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THAT no branch of the art of painting is calculated to produce sentiments more exalted or pleasures more refined than that of historical painting, every one must allow ; that none has hitherto so little flourished in this country, every one must regret.

The little ardour hitherto evinced among us in the pursuit of historical painting, may be partly attributed to the slender prospect which the artist has, of being adequately rewarded for so laborious and so difficult a production of the human intellect and hand, as an excellent historical picture.

Of the more ordinary incidents of common nature, of the more humble forms of familiar life, every detail every where obtrudes itself spontaneously on the eye even of the unobserving multitude ; and therefore, in

all times and places, every individual is more or less enabled to judge, in how far those homely models have been successfully transferred to the canvass; and in all times and places, many will be found, desirous to possess and inclined to purchase the faithful representations of these trivial originals, however easily produced. Landscapes and low-life groupes will every where meet a ready sale.

But of the more elevated and striking events and personages, only recorded in the page of the historian, or in the song of the poet, the more minute particulars are only thoroughly imprinted in the memory of a few more enlightened individuals; and, in a country where the arts are in general little studied, even of these few a still smaller proportion only will be able to judge whether such events are well told by the pencil; whether, in a picture, each personage display the peculiar attitude and expression, belonging to his individual character and to the part he bears in the action represented; and whether each dress, each accessory present the peculiar form and modification, appropriate to the age and region in which lies the scene. Thence, in such a country, few will be sufficiently struck with the merit of an historical composition, deeply meditated in all its

various parts, even to feel a wish to possess it ; and it is a great chance whether these few happen to be among the class sufficiently opulent to indulge that inclination ; and to remunerate as he deserves, the author of so laborious and so difficult a production. The finest historical picture, held at a price equal to its real value, would precisely be the work of art likely to hang longest unsold on the walls of the British Gallery.

In a country, therefore, in which the arts are not yet become a subject of study as profound as general, historical painting will never flourish to any considerable extent, through the patronage of mere individuals, taken singly. It can only thrive through the encouragement of the nation in a body, or through the liberality of the sovereign ; and this species of public and national encouragement historical painting has not yet experienced in this country ; at least in a mode sufficiently enlarged, to produce any very luxuriant or very copious fruits. Neither has the nation yet ordained any historical painting, to commemorate the most glorious achievements ; nor has it yet established any condign premiums, to call forth, to raise, and to foster the genius requisite worthily to represent any such.

The little progress hitherto made among us in historical

painting, may partly also be attributed to the inadequate assistance which the artist meets with, in the acquirement of the various and recondite topics of information, indispensable to produce a good historical composition.

No doubt a thorough command of those natural forms of the human body, and of those spontaneous changes of the human countenance, which are nearly the same in every age and clime, is the indispensable basis of historical painting. But the most accurate knowledge of those fundamental and permanent modifications of simple nature, suffices not alone to bring the historical fabric to its full perfection. A thorough intimacy with those more superficial and transient modifications of art, devised to envelope, to shelter and to protect the human frame, which differ most widely from each other in different eras and regions, is a superstructure, without which the work cannot be completed. Where this latter species of knowledge is wanting; where the artist finds himself at a loss how to clothe his naked figure in the dress and how to sprinkle his desert landscape with the habitations, appropriate to the subject and to the times which he aims at representing; how to give to the armour and to the implements he scatters about, the peculiar physiognomy, belonging to the peculiar era of the

personages and to the peculiar locality of the scene which he wishes to exhibit, he must renounce the historical or mythological subject most congenial to his powers ; and must stoop to people his canvass, ready to teem with gods and heroes, with mere clowns and trollops. For, however happy the expression of his countenances, however correct the drawing of his figures, without truth of costume, the story cannot be clearly told, the spectator cannot be brought home to the scene, the picture must ever remain a riddle ; like many of the most celebrated compositions of the Venetian school, which to the scientific and judicious beholder, are frequently nothing more than splendid absurdities ; tickling the eye, it is true, with the most vivid colours ; but disgusting the mind, through the most unfaithful forms.

Now, though the industrious artist may attain the first and most fundamental of the requisites of historical painting here set forth, namely, a thorough acquaintance with those general and permanent modifications of nature, of which the models every where expand around him, without extraneous assistance ; he cannot, thus unassisted, arrive at the second and more adventitious of the conditions of historic excellence here insisted upon ; namely, a minute familiarity with those partial and variable

modifications of art, of which the records are buried from the vulgar eye, in rare and recondite recesses.

These records ; particularly in as far as relates to the more classical subjects, belonging to the fine ages of Greece and Rome, French artists have long enjoyed a superior facility in consulting. So far back as the reign of Lewis XIV. French students of promise used to be sent, at the public expence, to a French academy, which for the purpose of placing them at once in the very midst of the finest remains of ancient art, had been established in the very center of Rome ; and, notwithstanding the present French government has caused so many of the moveable chef d'œuvres of Italy to be transplanted to the heart of France itself, it nevertheless has still improved even the establishment at Rome ; in order that French artists might retain the advantage of contemplating and of studying the many immoveable monuments of ancient art, which must live and die in their native soil.

No provision of that sort has hitherto been made in England. The few students here, who are determined upon beholding, cost what may, the antiquarian treasures of Italy, must perform the journey to that distant land at their own expence ; must defray their residence in that expensive country out of their own purse ; and fre-

quently, when far from friends and home, find no other way to meet the demands of the passing day, but by such crude and hasty sketches, as defeat the very end of their venturous expedition, by leaving them no leisure to store their minds, through uninterrupted study and contemplation, with materials for tardier but more mature productions. The rest of the votaries of the brush must be content to stay at home, and to consult such representations as the graver may offer them, in their own closet, of the distant originals, which they can never hope to behold.

I correct myself. Our English artists cannot, in general, be said to possess even the advantage of consulting those more widely spreading though fainter shadows, which the more perfect and substantial forms, themselves concealed from their view, may cast on paper. In Paris there are public libraries, in which the student enjoys free access to such works on art, as are too voluminous or too expensive to line his own shelves. But such there are not in London; and the few hundred pounds that would be required to form a collection of books, calculated for the purpose of instructing artists only, would be one of the small expenditures which, methinks, would repay the nation the greatest interest.

It must however be owned that the advantages derivable from these works, even where they are most accessible to artists, is neither so compleat as it should be ; nor so easily reaped as it might be ; nor so entirely free from drawbacks as it ought to be. Of many of the most curious and instructive remnants of antiquity, contained in different galleries abroad, the existing descriptions, ponderous as they are, offer no representations whatever ; and of those relics of ancient times, of which they preserve some record, they only present the images dispersed throughout many different volumes ; intermixed with a much greater proportion of indifferent objects ; often moreover most miserably distorted ; and yet always entirely destitute of every indication calculated to assist the student in distinguishing from the genuine and excellent antique trunk, the spurious and wretched modern emblems and restorations, engrafted upon it ; whence it frequently happens that, in the first place, more antiquarian drudgery and research is required than the young artist can bestow, merely to collect from among that confused heap of rubbish the few materials suitable to his purpose ; and that, in the second place, more previous knowledge is necessary than he may possess, to discern what part of these materials he should discard as doubtful

or irrelevant, and what he may adopt as authentic and applicable; what he may combine and what he should separate; what reject and what substitute.

I have therefore often wished that some person who had made antiquarian investigation his hobby; who had visited the chief countries in which are found collections of antiquities, in sculpture, painting, fictile vases, coins, and gems; who had compared the original monuments of different musea with each other, and with the representations existing of them in print; and, finally, who had preserved memoranda and drawings of whatever interesting remains in different places had never yet been published, might be tempted to produce some compendium which, weeded on the one hand of the representations of all such monuments as are either confessedly spurious, or doubtful, or insignificant; and enriched, on the other, with transcripts of all such specimens as, though genuine and interesting, have not yet found their way in other descriptions, should offer as it were the purest spirit of many different larger works, condensed in one single restricted volume, nay often, the most interesting details of many different antique originals, concentrated in one single small figure, in such a way as to become capable of being again most easily and readily transfused in and applied to the most

extended and diversified modern compositions; and by so doing should form, to the large and expensive works above described, not only an useful substitute with those individuals who cannot command them, but even an interesting supplement with those who can and do possess them.

This task never having been undertaken by those more able to accomplish it, I have at last, inadequate as were my abilities, attempted in some measure to perform myself.

As I conceived the object of an epitome like the one I intended was, not to present the whole mass of information which the *savant* might possess on ancient costume, but only such details as the painter might oftenest want to introduce; not to afford topics for discussion to the antiquarian, but only models for imitation to the artist; not to advance erudition, but only to promote taste, the representation of many remains more curious than picturesque, more rare even in ancient composition themselves, than applicable to modern works of art, has been entirely omitted; and as I moreover apprehended the limits of such a publication required its restricted designs to be accompanied by still more concise elucidations, a succinct account of the varieties of costume most interesting

to the artist, offered in the shape of a general introduction to these designs, has been preferred to a detailed illustration of each of the plates in particular; which must have occasioned many repetitions, and have swelled the volume beyond a portable size. Where this method might have left indeterminate or doubtful the application of these general data to the different individual plates, the uncertainty has been as far as possible removed, or the deficiency supplied, by the short explanations introduced at the bottom of the plates themselves. All account of the authorities on which each of the designs individually rests has been studiously omitted, where, from a great diversity of models having supplied each in a very small proportion the different component parts of a single representation, this account must have become a long and circumstantial treatise; and some indication of the sources from which the delineations are borrowed has only been admitted, where, from a single original having furnished in the lump almost the whole of the design offered, this account might be comprehended in a single line.

That beauty of form, that sublimity of expression, that knowledge of external anatomy, that prodigious diversity in the texture of stuffs, and in the form of folds, that inexpressible elegance and that endless variety in the

throw of the drapery, displayed in the finest ancient works, could not possibly be done justice to, or even recorded, in the simple outlines on the small scale here offered. Yet, so difficult is it totally to obliterate all trace of the transcendent beauties of those perfect originals, even in the humblest imitations which still preserve any feature of resemblance, that even these trifling etchings may perhaps yet afford to the portrait painter some valuable examples of easy and graceful attitudes for single figures; as well as present to his fair model some useful hints for improving the elegance and dignity of her attire, by the dismissal of those paltry and insignificant gew-gaws and trimmings, that can only hold together through means of pins, sowings, and other eye-rending contrivances, unknown in ancient dresses; through which the breadth and simplicity of modern female attire is destroyed and frittered away.

At any rate it is presumed that the theatrical performer, the ornamental architect, and every other artist, to whom the knowledge of classic costume is necessary, will find this work a sufficiently ample repertory of specimens, selected from the most genuine and perfect models.

I shall begin my short sketch of ancient costume with that of the Asiatics; because, in the first place, the

dresses, the manufactures, the civilization of the inhabitants of Asia were of a much remoter date than those of the Greeks; and at the same time experienced so much fewer subsequent changes, that many of their modes of apparel, recorded in the most ancient monuments, still resemble such as are worn to this day; and because, in the second place, between the fashions of the Asiatics and those of the Greeks there appears a total scission, which seems not to have existed between the attire of the Greeks and that of the Romans. For as the Greeks by degrees became the artists, the manufactures, the arbitri elegantiarum and the fashion-mongers of the Romans; the costume of the one insensibly confounds itself with that of the other; and, if we except the toga, and a few more of the earliest national dresses of the Romans, all the remainder of the articles of Roman attire, particularly belonging to the later periods of their history, can only be considered as the Grecian dresses of the same era.

COSTUME OF THE ASIATICS.

I do not, under this head, mean to notice the Chinese, the Hindoos, or other more remote eastern nations, who were hardly known by name to the Greeks; who were never represented on their monuments; and whose costume can be of little use to the historical painter. I only wish to offer a few observations with regard to those less distant inhabitants of Asia, who under the name of Medes, Assyrians, Persians, and Parthians, Amazons, Phrygians, Lycians, and Syrians, though a race totally distinct from the Greeks, had with these European neighbours some intercourse; and whose representations not unfrequently recur in their paintings and sculpture.

Of the male attire of the different nations inhabiting the region now called Asia Minor, the prevailing features seem to have been a vest with long tight sleeves reaching down to the wrists; and long pantaloons descending to

the ancles, nay often hanging over the instep, and losing themselves within side the shoes or sandals. These pantaloons even clothe those masculine ladies the Amazons, whenever they are represented on some warlike expedition; though at other times, when at home and engaged in peaceful pursuits, they appear (as on one of my fictile vases) in petticoats like other females. Sometimes these pantaloons were made of the skins of animals; at others of rich and fine tissues embroidered or painted in sprigs, spots, stripes, cheques, zig-zags, lozenges, or other ornaments. Sometimes they fit tight, at others they hang loose, and fall in large wrinkles over the shoes. The vest, always of the same stuff and design with the pantaloons, seems, like our modern waistcoats, to have opened in front; and to have been closed by means of clasps or buttons placed at considerable distances from each other.

Over this vest was most frequently worn a wide sleeveless tunic of a different texture and pattern; clasped on the shoulders, confined by a girdle round the waist, and when long, gathered up a second time, by means of another ligature lower down; and of this tunic the skirts reached to about the middle of the thigh. To this thus far light and airy dress, aged and dignified persons still added

a mantle or peplum, different from that of the Greeks, in being edged round with a regular and distinct fringe, not interwoven with the body of the stuff, but purposely tacked on; and which studied enrichment, never observable in Grecian dresses, is in fact represented by Eschylus as a characteristic peculiarity of the peplum of the barbarians, or Asiatic nations.

