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COINS OF PUNIC SICILY

Part 2

CARTHAGE SERIES I

Introduction

This instalment of the publication started in SNR 50, 1971, 25 ff. will cover only the first series of the regular issues of Carthage. It is a small and compact series which stands somewhat apart from the rest of the coinage both typologically and otherwise, and it can therefore conveniently be treated in isolation. Some of the questions which it raises can however only be considered finally in connexion with the continuation of the series, to which further instalments of this publication will be devoted – notably the question of the mint location. For the present, the main point to be established, in the light of new evidence, is the date at which Carthage first began to mint coins.

In part 1¹ it was considered that Lilybaion would probably be the minting place for the regular Carthage tetradrachm series, and a Sicilian origin for the Carthage tetradrachms was clearly envisaged also in Jenkins-Lewis, p. 22 f. Specimens of the first series here under discussion were present in two hoards, that of Contessa² in western Sicily and of Vito Superiore³ from the area of Reggio Calabria. The representation of the series in these hoards was as follows: Contessa, nos. 14, 15, 18, 23, 25, 30, 35, 36, 43, 44, 46, 47; Vito, nos. 17, 24, 26, 41, 42, 45, 46. Both hoards give a comprehensive coverage of the series, apart from its first issues, and both were buried probably during the decade 390/380 B.C. For the terminal date of the series, the Vito hoard is specially important, since it was almost certainly buried at the time of Dionysios' attack on Rhegion, 387 B.C. Clearly all the issues of Carthage series 1 had by then been issued, on the showing of these hoards, and it seems quite probable that this coinage came to an end at the peace which followed Mago's expedition to Messana in 393 B.C.

What was hitherto lacking however was any firm indication as to the date at which the first Carthage series began. In part 1 the tacit assumption was that it probably began only after the destruction of Motya (397 B.C.) and the establishment of a new city as its replacement at Lilybaion. An important new piece of evidence has now come to light, and previous assumptions as to the opening date can no

¹ SNR 50, 1971, p. 55 ff.

² Inventory of Greek Coin Hoards 2119.

³ Ibid. 1910.

longer be maintained. This evidence consists of an overstruck coin of Akragas which appeared in the Leu sale no. 2, 1972, lot 69 (here Plate 6 and 7). This coin was correctly noted in the catalogue as being overstruck, but the original type was not identified. The original was in fact a specimen of Carthage series 1. In the centre of the Akragas reverse with the two eagles there is clearly to be seen the neck, mane and part of the bridle from a Carthage horse, and even the horse's topknot by the eagle's throat. Below there are further traces of the lower outline of the horse forepart, and above is a fairly clear outline of the Nike. The Carthage die is in fact O 3, and from the precise form of the bridle as we see it in the overstrike we can even be sure that it was of this die in its original state, and not the remodelled O 3'. Then on the Akragas obverse across the bodies of the horses can be seen traces of the trunk of the palm tree and the bunch of dates hanging to the left, together with a little of the branch just beyond the date bunch. These traces are insufficient to afford an identification of the Carthage reverse die, though the obverse is certain.

The main conclusion to be drawn from this important overstrike will be evident enough. The coinage of Akragas belongs to the last decade or so of that city's existence before being destroyed by the prolonged Carthaginian assault in 406 B.C. At present it would be premature to try to give an exact date for the Akragas coin which was struck over the Carthage; it is in fact a specimen of the first issue in the Akragas series as proposed by Seltman⁴, and was dated by him to 413 B.C., but Seltman's sequence is not necessarily the only possible one and the whole question of the Akragas sequence is being studied afresh. At all events the evidence is clear that, whatever the precise date of the Akragas coin in question, the Carthage was overstruck by a coin minted before 406 B.C. The Carthage series had therefore already started before the destruction of Akragas, and so more than a decade earlier than I had previously supposed.

Looking at the events of the years preceding 406 B.C., what is the most likely occasion for the beginning of a Carthaginian coinage? During most of the fifth century since 480 B.C. Carthage had kept studiously aloof from Sicilian affairs. As late as 416 when the conflict between Segesta and Selinus broke out we learn from Diodoros⁵ that Segesta made an appeal for help to Carthage, which was not answered, so that as a result Segesta appealed instead to Athens. Among the ambitions of Alkibiades was noted the design of reducing both Sicily and Carthage, as mentioned by Thucydides⁶, but this hardly signifies much, and Carthage seems to have continued quiescent. Only in 410 B.C. when a further conflict came about between Segesta and Selinus, and as a result of a further appeal from Segesta, did Carthage take any action. This time, Segesta was offering to acknowledge Carthaginian suzerainty; this was a proposition tempting in itself, and especially to the influential

⁴ Charles Seltman, *The engravers of the Akragantine decadrachms*, NC 1948, 1 ff.

⁵ XII. 82.

⁶ VI. 15.

suffete Hannibal son of Gisgo there was added the personal motive of revenge for the death of his grandfather Hamilcar killed at Himera in 480 B.C.

But even now the intervention was on a restricted scale. Hannibal took over to Sicily a force of only 5000 Libyans and on arrival collected some 800 Campanians who had been at large in Sicily since 413; but he succeeded in driving back the Selinuntines to their own territory⁷. In the following year⁸ however he returned with an army of up to 50 000 and there followed the siege and destruction of Selinus and Himera. As is generally agreed by historians, the small scale of the first expedition in 410 is clear proof that, until that moment, Carthage had no plans for intervening in Sicily. That being so, it is difficult to see why Carthage should have needed to strike coins at any earlier date. For it is abundantly clear that this was a purely military coinage; it had, at least initially, nothing to do with the needs of commerce⁹, and the coins are labelled in the most explicit way as being for military use. The legend MHNT = the camp, viz. the military headquarters, appears from the beginning, though it is lacking on some issues, and of course is almost constant on the subsequent Carthage series which will be covered by later instalments of this publication.

