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## IN TRODUCTION.

$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{HE}}$ present work eomprises the Marbles which are eontained in the Second Room of the Gallery of Autiquities. A deseription of the eontents of the First Room, namely the Terraeottas, is already before the Publie.
The greater part of the Marbles in this Colleetion, belonged to the late Charles Townley, Esq. but where any artiele has been derived from another souree, it will be invariably mentioned.

It may le proper to remark, that the dimensions of the Marbles are earefully given; that the names of the plaees, in which the different articles were diseovered, are stated in every instanee where they eould be aseertained; and that in the engravings, as well as in the written deseriptions, partieular attention has been paid to distinguish and point out those parts whieh are not antique. It is to be regretted, that this praetiee has
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not been more generally adopted, particularly in the earlier publications on ancient sculpture, as it is in consequence of this omission, that the antiquary, relying too much on the accuracy of an engraving, has been frequently led into error.

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The bas relief, in the Title-page, has formed part of the capital of a votive cippus, which was probably sacred both to Bacchus and Hercules. The subject represents a head of Hercules between two terminal statues, namely, one of the god Pan, who is playing upon the syrinx, or pipe of reeds, and the other of the god of Lampsacus, who is loaded with fruit. In the intervals are placed a quiver and an altar. Therc is very little relief in these figures, but the head of Herculcs is executed in a very exquisite style, and possesses great force and character. The lion's shin is tied round the neck, and the head is crowned with a wreath of ivy. The crown of Hercules is usually composed of the poplar, which in the form of its leaves bears so much resembance to the ivy, that the one has frequently been mistaken for the other; but when the berries of the ivy are apparent, this error cannot be conmitted. The head of Hercules is distinguished by a greater variety of chaplets, than that of any other divinity. He is crowned not only with the poptar(') and the ivy, ${ }^{(3)}$ but with the laurel, ${ }^{(3)}$ the olive, $\left.{ }^{4}\right)$ and the pine, $\left.{ }^{(5}\right)$ and sometimes with a wreath, composed of flowers and ribbands interwoven together. ( ${ }^{6}$ )

It measures $11 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, and $5 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in height.

- Aptior Herculex populus alba coma. Ovid. Epist. ix. 64.

Sce Mus. Flor. Gem, vol. i.tab, xxxiv. fir. 11.
*see Mus. Flor, Gem, vol. i. tab. xxxiv, fig. 8.

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Hune pius Alcides Pelopi certavit honorem,
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## PLATE I.

A colossal head of Minerva: it has a stern expression of conntenancc.(1) The hair, which is drawn back from the temples to the hinder part of the head, is disposed in a spiral twist, from which habitual mode of twisting her locks, Mincrva aequired the title of $\Pi_{\alpha \rho \alpha \pi \leqslant \pi \lambda \varepsilon \gamma \mu E ́ v \text {. (2) }}$ The serpent being the emblem of vigilance yas on that account consecrated to Minerva, and is here placed on the top of her helmet; it is one of the most usual attributes of this goddess, and so frequently oecurs as an ornament on her helinet, that it may be sufficient to mention one instance only of the kind, which is in the fine bust, formerly in the Villa Albani,(3) and now at Paris. In the statne of Minerva, which stood in the Parthenon, she was represented by Phidias with a scrpent at her feet,(4) and it is in this manner that she is represented in some of the copper medals of Atlicns.(5) On these coins we may remark that the serpent is erect, and exhibits an appearance of anger and menace, as if rcady to execute vengeance on those against whom the wrath of the goddess is directed, and we know that the serpent was an agent employed by her when she inflicted punisliment, as in the case of Laocoon $(6)$ and his two sous.
Another instance of the serpent accompanying Minerva is on the base of a magnificent candelabrum in the Clementine Museum, (7)

* Pallas, et asperior Phœebi soror, utraque telis,

Utraque torva genis. Stat. Theb. lib. ii. 237.

 les Anciens, tom. i. p. 402.
${ }^{3}$ Millin, Monumens Antiques Incdits, tom. ii. pl. xxiv.
 $\Delta \rho_{\alpha}^{\alpha} x \omega \nu$ घรร์' Pausan. Att. c. 24.