The Parthian, and other more inland sovereigns of Asia, are sometimes, though seldom, represented on their coins bareheaded; with their long hair and bushy beards most finically dressed and curled. Often they wear a cylindrical cap, rather wider at the top than at the bottom, called *mitra* by the Greeks, sometimes encircled by a diadem, and at others loaded with different emblematic ornaments; the shape of which cap is to this day preserved in that of the Armenian priests.

The Medes and Persians seem more generally to have worn the *cidaris*, or conical cap, sometimes terminating in a sharp point; at others truncated, and mostly loaded with ornaments. The prevailing male head-dress of the Asiatics, bordering on the Euxine and the Archipelago, appears to have been that which is generally known by the name of the Phrygian bonnet, and of which the characteristic features are its point or top bent down forward,

and its long flaps descending on the shoulders. Sometimes this covering seems to have been a mere cap of the most soft and pliant stuff, unable to support itself upright, and hanging down in large wrinkles; at others it appears to have formed a helmet of the most hard and inflexible substance—of leather or even of metal—standing quite stiff and smooth, and enriched with embossed ornaments.

In many of these helmets the flaps descending on the shoulders are four in number, and probably were cut out of the legs of the animals, whose hide or skin formed the body of the cap. In most of the lighter caps we only discern one single pair of flaps, which are often tucked up, and confined by a string round the crown.

In the figures of Amazons we often see the beak of the helmet terminate in the bill of a griffin, and its spine or back rise in the jagged crest of that fabulous animal; under which shape this covering may be considered as a sort of trophy, worn in consequence of the defeat, and formed out of the very spoil of some griffin, with whom the Amazons are represented as constantly at war. Minerva herself sometimes appears in a Phrygian helmet of this species, probably when represented as worshipped at Troy; and Roma likewise wears it on many Latin

coins; in order, no doubt, to indicate the kindred which the Romans claimed with the Trojans. This Phrygian bonnet seems to have been retained by many of the officers of the Byzantine emperors; and to have been, in its turn, again borrowed from these by several of the dignitaries of the Turkish empire; nay, to have travelled, during the intercourse of the Venetians with the Greeks, as far westward as Venice itself, where the Doge continued to wear it, to the last day of his power.

The Asiatics often wore half-boots laced before, with four long depending flaps, shaped like those of their bonnets; and, like those, probably formed out of the legs of the animals, whose skins were converted into these buskins. Frequently eastern personages appear in shoes or slippers; and seldom, if ever, in mere sandals, leaving the toes bare, like those worn by the Greeks.

In war the Asiatics seem never, like the Greeks, to have worn either breast plates or greaves, but frequently a coat or jacket with sleeves, entirely of mail. A flap of mail frequently descended from under the helmet, to protect the neck and shoulders.

The chief defensive weapon of the Asiatics was the pelta, or small shield in the form of a crescent; sometimes with and sometimes without its curved side divided

by a point into twin concavities. The peculiar offensive weapons of the inhabitants of Asia were the bipennis, or double battle-axe, the club, and the bow and arrow, generally carried in two different partitions of the same case or quiver.

The Dacians, though inhabitants of the European shores of the Euxine, but near neighbours to, and probably of the same origin with the Asiatic nations here mentioned, seem to have deviated little from them in their costume. They wore their shoes or soles fastened with long strings, wound several times round the ankle; and their pantaloons very wide. On the Trajan column not only many of the Dacian soldiers themselves, but even many of their horses, appear entirely enveloped in a coat of mail, or covering of small scales, tightly fitting the limbs. Their helmets are conical, and end in a sharp spike.

Many of the Asiatic nations were celebrated for their constant use and skilful management of horses; and are often represented as fighting on horseback against Greeks on foot.

GRECIAN COSTUME.

WHETHER we regard the Grecian attire of the head or of the body, it is precisely that of the earliest and rudest periods, which exhibits in its arrangement the greatest degree of study, and if I may so call it, of foppishness. In those Grecian basso-relievos and statues which either really are of very early workmanship, or which at least profess to imitate the style of work of the early ages, (formerly mistaken for Etruscan) every lock of hair is divided into symmetrical curls or ringlets, and every fold of the garment into parallel plaits ; and not only the internal evidence of those monuments themselves, but the concurring testimony of authors, shews that in those remote ages heated irons were employed both to curl the hair and beard, and to plait the drapery. It was only in later times that the covering, as well of the head as of the body, was left to assume a more easy and uncontrolled flow.

At first, as appears both from ancient sculpture and paintings, men and women alike wore their hair descending partly before and partly behind in a number of long separate locks, either of a flat and zig-zagged, or of a round and corkscrew shape. A little later it grew the fashion to collect the whole of the hair hanging down the back, by means of a riband, into a single broad stream, and only to leave in front one, two, or three long narrow locks hanging down separately; and this is the head-dress which Minerva, a maiden affecting old fashions and formality, never seems to have quitted; and which Bacchus, though not originally quite so formal, when on his return from amongst the philosophers of India, he chose himself to adopt the beard and mien of a sage, thought proper to reassume. Later still the queue depending down the back was taken up, and doubled into a club; and the side locks only continued to reach, in front, as low down as the nipple. But these also gradually shrunk away into a greater number of smaller tufts or ringlets, hanging down about the ears, and leaving the neck quite unconfined and bare. So neatly was the hair arranged in both sexes round the forehead, and in the males round the chin, as sometimes to resemble the cells of a bee-hive; and at others waves and meanders executed in wire-work.

With regard to the attire of the body, the innermost garment, that which does not indeed always appear to have been worn; but which, when worn, was always next the skin, seems to have been of a light creasy stuff, similar to the cotton gauzes of which to this day the eastern nations make their shirts. The peculiar texture of this stuff not admitting of broad folds or drapery, this under garment was in early times cut into shapes, fitting the body and arms very closely; and confined or joined round the neck, and down the sleeves, by substantial hems or stays of some stouter tissue. But even this part of the attire seems in later times to have been worn very wide and loose round the body, and often at the shoulders; where, as in the figures of Minerva and of the bearded Bacchus, the sleeves are gathered up in such a way as totally to lose their shape.

The outer garment assumes, in the figures of the old style, an infinite variety of shapes; but seems always to have been studiously plaited; so as to form a number of flat and parallel folds across its surface; a zig-zag line along its edge; and a sharp point at each of its angles.

Though the costume of the Greeks appears to have been of the species just described, at the periods when the sieges of Troy and of Thebes were supposed to have

taken place, and is in fact represented as such in the more ancient monuments relative to those events ; the latter works of art, even when they profess to display personages belonging to those early ages, usually present them in the more unconfined habiliments of more recent times. In the male figures even of an Hercules, an Achilles, and a Theseus, we generally find the long formal ringlets of the heroic ages, replaced by the short crops of historic periods.

I shall now enter into a little greater detail with regard to the different pieces of which was composed the Grecian habiliment.

The principal piece of attire both of men and of women, that which was worn next the skin, and which, consequently, whenever more than one different garment were worn one over the other, was undermost, bore in Greek the name of *χιτὼν* ; in Latin that of *tunica*. It was of a light tissue ; in earliest times made of wool, in later periods of flax, and last of all, of flax mixed with silk, or even of pure silk. Its body was in general composed of two square pieces sewed together on the sides. Sometimes it remained sleeveless, and only offered for the bare arms two openings, closed over the shoulders by means of clasps or buttons. At other times it had very long

and wide sleeves; and these were not unfrequently, as in the figures of Minerva and of the bearded Bacchus, gathered up under the arm-pits, so as still to leave the arms in a great measure bare. Most usually however it branched out into a pair of tight sleeves, reaching to near the elbow; which were in the most ancient dresses close all round, with a broad stiff band running down the seams, and in more modern habiliments open in their whole length, and only confined by means of small buttons, carried down the arms, and placed so near the edge of the stuff, as in their intervals to shew the skin. In very richly embroidered tunics, the sleeves sometimes descended to the wrists; at others they hardly reached half way down the upper arm.

The tunic was worn by females either quite loose, or confined by a girdle; and this girdle was either drawn tight round the waist, or loosely slung round the loins. Often, when the tunic was very long, and would otherwise have entangled the feet, it was drawn over the girdle in such a way as to conceal the latter entirely underneath its folds. It is not uncommon to see two girdles of different widths worn together, the one very high up, and the other very low down, so as to form between the two, in the tunic, a puckered interval; but

this fashion was only applied to short tunics by Diana, the wood-nymphs, and other females, fond of the chase, the foot race, and other such martial exercises, as were incompatible with long petticoats.

Among the male part of the Greek nation, those who like philosophers and others affected great austerity, abstained entirely from wearing the tunic; and contented themselves with throwing over their naked body a simple cloak or mantle; and even those less austere personages who indulged in the luxury of the tunic, wore it shorter than the Asiatic males, or than their own women, and almost always confined by a girdle.

From Greek vases and paintings we learn that the tunic often was adorned with sprigs, spots, stars, &c. worked in the ground of the stuff; and rich scrolls, meanders, &c. carried round its edges; and this tunic was frequently, as well out of doors as within, worn without any other more external garment. In mourning, when the Grecian ladies cut their hair close to the head, they wore the tunic black; as appears from two of my Greek vases, both representing Electra performing funeral rites at the tomb of Agamemnon.

Over this tunic or under-garment, which was made to reach the whole length of the body, down to the feet,

Grecian females generally, though not always, wore a second and more external garment; only intended to afford an additional covering or protection to the upper half of the person. This species of bib seems to have been composed of a square piece of stuff, in form like our shawls or scarfs, folded double, so as to be apparently reduced to half its original width; and was worn with the doubled part upwards, and the edge or border downwards, next the zone or girdle. It was suspended round the chest and back, in such a way that its center came under the left arm, and its two ends hung down loose under the right arm; and, according as the piece was square or oblong, these ends either only reached to the hips, or to the ancles. The whole was secured by means of two clasps or buttons, which fastened together the fore and hind part over each shoulder.

In later times, this bib, from a square piece of stuff doubled, seems to have become a mere single narrow slip; only hanging down a very short way over the breasts; and allowing the girdle, even when fixed as high as possible, to appear underneath.

The peplum constituted the outermost covering of the body. Among the Greeks it was common to both sexes; but was chiefly reserved for occasions of ceremony or of

public appearance; and as well in its texture as in its shape, seemed to answer our shawl. When very long and ample, so as to admit of being wound twice round the body—first under the arms, and the second time, over the shoulders—it assumed the name of *diplax*. In rainy or cold weather it was drawn over the head. At other times this mode of wearing it, was expressive of humility or of grief, and was adopted by men and women, when in mourning, or when performing sacred rites; on both which accounts it was thus worn by Agamemnon, when going to sacrifice his daughter.

This *peplum* was never fastened on by means of clasps or buttons, but only prevented from slipping off through its own involutions. Endless were the combinations which these exhibited; and in nothing do we see more ingenuity exerted, or more fancy displayed, than in the various modes of making the *peplum* form grand and contrasted draperies. Indeed the different degrees of 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.

For the sake of dignity, all the goddesses of the highest class, Venus excepted, wore the *peplum*; but for the

sake of convenience, Diana generally had her's furred up and drawn tight over the shoulders and round the waist, so as to form a girdle, with the ends hanging down before or behind. Among the Greeks the peplum never had, as among the barbarians, its whole circumference adorned by a separate fringe, but only its corners loaded with little metal weights or drops, in order to make them hang down more straight and even.

A veil of lighter tissue than the peplum was often worn by females. It served both as an appendage of rank, and as a sign of modesty. On the first account it is seen covering the diadem of Juno, the mitra of Ceres, and the turreted crown of Cybele, and of the emblematical figures of cities and of provinces; and on the latter account it is made, in ancient representations of nuptials, to conceal the face of the bride. Penelope, when urged to state whether she preferred staying with her father, or following her husband, is represented expressing her preference of the latter, merely by drawing her veil over her blushing features.

Gods and heroes, when travelling, or on some warlike expedition, and men in inferior stations or of simple manners at all times, used, instead of the ample peplum, to wear a shorter and simpler cloak, called chlamys,

fastened over the shoulder or upon the chest with a clasp. Such is the mantle we observe in the Belvedere Apollo; and in many statues of Mercury, a traveller by profession; of heroes and of others.

Besides these dresses common among all ranks and stations, the Greeks had certain other vestments appropriate to certain peculiar characters and offices. Apollo, when in the company of the Muses, wore, in compliment to the modesty of these learned virgins, a long flowing robe similar to that of females. Bacchus, and his followers of both sexes, often appear wrapped up in a goat or a tiger skin; and heralds distinguish themselves by a short stiff jacket, divided in formal partitions, not unlike the coats of arms of the same gentry in the times of chivalry. Actors, comic and tragic, as well as personages following processions sacred or prophane, wore fantastical dresses, often represented on vases and other antique monuments.

Notwithstanding that the numerous colourless Greek statues still in existence, are apt to impress us with an idea that the Grecian attire was most simple and uniform in its hue; the Greek vases found buried in tombs; the paintings dug out of Herculaneum and of Pompeya, and even a few statues in marble and in bronze, enriched with stained or with inlaid borders, prove that it was equally gaudy in its colours, and studied in its designs.

