐδ' ἂν χαμεύνη πάνυ γε κειρίαν γ' ἔχων.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί δῆτ' ὄνομ' αὐτῇ θησόμεσθ' ;

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἐντευθενὶ

Ἐκ τῶν νεφελῶν καὶ τῶν μετεώρων χωρίων
Χαῦνον τι πάνυ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Βούλει Νεφελοκοκκυγίαν ;

820

ΕΠΟΨ.

Ἴου ἰού·

Καλὸν γὰρ ἀτεχνῶς καὶ μέγ' εὖρες τοῦνομα.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Ἄρ' ἐστὶν αὐτηγὶ Νεφελοκοκκυγία,

Ἴνα καὶ τὰ Θεογένους τὰ πολλὰ χρήματα

Τά τ' Αἰσχίνου γ' ἅπαντα ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Καὶ λῶστον μὲν οὖν 825

Τὸ Φλέγρας πεδίου, ἔν' οἱ θεοὶ τοὺς Γηγενεῖς

Ἄλαζονεύομενοι καθυπερηκόντισαν.

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Διπαρὸν τὸ χρήμα τῆς πόλεως. Τίς δαὶ θεὸς

Πολιούχος ἔσται ; τῷ ξανουμέν τὸν πέπλον ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί δ' οὐκ Ἀθηναίαν ἐῶμεν πολιάδα ;

830

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Καὶ πῶς ἂν ἔτι γένοιτ' ἂν εὐτακτος πόλις,

"Οπου θεός, γυνή γεγονυῖα, πανοπλίαν
 "Εστηκ' ἔχουσα, Κλεισθένης δὲ κερκίδα ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τίς δαὶ καθέξει τῆς πόλεως τὸ Πελαργικόν ;

ΕΠΟΥ.

"Ορνις ἀφ' ἡμῶν τοῦ γένους τοῦ Περσικοῦ,
 "Οσπερ λέγεται δεινότατος εἶναι πανταχοῦ
 "Αρεως νεοττός.

835

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

"Ω νεοττέ δέσποτα ·

'Ως δ' ὁ θεὸς ἐπιτήδειος οἰκεῖν ἐπὶ πετρῶν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

"Αγε νυν, σὺ μὲν βάδιζε πρὸς τὸν αἴρα,

Καὶ τοῖσι τειχίζουσι παραδιακόνει,

Χάλικας, παραφόρει, ^{φλοιοι} πηλὸν ^{μυτιλας} ἀποδὺς ὄργασον,

Δεκάνην ἀνένεγκε, κατάπεσ' ἀπὸ τῆς κλίμακος,

Φύλακας κατάστησαι, τὸ πῦρ ἔγκρυπτ' αἰεί,

Κωδωνοφορῶν περίτρεχε, καὶ κάθειδ' ἐκεῖ ·

Κήρυκα δὲ πέμψον τὸν μὲν εἰς θεοὺς ἄνω,

"Ετερον δ' ἄνωθεν αὖ παρ' ἀνθρώπους κάτω,

Κακείθεν αὖθις παρ' ἐμέ.

840

845

ΕΥΕΛΠΙΔΗΣ.

Σὺ δέ γ' αὐτοῦ μένων

Οἴμωζε παρ' ἐμ'.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

"Ιθ', ὦγάθ', οἱ πέμπω σ' ἐγώ.

Οὐδὲν γὰρ ἄνευ σοῦ τῶνδ' ἅ λέγω πεπράξεται.

Ἐγὼ δ' ἵνα θύσω τοῖσι καινοῖσιν θεοῖς,

850

Τον ἱερέα πέμψοντα τὴν πομπὴν καλῶ.

Παῖ παῖ, τὸ κανοῦν αἴρεσθε καὶ τὴν χέρνιβα.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Στροφή.

Ὅμορρόθῳ, συνθέλω,

Συμπαραινέσας ἔχω

Προσόδια μεγάλα

855

Σεμνὰ προσιέναι θεοῖσιν·

Ἄμα δὲ προφέτι χάριτος ἔνεκα

Προβυτίον τι θύειν.

Ἴτω ἴτω, ἴτω δὲ Πυθιάς βοά·

Συναδέτω δὲ Χαῖρις ῥδάν.

860

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Παῦσαι σὺ φύσῳν. Ἡράκλεις, τουτὶ τί ἦν ;

Τουτὶ μὰ Δί' ἐγὼ πολλὰ δὴ καὶ δεῖν' ἰδών,

Οὔπω κόρακ' εἶδον ἐμπεφορβιωμένον.

Ἱερεῦ, σὸν ἔργον, θῦε τοῖς καινοῖς θεοῖς.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ.

Δράσω τάδ'· ἀλλὰ ποῦ ἔστιν ὁ τὸ κανοῦν ἔχων ;

865

εὔχεσθε τῇ Ἐστία τῇ ὀρνιθείῳ, καὶ τῷ ἰκτίνῳ τῷ

ἔστιούχῳ, καὶ ὄρνισιν Ὀλυμπίοις καὶ Ὀλυμπίησι

πᾶσι καὶ πάσησιν,

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

ὦ Σουνιέρακε, χαῖρ' ἀναξ Πελαργικέ.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ.

Καὶ κύκνῳ Πυθίῳ καὶ Δηλίῳ, καὶ Λητοῖ Ὀρτυ- 870
γομήτρῳ, καὶ Ἀρτέμιδι Ἀκαλανθίδι,

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκέτι Κολαινίς, ἀλλ' Ἀκαλανθίς Ἀρτεμις.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ. *justicia*

Καὶ φρυγίλῳ Σαβαζίῳ, καὶ στρουθῷ μεγάλη *matrona*
μητρὶ θεῶν καὶ ἀνθρώπων,

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Δέσποινα Κυβέλη, στρουθέ, μήτηρ Κλεοκρίτου. 875

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ.

Διδόναι Νεφελοκοκκυγιεῦσιν ὑγίειαν καὶ σωτη-
ρίαν, αὐτοῖσι καὶ Χίοισι,

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Χίοισιν ἤσθην πανταχοῦ προσκειμένοις.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ.

Καὶ ἦρωσι [καὶ ὄρνισι] καὶ ἠρώων παισὶ, πορ-
φυρίωνι, καὶ πελεκᾶντι, καὶ πελεκίνῳ, καὶ φλέξι- 880
δι, καὶ *heraldus* τετρακι, καὶ *magister* ταῶνι, καὶ *tyche* ἐλεᾷ, καὶ *tyche* βασκα,
καὶ *lyttrus* ἐλασα, καὶ *heros* ἐρωδίῳ, καὶ *st.* καταρακτῆ, καὶ με-
bleb zot λαγκορυφῳ, καὶ *tycheus* αἰγιθαλλῳ,

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Παῦ' ἐς κόρακας · παῦσαι καλῶν ἰοῦ ἰού.

Ἐπὶ ποῖον, ὦ κακόδαιμον, ἱερεῖον καλεῖς 885

Ἀλιαέτους καὶ γῦπας; Οὐχ ὄρας ὅτι

Ἰκτίνος εἰς ἂν τοῦτό γ' οἴχοιθ' ἀρπάσας *heros*

Ἀπελθ' ἀφ' ἡμῶν καὶ σὺ καὶ τὰ στέμματα ·

Ἐγὼ γὰρ αὐτὸς τουτογὶ θύσω μόνος.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ.

Ἀντιστροφή.

Εἰτ' αὖθις αὖ τᾶρα σοι

Δεῖ με δεύτερον μέλος

Ἰ Χέρνιβι θεοσεβές

Ὅσιον ἐπεβοᾷ, καλεῖν δὲ

Μάκαρας, ἓνα τινὰ μόνον, εἴπερ

Ἰκανὸν ἔξεται ὄψον.

Τὰ γὰρ παρόντα θύματ' οὐδὲν ἄλλο πλὴν

Γένειόν ἐστι καὶ κέρατα.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Θύοντες εὐξώμεσθα τοῖς πτερίνοις θεοῖς.

ΠΟΙΗΤΗΣ.

Νεφελοκοκκυγίαν τὰν εὐδαίμονα

Ἰ Κλησον, ὦ Μοῦσα,

Τεαῖς ἐν ὕμνων ἀοιδαῖς.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τουτὶ τὸ πρᾶγμα ποδαπόν ; Εἰπέ μοι, τίς εἶ ;

ΠΟΙΗΤΗΣ.

Ἰ Ἐγὼ μελιγλώσσω ἐπέων ἰεὺς ἀοιδάν,

Μουσάων θεράπων ὀτρῆρος,

Κατὰ τὸν Ὅμηρον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐπειτα δῆτα δούλος ὢν κόμην ἔχεις ;

ΠΟΙΗΤΗΣ.

Οὐκ, ἀλλὰ πάντες ἐσμεν οἱ διδάσκαλοι

890

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Μουσάων θεράποντες ὄτρηροί,
Κατὰ τὸν Ὅμηρον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκ ^{ἐξ ἑαυτοῦ} ἔτος ὄτρηρὸν καὶ τὸ ληδάριον ἔχεις.

910

Ἄταρ, ὦ ποιητά, κατὰ τί δεῦρ' ἀνεφθάρης ;

ΠΟΙΗΤΗΣ.

Μέλη πεποίηκ' ἐς τὰς Νεφελοκοκκυγίας
Τὰς ὑμετέρας κύκλιά τε πολλὰ καὶ καλά,
Καὶ παρθένεια, καὶ κατὰ τὰ Σιμωνίδου.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ταυτὶ σὺ πότε' ἐποίησας ἀπὸ ποίου χρόνου ;

915

ΠΟΙΗΤΗΣ.

Πάλαι πάλαι δὴ τήνδ' ἐγὼ κλήζω πόλιν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκ ἄρτι θύω τὴν δεκάτην ταύτης ἐγώ,
Καὶ τοῦνομ' ὥσπερ παιδίῳ νῦν δὴ θέμην ;

ΠΟΙΗΤΗΣ.

Ἄλλά τις ὠκεία Μουσάω φάτις
Οἷάπερ ἵππων ἀμάρυγα.

920

Σὺ δὲ πάτερ κτίστορ Αἴτνας,

Ζαθέων Ἱερῶν ὁμώνυμε,

Δὸς ἐμὶν ὃ τι περ

Τεᾶ κεφαλᾶ θέλεις

Πρόφρων δόμεν ἐμὶν τεῖν.

925

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τουτὶ παρέξει τὸ κακὸν ἡμῖν πράγματα,

Εἰ μὴ τι τούτῳ δόντες ἀποφευξούμεθα.

Οὗτος, σὺ μέντοι σπολάδα καὶ χιτῶν' ἔχεις,

Ἄποδυθι καὶ δὸς τῷ ποιητῇ τῷ σοφῷ.

Ἔχε τὴν σπολάδα· πάντως δέ μοι ῥιγῶν δοκεῖς. 930

ΠΟΙΠΤΗΣ.

Τόδε μὲν οὐκ ἀέκουσα φίλα

Μοῦσα τόδε δῶρον δέχεται·

Τὸ δὲ τεᾶ φρενὶ μάθε

Πινδάρειον ἔπος·

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄνθρωπος ἡμῶν οὐκ ἀπαλλαχθήσεται. 935

ΠΟΙΗΤΗΣ.

Νομάδεσσι γὰρ ἐν Σκύθαις

Ἄλαται Στράτων,

Ὅς ὑφαντοδόνητον ἔσθος οὐ πέπαται·

Ἄκλεις δ' ἔβα σπολάς ἀνευ χιτῶνος.

Ἔυνες ὅ τοι λέγω. 940

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐυνίημ' ὅτι βούλει τὸν χιτωνίσκον λαβεῖν.

Ἄποδυθι· δεῖ γὰρ τὸν ποιητὴν ὠφελεῖν.

Ἄπελθε τουτονὶ λαβών.

ΠΟΙΗΤΗΣ.

Ἄπέρχομαι,

Κὰς τὴν πόλιν γ' ἔλθων ποιήσω δὴ ταδί·

Κλησον, ὦ χρυσόθρονε, τὰν 945

Τρομεράν, κρυεράν·

Νιφόβολα πεδία πολύσπορά τ'

Ἡλυθον. Ἀλαλάν.



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ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄλλ' οὐδὲν οἶόν ἐστ' ἀκούσαι τῶν ἐπῶν.

ΧΡΗΣΜΟΛΟΓΟΣ.

Ἄλλ' ὅταν οἰκήσωσι λύκοι πολιαί τε κορώναι
Ἐν ταύτῳ τὸ μεταξὺ Κορίνθου καὶ Σικυῶνος,

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί οὖν προσήκει δῆτ' ἐμοὶ Κορινθίων ;

ΧΡΗΣΜΟΛΟΓΟΣ.

Ἡνίξαθ' ὁ Βάκισ τοῦτο ^{πρὸς τὸν ἀέρα} πρὸς τὸν ἀέρα.

965

Πρῶτον Πανδώρα θῦσαι λευκότριχα κριόν ·

Ὃς δέ κ' ἐμῶν ἐπέων ἔλθη πρότιστα προφήτης,
Τῷ δόμεν ἱμάτιον καθαρὸν καὶ καινὰ πέδιλα,

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐνεστι καὶ τὰ πέδιλα ;

ΧΡΗΣΜΟΛΟΓΟΣ.

Λαβὲ τὸ βιβλίον.

Και ^{ἔνεστι} φιάλην δοῦναι, καὶ σπλάγχνων χεῖρ' ἐπιπλήσαι. 970

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Καὶ σπλάγχνα διδόν' ἔνεστι ;

ΧΡΗΣΜΟΛΟΓΟΣ.

Λαβὲ τὸ βιβλίον.

Κὰν μὲν, θέσπιε κούρε, ποιῆς ταῦθ' ὡς ἐπιτέλλω,
Αἰετὸς ἐν νεφέλῃσι γενήσεται · αἰ δέ κε μὴ δῶς,
Οὐκ ἔσει οὐ τρυγῶν οὐδ' αἰετός, οὐ δρυκολάπτης.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Καὶ ταῦτ' ἔνεστ' ἐνταῦθα ;

ΧΡΗΣΜΟΛΟΓΟΣ.

Λαβὲ τὸ βιβλίον.

975

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐδὲν ἄρ' ὁμοίός ἐσθ' ὁ χρησμὸς τουτφί,
 Ὃν ἐγὼ παρὰ τὰ πόλλωνος ἐξεγραψάμην·
 Αὐτὰρ ἐπὴν ἄκλητος ἰὼν ἄνθρωπος ἀλαζῶν
 Λυπῆ θύοντας καὶ σπλαγχνεύειν ἐπιθυμῆ,
 Δὴ τότε χρὴ τύπτειν αὐτὸν πλευρῶν τὸ μεταξύ,

980

ΧΡΗΣΜΟΛΟΓΟΣ.

Οὐδὲν λέγειν οἶμαί σε.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Λαβὲ τὸ βιβλίον.

Καὶ φείδου μηδὲν μηδ' αἰετοῦ ἐν νεφέλῃσι,
 Μήτ' ἦν Λάμπων ἢ μήτ' ἦν ὁ μέγας Διοπείθης.

ΧΡΗΣΜΟΛΟΓΟΣ.

Καὶ ταῦτ' ἔνεστ' ἐνταῦθα ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Λαβὲ τὸ βιβλίον.

Οὐκ εἶ θύραζ' ἐς κόρακας ;

ΧΡΗΣΜΟΛΟΓΟΣ.

Οἶμοι δειλῆαιος.

985

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκουν ἐτέρωσε χρησμολογήσεις ἐκτρέχων ;

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

Ἐκω παρ' ὑμᾶς

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐτερον αὖ τουτὶ κακόν.

Τί δ' αὖ σὺ δράσων ; τίς δ' ἰδέα βουλήματος ;
 Τίς ἢ 'πίνοια, τίς ὁ κόθορνος, τῆς ὁδοῦ ;

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

Γεωμετρῆσαι βούλομαι τὸν αἶρα
 'Υμῖν, διελεῖν τε κατὰ γύας. *lido*

990

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Πρὸς τῶν θεῶν,

Σὺ δ' εἰ τίς ἀνδρῶν ;

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

'Οστις εἴμ' ἐγώ ; Μέτων,

'Ον οἶδεν Ἑλλάς χῶ Κολωνός.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Εἰπέ μοι,

Ταυτὶ δέ σοι τί ἔστι ;

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

Κανόνες αἰέρος.

Αὐτίκα γὰρ αἶρ ἔστι τὴν ἰδέαν ὄλος

995

Κατὰ πνιγέα μάλιστα. Προσθεῖς οὖν ἐγὼ

Τὸν κανόν' ἄνωθεν τουτονὶ τὸν καμπύλον,

'Ευθεῖς διαβήτην — μανθάνεις ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐ μανθάνω.

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

'Ορθῶ μετρήσω κανόνι προστιθείς, ἵνα

'Ο κύκλος γένηταί σοι τετράγωνος, κὰν μέσῳ

1000

'Αγορά, φέρουσαι δ' ὥσιν εἰς αὐτὴν ὁδοὶ

'Ορθαὶ πρὸς αὐτὰ τὸ μέσον, ὥσπερ δ' ἀστέρος.

Αὐτοῦ κυκλοτεροῦς ὄντος, ὀρθαὶ πανταχῇ
Ἄκτινες ἀπολάμπωσιν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄνθρωπος Θαλῆς.

Μέτων,

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

Τί ἔστιν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οἶσθ' ὅτιη φιλω σ' ἐγώ ; 1005

Κάμοι πιθόμενος ὑπαποκίνει τῆς ὁδοῦ.

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

Τί δ' ἐστὶ δεινόν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὡσπερ ἐν Λακεδαίμονι

Ξενηλατοῦνται καὶ κεκίνηνταιί τινες

Πληγαὶ συχναὶ κατ' ἄστυ.

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

Μῶν στασιάζετε ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μὰ τὸν Δί' οὐ δῆτ'.

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

Ἄλλὰ πῶς ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὅμοθυμαδὸν 1010

Σποδεῖν ἅπαντας τοὺς ἀλαζόνας δοκεῖ.

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

Ἐπάγοιμί τᾶρ' ἄν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Νῆ Δί', ὡς οὐκ οἶδ' ἄρ' εἰ
Φθαίης ἄν· ἐπίκεινται γὰρ ἐγγυὲς αὐταί.

ΜΕΤΩΝ.

Οἴμοι κακοδαίμων.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκ ἔλεγον ἐγὼ πάλαι ;
Οὐκ ἀναμετρήσεις σπαντὸν ἀπιὼν ἀλλαχῆ ;

1015

ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ.

Ποῦ πρόξενοι ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τίς ὁ Σαρδανάπαλλας οὔτεσί ;

ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ.

Ἰ. κ. β. α. τ. α.
'Επίσκοπος ἦμω δεῦρα τῷ κυάμφι λαχῶν
'Ες τὰς Νεφελοκοκκυγίας.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

'Επίσκοπος ;

'Επεμψε δὲ τίς σε δεῦρα ;

ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ.

Φαῦλον βιβλίου

Τελέου.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί ; βούλει δήτα τὸν μισθὸν λαβὼν
Μὴ πράγματ' ἔχειν, ἀλλ' ἀπιέναι ;

1020

ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ.

Νῆ τοὺς θεούς.

'Εκκλησιάσαι δ' οὖν ἐδεόμην οἴκοι μένων.

Ἔστιν γὰρ ἃ δι' ἐμοῦ πέπρακται Φαρνάκη.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἀπιθι λαβών· ἔστιν δ' ὁ μισθὸς οὕτωςί.

ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ.

Τουτὶ τί ἦν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐκκλησία περὶ Φαρνάκου.

1025

ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ.

Μαρτύρομαι τυπτόμενος ὧν ἐπίσκοπος.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκ ἀποσοβήσεις ; Οὐκ ἀποίσεις τὸ κάδω ;

Οὐ δεινά ; Καὶ πέμπουσιν ἤδη ἄπισκώπους

Ἔς τὴν πόλιν, πρὶν καὶ τεθύσθαι τοῖς θεοῖς.

ΨΗΦΙΣΜΑΤΟΠΩΛΗΣ.

Ἐὰν δ' ὁ Νεφελοκοκκυγιεὺς τὸν Ἀθηναῖον
ἀδικῇ

1030

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τουτὶ τί ἔστιν αὐτὸ κακὸν τὸ βιβλίον ;

ΨΗΦΙΣΜΑΤΟΠΩΛΗΣ.

Ψηφισματοπώλης εἰμί, καὶ νόμους νέους

Ἔκω παρ' ὑμᾶς δεῦρο πωλήσων.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τὸ τί,

ΨΗΦΙΣΜΑΤΟΠΩΛΗΣ.

Χρῆσθαι Νεφελοκοκκυγιάς τοῖσδε τοῖς μέτροισι
καὶ σταθμοῖσι καὶ ψηφίσμασι, καθάπερ Ὀλο-
φύξιοι.

1035

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Σὺ δέ γ' οἷσπερ ὠτοτύξιοι χρήσει τάχα.

ΨΗΦΙΣΜΑΤΟΠΩΛΗΣ.

Οὗτος, τί πάσχεις ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκ ἀποίσεις τοὺς νόμους ;

Πικροὺς ἐγὼ σοι τήμερον δείξω νόμους.

1040

ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ.

Καλοῦμαι Πεισθέταιρον ὕβρεως ἐς τὸν ^{April} μουν-
χιῶνα μῆνα.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄληθες, οὗτος ; Ἔτι γὰρ ἐνταῦθ' ἦσθα σύ ;

ΨΗΦΙΣΜΑΤΟΠΩΛΗΣ.

Ἐὰν δέ τις ἐξελαύνῃ τοὺς ἄρχοντας, καὶ μὴ
δέχῃται κατὰ τὴν στήλην,

1045

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οἷμοι κακοδαίμων, καὶ σὺ γὰρ ἐνταῦθ' ἦσθ' ἔτι ;

ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ.

Ἀπολῶ σε, καὶ γράφω σε μυρίας δραχμάς.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐγὼ δὲ σοῦ γε τὸ κάδω διασκεδῶ.

ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ.

Μέμνησ' ὅτε τῆς στήλης κατετίλας ἐσπέρας ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Αἰβοῖ· λαβέτω τις αὐτόν. Οὗτος, οὐ μενεῖς ;

1050

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ.

Ἀπίωμεν ἡμεῖς ὡς τάχιστ' ἐντευθενὶ



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Κάπαναγκάζει παλεύειν δεδεμέρας ἐν δικτύῳ.
 Ταῦτα βουλόμεσθ' ἀνειπεῖν · κεί τις ὄρνιθας τρέφει
 Εἰργμένους ὑμῶν ἐν αὐλῇ, φράζομεν μεθιέναι.
 Ἄν δὲ μὴ πείθησθε, συλληφθέντες ὑπὸ τῶν ὀρνέων 1080
 Αὐθις ὑμεῖς αὐτὰ παρ' ἡμῖν δεδεμένοι παλεύσετε.

Ἄντιστροφή.

Εὐδαιμον φύλον πτηνῶν
 Οἰωνῶν, οἳ χειμῶνος μὲν
 Χλαίνας οὐκ ἀμπισχοῦνται ·
 Οὐδ' αὖ θερμὴ πνίγους ἡμᾶς 1085
 Ἄκτις τηλαυγῆς θάλπει ·
 Ἄλλ' ἀνθηρῶν λειμώνων
 Φύλλων ἐν κόλποις ναίω,
 Ἐνὶ κ' ἂν ὁ θεσπέσιος ὄξυ μέλος ἀχέτας
 Θάλπεσι μεσημβρινοῖς ἡλιομανῆς βοᾷ. 1090
 Χειμάζω δ' ἐν κοίλοις ἄντροις,
 Νύμφαις οὐρείαις ξυμπαίζων ·
 Ἐρινά τε βοσκόμεθα παρθένια
 Λευκότροφα μύρτα, Χαρίτων τε κηπεύματα.
 Τοῖς κριταῖς εἰπεῖν τι βουλόμεσθα τῆς νίκης πέρι, 1095
 Ὅσ' ἀγάθ', ἣν κρίνωσιν ἡμᾶς, πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς δώσομεν,
 Ὡστε κρείττω δῶρα πολλῶ τῶν Ἀλεξάνδρου λαβεῖν.
 Πρῶτα μὲν γὰρ οὐ μάλιστα πᾶς κριτῆς ἐφίεται,
 Γλαῦκες ὑμᾶς οὔποτ' ἐπιλείψουσι Λαυριωτικάι ·
 Ἄλλ' ἐνοικήσουσιν ἔνδον, ἔν τε τοῖς βαλαντίοις 1100
 Ἐννεοττεύσουσι κακλέψουσι μικρὰ κέρματα.
 Εἶτα πρὸς τούτοισιν ὥσπερ ἐν ἱεροῖς οἰκήσετε,

Τὰς γὰρ ὑμῶν οἰκίας ἐρέψομεν πρὸς ἀετόν·
 Κὰν λαχόντες ἀρχίδιον εἶθ' ἀρπάσαι βούλησθέ τι,
 Ὅξυν ^{ἡαυτῶν} ἱερακίσκον ἐς τὰς χεῖρας ὑμῖν δώσομεν. 1105
 Ἦν δέ που δειπνήητε, πρηγορῶνας ὑμῖν πέμψομεν.
 Ἦν δὲ μὴ κρίνητε, χαλκεύεσθε μηνίσκους φορεῖν
 Ὡσπερ ἀνδριάντες· ὡς ὑμῶν ὅς ἂν μὴ μῆν' ἔχη,
 Ὅταν ἔχητε χλανίδα λευκὴν, τότε μάλισθ' οὕτω δίκην
 Δώσεθ' ἡμῖν, πᾶσι τοῖς ὄρνισι κατατιλώμενοι. 1110

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τὰ μὲν ἱέρ' ἡμῖν ἐστίν, ὄρνιθες, καλὰ·
 Ἄλλ' ὡς ἀπὸ τοῦ τείχους πάρεστιν ἄγγελος
 Οὐδεὶς ὅτου πευσόμεθα τὰκεῖ πράγματα—
 Ἄλλ' οὕτοσὶ τρέχει τις Ἀλφειὸν πνέων.

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Α.

Που̂ που̂ 'στι, που̂ που̂ που̂ 'στι, που̂ που̂ που̂ 'στι,
 που̂ 1115

Που̂ Πεισθέταιρός ἐστίν ἄρχων ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὕτοσί.

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Α.

Ἐξφοδόμηταί σοι τὸ τεῖχος.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Εὐ λέγεις.

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Α.

Κάλλιστον ἔργον καὶ μεγαλοπρεπέστατον·
 Ὡστ' ἂν ἐπάνω μὲν Προξενίδης ὁ Κομπασεὺς
 Καὶ Θεογένης ἐναντίω δύ' ἄρματα, 1120

“Ἰππων ὑπόντων μέγεθος ὅσον ὁ δούριος,
 Ἐπὸ τοῦ πλάτους ἂν παρελασαίτην.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἡράκλεις.

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Α.

Τὸ δὲ μῆκός ἐστι, καὶ γὰρ ἐμέτρησ' αὐτ' ἐγώ,
 Ἐκατοντορογυιον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

ὦ Πόσειδον, τοῦ μάκρους.

Τίνες ὠκοδόμησαν αὐτὸ τηλικουτονί ;

1125

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Α.

Ὅρνιαθες, οὐδεὶς ἄλλος, οὐκ Αἰγύπτιος
 Πλιυθοφόρος, οὐ λιθουργός, οὐ τέκτων παρῆν,
 Ἄλλ' αὐτόχειρες, ὥστε θαυμάζειν ἐμέ.

Ἐκ μὲν γε Λιβύης ἤκου ὡς τρισμύρια
 Γέρανοι, θεμελίους καταπεπωκυῖαι λίθους.

1130

Τούτους δ' ἐτύκιζον αἱ κρέκες τοῖς ρύγχεσιν.

Ἐτεροὶ δ' ἐπλιυθοποιοῦν πελαργοὶ μύριοι.

Ἐδωρ δ' ἐφόρουν κάτωθεν ἐς τὸν αἶρα

Οἱ χαραδριοὶ καὶ τᾶλλα ποτάμι' ὄρνεα.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐπηλοφόρου δ' αὐτοῖσι τίνες ;

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Α.

Ἐρωδιοὶ

1135

Δεκάναισι.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τὸν δὲ πηλὸν ἐνεβάλλοντο πῶς ;

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Α.

Τοῦτ', ὠγάθ', ἐξεύρητο καὶ σοφώτατα·
 Οἱ χῆνες ὑποτύπτοντες ὥσπερ ταῖς ^{phonels} αἰμαῖς
 Ἐς τὰς λεκάνας ἐνέβαλλον αὐτὸν τοῖν ποδοῖν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί δῆτα πόδες ἂν οὐκ ἂν ἐργασαίατο ; 1140

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Α.

Καὶ νῆ Δί' αἰ ^{deck} νῆτται γε περιεζωσμέναι
 Ἐπλινθοφόρου· ἄνω δὲ τὸν ὑπαγωγέα
 Ἐπέτонт' ἔχουσαι κατόπιν, ὥσπερ παιδία,
 Τὸν πηλὸν ἐν τοῖς στόμασιν αἰ χελιδόνες.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί δῆτα μισθωτοὺς ἂν ἔτι μισθοῖτο τις ; 1145
 Φέρ' ἴδω, τί δαί ; Τὰ ξύλινα τοῦ τείχους τίνες
 Ἐπειργάσαντ' ; H

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Α.

*Ορνιθες ἦσαν τέκτονες

Σοφώτατοι πελεκᾶντες, οἱ τοῖς ρύγχεσιν
 Ἐπετέλέκησαν τὰς πύλας· ἦν δ' ὁ κτύπος
 Αὐτῶν πελεκώντων ὥσπερ ἐν ναυπηγίῳ. 1150

Καὶ νῦν ἅπαντ' ἐκεῖνα πέπύλωται πύλαις,
 Καὶ ^{barred} βεβαλάνωται καὶ φυλάττεται κύκλῳ,
 Ἐφοδεύεται, κωδωνοφορεῖται, πανταχῇ
 Φυλακαὶ καθεστήκασι καὶ ^{line-walkers} φρυκτωρίαι

Ἐν τοῖσι πύργοις. Ἄλλ' ἐγὼ μὲν ἀποτρέχων 1155
 Ἀπονύφομαι· σὺ δ' αὐτὸς ἤδη τᾶλλα δρᾷ.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Οὗτος, τί ποιεῖς ; Ἄρα θαυμάζεις ὅτι
Οὕτω τὸ τεῖχος ἐκτετείχισται ταχύ ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Νῆ τοὺς θεοὺς ἔγωγε · καὶ γὰρ ἄξιον ·

Ἴσα γὰρ ἀληθῶς φαίνεται μοι ψεύδεσιν. 1160

Ἄλλ' ὅδε φύλαξ γὰρ τῶν ἐκείθεν ἄγγελος

Ἐσθεῖ πρὸς ἡμᾶς δεῦρο, πυρρῖχην βλέπων.