Thus it seems distinctly possible, and indeed probable, that the decision to intervene on behalf of Segesta in 410 B.C. carried with it the decision to strike coins for the first time. It is worth noting that the Carthaginians promised «high pay» to the Campanians employed in 410¹⁰, although of course this could if necessary have been paid with the help of other existing coins. But the preparation of the large army which took the field in 409 must certainly have made the need for coinage more urgent.

So much then for the starting date which we are now led to propose for the Carthage series, in all probability 410 B.C. But this conclusion naturally leads to the further question, where was the mint established? On the assumptions previously made, it would have been in Sicily, and the name of Carthage which appears on the coins could in that case have a certain ambiguity either signifying Carthage in the sense of the «Carthaginian state» or even as suggested in part 1 referring to the «new city» just established at Lilybaion¹¹. But of course in 410 B.C. Lilybaion did not exist, and the other Punic mints of Sicily, Motya and Panormos, were fully occupied with the production of quite different series of coins¹². It seems difficult

⁷ Diod. Sic. XIII. 44.

⁸ Diod. Sic. XIII. 54.

⁹ For comments on this point compare the remarks of J. Maynard Keynes, *Treatise on Money* (Cambridge 1930), i, 12. I owe this interesting reference to the kindness of Prof. Philip Grierson.

¹⁰ Diod. Sic. XIII. 44. – I am most grateful to Dr. C. M. Kraay for helpful discussion of this whole question.

¹¹ SNR 50, 1971, p. 55.

¹² SNR 50, 1971, pp. 27 ff. *passim*.

in these circumstances to envisage that the first series of Carthage could have been minted at either of those cities. Equally difficult is it to envisage at this date any other centre in Sicily at which the first Carthage series could have been minted. It now seems therefore, with the starting date firmly placed about 410 B.C., that we are driven after all to the conclusion that the QRTHDST legend must be read in a perfectly literal sense, that is that the mint, as well as the minting authority, for the first tetradrachm series was at Carthage itself.

Further than this we cannot go for the moment. If as suggested here the first series with the name of Carthage was probably minted there, this should not preclude the possibility that at some later stage the mint for the tetradrachms may yet have been moved to Sicily, and if so probably to Lilybaion (and it remains just possible that perhaps the last issue of the first series, nos. 38–48 where the free horse type replaces the horse forepart, might signify a move of the mint to Sicily). The subsequent series introducing the «Tanit» head seems to come only after an appreciable interval, and only the first issue (e.g. Plate 6 B) bears the name of Carthage, which never again appears. Only from about the middle of the fourth century apparently, when Carthage was again involved in a series of wars against the Greeks in Sicily, was the need for a new silver coinage felt. This is indicated by the evidence of hoards such as those from Nissoria and Gibil Gabib which by c. 330 B.C.¹³ still show only a limited part of the «Tanit»/Horse and palm tree series. This being so, it seems possible that the tetradrachm mint when it restarted may have done so at Lilybaion, coincidentally with the new issue of gold at Carthage itself, which must be of a different mint from the tetradrachms as there is no sign of any significant relation between them¹⁴.

The series covered in this article represents only a small part of the whole Carthage tetradrachm series and was struck from a comparatively limited number of dies, totalling twelve obverse and forty-two reverse. The remaining series to be published in further instalments will account for the use of over a hundred further obverse dies. Nevertheless the size and scope of the first series is not to be underestimated, especially as it was produced in a fairly short time, c. 410–392 B.C. It is characteristic of these series that there is almost no die-linking: the only obverses which share reverse dies are the group O 8–O 9–O 10. Otherwise each obverse has its own group of reverse dies, which vary considerably in number. The average proportion of 42 reverses to 12 obverses is not remarkable but there are some obverses which have an unusually high number of reverse dies, notably O 3 which has eleven, and O 12 which has seven. Such proportions can only be paralleled in

¹³ Cf. SNR 50, 1971, p. 56 f.; Nissoria = Inventory of Greek Coin Hoards 2133 (s. v. Leonforte), Gibil Gabib = ibid. 2132.

¹⁴ Cf. Jenkins-Lewis, pp. 22 ff.

Sicily in certain issues of Himera and Akragas¹⁵. On the whole we have an impression of an intensive though spasmodic minting. The fact that no less than five of the 12 obverse dies were during their working life recut or remodelled strongly suggests that they were used to the limit.

The series presents two of the basic types of the Carthaginian coinage, the horse and the palm tree. Among the various interpretations hitherto offered, the horse has sometimes been connected with the foundation legend of Carthage, or alternatively regarded as a religious emblem relating to the war-god or the sun-god¹⁶. The latter theory, associating the horse with the sun-god, mentioned by Jenkins-Lewis¹⁷, has received strong independent support recently in an article by Ferron¹⁸. He rightly notes a variety of solar symbols which from time to time accompany the horse on Carthaginian coins; he goes on to stress the fact that the sun-god is, at least in later times, equated with Ba'al Hammon. The horse should therefore be regarded as the emblem of this deity, the chief of the Punic pantheon. If so, the palm tree, as an ancient and recognised fertility emblem in itself, can be seen as completing and complementing the symbol of the sun-god (and in this connexion, as Ferron says, we have the same association in Greek terms of the palm tree with Apollo). An explanation on these lines seems more acceptable than the old and rather overingenious suggestion of the palm tree as a *type parlant* (= Φοίνιξ) which as Robinson has pointed out¹⁹ would imply that the Carthaginians were bilingual in Greek and were thinking of the palm tree in purely Greek terms²⁰. As a fertility emblem, on the other hand, the palm tree is readily intelligible and is in line with some of the other symbolism associated with the horse on Carthaginian coins (Ferron notes the occurrence of a corn ear on some later tetradrachms) and in the first series here discussed there is nearly always a corn grain, doubtless adapted from Sicilian models, where it is common enough but where it must have in any case a similar meaning.

¹⁵ Himera: Jenkins, in *La monetazione arcaica di Himera fino al 472 a.c.* (supplemento al volume 15-16 degli *Annali*) 1971, pp. 31 ff. – Akragas: information from Ulla Westermark.