${ }^{5}$ Combe, Num. Vet. Pop. et Urb. Tab. x. fig. 28, 29, and Tab. xi. fig. 10.
6 Virg. En, lib. ii. v. 212.
${ }^{7}$ Museo Pio-Clementino, tom. iv. pl. 5. 6.

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where Minerva, like Hygeia, holds a patcra, out of which she is feeding at large serpent coiled round her body. This is perhaps the only genuine instance in which Minerva is represented as the protectress of Medicine, under which title she had an altar(8) dedicated to her at Acharnee in Attica, and a statue(9) erceted at Athens.

The head is of fine work, but has been much restorcd. The chin, the nose, and the upper part of the helmet, including a great portion of the serpent, are modern. It measurcs 2 feet 4 inches in height.

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## PLATE II.

A funeral urn of a circular form, ornamented with figures in very high relief. The sculpture of these figures is exccedingly coarse, but their general effect is good. The subject represents a battle, in which a number of combatants are engaged. One party, of whom a few are on lorseback, is armed with helmets, cuirasses, and shields, which last arc of an oblong squarc form, and have a large umbo or boss in the centre of each : the other party is distinguished by their oval shields; they are bearded, entirely without covering on their bodies, and are represcnted for the most part lying on the ground, as if completely vanquished. In the collection of the late Henry Blundell, Esq.(1) is a large bas-rclief (8 feet by 3 ) which represents the same subject, and in which the costume of the respective combatants is precisely the same as on the urn we are now describing. It is evident that the subject here recorded is a battle between the Romans and Germans, in which the former are triumphant. The costume of the Romans exactly agrees with that which we see ou the Trajan and Antonine colunns, and though the same ancient monuments represent the Germans cloathed, yet the state in which they are here exhibited, accords with the description given of this people by Tacitus (2) and Dion Cassius, (3) who both speak of them as bcing accustomed to fight either perfectly naked, or very lightly clad. The Romans were so frequently engaged in warfare with the Germans, that it is impossible to say with certainty to what particular period the present subject alludes; but the victories achieved over the Germans by Trajan were so popular in Rome, were celebrated with so much splendour, and commenorated in so many monuments of art, that it is most probable the subject of the figures on this urn refer to the time of that Emperor.

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With respect to the connection which this subject may have had with the listory of the person whose ashes the urn enclosed, the deccased might perhaps have fallen or distinguished himself in the war alluded to: this, however, is exceedingly doubtful, as the subjects represented on scpulchral monumeuts, had frepuently no allusion to the partics for whom they were desigued. It is not, indect, improbable that the subject may have been chosen by the artist as being that which was most popular at the time whicn the urn was executed. The urn, however, is without any inscription. Both above and underneath the figures is a border composed of ivyleases. The lid, the handle of which is restored, is gracefully ormamented with the leaves of the acanthus.(4) The urn, in its original state, terminated just beneath the lower border of iry-leares; the rest is a moderu addition.

This urn was formerly in the collection of Victor Amadei at Rome, and was purchased from thence by Mr. Townley in the ycar 1768. Piranesi has engraved it in his Raccolta di I'asi Antichi.(5)

The urn, in its present statc, measures 1 foot $11 \frac{1}{4}$ inches in hcight; but, exclusive of the modern addition, its height is only 1 foot 3 inches.

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## PLATE III.

One of the feet, or supports, of a tripod table. The upper part of it exhibits the head of a lion rising out of foliage; and the lower part, whieh is restored from the ealeaneum, represents the leg of that animal. The feet of the ancient tables werc exceuted in a great varicty of forms; sometimes they represented the human figure, and sometimes that of the eagle, the sphinx, the griffin, and other animals. The senlpture of them was often very highly finished; they were distinguished ly the name of $\tau p \alpha \pi \varepsilon \zeta \rho \phi \rho_{p},(1)$ and it is under this title that Cicero speaks of one of these supports in a letter written to his friend, Fabius Gallus.(2) The legs of tables, however, were more generally imitations of the legs of animals, to which the heads of the animals were oeeasionally added; but in order to obviate, in some measure, the disagreeable effeet arising from the elose union of these ineongruous parts, the artist, in many instances, had recomse to the intervention of foliage, by whieh means a more gracefnl eonnection was produeed.