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Β.

Ἰοὺ ἰού, ἰοὺ ἰού, ἰοὺ ἰού.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί τὸ πρᾶγμα τουτί ;

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Β.

Δεινότατα πεπόνθαμεν.

Τῶν γὰρ θεῶν τις ἄρτι τῶν παρὰ τοῦ Διὸς 1165

Διὰ τῶν πυλῶν εἰσέπτατ' εἰς τὸν αἶρα,

Λαθὼν ^{καὶ κείων} κολοίους φύλακας ἡμεροσκόπους.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

ᾧ δεινὸν ἔργον καὶ σθένιον εἰργασμένος.

Τίς τῶν θεῶν ;

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Β.

Οὐκ ἴσμεν · ὅτι δ' εἶχε πτερά,

Τοῦτ' ἴσμεν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκουν δῆτα περιπόλους ἐχρῆν 1170

Πέμψαι κατ' αὐτὸν εὐθύς ;

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ Β.

Ἄλλ' ἐπέμψαμεν
 Τρισμυρίους ^{τριμυρία} ἱέρακας ^{καταγεγραμμένοι} ἰπποτοξότας,

Χωρεῖ δὲ πᾶς τις ὄνυχας ἠγκυλωμένος,
 Κερχνης, ^{καυτή} τριόρχης, ^{πέλιον} γυψ, ^{νεύλιμα} κυμινδῖς, ^{εἰσὶν} αἰτός.

Ῥύμη τε καὶ πτεροῖσι καὶ ῥοιζήμασιν 1175

Αἰθὴρ δονεῖται τοῦ θεοῦ ζητουμένου.

Κᾶστ' οὐ μακρὰν ἄπωθεν, ἀλλ' ἐνταῦθά που

Ἦδη ἴσθιν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκοῦν σφενδόνας δεῖ λαμβάνειν

Καὶ τόξα· ^{λαγύριον} χώρει δεῦρο πᾶς ὑπηρέτης.

Τόξευε, παῖε, σφενδόνην τίς μοι δότω. 1180

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Στροφή.

Πόλεμος αἴρεται, πόλεμος οὐ φατὸς

Πρὸς ἐμὲ καὶ θεούς. Ἄλλα φύλαττε πᾶς

Ἄερα περιπέφελον, ὃν Ἔρεβος ἐτέκετο,

Μή σε λάθῃ θεῶν τις ταύτη περῶν.

Ἄθρει δὲ πᾶς κύκλω σκοπῶν * *, 1185

Ὡς ἐγγὺς ἤδη δαίμονος πεδαρσίου

Δίνης πτερωτὸς φθόγγος ἐξακούεται.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Αὕτη σὺ ποῖ ποῖ ποῖ πέτει; Μέν' ἤσυχος,

Ἔχ' ἀτρέμας· αὐτοῦ στήθ'· ἐπίσχεσ τοῦ δρόμου.

Τίς εἶ; Ποδαπή; Λέγειν ἐχρῆν ὀπόθεν ποτ' εἶ. 1190

ΙΡΙΣ.

Παρά τῶν θεῶν ἔγωγε τῶν Ὀλυμπίων.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὄνομα δέ σοι τί ἐστὶ, πλοῖον, ἢ κυνή ;

ΙΡΙΣ.

Ἴρις ταχεία.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Πάραλος, ἢ Σαλαμινία ;

ΙΡΙΣ.

Τί δὲ τοῦτο ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ταυτηνὶ τις οὐ ξυλλήφεται
Ἐπιπτόμενος τριόρχος ;

ΙΡΙΣ.

Ἐμὲ συλλήφεται ;

1195

Τί ποτ' ἐστὶ τοῦτὶ τὸ κακόν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οἰμῶξει μακρά.

ΙΡΙΣ.

Ἄτοπόν γε τοῦτὶ πρᾶγμα.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Κατὰ ποίας πύλας

Εἰσῆλθες εἰς τὸ τεῖχος, ὦ μαρωτάτη ;

ΙΡΙΣ.

Οὐκ οἶδα μὰ Δί' ἔγωγε κατὰ ποίας πύλας.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐκουσας αὐτῆς οἶον εἰρωμεύεται ;

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Δεινότατα γάρ τοι πεισόμεσθ', ἔμοι δοκεῖ,
 Εἰ τῶν μὲν ἄλλων ἄρχομεν, ὑμεῖς δ' οἱ θεοὶ 1215
 Ἄκολαστανεῖτε, κούδέπω γνώσεσθ' ὅτι
 Ἄκροατέον ὑμῖν ἐν μέρει τῶν κρειττόνων.
 Φράσον δέ τοί μοι, τὸ πτέρυγε ποῖ ναυστολεῖς ;

ΙΡΙΣ.

Ἐγώ ; Πρὸς ἀνθρώπους πέτομαι παρὰ τοῦ πατρὸς 1220
 Φράσουσα θύειν τοῖς Ὀλυμπίοις θεοῖς
 Μηλοσφαγεῖν τε βουθυτοῖς ἐπ' ἐσχαταῖς
 Κνισᾶν τ' ἀγνιάς.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί σὺ λέγεις ; ποίοις θεοῖς ;

ΙΡΙΣ.

Ποίοισιν ; Ἡμῖν, τοῖς ἐν οὐρανῷ θεοῖς.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Θεοὶ γὰρ ὑμεῖς ;

ΙΡΙΣ.

Τίς γὰρ ἐστ' ἄλλος θεός ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἵρνηθες ἀνθρώποισι νῦν εἰσιν θεοί, 1225
 Οἷς θυτέον αὐτούς, ἀλλὰ μὰ Δί' οὐ τῷ Δί.

ΙΡΙΣ.

ὦ μῶρε μῶρε, μὴ θεῶν κίνει φρένας
 Δεινάς, ὅπως μή σου γένος πανώλεθρον
 Διὸς μακέλλη πᾶν ἀναστρέψη Δίκη,
 Μιγνύς δέ σῶμα καὶ δόμων περιπτύχας 1230
 Καταιθαλώση σου Δικυμνίαις βολαῖς.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄκουσον αὐτῆ· παῦε τῶν παφλασμάτων·

Ἐχ' ἀτρέμα. Φέρ' ἴδω, πότερα Λυδὸν ἢ Φρύγα

Ταυτὶ λέγουσα μορμολύττεσθαι δοκεῖς ;

Ἄρ' οἴσθ' ὅτι Ζεὺς εἴ με λυπήσει πέρα,

1236

Μέλαθρα μὲν αὐτοῦ καὶ δόμους Ἀμφίονος

Καταιθαλώσω πυρφόροισιν ἄετοῖς,

Πέμψω δὲ πορφυρίωνας ἐς τὸν οὐρανὸν

Ἵρνις ἐπ' αὐτόν, παρδαλᾶς ἐνημμένους,

Πλείν ἑξακοσίους τὸν ἀριθμόν ; Καὶ δὴ ποτε

1240

Εἰς Πορφυρίων αὐτῷ παρέσχε πράγματα.

Σὺ δ' εἴ με λυπήσεις τι, τῆς διακόνου

Πρώτης ἀνατείνας τὸ σκέλη διαμηριῶ

Τὴν Ἰριν αὐτήν, ὥστε θαυμάζειν ὅπως

Οὕτω γέρων ὦν στύομαι τριέμβολον.

1245

ΙΡΙΣ.

Διαρραγείης, ὦ μέλ', αὐτοῖς ῥήμασιν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκ ἀποσοβήσεις ; Οὐ ταχέως ; Εὐράξ πατάξ.

ΙΡΙΣ.

Ἢ μὴν σε παύσει τῆς ὕβρεως οὐμὸς πατήρ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οἴμοι τύλας. Οὐκουν ἐτέρωσε πετομένη

Καταιθαλώσεις τῶν νεωτέρων τινά ;

1250

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Ἄντιστροφῆ.

Ἀποκεκλήκαμεν διογενεῖς θεοὺς

Μηκέτι τὴν ἐμὴν διαπερᾶν πόλιν,
 Μηδέ τιν' ἱερόθυτον ἀνὰ δάπεδον ἔτι
 Τῆδε βροτὸν θεοῖσι πέμπειν καπνόν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Δεινόν γε τὸν κήρυκα τὸν παρὰ τοὺς βροτοὺς
 Οἰχόμενον, εἰ μηδέποτε νοστήσει πάλιν.

1255

ΚΗΡΥΞ.

ᾠ Πεισθέταιρ', ᾧ μακάρι', ᾧ σοφώτατε,
 ᾠ κλεινότατ', ᾧ σοφώτατ', ᾧ ^{μυρί γε} γλαφυρώτατε,
 ᾠ τρισμακάρι', ᾧ κατακέλευσον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί σὺ λέγεις ;

ΚΗΡΥΞ.

Στεφάνῳ σε χρυσῶ τῷδε σοφίας οὔνεκα
 Στεφανοῦσι καὶ τιμῶσιν οἱ πάντες λεῶ.

1260

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Δέχομαι. Τί δ' οὕτως οἱ λεῶ τιμῶσί με ;

ΚΗΡΥΞ.

ᾠ κλεινοτάτην αἰθέριον οἰκίσας πόλιν,
 Οὐκ οἶσθ' ὅσῃν τιμὴν παρ' ἀνθρώποις φέρει,
 Ὅσους τ' ἐραστὰς τῆσδε τῆς χώρας ἔχεις.

1265

Πρὶν μὲν γὰρ οἰκίσαι σε τήνδε τὴν πόλιν,

Ἐλακωνομάνουν ἅπαντες ἄνθρωποι τότε,

Ἐκόμων, ἐπείνων, ἐρρύπων, ἐσωκράτων,

Σκυτάλι' ἐφόρου· νυνὶ δ' ὑποστρέψαντες αὖ

Ἄρνηθομανοῦσι, πάντα δ' ὑπὸ τῆς ἰδουῆς

1270

Ποιοῦσιν ἅπερ ὄρνιθες ἐκμιμούμενοι



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Ἐγὼ δ' ἐκείνων τοὺς προσιόντας δέξομαι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Στροφή.

Ταχὺ δ' ἂν πολυαυορα τὰν πόλιν
Καλοῖ τις ἀνθρώπων.

1300

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τύχη μόνον προσεΐη.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Κατέχουσι δ' ἔρωτες ἐμᾶς πόλεως.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Θάπτον φέρειν κελεύω.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Τί γὰρ οὐκ ἐνὶ ταύτῃ

Καλὸν ἀνδρὶ μετοικεῖν ;

1305

Σοφία, Πόθος, ἀμβρόσιαι Χάριτες,

Τό τε τῆς ἀγανόφρονος Ἠσυχίας

Εὐάμερον πρόσωπον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὡς βλακικῶς διακονεῖς·

Οὐ θάπτον ἐγκουήσεις ;

1310

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Ἀντιστροφή.

Φερέτω καλάθον ταχὺ τις πτερῶν,

Σὺ δ' αὖθις ἐξόρμα,

Τύπτων γε τοῦτον ᾧδί.

Πάνυ γὰρ βραδύς ἐστὶ τις ὥσπερ ὄνος.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μανῆς γὰρ ἐστὶ δειλός.

1315

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Σὺ δὲ τὰ πτερὰ πρῶτον

Διάθες τάδε κόσμῳ·

Τά τε μουσίχ' ὁμοῦ τά τε μαντικά καὶ

Τὰ θαλάττι'. Ἐπειτα δ' ὅπως φρονίμως

Πρὸς ἄνδρ' ὀρώων πτερώσεις.

1320

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐ τοι μὰ τὰς ^{καυτήν} κερχνηδάς ἔτι σοῦ σχήσομαι,

Οὕτως ὀρώων σε δειλὸν ὄντα καὶ βραδύν.

ΠΑΤΡΑΛΟΙΑΣ.

Γενοίμαν ἀετὸς ^{εὐπείθετος} ὑψιπέτας,

Ὡς ἂν ποταθείην ὑπὲρ ἀτρυγέτου γλαύ-

κᾶς ἐπ' οἶδμα λίμνας.

1325

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἔοικεν οὐ ψευδαγγελῆς εἶν' ἄγγελος.

Ἄιδων γὰρ ὅδε τις ἀετοῦς προσέρχεται.

ΠΑΤΡΑΛΟΙΑΣ.

Αἰβοῖ·

Οὐκ ἔστιν οὐδὲν τοῦ πέτεσθαι γλυκύτερον·

Ἐρῶ δ' ἔγωγε τῶν ἐν ὄρνεσιν νόμων.

1330

Ὀρنيθομανῶ γὰρ καὶ πέτομαι, καὶ βούλομαι

Οἰκεῖν μεθ' ὑμῶν, κάπιθυμῶ τῶν νόμων.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ποίων νόμων; Πολλοὶ γὰρ ὀρνίθων νόμοι.

ΠΑΤΡΑΛΟΙΑΣ.

Πάντων· μάλιστα δ' ὅτι καλὸν νομίζεται

Τὸν πατέρα τοῖς ὄρνεσιν ἄγγχειν καὶ δάκνειν.

1335

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Καὶ νῆ Δί' ἀνδρείόν γε πάνυ νομίζομεν,
 Ὃς ἂν πεπλήγη τὸν πατέρα νεοττὸς ὢν.

ΠΑΤΡΑΛΟΙΑΣ.

Διὰ ταῦτα μέντοι δεῦρ' ἀνοικισθεὶς ἐγὼ
 Ἄγχειν ἐπιθυμῶ τὸν πατέρα καὶ πάντ' ἔχειν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄλλ' ἔστιν ἡμῖν τοῖσιν ὄρνισιν νόμος 1340
 Παλαιὸς ἐν ταῖς τῶν πελαργῶν κύρβεσιν·
 Ἐπὴν ὁ πατὴρ ὁ πελαργὸς ἐκπετησίμους
 Πάντας ποιήσῃ τοὺς πελαργιδῆς τρέφων,
 Δεῖ τοὺς νεοττοὺς τὸν πατέρα πάλιν τρέφειν.

ΠΑΤΡΑΛΟΙΑΣ.

Ἀπέλαυσά τ' ἄρ' ἂν νῆ Δί' ἐλθὼν ἐνθαδί 1345
 Εἴπερ γέ μοι καὶ τὸν πατέρα βοσκητέον.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐδέν γ'. Ἐπειδήπερ γὰρ ἦλθες, ὦ μέλε,
 Εὖνους, πτερώσω σ' ὥσπερ ὄρνιν ὀρφανόν.
 Σοὶ δ', ὦ νεανίσκ', οὐ κακῶς ὑποθήσομαι,
 Ἄλλ' οἰάπερ αὐτὸς ἔμαθον ὅτε παῖς ἦ. Σὺ γὰρ 1350
 Τὸν μὲν πατέρα μὴ τύπτε· ταυτηνδὶ λαβὼν
 Τὴν πτέρυγα, καὶ τουτὶ τὸ πλήκτρον θ' αἰτέρα,
 Νομίσας ἀλεκτρυόνος ἔχειν τουδὶ λόφον,
 Φρούρει, στρατεύου, μισθοφορῶν σαυτὸν τρέφε,
 Τὸν πατέρ' ἔα ζῆν· ἀλλ' ἐπειδὴ μάχιμος εἶ, 1355
 Εἰς τὰπὶ Θράκης ἀποπέτου, κακεῖ μάχου.



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ΚΙΝΗΣΙΑΣ.

Κρέματα μὲν οὖν ἐντεῦθεν ἡμῶν ἢ τέχνη.

Τῶν διθυράμβων γὰρ τὰ λαμπρὰ γίγνεται

Ἄερίά τινα καὶ σκοτία καὶ κυαναῦγεα

Καὶ πτεροδόνητα· σὺ δὲ κλύων εἴσει τάχα.

1375

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐ δῆτ' ἔγωγε.

ΚΙΝΗΣΙΑΣ.

Νῆ τὸν Ἡρακλέα σύ γε.

Ἄπαντα γὰρ δίειμί σοι τὸν αἶρα

Εἶδωλα πετεινῶν

Αἰθεροδρόμων,

Οἰωνῶν ταναφδείρων.

1380

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἔοπ.

ΚΙΝΗΣΙΑΣ.

Τὸν ἀλάδρομον ἀλάμενος

Ἄμ' ἀνέμων πνοαῖσι βαίην.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Νῆ τὸν Δί' ἢ ἄγώ σου καταπαύσω τὰς πνοάς.

ΚΙΝΗΣΙΑΣ.

Τοτὲ μὲν νοτιάαν στείχων πρὸς ὁδόν,

Τοτὲ δ' αὖ βορέα σῶμα πελάζων

1385

Ἄλίμενον αἰθέρος αὔλακα τέμνων.

Χαρίεντά γ', ὦ πρεσβῦτ', ἐσοφίσω καὶ σοφά

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐ γὰρ σὺ χαίρεις πτεροδόνητος γεύομενος;

ΚΙΝΗΣΙΑΣ.

Ταυτὶ πεποίηκας τὸν κυκλιοδιδάσκαλον,
 Ὅς ταῖσι φυλαῖς περιμάχητός εἰμ' αἰεῖ ;

1390

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Βούλει διδάσκειν καὶ παρ' ἡμῖν οὖν μένων
 Λεωτροφίδη χορὸν πετομένων ὀρνέων
 Κεκροπίδα φυλήν ;

ΚΙΝΗΣΙΑΣ.

Καταγελᾶς μου, δῆλος εἶ.
 Ἄλλ' οὖν ἔγωγ' οὐ παύσομαι, τοῦτ' ἴσθ' ὅτι,
 Πρὶν ἂν πτερωθεῖς διαδράμω τὸν αἶρα.

1395

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Ὅρνιαθές τινες οἷδ' οὐδὲν ἔχοντες πτεροποίκιλοι,
 Τανυσίπτερε ποικίλα χελιδοί·

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τουτὶ τὸ κακὸν οὐ φαῦλον ἐξεγρήγορεν.
 Ὅδ' αὖ μινύριζων δεῦρό τις προσέρχεται.

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Τανυσίπτερε ποικίλα μάλ' αὖθις.

1400

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐς θοῖμάτιον τὸ σκόλιον ἄδειν μοι δοκεῖ,
 Δεῖσθαι δ' ἔοικεν οὐκ ὀλίγων χελιδόνων.

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Τίς ὁ πτερῶν δεῦρ' ἐστὶ τοὺς ἀφικνουμένους ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὅδὶ πάρεστιν· ἀλλ' ὅτου δεῖ χρῆ λέγειν.

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Πτερῶν πτερῶν δεῖ· μὴ πύθη τὴ δεύτερον.

1405

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μῶν εὐθὺ Πελλήνης πέτεσθαι διανοεῖ ;

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Μὰ Δί', ἀλλὰ κλητὴρ εἰμι νησιωτικὸς
Καὶ συκοφάντης,

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

ὦ μακάριε τῆς τέχνης.

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Καὶ πραγματοδίφης. Εἶτα δέομαι πτερὰ λαβὼν
Κύκλῳ περισσοβεῖν τὰς πόλεις καλούμενος.

1410

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐπὸ πτερύγων τί προσκαλεῖ σοφώτερον ;

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Μὰ Δί', ἀλλ' ἴν' οἱ λησταί γε μὴ λυπῶσί με,
Μετὰ τῶν γεράνων τ' ἐκεῖθεν ἀναχωρῶ πάλιν,
Ἄνθ' ἔρματος πολλὰς καταπεπωκὼς δίκας.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τουτὶ γὰρ ἐργάζει σὺ τοῦργον ; Εἰπέ μοι,
Νεανίας ὧν συκοφαντεῖς τοὺς ξένους ;

1415

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Τί γὰρ πάθω ; Σκάπτειν γὰρ οὐκ ἐπίσταμαι.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

'Αλλ' ἔστιν ἕτερα νῆ Δί' ἔργα σώφρονα,
'Αφ' ὧν διαζῆν ἄνδρα χρῆν τοσουτονὶ
'Εκ τοῦ δικαίου μάλλον ἢ δικορῶραφεῖν.

1420

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

ὦ δαιμόνιε, μὴ κουθέτει μ', ἀλλὰ πτέρου.



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ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί δαὶ ποιήσεις ;

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

q. i. a. h. e. u Τὸ γένος οὐ καταισχυνῶ.

Παππῶος ὁ βίος συκοφαντεῖν ἐστὶ μοι

Ἄλλὰ πτέρου με ταχέσι καὶ ^{εὐχρ}κρυφοῖς πτεροῖς

Ἰερακός, ἢ ^{κρυφ}κέρχνηδος, ὡς ἂν τοὺς ξένους

Καλεσόμενος, κατ' ἐγκεκληκῶς ἐνθαδί,

1440

Κατ' αὐ πέτωμαι πάλιν ἐκείσε.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μανθάνω.

Ὡδὶ λέγεις · ὅπως ἂν ὠφλήκη δίκην

Ἐνθάδε πρὶν ἤκειν ὁ ξένος.

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Πάνυ μανθάνεις.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Καπειθ' ὁ μὲν πλεῖ δεῦρο, σὺ δ' ἐκείσ' αὐ πέτει

Ἀρπασόμενος τὰ χρήματ' αὐτοῦ.

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Πάντ' ἔχεις.

1445

Βέμβικος οὐδὲν διαφέρειν δεῖ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μανθάνω

Βέμβικα · καὶ μὴν ἔστι μοι νῆ τὸν Δία

Κάλλιστα Κορκυραῖα τοιαυτὶ πτερά.

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Οἴμοι τάλας · μάστιγ' ἔχεις.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Πτερὸ μὲν οὖν,

Οἷσί σε ποιήσω τήμερον βεμβικιᾶν.

1450

ΣΥΚΟΦΑΝΤΗΣ.

Οἴμοι τάλας.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐ πτερυγίεις ἐντευθενί ;

Οὐκ ἀπολιβάξεις, ὦ κίκιστ' ἀπολούμενος ;

Πικρὰν τάχ' ὄψει στρεψοδικοπανουργίαν.

Ἄπίωμεν ἡμεῖς ξυλλαβόντες τὰ πτερά.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Στροφή.

Πολλὰ δὴ καὶ καινὰ καὶ θαυ-

1455

μάστ' ἐπεπτόμεσθα, καὶ

Δεινὰ πράγματ' εἶδομεν.

Ἔστι γὰρ δένδρον πεφυκὸς

Ἐκτοπὸν τι, καρδίας ἀ-

πωτέρω, Κλεώνυμος,

1460

Χρήσιμον μὲν οὐδέν, ἄλ-

λως δὲ δειλὸν καὶ μέγα.

Τοῦτο τοῦ μὲν ἦρος αἰεὶ

Βλαστάνει καὶ συκοφαντεῖ,

Τοῦ δὲ χειμῶνος πάλιν τὰς

1465

Ἄσπίδας φυλλορροεῖ.

Ἀντιστροφή.

Ἔστι δ' αὖ χώρα πρὸς αὐτῷ

Τῷ σκότῳ πόρρω τις ἐν

Τῇ λύχνων ἔρημία,

*Ενθα τοῖς ἥρωσιν ἄνθρω-

1470

ποι ξυναριστῶσι καὶ ξύν-

εισι, πλὴν τῆς ἑσπέρας.

Τηνικαῦτα δ' οὐκέτ' ἦν

*Ασφαλὲς ξυντυγχάνειν.

Εἰ γὰρ ἐντύχοι τις ἥρω

1475

Τῶν βροτῶν νύκτωρ Ὀρέστη,

Γυμνὸς ἦν πληγεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ

Πάντα τὰπιδέξια.

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Οἴμοι τάλας, ὁ Ζεὺς ὅπως μή μ' ὄψεται.

Ποῦ Πεισθέταιρός ἐστιν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

*Εα, τουτὶ τί ἦν ;

1480

Τίς οὐγκαλυμμός ;

ΗΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Τῶν θεῶν ὄρα^ς τινα

Εμοῦ κατόπιν ἐνταῦθα ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μὰ Δί' ἐγὼ μὲν οὔ.

Τίς δ' εἶ σύ ;

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Πηνίκ' ἐστὶν ἄρα τῆς ἡμέρας ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

*Οπηνίκα ; Σμικρόν τι μετὰ μεσημβρίαν.

*Αλλὰ σὺ τίς εἶ ;



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ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Ἄκουε δὴ νυν.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὡς ἀκούοντος λέγε.

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Ἀπόλωλεν ὁ Ζεὺς.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Πηνίκ' ἄττ' ἀπώλετο ;

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Ἐξ οὐπερ ὑμεῖς ᾠκίσατε τὸν αἶρα. 1500

Θύει γὰρ οὐδεὶς οὐδὲν ἀνθρώπων ἔτι

θεοῖσιν, οὐδὲ κνῖσα μηρίων ἄπο

Ἀνήλθεν ὡς ἡμᾶς ἀπ' ἐκείνου τοῦ χρόνου,

Ἄλλ' ὡσπερὶ Θεσμοφορίοις νηστεύομεν

Ἄνευ θυηλῶν · οἱ δὲ βάρβαροι θεοὶ 1505

Πεινῶντες ὡσπερ Ἰλλυριοὶ ^{δε λέγεται} κέκριγότες

Ἐπιστρατεύσειν φάσ' ἄνωθεν τῷ Δί,

Εἰ μὴ παρέξει τὰμπόρι' ἀνεωγμένα,

Ἴν' εἰσάγοιτο σπλάγχνα κατατετμημένα.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Εἰσὶν γὰρ ἕτεροι βάρβαροι θεοὶ τινες 1510

Ἄνωθεν ὑμῶν ;

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Οὐ γάρ εἰσι βάρβαροι,

Ὅθεν ὁ πατρῷός ἐστιν Ἐξηκεστίδη ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὄνομα δὲ τούτοις τοῖς θεοῖς τοῖς βαρβύροις

Τί ἐστίν ;

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

“Ο τι ἐστίν ; Τριβαλλοί.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μανθάνω.

Ἐντεῦθεν ἄρα τοῦπιτριβεΐης ἐγένετο. 1515

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Μάλιστα πάντων. “Εν δέ σοι λέγω σαφές ·

“Ἡξουσι πρέσβεις δεῦρο περὶ διαλλαγῶν

Παρὰ τοῦ Διὸς καὶ τῶν Τριβαλλῶν τῶν ἄνω ·

Ἵμεῖς δὲ μὴ σπένδεσθ’, εἰ μὴ παραδιδῶ

Τὸ σκῆπτρον ὃ Ζεὺς τοῖσιν ὄρνισιν πάλιν, 1520

Καὶ τὴν Βασίλειάν σοι γυναῖκ’ ἔχειν διδῶ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τίς ἐστίν ἡ Βασίλεια ;

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Καλλίστη κόρη,

“Ἡπερ ταμιεύει τὸν κεραυνὸν τοῦ Διὸς

Καὶ τᾶλλ’ ἀπαξάπαντα, τὴν εὐβουλίαν,

Τὴν εὐνομίαν, τὴν σωφροσύνην, τὰ νεώρια, 1525

Τὴν λαιδορίαν, τὸν κωλακρέτην, τὰ τριώβολα.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

“Ἀπαντὰ τᾶρ’ αὐτῷ ταμιεύει.

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Φήμ’ ἐγώ.

“Ἦν γ’ ἦν σὺ παρ’ ἐκείνου παραλάβῃς, πάντ’ ἔχεις.

Τούτων ἕνεκα δεῦρ’ ἦλθον, ἵνα φράσαιμί σοι.

Ἐεί ποτ’ ἀνθρώποις γὰρ εὖνους εἴμ’ ἐγώ. 1530

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Μόνον θεῶν γὰρ διὰ σ' ἀπανθρακίζομεν.

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Μισῶ δ' ἅπαντας τοὺς θεούς, ὡς οἶσθα σύ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Νῆ τὸν Δί' αἰεὶ δῆτα θεομισῆς ἔφυς.

ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ.

Τίμων καθαρός. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἂν ἀποτρέχω πάλιν,

Φέρε τὸ σκιάδειον, ἵνα με κἂν ὁ Ζεὺς ἴδῃ

1535

Ἄνωθεν, ἀκολουθεῖν δοκῶ κανηφόρῳ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Καὶ τὸν δίφρον γε διφροφόρει τουδὶ λαβών.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Στροφή.

Πρὸς δὲ τοῖς Σκιάποσιν λι-

μνη τις ἔστ', ἄλουτος οὐ

Ψυχαγωγεῖ Σωκράτης·

1540

Ἐνθα καὶ Πείσανδρος ἦλθε

Δεόμενος ψυχὴν ἰδεῖν, ἣ

Ζῶντ' ἐκείνου προὔλιπε,

Σφάγι' ἔχων κάμηλον ἀ-

μνόν τιν', ἣς ^{throat} λαιμούς τεμών,

1545

Ὡσπερ οὐδυσσεὺς ἀπῆλθε,

Κατ' ἀνῆλθ' αὐτῷ κάτωθεν

Πρὸς τὸ λαῖμα τῆς καμήλου

Χαιρεφῶν ἢ νυκτερίς.



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ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Τὸν ἄνδρα χαίρειν οἱ θεοὶ κελεύομεν
Τρεῖς ὄντες ἡμεῖς.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄλλ' ἐπικνῶ τὸ σίλφιον.

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Τὰ δὲ κρέα τοῦ ταῦτ' ἐστίν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

*Ορνιθές τινες

*Ἐπανιστάμενοι τοῖς δημοτικοῖσιν ὀρνέοις

*Ἐδοξαν ἀδικεῖν.

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Εἶτα δῆτα σίλφιον

1570

*Ἐπικνῆς πρότερον αὐτοῖσιν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

*ὦ χαῖρ', Ἡράκλεις.

Τί ἔστι ;

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Πρεσβεύοντες ἡμεῖς ἤκομεν

Παρὰ τῶν θεῶν περὶ πολέμου καταλλαγῆς.

ΟΙΚΕΤΗΣ.

*Ἐλαιον οὐκ ἔνεστιν ἐν τῇ ληκύθῳ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Καὶ μὴν τά γ' ὀρνίθεια λιπάρ' εἶναι πρέπει.

1575

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Ἡμεῖς τε γὰρ πολεμοῦντες οὐ κερδαίνομεν,

Ἡμεῖς τ' ἂν ἡμῖν τοῖς θεοῖς ὄντες φίλοι

Ἐμβριον ὕδωρ ἂν εἴχετ' ἐν τοῖς τέλμασιν,

Ἄλκυονίδας τ' ἂν ἤγεθ' ἡμέρας αἰεί.

Τούτων περὶ πάντων αὐτοκράτορες ἤκομεν.