¹⁶ It may be noted that the horse on the Carthaginian coins cannot in any case have been copied from Syracuse where it first appears on small gold coins (e.g. Kraay-Hirmer 126); these latter now seem to be of the fourth century. The horse as a Syracusan emblem is also known from other monuments such as the stele mentioned by Jenkins-Lewis p. 12, n. 2, and from the fact that the mark of a horse was a state emblem which was branded on the foreheads of Athenian prisoners who were to be sold as slaves in 413 B.C. (Plutarch, *Nikias* xxix. I). Moreover the derivation of the Carthaginian half-horse from a gold coin of Gela, as suggested by Evans (Jenkins-Lewis p. 12, n. 1) is now quite ruled out by the new chronology of the Carthage coins, beginning in c. 410 B.C.; the gold of Gela belongs to 406-405 B.C. (Jenkins, *Gela*, p. 99 f.).

¹⁷ Jenkins-Lewis, p. 12.

¹⁸ J. Ferron, *Le caractère solaire du dieu de Carthage* (*Africa* I, 1966, pp. 41 ff.).

¹⁹ NC 1963, pp. 285 ff. (review of Jenkins-Lewis).

²⁰ The only occurrences of this type of palm tree on Sicilian coins are at Motya (SNR 1971, pl. 23.4) and Panormos (*ibid.* pl. 7.1-3), both roughly contemporary with the present Carthage series.

Commentary

Nos. 1-4 (Plate 1)

That these issues may form the earliest phase is perhaps indicated by their comparative simplicity and lack of elaboration – also perhaps by their absence from the Vito and Contessa hoards. There is a certain unity in this group, inasmuch as the reverses R 1, 3 and 4 are quite similar, though R 2 is unique in showing the whole trunk of the palm tree tapering towards the top. Obverse O 1 is of a peculiar style unlike any other in the series, and shows a horse with a body-harness for which some parallels can be found for instance at Syracuse and Gela²¹; it is a feature that does not recur in the Carthage series. Then obverse O 2 shows a horse of a more compact and typical style, with a bridle; and here for the first time is added a corn grain symbol which remains a constant feature down to no. 37.

Nos. 5-15 (Plates 1-2)

With this group, all struck from a single obverse die, the coins begin to be a little more elaborate, with the addition of a fine and prominent Nike flying above. In her hands she holds not only the normal wreath, as on countless Sicilian tetradrachms, but with the wreath also a caduceus which is not often clearly visible but is plain enough on the enlarged specimen of no. 6 (Plate 7). The caduceus is of course a normal enough attribute for Nike and finds parallels at Kamarina²² and at Terina²³. But there seems to be no analogy for a caduceus held with the wreath in this way among the many flying Nikai on Sicilian coins. The numerous palm tree reverses which go with O 3 are of a very homogeneous style, quite distinct from those of nos. 1-4. The remodelling of the obverse die took place before the striking of no. 12. – As stated above (p. 24) it was a coin of this group, with the original version of the obverse, which was overstruck at Akragas and which proves that the Carthage coinage must have begun before 406 B.C.

Nos. 16-19 (Plates 2-3)

Here the obverse die O 4 is rather similar to O 3 of the previous group, but the horse is of slighter build and has no bridle. Nike again here holds a caduceus with the wreath as on O 3, but the caduceus is less well depicted and seems to terminate in

²¹ Syracuse: Boehringer, Syrakus no. 380, etc.; Gela: Jenkins, Gela no. 104 etc.

²² Rizzo, pl. VIII. 6.

²³ Regling, Terina *passim*.

a mere blob. Perhaps the engraver did not fully understand this detail. The reverse shows a more angular type of palm tree and the legend MHNT is omitted. – No. 19 is of quite distinct character and stands alone, but seems as well placed here as anywhere else in the series. On the obverse Nike no longer has a caduceus but only a wreath, and the horse forepart, now with a bridle, is so positioned as to give generous space for the legend which is written exceptionally large. The reverse likewise is of a very individual style, and again omits the MHNT legend. In fact the MHNT legend does not reappear until no. 34; but it seems unlikely that its omission can have any serious significance and there is no reason to suppose that the nature and purpose of the coinage had changed since the first issues.

Nos. 20–29 (Plates 3–4)

This group is characterised by the omission of the legend MHNT, as in the immediately preceding issues, and more particularly by the appearance of the QRTHDST legend on the reverse. Both obverses come in for some degree of remodelling (as O 6' and O 7' respectively) but otherwise have little in common stylistically. The reverses which go with O 6 are generally somewhat similar to those of the group with O 3; those which go with O 7 are quite distinct.

Nos. 30–37 (Plate 4)

In this group there are three obverse dies which, uniquely in the first Carthage series, are interlinked by their reverses. O 8 is linked to O 9 by means of R 30, and O 8–9–10 are all three linked by means of R 31'. The chief feature of this group is however that the horse forepart is here turned to the left, though with Nike and corn grain in the same relative positions as before. The legend QRTHDST continues at first on the reverse as in the previous group. Then with no. 34 the legend MHNT reappears with, between the letters, objects that have been identified previously only as «vases»²⁴ of an unspecified nature. They certainly do not resemble any known type of Greek pottery, and their true identification has been kindly pointed out to me by Dr. D. B. Harden. The objects represent incense-burners or «Brûle-parfums» as they are generally referred to in the French archaeological literature; they are a common type of Punic pottery, and many of them are illustrated by Cintas²⁵. Such common objects are they indeed from Punic sites that in broken form

²⁴ E.g. Grose, McClean catalogue «two vases on pedestals»; Salinas, Contessa hoard (NSc 1888, pp. 320 ff.) «coppe con piede»; similarly Müller (Carthage, no. 4), J. Hirsch 19, 636.