Height 2 feet $7 \frac{7}{8}$ inehes. The pedestal, in whieh it is inserted, is modern.

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## PLATE IV.

A female statue, larger than life, with a modius on the head. It is evidently an architectural statue, and was one of the caryatides which supported the portico of an ancient building. The character of this figure is highly dignified and impressive. It is clothed with a long tunic descending to the feet, over which is worn a short robe reaching below the hips; to these is added a cloak which is fastencd by fibule or buttons to each shoulder, and falls behind to the ground. There is great simplicity in the drapery, the folds of which are not increased by any zone or girdle round the waist. The arms arc ornamented with bracelets, but are otherwise naked. The hair is curled, and worn very full round the forehcad; it is drawn together with a ribband at the back of the neck, and then desecnds in five spiral locks. On each side of the head, just below the modius, is a small hole to which some metallic ornament has been originally attached, probably a narrow diadem. The modius is decorated with the Greck ornament resembling the flowers of the honeysuckle, and with a border of flowers, which are detached from each other, and in a perfectly expanded state : below these is a row of beads. The ear-rings are in the form of flowers, similar to those which we see on the border of the morlins. The neck is adorned with two neek-laces, one of which is composed of a simple row of strung pearls or beads, and the other consists of a pendent row of drop ornaments.
This statuc, with another ncarly similar to it, was found during the reign of Pope Sixtus the Vth., amongst some ancient ruins in the Villa Strozzi, situated on the Appian road, abont a mile and a half beyond the tomb of Ceceilia Metella, commonly called Capo di Bove. It was placed with its companion in the Villa Montalto, from whence it came into Mr. Townley's possession through the means of Mr. Jenkins, who in the year 1786, pmrehased all the marbles which enriched that magnificent Villa. In the year 1766 , three other female figures, of the same sizc and subject as the present, were found ncarly in the samc place, together with a

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statne, somewhat larger, representing the bearded, or Indian Bacchus. Piranesi, who was at that time on the spot, was of opinion that thesc caryatides had supported the portico of a small templc, of which he observed several fragments belonging to the pediment, the fricze, the comice, and architrave of the door, together with a piece of a large bas-rclief, which he supposed liad occupicd the centre of the pediment. He has published in his works a representation of this portico, according to the idea which he formed of it. (1) The statue of Bacchus having been found in the same spot with the caryatides, ronders it probable that the temple was dedicated to that Deity. Winckelmann, however, is of opinion, that, as the Appian way was on both sides ornamented with tombs, these architectural statues might have bcen made use of to decorate the sepulchre of some opulent Roman. (2)
The statue of Bacchus formerly stood in the Vatican, but it is now in the French Collection. On the drapery across the breast is the Greek word $\operatorname{sap} \Rightarrow a n a \Pi+a n o z$. The three female statues found with it were purchased by Cardinal Albani, and are now in his collection. On one of them is the following inscription : KPIT $\Omega \mathrm{N}$ KAI NIKOAAOE EHOIORN, signifying that it was the work of two Athenian statuaries, Criton and Nicolaus, from whence it may reasonably be inferred that all the caryatides which were found in this spot, were cxecuted by the same artists.
This statuc is nearly perfect, the nose is quite entire; the lower right arm, the left foot, and a small portion of the upper part of the modius, are all the restorations of any importance which it has receired.
It measures with the modius 7 feet $3 \frac{1}{4}$ inches in height; the pedcstal is $6 \frac{1}{2}$ inches ligh, which makes the whole height $\bar{\gamma}$ feet $9 \frac{3}{4}$ inches.