1580

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄλλ' οὔτε πρότερον πώποθ' ἡμεῖς ἤρξαμεν

Πολέμου πρὸς ὑμᾶς, νῦν τ' ἐθέλομεν, εἰ δοκεῖ,

Ἐὰν τὸ δίκαιον ἀλλὰ νῦν ἐθέλητε δρᾶν,

Σπονδὰς ποιεῖσθαι. Τὰ δὲ δίκαι' ἐστὶν ταδί·

Τὸ σκῆπτρον ἡμῖν τοῖσιν ὄρνισιν πάλιν

1585

Τὸν Δί' ἀποδοῦναι· καὶ διαλλαττώμεθα.

Ἐπὶ τοῖσδε τοὺς πρέσβεις ἐπ' ἄριστον καλῶ.

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Ἐμοὶ μὲν ἀπόχρη ταῦτα, καὶ ψηφίζομαι.

ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ.

Τί, ὦ κακόδαιμον; Ἥλίθιος καὶ γάστρις εἶ.

Ἀποστερεῖς τὸν πατέρα τῆς τυραννίδος;

1590

οὐκ ἔστι σοὶ ἔτι ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἄληθες; Οὐ γὰρ μείζον ὑμεῖς οἱ θεοὶ

Ἰσχύσει', ἣν ὄρνιθες ἄρξωσιν κάτω;

Νῦν μὲν γ' ὑπὸ ταῖς νεφέλαισιν ἐγκεκρυμμένοι

Κύψαντες ἐπιορκοῦσιν ὑμᾶς οἱ βροτοί·

Ἐὰν δὲ τοὺς ὄρνις ἔχητε συμμάχους,

1595

Ὅταν ὀμνύῃ τις τὸν κόρακα καὶ τὸν Δία,

Ὁ κόραξ παρελθὼν τοῦπιορκοῦντος λάθρα

Προσπτάμενος ἐκκόψει τὸν ὀφθαλμὸν θενών.

ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ.

Νῆ τὸν Ποσειδῶ, ταῦτά γέ τοι καλῶς λέγεις.

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Κάμοι δοκεῖ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί δαὶ σὺ φῆς ;

ΤΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΣ.

Ναβαισατρεῦ.

1600

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὅρας ; Ἐπαινεῖ χούτος. Ἔτερον νῦν ἔτι

Ἀκούσαθ' ὅσον ὑμᾶς ἀγαθὸν ποιήσομεν.

Ἐάν τις ἀνθρώπων ἱερείον τῷ θεῶν

Εὐξάμενος, εἶτα διασοφίζεται λέγων,

† Μενετοὶ θεοί, καὶ μάποδιδῶ ^{in fugi} μισήτιαν,

1605

Ἀναπράξομεν καὶ ταῦτα.

ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ.

Φέρ' ἴδω, τῷ τρόπῳ ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὅταν διαριθμῶν ἀργυρίδιον τύχη

Ἄνθρωπος οὗτος, ἢ καθῆται λούμενος,

Καταπτάμενος ἰκτίνος, ἀρπάσας λάθρα,

Προβάτοιον δυοῖν τιμὴν ἀνοίσει τῷ θεῷ.

1610

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Τὸ σκῆπτρον ἀποδοῦναι πάλιν ψηφίζομαι

Τούτοις ἐγώ.

ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ.

Καὶ τὸν Τριβαλλόν νυν ἐροῦ.

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Ὁ Τριβαλλός, οἰμώζειν δοκεῖ σοι ;



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ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ.

Τί, ῥζύρ' ; Οὐκ οἶσθ' ἐξαπατώμενος πάλαι ;
 Βλάπτεις δέ τοι σὺ σαυτόν. ἤν γὰρ ἀποθάνη
 Ὁ Ζεὺς, παραδούς τούτοισι τὴν τυραννίδα,
 Πένης ἔσει σύ. Σοῦ γὰρ ἅπαντα γίγνεται
 Τὰ χρήμαθ', ὅσ' ἂν ὁ Ζεὺς ἀποθνήσκων καταλίπη. 1630

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οἶμοι τάλας, οἶόν σε περισοφίζεται.
 Δεῦρ' ὡς ἔμ' ἀποχώρησον, ἵνα τί σοι φράσω.
 Διαβάλλεταιί σ' ὁ θεῖος, ὦ πονηρὲ σύ.
 Τῶν γὰρ πατρώων οὐδ' ἀκαρῆ μέτεστί σοι
 Κατὰ τοὺς νόμους· νόθος γὰρ εἶ κοῦ γνήσιος. 1635

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Ἐγὼ νόθος ; Τί λέγεις ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Σὺ μέντοι νῆ Δία,
 ὦν γε ξένης γυναικός. ἤ πῶς ἂν ποτε
 Ἐπικληρον εἶναι τὴν Ἀθηναίαν δοκεῖς,
 Οὔσαν θυγατέρ', ὄντων ἀδελφῶν γνησίων ;

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Τί δ', ἦν ὁ πατήρ ἐμοὶ διδῶ τὰ χρήματα
 Νόθῳ ἔξαποθνήσκων ; 1640

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ὁ νόμος αὐτὸν οὐκ ἔῃ.
 Οὗτος ὁ Ποσειδῶν πρῶτος, ὃς ἐπαίρει σε νῦν,
 Ἀνθέξεταί σου τῶν πατρώων χρημάτων
 Φάσκων ἀδελφὸς αὐτὸς εἶναι γνήσιος.

Ἐρῶ δὲ δὴ καὶ τὸν Σόλωνός σοι νόμον · 1645

“ Νόθος δὲ μὴ εἶναι ἀγχιστεῖαν, παίδων ὄντων
 γνησίων. Ἐὰν δὲ παῖδες μὴ ὡσι γνήσιοι, τοῖς
 ἐγγυτάτῳ γένους μετεῖναι τῶν χρημάτων.”

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Ἐμοὶ δ' ἄρ' οὐδὲν τῶν πατρώων χρημάτων
 Μέτεστιν ;

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐ μέντοι μὰ Δία. Λέξον δέ μοι, 1650

Ἦδη σ' ὁ πατήρ εἰσήγαγ' ἐς τοὺς φράτορας ;

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Οὐ δῆτ' ἐμέ γε. Καὶ δῆτ' ἐθαύμαζον πάλαι.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί δῆτ' ἄνω κέχηνας αἰκίαν βλέπων ;

Ἄλλ' ἦν μεθ' ἡμῶν ἦς, καταστήσω σ' ἐγὼ

Τύραννον, ὀρνίθων παρέξω σοι γάλα. 1655

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Δίκαι' ἔμοιγε καὶ πάλιν δοκεῖς λέγειν

Περὶ τῆς κόρης ἢ κἀγωγε παραδίδωμί σοι.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Τί δαὶ σὺ φῆς ;

ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ.

Τάναντία ψηφίζομαι.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐν τῷ Τριβαλλῷ πᾶν τὸ πρᾶγμα. Τί σὺ λέγεις ;

ΤΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΣ.

Καλάνι κόραυνα καὶ μεγάλα βασιλιναῦ 1660

Ἄορνιτο παραδίδωμι.

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Παραδοῦναι λέγει.

ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ.

*Μὰ τὸν Δί' οὐχ οὗτός γε παραδοῦναι λέγει,
Εἰ μὴ βαδίζειν ὥσπερ αἱ χελιδόνες.*

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Οὐκοῦν παραδοῦναι ταῖς χελιδόσιν λέγει.

ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ.

*Σφῶν νῦν διαλλάττεσθε καὶ ξυμβαίνετε ·
'Εγὼ δ', ἐπειδὴ σφῶν δοκεῖ, σιγήσομαι.*

1665

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

*'Ημῖν ἄ λέγεις σὺ πάντα συγχωρεῖν δοκεῖ.
'Αλλ' ἴθι μεθ' ἡμῶν αὐτὸς ἐς τὸν οὐρανόν,
"Ἴνα τὴν Βασίλειαν καὶ τὰ πάντ' ἐκεῖ λάβῃς.*

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

*'Ες καιρὸν ἄρα κατεκόπησαν οὗτοι
'Ες τοὺς γάμους.*

1670

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

*Βούλεσθε δῆτ' ἐγὼ τέως
'Οπτῶ τὰ κρέα ταυτὶ μένων ; 'Υμεῖς δ' ἴτε.*

ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ.

*'Οπτῆς τὰ κρέα ; Πολλήν γε τευθείαν λέγεις.
Οὐκ εἶ μεθ' ἡμῶν ;*

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ.

Εὖ γε μέν τ' αὖν διετέθην.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

'Αλλὰ γαμικὴν χλανίδα δότω τις δεῦρό μοι.

1675



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‘Οδὶ δὲ καὐτός ἐστιν. Ἐλλὰ χρὴ θεᾶς 1700
 ! Μούσης ἀνοίγειν ἱερὸν εὐφημον στόμα.

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Ἄναγε, δῖεχε, πάραγε, πάρεχε,

Περιπέτεσθε

Μάκαρα μάκαρι σὺν τύχῃ.

ᾠ φεῦ φεῦ τῆς ὥρας, τοῦ κάλλους. 1705

ᾠ μακαριστὸν σὺ γάμον τῆδε πόλει γήμας.

Μεγάλαι μεγάλαι κατέχουσι τύχαι

Γένος ὀρνίθων

Διὰ τόνδε τὸν ἄνδρ’. Ἐλλ’ ὑμεναίοις

Καὶ νυμφιδίοισι δέχεσθ’ ὠδαῖς 1710

Αὐτὸν καὶ τὴν Βασίλειαν.

Ἦρα ποτ’ Ὀλυμπία

Τῶν ἡλιβάτων θρόνων

Ἄρχοντα θεοῖς μέγαν

Μοῖραι *μαεε by the side of* ξυνεκοίμισαν 1715

Ἐν τοιῶδ’ ὑμεναίῳ.

Ἐμὴν ὦ, Ἐμέναι’ ὦ.

Ὁ δ’ ἀμφιθαλῆς Ἔρως

Χρυσόπτερος ἠνίας

Εὐθυνε παλιντόνους, 1720

Ζηνὸς πάροχος γάμων

Τῆς τ’ εὐδαίμονος Ἦρας.

Ἐμὴν ὦ, Ἐμέναι’ ὦ.

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐχάρην ὑμνοῖς, ἐχάρην ὠδαῖς.

Ἄγαμαι δὲ λόγων. Ἄγε νῦν αὐτοῦ
 Καὶ τὰς χθονίας κλήσατε βροντάς,
 Τὰς τε πυρώδεις Διὸς ἀστεροπάς,
 Δεινὸν τ' ἀργῆτα κεραυνόν.

1725

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

ᾠ μέγα χρύσειον ἀστεροπῆς φάος,
 ᾠ Διὸς ἄμβροτον ἔγχος πυρφόρον,
 ᾠ χθόνιαι βαρναχέες
 ᾠ Ουβροφόροι θ' ἅμα βρονταί,
 Αἷς ὄδε νῦν χθόνα σείει.
 Διὰ σὲ τὰ πάντα κρατήσας,
 Καὶ πάρεδρον Βασίλειαν ἔχει Διός.
 Ἔμην ὦ, ἔμηναι ὦ.

1730

1735

ΠΕΙΣΘΕΤΑΙΡΟΣ.

Ἐπεσθε νῦν γάμοισιν, ὦ
 Φῦλα πάντα συννόμων
 Πτεροφόρ', ἐπὶ ^{παλῆι}πέδον Διὸς
 Καὶ λέχος γαμήλιον.
 Ὀρεξον, ὦ μάκαιρα, σὴν
 Χεῖρα, καὶ πτερῶν ἐμῶν
 Λαβοῦσα συγχόρευσον· αἶ-
 ρων δὲ κουφιῶ σ' ἐγώ.

1740

ΧΟΡΟΣ.

Ἄλαλαλαί, ἰὴ Παιῶν,
 Τήνελλα καλλίνικος, ὦ
 Δαιμόνων ὑπέρτατε.

1745



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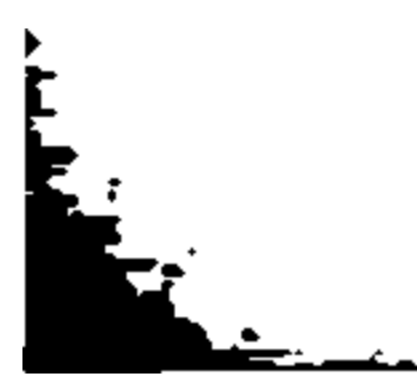
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i. e. *κορώνη*, but *this* raven. — *πάλιν*, *back*, in the opposite direction.

3. *πλανύττομεν*. A Scholiast speaks of this word as Attic for *πλανώμεθα*; and Suidas, cited by Bothe, considers it as a comic usage; perhaps it may be rendered, *Why are we tramping?*

4. *ἄλλως* = *μάτην*, *to no purpose*.

5, 6. *Τὸ . . . περιελθεῖν*. For the construction of the infinitive in sentences expressing exclamation, see G. § 104. For the force of the Aorist, see G. § 23, 1, N. 1. See also *Clouds*, 268, note.

10. *ἄν ἐξεύροις*. G. § 52, 2.

11. *οὐδ' ἄν . . . Ἐξηκιστίδης*, *Not even Exekestides could perceive the country hence*. G. § 42, 3, N. 2; § 53, N. 3. The name of this person occurs in two other places of the play, lines 766 and 1512. He was often introduced by the comic writers, and satirized as a person of barbarian origin, who had by fraudulent means got himself enrolled among the Athenian citizens. The meaning of the answer of Peisthetairos, then, is, "We are farther off than Exekestides: even he could not discern Athens from this spot." "It would puzzle Exekestides himself to make out Athens from here."

13. *οὐκ τῶν ὀρνέων*, *he of the birds*; i. e. the bird-seller or poulterer. The expression is like that applied to Hyperbolus in the *Clouds* (1065), *οὐκ τῶν λύχνων*, *the dealer in lamps*. There is also an allusion here, and in line 16, to the town of Orneae, in Argolis, which was destroyed by a combined force of Argives and Athenians, after a siege of one day, in 416 B. C. (two years before the exhibition of the *Birds*). See Thucyd., VI. 7, where the expression *ἐκ τῶν Ὀρνεῶν* occurs. The memory of this recent event made the allusion particularly applicable. The explanation given by the Scholiast — that the two Athenians are made to suffer

ἐκ τῶν ὀρνέων, because Ὀρνεαί is in Laconia (?), and the Athenians had recently suffered a loss at Mantinea — is impossible, from the circumstance that the people of Ὀρνεαί assisted the Athenians at the battle of Mantinea. See Thucyd., V. 67, and Arnold's note.

14. Ὁ μελαγχολῶν, *The poulterer Philocrates, being mad.* Philocrates would seem to have been well known as a dealer in birds in the Athenian market. He is again introduced by the Chorus (v. 1070), where a reward of one talent is offered for any one who will kill him ; for any one who will take him alive, four talents ; — his various offences against the race of birds being enumerated.

15. ἔφασκε φράσειν. G. § 73, 1 ; § 27.

16. ὅς ὀρνέων. This refers, of course, to the fable of the metamorphosis of Tereus into the Epops, or Hoopoo, for which see Ovid, *Metam.*, VI. 423, seq. With regard to the Hoopoo, or Huppoo, Cary (Preface to Translation of the Birds) has the following note. “As this bird acts a principal part in the play, the reader may not be displeased to see the following description of it : ‘At Penyrhiw, the farm to which this wild, uncultivated tract is a sheep-walk, was lately shot a Huppoo, a solitary bird, two being seldom seen together, and in this kingdom very uncommon ; even in Egypt, where common, not very gregarious. Bewick's description of it is very correct. *Upupa* of Linnaeus, la Hupe of Buffon. This bird is of the order of *Picae* ; its length twelve inches, breadth nineteen ; bill above two inches long, black, slender, and somewhat curved ; eyes hazel ; tongue very short and triangular ; head ornamented with a crest, consisting of a double row of feathers of pale orange color, tipped with black ; highest about two inches long ; neck pale reddish brown, breast and belly white ; back, scapulars, and wings crossed with broad bars of black and white ; lesser coverts of the wings light brown, rump white ; the

tail consists of ten feathers, each marked with white, which, when closed, assumes the form of a crescent, the horns pointing downwards; legs short and black. Crest usually falls behind on its neck, except when surprised, and then erect, agreeing exactly with Pliny's character of it. "Crista visenda plicatili, contrahens eam subrigensque per longitudinem capitis," whose annotator, Dalecampius, mentions another curious particular of this bird: "Nidum ex stercore humano praecipue conficit." Bewick, Vol. I. 262; Plin. Variorum, 688. In Sweden, the appearance of this bird is vulgarly considered as a presage of war, and it was formerly deemed in our country a forerunner of some calamity.' — *Historical Tour through Pembrokeshire*, by Richard Fenton, Esq., p. 17. London, 4to, 1810. The particular mentioned by Dalecampius is observed by Aristotle also, who adds that the bird changes its appearance summer and winter, as most of the other wild birds do." Von der Mühle (*Beiträge zur Ornithologie Griechenlands*, p. 34) says of the Epops, that it is found in great numbers in Greece, in the month of September, but more seldom in spring; that it is fond of the oleanders near the coast, &c.

What is the point of the phrase ἐκ τῶν ὀρνέων, in this place, has been a question. The Scholiast explains it παρ' ὑπόνοιαν · ἔδει γὰρ ἐκ τῶν ἀνθρώπων; i. e. instead of saying he was changed from a *man* to a bird, the poet gives an unexpected turn to the words and says, *who became a bird from — the birds*. Bergler's opinion is, "Videtur voce ὀρνέα metaphoricè significare homines *superbos* aut *leves et inconstantes*; hoc sensu: ex homine superbo, aut levi et inconstante, factus est ales superbus, aut levis et inconstans." Perhaps the explanation of the Scholiast, and that of Bergler combined with the remark of Cary, that "this is intended as a stroke of satire on the levity of the Athenians," may suggest the true meaning of the poet, especially as the



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of the accusative of kindred signification. — Σακᾶ. A common name for slaves and servants of barbarian origin, particularly Thracians; here applied to a tragic poet named Akestor, on account of his being a foreigner. In the *Cyropaedia* it is the name of the cupbearer of King Astyages.

32. εἰσβιάζεται, *is forcing himself in*; i. e. is constantly trying to thrust himself into the number of legal citizens. For an account of the care with which the rights and privileges of citizenship were guarded at Athens, see, besides other works, Smith's *Dict. of Gr. and Rom. Antiq.*, art. *Civitas*.

33. φυλῆ καὶ γένει. For the political meaning of these terms, see Hermann's *Staatsalterthümer* (Political Antiquities), § 94, and §§ 97, 98; and Grote, Vol. III. Chap. 10.

34. σοβοῦντος. This participle applies particularly to the *scaring away* of birds, though used metaphorically to express the act of frightening off, in general. Ἄνεπτόμεσθα, in the following line, is also used in a similar way; and ἀμφοῖν ποδοῖν is a comic inconsistency with the previous expression. He could say, using language metaphorically, *We flew away from the country*, but instead of adding *with both wings*, he was obliged to substitute *with both feet*, they having not yet been accommodated with the wings.

36. ἐκείνην, emphatically, "*that great city.*"

37. μὴ οὐ. For the use of this double negative, see G. § 95, 3; § 95, 2, N. 1 (b).

38. Καὶ . . . ἐναποτίσαι, *And common to all—to pay away their money in*; i. e. to waste money in lawsuits, which is the more specific meaning of ἀποτίνειν. G. § 97, or § 93, 2. The poet ingeniously and wittily combines in the ridicule of this line one of the great boasts of the Athenians, namely, the liberality with which the city's resources for instruction and amusement were opened to all comers (for a particular detail of which see the funeral oration of

Pericles in Thucydides, II. 35–46; and the Panegyricus of Isocrates, pp. 15, 16, Felton's edition, and notes), and the notorious love of litigation for which the Athenians were so often reproached, and which Aristophanes exposed with infinite spirit and drollery in the "Wasps."

39. *τέττιγες*. The chirping of the cicadae or *τέττιγες* is a subject of frequent allusion in the Greek poets, from Homer down. See Iliad, III. 151, and note upon the passage. For a description of the insect, and the ancient, though erroneous, idea of its habits, see Aristotle, Hist. An., Lib. IV. 7. Particularly, he speaks of it as living on dew, — *τῇ δρόσῳ τρέφεται*, — on which compare the Anacreontic ode, No. 32 (43), — *ὀλίγην δρόσον πεπωκώς, βασιλεὺς ὅπως αἰεῖδεις*. See also the note of Strack, pp. 182 and 183 of his German translation of Aristotle. The manner in which the sound called singing by Aristotle and the poets is produced, is explained Lib. IV. c. 9. Swammerdam has the following statement: "Cicada duobus gaudet exiguis tympanis peculiaribus, nostro auris tympano similibus, quae duarum ope cartilagineum lunatarum percussa, aerem ita vibrant ut sonitus inde reddatur." Bibl. Nat., p. 504; cited by Camus, Vol. II. p. 230.

40. *Ἐπὶ τῶν κραδῶν ᾄδουσι*. Aristotle, Lib. V. 30, says of the cicadae, "*Οὐ γίνονται δὲ τέττιγες ὅπου μὴ δένδρα ἐστίν*"; he adds, "There are none in the plain of Cyrene, but there are many round the city, and chiefly where there are olive-trees."

41. *τῶν δικῶν*. See note to line 38.

44. *ἀπράγμονα*, free from trouble, particularly vexatious lawsuits.

45. *καθιδρυθέντε διαγενοίμεθα*. For the participle expressing a condition, see G. § 109, 6; § 52, 1. Dawes proposed the present *διαγινοίμεθα*; but when we consider that the idea of the verb may be conceived either as continuous or as

momentary, there seems no necessity for any change, unless upon the authority of some good manuscript.

46, 47. τὸν . . . τόν. The repetition of the article, before both the name and the further designation, emphasizes them, *the Tereus*; that ancient Tereus, well known to the Athenian people, who was changed into the Epops.

48. ἧ, used adverbially, *where he has flown*; i. e. if he has ever seen such a city in all his travels.

49, 50. πάλαι . . . φράζει. By a common idiom, the present is used with an adverb of the past to mean *has been doing and is still doing*; here, *has been this long time talking up*. G. § 10, 1, N. 3.

51. ὡσπερὶ δεικνύς, *as if he were showing* (= ὡσπερ ἂν ἔχαινεν, εἰ ἐδείκνυ). G. § 109, N. 3 (b). Sometimes the more complete form ὡσπερ ἂν εἰ is used in such expressions; but generally we find only ὡσπερ. G. § 53, N. 3.

52. Κούκ . . . οὐκ. The combination of particles intensifies the expression, *There is not how there are not*; i. e. *It must be that there are*.

53. ποιήσωμεν. G. § 50, 1. Observe the force of the aorist in the subjunctive to express a single act. The present here would imply a repetition. See G., Rem. before § 12.

54. οἴσθ' ὃ δράσον; For an explanation of this idiom, see G. § 84, N. 3. It occurs frequently in the Attic writers, especially the tragic poets. See Soph. Oed. Tyr., 543; Eurip. Med., 605, &c. There seems to be a combination of two phrases in one: οἴσθ' ὃ δεῖ δράσαι; δράσον. The third person of the imperative is also used in the same way. See the same expression, v. 80. — σκέλει . . . πέτραν. The Scholiast, cited by Bothe, says there was a proverbial expression among the boys, Δὸς τὸ σκέλος τῇ πέτρᾳ καὶ πεσοῦνται τὰ ὄρνεα, *Give your leg to the rock and the birds will fall*; not unlike the modern notion of catching birds by sprinkling salt on their tails.



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v. 644. — ἐροῦ ποδῶν. “*Roga illa quae vides in cruribus meis, quae testabuntur me esse avem timidam.*” Bergler. The Scholiast says: “Λέγει δὲ ὡς ὑπὸ τοῦ δέους ἐναφεικῶς.”

68. Ἐπικεχοδῶς. Another name, similarly formed. “Καὶ τοῦτο ὡς ὄρνιθος ἔπαιξε παρὰ τὸ φαίνεσθαι αὐτοῦ τὸ σκῶρ.” Sch. “*Qui insuper etiam cacavit prae timore, ut prior ille.*” Bergler.

69. σύ. Euelpides turns upon the bird. σύ is emphatic, *but you.*

70, 71. Ἡττήθης Ἀλεκτρυόνος; It is stated by Voss, that after the Persian wars cock-fighting was introduced into Athens, and that the birds were brought, as an article of commerce, from Ionia. The conquered bird was called the δούλος. Voss, cited by Bothe. Becker (*Charicles*, p. 64, note 6, English translation) touches upon the subject, and gives the authorities. See also St. John's *Manners and Customs of the Ancient Greeks*, Vol. I. p. 190, and the references in the note, *ib.* The construction of the genitive is the same as after the comparative ἤσσων, which is implied by the verb. The Scholiast says: “Φυσικὸν τοῦτο ἐν ταῖς συμβολαῖς τῶν ἀλεκτρυόνων, τοὺς ἠττηθέντας ἔπεσθαι τοῖς νενικηκόσι.”

73. ἵν' ἔχη. For the Subjunctive after a secondary tense, see G. § 44, 2.

74. γάρ. The particle implies the ellipsis of some expression intimating surprise on the part of the speaker. Here the spirit of it may be rendered by *What!* does a bird, &c.

75. γε is here an emphasizing particle, implying that, whatever may be the case with others, Epops certainly, as having once been a man, cannot do without a servant. — ὢν is an Imperfect Participle. G. § 16, 2. For ἄτε, see G. § 109, N. 3 (a).

76. ἀφύας. This name embraces several small species of fish, such as anchovies and sardines. For an account of them, see Aristotle, Hist. An., VI. 14, 2 and 3. According to Arcestratos, in Athenaeus, those produced in the neighborhood of Athens were most highly prized. Chrysippus, cited by the same author, says that they were used as articles of food only by the poorer classes of the Athenians, though in other cities those of an inferior quality were greatly admired. Athen. VII.

79. Τροχίλος. There is here a play upon the name, in reference to τρέχω in the preceding lines, — *the running bird*.

80. . Οἷσθ' οὖν ὁ δρᾶσον. See note to line 54.

84. Ὅτι ἐπεγερῶ. After uttering these words, the Trochilos disappears in the woods to wake up Epops, and the dialogue continues between the two friends.

85. Κακῶς δέει. Addressed to the Trochilos as he goes away. The *fear*, in this and in the reply of Euelpides, is caused by the tremendous opening of the beak of Trochilos. For ἀπόλοιο, see G. § 82. (Compare v. 2.)

86. μ' οἴχεται, i. e. μοι οἴχεται, unless, indeed, οἴχομαι may, like φεύγω, be constructed with an accusative of the person. The latter is the view adopted by Kühner (Jelf's Tr.), § 548, Obs. 1.

88. δείσας = ὑπὸ τοῦ δέους, v. 87. G. § 109, 4.

90. γάρ. For this particle in questions, see K. § 324, 2. Here it is equivalent to *then*; as, *Where then is he?*

91. ἄρ' is to be understood as spoken in an ironical tone. — ὡς εἶ, *what a brave fellow you are!*

92. Ἄνοιγε ποτέ. The voice of Epops is heard, giving orders, in a tone of ludicrous importance, to open, not *the door*, but *the woods*, that he, the king of the birds, may come out.

95, 96. Οἱ σε. The usual formula of introducing

the twelve gods (by which are meant the twelve principal gods in the Attic worship) is in the invocation of blessings; but here, as the commentators remark, the tone is suddenly changed, and the ludicrous appearance of Epops, with his enormous crest and his feathers moulted, extorts from Euelpides the exclamation, that the twelve gods must have been afoul of him. *Εἴξασιν = εἰόκασιν*. See *Clouds*, 341. For the Aorist Infinitive referring to the past, see *G.* § 23, 2.

97. *γάρ*. The particle here introduces an explanation of some idea to be mentally supplied, such as, "Don't laugh, O strangers, *for I was once a man.*"

99. *Τὸ ῥάμφος*. The jest consists in saying, "We are not laughing at you; *your beak seems to us ridiculous.*"

100, 101. *Τοιαῦτα Τηρέα*. The subject of the metamorphosis of Tereus and Procne appears to have been treated by the tragic poets more than once. A Scholiast says that Sophocles employed it first, and Philocles, who is alluded to in the present play (v. 280), handled it afterwards. There are remaining ten or a dozen fragments of the play of Sophocles, the largest of which contains twelve lines. See Dindorf's *Poetae Scenici, Fragmenta* 511–526. The poet, who was an ardent admirer of Aeschylus and Sophocles, yet takes occasion to make a good-humored hit at both of them.

102. *ὄρνις ἢ ταῶς*; The first means either *bird* in general, or specifically *cock* or *hen*. Something like the spirit of the question may be given by rendering it, *Are you a cock or a peacock?* but the reply of Epops takes the word in its general sense.

105. *πάντα*. "Mentitur," says Bothe, "sed coram hominibus urbanis, quibus quidvis ejusmodi videtur persuaderi posse." With regard to the plumage of Epops, the Scholiast says, "*Παρ' ὅσον ἄνθρωπος ἐξελήλυθε, μὴ ἔχων πτερὰ πλὴν τῆς κεφαλῆς ἐπτερωμένης ὄρνιθος,*" referring to the manner in which the actor personated Epops.



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120. Ταῦτ'. A common construction = διὰ ταῦτα. See Clouds, 319.

121. εἴ τινα φράσειας, *in case you should have some city to tell us of.* G. § 53, N. 2.

122. ἐγκατακλινῆναι μαλθακῆν, *soft to repose in.* G. § 93, 2. The idiom of the Greek here corresponds exactly with the English.

123. Κραναῶν. The epithet here applied to Athens has been variously explained: 1. As derived from the ancient mythical king, Kranaos. 2. As referring to the rocky surface of Attica. The latter is clearly its meaning in many places; here it is a jesting antithesis to μαλθακῆν.

125, 126. Ἀριστοκρατεῖσθαι βδελύττομαι. There are two points intended to be made here. First, the imputation of aristocracy, which at Athens, as well as in republican France, was an efficient means of terror; and, second, a pun on the name of Aristocrates, the son of Skellias. This person was a man of much distinction at Athens, who passed through many vicissitudes in his life, for which his name is used as an illustration by Socrates in the Gorgias of Plato, p. 472, A. (See Woolsey's note to the passage.) He was a member of the oligarchical party, and belonged to the government of the Four Hundred. In B. C. 407 he was associated with Alcibiades as one of the commanders of the Athenian land forces. The next year, he was one of the generals who were brought to trial and put death after the battle of Arginousae. He is mentioned by Demosthenes, in Theocrin., p. 1343, 4; by Xenophon, Hellenica, I. 4, 5-7; and by many others. For δηλός εἰ ζητῶν, see G. § 113, N. 1.