²⁵ P. Cintas, Ceramique punique (Publications de l'Institut des Hautes Études de Tunis, vol. III, Tunis 1950), esp. pl. I and p. 489. Dr Harden has now kindly indicated to me a bronze version of the same type of object, illustrated in *Guia del Puig des Molins, Ibiza*, by María Jose Almagro Gorbea (Madrid 1969), pl. XXVIa.

they were often used as lids for amphoras. But their meaning as part of the coin type remains to find a convincing explanation. I understand that although they are clearly cult objects they are not confined to the use of any one particular cult rather than another. It might be that their presence here at least serves to emphasise the religious nature of the horse which as we have seen is, according to Ferron, the emblem of Ba'al Hammon. O 9 (no. 34) has the incense-burners with the legend MHNT; O 10 (no. 36) has the same objects between the letters of QRTHDST. On no. 36 the MHNT legend is once more placed on the reverse, but the use of R 31' also in combination with O 10 (at no. 37) results in the unique occurrence of QRTHDST on both sides of the coin.

Nos. 38–48 (Plate 5)

Here occurs the only significant change of type in the whole of the first series – the entire horse replacing the forepart. It is a free horse without bridle and is still as before accompanied by Nike flying above but without any other additions. Legends occur only with the horse to left (nos. 38–40); on the exergual line of O 11 is found QRTHDST in minute and sketchy letters, though on no. 40 what seems to be the same obverse die with slight alterations there seem to be no traces of the legend at all. MHNT still appears on the reverses of these. Then on nos. 41–48 there are no legends on either side. O 12 has no less than seven reverses with it, and the sequence of these can be fairly well determined from the progressive wear and eventual remodelling of this obverse. The change in type seems underlined by a change of style; the horse here seems more assured and expert, and the palm tree is rendered in a more complex and sophisticated manner with much crossing of the branches, as well as being enclosed in a dotted border (for the first time, if we except no. 19 that seems to have no natural place in the series as remarked above). Clearly new engravers are involved in this group, but more than that would be hard to say. If, as suggested above, the mint originally set up at Carthage was at some stage moved over to Lilybaion, it could be considered whether the change already took place with the appearance of this group, but it would be a tenuous indication.

Typologically, it is natural to associate with this last group of tetradrachms (nos. 38–48) the gold shekel published by Jenkins-Lewis no. 1 (here Plate 6 D). However it cannot be taken as certain that this is necessarily the right place for the gold coin in the Carthage series. It would be possible to stress the differences as well as the similarities. On the gold, the horse has a somewhat cramped appearance within its border and there is no exergual line; the style has little enough in common with the rather particularly «Greek» style of the tetradrachms. The palm tree too is very different from those of the tetradrachms, and seems in a way closer to the later and more stylised type of palm tree which occurs for instance in the gold quarter-staters Jenkins-Lewis no. 115. Viewed thus, the precise relationship of this

unique gold shekel to the silver is perhaps more problematic than it seems at first sight, or than was assumed by Jenkins-Lewis, and it should at least be considered whether the gold may not be rather later than the present group of tetradrachms. The problem of the possible gold/silver ratio has been discussed again by Robinson²⁶, who advocates the gold shekel as the equivalent of 24 drs. silver (rather than 25, as Jenkins-Lewis) which would give a ratio of about 13.5:1. The high ratio apparently still operative in Sicily in the early fourth century admittedly produces difficult equivalences, and might be another argument for placing this gold coin further into the fourth century.

Another observation should be made regarding the silver litrai of the type here shown on Plate 6 C. No doubt on account of the types, these have often been placed in catalogues²⁷ as part of the first tetradrachm series. But not only is the palm tree here apparently the obverse, but the type of palm tree shown on these litrai bears no visible relation to that on any of the tetradrachms. It is in fact much closer to the later palm tree type on the smaller gold coins such as Jenkins-Lewis no. 115 (quarter-stater) or nos. 136 ff. (tenth-stater). In fact the silver litrai could be as late as any of these or even later. A hoard found at Selinunte²⁸ consisted entirely of a large number of the silver litrai together with a single hemidrachm of another type which has been dated to the late 3rd century; the latter however, to judge by the illustration given by Tusa Cutroni²⁹, is not at all typical of the hemidrachms minted during the second Punic war³⁰ and by its style might well be of the earlier 3rd century. In any case the Selinunte hoard, whatever its true date, strongly suggests that the silver litrai in question cannot be of the early fourth century. That being so, there are no fractional coins corresponding to the first tetradrachm series³¹.

²⁶ NC 1963, 285 ff.

²⁷ E.g. SNG II (Lloyd), SNG Copenhagen, part 42.

²⁸ Inventory of Greek Coin Hoards 2247.

²⁹ Kokalos 7-8, 1961/62, tav. XX.

³⁰ E.g. SNG Copenhagen (part 42), 335-339.

³¹ An interesting note explaining the false litra by Becker (e.g. SNG Copenhagen, part 42, 73) by E. Gandolphe, BSFN 1971, pp. 42 f.

*Catalogue*³²

Summary of Types and Legends

Q = QRTHDŠT; M = MHNT

Obverse Types		Legends
<i>Horse forepart to right</i>		
1-2	Body harness	Q / M
3-4	Bridle	Q / M
5-15	Bridle	Q / M
		Nike (wreath, caduceus)
16-18	No bridle	Q / nil
		Corn grain
		Nike (wreath, caduceus)
19-24	Bridle	Q / nil (19)
		Corn grain
		Nike (wreath)
25-29	No bridle	nil / Q (20-24)
		Corn grain
		Nike (wreath)
<i>Horse forepart to left</i>		
30-33	No bridle	nil / Q
		Corn grain
		Nike (wreath)
34-37	Bridle	M / Q (34-35)
		Corn grain
		Nike (wreath)
		Incense burners
		Q / M (36)
		Q / Q (37)
<i>Free horse to left</i>		
38-40		Q / M
41-48	Nike (wreath)	nil / nil
	Nike (wreath)	

³² Abbreviations used in catalogue

Salinas = *NSc* 1888, 302 ff. (Contessa hoard, cf. n. 2 above)

