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**European Secretary**

Please note that Dr. Gorter, our European Secretary, has moved house. His new address is given above.

**Subscriptions**

Another reminder that some subscriptions are still due. Note the subscription rates cited in the last newsletter.

**Members news.**

Mr. E. Manara (184) seeks information about the modern machine struck Persian gold coinage of the Qajar dynasty from circa AD 1875 through 1925. Please would any member with unlisted types, dates or varieties, or with information on patterns, contact Mr. Manara. Mr. R. Tye (481) is interested in the 'Tribal' coinage of Ancient India, especially that of Eran and Ujjain, and would like to enlarge his collection thereof. Mr. N. Nicol (522) is studying Abbasid coinage in connection with his doctoral studies and seeks information on silver dirhams and copper fals minted during the period AH 132 to 218. Please send as complete a description as possible and also note Mr. Nicol's new room number. Dr. Domrow (438) is now concentrating on south-east Asian coins, especially non-European issues (Assam to Annam incl. Indonesia). He is also interested in coins of the Indian Native States and non-cash coins of China and Japan. Mr. J. Phillips (471) is looking for an original (1926) edition of Kann's book on Chinese coinage.

Mr. M. Broome would like to arrange an informal dinner in London after his paper to the Royal Numismatic Society on Tuesday April 19 th. Would anyone interested please contact him.

**Queries**

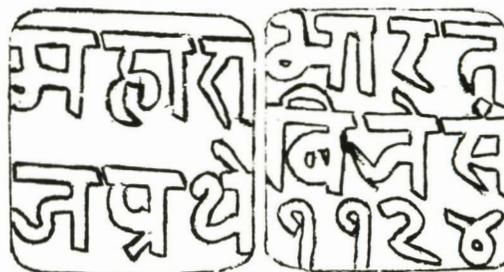
Scott Semans (80) has recently received a group of 100 pieces of "Borneo iron bullet money", irregularly rounded pieces with designs and barbarous arabic inscriptions, weighing 5 to 10 grammes each. Can any member provide background information and confirm, or otherwise, their use as money?

The following group of medieval Indian coins in the collections of Mr. C.M. Webdale (87) and S. Goron (217) also require identification. One appears to be dated (AH) 822. The first coin is billon, the others copper.

Previous requests for the identification of coins have met with very little response from members. Surely our society possesses enough expertise and goodwill to help other members enjoy a better understanding of coins in their own collections. Please send your comments on coins either to the editor or to the member concerned.



Mr. S. Kumar (351) has a silver coin weighing 5 tolas (57 grams) reading "Maharaja Parthe" and "Bharat Vijaya Singh 1124". Can anyone identify it please?



### Publications

Information sheet no. 15 on the coinage of the Aghlabids by Dr. Tarizzo is currently being circulated. Mr. Rhodes paper on Bhutan is now to hand and will be distributed in January.

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### Books

- Kim In-Sik*, Hangug Hwapye Kakyeok Torok (Illustrated Catalogue of Korean Coins and PM), Kimhwa Chulpansa, Seoul 1976, pp. 324.
- M.B. Mitchiner*, Indo-Greek and Indo-Scythian Coinage, Volumes 7 (The Decline of the Indo-Scythians : contemporaries of the Indo-Scythians) and 8 (The Indo-Parthians : their Kushan neighbours) are now available (Seaby, London).
- Karl Petit*, Amulettes & Talismans monétiformes d'Extreme Orient, pp. 88, price 130 Belgian francs (post incl.: by Internat. PO) from the author at 6 Avenue Reine Astrid, 7000 - MONS, Belgium.
- Fr. Schjoth*, The currency of the Far East : a new reprint is available from Cobham Numismatics, 63 St. John Street, London EC1. Price £14.
- Nippon Ginko Chosakyoku (Research Dept., Bank of Japan)*, Zuroku Nippon no Kahei (Illustrated record of Japanese coins), vol. 9 (Japanese coins and paper money since 1931), Toyo Keizai Shinposha, Tokyo, 1975: 329 pp.