127. Ποίαν τιν'. The interrogative and indefinite thus combined mean, *What sort of a city, &c.*

128. ὅπου εἶη is a protasis, with the preceding line understood as the apodosis. G. § 61, 4.

129. *πρῶ*, *early*.

131. *Ὅπως παρέσει*. For the elliptical use of *ὅπως* with the future indic. in exhortations, see G. § 45, N. 7. See *Clouds*, v. 257. Bothe remarks: "Hac formula vel simili apud Graecos utebantur illi, qui aliquem invitabant ad convivium quo sensu Latini quoque dicere solebant *hodie apud me sis volo, vel una simus*."

132. *μέλλω . . . γάμους*, *to give a marriage-feast*, the construction being the cognate accusative. For an account of marriage-feasts, see St. John, *Ancient Greeks*, Vol. II. pp. 19, 174. For the marriage ceremonies in general, see Becker's *Charicles*, Scene XII., and Excursus to the same. *Isaeus*, *De Ciron. Hered.*, § 9, has the expression, "*Καὶ γάμους εἰ διπτοὺς ὑπὲρ ταύτης εἰστίασεν ἢ μή*," in speaking of the proofs of a marriage. See Schömann's notes to § 9, and to § 18.

133. *μηδαμῶς ποιήσης*. G. § 86.

134. *Μή . . . κακῶς*. The Scholiast says this line is a witty perversion of the proverb against those who do not visit their friends in time of trouble; the proverb being *Μή μοι τότε ἔλθης, ὅταν ἐγὼ πράττω καλῶς*, "Do not come to me then, when I am doing well." G. § 61, 3.

135. *ταλαιπώρων*, *miserable*, ironically applied.

136. *δαί*. For the force of this particle, see Kühner, § 315, 7. — *Τοιούτων*, *such*; not referring, according to the general usage, to the preceding, but to the following, enumeration of objects to be desired. See K. § 303, R. 1.

137–142. The Scholiast, in speaking of the wishes of the two old Athenians, says: "*Ὁ μὲν τὰς τῆς γαστρὸς τρυφὰς ἐβούλετο, ὁ δὲ τὰς αἰσχροῦς ἡδονὰς*." It is sufficient to say of the passage, that it is one of many in *Aristophanes* founded upon the unnatural vices which (unknown to Homer) marked the social morals of the historical ancients, and the increase of which, in progress of time, accelerated the downfall of

both Greece and Rome. The subject is partially illustrated in Becker's *Charicles*. It is also discussed in its bearings upon the population of the ancient states by Zumpt, in an able essay entitled, "Über den Stand der Bevölkerung und die Volksvermehrung im Alterthum," pp. 13–17. See also, in the *Classical Studies*, pp. 314–354, Frederick Jacobs on the "Moral Education of the Greeks," and note, pp. 411–413.

143. τῶν κακῶν. Genitive of exclamation.

145. Παρὰ . . . θάλατταν. There is probably here some allusion to the profligate manners of the Orientals, like those of Sodom and Gomorrah. Bothe cites, in illustration of this view, Herod. III. 101, and adds: "Id quidem certe significare voluit (i. e. Aristophanes), amores istos nefandos barbaris digniores esse quam Graecis."

146, 147. Ἡμῖν . . . Σαλαμινία. The Athenians had two sacred triremes, called the *Paralos* and the *Salaminia*, which were used on a variety of public occasions, and their crews were paid high wages at the public expense. (See Boeckh's *Public Economy of the Athenians*, Book II. Chap. 16.) They were sent on the *theoria*, and sometimes carried ambassadors to their place of destination. The *Salaminia* was employed, as it would appear from this passage and from the remarks of a Scholiast on it, to bring to Athens persons ordered thither for trial. The *Paralos* was sometimes used for the same purpose. There is also here a special allusion to the recall of Alcibiades on a charge of having mutilated the statues of Hermes, he having already departed with the armament for the Sicilian Expedition. Thucyd. VI. 53: Καὶ καταλαμβάνουσι τὴν Σαλαμινίαν ναῦν ἐκ τῶν Ἀθηνῶν ἤκουσαν ἐπὶ τε Ἀλκιβιάδην, ὡς κελεύσοντας ἀποπλεῖν ἐς ἀπολογίαὺν ἣν ἡ πόλις ἐνεκάλει, κ. τ. λ. See also Thirlwall's *History of Greece*, Vol. III. pp. 390, seq.; and Grote, Vol. VII. Chap. 58. — κλητῆρ'. This term was commonly ap-



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157, 158. βαλαντίου κιβδηλίαν. The idea of living without a purse, that is, without money, immediately suggests the other idea of falsification or adulteration of the coin; and so the word κιβδηλία is naturally used in a metaphorical sense for fraud or dishonesty.

159 – 161. Νεμόμεσθα βίον. For an account of the festivities and rejoicings in celebration of marriage, see St. John's work above cited, Vol. II. pp. 18, seq. Bothe quotes, in illustration, from Ovid, Fasti, IV. 869, "*Cumque sua dominae date grata Sisymbria myrto.*"

164. πίθοισθέ. Observe the particular force of the aorist, *If you listen to my advice*; not generally, but in the particular case now to be considered. The same specific limitation is to be noted in the repetitions of the word in the following line.

165. Τί πιθώμεσθ'; G. § 88. ὃ τι πίθησθε (sc. ἐρωτᾶτε); is the same question in an indirect form. G. § 71.

166. Μὴ περιπέτεσθε. G. § 86. (See v. 133.)

167. Αὐτίκα, *just for example*. "Οἶον εὐθέως," says the Scholiast.

168. Ἐκεῖ παρ' ἡμῖν, *there* (i. e. at Athens, whence we have just fled) *among us*, men, or Athenians. — τοὺς πετομένους, accusative for genitive with περί; illustrated by the Scholiast, who cites a similar construction from Homer. The phrase is used in application to *flighty* persons.

169. Τελέας. According to the Scholiast, he was a person much ridiculed for his inconstant character and his infamous vices.

170. Ἄνθρωπος ὄρνις, according to Bothe = ὄρνιθεις ἄνθρωπος, *a man-bird*.

173. Τί ἄν ποιοῖμεν; G. § 52, 2, N.

175. Ἄληθες, *Ha! sayest thou so?* See Clouds, 841.

176. Καὶ δῆ. For the various senses in which these two particles are used in connection, see Hartung, Vol. I. pp. 253,

254. The spirit of the expression may be rendered here by *Well then*.

178. εἰ διαστραφήσομαι, *if I shall get a twist*; either a twisted neck or a squinting eye. G. § 50, 1, N. 1.

180. πόλος. This word is used in various senses as a scientific term. Here, it has its popular meaning of *sky, heavens, vault of the heavens*. It is introduced partly for the punning alliteration between πόλος, πόλις, and πολεῖσθαι, in this and the following lines.

181. Ὡσπερ εἶποι. G. § 50, 2, N. 1.

184. G. § 50, 1.

186. παρνόπων, *locusts*. This refers to them in the character of birds, which would naturally give them dominion over the insects.

187. λιμῶ Μηλίῳ. For the particulars of the transaction here alluded to, see Thucydides, Lib. V. 84 – 116. It took place B. C. 416. See Isocrates, Panegyricus, p. 32 (Fellton's edition), and note.

189. ἦν βουλόμεθα. G. § 51.

190. Βοιωτοὺς αἰτούμεθα. The principal route from Attica to the northern parts of Greece lay through Boeotia. Without the permission of the Boeotians, the Athenians could not easily consult the oracle of the Pythian Apollo.

193. τοῦ χάους. The word *chaos* is used here, as in the *Clouds* several times, in the sense of *the air* or *the sky*; properly, *the surrounding void*; but not in the modern sense of the term *chaos*. See *Clouds*, 424, 627.

196, 197. Μὰ πῶ. Epops, in his ludicrous delight at the proposal and its immense benefits to the race of the birds, breaks into exclamations and oaths which have a comical relation to his position as a bird. Observe the use of the negative μά, followed by a sentence which also implies a negative; for which see Kühner, § 317, 4. — νεφέλας, According to a Scholiast, a very light species of net was so

called. — *Μὴ . . . ἤκουσα.* There is something very unusual in the hypothetical negative in this place. The commentators have not generally noticed it, with the exception of Bothe, who says, “*Ellipsis verbi ἐξεπλάγην vel cujusdam similis, vereor ut unquam callidius commentum audiverim.*” But the meaning, with this construction, would be the opposite to that given by Bothe and required by the sense, — *I am afraid lest I have heard* (*NE audiverim*, not *UT audiverim*); whereas Epeus clearly wishes to say, with more or less directness, that he *never* heard a better scheme. This would seem to require *μὴ οὐκ ἤκουσα.* G. § 46, N. 5. The grammarians also seem generally to have overlooked the peculiarity of the construction. The editors of the new edition of Passow’s *Lexicon*, however, refer to this and to other similar passages as examples of a rare use of *μή* in independent sentences containing a protestation or oath; *μή* in *independent* sentences being regularly confined to prohibitions and expressions of a wish. The following examples (besides the present one) are cited in Passow, s. v. *μή*:—

Ἴστω νῦν Ζεὺς αὐτός, ἐρίγδουπος πόσις Ἥρης,
Μὴ μὲν τοῖς ἵπποισιν ἀνὴρ ἐποιχθήσεται ἄλλος
Τρώων, ἀλλὰ σέ φημι διαμπερὲς ἀγλαιεῖσθαι. — Il. X. 330.

Ἴστω νῦν τόδε γαῖα καὶ οὐρανός,
Μὴ δι’ ἐμὴν ἰότητα Ποσειδάων ἐνοσίχθων
Πημαίνει Τρωῶας τε καὶ Ἔκτορα. — Il. XV. 36–42.

Μὰ τὸν Ἀπόλλω μή σ’ ἐγὼ κατακλινώ χαμαί. Aristoph.
Lysistr. 917.

Μὰ τὴν Ἀφροδίτην, ἧ μ’ ἔλαχε κληρουμένη, μή γ’ ἄφῃσω.
Aristoph. Eccles. 1000.

It would be difficult to explain all these passages consistently by assuming the ellipsis of a leading verb.

199. *Εἰ ξυνδοκοίη . . . ὀρνέοις, If the other birds should agree to it.* Note the force of *ξύν* in composition.



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imperative of other verbs in the adverbial sense of doing *quickly* what the other verbs signify. Here, *fly quickly*. For the opposite construction of the participle of ἀνύω with the imperative of another verb, see G. § 109, N. 8; and Liddell and Scott, s. v. ἀνύω.

247. ὀξύτρομος. This epithet of the ἐμπίδες is explained by the Scholiast = ὀξυαδούσας, *sharply singing*; but it is much more natural to refer it, with Bergler, to the sharp proboscis. The insect is found by travellers in Attica as annoying now as it was in the days of Aristophanes. The reader will remember the problem of the singing of the empis, in the Clouds, 157, seq. The bite of the empis is very troublesome and painful, in the beautiful summer nights of Athens. A pair of thick woollen stockings worn over the hands and wrists, I found a good defence. Their singing must be patiently borne. The insect is mentioned several times in Aristotle's Hist. An.

251. Ἄτταγᾶς. Aristotle, Hist. An., IX. 19, alludes to the plumage of this bird, which is probably the *moor-hen* or *hazel-hen*. St. John (Hellenes, Vol. II. p. 152) says: "Among the favorite game of the Athenian gourmands was the attagas, or francolin, a little larger than the partridge, variegated with numerous spots, and of common tile color, somewhat inclining to red. It is said to have been introduced from Lydia into Greece, and was found in extraordinary abundance in the Megaris." See also note to the place, with references to the authorities for various opinions.

257. ἤκει, as Perfect. G. § 10, 1, N. 4. — δριμύς, *sharp, crafty*. It is used in a comic sense.

267, 268. ἄρ' . . . μιμούμενος. The particle is slightly inferential, — *then*; i. e. since I have been gaping up into the sky, and can see none. The charadrios is mentioned by Aristotle several times. It appears to have been a species of plover called the *gold plover*. The voice of the bird is

harsh and disagreeable, and perhaps the *imitating* mentioned by Euelpides is a back-handed compliment to the singing of Epops; this is also supported by the word ἐπῶζε, which does not describe a melodious sound.

270. ἀλλὰ ἔρχεται. The accumulation of particles is expressive of the comic astonishment of Peisthetairos at the flaming appearance of the bird just arrived, — *Sure enough, here is a bird coming now!* But the phoenicopteros excited astonishment not only by his brilliant plumage. He was a rare bird, hardly ever seen in the latitude of Greece. “Fuit inter rarissimas Athenis aves.” Bothe. Von der Mühle (in his monograph, cited above, upon the birds of Greece, p. 118) states that he was unable to learn anything of the existence of the phoenicopteros in Greece, but thought it impossible the bird should be wanting there, since it was found on the Adriatic coast, in Asia Minor, on the Caspian Sea, and on the Wolga, between which regions Greece is situated. He adds, that he saw some which were brought from Smyrna. This passage in Aristophanes shows that the above-mentioned writer was correct in including the phoenicopteros among the birds of Greece. Heliodorus (*Aethiopica*, Lib. VI. c. 3) introduces one of the personages in the story carrying, by command of Isias, his mistress, a phoenicopteros of the Nile (ὄρνιν τινὰ τοῦτον, ὡς ὄρᾱς, Νειλῶν φοινικόπτερον).

271. Οὐ ταῶς; *It is not surely a peacock?* The whole tone of the dialogue shows how unusual a sight the bird was to the Athenians; and the reply of Epops is in the spirit of one who is determined to make the most of a great curiosity.

272. Οὗτος αὐτός, i. e. Epops, *this one himself*; pointing to the bird.

274. λιμναῖος. Applied to birds, this epithet signifies, not *water-fowl*, as it is incorrectly translated by Liddell

and Scott, and generally in the versions, but those birds which haunt the water's edge and are known by the generic name of *waders*.

274, 275. φοινικιοῦς φοινικόπτερος. The pun here may be preserved by rendering φοινικόπτερος *flamingo*, the name of the family to which he belongs:—*How handsome and flaming, — naturally, for his name is flamingo.*

276. σέ τοι. Constructed with καλῶ, or some such word, to be supplied.

277, 278. Νῆ ὀριβάτης; The first line is said, by the Scholiast, to be a parody on Sophocles (the beginning of the Tyro), and the second from a passage in Aeschylus. The Μῆδος is the same as the Περσικὸς ὄρνις in v. 485. — ἐξεδρον χώραν ἔχων, *a bird from foreign parts.* — μουσόμαντις. “Ὁ κομπώδης · τοιοῦτοι γὰρ οἱ μάντις καὶ οἱ ποιηταί.” Sch. The description, originally applied to a character in Aeschylus, is here transferred to the strutting cock.

280. ἀνευ καμήλου. The Scholiast says: “Ὡς τῶν Μῆδων ὡς ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ ἐπὶ καμήλων ὄχουμένων ἐπὶ τῇ τῶν πολέμων ἐξόδῳ.” — εἰσέπτατο, *flew in.*

281. Ἴτερος οὔτοσί. The pun here turns upon the military meaning of λόφον κατειληφώς, *having occupied a hill*; and here, *having got a crest.* See note to v. 295.

283 – 285. Ἄλλ' Καλλίας. In answer to the question of Peisthetairos, whether there is another Epops, — the question being put in a tone of some surprise, — the poet takes occasion to make a hit at several persons. Philocles, the poet, who imitated Sophocles in his play of Tereus, has already been mentioned. Epops means to say that the present bird is not the genuine Epops, but only an imitation, like that in Philocles; and as he himself is, as it were, the father of the Epops in Sophocles, so he may be said to be, in the same way, the grandfather of this one. And this suggests the Athenian mode of naming children, upon which



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the Protagoras, the scene of which is laid at the house of Callias; and the Apology (p. 20 A), where Callias is spoken of as ἀνδρί, ὃς τετέλεκε χρήματα σοφισταῖς πλείω ἢ ξύμπαντες οἱ ἄλλοι. He is said to have been reduced to great destitution, and finally to have died a beggar. The particulars of the history, and all the important facts respecting their wealth, have been carefully collected by Boeckh (Public Economy of the Athenians, Book IV. Chap. 3). See also Xenophon's Hellenica, IV. 5, 13; Aristotle's Rhet. III. 2. In many respects the family was one of the most famous, as well as one of the oldest, in Athens. — ὡσπερ εἰ. We might have had ὡσπερ ἄν εἰ. G. § 53, N. 3.

286. πτερορῥυεῖ, *he is moulting*; and in this respect resembles Callias, or is a Callias. The next two lines continue the allusions in the same vein.

287, 288. Ἄτε . . . πτερά. The sycophants at Athens were the pest of society. No age or character or public services shielded a man of wealth from their attacks. Aristophanes holds them up to ridicule and reprobation in several of his pieces, and the other comic writers lost no opportunity of exposing their practices. They figure largely in the remains of the Attic orators. On account of his noble birth, his high rank, and his wealth, Callias was an inviting object to these miscreants, and his vices facilitated the success of their machinations. — θήλεια. The allusion here is to the licentiousness which notoriously marked the life of Callias (see above). — For ἄτε ὦν, see G. § 109, N. 3 (a).

In the following passage, all the birds which constitute the chorus make their appearance. Many of them it is not possible to identify with existing species. *Catophagas*, for instance, the glutton, is said not to have been the specific name of any bird at all, though that does not seem quite probable. The Cleonymos, to whom this bird is compared, is the one mentioned in a similar way in the Clouds (see

v. 353 and note) as a *shield-dropper*, and elsewhere as a coward and sensualist. It is in reference to the former that Euelpides asks *why he did not cast off his crest* (v. 292).

292. ὄν = εἰ ἦν. G. § 109, 6 ; § 52, 1.

293, 294. Ἄλλὰ . . . ἦλθον; Peisthetairos wonders at the crests of the birds, and immediately calls to mind the practice fashionable among the young Athenians of entering the *δίαυλος*, or double course, armed with crested helmets. A great variety of races were run over the *δίαυλος*. The armed races, of which that alluded to by Aristophanes in this place was one, formed a part of several *panegyric* festivities. For a full account of them, see Krause, *Gymnastik und Agonistik der Hellenen*, pp. 777, seq. In a note to that work (p. 905), the author remarks that the armed race appears but seldom on the antique monuments of art. There is one beautiful representation of it found in the Berlin collection of vases, of which the following is in part a description. "On the inner side appears a runner, taking vigorous strides, having a large round shield in his left hand; the right is in violent motion, as are both hands of the runners in other works of art; the head is covered with a helmet. On the shield is a racer figured in the same manner, except that he holds the shield in his right hand," &c. See also the plate, Tab. VII. b, Fig. 14, b, c, d, of the same work.

294, 295. Ὡσπερ οἱ Κάρεις . . . οἰκοῦσιν. "Ἡ ὅτι ἐν πέτραις ᾤκουν ὑπὲρ ἀσφαλείας, ἢ ὅτι λόφον ἔχουσιν ἐπὶ τῶν κρανῶν." Schol. The pun here, as in v. 281, turns upon the double meaning of *λόφος*, a *hill*, or a *crest*. The Carians are said to have been the first to use the crest; whence Alcaeus, *λόφον τε σείων Καρικόν*. (Strab. XIV. p. 661.) Strabo and Herodotus (I. 171) attribute to them two other inventions, that of devices on shields (*σημεῖα, ἐπίσημα*), and that of handles (*ᾄχανα*) to shields. The question whether the Carians *originated* on the continent of Asia or on the islands of the

Aegaeon was disputed in antiquity; the Carians maintaining the former, and the Cretans and most others the latter. (Herod. I. 171.) But the ancient authorities are hopelessly confused and inconsistent: Herodotus, who gives what he calls the Cretan version, disagrees entirely with Thucydides (I. 4); and both disagree with Strabo (XIV. p. 661), who gives what he calls the most current version (ὁ μάλισθ' ὁμολογούμενος). Diodorus Siculus and Pausanias, on the other hand, seem to have followed the Carian account: they disagree, of course, entirely with the former authorities, and they are not perfectly consistent with each other. (See Diod. V. 84 and 53; Pausan. VII. 2–4; Conon. Narrat. 47.) In the historic times, we find the Carians only on the Continent; and in their various wars with the Persians and the Greeks, they seem to have been famous for eluding their enemies by occupying the hills (λόφοι) of their mountainous country, and for harassing invaders who ventured into the interior. See Thucyd. III. 19, who says (speaking of an attempt made by Lysikles with an Athenian army to collect money in this region in 418 B. C.): Καὶ τῆς Καρίας ἐκ Μυοῦντος ἀναβὰς διὰ τοῦ Μαιάνδρου πεδίου μέχρι τοῦ Σανδίου λόφου, ἐπιθεμένων τῶν Καρῶν καὶ Ἀναιτῶν αὐτός τε διαφθείρεται καὶ τῆς ἄλλης στρατιᾶς πολλοί. In fact, the Athenians appear to have never been masters of more than the coast of Caria, if we may judge from the mention of Καρία ἢ ἐπὶ θαλάσση among their tributaries at the beginning of the Peloponnesian war. (See Thucyd. II. 9.)

296, 297. ὅσον . . . ὀρνέων; Of the use of κακόν here Bothe says it is “comice dictum pro πλῆθος”; i. e. instead of saying *how great a multitude of birds*, he says *how great an evil of birds*, — equivalent to some such expression as *What a pother of birds!* *What a plaguy lot of birds!*

298. τὴν εἴσοδον, *the entrance*; i. e. through which the personages of the chorus entered the orchestra. See Clouds, 326, and note, pp. 136, 137.



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Parodos of Aristophanes, mingled up with the females. In irregular haste, they run *ripping* and chattering towards the stage, so that Euelpides, full of astonishment, exclaims:—

Ἴοὺ ἰοὺ τῶν ὀρνέων,

Ἴοὺ ἰοὺ τῶν κοψίχων·

Οἷα πιπίζουσι καὶ τρέχουσι διακεκραγότες.

A manifest proof that the Parodos was sporadic.”

The male birds, according to this arrangement, are *περδιξ*, *ἀτταγᾶς*, *πενέλοψ*, *κηρύλος*, *κορυδός*, *ἐλεᾶς*, *νίτρος*, *ἰέραξ*, *κόκκυξ*, *ἐρυθρόπους*, *κερχνής*, *δρύοψ*; the females, *ἀλκυών*, *γλαύξ*, *κίττα*, *τρυγών*, *ὑποθυμῖς*, *περιστερά*, *φάττα*, *κεβλήπυρις*, *πορφυρίς*, *κολυμβίς*, *ἀμπελῖς*, *φήνη*.

303. *Τίς γλαῦκ' Ἀθήνας ἤγαγε*; The Scholiast says: *Παροιμία ἐπὶ τῶν μάτην ἐπισωρευόντων τινὰ ἐπὶ τοῖς προὔπαρχουσι· οἷον εἴ τις ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ σίτον ἐπαγάγοι, ἢ ἐν Κιλικίᾳ κρόκον*. So in English, *to carry coals to Newcastle*. The poet alludes also to the owl upon the Attic coins, whence the expression *γλαῦκες Λαυριωτικαί*. See v. 1099, and note.

308. *τῶν κοψίχων*. Genitive of exclamation. This bird is singled out in the exclamation on account of its clamorous chattering.

312. *Ποποποποποποπού*. The chirping of the birds is intended to be expressed by this stammering pronunciation; and so in the next line but one.

313. *πάλαι πάρειμι*. G. § 10, 1, N. 3.

316. *λεπτὸ λογιστά*, *two acute reasoners*. There is also a reference to the board of *λογισταί* at Athens, to whom the magistrates on leaving office must render their accounts. On the duties of the *λογισταί* and their relations to the similar board of *εὐθυνοί*, see Boeckh's *Public Economy of the Athenians*, Book II. Chap. 8; Hermann's *Political Antiquities of Greece*, § 154; Schömann's *Assemblies of the Athenians*, p. 279.

317. *Ποῦ*; The questions of the chorus, and indeed the

whole tone of the dialogue, will remind the reader of the opening scenes in the Oedipus at Colonos of Sophocles. Perhaps the poet intended a slight raillery upon the somewhat melodramatic mannerism of the tragic choruses on their first appearance in a piece, of which that of the Oedipus at Colonos was a specimen.

319. Ἦκετον πελωρίου. A comic imitation of tragic pomp of expression. — πρέμνον, *the bottom, or the root.*

320. ὦ ἑξαμαρτών. Observe the construction of the participle after an exclamation, — *O thou who hast done wrong!* — ἐτράφην. Bothe says: “Dixit significanter et ridicule, quia vita avium et animantium nihil aliud esse videtur quam nutritus.” The word, however, is applied in the same way where no ridicule is to be supposed.

321. φοβηθῆς. The aorist with the prohibitive negative μή limits the act to the single case. G. § 86.

322. τῆσδε ξυνοσίας, *this society here*; the society of the birds.

323. γ' has an emphasizing force.

326. Προεδόμεθ' ἐπάθομεν. Observe the interchange of the tenses, passing in the same construction from the perfect to the aorist, according as the act or state is to be more or less precisely limited.

329. θεσμούςσ ἀρχαίους. The Scholiast says: “Ὡσ τούτου νενομοθετημένου αὐτοῖσ τὸ μὴ συνεῖναι ἀνθρώποισ.” Θεσμοί seems to have been an older expression than νόμοι, hence it is generally applied to the laws of Draco: even these, however, are sometimes called νόμοι. The chorus give a mock gravity to their charge against Epops by employing a word associated with the ancient traditions of the Athenian legislature.

334. τοῦτον, *this one*; i. e. Epops.

335. δοῦναι. The aorist infinitive here refers to the future, and not to the past; as δοκεῖ μοι means *it pleases me,*

and not *it seems to me*. See G. § 23, 2, N. 4. (Compare Clouds, v. 1141; and G. § 23, 2, N. 3.)

336. ἄρα, *therefore*; expressing the logical inference from the threatening language of the birds. *We are dead men, then*.

338. ἐκεῖθεν, *thence*; i. e. from Athens. — ἀκολουθοίης. The present here implies, not the single act of following from Athens, but the permanent condition of an attendant.

339. κλάοιμι. The idiomatic use of this specific word, in a general sense, gives occasion to the joke in the next line. — ληρεῖς ἔχων. See G. § 109, N. 8.

340. τὸφθαλμῷ ἔκκοπῆς. The accusative construction here is the same as in the Clouds, 24: ἐξέκοπη τὸν ὀφθαλμόν.

342. Ἐπαγ', &c. Expressions borrowed from military language in drawing out an army for attack.

345, 346. οἰμώζειν, δοῦναι. Observe the change of tense in the infinitives; the present indicating the continued or repeated act, the aorist limiting the signification to the single thing. The *groaning* is naturally continuous and repeated; the *giving food to the beak* is viewed as a single and finished transaction.

351. Ποῦ . . . κέρας. The taxiarchs, in the military system of the Athenians, were of the next grade to the στρατηγοί, being ten in number, one for each tribe. Each tribe furnished a τάξις of infantry, and the τάξεις were severally under the command of these officers; the right wing — τὸ δεξιὸν κέρας — was the post of honor in battle (see Herod. VI. 111), and as such originally it was the right of the polemarch to hold it. For the general discussion of the subject, see Schömann, Antiquitatis Juris Publici Graecorum, pp. 251 – 256. — ποῦ φύγω; G. § 88.

353. γάρ implies an answer to the previous question; here, *yes, for how, &c.* — For ἂν ἐκφυγεῖν, see G. § 42, 2, Note; § 41, 3; § 73, 1.



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into which the guests might dip their bread, lettuce, fish, or other viands before eating them." See Smith's Dict. of Gr. and Rom. Antiq., Art. *Acetabulum*, where there is a figure of the cup. See also Athenæus, II. p. 67 : "Τὸ δεχόμενον αὐτὸ (i. e. τὸ ὄξος) ἀγγεῖον ὀξύβαφον." The vinegar-cup was to be used as a sort of shield for the eyes.

360, 361. ὦ μηχαναίς. Aristophanes never loses an opportunity to make a jest at the expense of Nicias. According to Thucydides (Lib. III. c. 51) Nicias was sent against the island of Minoa, near Megara, to cut off the Peloponnesians from the use of this port. He accomplished the object by the skilful application of military engines. In the siege of Melos he is said also to have resorted to similar measures. He thus became famous more for this species of strategy than for boldness of conduct in the field. — Ὑπερακοντίζεις, *you overshoot, surpass*; by the same figure of speech which we constantly use in English.

362. Ἐλελελεῦ ἐχρῆν. The first word the Scholiast calls ἐπίφθεγμα πολεμικόν, a warlike shout. — κάθες, *lower or present beak*; i. e. like a spear. — οὐ μένειν ἐχρῆν. G. § 49, 2, N. 3.

366. τῆς γυναικός, i. e. *Procne*, or the nightingale, daughter of the mythical Pandion, king of Athens. — φυλῆτα, *tribesmen*. The division of the Athenians into tribes, phratriæ, and gentes is familiar to all. It was common to designate individuals by words expressive of their relations, both for the purpose of identification, and because the rights of citizenship were legally certified to by the registers.

367. λύκων. According to Petit, there was an ancient law providing for the killing of wolves; much like modern laws in new countries, offering bounties for scalps and skins of wild beasts, and sometimes of men. St. John (Vol. I. p. 227) says: "The wolf, though a sacred animal in Attica, had by the laws a price set upon his head, at which Menage

wonders, though the Egyptians also slaughtered their sacred crocodiles when they exceeded a certain size."

370. διδάξοντες. Future expressing purpose. G. § 109, 5.

372. πάπποις, *grandfathers*. For the sake of comic effect, put for ancestors in general, as in serious discourse *fathers* is used. — φράσειαν (sc. ἄν). G. § 42, 4.

373–378. ἄλλ' χρήματα. Epops, like a wise bird, quotes the maxims of the philosophers. "Fas est et ab hoste doceri," is the Latin commonplace to the same point. — γάρ introduces the general reflection, which contains the justification of the previous remark, in the abstract; and then the principle involved is shown practically by the instances. — ἐξηνάγκασεν. For the idiomatic use of the aorist, see *Clouds*, 520, note, in the new edition. G. § 30, 1. — Αὐτίχ', *for example*. See v. 167. — Ἐκπονεῖν. "Exempla sunt ex historia Atheniensium petita, apud quos, Xerxe fugato, Themistocles effecit, ut urbs muris cingeretur, aedificaretur Peiraeus, et quotannis viginti triremes construerentur." Bothe. — ναῦς μακράς, *naves longas*; i. e. *ships of war*. — μάθημα τοῦτο, *this lesson*.

379. ἀκοῦσαι. The aorist infinitive is properly used here on account of the action intended to be expressed being a single one, i. e. limited to the hearing in the present case.