Procopio = Rendiconti, Accad. di Archeologia Lettere e Belle Arti, Naples 1953, 3 ff. (Vito Superiore hoard, cf. n. 3 above)

Legends

QRTHDŠT

1 (O 1)	አዎ ፭፻፭፻ ብ	24 (R 24)	ከዎች፻ ን ..
3 (O 2)	ቁዎ ፭፻፭፻ ብ	25 (R 25)	ተ፭፻፭፻ ብ
5 (O 3)	ቁዎ ፭፻፭፻ ብ	26 (R 26)	.. . ብ
12 (O 3')	ቁዎ ፭፻፭፻ ብ	27 (R 27)	ተ፭፻፭፻ ብ
16 (O 4)	ቁ፭፻፭፻ ብ	30 (R 29)	፭፻፭፻ ብ
19 (O 5)	ቁ፭፻፭፻ ብ	31 (R 30)	ቁ፭፻፭፻ ብ
20 (R 20)	ተ፭፻፭፻ ብ	32 (R 31)	ቁ፭፻፭፻ ብ
21 (R 21)	ቁዎ ፭፻፭፻ ብ	33 (R 31')	ቁ፭፻፭፻ ብ
22 (R 22)	ከዎች፻ ብ	36 (O 10)	ከዎች፻ ብ
		38 (O 11)	ተ-፭፻፭፻

1 (R 1)	𠂇 𠂇	11 (R 11)	𠂇 𠂇
2 (R 2)	𠂇 𠂇	12 (R 12)	𠂇 𠂇
3 (R 3)	𠂇 𠂇	13 (R 13)	𠂇 𠂇
4 (R 4)	𠂇 . .	14 (R 14)	𠂇 𠂇
5 (R 5)	𠂇 𠂇	15 (R 15)	𠂇 𠂇
6 (R 6)	𠂇 𠂇	34 (O 9)	𠂇 𠂇
7 (R 7)	𠂇 𠂇	36 (R 32)	𠂇 𠂇
8 (R 8)	𠂇 𠂇	38 (R 33)	𠂇 𠂇
9 (R 9)	𠂇 𠂇	39 (R 34)	𠂇 𠂇
10 (R 10)	𠂇 𠂇	40 (R 35)	𠂇 𠂇

Plate 1

1 O 1	Forepart of horse r. with body-harness; legend QRTHDST	17.45	Brussels
R 1	Palm tree with level branches, date bunches protruding; legend MHNT	16.78	Brussels de Hirsch 827
	17.12 Cambridge McClean 3031	16.85	Cambridge McClean 3032
	16.07 * London (Salinas)	17.01 *	Jameson 907 = Niggeler I 538 (obv. Plate 6 and enlarged Plate 7)
2 O 1	Die somewhat worn	16.72	Leu-Hess 1956, 227
R 2	Similar, tree trunk emphasised; MHNT	7 O 3	Similar, MHNT
	16.86 * London (Cracherode)	R 7	17.15 * Schlessinger 26. 11. 1934, 373
	16.98 Niggeler I 537	8 O 3	Similar, MHNT
3 O 2	Forepart of horse without harness, but with bridle; above in field corn grain; legend QRTHDST	R 8	16.83 * Hague = Rosenberg 1914, 162 = Hess 27. 10. 1902, 727
R 3	Similar to R 1; MHNT		16.97 * London, Lloyd SNG II 1609 = Hirsch 26, 117
	16.89 * London (RPK)	9 O 3	Similar, MHNT
	17.00 * Paris Luynes 1431	R 9	16.64 * Lewis = Ratto 8. 11. 1928, 820 = Platt coll. «A» 809
	— Private collection Y		— Myers Sept. 1971, 30
4 O 2			— Palermo
R 4	Similar, MHNT	10 O 3	Similar, MHNT
	17.07 * London (Cracherode)	R 10	18.12 ANS = Bourgey 29. 5. 1911, 47 = do. 14. 4. 1910, 228
5 O 3	Forepart of bridled horse; corn grain in r. field, Nike flying above holding wreath and caduceus over horses's head; legend QRTHDST		16.68 * Hamburger 98, 221 = Schulmann 16. 12. 1926, 209 = do. 7. 6. 1937, 148 = Cumberland Clark 354 = Luneau (Platt 26. 3. 1922) 935 (Plate 2)
	The die progressively deteriorates from no. 8 onwards and at no. 12 is partly recut.		17.17 Hirsch 14, 592
R 5	Palm tree taller with thick trunk, drooping branches and large date bunches hanging close to trunk; legend MHNT		17.43 * London (RPK) (Plate 1)
	17.20 * Berlin		— Paris, Smith-Lesouef 18
	16.75 Merzbacher 1910, 890 = Hess 27. 10. 1902, 726		16.79 Sotheby 15. 11. 1927, 85 = MMAG list 351 (1973) 1
	16.95 Paris 2382		
	17.34 Paris Vogué 647		
6 O 3			
R 6	Similar, MHNT		
	16.69 AC 14, 149		
	16.69 Berlin		

Plate 2

11 O₃
 R₁₁ Similar, MHNT
 16.83 * Aberdeen, SNG I 97
 - Syracuse

(not illustrated by Salinas)

17.05 Paris Luynes 1430

12 O_{3'} Same die with much of the roughened surface remaining from before; type largely recut and enlarged; horse's mane and bridle altered, front paws nearer border; also altered, Nike's wing and hands holding wreath. Legend altered and enlarged, especially letters *resh* and *dalet* with longer tails (flaw on *dalet* probably remaining from previous state!).
 No. 15 shows further deterioration of the die and blurring of the legend.