Greatly diversified were, among the Grecian females, the coverings of both extremities. Ladies reckoned among the ornaments of the head the mitra or bushel-shaped crown, peculiarly affected by Ceres; the tiara, or crescent-formed diadem, worn by Juno and by Venus; and ribands, rows of beads, wreaths of flowers, nettings, fillets, skewers, and gew-gaws innumerable. The feet were sometimes left entirely bare. Sometimes they were only protected underneath by a simple sole, tied by means of thongs or strings, disposed in a variety of elegant ways across the instep, and around the ankle; and sometimes they were also shielded above by means of shoes or half-boots, laced before, and lined with the fur of animals of the cat tribe, whose muzzle and claws hung down from the top. Ear-rings in various shapes, necklaces in numerous rows, bracelets in the forms of hoops or snakes, for the upper and lower arms, and various other trinkets, were in great request, and were kept in boxes, called pyxis, from the name of the wood of which they were originally made; and these caskets, as well as the small oval hand mirrors of metal, the indispensable insignia of courtesans; the umbrella; the fan formed of leaves or of feathers; the calathus, or basket of reeds to hold the work; and all the other utensils and appendages, intended to receive, to protect, or to set off whatever appertained

to female dress and embellishment, are often represented on vases.

The men, when travelling, protected their heads from the heat or the wet, by a flat broad brimmed hat, tied under the chin with strings, by which, when thrown back, it hung suspended on the shoulders. Mercury, and heroes, on their journies, are represented wearing this hat. There was also a conical cap, without a rim, worn chiefly by sea-faring people; and which therefore characterises Ulysses.

The same variety in the covering of the feet, was observable among men as among women. Soldiers fastened a coarse sole, by means of a few strings, round the ankle; philosophers wore a plain shoe. Elegant sandals, with straps and thongs cut into various shapes, graced the feet of men of rank and fashion.

Crowns and wreaths of various forms and materials were much in use among the Greeks. Some wreaths were peculiarly consecrated to particular deities, as that of towers to Cybele, and to the figures emblematic of cities; that of oak leaves to Jupiter, of laurel leaves to Apollo, of ivy and of vine branches to Bacchus, of poplar to Hercules, of wheat-ears to Ceres, of gold or myrtle to Venus, of fir twigs to the fauns and silvans, and of reeds

to the river gods. Other wreaths were peculiarly given as rewards to the winners in particular games. Wild olive was the recompense in the Olympic, laurel in the Pythiac, parsley in the Nemean, and pine twigs in the Isthmic games. Other similar ornaments for the head, again, served to indicate peculiar stations or ceremonies. The diadem or fillet called *credemnon*, was among gods reserved for Jupiter, Neptune, Apollo, and Bacchus, and among men, regarded as the peculiar mark of royalty. The radiated crown, formed of long sharp spikes, emblematic of the sun, and represented as issuing from the head of that deity, was first worn only on the tiaras of the Armenian and Parthian kings; and afterwards became adopted by the Greek sovereigns of Egypt and of Syria. A wreath of olive branches was worn by ordinary men at the birth of a son; and a garland of flowers at weddings and festivals; at feasts, in order that the scent might be more fully enjoyed, the wreath was often worn, not round the head, but round the neck.

As a symbol of power, gods, sovereigns, and heralds, carried the sceptre or hasta, terminated by the representation of some animal or flower, instead of a point. As the emblem of their mission, Mercury and all messengers bore the caduceus, twined round with serpents.

The defensive armour of the Greeks consisted of a helmet, breast-plate, greaves, and shield.

Of the helmet there were two principal sorts; that with an immoveable visor, projecting before it, like a species of mask; and that with a moveable visor, sliding over it in the shape of a mere slip of metal. The helmet with the immoveable visor, when thrown back so as to uncover the face, necessarily left a great vacuum between its own crown and the skull of the wearer; and generally had, in order to protect the cheeks, two leather flaps, which, when not used, were turned up, inside the helmet. The helmet with the moveable visor, usually displayed for the same purpose a pair of concave metal plates, which were suspended from hinges, and when not wanted were turned up, outside the helmet. Frequently one or more horses' manes, pared away to a square edge, rose from the back of the helmet, and sometimes two horns or two straight feathers issued from the sides. *Quadrigæ*, sphinxes, griffins, sea-horses, and other insignia, richly embossed, often covered the surface of these helmets.

The body was guarded by a breast-plate or cuirass; which seems sometimes to have been composed of two large pieces only, one for the back and the other for the breast, joined together at the sides; and sometimes to

have been formed of a number of smaller pieces, either in the form of long slips or of square plates, apparently fastened, by means of studs, on a leather doublet. The shoulders were protected by a separate piece, in the shape of a short mantle, of which the ends or points descended on the chest, and were fastened by means of strings or clasps to the breast-plate. Generally, in Greek armour, this cuirass is cut round at the loins; sometimes however it follows the outline of the abdomen; and from it hang down one or more rows of straps of leather, or of slips of metal, intended to protect the thighs.

The legs were guarded by means of greaves, rising very high above the knees, and probably of a very elastic texture; as, notwithstanding they appear very stiff, their opposite edges approach very near behind, where they are retained by means of loops or clasps. Those greaves are frequently omitted, particularly in figures of a later date.

The most usual shield was very large and perfectly circular; with a broad flat rim, and the centre very much raised; like a deep dish turned upside down. The Theban shield, instead of being round, was oval, and had two notches cut in the sides, probably to pass the spear, or javelin, or arrow, through. All shields were furnished

inside with loops, some intended to encircle the arm, and others to be laid hold of by the hand. Emblems and devices were as common on ancient shields as on the bucklers of the crusaders. Sometimes, on fictile vases, we observe a species of apron or curtain, suspended from the shield by way of a screen or protection to the legs.

The chief offensive weapon of the Greeks was the sword. It was short and broad, and suspended from a belt, on the left side, or in front. Next in rank came the spear; long, thin, with a point at the nether end, to fix it in the ground, and of this species of weapon warriors generally carried a pair.

Hercules, Apollo, Diana, and Cupid, were represented with the bow and arrows. The use of these however remained not in after-times common among the Greeks, as it did among the Barbarians. Of the quivers some were calculated to contain both bow and arrows, others arrows only. Some were square, some round. Many had a cover to them to protect the arrows from dust and rain, and many appear lined with skins; they were slung across the back or sides, by means of a belt passing over the right shoulder.

Independent of the arms for use, there was armour of lighter and richer texture, wrought solely for processions and trophies; among the helmets belonging to this latter class, some had highly finished metal masks attached to them.

The car of each Grecian deity, almost, was drawn by some peculiar kind of animal: that of Juno by peacocks, of Apollo by griffins, of Diana by stags, of Venus by swans or turtle doves, of Mercury by rams, of Minerva by owls, of Cybele by lions, of Bacchus by panthers, of Neptune by sea-horses.

In early times warriors among the Greeks made great use in battle of cars or chariots, drawn by two horses, in which the hero fought standing, while his squire or attendant guided the horses. In after times these bigæ, as well as the quadrigæ, drawn by four horses abreast, were chiefly reserved for journies or chariot races.

The Gorgon's head, with its round chaps, wide mouth, and tongue drawn out, emblematic of the full moon, and regarded as an amulet or safeguard against incantations and spells, is for that reason found not only on the formidable ægis of Jupiter and of Minerva, as well as on cinerary urns, and in tombs, but on the Greek shields and breast-plates, at the pole ends of their chariots, and in the most conspicuous parts of every other instrument of defence or protection to the living or the dead.

Of the Greek gallies, or ships of war, the prow was decorated with the cheniscus, frequently formed like the head and neck of an aquatic bird; and the poop with the aplustrum, shaped like a sort of honey-suckle. Two large

eyes were generally represented near the prow, as if to enable the vessel, like a fish, to see its way through the waves.

I shall not make this short sketch an antiquarian treatise, by launching into an elaborate description of Grecian festivals. In the religious processions of the Greeks masks were used, as well as on their theatre, in order to represent the attendants of the god who was worshipped. Thus, in Bacchanalian processions, (the endless subject of ancient bas-reliefs and paintings,) the fauns, satyrs, and other monstrous beings, are only human individuals masked; and in initiations and mysteries, the winged genii are in the same predicament: and the deception must have been the greater, as the ancient masks were made to cover the whole head. Of these masks, which, together with all else that belonged to the theatre, were consecrated to Bacchus, there was an infinite variety. Some representing abstract feelings or characters; such as joy, grief, laughter, dignity, vulgarity—marked in the comic, tragic, and satyric masks; others offering portraits of real individuals, living or dead. The thyrsus, so frequently introduced, was only a spear, of which the point was stuck in a pine cone, or wound round with ivy leaves; afterwards, to render less dangerous the blows given with it, during drunkenness, it was made of the reed call ferula.

Infinitely varied were the Greek dances; some slow, some quick, some grave, some gay, some voluptuous, some warlike. It was common at feasts to have women, that professed dancing and music, called in to entertain the guests.

As of musical modes, so of musical instruments, there was a great diversity. The phorminx, or large lyre, dedicated to Apollo, and played upon with an ivory instrument called plectrum, seems, from certain very intricate and minute parts always recurring in its representations, to have been a very complicated structure. It was usually fastened to a belt, hung across the shoulders, and sometimes suspended from the wrist of the left hand, while played upon with the right. The cithara, or smaller lyre, dedicated to Mercury, and more strictly called chelys, when the body was formed of a tortoise shell, and the arms composed of a pair of goats horns, was played upon by the fingers.

The barbitos, was a much longer instrument, and emitting a graver sound.

To these may be added the trigonum, or triangle; an instrument borrowed by the Greeks from eastern nations, and much resembling the harp.

Independent of these instruments with cords, the Greeks had several wind instruments, principally the

double flute, and the syrinx, or Pan's flute. To these may be added certain instruments for producing mere noise, such as the tympanon or tambourine, a metal hoop covered with skin, and adorned with ribands or bells, chiefly used in the festivals of Bacchus and of Cybele; the crem-bala, or cymbals, formed of metal cups; and the crotals, or castagnets, formed of wooden shells

With respect to Grecian architecture I shall only observe, that the roofs and pediments of buildings were generally very richly fringed with tiles of different shapes, to turn off the rain, and with spouts of various forms, to carry off the water. The sarcophagi, made to imitate the forms of houses, generally had covers wrought in imitation of those roofs.

Terms, or square pillars, first only surmounted with heads of Mercury, from whom they derived their name; afterwards with those of other gods, of heroes, of statesmen, and of philosophers, were much used for the division and support of book-presses, of galleries, of balustrades, of gates, and of palings. Tripods, some of marble, and with stationary legs, others of metal and with legs made to unhook from the cup or vessel, and to fold up by means of hinges and sliders, were in great request both for religious and for domestic purposes: as well as

candelabra, and lamps, either supported on a base, or suspended from a chain.

To afford repose to the body, the Greeks had couches covered with skins and drapery, on which several persons might lie with their bodies half raised; or large arm chairs with foot-stools, called thrones; or more portable chairs, divested of arms, and of which the legs seem frequently to have been made of elephant's tusks; or still lighter seats, without either arms or back, but with legs imitated from those of animals, and made to fold up.

Infinite was the variety of Greek vases for religious rites and for domestic purposes. Among the most singular was the rhyton, or drinking horn, terminated by the head of some animal. These vessels depended, for their beauty, on that elegance of outline, which may make the plainest utensil look graceful, and not on that mere richness of decoration, which cannot prevent the most costly piece of furniture, where the former is neglected, from remaining uncouth and ugly.

COSTUME OF THE ROMANS.

THE pre-eminent dress of the Romans, that peculiar attire which distinguished them in the most marked way, as well from the Greeks as from the Barbarians, was the toga. This they seem to have derived from their neighbours the Etrurians; and it may be called their true national garb. In the earliest ages of Rome it appears to have been worn by the women as well as by the men, by the lowest orders as well as by the highest, at home as well as abroad, in the country as well as in town. Love of novelty probably caused it first to be relinquished by the women; next, motives of convenience, by the men in lower stations; and afterwards, fondness of ease and unconstraint, even by the men of higher rank, when enjoying the obscurity of private life, or the retirement of the country. From the unsuccessful attempts however, first of Augustus, and afterwards of Domitian, entirely to

abolish a dress, which still continued to remind the people more forcibly than was wished, of their ancient liberty, it appears that the toga remained the costume of state and dignity with the patricians, nay, with the emperors themselves, unto the last days of Rome's undivided splendor; and we may, I think, assert, that not until the empire was transferred to Constantinople, did the toga become entirely superseded by that more decidedly Grecian dress, the pallium.

Infinite have been the queries of the learned, whether the toga of the Romans was, like the peplum of the Greeks, a square piece of stuff; whether it was a round one, or whether, preserving a medium between these two extremes, it offered one side straight, and the other rounded off in a semi-circle. To judge from the numberless statues dressed in togas, in none of which there appear any corners perfectly square, though in all of them may be traced some hems or edges describing a straight, and others a curved line, I am most inclined to think the semicircular to have been the true form of the toga.

Great pains have also been taken to discover, whether the toga derived its form on the body, like the pallium, from the mere spontaneous throw of the whole, or, like modern dresses, from some studious and permanent contrivance, to

model and to fasten together the different component parts; and though no tacks or fastenings of any sort are visible in the toga, their existence may be inferred from the great formality, and little variation, displayed in its divisions and folds. In general the toga seems only to have formed as it were a short sleeve to the right arm, which was left unconfined, but to have covered the right arm down to the wrist. A sort of loop or bag of folds was made to hang over the sloped drapery in front; and the folds were ample enough in the back to admit of the garment being occasionally drawn over the head, as it was customary to do during religious ceremonies, and probably, in rainy weather.