[^4]${ }^{2}$ Winckelmann, Hist. de l'Art chez les Anciens, tom. ii. p. 378.


## PLATE V.

A eandelabrum, considerably restored. Those parts which are antique, are the upper half of the stem, the three figures inserted in the sides of the triangular pedestal, and one of the rams' heads, together with a portion of the pedestal attaehed to it. The upper part of the eandelabrum was found in the ruins of the villa of Antoninus Pius; the three figures in the pedestal have belonged to a eandelabrum of a similar kind. One of these figures appears to laive been part of a group, whielı represented Vietory pouring out a libation to Apollo Musagetes, a subjeet which has been explained in the deseription of the Terracottas.(1) Of the remaining figures, one represents an old Faun earrying an uter or goat's skin, filled with wine, on his shoulder, and making use of a pedum, as a walking stiek, in his right hand; the other represents a female Bacehante, who is distinguished by the wildness of her gesture: her head is thrown baek, her hair is dishevelled, and she holds a human head in one hand, and brandishes a sword in the other hand There ean be little doubt but that this figure represents Agare, the priestess of Baeehus, with the hearl of her son, Pentheus,(2) king of Thebes. Pentheus having forbade his subjects to eelebrate the festivals of

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Bacchus, was, for this aet of impiety, torn in pieces by his mother and her two sisters, when, with other Theban women, they were assembled to perform the orgies of the gorl on Mount Citheron. Agave, whose sense of vision was deluded by the influence of Bacchus, mistook her son for a hion,(3) and it was not till her return to the palace that she perceived her unhappy mistake, and that the head which she held by the hair was not that of a wild beast, but of her own son. (4) Agave is represented in a similar manner on a funeral urn published by Spon. (5) The story of Penthcus suffering for his erime in not acknowledging the divinity of Bacchus, is cngraved in a bas-relicf in the Gitustiniani patace; (6) and the same subject, aecording to Pansanias, was painted on the walls of the Temple of Bacchus, which stood near the theatre at Athens.(\%)

Height 4 fect $1 \frac{1}{9}$ inch.
3 The form in which Pentheus appeared to his mother was that of a wild boar, according to Ovid, (Met. lib. iii. 71.1,) and of a bull, according to Oppian, (Cyneg. lib. iv. 307.)








${ }^{5}$ Miscellanea Eruditie Antiquitatis, p. 99.
${ }^{6}$ Galleria Giustiniana, part. ii. tav. 104.
 díxac. Pausan. Att. c. 20,


## PLA'TE VI.

The triangular base of a candelabrum, on the sides of which are three Genii, cach holding a part of the armour of Mars, namely lis helmet, his sword, and his shicld. The upper angles terminate with the head of a ram, and the lower angles with the fore part of a sphinx; underneath the Genii is a broad border of arabesque ornaments. The ram's head, on the helmet, is appropriate to the armour of Mars, to whom, as well as to Mercury, that animal was consecrated. The Latin word aries, which signifies a ram, has becn supposed to be deduced from the Greck name of Mars, "Apqs.(1) On a consular coin of the Rustia family, the obverse represents a head of Mars, and the reverse a figure of a ram; (2) the month of March, which derived its name from Mars, wats distinguished by a ram among the signs of the zodiac. Three other pedestals, similar to the present, with the exception of a slight variation in the arabesque ornaments, are extant in different collections, one in the Gallery at Florence, another in the Picchini Palace at Rome, and the third in the Louvre at Paris,(3) which last was removed from the Library of St. Mark at Venice.(4) This triangular base is executed in a good style, and the only restorations it has received, are two of the licads belonging to the sphinxes, and the lower part of each of the rams' heads. The place in which the stem of the candclabrum was inserted, is visible on the top of the base.

Its height is 2 fect 8 inches.

${ }^{2}$ Morellii Comment. in Familiarum Romanarum Nunsismata, p. 368.
${ }^{3}$ Mon. Ant. du Musée Nap. tom. iv. pl. 15.