R₁₂ Similar, MHNT
 17.26 * Copenhagen
 (SNG part 42) 72

13 O_{3'}
 R₁₃ Similar, MHNT
 16.78 ANS
 16.80 * Naville 4, 996 = Benson
 792 = Hirsch 30, 619 =
 Platt 3. 4. 1933, 221
 - * Private collection Y
 - Syracuse

14 O_{3'}
 R₁₄ Similar, but date bunches more protruding; MHNT
 17.24 * AC 13, 379 = Montagu
 807 = Hirsch 15, 1343
 16.95 Cahn 68, 1759
 16.50 London
 17.69 MMAG 43, 12 = Car-
 frae 7
 - Palermo, Contessa hoard

15 O_{3'}
 R₁₅ Similar to R₅, etc.; MHNT
 17.47 Cambridge SNG IV 1474
 17.32 Hess 208, 802
 17.35 Leu-Hess 1964, 92
 17.00 * London
 - Palermo, Contessa hoard
 (Salinas pl. xviii. 28)
 17.25 Paris Luynes 1429
 17.48 * Private collection X

16 O₄ Similar, but horse without bridle; corn grain in field, Nike above holding wreath and caduceus (?); legend QRTHDST (fully visible only on Reggio specimen of no. 17)

R₁₆ Palm tree with drooping branches, thinner and more tapering trunk, smaller date bunches; no legend
 17.18 * Berlin

17 O₄
 R₁₇
 16.94 AC 16, 919 = Naville 12,
 1058 = Egger 46, 2769 =
 Hess 18. 3. 1918, 750
 16.95 ANS = Cahn 35, 223
 - Collignon 147
 - * Private collection Y
 - Ratto 4. 4. 1927, 445
 17.09 * Reggio, Vito Superiore
 hoard 116 (Procopio
 pl. iii. 7)

18 O₄
 R₁₈
 - Palermo
 - * Palermo, Contessa hoard
 (Salinas pl. xviii. 27)

Plate 3

19 O 5 Forepart of bridled horse r., small corn grain in field, Nike above holding wreath only; legend QRTHDST

R 19 Palm tree with frizzy branches and small date bunches; no legend; dotted border!

16.91 * Brussels de Hirsch 828

15.20 London = Pozzi 3295

16.57 * Leu-Hess 1968, 116

20 O 6 Forepart of bridled horse r., corn grain in r. field, Nike above holding wreath only; linear border; no legend
Flaws above and below horse's nose. From no. 23 the die is partly remodelled.

R 20 Palm tree with drooping branches, small date bunches; legend
QRTHDST

17.58 * Copenhagen (SNG part 42) 71

15.35 Hague = Hess 18.3.1918, 751 = Naville 12, 1059

17.00 Hirsch 21, 4665 = Schulman 21.10.1935, 234 = do. 26.11.1913, 3034

17.46 * London

16.00 Paris, Delepine

21 O 6

R 21 Similar, but larger date bunches; QRTHDST

16.91 * AC 14, 147

- Berlin

- Palermo

22 O 6

R 22 Similar, QRTHDST

17.10 Cahn 66, 479 = Rosenberg 72, 802

16.35 * Hague

23 O 6' Same die, but remodelled; previous flaws removed; type enlarged especially horse's head and mane, bridle and corn grain recut, truncation also. Nike however seems worn in die and not recut.

Fresh flaws between bridle and leg, also above and below truncation.

R 23 Similar, QRTHDST

17.41 * ANS

- Palermo, Contessa hoard (Salinas pl. xviii. 26)

- Palermo, Contessa hoard (not illustrated by Salinas)

24 O 6'

R 24 Similar, QRTHDST

15.72 * Paris Vogué 648

- Pennisi

17.37 * Reggio, Vito Superiore hoard (Procopio 115); photo slightly small
(Note: These specimens probably though not certainly from the same rev. die)

25 O 7 Forepart of horse without bridle r., corn grain in r. field, large Nike above holding wreath only; no legend

R 25 Palm tree with drooping, wavy branches, trunk thick at base; legend QRTHDST

- Berlin

16.59 * Private collection Y = Leu-Hess 1966, 175 = Sandeman 263

- Palermo, Contessa hoard (Salinas pl. xviii. 29)

26 O 7

R 26 Similar, QRTHDST

16.92 * Reggio, Vito Superiore hoard (Procopio 114); photo slightly small

27 O 7

R 27 Similar, QRTHDST

16.45 Hess 202, 2676

17.18 * London Lloyd SNG II 1608 = Naville 6, 577 = Hirsch 32, 610

17.24 Stockholm

Plate 4

28 O₇
 R 28 Similar, QRTHDST (tops of letters only visible)
 17.46 * London = Prowe 1910,
 1788

29 O_{7'} Same die, but partly recut – horse's neck and mane straighter and closer to Nike (but Nike and horse's head unchanged)
 R 28
 16.85 * Private collection X = Hess 194, 164 = Hess, Lucerne 7.3.1935, 283

30 O₈ Forepart of horse without bridle l., corn grain in l. field; Nike above holding wreath only; no legend
 R 29 Palm tree with drooping branches; legend QRTHDST
 17.50 Bunbury I 541 = Allotte de la Fuye 1730
 16.85 * London Lloyd SNG II 1607 = Naville 6, 576 = Sotheby 5.7.1910, 89
 – Palermo, Contessa hoard (not illustrated by Salinas)

31 O₈
 R 30 Palm tree with sparser branches drooping; legend QRTHDST
 – Berlin
 17.08 Copenhagen (SNG part 42) 70
 16.78 Hunter 6
 17.12 * London
 16.99 Münzhandlung Basel 4, 1156 = Hamburger 27.5.1929, 170
 16.52 Naville 5, 2981 = AC 14, 148
 – Palermo
 17.10 Paris 2384
 – Uncertain, cast in B. M.