381. χαλᾶν, *to be yielding*, the proper meaning of the present infinitive. — Ἄναγ' ἐπὶ σκέλος = ἐπὶ πόδα, *retreat, fall back*.

385. καθίει, *lower*; there being no longer any need of such defences.

386. ὀβελίσκον. In apposition with δόρυ.

388. δπλων ἐντός, *within the arms*; i. e. the pot and the bowls, being placed on the ground, form as it were a camp, within the line of which Peisthetairos deems it expedient that they should still keep themselves. This he thinks will be a sufficient security, provided they still keep a sharp eye

upon the troops of the birds by watching over the edge of the pot.

390. οὐ φευκτέον νῆν. G. § 114, 2.

391. ἦν δ' ἄρ', *and if then*. ἄρα here is a slightly *inferential* particle. *If then*, i. e. in consequence of what you propose.

393. Κεραμεικός. Those who fell in battle were buried with public honors, and at the public expense, in the burying-ground called the Κεραμεικός, without the city. It was customary to appoint some distinguished citizen to pronounce a eulogy. The well-known example of the discourse pronounced by Pericles, on the Athenians who fell in the first campaign of the Peloponnesian war, will occur to the reader. See Thucydides, Lib. II. cc. 34–46, where all the ceremonies are carefully described.

395. πρὸς τοὺς στρατηγοὺς. For the general duties of the board of generals (ten in number), see Schömann, Griech. Alterthümer, I. 422; Hermann, Pol. Antiq., §§ 152, 153. Besides the civil and military duties there enumerated, it belonged to them to make and superintend the arrangements for the public burials. The reader will remember Xenophon's account of the trial of the generals after the battle of Arginousae, on the charge of neglecting to bury those who had perished in the engagement, and of leaving those who remained upon the wrecks to perish. See Hellenica, Lib. I. c. 7. See also Grote, Vol. VIII. Chap. 64.

397. Ὀρνεαῖς, *at Orneae*. The jest turns upon the name of an ancient town in Argolis, which had suffered in the Peloponnesian war (Bird-town). See v. 13, and note. The name is mentioned by Homer, II. II. 571.—ἀποθανεῖν. G. § 23, 2.

398–400. Ἄραγ' ὀπλίτης. The language is a parody upon the terms of military command: Ἄραγ' ἐς τάξιν, *fall back in line*; τὸν θυμὸν κατάθου, *lay down your wrath*,



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armor with which the Athenians had equipped themselves, that these allusions to the kitchen are not wholly to be explained by the usages of common life. The expressions contain rather jocose references to the pots, the bowls, and the skewers which constituted their luggage and means of defence. The *ἰπνός* is the chimney, but here put for the fire-place or oven, or perhaps it may be called the *chimney-place*; as the Scholiast says: “*Ἰπνὸς μὲν ὁ κάμινος, καταχρηστικῶς δὲ ἢ ἐσχάρα.*” Of the *ἐπιστάτης*, Boeckh, *Corpus Inscriptionum*, Vol. I. p. 20, says: “*Idem Attici, eodem sensu [i. e. the same with ὑποστάτω and ὑποστάτη] ἐπίστατον sive ἐπιστάτην, dixerint. . . . Aristophanes, Av. 436, rem conficit, licet ibi, quid sit ὁ ἐπιστάτης, sive τὸ ἐπίστατον dubitetur. Tria enim Scholiastae proponunt, Vulcanum ex luto fictum, qui quasi Lar familiaris sit: . . . trabem vel asserem ad caminum, unde ex clavis vasa culinaria suspendantur; . . . postremo basin sive tripodem, in quo ollae et lebetes igni apponantur.*” He prefers the last, remarking: “*Nihil enim in illo loco hac significatione aptius: nam Upupa jubet arma suspendi εἰς τὸν ἰπνὸν εἴσω πλησίον τοῦ ἐπίστατου, hoc est in camino, non prope trabem, ex qua suspendentur vasa, sed in ipsa trabe, prope tripodem ibidem suspensum, ut etiam nunc mulierculae tripodes ibi suspendunt.*”

439, 441. Ἦν . . . ἐμέ. The person here designated as the monkey sword-maker is said to have been one Panaetius, who, according to the Scholiast, was also satirized in the piece called *The Islands*. The Scholiast adds: “*Μικροφυῆς ἦν· διαβάλλει δὲ αὐτὸν ὡς καταλαβόντα τὴν γυναῖκα ἑαυτοῦ μοιχευομένην· ἐδυναστεύετο γὰρ ὑπ’ αὐτῆς μεγάλης οὐσης μικροφυῆς αὐτὸς ὤν.*” “*Duxerat uxorem, cum qua quum saepius rixaretur, tandem convenit, ut se invicem nec morderent, nec plagis afficerent.*” Bothe.

443. Τόν; The broken sentence, according to the Scholiast, is to be filled out by a gesture, — *You don't mean*

the — *No, surely:*— striking the part of the body alluded to, *πρωκτὸν δεικνὺς φησιν οὔτι πον.* “Videtur ipse Panaetius adultero adulterorum poenam dedisse *ράφανιδώσεως*, eodemque modo ne iterum plecteretur cavisse.” Bothe.

445 – 447. “Ὀμνυμ’ . . . μόνον. The allusion here is to the mode of deciding in competitions for the dramatic prize. In tragic representations, the number of judges appointed was ten, one for each tribe. It seems that, in the contests of the comedians, only five were called upon to judge. See Bode, *Gesch. d. Hellen. Dichtkunst*, III. pp. 147, 148. See also Schneider, *Das Attische Theaterwesen*, pp. 169 – 174. Πᾶσι τοῖς κριταῖς νικᾶν signifies, “to gain the dramatic victory by a unanimous vote of the judges,” and ἐνὶ κριτῇ νικᾶν μόνον is “to gain the victory by only one vote”; giving a turn to his expression from what might naturally have been expected, namely, *to be conquered*, to a mere diminution of the number of voices, being victorious still. — Ἐπὶ τούτοις, *on these terms.* — εἰ παραβαίην. G. § 54, 2 (a).

448 – 450. G. § 103. The herald now, in solemn form, proclaims the truce, and orders the heavy-armed to depart to their several homes. This appears to have been the customary rite on the conclusion of a treaty of peace. It is here applied in the spirit of parody. The heavy-armed are only the two Athenians, with their pots and pans and spits. — προγράφωμεν . . . πινακίοις. G. § 61, 3. This refers to the mode of giving notice of the subjects to be discussed in a political assembly, namely, by exposing in public places, streets, and squares, tablets fastened on columns, with the matters inscribed upon which the assembly was summoned to debate.

453. τύχοις ἂν ἐξείπων. G. § 112, 2; for the Aorist Participle, § 24, N. 1.

454. μοι παρορᾶς, *you see in me, or in my case.*

458. δ γὰρ ἀν τύχης. G. § 61, 3. See note on v. 453.

461. ὡς οὐ μὴ παραβῶμεν. G. § 89, 1, with N. 1.

462, 463. προπεφύραται, διαμάττειν. The language is borrowed from the baker's art; both words, however, are translated in the lexicons as if they were nearly synonymous, and as if both meant *to knead*. But they probably refer to different stages in the process of bread-making. The first obviously describes the putting together of the materials, and mixing them up; the second, the careful and elaborate kneading of the dough. For a curious account of the whole matter, see St. John, Vol. III. pp. 109, seq. It may be added, that Athenian bakers had a high reputation; for, as St. John says (l. c.), "The bread sold in the marketplace of Athens was esteemed the whitest and most delicious in Greece; for the Rhodians, speaking partially of the produce of their own ovens, supposed they were bestowing on it the highest compliment when they said it was not inferior to that of Athens." It was, therefore, quite natural for the old Athenian, in announcing his excellent schemes, to borrow a figure from the bakehouse. — οὐ κωλύει. The doubts of Dindorf and the suggestion of a various reading by Bothe are unnecessary here. κωλύει is used impersonally, *hinders not*. The same usage occurs in Thucydides, Lib. I. c. 144: "Οὔτε γὰρ ἐκείνο κωλύει ἐν ταῖς σπονδαῖς οὔτε τόδε, — For in the truce there hinders not (there is no hindrance to) either that or this." See note on the passage in Owen's Thucydides, p. 432. For the various constructions with the Infinitive allowed after οὐ κωλύει, see G. § 95, 2, with N. 1; and § 95, 3. — στέφανον. It was customary to wear a chaplet at feasts, and before reclining at the table to have water poured over the hands. For the particulars, see Becker's Chariacles, Excursus to Scene VI.

465. λαρινὸν ἔπος, *a fat word*. The epithet is suggested by the allusions to feasting.



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προκειῖσθαι πεμπταῖον, *was lying out for the fifth day.* In Greece, the body of the dead, after having been washed and anointed, was laid out in the vestibule of the house, with the feet towards the door, as a symbolical intimation that it was about to take its last journey.

476. Κεφαλῆσιν. A pun on Κεφαλαί, the name of one of the δῆμοι of the tribe Acamantis.

478. Ὡς ὄντων. For ὥς with a causal Participle, see G. § 109, N. 4.

480. δρυκολάπτῃ. The reason why Zeus would be slow to restore the sceptre to this bird is, that the oak is sacred to him.

481. ἦρχον, *were rulers.* G. § 19, Notes 1 and 2.

483. τὸν ἐτυράννει. A frequent idiomatic construction of the accusative, instead of the subject nominative = ὥς ὁ ἀλεκτρυὼν ἐτυράννει.

484. Darius and Megabyzos are named here as representing the Persians, because their names were notorious from their connection with the first Persian invasion of Greece. See Herod., V.

487. κυρβασίαν ὀρθήν. "Reges Persarum gestabant, etiam serioribus temporibus, tiaram rectam, ut ceteri Persae retro flexam atque ea ὀρθῇ τιάρᾳ dicebatur proprie κυρβασία." Bothe. This upright head-dress of the Persian monarchs may be seen in the mosaic of the battle of Issus, found in one of the houses of Pompeii, and engraved in most of the works upon the ruins of that city. See particularly the German work, Herculaneum und Pompeii, Vol. IV. pl. 3.

489. ὅπταν ὄρθριον ᾄσῃ, *whenever he crows at dawn.* G. § 62. For an account of the handicrafts enumerated in the following lines, and for a valuable summary of Athenian industry in general, see St. John, Vol. III. pp. 96 - 214.

492. *ὑποδησάμενοι*. This word originally described the tying on of the simple sandal, such as is seen in many ancient statues. But in the progress of luxury, a great variety of shoes and boots, some richly adorned (see Hope's Costumes), came into use, and the same word was still employed to describe the act of putting them on, though its etymological signification was partly lost sight of. See St. John, Vol. II. pp. 64, seq.

493. *Φρυγίων ἐρίων*. The fine wool of Phrygia is mentioned among the exports of that country. The Phrygian dyers were particularly skilful in the practice of the art of coloring wool.

494. *δεκάτην*. Upon this word it is worth while to read the following passage: "While the poor, as we have seen, were driven by despair to imbrue their hands in the blood of their offspring, their more wealthy neighbors celebrated the birth of a child with a succession of banquets and rejoicings. Of these, the first was held on the fifth day from the birth, when took place the ceremony called Amphidromia, confounded by some ancient authors with the festival of the tenth day. On this occasion the accoucheuse, or the nurse, to whose care the child was now definitively consigned, having purified her hands with water, ran naked with the infant in her arms, and accompanied by all the other females of the family, in the same state, round the hearth, which was regarded as the altar of Hestia, the Vesta of the Romans. By this ceremony the child was initiated in the rites of religion, and placed under the protection of the fire-goddess, probably with the same view that infants are baptized among us.

"Meanwhile the passer-by was informed that a fifth-day feast was celebrating within, by symbols suspended from the street-door, which, in case of a boy, consisted in an olive crown; and of a lock of wool, alluding to her future occu-

pations, when it was a girl. Athanaeus, apropos of cabbage, which was eaten on this occasion, as well as by ladies 'in the straw,' as conducing to create milk, quotes a comic description of the Amphidromia from a drama of Ehippos, which proves they were well acquainted with the arts of joviality.

How is it

No wreathed garland decks the festive door,
 No savory odor creeps into the nostrils
 Since 't is a birth-feast? Custom, sooth, requires
 Slices of rich cheese from the Chersonese,
 Toasted and hissing; cabbage too in oil,
 Fried brown and crisp, with smothered breast of lamb.
 Chaffinches, turtle-doves, and good fat thrushes
 Should now be feathered; rows of merry guests
 Pick clean the bones of cuttle-fish together,
 Gnaw the delicious foot of polypi,
 And drink large drafts of scarcely mingled wine.'

"A sacrifice was likewise this day offered up for the life of the child, probably to the god Amphidromos, first mentioned, and therefore supposed to have been invented by Aeschylus. It has moreover been imagined that the name was now imposed, and gifts were presented by the friends and household slaves.

"But it was on the seventh day that the child generally received its name, amid the festivities of another banquet; though sometimes this was deferred till the tenth. The reason is supplied by Aristotle. They delayed the naming thus long, he says, because most children that perish in extreme infancy die before the seventh day, which being passed, they considered their lives more secure. The eighth day was chosen by other persons for bestowing the name, and this, considered the natal day, was solemnized annually as the anniversary of its birth, on which occasion it was customary for the friends of the family to assemble together,



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502, 503. Ἐκυλινδούμην . . . ἀφειῶλον. Euelpides makes a sly allusion to the cause of his rolling over, in the oath by Dionysos, which is quite in keeping with the story of the frolic in town, related a few lines back. Then he does not say that he bowed forward, προῦκυλινδεῖτο; on the contrary, he was on his back. — Ὀβολὸν κατεβρόχθισα, *I gulped down an obolos*. The custom of carrying coins in the mouth is several times alluded to in Aristophanes, as Eccles. 817, 818:—

“ Πωλῶν γὰρ βότρυς
Μεστὴν ἀπῆρα τὴν γνάθον χαλκῶν ἔχων,
Κᾶπειτ' ἐχώρουν εἰς ἀγορὰν ἐπ' ἄλφιστα.
Ἐπειθ' ὑπέχοντος ἄρτι μου τὸν θύλακον,” etc.

See also Vesp. 790, seq.

505. ὁπότε εἶποι. G. § 62.

506. ἐθέριζον ἄν. G. § 30, 2.

507. κόκκυ. The rite of circumcision was practised by many Oriental nations, as the Egyptians, Phoenicians, and Syrians; and as the cry of the cuckoo was the signal to begin harvesting among the people of these countries, the proverb quoted by Euelpides came into use,— *Cuckoo, a field!*

508. εἴ τις βασιλεύοι. G. § 51.

510. Ἐπὶ . . . ὄρνις. They placed upon the head of the kingly sceptre the figure of some bird. This is often alluded to by the poets, and may be seen on coins, medals, and other works of art. See Quatremère de Quincy's *Jupiter Olympien*, pp. 306, seq. See also Pindar, *Pyth.* I. 9.— For δωροδοκοίη, see G. § 62; also for the optatives in v. 512 and 513.

512. ἐξέλθοι, here, is a word belonging to the vocabulary of the stage; *came forth*, i. e. entered the scene through the royal gate, or central entrance at the back of the stage.— ἐν τοῖσι τραγωδοῖς, *at the tragic representations*; literally, *in the tragedians*; the person being put for the time or the occasion of their appearance. This interpretation is more

accordant with the Greek idiom than that of Bothe, —
“*Inter actores tragicos.*”

513. *Δυσικράτη*. Of this individual the Scholiast says :
“*Οὗτος στρατηγὸς ἐγένετο Ἀθηναίων κλέπτης τε καὶ πανούργος.
Διεβάλλετο δὲ (ὡς) δωροδόκος.*”

515. *Ἄετὸν κεφαλῆς*. The words here used apply to the statue of Zeus, *ἔστηκεν* being constantly thus used by the Attic writers. According to a Scholiast, the head is put for the sceptre ; or, he adds, because they were accustomed to place on the heads of the statues of the gods the images of the birds consecrated to them.

516. *θυγάτηρ*, i. e. Athena, the patron goddess of the city to whom the owl was consecrated. All this passage is in ridicule of the Athenian superstition, which consecrated to each god some particular bird.

520. *Ὄμνυ ἄν*. For this use of *ἄν* with the indicative, see G. § 30, 2. The Scholiast cites from Socrates, the historian, the following passage : “*Ῥαδάμανθους δοκεῖ διαδεξάμενος τὴν βασιλείαν δικαιοτάτος γεγενῆσθαι πάντων ἀνθρώπων. Λέγεται δέ, αὐτὸν πρῶτον οὐδένα εἶν ὄρκους ποιεῖσθαι κατὰ τῶν θεῶν, ἀλλ’ ὀμνύναι κελεῦσαι χῆνα, καὶ κύνα, καὶ κριόν, καὶ τὰ ὅμοια.*” Socrates, according to Plato and Xenophon, used to swear by the dog, or by the goose, and sometimes simply by “the —.” See Plato’s *Gorgias*, cap. 22, and Woolsey’s note.

521. *Λάμπων*. This is the same Lampon — a soothsayer, juggler, and impostor — who is often mentioned elsewhere, and who, according to the Scholiast, obtained the honor of being entertained in the Prytaneum. See *Clouds*, 331 – 334, and note upon the passage. It is said that he used to swear by the goose because that bird was of a prophetic character. — *ὅταν ἐξαπατᾷ*. G. § 51.

522. *ἐνόμιζον*, used to think.

523. *Μανᾶς*. “*Οὕτω γὰρ ἐκάλουν τοὺς οἰκέτας πολλάκις.*” Scholiast.

525. *ιεροῖς*. “Nam in templis tutae debebant esse aves, tanquam diis supplices; nefas autem violare supplices. Hinc cum Aristodicus Cumaeus in templo apud Branchidas nidos avium detraxisset et pullos exemisset, ex adyto talis vox audita fertur: Ἀνοσιώτατε ἀνθρώπων, τί τάδε τολμᾶς ποιεῖν; Τοὺς ἱκέτας μου ἐκ τοῦ νηοῦ κεραΐσεις. Ut est ap. Herodotum I. 159; ap. Euripidem tamen Ion aedituus Apollinis Delphici pellit aves e templo in cognomini dramate 106, etc.” Bergler.

530. *βλιμάζοντες*. “βλιμάζειν κυρίως τὸ τοῦ ὑπογαστρίου καὶ τοῦ στήθους ἀπτεσθαι· ὅπερ ἐποίουν οἱ τοὺς ὄρνιθας ὠνούμενοι, κ. τ. λ.” Scholiast.

532. *παρέθενθ*. The frequentative aorist. For a full discussion of this usage, see *Clouds*, v. 520, note in Felton's edition. *Κατεσκέδασαν*, v. 536, is another example of the same idiom. G. § 30, 1.

541. *κάκην* = *κακίαν*.

542. *προγόνων παραδόστων*, genitive absolute, *ancestors having handed them down*.

543. Ἐπ' ἐμοῦ, *in my case*, i. e. here, *to my harm*.

547. *οικήσω*, *I will dwell*. Upon this expression, Cary remarks: “The word *dwell*, in our language, according to the old use of it, answers precisely to *οικήσω*, ‘do good, and dwell for evermore,’ Psalm xxxvii. 27, meaning simply *to abide*, or *live*.”

549. εἰ μὴ κοιμιούμεθα. § 50, 1, N. 1.

552. *Βαβυλῶνα*. For a full account of Babylon, see Herod. I.

553. Ὠ πόλισμα. The names here are those of two of the giants. The second is also the name of a bird, which offers an occasion for a jest below (1241). They are brought in here on account of the designed hostilities against the gods, as if another giants' war should disturb the peace of Olympus.



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without wings. To her a temple was dedicated, standing, according to Pausanias, near the entrance to the Acropolis. The ruins of this temple of Νίκη Ἐπιπροσ were discovered in excavating, in the year 1836, on the spot indicated by Pausanias, and it has been almost entirely restored. But Nike was generally represented, in works of art, with wings, and sometimes with golden or gilded ones; a figure of this kind was held in the right hand of the Olympian Zeus. (See Quatremère de Quincy, Jupiter Olympien; also Boetticher's Schriften, B. II. pp. 173, seq.) Especially was Eros, or Cupid, so represented. In alluding to Homer, the poet's memory failed him, the comparison to the timid dove being in a description of the flight of Hera and Athena (Il. V. 778), or there has been a change in the text, i. e. the substitution of Ἴριω for Ἡραν.

577. τὸ μῆδέν. The article gives emphasis to the expression, and probably refers it to the phraseology of the philosophers. The subject of the preceding verb is *men*, ἄνδρες, to be supplied. Μῆδέν (not οὐδέν) is used, because the Infinitive depends on a Protasis. The Infinitive after νομίζω usually takes οὐ as its negative, since it stands in indirect discourse.

580. Κάπειρ' μετρεῖτω. The importation of corn was one of the most important public interests at Athens, and was carefully superintended by the municipal authorities. At certain times, distributions of corn (σιτοδοσίαι) took place among the people, — particularly, of course, in periods of scarcity, — each citizen receiving a certain measure. For a minute examination of this subject, see Boeckh's Public Economy of Athens, Book I. cap. 15. The language of Peisthetairos, in the present passage, doubtless alludes to this practice. Connected with the administration of the market, there were public officers called Μετρόνομοι and Προμετρηταί. The poet ludicrously makes Demeter the meas-

urer, and represents her as finding excuses, in the famine, for her inability to distribute corn.

583. ἐπὶ πείρα. The Scholiast says: “Ἐπὶ βλάβη, ἢ ἵνα πειραθῶσιν ἡμῶν, εἰ θεοὶ ἐσμεν.” The latter is doubtless correct; the idea being, that the birds shall peck out the eyes of the cattle to give a proof of what they can do if their power is called in question.

584. Apollo was the god of medicine, as well as of poetry. With regard to the word μισθοφορεῖ, the Scholiast says: “Τοῦτο δὲ εἶπεν, ἐπεὶ Λαομέδοντα τῆς τειχοδομίας μισθὸν ἤτησεν.” But there is also an allusion to the support of certain physicians at the public charge, for an account of whom see Boeckh, Book I. cap. 21. Hippocrates held this position at Athens.

585. Μή. Supply ἐκκοψάντων. For πρὶν ἄν, see G. § 67.

586. σὲ δὲ Γῆν. The particle is used here to single out the clause.

589. λόχος εἷς. In the Athenian army, the λόχος was a small subdivision of soldiers, consisting of twenty-four besides the officer, or one fourth of a τάξις. The smallness of the number makes the expression more emphatic.

591. ἀγέλη. Perhaps the word here refers to the ἀγέλαι, or bands into which the youth were divided in Crete and Sparta, though it is also used in a general sense of a flock of birds. See Manso's Sparta.

592. πλουτεῖν is the object of δώσομεν. G. § 92, 1.

593. μαντευομένοις, consulting auguries.

595. ναυκλήρων. The ναύκληροι at Athens were the owners of ships, and their business was with the shipping interest. The word was also applied to the owners of houses. In this passage the former meaning is the true one. The ναύκληρος sometimes went himself upon the voyage, but not necessarily so. — ὥστε. G. § 65, 3.

598. This must be understood to be an *aside* of Euepides. Upon γαῦλος the Scholiast says: “Φοινικικὸν δὲ τοῦ ἀγγείου ὀξύτόνωσ. Καλλίμαχος· Κυπρόθε Σιδόνιός με κατήγαγεν ἐνθάδε γαῦλος. Ἄλλως. Γαῦλος, πλοῖόν τι φορτικὸν ὡς καὶ σκάφη (σκαφίς) ἀπὸ τῶν σκευῶν. Ὅμηρος· Γαῦλοί τε σκαφίδες τε. Ὡς αἰρετωτέρου δὲ ὄντος καὶ ἀκινδύνου τῶν ἄλλων πάντων τοῦτό φησι.” And Bothe: “Γαῦλος dicebatur navis rotundior, mercibus vehendis apta, qualem Phoenices primi construxisse leguntur.” — Οὐκ ἂν μείναιμι. G. § 53, 2, N.

599 – 601. The Athenians were as credulous about buried treasures as the moderns, and made use of superstitious means in the search for them. The language in the last line refers to the proverb, “Οὐδεὶς με θεωρεῖ πλὴν ὁ παριπτάμενος ὄρνις.” “Τοῦτο ἐλέγετο ἐπὶ τῶν ἀγνώστων.” Sch.

602. ὑδρίας. Literally, *water-vessels*, but also any urn or vessel such as might be used to hold the coins which were to be concealed in the earth.

603. ὑγίειαν. Upon this word Bothe has the following note: — “Haec est illa πλουθυγία, quam infra dicit 698, item Equ. 1100, et. Vesp. 647, h. e. quasi πλούτου ὑγία, non opes et sanitas, ut Br. reddidit Equ. v. 1, siquidem sanitatem donare nemo potest, divitias omnisque generis opes potest, quas complectitur ἡ πλουθυγία, ut pulcre intelligitur e Vesparum v. 1, ὑγιέντα ὄλβον serio dixit Pindarus, Ol. V. 55.” It may be remarked in addition, that *health* was more sedulously studied by the ancient Greeks than by any of the moderns. Their gymnastic system formed an important and integral part of their education, and vigorous muscular exercise was not given up at any period of life. The national games also tended to keep alive a high, perhaps an exaggerated, idea of the importance of bodily health and strength. See the Panegyricus of Isocrates.

609. Οὐκ κορώνη; The saying quoted by Plu-



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back again. Τὸ δεῖνα, says Pape (Lexicon in verb.), is from the language of the people, used when one immediately utters a sudden thought, in order not to forget it, *atat!* — or when one cannot immediately recall something. In this passage it has suddenly occurred to Peisthetairos that there will be some practical difficulty in two men without wings holding intercourse with winged birds; and this sudden idea is intimated by τὸ δεῖνα. Ἐπανάκρουσαι is thus explained by the Scholiast: “Ἡ μεταφορὰ ἀπὸ τῶν τὰς ἡνίας ἀνακρουομένων, ἢ τὰς ναῦς. Ἄλλως. Ὑπόστρεψον, ἐπανάβηθι. Ἐπανάκρουσις δέ ἐστι κυρίως τὸ ἐπισχεῖν τὴν ἐπερχομένην ναῦν καὶ μεθορμίσαι εἰς τὸν ὄρμον, ἵνα μὴ προσελθοῦσα θραυσθῇ.”

653 – 655. Αἰσώπου ποτέ. The fable here referred to is probably the same as that of which we find the first few lines in a fragment of Archilochus (No. 86, Bergk): Αἶνός τις ἀνθρώπων ὄδε, ὡς ἀρ' ἀλώπηξ καίετος ξυωνίην ἔμιξεν. It must be remembered, that the ancients were accustomed to attribute to Aesop all fables that were composed in his manner. See note to v. 471.

658, 659. Ξανθία, Μανόθωρε. Names of servants.

672. ὡς περ παρθένος, *like a maid.* An imitation of Homer, Il. II. 872. For an account of the ornaments worn by Grecian ladies, see St. John, Vol. II. pp. 50, seq.

673. μοι δοκῶ, *I have a fancy.*

674. ῥύγχος ἔχει, *she has a beak with two points,* or literally, two spits. The actor representing this character wore a mask in imitation of the beak of a bird.

676. λέμμα, *the shell.*

686. Ἄρχου ἀναπαίστων, *lead off the anapests.*

687 – 689. This description of the life of man is an imitation of the noble passage in Homer, Il. VI. 146. See also Aeschyl. Prom. 549, seq.

692 – 694. Upon this passage, Bothe has the following note: “Ridet poetas, qui de rerum originibus cecinerant

(ut Hesiodus), et philosophos (ut Ionicos, Empedoclem), qui de deorum rerumque omnium ortu temere multa statuerant; etiam Sophistas, inter quos fuit Prodicus Ceus [quem laudat Chorus Nubium Nub. 360, σοφίας καὶ γνώμης οὐνεκα]. Hunc missum fieri vult. — Ut χαίρειν εἰπεῖν aliquem dicuntur, qui bono et amico animo ab eó dicedunt, sic κλαίειν εἰπεῖν est male animatorum. Vide Plut. 62, Ach. 1064, B. de Prodicis v. Hindenburgium et interpp. Xenophontis Memorab. Socr. 2, 1, 21, aliosque. Sextus Empir. adv. Mathem. p. 311: Πρόδικος ὁ Κεῖος· Ἥλιον, φησί, καὶ σελήνην, καὶ ποταμούς, καὶ κρήνας, καὶ καθ' ὅλου πάντα τὰ ὠφελούντα τὸν βίον ἡμῶν οἱ παλαιοὶ θεοὺς ἐνόμισαν διὰ τὴν ἀπ' αὐτῶν ὠφέλειαν, καθάπερ Αἰγύπτιοι τὸν Νεῖλον· καὶ διὰ τοῦτο τὸν μὲν ἄρτον Δήμητραν νομισθῆναι, τὸν δὲ οἶνον Διόνυσον, τὸ δὲ ὕδωρ Ποσειδῶνα, τὸ δὲ πῦρ Ἡφαιστον, καὶ ἤδη τῶν εὐχρηστούντων ἕκαστον. Quam rationem irridens Cic. de Nat. Deor. I. 42: *Prodicus Ceus, inquit, quia ea, quas prodesse hominum vitae, deorum in numero habita esse dixit, quam tandem religionem reliquit?*"

694. κλαίειν εἶπητε. G. § 15, 2, N. 3. Εἶπον cannot take the Infinitive, unless it has the force of a verb of *commanding*, as here. In its ordinary sense, introducing indirect quotations, it takes ὅτι or ὡς. Φημί, on the other hand, takes only the Infinitive, while λέγω, *to say*, takes either ὅτι, ὡς, or the Infinitive. Λέγω may also mean *to tell, to command*.

697. ὑπηνέμιον φόν. The Scholiast says: "Ἐπηνέμια καλεῖται τὰ δίχα συνουσίας καὶ μίξεως. — τίκτει, G. § 10, 2.

698. περιτελλομένας. This is an Homeric word, often applied to the revolutions of the seasons. See Il. II. 551; Od. XI. 295.

699. εἰκῶς δίναις. "Ταῖς τοῦ ἀνέμου ὠκείαις συστροφαῖς εἰκῶς, οἶον ταχύς." Sch. "Εἰκῶς Atticis idem quod εἰκῶς. (Vide Moer. p. 148.) Δίνας proprie sunt *vortices aquarum* (Callim. in Del. 149), hinc, quaecunque in orbem

aguntur (interpp. Thomae Mag. p. 241), hoc loco *turbines*. Ovid. Am. 2, 9, 49, De Amore: *Tu levis es multoque tuis ventosior alis*. B. Voss.: *Der am Rücken mit zwei Goldfittigen glänzt, von Natur wie die wirbelnde Windsbraut.*" Bothe. See *ante*, note to v. 574.