- Antiche Statue della Libreria di San Marco di Venezia, Part II. tav. 33.
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## PLATE VII.

A vase, of an elegant oval form, with two upright massive handles; it is ornamenter all round with Bacchanalian figures, which are executed in a stylc of incomparable excellencc. The subject represents the celebration of the orgies of Bacchus by a number of persons who imitate the drcsses and characters of a Faun, a Satyr, and male and female Bacchantes. The Faun has a thyrsus in his right hand, and is covered with the skin of a panther ; the Satyr is bearing an amphora of wine; the female Bacchantes are dressed in thin tramsparent drapery which floats in the air ; one of them, with her hair dishevelled,(1) and her head bent forward, (2) is in the act of brandishing a knife, while another is holding the hind limbs of a kid. (3) The malc Bacchantes are represented of different ages; one, in the flower of youth, and of a beautiful form, is leaning on the shoulders of a young fcmale; he has a torch in his right hand,

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* Mentis inops rapitur, quales audire solemus
    Threicias passis Mænadas ire comis. Ovid. Fast. lib. iv. 45%.
    Sæpe vagus Liber Parnassi in vertice summo
    Thyadas effusis evantes crinibus egit. Catull. Carm. lnv. 390.
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    Ka\ KPATA \SigmaEI\SigmaAI monióv; Eurip. Bacch. v. 185.
        ventis dant colla, comasque. Virg. En. vii. 394.
    Qui tum alacres passim lymphata mente furebant,
    Evoe bacchantes, evoe capita inflectentes. Catull. Carm. lxv. 254.
    { } ^ { 3 } \text { The priestesses of Bacchus, during the celcbration of the Dionysia, devoured the}
raw flesh of different animals:
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    Parse divulso raptabant membra juvenco. Catull. Carm. lxv. 257.
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Bacchanalia etiam pretermittamus immania, quibus nomen Omophagiis Græcum est : in quibus furore mentito, et sequestrata pectoris sanitate, circumplicatis vos anguibus, atque ut vos plenos dei numine ac majestate doceatis, caprorum reclamantium viscera cruentatis oribus dissipatis. Arnob. lib, v.
``` edit. Potter.

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and a light cloak hanging over his arm. Near the Satyr are two other male Bacchantes, onc of whom, of an aged appearance, and with a pedum in his hand, seems to be in a state of intoxication, and is supported by his more youthful companion. The strong muscular figure, near the centre, with a panther at his feet, and with his right arm uplifted, is in the act of stimulating(4) the votaries of Bacchus to a continuation of the rites, in which endeavour he is seconded by the Satyr, who holds up his right hand in the same action of exhortation. Nearly the whole of these figures, agreeably to the ritcs of the Bacchanalian games, are in the act of damcing.
The Dionysia, or orgies of Bacchus, ware instituted in commemoration of his conquest of India, and were celebrated in different parts of Greece, but were observed with greater splendour at Athens, perlaps, than at any other place. At these festivals it was customary for the people to imitate the followers of Bacchus, and to run about the mountains, feigning phrenzy, and repeatedly shouting the name of Bacchus.

At the lower part of the body of the vase are eight female figures, holding a patera in each hand; they have wings, and terminate in the form of Tritons. An architectural fragment, which represents a figure precisely similar to these, and which has probably belonged to a temple dedicated to Bacchus, is in the collection of Lord Elgin, and similar representations of male Fauns have occurred in the Terracottas.(s) In the ancient scolptures we sometimes see the Bacchic and marinc characters united: an instance of this kind occurs in a terminal head, formerly in the Vatican,(6) in which the attributes of Bacchus are blended with those of a
'Iexais t' ANAMAAMSN. Eurip. Bacch. v. 14s.
\({ }^{5}\) No. LXVI. p. 33.
\({ }^{6}\) D'Hancarville, Recherches sur l'origine des Arts de la Grece, tom. 1. pl. xvii. —Mus. Nap. tom. 2. pl. xlv.