The material of the toga was wool. The colour, in early ages, its own natural yellowish hue. In later periods this seems however only to have been retained in the togas of the higher orders: inferior persons wearing theirs dyed; and candidates bleached by an artificial process. In times of mourning the toga was worn black; or was left off altogether.

Priests and magistrates wore the *toga pretexta*, or toga edged with a purple border, called *pretexta*. This toga *pretexta* was, as well as the *bullæ* or small round gold box suspended on the breast by way of an amulet, worn

by all youths of noble birth, to the age of fifteen; when both these insignia of juvenility were deposed together, for the toga without rim or border, called the *toga pura*.

The knights wore the trabea, or toga striped with purple throughout; and the generals, during their triumphal entries, were clad in a toga entirely of purple; to which gradually became added a rich embroidery of gold.

The tunic, of later introduction among the Romans than the toga, was regarded as a species of luxury; and was discarded by those who displayed an affected humility; such as candidates and others. The tunic of the men only reached half way down the thigh; longer tunics being regarded in the male sex as a mark of effeminacy, and left to women, and to eastern nations. The inferior functionaries at sacrifices wore the tunic without the toga; so did the soldiers, when in camp. The tunic of senators was edged round with a broad purple border, called *lati-clavus*; and that of the knights with a narrow purple border, called *angusti-clavus*.

I shall here observe that the hue, denominated purple by the ancients, seems to have run through all the various shades of colour intervening between scarlet, crimson, and the deep blue, called purple at the present day.

The pallium, or mantle of the Greeks, from its being

less cumbersome and trailing than the toga of the Romans, by degrees superseded the latter in the country and in the camp. When worn over armour, and fastened on the right shoulder with a clasp or button, this cloak assumed the name of paludamentum.

The common people used to wear a sort of cloak, made of very coarse brown wool, and provided with a hood, which was called cucullus. This hooded cloak, always given to Telesphorus, the youthful companion of Esculapius, is to this day the usual screen against cold and wet, with all the seafaring inhabitants of the Archipelago and the shores of the Mediterranean.

The Roman ladies, wore by way of under-garment, a long tunic descending to the feet, and more peculiarly denominated stola; which assumed all the variety of modification displayed in the corresponding garment of the Grecian females. Over the stola they also adopted the Greek peplum, under the name of palla; which palla however, was never worn, among the Romans, as the peplum was among the Greeks, by men. This external covering, as may be observed in the statues of Roman empresses, displayed the same varieties of drapery or throw, at Rome as at Athens.

The *chaussure* of the *togati* seems to have been a sort of short boot or shoe, with straps crossed over the instep,

called calceus. The foot covering of the ladies at first had the same shape; but by degrees this latter assumed all the varieties of form of the Grecian sandal. Like all nations in whom were combined great means and opulence, wherewith to foment the exuberances of fashion, and little taste, through which to check its pruriencies, the Romans carried to a great pitch the shapeless extravagance of some parts of their attire; as may be seen in the absurd head dresses of the busts of Roman matrons, preserved in the capitol.

The Romans, like the Greeks, had peculiar dresses appropriated to peculiar offices and dignities. The Flamens, or priests of Jupiter, wore a pointed cap or helmet, called apex, with a ball of cotton wound round the spike. The priests consecrated to other deities wore the infula, or twisted fillet; from which descended on each side along the neck flowing ribands.

Wreaths of various sorts were in use among the Romans, as well as among the Greeks, and were chiefly given as rewards of military achievements. The corona castrensis, wrought in imitation of a palisadoe, was presented to whoever had been the first to penetrate into an enemy's camp. The corona muralis, shaped in the semblance of battlements, to whoever had been the first to scale the walls

of a besieged city. The civic crown, formed of oak leaves, to whoever had saved the life of a citizen; and the naval crown, composed of the rostra, or beaks of galleys, to whoever had been the first to board the vessel of an enemy.

When the arts fell into a total decline, glitter of materials became the sole substitute for beauty of forms; and hence the Grecian and Roman portraits of the middle ages are loaded from head to foot with pearls and precious stones.

The armour of the Romans seems chiefly to have been that of the Greeks of the same period. The helmet with the fixed visor, and which required being thrown back in its whole, in order to uncover the face, fell very early into disuse in the very heart of Greece itself; and never appears on Roman figures. On these the cuirass or lorica, when belonging to distinguished personages, generally follows the outline of the abdomen; and appears hammered out into all the natural convexities and concavities of the human body. It was often enriched, on the belly, with embossed figures, on the breast, with a gorgon's head by way of amulet; and on the shoulder-plates, with scrolls, thunderbolts, &c. This cuirass was made to open at the sides, where the breast and back-plates joined by means of clasps and hinges. One or more rows of straps, richly adorned and fringed, de-

scended by way of protection, not only over the thighs, but also down the upper arms. The cuirass of the common soldiers often was cut simply round, and destitute of such straps. Sometimes this latter was formed of metal hoops or plates, sliding over each other; sometimes of small scales, equally moveable; and sometimes of a plain surface of metal or leather. The Roman soldiers wore no greaves; but either sandals tied with strings, or short boots, laced before, and lined with the skin of some animal, of which the muzzle and claws were displayed as an ornamental finish.

The Roman shield seems never to have resembled the large round buckler, used by the Greeks, nor the crescent-shaped one peculiar to the Asiatics; but to have offered an oblong square, or an oval, or a hexagon, or an octagon. The cavalry alone wore a circular shield, but of small dimensions, called *parma*. Each different legion had its peculiar device marked on its shields.

As offensive weapons the Romans had a sword, of somewhat greater length than that of the Greeks; a long spear, of which they never let go their hold; and a short javelin which they used to fling out. Their armies were moreover provided with archers and with slingers.

Infinite were the variety and magnificence of their

military insignia. These offered, fixed one over the other along the poles of spears, eagles, figures of victory, laurel wreaths, banners, tablets inscribed with the initials of the republic and the number of the legion, pateras for libations, consecrated fillets, and other emblems civil, military, and religious.

The poops of the Roman galleys had for ornament the *aplustrum*; their prows, spurs shaped like swords, with which they hit and destroyed those of the enemy.

The architecture of the Romans was only that of the Greeks on its decline; that of the Greeks, divested of its consistency, its breadth, its chastity. From all the wealth and population, however, of other countries flowing towards Rome, certain species of buildings, such as circuses, amphitheatres, triumphal arches, aqueducts, and baths, seem to have become not only more numerous but more splendid in that capital of the world, than any that could be erected in the small republics of Greece. The temples also, at Rome, from the greater variety of worships, assumed a greater diversity of shapes.

The altars of the Romans, as well as those of the Greeks, displayed a vast variety both of purposes and forms. Some were intended for burning incense only; others for receiving libations of milk or of wine; others

for consuming the first fruits of the earth; others for the sacrificing of victims. Many were only meant for shew, and erected in commemoration of some signal event, or in gratitude for some important benefit. Of these altars some were round, some triangular, some square. They displayed, by way of ornament, sculptured skulls of such animals, and wreaths of such fruits and flowers as were consecrated to the deity they served to worship, mixed with sacred fillets, instruments of sacrifice, inscriptions, bas-reliefs, &c.

Among the sacred instruments, observable in the processions and sacrifices of the Romans, may be numbered the pastoral staff which Romulus made use of to mark out the different districts of his new city; and which afterwards, under the name of *lituus*, became the distinctive badge of honour of the augurs, who used in the same way to mark out with it the different regions of the heavens, when drawing their prognostics. This *lituus*, together with the bason containing the lustral water, the *aspergillum* to sprinkle it, the *simpulum* or ewer for holding the consecrated wine, the cotton fillets for adorning the horns of the victim, the axe for slaying, and the single and double knives for cutting it up, are frequently represented in bas-reliefs.

In the decoration and furniture of their houses the Romans were very sumptuous. Rich marbles and gay arabesques decorated the walls, elegant mosaics the floors of their apartments. In the triclinia or couches, on which they reclined at their feasts, they went to an immense expence. The curule chairs, or seats of state of the patricians, were wrought in ivory; and prodigious is the number of beautiful utensils in marble and in bronze, richly chased and inlaid with silver, that have been found among the ruins of that comparatively insignificant provincial city Pompeya. Greeks seem at all times to have been employed to give and to execute the designs, intended to display the taste and opulence of the Romans.

The writings of these latter were contained in two different sorts of receptacles; namely in rolls of papyrus or parchment, called volumina; and on tablets of box, ivory, or metal, called codices. When travelling they used to carry their manuscripts in a little round case, called scrinium.

BEFORE I dismiss my reader entirely, I beg I may be allowed the pleasure of expressing my obligations to Mr. Moses, the young artist who has engraved the greatest number of my drawings; and those that have been transferred on copper in the most superior manner.

In shadowed engravings, offering figures surrounded by accessories and back-ground, a small portion only of the collective merit of the whole performance depends on the peculiar excellence of the principal outline. Other objects by which that outline is obscured or confused, such as the darkness of the shadows, and the flicker of the lights, prevent both its beauties and its defects from becoming very prominent. Hence such engravings may be executed more mechanically, by artificers themselves less skilled in drawing.

Not so engravings in mere outline, destitute of shadow, of accessories, and of back-ground. In these, every part of that outline stands as it were by itself, unassisted and undisguised, in the fullest light, and in the most prominent situation. In these, whatever does not positively add to the merit of the performance, positively detracts from it. In these no part remains indifferent, none can be slighted. In these not a single unmeaning, or tame,

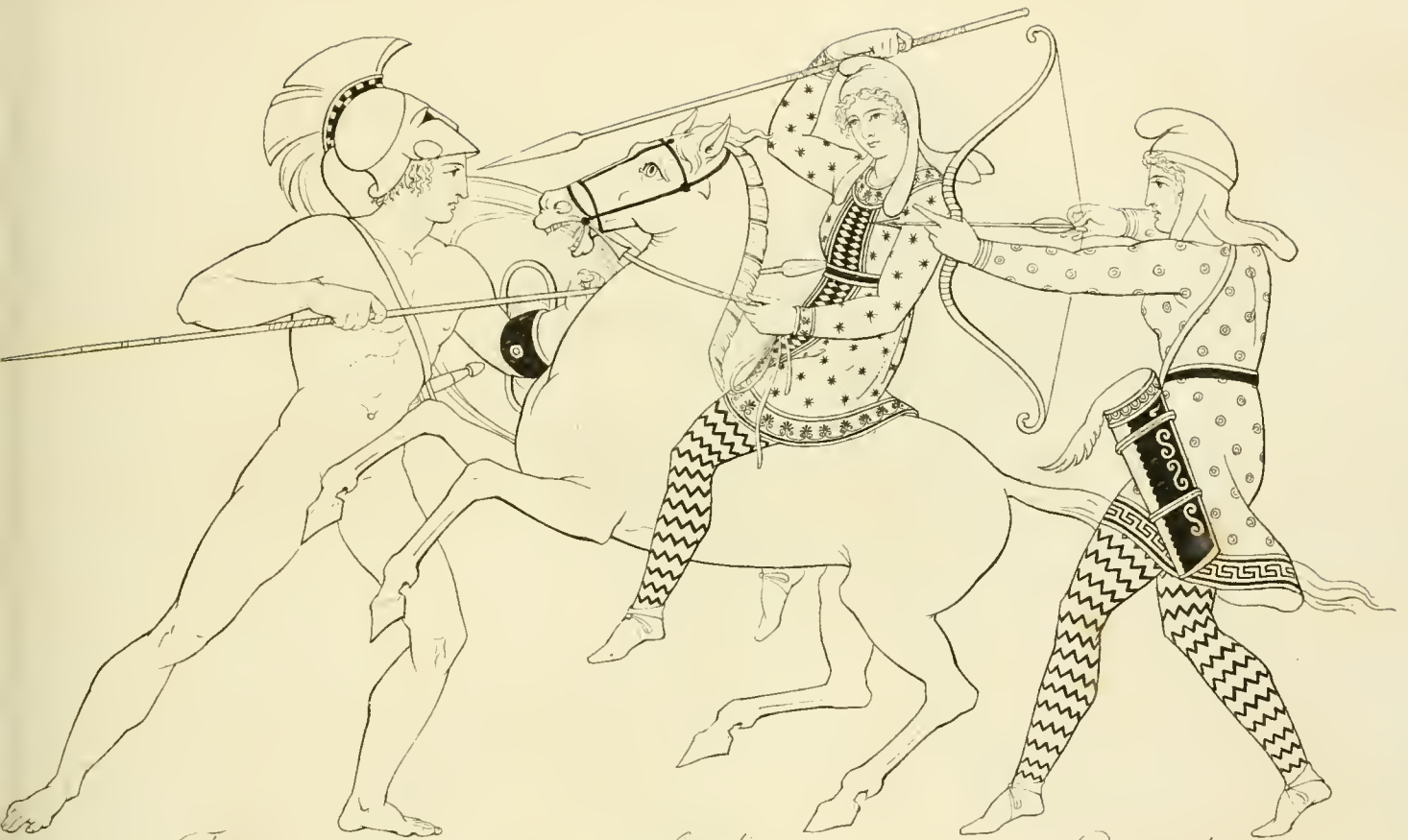
or even superfluous stroke of the graver can remain concealed, or can become perceptible without immediately offending the eye, and producing deformity.