701. Ἐκεόττευσεν, *hatched*.

702. πρίν. G. § 67, 1.

705, 706. Ἡμεῖς . . . δῆλον, *And that we are children of Eros is plain by many proofs*. They proceed to enumerate the aids they render to lovers, in a way that shows what sort of presents were considered by the Greeks the most acceptable to the objects of passion, namely, *quails, geese, poultry*, and the like.

709. δούς explains διὰ ἰσχύν. G. § 109, 2.

711. ἔρας, *the seasons*, of which mention is made here according to the earliest and simplest division of the year into three portions.

712. σπείρειν, ὅταν, κ. τ. λ., i. e. *in each year, when, &c.* G. § 62.

713. Καὶ καθεύδειν. The rudder was taken from the ship in winter. See Hesiod, Works and Days, 45:—

“ Αἰψά κε πηδάλιον μὲν ὑπὲρ καπνοῦ καταδεῖο.”

714. Ὀρέστη. “Ὀρέστης μανίαν ὑποκρινόμενος ἐν τῷ σκότει τοὺς ἀνθρώπους ἀπέδυσεν. Sch. Cf. infra 1476, et Ach. 1092. χλαῖνα crassior vestis superior fuit, hiemi apta. Vide Hesych. h. v. ῥιγῶν, *prae frigore horrens*. Vide Thom. Mag. p. 782, et Bos. Obs. Crit. p. 48. Ἀποδύειν est *aliquem spoliare vestibus*, ut Eccl. 864, 866.” Bothe.

716. χλαῖναν, ληδάριον. The former was a thick outside garment, the second a light summer garment. For a minute explanation of Grecian dress, see Becker's Charicles, Scene XI. Excursus I., and St. John, Vol. II. cap. 25; also Hope's Costumes. — ἡνίκα. G. § 59. — πεκτεῖν. G. § 92, 1, N. 2.



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765. Φρυγίλος. “Propter similitudinem cum voce *Phryx*, *Phrygis*, significari putatur *fringilla* (*der Finke*). *B. fringillam carduelem* Linn., *le chardonneret*, *den Stieglitz*, intellegebat Wieland. Voss.: *Frygischer (?) Rothfink wird er hier sein, von Filemons Vetterschaft.*” Bothe.

766. Κάρ. “Cares, ex quibus plurimi serviebant, barbaros atque agrestes, militiaeque mercenariae, quae despecta erat, auctores, habitos fuisse, monuere Spanhem. ad Ran. 1231, Hemsterh. ad argum. Pluti, Aristoph. Beck. 3, p. 7, alique. Cf. supra, v. 295, et de Execestide 11.” Bothe.

767. Φυσάτω πάππους. According to Euphronius, as quoted by Aelian, a certain species of bird was called πάππος. There is, therefore, a pun upon the expression, besides the ludicrous inversion of the order of nature which the literal meaning implies. In the rest of the line, the terms refer to the distribution of the Athenians, according to which the φρατρία was a third part of one of the four Ionic tribes, and the members of this division were called φράτορες. These divisions had their registers, in which the names and families of the individuals composing them were required to be entered. Bothe says: “Φῦσαι πάππους est facere, ut sibi avi sint, adsciscere avos; qui enim Athenis peregrinitatis accusabantur, avos et tribules nominare debebant, ut appareret, cives ipsos esse.”

768. ὁ Πισίου. “Οὐδὲν σαφὲς ἔχομεν, τίς ὁ Πισίου, οὔτε περὶ τῆς προδοσίας· ὅτι δὲ τῶν λίαν πονηρῶν ἐστὶ, δημοῖ Κρατῖνος ἐν Χείροσι, Πυλαιάς, Ὀραις.—Ἄλλως. Οἱ μὲν, τὸν Πισίαν ἕνα τῶν ἔρμικοπιδῶν εἶναι, οἱ δὲ τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ. Ἐτηροῦντο δὲ οὗτοι, ὅπως ἂν δοίεν τῆς περικοπῆς τιμωρίαν. Εἰ οὖν, φησὶν, ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ τοῦ Πισίου ὅμοιος βούλεται εἶναι τῷ πατρί, γενέσθω πέρδιξ πανούργος.” Schol.—Τοῖς ἀτίμοις. The force of this term is not adequately expressed by our word *dishonored* or by *disfranchised*. An Athenian citizen in full possession of all his rights (τιμαί) was called ἐπίτιμος; and so soon as he lost all of these rights

or any one or more of them, he became ἄτιμος, and was said to be under ἀτιμία. Ἄτιμία could therefore be either *partial* or *complete*. 1. Partial ἀτιμία deprived a citizen of some particular right or τιμή, and was quite common as a punishment for abusing a right or privilege. For example, any prosecutor who, in a public suit, did not receive one fifth of the votes of the judges (usually 100 out of 501), was fined a thousand drachmas and prohibited from bringing a similar public suit for the future. This prohibition was called ἀτιμία. Others were prohibited from entering temples or the market-place; others from speaking in the public assembly; others from being members of the Senate or from holding office; others again from visiting certain places in the Athenian dominions. All these were ἄτιμοι; but their ἀτιμία was partial, and their other rights were not affected. 2. Complete ἀτιμία, on the other hand, deprived a man of all the rights and privileges which he had enjoyed as a citizen of Athens, and left him in a sort of *negative* condition, in which the state simply *refused to recognize* him as a part of itself. As Lysias says, it made men ἀντὶ πολιτῶν ἀπόλιδας. Demosthenes (in Mid. p. 544, 10) speaks of it as καὶ νόμων καὶ δικῶν καὶ πάντων στέρησις. It left him like a foreigner, without civic rights, dependent entirely upon the good-will or mercy of his neighbors for protection to his life and property. He could enter no public temple, and of course could sue or be sued in no court of law. See the striking description given by Demosthenes (in Mid. p. 544, 545), who calls a man who is under ἀτιμία before the court, while he narrates his story; the man, however, must stand speechless. This kind of ἀτιμία was inflicted as a punishment by law for various offences, such as corruption, embezzlement, cowardice or desertion in war, perjury, neglect or abuse of parents, prostitution (ἐτραίρησις), insult to officers of the state, abuse of confidence (as in the case of an arbitrator), and similar offences.

Public debtors of all kinds were under complete *ἀτιμία* until their debts were paid. *Ἀτιμία in itself* included neither confiscation of property nor a descent of the father's disgrace by inheritance to the children: either or both of these could, however, be added to *ἀτιμία* in special cases. Those guilty of murder, treason, or gross sacrilege, if they left the country before actual conviction, were condemned to perpetual banishment and confiscation of property. (Demosth. in Mid. p. 528, 7; Xen. Hell. I. 7, 22.) So for the offence mentioned by Demosth. in Neaer. p. 1363, 5. See also Dem. in Lept. p. 504, 22. In other cases the *ἀτιμία* is to descend to posterity, as is provided in the laws quoted by Demosth. in Aristocr. p. 640, 1; in Mid. p. 551, 25: here the confiscation of property seems always to have been included. Public debtors, although they were wholly *ἀτιμοί* so long as they remained debtors, could yet regain their rights by payment of the debt; on the other hand, if they died indebted to the state, their *ἀτιμία* descended with the debt, as a part of the inheritance, to the children. Those who suffered *ἀτιμία* as a punishment for a crime remained *ἀτιμοί* through life: they could be reinstated only by an extraordinary act of grace, which was always looked upon as exceptional and illegal. Such reinstatements occurred only when the state was in extreme danger, as, for example, after the battle of Chaeronea. (See Grote, Vol. XI. p. 694.) See Hermann, Staatsalterthümer, §§ 124 and 52; Privatalterth. § 70; with the authorities quoted in the notes: also Meier, De Bonis Damnatorum, *passim*. An important classical passage is found in Andocides, De Myster. §§ 73–76.

770. *ἐκπερδικίσαι*. This word alludes to the shy habits of the partridge, and the dexterity of the bird in avoiding pursuit. *To dodge like a partridge* would express, in a roundabout way, the meaning of the Greek. The Scholiast remarks further: “*Διαβάλλει δὲ ὡς κατεγνωσμένον καὶ φυγῆ*



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willow wicker-baskets for wine-flasks. Having accomplished thus much, it seems he aspired to the high offices of state. The φύλαρχοι were ten officers of cavalry, elected one from each tribe, but in the general assemblies of the people. They were subordinate to the ἵππαρχοι, who were two in number, also chosen to exercise the general command in the cavalry service; so that Diitrephes, in passing from one office to the other, rose a grade in military dignity. — ἐξ οὐδενὸς μεγάλα πράττει, *from nothing (or nobody) he is flourishing greatly.* — ἵππαλεκτρῶν. “Βουλευτής. Ὁ γὰρ ἀλεκτρῶν ἐν τοῖς ὄρνισι τιμώτερος. Navis hoc insigne fuisse, ex Ran. 883, intelligitur. Praeterea monuit B., fictae avis nomen usurpari, quo significetur, Diitrephem istum superbe et cum fastu quodam incedere, itaque manere Comicum in metaphora de avibus et volatu. Posse etiam ἵππαλεκτρῶνα esse *magnum* gallinaceum secundum Sch., quae vis est τοῦ ἵππος in multis compositis; qua de re laudat Fischeri annot. ad Weller. III. 1, p. 237.” Bothe.

802. Ταυτὶ τοιαυτί. A colloquial expression = *Well, this will do.* Peisthetairos and Euelpides come out of the house of Erops, having partaken of the root which should furnish them with a growth of wings. They cannot help laughing at each other's ridiculous appearance.

806. Εἰς συγγεγραμμένῳ, *to a cheaply (or badly) painted goose.* “Contrarium εἰς κάλλος. Aeneas Soph., Epist. 25 : Μὴ ταῦτόν πάθοιμεν, ὥσπερ ἂν εἴ τις ζωγράφος τὴν Ἑλένην εἰς κάλλος (elegantior) γράφων τῆς κεφαλῆς ἐπιλάθοιτο.” Bergler.

809. Τάδ' πτεροῖς. This refers to a passage found in the fragments of the Myrmidons of Aeschylus. (No. 123, Dind.; No. 135, Nauck.) The Scholiast says: “Ἐκεῖνος γὰρ Λιβυστικὴν αὐτὴν καλεῖ παροιμίαν.”

‘Ὡς δ' ἔστι μύθων τῶν Λιβυστικῶν λόγος,
Πληγέντ' ἀτράκτῳ τοξικῶ τὸν αἰετὸν

Εἰπεῖν ἰδόντα μηχανὴν πτερώματος ·
 Τάδ' οὐχ ὑπ' ἄλλων, ἀλλὰ τοῖς αὐτῶν πτεροῖς
 ἄλισκόμεσθα.'

Πεποίηκε γὰρ ὁ Αἰσχύλος αἰτὸν τρωννύμενον καὶ λέγοντα ταῦτα, ἐπειδὴ εἶδε τὸ βέλος ἐπτερωμένον καὶ ἐμπεπαρμένον αὐτῷ. Καὶ ἡμεῖς οὖν, φησὶν, οὐχ ὑπ' ἄλλων πάσχομεν ταῦτα, ἀλλὰ τῇ ἑαυτῶν γνώμῃ." The idea was made use of by Waller, as quoted by Porson and Wheelwright:—

"That eagle's fate and mine are one,
 Who on the shaft that made him die
 Espied a feather of his own,
 Wherewith he went to soar so high."

And by Byron, also, in his "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers," in the beautiful lines on Kirke White:—

"So the struck eagle, stretched upon the plain,
 No more through rolling clouds to soar again,
 Viewed his own feather on the fatal dart,
 And winged the shaft that quivered in his heart;
 Keen were his pangs, but keener far to feel
 He nursed the pinion that impelled the steel;
 While the same plumage that had warmed his nest
 Drank the last life-drop of his bleeding breast."

815. καλῶμεν. G. § 88.

816, 817. Σπάρτην κειρίαν. It is not easy to give an English equivalent for the pun in this passage. Besides being the name of the city, Σπάρτη meant a *rope* made of *spartum*, or *broom*, and used for bed-cords, while κειρία was also the cord, stouter than the other, for a bedstead. The whole is, probably, an expression of the Athenian dislike of Sparta, conveyed in a joke. It is likely the words had some association, now lost, which gave a pungency to the allusion that we are unable to feel. This passage is referred to by Eustathius in the commentary on Π. I.—οὐδ' ἂν χαμεύνη (sc. θείμην), *I would not put one even on my bedstead.*—ἔχων = εἰ ἔχοιμι. G. § 109, 6; § 52, 1.

820. Χαῦνόν τι πάνυ, *something very grand, or pompous.* — Νεφελοκοκκυγίαν, *Cloud-cuckootown.* Lucian, in his amusing work, *Verae Historiae* (the original of *Gulliver's Travels*), refers to this place.

824, 825. Θεογένους, Αἰσχίνου. Of the former of these personages, both of whom were boasters of wealth which they did not possess, the Scholiast says: “Λέγεται, ὅτι μεγαλέμπορός τις ἐβούλετο εἶναι, περαιῖτης ἀλαζών, ψευδόπλουτος. Ἐκαλεῖτο δὲ Καπνός, ὅτι πολλὰ ὑπισχνούμενος οὐδὲν ἐτέλει. Εὐπολις ἐν Δήμοις”;—and of the latter: “Οὗτος πένης, θρηνπτόμενος καὶ αὐτὸς ἐπὶ πλούτῳ.”

826, 827. The bragging is imputed jestingly, and in a humorous shifting of the construction, to the gods, instead of to the giants. The plain of Phlegra was in Thrace, where the poets laid the scene of the mythical conflict between the gods and giants. According to Herodotus (VII. 123), Phlegra was the ancient name of Pallene, with which the statement of Strabo (VII. frag: 27) agrees.

829. Πολιούχος. *Patron deity* of the city, as Athena was at Athens. — πέπλον. This was the sacred shawl, or mantle, borne in the Panathenaic procession to the Acropolis, and placed on the statue of Athena. It was wrought by the Athenian maidens, and covered with figures representing incidents in the mythical accounts connected with the history of the goddess herself. Representations of the procession still exist in the remains of the friezes of the Parthenon, which have been often published. There is a figure of Athena in the Dresden Museum, wearing a peplus which represents the Olympic gods conquering the giants. (See Müller's *Denkmäler der alten Kunst*, Pl. X., No. 36.) The allusion to the peplus in such close connection with this fable makes it probable that the poet had seen this very representation of the subject.

830. πολιάδα. The epithet of Athena as the goddess of the city.



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and cover the embers, so that the workmen may always have fire within reach; to run round, with a little bell, to keep the sentinels alert. This was the duty of the officers. See Thucyd. IV. 135. Then, by way of relief, he is told to get a nap whenever he can. He is also to despatch a herald up to the gods, and another down to men; and, having attended to these various orders, he is to come back for fresh directions.

848. Οἴμωζε παρ' ἔμ'. Euelpides is vexed at these orders. He gives utterance to his vexation jocosely, by repeating the last words of Peisthetairos, παρ' ἐμέ, in a different sense; and instead of the usual form of polite leave-taking, χαῖρε, the grumbles out, Οἴμωζε, *groan*, = *Devil take you*, παρ' ἔμ', *for all I care*.

851. πέμψοντα τὴν πομπήν, *who shall conduct the procession*, i. e. the religious ceremonies connected with the organization of the commonwealth, and its consecration to the gods.

852. Παῖ χέρνιβα. The servants are directed to take up the basket and the ewer. Says Bothe: "Monuit B. secundum Abresch. Anim. ad Aeschylum t. 1, p. 503, seq., et Dawes. Misc. Crit., p. 235, αἶρεω κανοῦν esse *afferre canistrum*, sed αἶρεσθαι κ. *id portandum in pompa suscipere*, et παῖ, παῖ, etc., dici pro hoc ὁ παῖδες (servi), ὑμῶν ὁ μὲν αἰρέσθω τὸ κανοῦν, ὁ δὲ ἕτερος τὴν χέρνιβα. — Sch.: τὴν χέρνιβα. Τὸ ὕδωρ. — B.: τὴν χέρνιβα ap. Hom. esse aquam ad ablundas manus, χέρνιβον autem vas, quo aqua illa continetur, docuerunt interpp. Pollucis, p. 1292, hoc tamen loco χέρνιψ pro χερνίβω poni videtur (per synecdochen)."

853 – 860. According to the Scholiast, these lines of the chorus are a parody upon a passage in the Peleus of Sophocles. (See Nauck. Frgm. No. 446, 447.) — Πυθιάς βοά, *the Pythian cry*; that is, the Paean. — Χαῖρις. This was a poor Theban piper. The Scholiast says: "Ὡς ἀντομάτως

ἐπιώντος αὐτοῦ ταῖς εὐωχίαις. Ἦν δὲ ὁ Χαῖρις οὗτος κιθαρωδός, καὶ γέγονεν αὐλητής. Μνημονεύει δὲ αὐτοῦ καὶ Φερεκράτης ἐν Ἀγροῖς· φέρ' ἴδω, κιθαρωδός τις κάκιστος ἐγένετο (ὁ) Πεισίου Μέλῃς, μετὰ Μέλῃτα. β'. Ἔχ' ἀτρέμας ἐγ' ὦδα Χαῖρις."

854. συμπαραινίσας ἔχω. G. § 112, N. 7

863. κόρακ' . . . ἐμπεφορβιωμένον. The piper was a crow, i. e. the actor represented a crow by decking himself with a crow's head. He also wore a mouthpiece, like any other piper, and so astonished Peisthetairos by the oddity of the combination.

The scene that follows is a daring burlesque upon the sacrificial ceremonies of the Athenians in building the foundation of a new city. The priest lays the offerings upon the altar, and then invokes the new gods, beginning, according to custom, with Ἑστία (Bird-Vesta), and applying to the birds epithets parodied from the solemn designations of the deities. The comic poets were allowed to use great freedom in dealing with the popular religion.

869. Σουνιέρακε. This is taken from Σουνιάρατος, an epithet of Poseidon. See Aristoph. Eq. 560, and Σουνιάρατος in Liddell and Scott.

870. Πυθίῳ. "Epitheta Apollinis tribuit cycno, qui Apollini sacer est. Latŕna autem in Ortygia insula, quae ἀπὸ τῶν ὀρτύγων, a coturnicibus dicta est, Apollinem peperit et Dianam." Bergler. To which Blaydes adds: "Latona igitur, quoad mulier est, ὀρτυγομήτρα dicitur, ut quae in Ortygia insula pepererit; quoad avis est, quia coturnix ingens."

872. Κολαιίς. A name under which Artemis was worshipped by the inhabitants of Myrrhinus, an Athenian deme of the tribe Pandionis. Pausanias speaks of a wooden statue of the goddess, under this appellation, which existed in the district of Myrrhinus in his day. The joke upon the

paronomasia between Κολαυίς and Ἀκαλανθίς, a *goldfinch*, is not very pointed.

873. φρυγίλῳ Σαβαζίῳ. Sabazius was the name of the Phrygian Bacchus. Φρυγίλος, a *chaffinch*, is a punning allusion to the Phrygians.

875. Κλεοκρίτου. This individual is mentioned in the Frogs (1437) as a large, heavy person, and this is the reason why Peisthetairos makes the *ostrich* mother Cybele and mother of Cleocritus.

877. αὐτοῖσι καὶ Χίοισι. The Chians were useful allies to the Athenians at the beginning of the Peloponnesian war, and at other times. Wherefore, according to the statement of the historian Theopompus, quoted by the Scholiast, they were accustomed to pray to the gods, Χίοις τε δίδόναι ἀγαθὰ καὶ σφίσι αὐτοῖς, *to bestow blessings on the Chians and on themselves*. See Thucyd. IV. 51. Eupolis, also quoted by the Scholiast, has the following lines:—

“ Αὕτη Χίος, καλὴ πόλις ·

Πέμπει γὰρ ὑμῖν ναῦς μακράς, ἄνδρας δ' ὅταν δεήσῃ

Καὶ τᾶλλα πειθαρχεῖ καλῶς, ἀπληκτος ὥσπερ ἵππος.”

878. Χίοισιν . . . προσκειμένοις. The manner in which Peisthetairos speaks of the custom of always adding the Chians in public prayers shows, as the commentators well remark, that their fidelity was a subject of ironical commendation. And, in point of fact, immediately after the disasters of the Sicilian expedition, the Chians, together with the Erythraeans, went over to the Lacedaemonians. See Thucyd. VIII. 4.

879 – 883. The birds joined as heroes in the invocation are:—πορφυρίωνι, *the porphyryion* (purple water-fowl).—πελεκᾶντι, *pelican*, still called in Greece πελεκάνι (the *Pelecanus crispus*; see Von der Mühle, p. 132, who says this was the only pelican known to the ancient Greeks, and that it is very common in Greece through the whole year, frequenting



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884. Παῦ', παῦσαι. Observe that the active and middle forms are used apparently without distinction. — καλῶν. G. § 112, 1. — ἐς κόρακας, a ludicrous introduction of a common imprecation, suggested here by the invocation of so many birds.

885. ἱερεῖον, *the victim* which the priest is about to sacrifice; the same as the προβάτιον in v. 858.

887. τοῦτο, i. e. the victim.

890. The priest, ordered away by Peisthetairos, changes his tune, and promises to invoke only one of the gods. "Sollicitus nimirum," says Blaydes, "ne, cura sacri peragendi Pisthetaero mandata, ipse nullam extorum partem habiturus sit. Sacerdoti enim victimae reliquiae ut et pellis solebant dari."

894, 895. εἴπερ ἔχετε, *at least, if you are to have, &c.* G. § 49, 1, N. 3. (See above, v. 761, and note.)

897. Γένειον καὶ κέρατα. Like the English *skin and bone*.

899. In the entertaining scene which follows, the poet indulges in a pleasant vein of satire at the expense of the lyric and dithyrambic poets. The reader of the Clouds will remember several passages in the same spirit in that play. Before the consecrating ceremonies are fairly completed, one of these ballad-mongers arrives, with dithyrambic verses cut and dried in honor of the new city. The reader will note the amusing mockery by which the poet introduces the Doric peculiarities of style, and, in general, the lyrical movements even of Pindar himself. Peisthetairos meets him with astonishment and contempt.

904. Μουσάων θεράπων ὀτρηρός. The poet perhaps alludes to such passages in Homer as Odys. IV. 23:—

Οτρηρός θεράπων Μενελάου κυδαλίμοιο.

Perhaps he had also in mind the lines preserved from the Margites:—

Ἦλθέ τις εἰς Κολοφῶνα γέρων καὶ θεῖος ἀοιδός,
Μουσάων θεράπων καὶ ἐκηβόλου Ἀπόλλωνος,
Φίλης ἔχων ἐν χερσὶν εὐφθογγον λύρην.

Compare also Archilochus, Frag. 1 (52):—

Εἶμι δ' ἐγὼ θεράπων μὲν Ἐνναλίῳ ἀνακτος,
Καὶ Μουσέων ἐρατὸν δῶρον ἐπιστάμενος.

906. κόμην ἔχεις. It was the fashion among the young gentlemen at Athens to wear long hair. See *Clouds*, v. 348. But, of course, the slaves could not be allowed to imitate them. The poet calls himself "the busy slave of the honey-tongued Muses."

907. διδάσκαλοι, *teachers*. In dramatic affairs, the διδάσκαλος was properly the one who trained the chorus and the actors, and, as this was done mostly by the poet himself, it also meant the poet.

910. ὄτρηρόν ληδάριον. Brunck says: "Poetae amiculum ὄτρηρόν jocosè vocat, quia erat τετρημένον." Cary translates the line, "Troth, and thy jacket has seen service, too." It is as if the poet had called himself *the holy servant of the Muses*, and Peisthetairos had replied, "Thou hast a *holy jacket*, too."

911. κατὰ . . . ἀνεφθάρης; A jocosè perversion, instead of ἀνέπτῃς, equivalent to "What the devil brought you up here?" Bothe, however, shows that φθείρεσθαι is also used, though in a somewhat different sense, where no such play upon the word is intended. He cites from Demosthenes, in *Mid.* p. 560, 8: Ἀλλὰ δεινοὶ τινές εἰσιν, ὧ ἄνδρες Ἀθηναῖοι, φθείρεσθαι πρὸς τοὺς πλουσίους, i. e. *in joining themselves to the rich to their own hurt*.

912–914. Μέλη, κύκλια, παρθένεια, Σιμωνίδου. *Cyclic songs*, that is, songs sung by circular choruses round the altars of the gods, generally in honor of Dionysos; and songs sung in the same manner by choruses of maidens, in the composition

of which Simonides excelled. For an excellent account of the different species of Greek lyrical composition, see Müller's History of Greek Literature, Chapters XIV., XV.

916. *πάλαι κλήζω*. G. § 10, 1, N. 3.

917. *δεκάτην*. See note to 494.

919–925. This poetical flight is in imitation of one of Pindar's Hyporchemes. See Donaldson's Pindar, pp. 356, 357. The words are also alluded to by Plato, Phaedrus, p. 236 D.

924. *Τεᾶ κεφαλᾶ*, "*nutu tui capitis*." Blaydes.

925. *ἐμὶν τεῖν*. Says Blaydes: "*Mihi tibi*. Dorice pro *ἐμοί, σοί*. Dithyrambicos irridet, et præcipue Pindarum, qui hujusmodi Dorismos ingerebant. Apud Pindarum τὸ *ἐμὶν* frequens est in petitionibus, ut monet Scholiasta. Riddle hic igitur *τεῖν* post *ἐμὶν* infert dithyrambicus, quasi poetam donando aliquo munere sibimet benefactor sit Pisthetaerus, propter eximia carmina, quibus eum celebrans poeta gratiam relaturus sit."

926. *παρέξει πράγματα*, *will give us trouble*.

927. *Εἰ ἀποφευξόμεθα*, *Unless we shall get rid of him by giving him something*. G. § 50, 1, N. 1.

928. *Οὔτος*. Addressed to an attendant.—*σπολάδα*. This was an outside garment made of skin.

931–940. The words of the poet are still a parody upon Pindar. See Donaldson's Pindar, p. 357.

“*Νομάδεσσι γὰρ ἐν Σκύθαις ἀλάται Στράτων,*

“*Ὅς ἀμαξοφόρητον οἶκον οὐ πέπαται* .

Ἄκλεῆς δ' ἔβα.

“This fragment is part of the same Hyporcheme as the preceding, and is derived from the same source (Schol. Aristoph. Av. 925). It is stated that Hiero had given the mules, with which he had won the Pythian victory in question, to his charioteer, who seems to have been one Straton, and Pindar here begs, in a roundabout way, that he will



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nymphs. His oracles, some of which are preserved by Herodotus and Pausanias, were in hexameter verse. See, for example, Hdt. VIII. 20, 77. He is mentioned also in the *Knights* and *Peace* of Aristophanes. There was a collection of his oracles, like the Sibylline books at Rome. These oracles are here burlesqued, as well as the superstition of consulting soothsayers, like Lampon, for instance, before engaging in any enterprise of moment. The temper of mind which led the Athenians to find some ancient oracle applicable to any remarkable event which happened may be illustrated from Thucydides, in his account of the commencement of the Peloponnesian war. But the disposition exists everywhere among men. Scarcely a day passes without some ancient prediction appearing in the newspapers, by which present events have been foretold. But the whole race of soothsayers, and their tricks and evasions, are mercilessly dealt with more than once by Aristophanes.

959, 960. For *πρὶν οἰκίσαι* after a negative sentence, see G. § 106, N. 2.

962, 963. *λύκοι*. Referring to the *λυκοφιλία*, the *wolf-friendship*, and intended as a hit at the two Athenians, who are designated by the wolves, that have founded a city with the crows (see *ante*, *ὄρνείαι*, Bird-town, which was placed between Corinth and Sicyon), *μεταξύ*, &c.

966. *Πανδώρα*, *Pandora*, i. e. *the all-giver*. The purpose of the soothsayer being to extort gifts from the founders of the new city, he significantly repeats an oracle commanding them to sacrifice to the *all-giver*. This is pleasantly brought out in the following lines.

967. *ὅς δέ κε*. G. § 61, 3. Notice the Epic forms *κέ* and *δόμεν* (v. 968), as well as the dactylic hexameter.

969. *βιβλίον*, *the book*, i. e. the book containing the oracles of Bacis.

970. *σπλάγχμων*, *the entrails*, i. e. of the victim about to be offered.

977. ἐξεγραψάμην, *I have had copied.* Observe the force of the middle voice.

983. Λάμπων, Διοπίθης. Both noted soothsayers. The former is mentioned in the Clouds.

987, seq. A new character now arrives in the city. Meton, the celebrated observer and astronomer, who devised the cycle of nineteen years. See Dict. of Antiq., under Calendar. Gr.; also, Fasti Hellenici, p. 304. Meton is also the subject of the jests of Aristophanes elsewhere. See Clouds, 615, seq., and note. The Scholiast says: “Μέτων ἄριστος ἀστρονόμος καὶ γεωμέτρης. Τούτου ἐστὶν ὁ ἐνιαυτὸς ὁ λεγόμενος Μέτωνος. Φησὶ δὲ Καλλίστρατος ἐν Κολωνῶ ἀνάθεμά τι εἶναι αὐτοῦ ἀστρολογικόν. Εὐφρόνιος δέ, ὅτι τῶν δήμων ἦν ἐκ Κολωνοῦ.”

988. τί δράσων (sc. ἦκεις); G. § 109, 5.

993. Ἑλλὰς χῶ Κολωνός. Besides the explanation of the reference to Colonos, given by the Scholiast, the jest intended is much the same as if, in speaking of some famous personage, we should say of him that he was “known to America and to Hull.”

996. πνιγία. The sky is compared to a πνιγείς, or extinguisher, in the Clouds. See Clouds, 96, and note, with the references there given. The whole passage is made purposely nonsensical.

1000. Ὁ κύκλος τετράγωνος, *that the circle may be squared.*

1004. Ἄνθρωπος Θαλῆς, *The fellow is a Thales.*

1007. Ξενηλατοῦνται. Strangers were sometimes driven out in a body from Sparta. The general inhospitality of Sparta is touched upon by Isocrates (Panegyricus), and contrasted with the liberality of Athens.

1009. στασιάζετε; *are you at feud?*

1010, 1011. Ὀμοθυμαδὸν δοκεῖ, *We are of one mind, to thrash all the rascals.*

1012, 1013. *ὑπάγοιμι τᾶρ' ἄν.* G. § 52, 2. — *Νῆ . . . ἄν,* *Yes, by Zeus, you had better ; for I don't know whether you could be too quick.* — *αὐταί,* *they,* i. e. the blows.

1015. *ἀναμετρήσεις.* The word is used, of course, in allusion to Meton's offer to survey and lay out the town. He now orders him to *make tracks* (*ὁδοὺς*) in another sense.

