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COINS OF PUNIC SICILY

Part I *

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Foreword

This article is designed as a first instalment to cover the major issues of Motya, Panormos and «Rashmelqart», together with related issues of Thermai and minor coins of other mints. It is hoped to complete the picture in further instalments dealing with the tetradrachm series of the Horse, Horse and palmtree and Horse's head types, which I refer to in the present article as the «Carthage» series and which, I believe represents the mint of Lilybaion (cf. p. 55). For the minor issues of the mints here treated, no attempt has been made to collect the full material, and these are given in summary form only, mainly on plates 23-24.

The initial collection of the material was made some years ago by E. S. G. Robinson, and my debt to him is immense, for without the work he had already done, it would hardly have been practicable to make a start. I have however been able to augment his material from further sources¹. Dr. Robinson has also been kind enough to let me use his unpublished notes and to discuss many things with me, but of course I must take responsibility for the results, such as they are. I am also extremely grateful to Leo Mildenberg for the opportunity of publication in this form.

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Punic legends

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'mṭv	p. 34 (no. 31)
hmṭv'	p. 34 (nos. 39–41)
šyš	p. 38, 45
šb'l šyš	p. 38 (litra pl. 24, 12)
ršmlqrt	p. 61 (nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 21, 26, 31, 42, 48, 49, 54, 61, 65, 68)
ršmlqrt (reversed)	p. 61 (no. 62)
r'šmlqrt	p. 61 (nos. 12, 18, 23, 25, 69, 71)
'g	p. 73 (no. 73)
k	p. 73 (Solus ? pl. 22)
kfr'	p. 73 (Solus pl. 23, 16–18)
'rk	p. 73 (Eryx pl. 24, 24)

Abbreviations

AC	Ars Classica
Annali	Annali dell'Istituto Italiano di Numismatica
Arch. & Trav.	Archaeologist and Traveller (Sotheby sale 20. 1. 1898)
Atti e Mem.	Atti e Memorie dell'Istituto Italiano di Numismatica
A-V	Armand-Valton (Paris)
BMQ	British Museum Quarterly
Contessa	Contessa hoard (Palermo)
Glend.	Glendining
H	de Hirsch (Brussels)
Hamb.	Hamburger
Hirsch	Jacob Hirsch sales (Munich)
Holm	Holm, Geschichte Siziliens III
I-B	Imhoof-Blumer, Zur Münzkunde Großgriechenlands, Siciliens, Kretas usw. (in NZ 1886)
Jenkins-Lewis	Carthaginian gold and electrum coins (London 1963)
JHS	Journal of Hellenic Studies
Kokalos	ΚΩΚΑΛΟΣ (studi pubblicati dall'Istituto di Storia Antica dell'Università di Palermo)
Lederer	Lederer, Die Tetradrachmenprägung von Segesta (Munich 1910)
McC	McClellan (Cambridge)
Met.	Metropolitan Museum (New York)
MMAG	Münzen und Medaillen AG (Basel)
Nav.	Naville
Noe	Noe, Bibliography of Greek coin hoards
NSc	Notizie degli Scavi
NZ	Numismatische Zeitschrift
PCG	Guide to the Principal Coins of the Greeks (British Museum)
Rizzo	Rizzo, Monete greche della Sicilia antica
RPK	Richard Payne Knight collection (British Museum)
SC	Sambon-Canessa
Soth.	Sotheby
TRINC	Transactions of the International Numismatic Congress (London 1936)
Weber	L. Forrer, The Weber collection (London 1922)
WSM	Newell, Western Seleucid Mints
ZfN	Zeitschrift für Numismatik