Of this species of engraving, consequently, no part can be executed mechanically, or by inferior hands. Every stroke here requires an artist skilled in drawing, and uniting with the most correct eye the most free and masterly touch. Hence many artists, deservedly applauded in shadowed engraving, would appear very contemptible in engraving in mere outline; and this probably is one of the reasons why, among the great number of copper-plate engravers employed on different works, I have found so few willing or able to engage in mine—a circumstance which has not a little increased my difficulties in its completion.

THE END.



Phrygian lady



Theseus

Hippolyta

Deceimacho.

From a Greek vase in the possession of James Edwards Esq.

Engraved by H. Adams



Thrygian
 altered for religious rites from a greek vase.



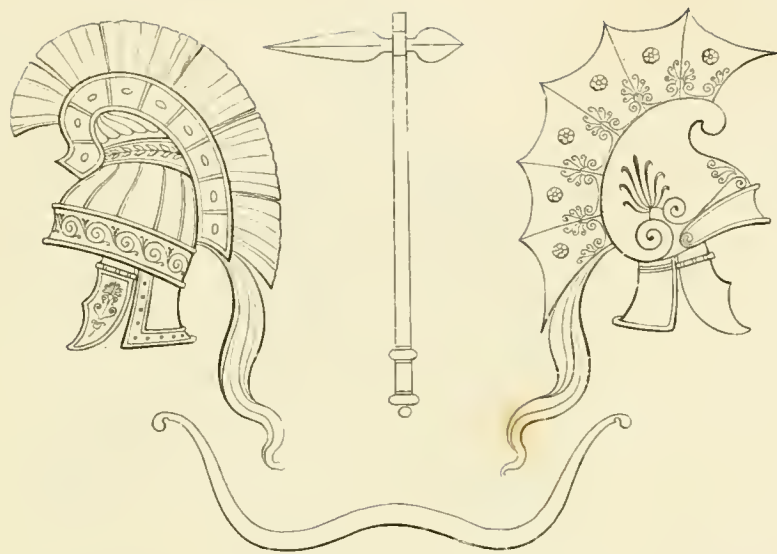
Sarmatian
on the Trajan column



Vesta
in the villa d'Este at Tivoli



Paris
in the Vatican museum



Thrygian helmets, bow, spear, quiver, tunic, axe and javelin.



Asiatie Monarch
From a statue at Pluwerth



Pan
the Phrygian shepherd.
from a statue in the Alcure palace



Phrygian
 with his coat of mail thrown across his shoulder
 from an antique bronze in the possession of Isaac Hamdens Esq.



Amazon

from one of my vases, where she is represented fighting with a griffin. The round studs on the belt perhaps represent coins, like those which to this day the inhabitants of the borders of the Black sea stud their leather belts with.



Amazon
clothed in leopards skin. from a greek vase in my possession.



Dacian King



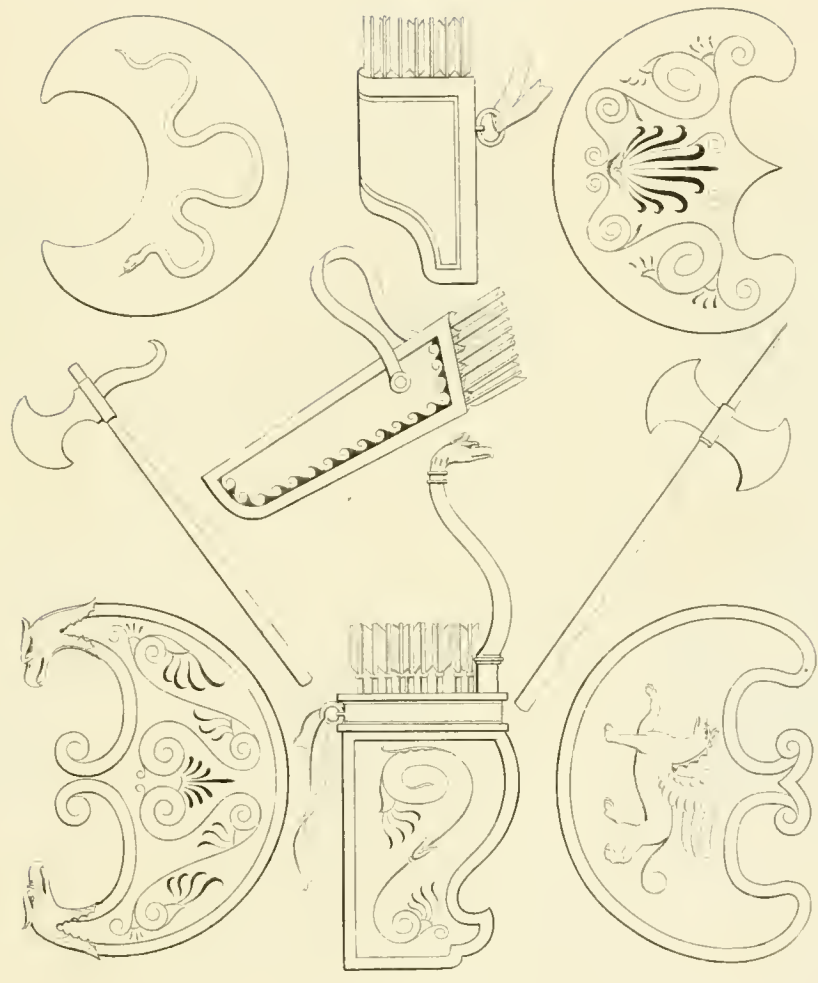
1 head of Amazon

2 of Paris.

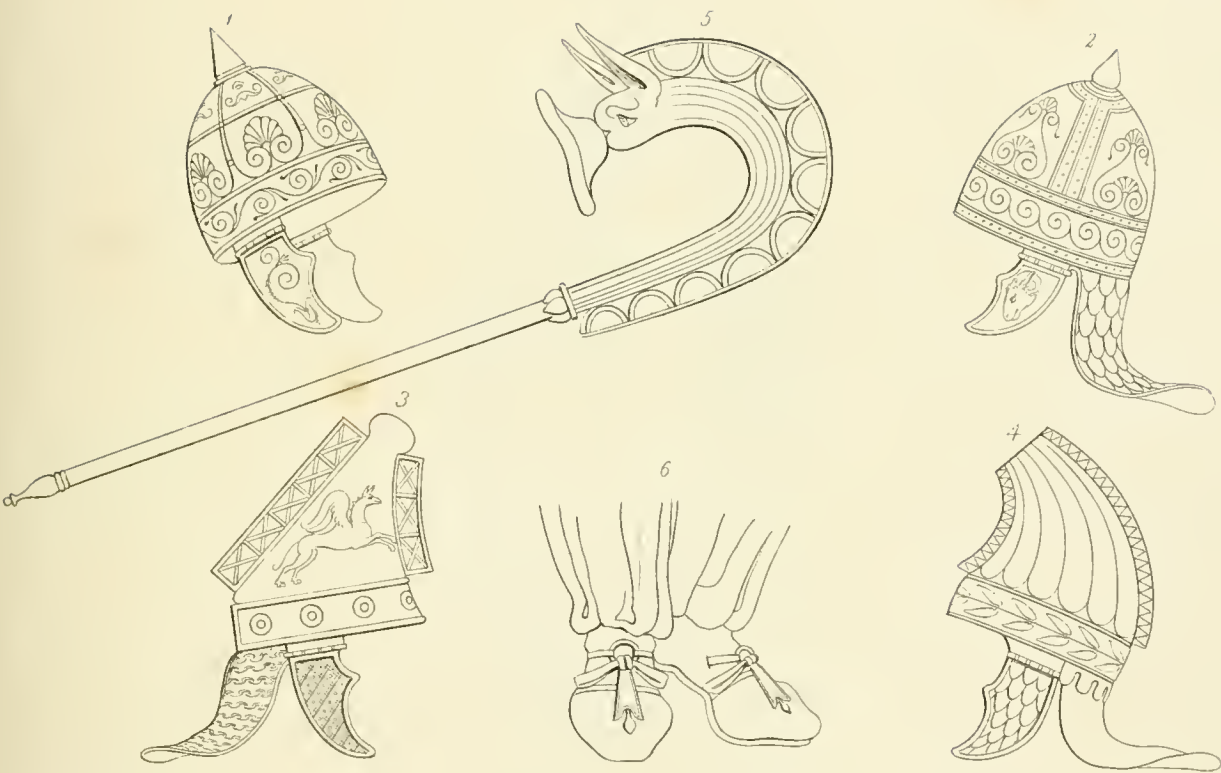
3 of Trojan.

4 Paris in the Trojan helmet

5 of Phrygian.



Phrygian shields, spears & pennis. - Battle scene



1 & 2 Dacian helmets.

3 & 4 Phrygian helmets.

5 Dacian standard.

6 Phrygian shoes



Dacian King



Parthian

with his bow & javelin, or more of arms



*Heads of Parthian & Persian kings
from coins & gems*



*Dacian warrior on horseback
covered as well as his horse, with a coat of mail, or scales from the Trajan column*



Amazon
from a greek vase in my possession



Dacian King
from a statue in the Capitol.

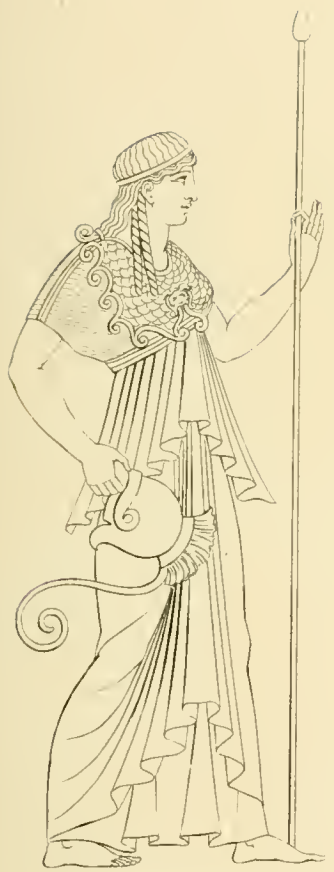


Paris on mount Ida
from a gem.



1 & 2 Syrian Kings

3 4 & 5 Parthian Monarchs



Minerva



Juno

in the old style

from a bas-relief in the Vatican



Jupiter



*Allegorical figures,
in the old greek style of attire*



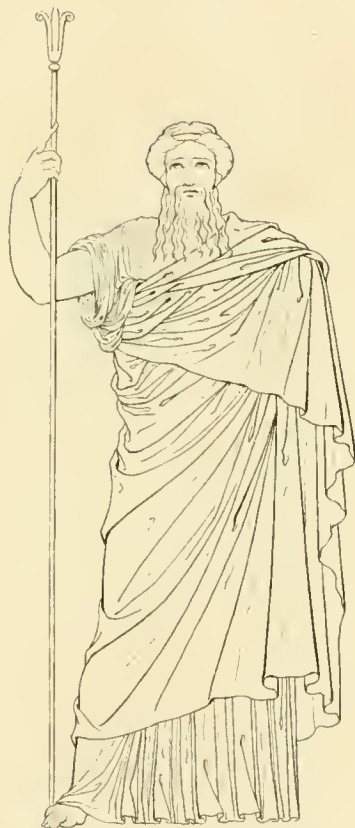
Nyx
in the old style of attire.
from a small statue in my possession

Drawn by

— 1845 —



Minerva



Bearded or Indus Bacchus



Juno



Tricostes

from a statue in the Geneserani gallery



Neptune
from an intaglio



*Procession of Brastis & her attendants going to perform a sacrifice
from a baso-relieve at Berlin*