1016. *πρόξενοι.* Boeckh, *Public Economy of the Athenians* (Book I. Chap. 9), says: "The Greeks tolerated a species of consul in the person of the Proxenus of each state, who was considered as the representative of his country, and was bound to protect the citizens who traded at the place. If, for example, an inhabitant of Heraclea died at any place, the Proxenus of Heraclea was, by virtue of his office, obliged to make inquiries concerning the property which he left behind him. On one occasion, when an inhabitant of Heraclea died at Argos, the Proxenus of Heraclea received his property." Upon the *ἐπίσκοποι* the same writer says: "As the Spartans had their Harmosts, so had the Athenians officers named Episcopi (*ἐπίσκοποι, φύλακες*), as inspectors in the tributary states; Antiphon had mentioned them in his oration concerning the tribute of the Lindians, but we are not informed whether they were in any way concerned with the collection of the tributes." He afterwards adds, that the Episcopi, who were sent to subject states, received a salary, probably at the cost of the cities over which they presided. See also *Dict. of Antiq., Πρόξενος* and *Ἐπίσκοποι.*

1017. *κυάμφ,* *by the bean.* Alluding to the mode of appointing certain officers at Athens, beans being used in drawing the lots. For the various modes of election, see Hermann's *Political Antiquities*, § 148 (formerly § 149). The Episcopus was doubtless represented as an effeminate young fellow, like many individuals employed in diplomacy now-a-days.



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1038. ὠτοτύξιοι, i. e. οἱ ὀτοτύξιοι. A ludicrous name, formed from ὀτοτύζω, *to lament*, in imitation of the name of the Olophyxians. As if the decree ran, "All Californians shall use the same weights and measures *with the Greenlanders*;" and Peisthetairos replied, "But you shall speedily use the same with the *Groanlanders*."

1041. Καλοῦμαι, &c., *I summon Peisthetairos for the month Munychion, to answer for outrage.* For the forms of summoning, see *Clouds*, v. 495, and note. The γραφή ὑβρεως was an action specifically provided for in Attic law. See Meier and Schömann's *Attic Process*, Book III. 1, Chap. 2, § 5. The month Munychion (April) was the month in which cases between Athenians and foreigners came up for trial, that being the time when strangers, and particularly deputies from the tributary states, were present in Athens to pay the annual tax.

1045. στήλην. A στήλη was a column set up in some public place, on which were engraved laws, treaties, decrees, and other documents of public concern. *According to the column is, then, according to law.*

1047. γράφω δραχμάς, *I lay the damages at ten thousand drachmas.* The γραφή ὑβρεως was one of the actions technically called ἀγῶνες τιμητοί, i. e. cases in which the court had to decide the penalty. But, in so doing, the prosecutor was required to fix his estimate of the crime, and the other party, when found guilty, also was called upon to do the same. The question to be decided by the court was, which of the two estimates should be adopted as a legal sentence. See Notes to Kennedy's *Demosthenes*; Meier and Schömann, Book III., *Introd.* § 2.

1049. τῆς στήλης κατετίλας. "Quod nefarium erat. Sic κατατιλῶν τῶν Ἑκαταίων in *Ran.* 364. Videtur respicere poeta ad Alcibiadis accusationem de Hermis mutilandis, quod etiam noctu evenisse testatur *Thucyd.* VI. 27." Blaydes.

1050. Οὔτος. The priest, apparently out of patience with the numerous delays, is starting to go away and offer his sacrifice in some more quiet place. This is addressed to him as he turns to depart. Peisthetairos and the others follow him, leaving the Chorus alone. Bergler, however, remarks: "Excusationem hanc faciunt intus sacrificandi, ne hircus immoletur. In Pac. 1021, Trygaeus ingenue id fatetur: —

'Αλλ' εἴσω φέρων,
 Θύσας τὰ μηρί' ἐξελὼν δεῦρ' ἔκφερε·
 Κοῦτω τὸ πρόβατον τῷ χορηγῷ σώζεται."

Upon this, the Chorus sings a song of exultation in the pride of their new-found dignities, looking forward to the honors which their exalted position and great services are to bring them. While they are thus employed, the sacrificial rites are elsewhere performing; and at the close of the chorus, the official personages return, announcing that all the auspices are favorable.

1058. παντόπτα. In this and the following lines, the birds now assume the dignity, attributes, and epithets of the gods.

1059 – 1061. οἱ ἀποβόσκειται. The construction is this: the relative οἱ refers to *Θηρῶν*, and has for its verb *ἀποβόσκονται*, to be supplied from *ἀποβόσκειται*; *ἐφεζόμενα* applies to the insects which consume the fruits of the trees, and which are devoured by the birds.

1067. Διαγόραν. Diagoras, the Melian, is often alluded to as an atheist. Lysias, in the oration against Andocides, mentions a price having been set upon his head, on account of his having thrown ridicule upon the religion of the Athenians. In the *Clouds*, Socrates is called *the Melian*, for the purpose of casting reproach or ridicule upon him, by connecting his name with the doctrines of the Melian unbeliever. For an excellent and candid account of this

person, see the article in Smith's Dict. of Greek and Roman Biography.

1068, 1069. This is intended as a pleasant satire upon the Athenian exaggerations in expressing their hatred of tyranny, and the affectation of the orators of excessive zeal for the democracy. Here is an offer of a talent for any one who shall kill any of the *dead* tyrants. Blaydes thinks the poet alludes indirectly to the mutilators of the Hermae, the *Hermocopidae*, who were regarded by the Athenians in the light of tyrants, and for killing whom a reward was offered. (See Thucydides, VI. 61.) In imitation of these Attic proclamations, the Chorus proceeds forthwith to offer rewards for slaying certain persons who may be considered the natural enemies of the republic of the birds. Philocrates is the poulterer mentioned early in the play. *Στρούθιον* is formed, in imitation of gentile names, from *στροῦθος*, a *sparrow*.

1073. *σπίνους*. Probably a species of *ortolan*, a small bird sold in the market of Athens. Perhaps the *Emberiza caesia*. See Von der Mühle, p. 40.

1074. *κίχλας*, *thrushes*. The *Turdus musicus* probably; it is still called in Greece *τζήχλα*.

1075. *κοψίχοισιν*. See vv. 308 and 806. Usually called the blackbird, but very different from the English or American bird known under that name. It is the *Turdus merula*, still called in Greece *κοτζίφ'ς*. See Von der Mühle, p. 63.

1076. *εἶρξος ἔχει*. G. § 112, N. 7

1077. *παλεύειν*, *to decoy*. The Scholiast says: "Θηρεύειν, προκαλείσθαι. Εἰώθασιν ἐκτυφλοῦντές τινα τῶν ὀρνέων ἰστάναι ἐν δικτύῳ, ὅπως τῇ φωνῇ προσκαλοῖτο τὰ ὁμοιογενῆ." Decoy-birds were called by the Greeks *παλεύτριαι*.

In the antistrophe, other privileges of the birds are very poetically set forth.



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lyrical poem, generally a song of praise in honor of some god, and then recites, in trochaic verses (of which there should, regularly, be sixteen), some joking complaint, some reproach against the city, some witty sally against the people, with more or less reference to the leading subject of the play: this is called the *epirrhema*, or 'what is said in addition.' Both pieces, the lyrical strophe and the *epirrhema*, are repeated antistrophically. It is clear that the lyrical piece, with its antistrophe, arose from the phallic song; and the *epirrhema*, with its *antepirrhema*, from the gibes with which the chorus of revellers assailed the first persons they met. It was natural, as the *parabasis* came in the middle of the whole comedy, that, instead of these jests directed against individuals, a conception more significant and more interesting to the public at large should be substituted for them; while the gibes against individuals, suitable to the original nature of comedy, though without any reference to the connection of the piece, might be put in the mouth of the chorus whenever occasion served.

"As the *parabasis* completely interrupts the action of the comic drama, it could only be introduced at some especial pause; we find that Aristophanes is fond of introducing it at the point where the action, after all sorts of hindrances and delays, has got so far that the crisis must ensue, and it must be determined whether the end desired will be attained or not. Such, however, is the laxity with which comedy treats all these forms, that the *parabasis* may even be divided into two parts, and the anapaestical introduction be separated from the choral song; there may even be a second *parabasis* (but without the anapaestic march), in order to mark a second transition in the action of the piece."

1096. κρίνωσιν ἡμᾶς, *adjudge us victors*. Supply νικᾶν.

1097. Ἀλεξάνδρου, *Paris*; who, being appointed judge of beauty between the rival goddesses, received from

Aphrodite, to whom he had adjudged the palm, the gift of Helen.

1099. Γλαῦκες Λαυριωτικάι, *Laurian owls*, i. e. coins bearing the figure of an owl. See note to v. 303. Laurian, because the Attic coinage was supplied from the silver mines of Laurion, for an account of which see Boeckh's *Public Economy of the Athenians*, Book III. Chap. 3. See also Herodotus, VII. 144; Thucyd. III. 55. The Laurian owls are to make their nests in the purses of the judges, and hatch small change.

1103. ἐρέψομεν πρὸς ἀετόν. There is a play upon the word ἀετόν, which, besides signifying *an eagle*, is also an architectural term, like ἀέτωμα, *the pediment*.

1104. ἀρχίδιον, *a petty office*.

1106. πρηγορῶνας, *birds' crops*.

1107. ἦν δὲ μὴ κρίνητε (sc. ἡμᾶς νικᾶν). See v. 1096. — χαλκεύεσθε is Imperative. — μηνίσκους. These were crescent-shaped coverings, to protect the statues from being soiled by the birds. The rainbow, or glory, encircling the heads of saints in Christian statuary and painting, was borrowed from the custom of the Greek artists of placing these crescents over their statues. — φορεῖν. G. § 97. The chorus tells them that they had better become bronze statues, *so as to wear μηνίσκοι*.

1108. ὅς ἂν μὴ ἔχη = εἰάν τις μὴ μὴν' ἔχη. G. § 60; § 61, 3.

Peisthetairos, having completed the sacrifices, reappears upon the scene, and at the same moment a messenger hurries in, out of breath, to announce the completion of the city wall.

1113. ὄτου πεισόμεθα. G. § 65, 1.

1114. Ἄλφειὸν πνέων, *breathing Alpheus*. The allusion is to the races at Olympia, near the banks of the Alpheus.

1116. ἀρχων = ὁ ἀρχων.

1119. Προξενίδης ὁ Κομπασεύς, *Proxenides of Bragtown*. The person here referred to as a braggart is spoken of also in the Wasps. Κομπασεύς, formed from κόμπος, as if there were a deme bearing that name. Carey translates it of *Bragland*. For Theagenes, see *ante*, v. 824. For ἄν, see G. § 42, 3.

1120 – 1122. ἄρματε παρελασαίτην, *might drive two chariots past each other, with horses harnessed as large as the Wooden*; alluding to the δούριος or δουράτιος ἵππος, in the capture of Troy. The allusion was the more amusing to the audience, from the circumstance that a brazen statue of the Trojan horse stood on the Acropolis, perhaps in full sight of the theatre.

1124. τοῦ μάκρους, genitive of exclamation.

1126. Ἀιγύπτιος. “Πλινθοφόρος. Οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι ἐκωμωδοῦντο ὡς ἀχθοφόροι. Καὶ ἐν Βατράχοις (1832), οὗτος οὐκ ἄραιντ’ ἄν [ἄν ἄραιντ’] οὐδ’ ἑκατὸν Αἰγύπτιοι. — Sch. notum est ex Herodoti Euterpe, ut plerique reges assidue coëgerint eos caementa portare ad exstruendas praecipue pyramides.” Bergler. The labors of the Egyptians in building the Pyramids are referred to, a full account of which is given by Herodotus, Lib. II. 124, seqq. The reader will also remember the tasks imposed upon the Israelites during their enslavement in Egypt.

1130. λίθους. Perhaps the common notion, that the cranes carried in their beaks, or swallowed, stones, to steady themselves in their flight, — a notion which Aristotle remarks upon in his History of Animals, — may have arisen from observing that some birds swallow gravel as a kind of digester. It appears in several forms in the Scholiasts. One story is, that the cranes carry stones, so that, when wearied with flying, they may ascertain by dropping one whether they are over land or water. At any rate, this popular error is very happily employed by the poet in the present passage.



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this office on account of their skill in lining their nests with mud. The trowel is the swallow's tail, which bears some resemblance to the broad, flat trowel used by the ancient masons. Besides this, the poet had observed that the swallow uses its tail for the very purpose that a mason uses his trowel. It also carries the mud in its beak, as here represented; *like little boys, "ut pueruli,"* as explained by Blaydes, "qui gaudent aliquid a tergo trahere, et baculo ligneo equi instar insidentes cruribus divaricatis currere." Something is wanting to make the grammatical construction of the text complete; as it stands now, there is an *asyndeton*.

1156. Ἀπονίψομαι, *I'll wash myself*. He had come in great haste, and was still covered with dirt.

1157. Οὔτος. Addressed to Peisthetairos, who stands in silent amazement at what he has just heard.

1162. πυρρίχην βλέπων. The allusion is to a war-dance, called the *pyrrhic*, — *looking full of fight*; like φόνον βλέπων, Aesch. Sept. 478, and Ἄρη, δεδοκότων, Id. 53.

The second messenger now comes running in, out of breath. Some one has passed through the gates without permission of the authorities.

1170. οὐκουν ἐχρῆν πέμψαι; *ought they not to have sent?* G. § 49, 2, N. 3. A protasis is implied, *if they had done their duty*, or something similar. περιπόλους. The young men of Athens were classed under the designation of ἔφηβοι, when they reached the age of eighteen. The two following years they were sent to the frontiers to guard the strongholds and military posts, and for the general protection of the Attic territory. During this period they were called περίπολοι, or *roamers*. The allusion and application here are obvious. See Hermann, Polit. Antiq. § 121 (formerly 123).

1171 – 1174. The περίπολοι, who are sent in pursuit, are the swiftest and strongest of the birds of prey; all with crooked talons, — the hawks, falcons, vultures, carrion-crows,

and eagles. All the birds here mentioned are described by Von der Mühle. The tumult in the air is doubtless a parody on a passage in some play; very likely one of Aeschylus.

After a few strains of lyric verse, Iris, the messenger of the gods, is brought. She is the interloper, who, being sent on an embassy to the earth, has rashly entered the city, and now appears in the august presence of Peisthetairos.

1179, 1180. χῶρει πᾶς. G. § 84, N. 2.

1190. λέγειν ἐχρήν, you ought to tell. (See v. 1170.) G. § 49, 2, N. 3.

1192. πλοῖον, ἡ κυνῆ; Blaydes has the following note: "*Navis an petasus? Navem esse eam putat, aut quia vestis ejus impetu volandi veli instar sinuosa facta erat, aut propter alas quas habebat; habent enim et naves quasi alas quasdam remos: petasum eam putat propter alas vel pinnas.*" But perhaps the best illustration of the text is the passage in Milton's *Samson Agonistes*, where the appearance of Dalilah is described:—

“But who is this? what thing of sea or land?

Female of sex it seems,
That so bedecked, ornate, and gay,
Comes this way sailing,
Like a stately ship
Of Tarsus, bound for the isles
Of Javan or Gadire,
With all her bravery on, and tackle trim,
Sails filled, and streamers waving.”

1193. Πάραλος, ἡ Σαλαμινία; For an account of these fast-sailing public vessels of the Athenians, see note to vv. 146, 147.

1196. οἰμῶξει. G. § 25, N. 5.

1201. κολοιάρχους. "*Praefectos excubiarum. Κολοιοῖς enim custodia novae urbis commissa erat.*" Blaydes. See v. 1167.

1202. Σφραγιῶδ'. Lit. *the seal*, i. e. *the passport*, which, it

seems, was employed in ancient times, stamped with the official seal of the proper authorities. See Becker's *Charicles*, Note 15 to Scene I., and the authorities there quoted.

1204. Ἐπέβαλεν, *tendered*.

1210. Ἄδικεῖ, 2d pers. pass., *Justice is not done you*. You ought to have been already punished for your audacity.

1211. Ἰρίδων, genitive after δικαιοτάτ'.

1215, 1216. εἰ belongs to ἄρχομεν and ἀκολαστανεῖτε, as is shown by the use of μέν and δέ. G. § 54, Remark. On the other hand, γνώσεσθε is connected by καί to πεισόμεθα, and forms part of the apodosis.

1217. Ἀκροατέον κρειπτόνων, *You have got to obey your betters in turn*. G. § 114, 2. (See v. 1226.)

1218. ναυστολεῖς. The idea of the ship is still kept up.

1220. Φράσουσα θύειν, *to bid them sacrifice*. Fut. part. expressing purpose. The sacrificial forms, in the following lines, are borrowed from the religious rites of the Athenians.

1224. Θεοὶ γάρ. The use of the particle here is elliptical, and it may be rendered, *What! are you* —, and, in the next clause, *To be sure, for* —.

1226. θυτέον αὐτούς. The verbal in τέον is equivalent in sense to the infinitive with δεῖ; here, then, = δεῖ θύειν αὐτούς, *it is their duty to sacrifice*. The construction is *ad sensum*, since verbals usually take the dative of the agent. (See v. 1217.) G. § 114, 2.

1228, 1229. The language here is a parody upon Aeschylus, Ag. 581, 584.

1231. Λικυμνίαις βολαῖς, *with Likymnian bolts*. The allusion is to a lost play of Euripides, called Likymnios, in which one of the personages was struck by a thunderbolt. The whole speech of Iris is an amusing parody on the *obligato* loftiness of the tragic style.

1233. Λυδόν, Φρύγα. Here is a parody upon some lines



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1260, 1261. *Στεφάνῳ χρυσῷ*. One of the most noted among the honors bestowed for eminent public services was the conferring of a golden crown. Perhaps this is the best known from the fact, that the great contest of oratory between Demosthenes and Aeschines grew out of a proposition to crown the former.

1264. *φέρει*, 2d pers. mid., *thou receivest* for thyself.

1267, seq. *Ἐλακωνομάνουν*, *were Spartan-mad*. This affectation of imitating the Lacedaemonian modes of life, ways of speaking, and manners, seems at times to have been pretty extensively prevalent at Athens, and is often spoken of the ancients. See Plutarch, *Life of Alcibiades*, Chap. 23, *τῇ διαίτῃ λακωνίζων*; Demosthenes against Conon, p. 1267, 22, *ἔσκυθρωπάκασι καὶ λακωνίζειν φασί*; and Plato, *Protag.* 342 B, *Gorg.* 515 E. The particular modes in which the affectation manifested itself are described in the lines which follow. With respect to the whims charged upon Socrates, see the *Clouds*, *passim*.

1269. *Σκυτάλι' ἐφόρου*, *carried Spartan canes*. The allusion here is to the *scytale*, by means of which the government of Sparta corresponded with the generals or kings when absent on some foreign enterprise. Smith (*Dict. of Gr. and Rom. Ant.*) thus briefly describes it:—“When a king or general left Sparta, the ephors gave to him a staff of a definite length and thickness, and retained for themselves another of precisely the same size. When they had any communications to make to him, they cut the material upon which they intended to write into the shape of a narrow ribbon, wound it round their staff, and then wrote upon it the message which they had to send to him. When the strip of writing material was taken from the staff, nothing but single letters appeared, and in this state the strip was sent to the general, who, after having wound it round his staff, was able to read the communication.”

1273. νομόν. There is a play upon the double meaning νομός, *pasture*, and νόμος, *law*.

1274. κατήραν ἐς τὰ βιβλία. Here again is a play upon the word βιβλίον, which naturally suggests the βίβλος, or papyrus plant. καταίρειν is *to come ashore, to land*; translate, *they would land, or alight, upon the leaves*, meaning, *they flew at once to the law cases*. For κατήραν ἄν, see G. § 30, 2. "The whole of this," as Cary remarks: "is intended to represent the eagerness of the Athenians for legislation and law disputes; a never-failing topic of ridicule with Aristophanes."

The reasons why the poet attaches names of birds to certain individuals cannot, in all these cases, be certainly made out. Doubtless there were personal peculiarities belonging to all these individuals, which gave the application a point highly amusing to the audience who were familiar with them.

1278. Πέρδιξ. According to the Scholiast, this was the name of a lame innkeeper; but the poet pretends it was given him on account of his craft and dishonesty.

1279. Μενίππῳ. Menippus, of whom nothing is known, was called the swallow, probably on account of some imperfection of speech; since the Greeks compared such defects to the twittering of swallows. See Agamemnon of Aeschylus, v. 974. The Scholiast has another explanation, quite too far-fetched.

1280. κόραξ. The one-eyed Opuntius was called the crow, according to the Scholiast, because he had a large, beak-shaped nose.

1281. Κορυδός. Philocles was called the *tufted lark*, on account of the peculiar shape of his head, as the Scholiast says. He is elsewhere mentioned as deformed (see Thesm. 168), "Αἰσχρὸς ὧν αἰσχρῶς ποιεῖ." Probably there is also some allusion to the debauched character of Philocles. —

χηναλώπηξ. The nickname of *goose-fox* is given to Theagenes on account of his rogueries. The same person has been mentioned before.

1282. Ἴβις. Lycurgus (not the orator of that name) is said to have been called the Ibis, either on account of his having been born in Egypt, or because he had lived there. Pherecrates, as quoted by the Scholiast, called the Egyptians the countrymen of Lycurgus. It is quite as likely, however, to have been some peculiarity of his personal appearance, — as the length and small size of his legs, — which suggested the nickname. This is the view adopted by Blaydes. — νυκτερίς. Chairephon is the well-known disciple of Socrates, mentioned often by Plato and Xenophon, and ridiculed in the *Clouds*. He was called the *Bat*, on account of his dark color, melancholy temperament, and thin voice.

1283. κίττα. Syracusius is said to have been a prating orator, hanging about the bema, and seizing every opportunity to harangue the people. So he is compared to the pigeon, sitting and cooing upon the roof-tree.

1284. ὄρνυξ. Meidias was called the *Ortux*, or quail, because he was like a quail struck in the head by a gamester. The allusion here is to a play called ὀρνυγοκονία, or *quail-striking*, which is described by Pollux. The gamesters themselves were called ὀρνυγοκόποι, or στυφοκόποι. The sport consisted in throwing or striking at a quail, set up as a mark, and perhaps was not unlike the shooting-matches of our day. See Becker's *Charicles*, Scene V., note 6; Julius Pollux, VII. 136; Meursius, *De Ludis Graecorum*, ὀρνυγοκονία. Meidias is supposed by Blaydes to have been called a quail because he was a gamester and cock-fighter. But it is more likely, I think, from the turn of the phrase here, that the point of resemblance was some singularity in the shape of the head. The Scholiast, how-



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The scene that follows is amusing, and closely related, as are all the scenes in Aristophanes, to the peculiarities of Hellenic society. The three personages, Parricide, Kinesias, and Sycophant, who arrive in succession, each with his characteristic purposes, and all singing in lofty dithyrambic strains, at once embody the deepest satire on the private and political vices of the times, and throw the gayest ridicule upon the empty verbosity of the popular poets.

1323. *γενοίμαν*. G. § 82.

1324. *ὡς ἄν*. G. § 44, 1, N. 3 (b).

1327. *Ἄιδων ἀετούς*, *singing of eagles*.

1329. *τοῦ πέτεσθαι*. G. § 95, 1.

1337. *ὅς ἂν πεπλήγη*. G. § 18, 1.

1340, seq. Peisthetairos quotes to the Parricide the law of the storks, because, says Blaydes, “*inter ciconias et pullos earum summus existit amor.*”

1341. *κύρβειν*. The *κύρβεις* were columns on which laws were published, especially those which contained the laws of Solon, and which were also called *ἄξονες*. See Plut. Sol. 25. See Clouds, v. 448, and note.

1344. *πάλιν*, *in turn*.

1345, 1346. *Ἀπέλαυσα . . . βοσκητέον*, *it would be a deal of good, by Zeus, that I got by coming here, if I must feed my father, too*.

1348. *ὄρνιν ὀρφανόν*, “*Tanquam avem orbam, quae non patrem alendum habeat.*” Blaydes.

1349. *οὐ . . . ὑποθήσομαι*, *I'll suggest a good thing*. *οὐ κακῶς* is used exactly like the French *pas mal*.

1350 – 1356. The plan of Peisthetairos is to arm the Parricide like a fighting bird, with wing, and spur, and crest, and send him off to Thrace, bidding him to enlist in that service, to support himself by his pay, and let his father live. The sending him to Thrace is an allusion to the numerous expeditions which the Athenians sent for a series of years

into the North, to act against the Macedonians and the Lacedaemonians. See Thirlwall's History of Greece, Vols. III. and IV.; Thucyd. IV. 75, seq.; Grote, Vol. IV.

1359. The poet Kinesias, who is satirized in the Clouds also, now makes his appearance, singing appropriate strains. He was a dithyrambic poet, of no great ability, but one of the corrupters of the poetical and musical style of the time. Besides this, according to Athenæus, he was so tall and thin, that he was obliged to wear stays made of linden-wood. To this the epithet *φιλύρινον*, v. 1363, refers. His life was dishonored by gross impiety and low vices.

1364. Τί κυκλείς; κυκλείῃ πόδα is a tragic expression, occurring in Euripides, Orest. 632. Kinesias is said to have been lame. κύκλον also refers to *his Cyclic compositions*. Translate, *Why dost thou turn thy halting foot hitherward?*

1367. Παῦσαι μοι, *Cease your singing, and tell me what you mean.* Give up poetry, and let us have prose and decency. G. § 112, 1.

1370. ἀναβολάς, *preludes*. All this is in ridicule of the frigid bombast of the dithyrambic poets.

1375. κλύων. § 109, 6; § 52, 1.

1376. Οὐ δῆτ' ἔγωγε, *Not I, in faith.* To which Kinesias replies, *Yes, you shall too, by Hercules.*

1381. Ὠόπ. The Scholiast explains this as a cry to stop the rowing of the oarsmen. But it is elsewhere used to encourage and stimulate them. — ἀλάδρομον ἀλάμενος, *having leaped the sea-course*. Blaydes very justly remarks of this and what follows: "Obscuritatem dithyrambicorum irridet poeta, qui constructionibus verborum obscuris et figuris exquisitis gaudent."

1386. Ἀλίμενου τέμνων, *cutting the harborless furrow of the air*. "Mira et audacissima metaphorarum conjunctio, more dithyrambicorum." Blaydes.

1389, 1390. Ταυτί ἀεί; These lines refer to the

arrangements for the poetical and musical festivities. The tribes rivalled each other in the splendor of their preparations for the dithyrambic, tragic, and comic contests. Kinesias represents himself as an object of contention to the tribes, as a trainer of the Cyclic chorus.

1392. *Λεωτροφίδη*, for *Leotrophides*, i. e. as *choregus*. The choregus was the individual whose turn it was to furnish the entertainment. He is said to have been a person of a very slight figure, for which reason the poet makes him a citizen of Nephelococcygia. He is mentioned in a fragment of the comic poet Hermippus, preserved by Athenaeus. Bothe gives a different interpretation, — *Will you stay here with us, and train a chorus of birds, light as Leotrophides*.

1393. *Κεκροπίδα φυλήν*. Blaydes discusses the question why the poet names the tribe *Κεκροπίς*. He thinks it is partly because Leotrophides belonged to that tribe, and partly in the way of a punning allusion to the bird *κρέκα*, as if he had said *κρεκοπίδα φυλήν*, and suggests that this may be the true reading. There is a question of construction which the commentators have not touched, namely, that of the accusative *φυλήν*. It seems to me to be in apposition with *χορόν*; the Chorus then is the Cecropid tribe. And why the Cecropid tribe? First, one of the tribes of Athens bore this name; and secondly, there is a play on the word, as the Athenians themselves were called Cecropians, from King Cecrops. The chorus of flying birds, then, is nothing more than a satirical description of the Athenians, who are elsewhere ridiculed for their levity and fickleness by similar comparisons to birds.

1395. *πρὶν ἂν διαδράμω*. G. § 67, 1.

1396. The Sycophant now makes his appearance, complaining that the winged birds have nothing. “*Συκοφάντης*,” says Smith (Dict. of Antiq.), “in the time of Aristophanes



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1406. Πελλήνης. A city of Achaia, where cloths of peculiar excellence were manufactured. The idea of going to Pellene is suggested by the shabby garments of the informer.

1407. κλητήρ νησιωτικός, an island summoner. Many classes of lawsuits the inhabitants of the islands and the confederated cities were obliged to bring up for adjudication in the courts of Athens. For κλητήρ, see note on v. 146.

1409. πραγματοδίφης, a hunter-up of lawsuits.

1410. καλούμενος, summoning to court.

1411. Ὑπὸ πτερίγων σοφώτερον; Like the expression ἵπ' ἀλητήρος, cited by the Scholiast from Archilochus. *Do you serve summonses any wiser on account of wings?*

1414. ἔρματος, ballast. This alludes to the notion, that the cranes swallow stones to steady themselves in their flight. See *ante*.—δίκας, law cases. He compares himself, returning from a tour among the islands and cities with a long list of cases to be tried at Athens, to the cranes laden with a ballast of stones.

1417. τί πάθω; Yes, to be sure, for what would become of me? G. § 88, N. 2.—σκάπτειν οὐκ ἐπίσταμαι, I know not how to dig. Blaydes appropriately quotes Luc. Evang. xvi. 3: “Σκάπτειν οὐκ ἰσχύω, ἐπαιτεῖν αἰσχύνομαι,” *I cannot dig, to beg I am ashamed.*

1418. ἔργα σώφρονα, honest callings.

1419. ἄνδρα τοσουτονί, a man of such an age.

1422. λέγων. Participle expressing the means. G. § 109, 2.

1426. κουρείους, the barbers' shops, which were the lounging-places of the idle and gossiping, called by Theophrastus “symposia without wine.” See Becker's Charicles, Excursus III. to Scene XI.

1427, 1428. Δεινῶς ἰππηλατείῳ, Diitrephes has dread-

fully set my boy on the wing for horse-driving, by his talk. The person here mentioned has already been alluded to as having made a fortune. The passion for horses naturally led to extravagant expenditure among the fashionable young fellows at Athens. See *Clouds*, v. 74.

1429, 1430. Ὁ δέ . . . φρένας, *And another says, that his son is set on the wing and is all of a flutter in his mind for tragedy.*

1436. Δαί always expresses surprise or indignation, in a question. *What the deuce will you do?* — οὐ καταισχυνῶ, *I will not dishonor my race*, as the money-changer says in the *Clouds*. The phrase seems to have grown so trite, that it had become slang.

1439. ὡς ἄν. G. § 44, 1, N. 2.