32 O₈
 R 31 Similar, QRTHDST
 16.64 Cambridge SNG IV 1473
 17.14 * Paris Luynes 1432

33 O₈
 R 31' Same die slightly remodelled – trunk of tree thicker, some branches thickened, root of branches altered; legend altered.
 16.88 * Naville 5, 2980
 16.40 Vienna
 Note: The following specimens may be either of no. 32 or no. 33:
 16.85 Hague
 – Palermo
 – Paris Chandon de Briailles

34 O₉ Forepart of bridled horse l., corn grain in l. field, Nike above holding wreath; below, two incense-burners interposed in the legend; legend M / HN / T
 R 31'
 17.17 * Paris Vogué 646

35 O₉
 R 30 Die of no. 31
 – * Palermo, Contessa hoard (Salinas pl. xviii. 31)

36 O₁₀ Similar to O₉, bridled horse to l. with corn grain and Nike; below two incense-burners interposed in the legend; legend QRT / H / DST
 R 32 Similar, but legend MHNT
 – Berlin
 17.01 Cambridge McClean 3033
 17.00 * London
 – * Munich
 – Palermo, Contessa hoard (Salinas pl. xviii. 30)
 – Palermo, Contessa hoard (not illustrated by Salinas)
 – Paris 2386

37 O₁₀ Signs of wear, e.g. bridle, nose, l. leg, truncation.
 R 31'
 17.49 * London = Hirsch 19, 636

Plate 5

38	O 11	Free horse prancing l., Nike above holding wreath. Triple ex. line, on central line of which legend in small sketchy characters QRTHDST	44	O 12	
	R 33	Palm tree with curling and intertwined branches; legend MHNT; dotted border		R 39	Similar
		17.38 Brussels de Hirsch 829		—	Berlin
		16.80 * London (PCG III. C.40)		16.70	Hague
		— Private collection Y = Zeno 4361		17.31	Jameson 909 = Hirsch 15, 1347 = Archaeologist and Traveller 115 = Sotheby 2. 5. 1905, 190 = Nigeler I 539
39	O 11			17.16	* London (RPK)
	R 34	Similar, MHNT; dotted border		—	Palermo, Contessa hoard (not illustrated by Salinas)
		16.31 * Jameson 908 = Leu-Hess 1957, 138		17.10	Paris Luynes 1447
40	O 11'	Apparently the same die, but with signs of wear and alteration — Nike's head and wing smaller, r. arm not visible, skirt apparently longer; horse's hind legs thicker, tail higher. Legend worn away and not visible. See also false tetradrachms F 5, below p. 40.	45	O 12	Additional flaw on wreath
	R 35	Similar, MHNT; dotted border		R 40	Similar
		16.90 * Berlin (Holm taf. viii. 2)		17.45	ANS
41	O 12	Free horse prancing r., Nike above holding wreath; double ex. line; no legend; flaw by Nike's waist		17.37	Lewis = Lloyd SNG II 1610 = Naville 6, 575 = Sandeman 262 = Hirsch 31, 650
	R 36	Palm tree similar with intertwining but less drooping branches; no legend; dotted border		17.20	* Lockett SNG III 1032 = Weber 1771 = Locker-Lampson 114
		16.82 * Cambridge McClean 3034 = Benson 793 = Bunnbury 542 Paris 2364		17.17	London
		16.72 Reggio, Vito Superiore hoard (Procopio 118)		—	MMAG 43, 13 = Carfrae 351 = Wigan Bompois 362
42	O 12				Munich
	R 37	Similar			— Reggio, Vito Superiore hoard (Procopio 117; this rev. die?, surface of coin not well preserved)
43	O 12	Additional flaw by horse's nose	46	O 12	Apart from flaws already noted, the surface of the die now begins to become rough. Additional flaw below horse's belly
	R 38	Similar, flaw at top left of tree		R 41	Similar
		16.81 Hess 207, 222		—	* Berlin
		— * Palermo, Contessa hoard (Salinas pl. xviii. 32)		—	Palermo, Contessa hoard (not illustrated by Salinas)
				—	* Private collection Y
				—	Reggio, Vito Superiore hoard (Procopio pl. iii. 8)
				17.80	Vienna
			47	O 12	
				R 42	Similar

17.25 * London
— Palermo, Contessa hoard
(not illustrated by Salinas)

48 O 12' Same die, but the surface smoothed and the type recut — Nike altered and enlarged, horse's front legs and

hooves altered. Flaw below horse's belly (no. 46) nevertheless remains!

R 42

17.11 * Oxford, SNG 2150

False tetradrachms (F 2, F 3 — plate 6)



F 1



F 4



F 1 Crude copy of nos. 1-2.
16.99 London (falsa)

F 2 Copy of no. 5, by Becker (Hill, Becker 132). The design of the obverse seems rather reduced in scale and the legend rather weak. The reverse is not taken in detail from any of the genuine dies, but the boss-like feature on the trunk at the base of the branches suggests the patch of wear visible on R 5.
14.40 * Hess 207, 221
14.64 Weber 1772

F 3 Copy of similar type but perhaps derived from nos. 12-15. The legend is over-large, copying that of O 3' and exaggerating the die-flaw on the letter *dalet*, while the *sin* is given a wrong and untypical form; few of the letters are close to the original. The reverse might be considered a copy of any of those represented in nos. 12-15, but in the legend the letter which should be *heth* is wrongly rendered. The tree trunk is peculiar.
16.76 * Hague = Naville 12, 1057
— Laval, Glendining 1955, 228

F 4 Copy of no. 38. Obverse shows discrepancies in Nike, horse's mane, tail and hind legs; reverse, palm tree much changed in detail especially the branches, now rendered with exaggerated «barbs», and the legend altered.
16.82 Seen in London 1967

F 5 See no. 40. The Berlin specimen had already been included in the series before doubts arose owing to the recent discovery among the B. M. falsa of a specimen apparently from the same dies. The «alteration» of the obverse die O 11 and especially the disappearance of the legend, as noted above at no. 40, could then find a different explanation. It seems possible that no. 40 is after all merely a falsification made after no. 39. On the B. M. specimen the border of the obverse fades out above the Nike in a most unconvincing manner. On the other hand the reverse though similar to that of no. 39 (R 34) is by no means an exact copy of it as might be expected if no. 40 is indeed false. For the present the problem can only be indicated.