1 2 Grecian ladies in dresses of the old style. 3 Symposium or metal stand



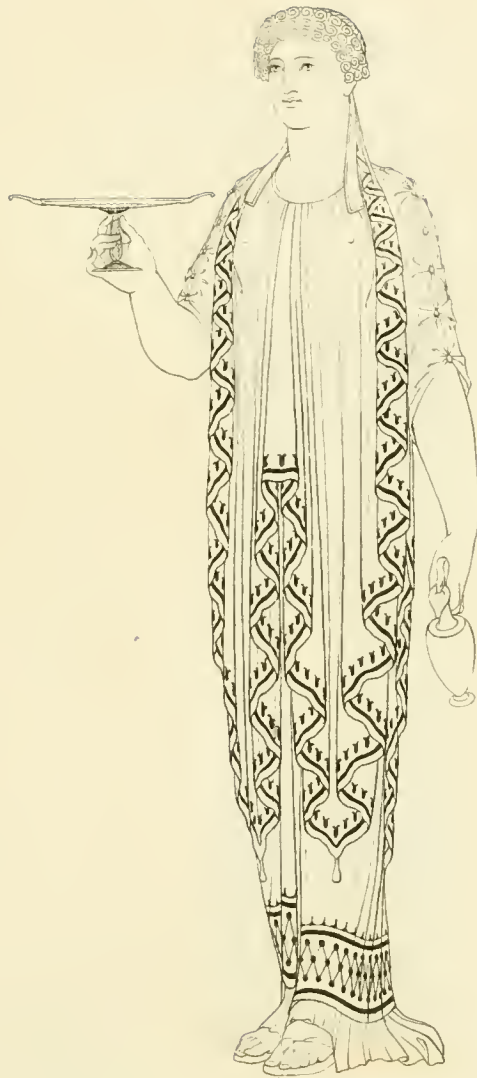
Grecian females



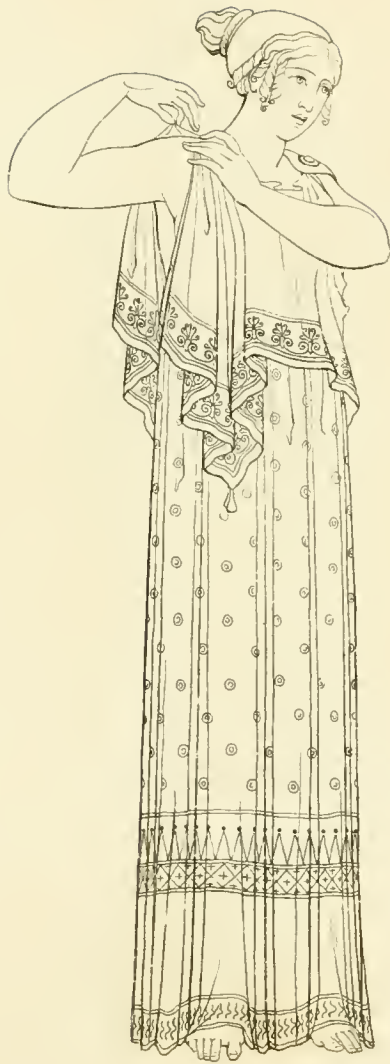
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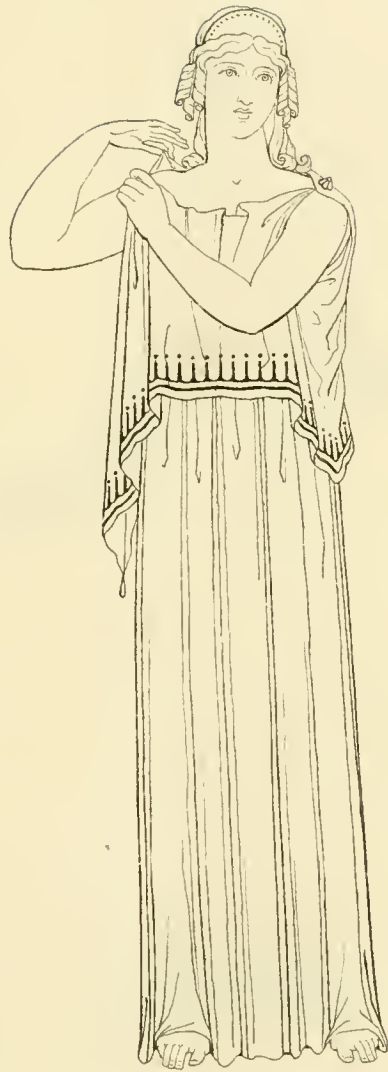
Greek priestesses performing offerings & libations



*gyptian female
from a statue in my possession.*



*Grecian female
dressing her garment*



Grecian female



Grecian Lady



Greek warrior
skulking behind a stone
from an etching



*Greek warrior
from a fictile vase*



Greek Warrior
from a fresco in the tomb of the Archon



Greek herald



Warrior with shield and spear



*Greek warrior
in his travelling dress*



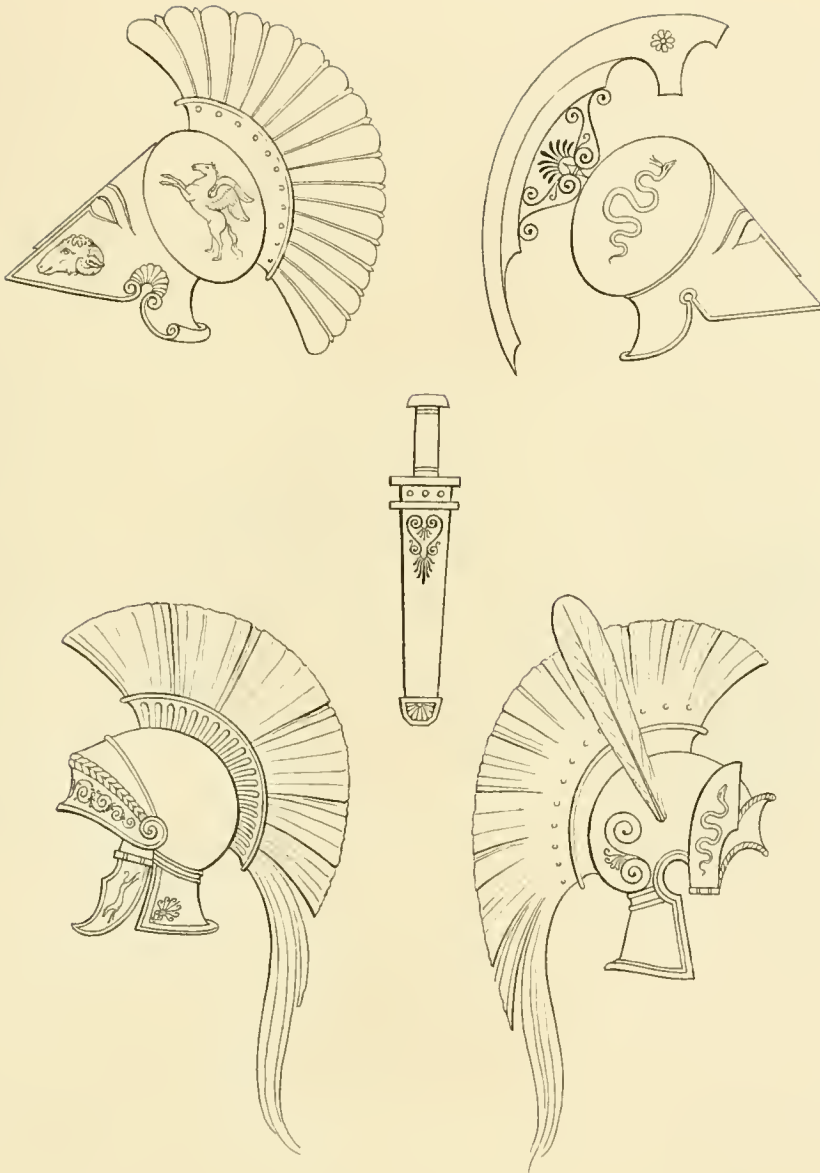
Grecian ladies



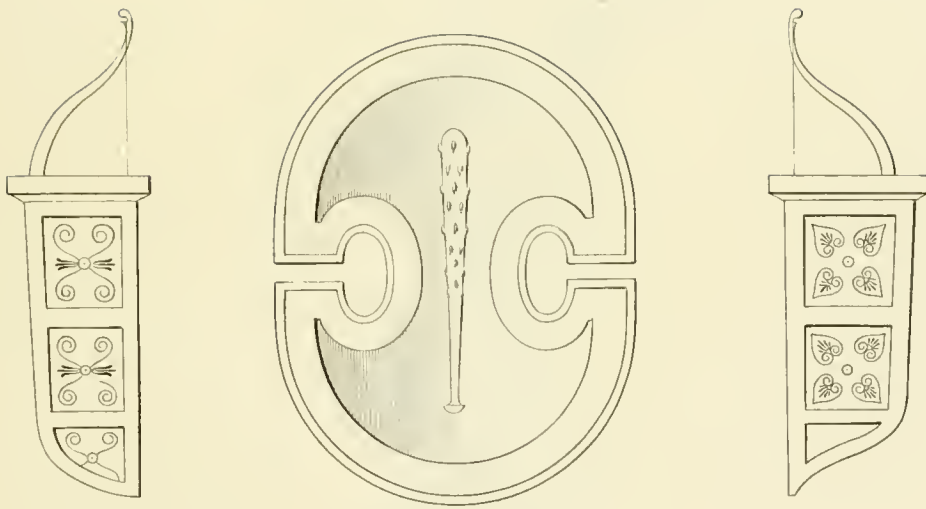
*Greek warrior
with the visor of his helmet drawn over his face*



Minerva
from a statue at Florence



*Various helmets
with fixed or moveable visors*



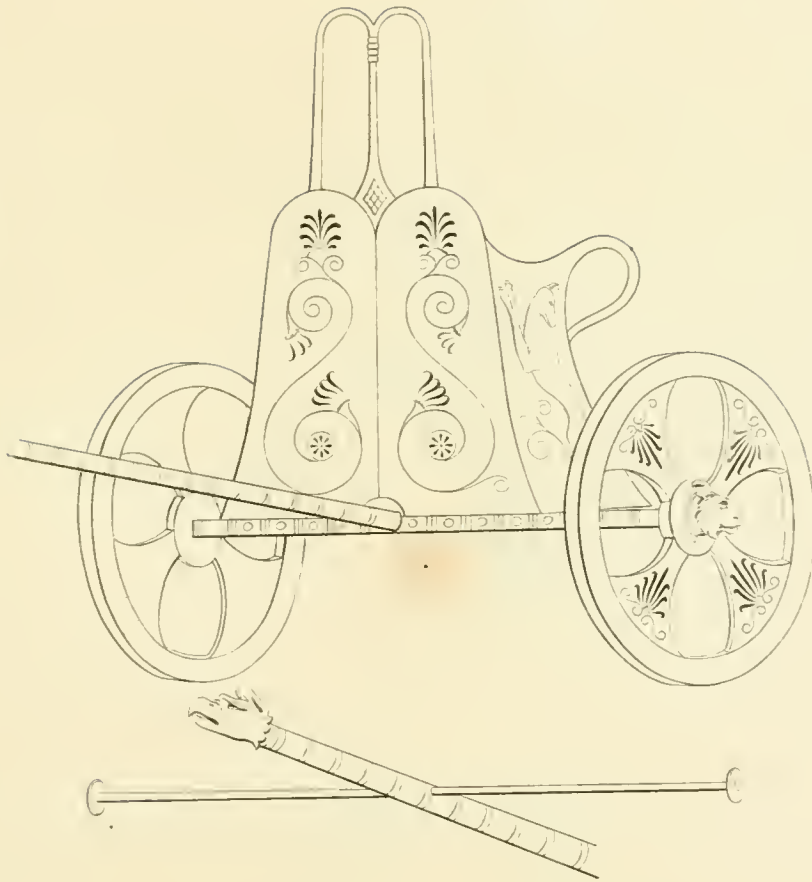
Theban shield & bow cases



Greek female



*Greek victor
in the chariot race*



*Greek car or chariot
used in the games*



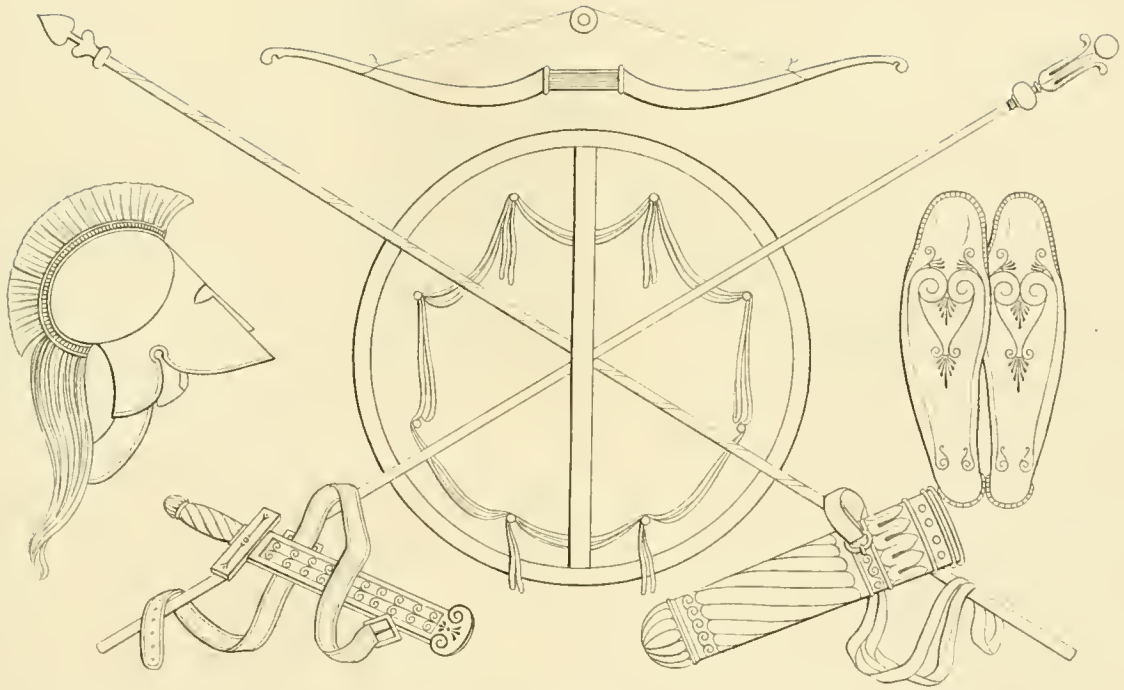
*Grecian warrior in his travelling dress
with his petasus or hat thrown back on his shoulder*