Mr. W. Berger's book "Ch'ing cash until 1735" has been awarded the Lhotka Memorial Prize of the Royal Numismatic Society.

**Public collections of Oriental coins**

*a note from Michael Broome*

No comprehensive index exists to numismatic collections in Museums. In consequence numismatists wishing to study particular series of coins may easily miss important material. Members are invited to send their Regional Secretaries brief details of any local Museum holding important Oriental collections so that a start can be made on an International Guide. In parallel with this brief descriptions of any Oriental coins available in a named Museum are requested for publication in the Newsletter.

It is well known that many European crowns circulated in the Ottoman Empire before the striking of large Ottoman silver pieces commenced in the reign of Suleyman II (1099 - 1102 H / 1687 - 1691). They continued to circulate, however, even until the beginning of the 19 th. century. Sultan Mustapha II (1106 - 1115 H / 1695 - 1703) made an attempt to change the situation. In 1108 H (1698) the demonetisation of the foreign Kuruş was ordered. The public was asked to bring these coins to the mint to be re-struck as new Kuruş or Zolotas. New mints were opened at Edirne, Erzurum and Izmir<sup>1</sup>.

The Turkish Kuruş of the time had a weight of 6 dirhem (19.24 grammes). Similar European pieces were the Dutch 28 stuiver florins. Some of the large European crowns were heavier, ie. 8½ - 9 dirhems (27.25 - 28.86 gm.), or even heavier (Lion Daalders and Austrian Talers). All overstruck coins show on the obverse the well known inscription *Sultan al-barrain* ..... (A). The reverse of the lighter coins is identical with that of the then existing Kuruş which became the Zolota (B). The reverse of the heavier coins bore a new inscription incorporating the tughra (C).

سلطان البيرين و خاقان البحرين السلطان ابن السلطان	سلطان مصطفى بن محمد خان دام ملكه ضرب في قسطنطينيه ١١٠٦	Tughra. دام ملكه ضرب في قسطنطينيه ١١٠٦
A	B	C

The overstriking did not always obliterate the previous inscriptions completely and a number of such overstruck pieces on which the original coin can be more or less identified are mentioned in the numismatic literature and cited here.

*Artuk 1723*<sup>2</sup> Overstruck 'A' and 'C'

Kuruş on Dutch Lion Daalder, perhaps from either Gelderland, Zeeland or Westfriesland.  
 Obv. ....FOE . BE ..... E. Rev. DNO . NO ...OVETVR . 164  
 25.70 g. 41 mm.

*BMC 419*<sup>3</sup> Overstruck 'A' and 'C'

Kuruş on Dutch Lion Daalder.  
 Obv. ....ARG. PRO . ..... BEL .. Rev. .... NS ..... D ..... TVR  
 27.2 g. 41½ mm.

Lane-Poole writes that this is a Daalder of William I. The rixdaalder of William the Silent has different inscriptions and weighs over 29 g.<sup>4</sup>

The complete inscriptions of the Lion Daalders of the seven provinces read (some variations exist) :-

Obv. MO . ARG . PRO . CON . FOE . BELG . ..... (name of the province)  
 Rev. CONFIDENS . DNO . NON . MOVETVR . ..... (year).

*BMC 418*<sup>3</sup> Overstruck 'A' and 'B'

Zolota on florin of 28 stuivers of Mathias I  
 Obv. .... TH . I . D . ..... Rev. ....ITA . IMP .....  
 If this is a 28 stuiver piece of Dutch origin it is from Zwolle (Delmonte 1114<sup>5</sup>, Verkade 174.2<sup>6</sup>). The complete inscription of the florin of 28 stuivers from Zwolle reads :-

Obv. FLOR . ARG . CIVIT . IMP . ZWOL .  
 Rev. MATH . I . D . G . RO . IMP . SEM . AVGVS .

*Kappelhof*<sup>7</sup> Overstruck 'A' and 'B'

Zolota on florin of 28 stuivers from Emden of Ferdinand II.  
 19.37 g. unc. diam. The identification was made by Kappelhof.

It would be interesting to hear about similar overstruck coins which can be identified.

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