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	3 L	London	34	Paris
	4	London	35	Palermo
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	6	Jameson-Niggeler	36 M	Munich
	7	Schlessinger 1934	37	London
	8 L	London	Plate 5	38
	8 H	Hague		London
	9	Lewis		39
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	19 LH	Leu-Hess 1968		Berlin
	20 C	Copenhagen		46 Y
	20 L	London		Private collection Y
	21	Ars Classica 14		47
	22	Hague		London
	23	ANS		48
	24 P	Paris		Oxford
	24 R	Reggio	Plate 6	O 10 (no. 37) – London, enlarged 2 x
	25	Private collection Y		A After R. P. Delattre, Carthage, la nécropole punique (Paris 1899), p. 9, fig. 13
	26	Reggio		B Carthage, tetradrachm. Pen- nini (photo slightly large)
	27	London		C Carthage, litra. London, Lloyd SNG 11, 1612
Plate 4	28	London		D Carthage, gold shekel. Berlin, Jenkins-Lewis no. 1
	29	Private collection X		E Akragas, tetradrachm. Leu 2, 1972, 69
	30	London		O 3 (no. 6) Jameson-Niggeler
				F 2 Hess 207, 221
				F 3 Hague = Naville 12, 1057
			Plate 7	Akragas, tetradrachm reverse, Leu 2, 1972, 69, enlarged 3 x
				Carthage O 3 (no. 6) Jameson- Niggeler, enlarged 3 x

PLATE I



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PLATE 2



10 H



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13 N



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13 Y



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15 L



15 X



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17 R



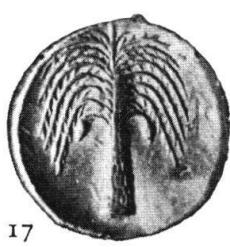
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PLATE 3



19 *Br*



19 *LH*



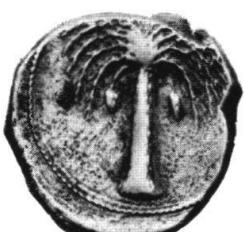
20 *C*



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24 *P*



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24 *R*



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PLATE 4

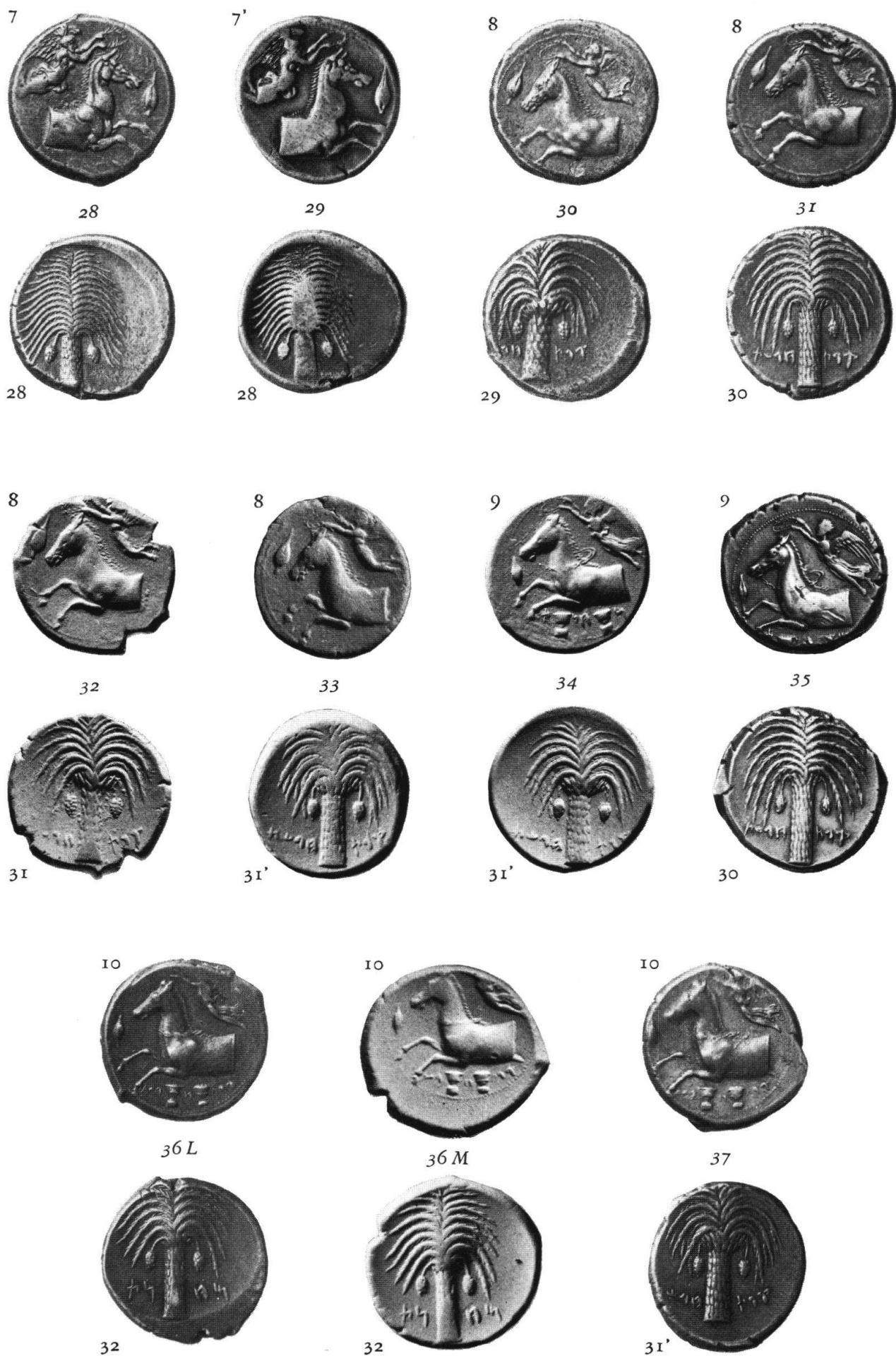


PLATE 5



PLATE 6



O 10 (no. 37)



A



B



C



D



E



O 3 (no. 6)



F 2



F 3

PLATE 7