Squire or attendant on a Greek warrior



*Greek combatants separated by a herald
from a pectele vase*



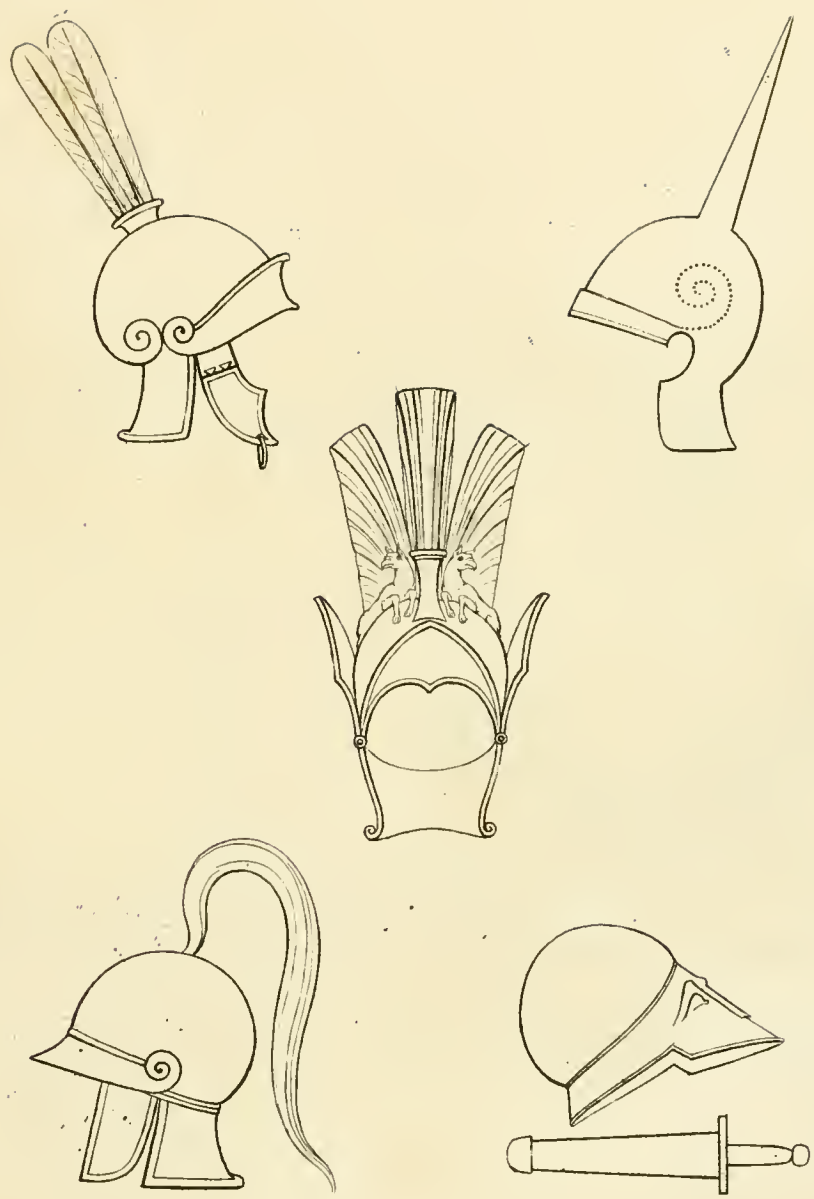
Greek shield viewed inside, helmet, greaves, sword, bow, quiver and two heral'd's staffs or spears



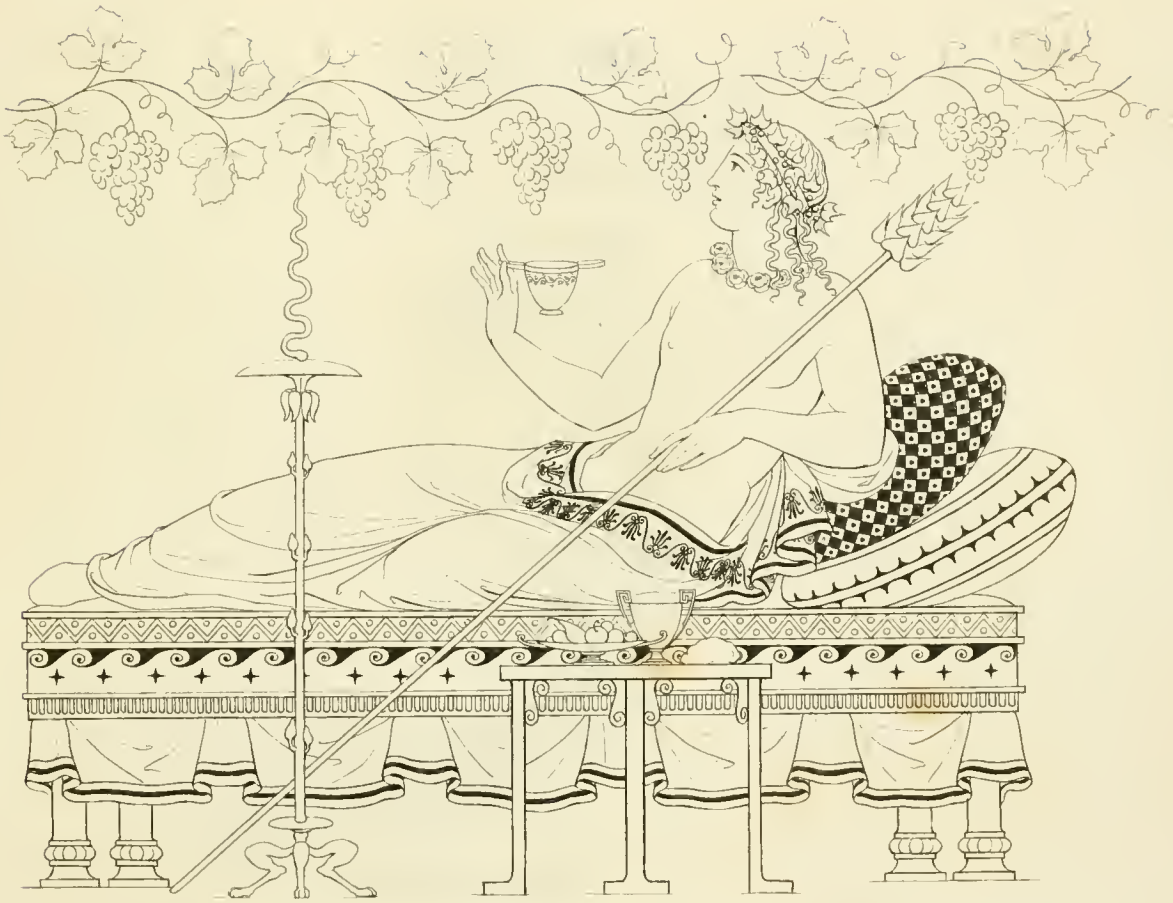
*Greek warrior.
from a bronze in the Florentine gallery*



Greek warrior



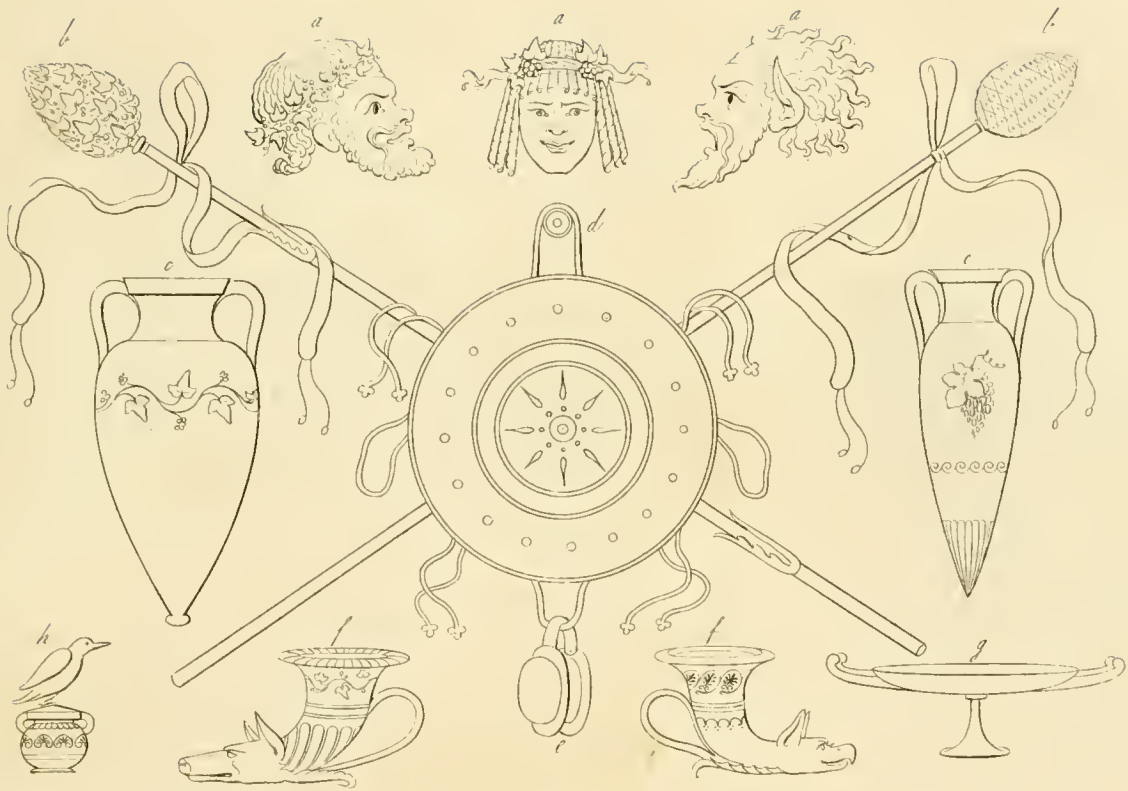
Grecian helmets.



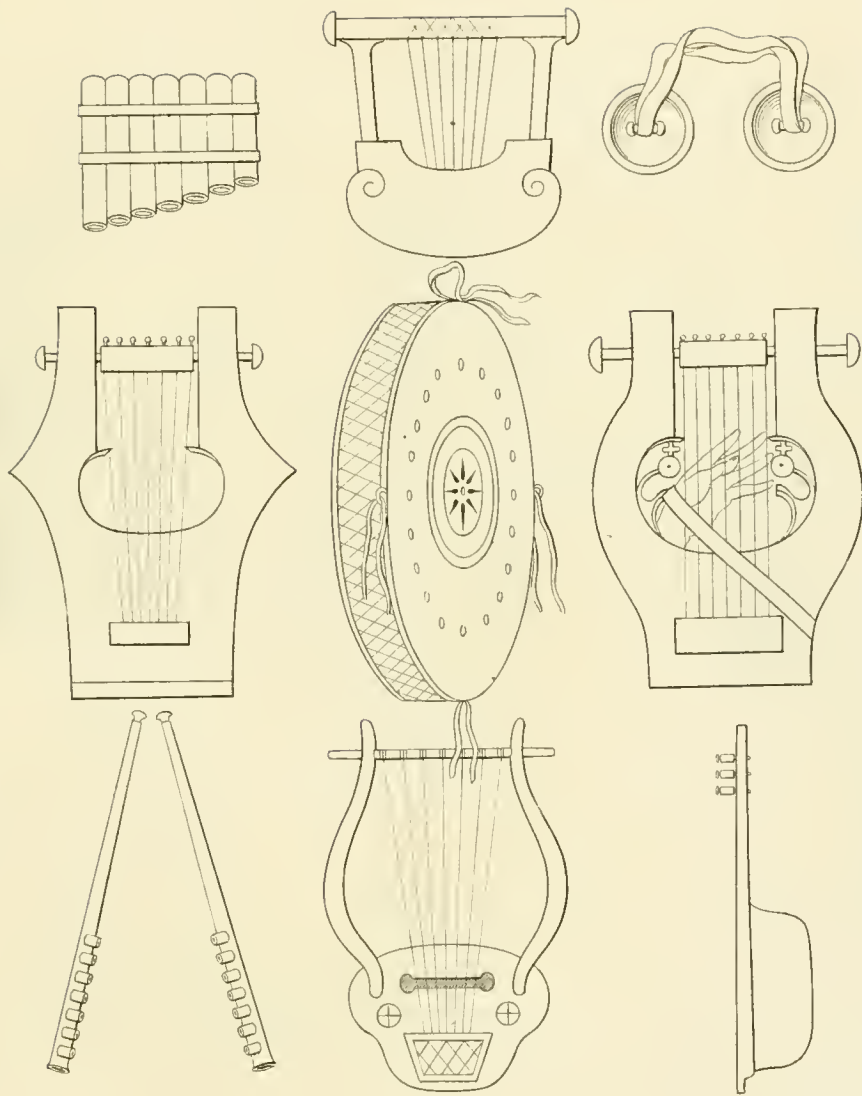
Bacchanalian, reclined on a couch, with his thyrsus, a tripod & candelabrum by his side.



*Female flute player
such as went about playing at entertainments
from a vase in my possession.*



*a. a. a. Masks of Fauns & Bacchants b. b. Thyrsuses one with a top of ivy leaves the other with a pine cone
 c. c. Amphorae d. Tambourin. e. Cymbals ff. Rhytons or drinking horns g. Patera h. the synxer,
 a bird introduced in bacchanalian processions*



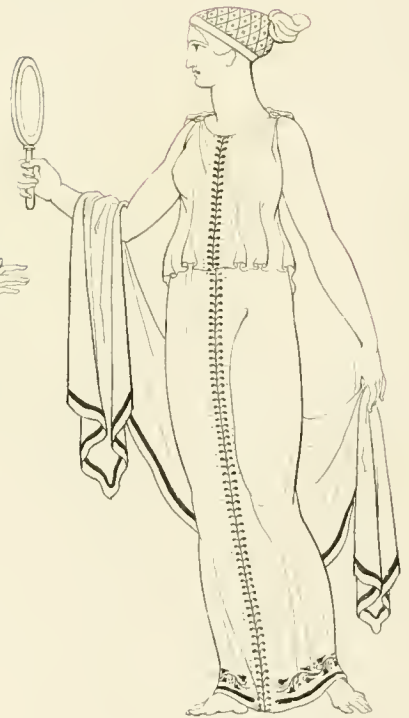
Musical instruments of the Greeks



Bacchanalian



Mercury



Bacchantess



Bacchant:
with the thyrsus



*Bacchante.
sounding the crotals*



*Bacchante
with the rod of ascanum
from a greek vase in my possession*



Bacchante.
presenting the sacred fillet



*Bacchante
carrying torches.*



*Lady seated:
with her umbrella, footstool, & pyrex. or jewel box:
from a Greek vase*



Grecian head designs



Marrus.