1440. Καλεσάμενος, ἐγκεκληκῶς. The former means *having summoned to appear in court on a certain day*; the latter here means *having brought a suit against*. According to Meier and Schömann (*Attic Process*, Book IV. Cap. 2), ἐγκαλεῖν means strictly *to call upon one's opponent for restitution or satisfaction in the presence of witnesses*, and refers to a ceremony which usually preceded the formal summons (πρόσκλησις); the term seems, however, to be used also in a general sense (as here), meaning simply *to bring a suit*. See note to v. 147.

1442, 1443. ὅπως . . . ξένος, *that the stranger may have lost his suit before arriving here*, i. e. by his failure to appear on the appointed day, the suit would go against him by default. Ἐρήμην δίκην ὀφλεῖν (or simply ἐρήμην ὀφλεῖν) was the phrase in Attic law, signifying *to lose a suit by default*; while ἐρήμην δίκην ἐλεῖν (or ἐρήμην ἐλεῖν) meant *to gain a case through the absence of one's opponent*. The advantage which the Sycophant expects to gain by his wings is, that the unfortunate party against whom the suit is commenced will be unable to equal his rapid mode of doing business. —

ὅπως ἄν. See ὡς ἄν, v. 1439.—For the Perfect Subjunctive ὠφλήκη, see G. § 18, 1.

1446. Βέμβικος, a whirligig, or top.

1448. Κορκυραία πτερά. The *Corcyrean wings* are whips from Corcyra, or such as were used in Corcyra, which are mentioned in a passage of Phrynichus cited by the Scholiast. See also Thucydides, IV. 47.

1452. οὐκ ἀπολιβάξεις (from λιβάς, a drop), *will you not drop off?*

1453. στρεψοδικοπανουργίαν, *justice-twisting rascality*.

1455–1466. The Chorus now describe the wondrous things they have seen in flying over the earth. The poet, by ingenious turns, makes it the occasion of sly and amusing satire.—δένδρον. They describe Cleonymus, the Sycophant and Shield-dropper, as a strange tree. “Apte autem arboris mentionem faciunt aves.” Blaydes. — καρδίας ἀπώτερω. There is here a play upon the words, the phrase meaning *without heart*, i. e. *cowardly*, or, looking upon Cleonymus as a tree,—and the Scholiast says he is so called, either because he was tall or stupid as a stick,—*remote from Cardia*.—τοῦ μὲν ἤρος, *in spring it shoots forth and plays the informer*; alluding to the fact, that in the month Munychion the cases of foreigners were adjudged, as the Scholiast explains it. But Blaydes thinks *spring* is used here for the time of peace, as winter is applied (v. 1465) metaphorically to war. This tree, *the sycophant, puts forth in spring, and in winter sheds the shields*; that is, in time of peace Cleonymus busies himself as an informer, and in time of war he runs away from the enemy, and drops his shield in his flight. This is our old acquaintance, the shield-dropper of the Clouds.

1467–1478. These lines are occupied with Orestes, the robber, who is also mentioned before, and whom he classes with the heroes, on account of his name. According to the



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1485. Βουλυτός, ἡ περαιτέρω; The time expressed by βουλυτός, according to its etymology, is that of unyoking the cattle; therefore, after the agricultural work of the day was over; towards evening.

1486. βδελύττομαι. Peisthetairos is out of all patience with Prometheus, whose mind, intent upon his own situation, pays no heed to what the other says:—*How I hate you.*

1488. Οὔτω μὲν. Blaydes has the following note upon this expression:—“Sch.: ὡς ἐν κωμωδία, ὡς καλόν τι ἀκούσας τὸ οἴμωζε, ἀποκαλύπτεται φανερόν αὐτὸν δεικνύς. Festive, quasi dicat: Sic quidem, benigna tua compellatione victus, qui me in malam rem abire jubeas, omnem animo tuo dubitationem eximam et caput meum detegam.” But I am inclined to think that Prometheus, still inattentive to what Peisthetairos is saying, refers in these words to his question, *Is Zeus clearing the clouds away, or gathering them?* or, *Is it fair weather or foul?* because, if it is foul, *I'll uncover.* Upon which he throws off his disguise, and stands revealed as Prometheus.

1493. σκιάδειον, parasol. He has come provided with this shelter, under cover of which he may safely unfold his errand.

1494. ὡς ἄν. G. § 44, 1, N. 2. (See v. 1439.)

1498. Ὡς ἀκούοντος λέγε. G. § 109, N. 4; § 110, 1, N. 1. ἀκούοντος is the ordinary *causal* Participle (G. § 109, 4), modified in its force by ὡς, and put in the genitive absolute with μου understood.

1499. Πηνίκ' ἄττ'; *about what time?* ἄττα = τινά.

1504. Θεσμοφορίαις. The ceremonies of the Thesmophoria lasted five days, one of which was spent in fasting. See Smith's Dict. of Gr. and Rom. Antiq.; also Aristophanes, Thesmophoriazusae.

1505. βάρβαροι θεοί, *the barbarian gods*, who, living far-

ther off from men than the Olympian, are also sufferers from the stoppage of sacrificial supplies, and threaten war upon Zeus unless he will throw open the ports, so that the entrails of the victims may be imported.

1507. ἄνωθεν, *from above, or beyond.*

1509. ἴν' εἰσάγοιτο. G. § 44, 2, N. 2 (b). The Optative depends on the idea implied in the leading sentence, that the gods *threatened* war.

1512. πατρώος. The Exekestides here mentioned is the same person who has been already satirized as an intrusive citizen. (See note to v. 11.) The constitution of Athens required a scrutiny to be made into the birth of any citizen before he could assume the functions of office. He must be able to show that Apollo was his πατρώος, or *patrial* deity, and that he was legally under the protection of Zeus *Herkeios*; that he was an Athenian on both sides, and from the third generation. See Demosth. in Eubul. p. 1315, 15: παιδίων ὄντα με εὐθέως ἦγον εἰς τοὺς φράτορας, εἰς Ἀπόλλωνος πατρώου ἦγον, εἰς τᾶλλα ἱερά. So p. 1319, 26, the speaker alludes to the members of his γένος as Ἀπόλλωνος πατρώου καὶ Διὸς ἑρκείου γεννῆται. Blaydes, giving the substance of Brunck's note, says: "Execestidem igitur, qui, ut peregrina origine et servili, Apollinem illum Πατρώον Atheniensium vindicare sibi non poterat, ridicule fingit comicus habere, ut barbarum, Πατρώον seu *Tutelarem* deum aliquem ex barbaris illis, de quibus nunc agitur."

1514. Τριβαλλοί. The Triballi were a Moesian tribe.

1515. τοῦπιτριβείης. There is a play upon the resemblance in sound between ἐπιτριβείης and Τριβαλλοί. Cary gives as an equivalent, "Trouble"; "Tribulation" would be nearer. We might, perhaps, make something like it out of the *Choctaws*:—"Ah, yes! that's where *You be choked* came from."

1526. κωλακρέτην. This was the officer who paid out the

judicial fees. See Smith's Dict. of Gr. and Rom. Antiq.; also Hermann's Political Antiquities. — *τριώβολα*. *τριώβολον* was the fee or sum paid daily to each dicast.

1531. *ἀπανθρακίζομεν*, *we roast*, i. e. *cook*; referring to the myth according to which Prometheus bestowed fire upon mortals, having stolen it from the gods.

1534. *Τίμων καθαρὸς*, *a pure (mere) Timon*. Timon the misanthrope is here meant. This personage was a contemporary of Alcibiades, with whom he continued his intimacy after having secluded himself from the rest of the world. He is mentioned in another place by Aristophanes (*Lysistrata*, 808), and Antiphanes made him the subject of a comedy. The student will remember Shakespeare's *Timon of Athens*, and the manner in which the great English dramatist has worked out the hints of the ancients respecting this eccentric character.

1535. *ὡς ἄν*. See v. 1439.

1536. *κανηφόροι*. The *κανηφόροι* were high-born Athenian maidens, who carried on their heads baskets containing the materials and implements of sacrifice at the great festivals, such as the Panathenaic, Dionysiac, &c. They were usually attended by persons holding sun-shades over their heads.

1538 - 1549. The *Σκιάποδες*, or *Shade-feet*, were a fabulous tribe in Lybia, mentioned by Strabo, and by Ktesias (according to Harpocration), who compares the feet to the web-feet of geese. They are described as walking *τετραποδηδόν*, or on all fours; or rather on all threes, using one foot, spread out like an umbrella, to protect themselves from the heat of an African sun. In this place the poet designates the philosophers, and especially, as is shown by v. 1540, the disciples of Socrates. The spirit of the passage is like that of the ludicrous scene in the *Clouds*, where the disciples of the *phrontistery* are represented in a variety of absurd atti-



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the various modes of making the peplum form grand and contrasted draperies. Indeed, the different degrees in simplicity or of grace observable in the throw of the peplum were regarded as indicating the different degrees of rusticity or of refinement inherent in the disposition of the wearer."

1554. *Λαισποδίας*. Laispodias was a general, mentioned in Thucydides (VI. 105). He had a defect in the legs, which he concealed by the length of his garments.

1555. *δημοκρατία*. "Ludit quasi etiam apud deos sit democratia, ut Athenis." Blaydes. Other democracies besides that of the Grecian gods are open to the ridicule of sending incompetent barbarians on foreign embassies.

1559. *τί δρῶμεν*. G. § 88.

1563. *Διπλασίως*. Heracles, as Bergler remarks, is made at the outset so fierce for vengeance on the audacious mortal who has intercepted the sacrifices from the gods, whereby they live, in order to heighten the comic effect of his sudden conversion by the appetizing smell of the roasting birds. Peisthetairos, at this moment, is heard giving directions to the cook, as if unaware of the presence of Heracles.

1570. *Ἔδοξαν ἀδικεῖν*, *have been adjudged guilty*. A technical expression in Attic law.

1571. *ὦ . . . Ἡράκλεις*. Peisthetairos pretends to see Heracles now for the first time: *Ah! how do you do, Heracles?*

1574. *Ἐλαιον . . . ληκύθῳ*, *There is no oil in the cruet*. The servant comes running in with this message from the kitchen.

1577. *ὄντες φίλοι*, *if you were friendly to us*. G. § 52, 1. See also § 42, 3, N. 1.

1578, 1579. *Ὀμβριον . . . ἀεί*, *You would have rain-water always in your marshes* (instead of tanks, "ut ad aves"; the Greeks ordinarily used either spring-water

directly from the fountains, or rain-water caught in the tanks), *and you would always pass halcyon days*. Halcyon days are the supposed seven fair days in winter in which the halcyon was accustomed to make his appearance.

1580. *αὐτοκράτορες, plenipotentiary.*

1583. *ἀλλὰ νῦν* is elliptical. Supply “though not before,” *yet now*, i. e. if you are at last willing to do what is right.

1587. *Ἐπι καλῶ, On these conditions, I will invite the ministers to dinner.*

1592. *ἄρξωσω, gain the power.* The force of the aorist is to express the action as single and momentary, not frequent or continuous. Therefore, here, not *rule*, but *get power*. G. § 19, Notes 1 and 2.

1596. *σταυ ὀμνίη.* G. § 61, 3.

1597. *παρελθών, coming up, or passing along.* The advantage promised to the gods is, that, if any mortal swear falsely by them, the crow will pounce upon him and pluck out his eyes.

1600. The barbarian god, unable to speak Greek, utters some unintelligible sounds, which Peisthetairos interprets into giving his consent.

1605. *Μενετοὶ μισητίαν, “The gods can wait,” and not repay in full.* *μὰποδιδῶ = μὴ ἀποδιδῶ.* *μισητία* is *luxury, lust, &c.*; also *abundance, wastefulness*; here, perhaps, to be constructed as synecdochical, and used adverbially.

1606. *Ἀναπράξομεν, we will exact.*

1610. *τιμήν, the value.*

1613. *αἰμώζειν δοκεῖ σοι; have you a fancy for a beating?* Intimating that, unless he is willing to yield the point, he must expect a beating. “Hercules,” says Cary, “trusting that Triballus will not understand, says this for the sake of raising a laugh at the barbarian god.” He translates: “Triballus, what think you — of being cursed?”

1614. Φησὶν πάνυ, *He says that I talk quite right.* The subject of λέγειν must be gathered from the context; otherwise it would be the same as that of the finite verb. Again he construes the unintelligible sounds of the barbarian god into an assent to the demand.

1618. παραδίδωμι, *I offer to give up.* G. § 10, 1, N. 2.

1620. ἐκδοτέον (sc. τῷ Διί). G. § 114, 2. — Οὐ ἐρᾶς, *You are not fond of reconciliation; your demands are so extravagant, that there is no hope of coming to terms with you.*

1621, 1622. Ὀλίγον γλυκύ, *I care but little.* Cook, you must make the sauce sweet. Peisthetairos puts on an indifferent look, but counts with certainty upon the effect of the order to the cook upon Heracles.

1623. δαιμόνι' ἀνθρώπων, *my dearest fellow.* The comic force of the phrase is heightened by addressing a familiar form of speech among men to a god.

1624. Ἡμεῖς πολεμήσομεν; There is an allusion to Helen and the war of Troy: "*Shall we wage a war for one woman?*"

1626. ἐξαπατώμενος πάλαι. G. § 10, 1, N. 3; § 73, 2.

1631. οἶόν σε περισοφίζεται, *how he is tricking you.* Peisthetairos now expounds the Athenian law of inheritance, according to which Heracles, being the son of Zeus by a foreign woman (ὄν γε ξένης), cannot become his heir.

1634. οὐδ' ἀκαρῆ, *not a penny.*

1638. ἐπικληρον. "A technical term, signifying a daughter who, having no brother, succeeds as heiress to her father's estate. The Attic law made all the legitimate sons equally heirs to their father's estate, not allowing a man with such sons to dispose of his property by will. The daughters in this case had a right only to their dowry (προίξ), and were called on that account ἐπίπροικοι. Where there were no sons at the time of the father's death, the whole estate (κληῖρος)



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Θούκριτον τὸν πατέρα τὸν ἐμὸν, ὄντα ἑαυτοῦ γνῶριμον, i. e. *Protomachos* (the speaker's mother's husband) *was a poor man; and on inheriting a rich ἐπίκληρος, wishing to dispose of my mother, he induces Thucritos, my father, who was an acquaintance of his, to take her in marriage.* (See the law quoted in Demosth. in Macart. p. 1067, 27.) See Meier and Schömann, *Attic Process*, Book III. 2, Chap. 2, § 2 (pp. 468 – 470); Hermann, *Staatsalterth.* §§ 119, 120; *Privatalterth.* § 63; with the passages quoted in the notes.

“Peisthetairos asks Heracles how Athena could be an heiress of Zeus in her own right (as everybody knew her to be), if Zeus had any legitimate children. He seems to imply that the independent position of Athena, as protecting goddess of Athens, entitles her to the rank of ἐπίκληρος of Zeus.” — Goodwin.

1639. ὄντων γνησίων, *if there were legitimate brothers.* G. § 52, 1.

1641. ὁ νόμος οὐκ ἐᾷ. Heracles asks why Zeus could not bequeath his estate to him. He is reminded of the law which prohibited νόθοι from succeeding to an inheritance. A νόθος at Athens was the child of an Athenian father and a foreign mother: such a child was *illegitimate* in the eye of the law, that is, he was excluded from the rights of an Athenian citizen. Heracles is jestingly called a νόθος, or illegitimate God, being the son of Zeus and a mortal woman, Alcmene, who stands in the relation of a ξένη to the Gods. A νόθος, not being a citizen, could not be adopted as a son, and therefore could not inherit property by will. (See note to v. 1638.) He must be content with the share of his father's property which the law allowed him; this was called νοθεΐα, and could not exceed 1000 drachmas. See Harpocration, s. v. νοθεΐα; and Hermann, *Polit. Antiq.* § 118, with the notes.

1643. ἀντίξεται σου χρημάτων, *will take precedence*

of you as an heir to the paternal property. Whereupon he proceeds to quote to Heracles a law of Solon, showing that, even if Athena were not in his way, his uncles, and especially Poseidon, would have the next claim. This law of Solon was renewed in the archonship of Eucleides (403 B. C.), and is quoted by Isæus, *de Hered. Philoct.* § 47. The whole law which regulated the succession to property where there were no sons is quoted (at least in substance) in Demosth. in *Macart.* p. 1067, 1 : it contains a clause at the end similar to the one quoted by Peisthetairos.

1646. ἀγχιστείαν, *rights by nearness of relationship.* — εἶναι. G. § 103.

1651. Ἦδη . . . φράτορας; *Did your father ever introduce you to your kith and kin?* It was required by law that all legitimate sons should be enrolled in the registers of the tribe, deme, and phratria; those of the same φρατρία were called φράτορες. See notes on v. 767 and 1512. See also Hermann's *Political Antiquities*, §§ 98, 99.

1653. αἰκίαν βλέπων, *looking assault*, like Shakespeare's *speaking daggers*.

1659. Ἐν . . . πρᾶγμα, *The whole thing now depends on Triballos.* He has the casting vote.

1660, 1661. Καλάνι . . . παραδίδομι. Triballos tries to give his decision in Greek. The effect of his barbarous pronunciation is conveyed by Cary thus:—

“ De beautiful gran damsel Basilau
Me give up to de fool.”

1661. παραδοῦναι λέγει. G. § 23, 2, N. 4. λέγει here means *he commands, he tells us*; otherwise the sentence would mean, *he says that he once gave up.* (G. § 23, 2.)

1663. Εἰ . . . χελιδόνες, *unless to go as the swallows do*; i. e. unless he means to bid her become a bird. Swallows are singled out for birds in general, because the Greeks

always compared the speech of barbarians to that of swallows.

1670, 1671. Ἐς . . . γάμους, *In good time, then, these fellows* (the rebel birds) *have been put to death for the nuptials.* — *τίως, in the mean time.*

1672. βούλεσθε ὄπτῳ, *do you wish that I should roast, &c.* G. § 88.

1673. τενθείαν. The expression is in reference to the tasters, προτενθαί, and means *ravenousness*.

1674. εὖ ἂν διετίθην, *I should be well disposed of, indeed!* G. § 49, 2, N. 5.

1676–1687. In this antistrophe the tribe of sycophants (see *ante*) is again satirized. — Φαναῖσι, *at Phanae*. There was a promontory of that name in Chios; but here it is the pretended residence of the sycophants, or informers, in allusion to the legal action called φάσις. The κλεψύδρα was the water-clock used to measure time in the courts; also the name of a hidden spring at the Acropolis. The poet makes it a stream in Phanae. — τέμνεται. In allusion to the custom of cutting out the tongue of the victim. Here Attica is the victim of this race of *belly-tongued*, — the Philippoi and Gorgiai, — who by the arts of speech obtained a subsistence.

1688. Ὡ πάντ', &c. A messenger comes in to herald the arrival of Peisthetairos, who is on his way, in regal state accompanied by his bride Basileia, whom he has received from the hand of Zeus. He makes his proclamation in the lofty style of sublime lyric and tragic poetry.

1692. παμφαῆς ἀστήρ ἰδεῖν. G. § 93, 2. — ἔλαμψε . . . δόμῳ, *shone upon the golden-beaming house.*

1695. οὐ . . . λέγειν, *unutterable to describe.* — G. § 93, 2.

1699. πλεκτάνην καπνοῦ, *a wreath of smoke.*

1702. A parody on Euripides, Troades, 308, seqq., translated by Cary: —

“ Above, below, beside, around,
Let your veering flight be wound.”



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TABLE OF RHYTHMS AND METRES.

[In the following Table, the letter M. stands for Munk's Metres, American edition, translated from the German by Beck and Felton.]

PROLOGUS, vv. 1 - 264.

Verses 1 - 210. Iambic trimeter acatalectic, with comic license. See Munk, pp. 76, 162, 171, seq.

211 - 225. Anapaests.

211 - 215. Anapaestic dimeter acatalectic. M. 100.

216. Anapaestic monometer. M. 99.

217 - 221. Anapaestic dimeter acatalectic.

222. Anapaestic monometer.

223. Anapaestic dimeter acatalectic.

224. Anapaestic monometer.

225. Anap. dimeter catal., paroemiac close. M. 100.

226 - 230. Iambic trimeter acatalectic.

231, 241, 246, 262 - 264, are not intended to be rhythmical, as they are only imitations of the notes of birds.

232, 233. Iambic trimeter acatalectic.

234. Dochmiac dim. M. 11, 225, $\cup \acute{\cup} \acute{\cup} \cup \text{---}$, $\cup \acute{\cup} \acute{\cup} \cup \text{---}$.

234. Iambic tripod, anapaestic monometer. M. 78 (3).

236. Dactylic.

237. Trochaic trimeter acatalectic. Longs of the first metre resolved.

238. Dochmiac monometer, $\cup \acute{\cup} \acute{\cup} \cup \text{---}$.

239. Trochaic trimeter acatalectic.

240. Choriambic dimeter catalectic. M. 141 (2).

242. Ionici a minore, trimeter acat., $\cup \cup \acute{\cup} \acute{\cup}$, $\cup \cup \acute{\cup} \acute{\cup}$,
 $\cup \cup \acute{\cup} \acute{\cup}$. M. 151 (3).

243. Dochmiac monometer, $\cup \overset{\cup}{\cup} \overset{\cup}{\cup} \cup \text{--}$.

244. Proceleusmatici.

245. Iambic hexameter catalectic. M. 80 (6).

247. Cretic tetrameter. M. 114 (4).

248. " " with the last long of second foot
 resolved, $\acute{\cup} \cup \overset{\cup}{\cup}$.

249. Cretic tetram. cat., $\overset{\cup}{\cup} \cup \text{--}$, $\acute{\cup} \cup \overset{\cup}{\cup}$, $\acute{\cup} \cup \overset{\cup}{\cup}$, $\text{--} \cup$.

250. Dactylic.

251. Cretic dimeter acatalectic. M. 111 (2).

252 – 255. Dactylic tetrameter.

256. This verse is marked by Dindorf as a paroemiac,
 $\text{--} \acute{\cup} \text{--} \text{--}$, $\cup \cup \acute{\cup} \text{--}$. But the first syllable of *παροδείμα* is
 never long. The proper notation, perhaps, is $\acute{\cup} \text{--}$, $\acute{\cup} \cup \cup \cup$,
 $\acute{\cup} \text{--}$, spondee, paeon primus spondee.

257 – 259. Spondaic anapaests.

260, 261. Trochaic dimeter.

265 – 268. Iambic trimeter.

270 – 306. Trochaic tetrameter catalectic. M. 68 (d).

307, 308. Iambic dimeter.

309 – 324. Trochaic tetrameter catalectic, except 312 and
 314, which may be read as dochmiac dimeters.

CHORUS.

Strophe, 325 – 333 = Antistrophe, 341 – 349.

326 – 330. Anapaests, with spondees and proceleusmatici.

331 – 333. Cretics, with longs resolved.

334 – 340. Trochaic tetrameter catalectic.

350 – 384. Trochaic tetrameter catalectic.

385 – 397. Trochaic dimeter.

398 – 403. Anapaestic.

404 – 407. Iambic dimeter.

408 – 413. Cretics, with anacrusis in 408 and 411.

414 – 425. Iambic systems.



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678. Choriambic, $\bar{\cup} \cup \cup \bar{\cup}, \bar{\cup} \bar{\cup}$.
679. Glyconic, $\bar{\cup}, \bar{\cup} \cup \cup \bar{\cup}, \cup \bar{\cup}$.
680. " $\bar{\cup} \bar{\cup}, \bar{\cup} \cup \cup \bar{\cup}, \cup \bar{\cup}$.
681. " $\bar{\cup} \bar{\cup}, \bar{\cup} \cup \cup \bar{\cup}, \bar{\cup}$.
682. Ithyphallic, $\bar{\cup} \cup \bar{\cup} \cup \bar{\cup} \cup$.
- 683 – 685. Glyconic, $\bar{\cup} \bar{\cup}, \bar{\cup} \cup \cup \bar{\cup}, \cup \bar{\cup}$.
686. Glyconic, $\bar{\cup} \bar{\cup}, \bar{\cup} \cup \cup \bar{\cup}, \bar{\cup}$.
- 687 – 724. Anapaestic tetrameter catalectic.
- 725 – 739. Anapaestic systems.

CHORUS.

- Strophe, 740 – 754 = Antistrophe, 771 – 782.
740. Dactylic.
741. Not metrical. Imitation of the notes of birds.
742. Trochaic.
743. Amphibrach, dactylic, $\cup \bar{\cup} \cup, \bar{\cup} \cup \cup \bar{\cup} \cup \bar{\cup} \bar{\cup}$.
744. Birds' notes.
745. Dactylic.
746. Birds' notes.
747. Anapaestic dimeter.
748. Dactylic.
749. Dactylic.
750. Birds' notes.
751. Trochaic.
752. Dactylic heptameter catalectic in dissyllabum.
753. Ithyphallic.
- 750 – 770. Trochaic tetrameter catalectic.
- 786 – 801. Trochaic tetrameter catalectic.
- 802 – 852. Iambic trimeter.

CHORUS.

- Strophe, 853 – 860 = Antistrophe, 890 – 897.
853. Anacrusis, cretics, $\cup, \bar{\cup} \cup \bar{\cup}, \bar{\cup} \cup \bar{\cup}$.
854. Trochaic.
855. Dochmiac, $\cup \bar{\cup} \bar{\cup} \cup =$.
- 856, 857. Trochaic dimeter catalectic, longs resolved.

859. Iambic trimeter.
 860. Iambic.
 861 – 889. Iambic trimeter acatalectic, excepting the formulae uttered by the priest, which are not rhythmical.
 898. Iambic trimeter acatalectic.
 899. Basis, dochmiacs, $\cup \cup, \cup \downarrow \downarrow \cup _ , _ \downarrow \downarrow \cup \cong$.
 900. Cretic, trochaic, $\downarrow \cup _ , \downarrow \cup \cdot$
 901. Iambic, two Bacchii, $\cup \downarrow, \cup \downarrow _ , \cup \downarrow _$.
 902. Iambic trimeter.
 903. Anacrusis, chor., iam., $\cup \downarrow \cup \cup _ \downarrow \cup \cup _ , \cup \downarrow \cup _ _$.
 904. Dactylic, trochaic, $\downarrow _ \downarrow \cup \cup \downarrow \cup _ \cup$.
 905. Iambic, $\cup \overset{\curvearrowright}{\cup} _ _$.
 906, 907. Iambic trimeter.
 908. Dactylic.
 909. Iambic.
 910 – 918. Iambic trimeter.
 919. Dactylic, trochaic, $_ \cup \cup _ , \downarrow \cup _ _ , \downarrow \cup \cong$.
 920. Choriambic, $\downarrow \cup \cup _ , \downarrow \cup \cup _$.
 921. Cretic, $\overset{\curvearrowright}{\cup} \cup _ , \downarrow \cup _ _$.
 922. Anapaestic, iambic.
 923. Trochaic, longs resolved.
 924. Iambic, anapaestic, Iambic.
 925. Iambic, trochaic, $\cup \downarrow, \overset{\curvearrowright}{\cup} \cup _ _$.
 926 – 930. Iambic trimeter.
 931. Trochaic, dactylic, $\overset{\curvearrowright}{\cup} \cup \downarrow \cup \cup \downarrow \cup \cup _$.
 932. Troch., anap., choriambic, $\downarrow \cup, \cup \cup \downarrow \downarrow \cup \cup _$.
 933. Fourth paeon, $\cup \cup \cup \downarrow \cup \cup \cup \downarrow$.
 934. Trochaic, dactylic, $\downarrow \cup, \downarrow \cup \cup _$.
 935. Iambic trimeter.
 936. Anapaestic, iambic, $\cup \cup \downarrow \cup \cup \downarrow \cup \downarrow$.
 937. Iambic.
 938. Anapaestic, iambic, $\cup \cup \downarrow \cup \cup \downarrow \cup \downarrow \cup _ _ _$.
 939. Iambic, trochaic, $\cup \cup \downarrow \cup _ , \downarrow \cup \cup _ _ \cup$.
 940. Trochaic penthemim, $\overset{\curvearrowright}{\cup} \cup _ _ _$.

941 – 944. Iambic trimeter.

945. Trochaic, dactylic, $\underline{\quad} \cup \text{---}$, $\underline{\quad} \cup \cup \text{---}$

946. Anapaestic.

947. Procel., dactylic; probably $\underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup$.

948. Dactylic, anapaestic.

949 – 961. Iambic trimeter.

962, 963. Dactylic hexameter.

964, 965. Iambic trimeter.

966 – 968. Dactylic hexameter.

969. Iambic trimeter.

970. Dactylic hexameter.

971. Iambic trimeter.

972 – 974. Dactylic hexameter.

975 – 977. Iambic trimeter.

978 – 980. Dactylic hexameter.

981. Iambic trimeter.

982, 983. Dactylic hexameter.

984 – 1052. Iambic trimeter, excepting 1030, 1031, 1035–1037, 1041, 1042, 1044, and 1045, which, being imitations of legislative and legal procedures, are not rhythmical.

CHORUS.

Strophe, 1053 – 1081 = Antistrophe, 1082 – 1110.

1053 – 1059. Spondaic, anapaestic.

1060. Two paeones primi, and two paeones quarti,

$\underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup$, $\underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup$, $\cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad}$, $\cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad}$.

1061. Paeons, $\underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup$.

1062, 1063. Spondaic, anapaestic.

1064. Paeons, $\underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup$.

1065. Paeons, cretics, $\underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup \underline{\quad} \cup \cup \cup$.

1066 – 1081. Trochaic tetrameter catalectic.

1111 – 1180. Iambic trimeter.

CHORUS.

Strophe, 1181 – 1184 = Antistrophe, 1251 – 1254.

1181 – 1184. Dochmiac dimeter with longs resolved.



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1396. Basis, choriambic, $\bar{\text{—}}$ — , — — — , — — — , — — — .

1397. Anapaestic, iambic, — — — — — — — — .

CHORUS.

Strophe, 1455 – 1466 = Antistrophe, 1467 – 1478.

Trochaic system.

1479 – 1537. Iambic trimeter.

CHORUS.

Strophe, 1538 – 1549 = Antistrophe, 1676 – 1687.

Trochaic systems.

1550 – 1675. Iambic trimeter.

1688 – 1701. Iambic trimeter.

1702 – 1704. Trochaic, with longs resolved.

1705. Molossus trimeter, — — — , — — — , — — — .

1706. Choriambic.

1707 – 1711. Anapaestic system.

1717 – 1722. Glyconic system. M. 258 and 263.

The forms are

$\bar{\text{—}}$ — , — — — , — — ,

and

— , — — — , — .

1724 – 1728. Anapaests.

1729 – 1735. Dactylic.

1736. Glyconic.

1737. Iambic.

1738 – 1740. Trochaic.

1741. Iambic.

1742. Trochaic.

1743. Iambic.

1744. Trochaic.

1745, 1746. Iambic.

1747. Trochaic.

THE END.