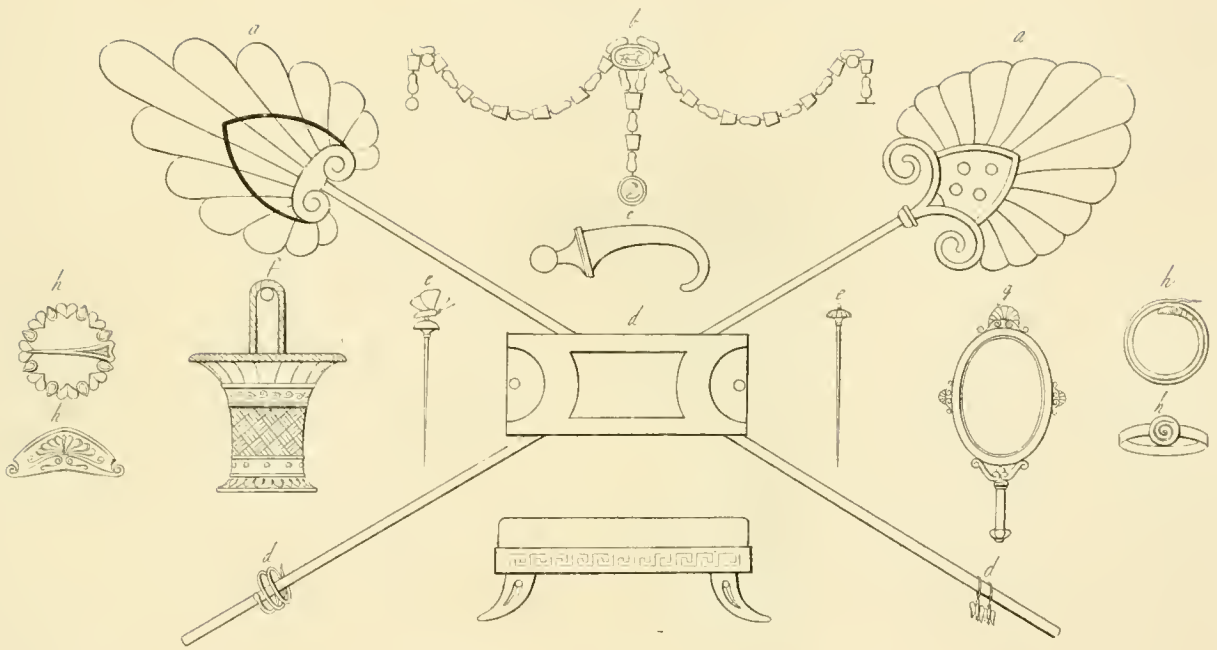


Diana.

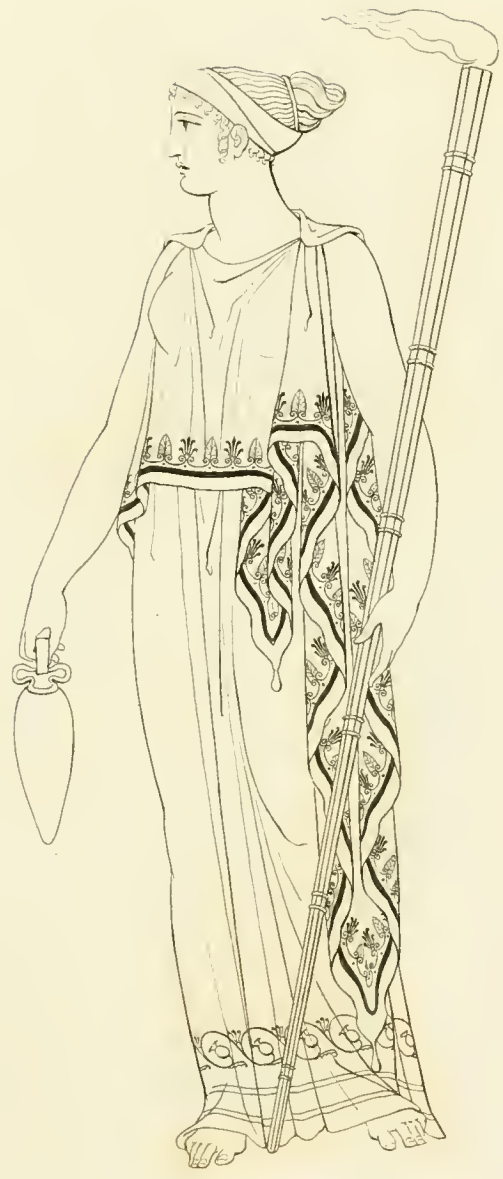


Minerva.

Female utensils & trinkets.



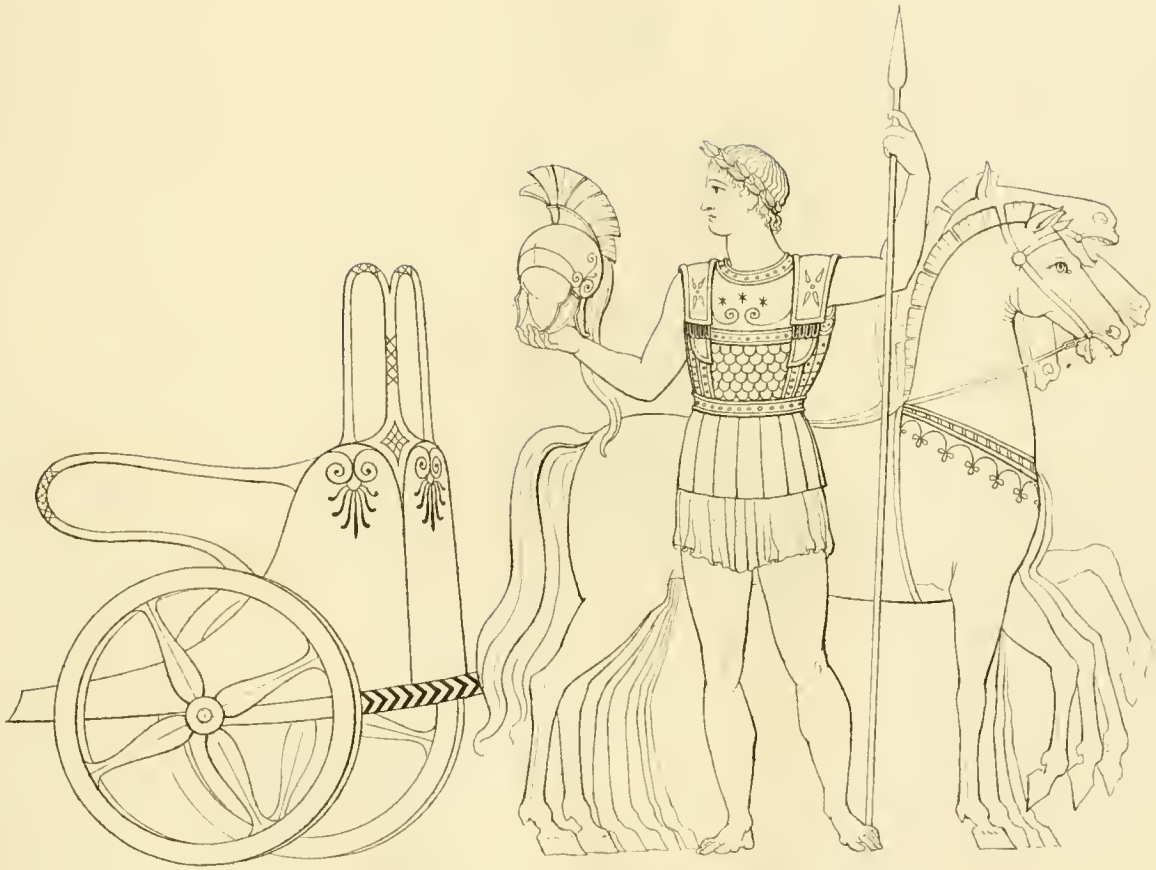
a. a. Grecian fans, made of feathers or leaves. b. Grecian necklace c. Signillum d. Pyxis e. e. Pins or skewers for the head f. Work basket g. Hand mirror. h. h. Bracelets & earrings i. Footstool.



*Priestess of Ceres
carrying a torch*



Priestess of Lora.



victorious warrior, descended from his car.



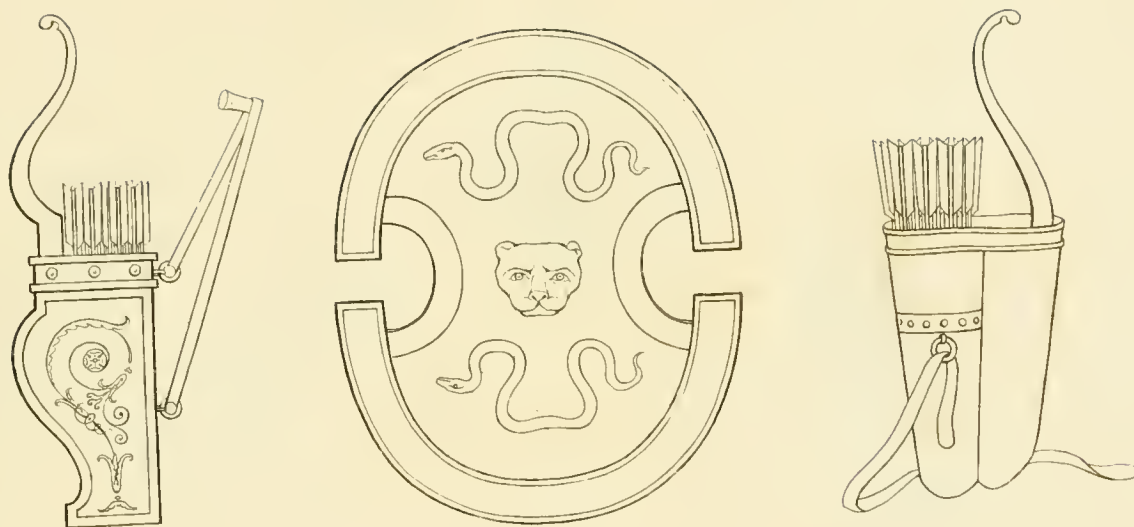
*Greek warrior:
from one of my frieze vases.*



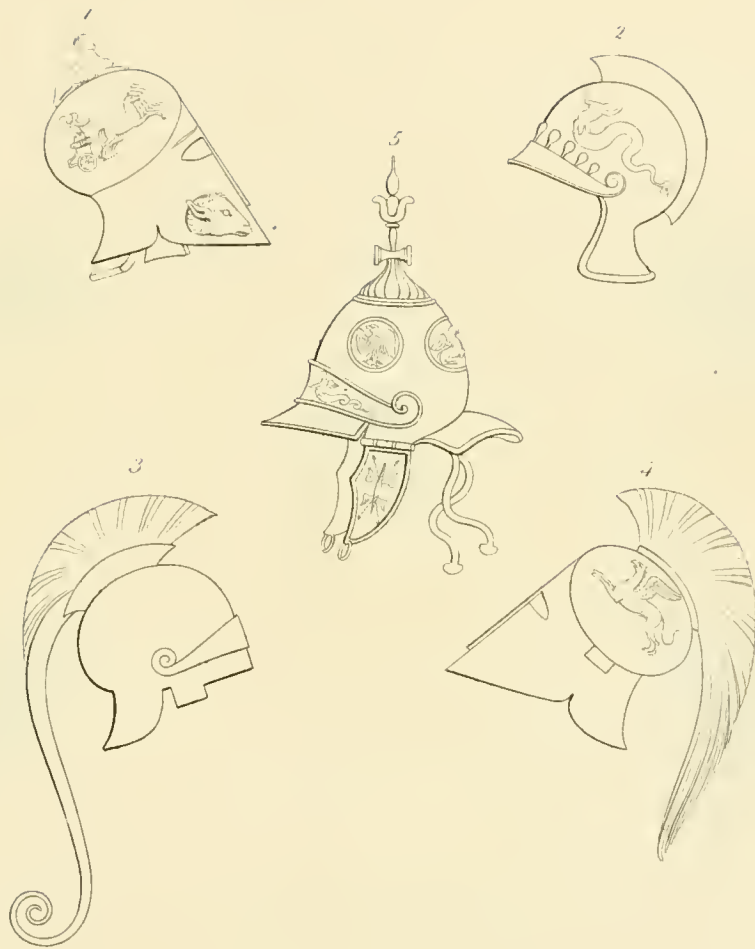
Greek warrior.
from one of my fictile vases



Greek warrior:
from one of my fictile vases.



Theban shield & quivers



1 2 3 & 4 Grecian helmets 5 Syrian helmet



Grecian head-dresses



Greek philosopher.

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