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Triton. This beautiful vase was found by Mr. Gavin Hamilton in a spot ealled Monte Cagnolo, in the Villa of Antoninus Pius at Lannvium. When diseovered, it was lying in several detached pieces, which have been earefully joined together. The femate Bacehante on the left, and the Faun which is next to her are modern, with the execption of the feet of the former, and of the lower legs and left arm of the latter. The face of the figure which holds the toreh is modern, and the left arm of the Satyr as well as a large portion of the head and a part of the amphora have been restored. The rest of the vase, with the exception of the perlestal, is ancient, and in excellent preservation. It measures in height 3 feet \(\frac{3}{8}\) inch.



\section*{PLATE VIII.}

A statue of Venus, naked to the waist, and eovered with drapery from thenee downwards. The drapery, though bold, is light and finished, and is supported by being thrown over the right arm. The attitude of the statue is easy and graceful, and the inelination of the head perfectly corresponds with the character and expression of the whole figure. The seulpture is of the lighest order, and the original polish of the marble is admirably preserved, but the left arm, the right hand, and the tip of the nose have been restored : upon the whole this figure may rank as one of the finest femalc statues whieh have been yet diseovered.

It consists of two pieees of marble, impereeptibly joined at the lower part of the body, within the drapery. The marble of whieh the body is composed, is of a lighter colour, than that of which the drapery is formed, and the beautiful effeet produeed by this eontrast proves that it was not an aeeidental cireumstanee, but was the result of previous knowledge and skill in the artist. It was in consequence of the two parts being detaehed, that they were allowed to be exported from Italy, as fragments of two different statues.

This exquisite piece of seulpture was found in the ruins of the maritime baths of the Emperor Claudius,(1) at Ostia, by Mr. Gavin Hamilton, in the year \(17 \% 6\). A figure of Venus very nearly resembling the present, but with the position of the arms reversed, oeeurs on a medallion, in bronze, of Lueilh, (2) where the goddess is represented standing at the edge of the sea, or at the head of a bath, surrounded by Cupids, one of which is leaping

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1 It is known that maritime baths were built at Ostia, by the Emperor Claudius, from the fragment of an inscription, whieh was found there with this statuc. From other inseriptions, discovered at the same time, we tearn that these baths were repaired by different Emperors, down to the time of Constantine.
\({ }^{2}\) Numismata ærea selectiora Maximi Moduli e Museo Pisano, Tab. xxv. fig. 3.
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\section*{PLATE VIII.}
into the water; (3) and it is not improbable that the present statue might have been placel, as an appropriate ornament, in the baths which were constructed on the spot where the statue was diseovered.

It is 6 feet \(11 \frac{1}{2}\) inches high, including the plinth; the latter measures \(4 \frac{5}{3}\) inches.
\({ }^{3}\) An ancient painting, representing a similar subject, was found in the excavations of the Villa Negroni. Winckelmann Hist. de l'Art chez les Anciens, tom, ii. part ii. p. 336


\section*{PLATE IX.}

A vase, the front of which is ornamented with a group of Baeehanalians, and the neek with branehes of ivy. It is of an oval form, and has two upright double handles, which spring from the neeks of swans. There are four figures on the hody of the rase, all of whom are joining the wild and irregular danee of Bacehus: The first represents a female Baeehante holding a thyrsus in her right hand; her hair is dishevelled, her head thrown haek, and her whole aetion bespeaks the excess of enthusiasm by whieh the votaries of Baeehus were distinguished: the seeond is a young Faun playing on the cymbals; the third is an aged Faun bearing a vase upon his shoulder; and the fourth is another young Faun playing upon the tibia or double pipe. This vase has been so mueh restored, that, it may perhaps be best to particularize those parts whieh are aneicnt. Among these are the four Baeehanalian figures, with the exeeption of the Faun playing upon the eymbals, of whieh figure only the legs and part of the left arm are of aneient seupture. The head of one of the swans, and a great portion of the neek of the vase, namely, that which is over the two last described figures, are likewise antique; all the rest of the vase is modern.

It is 2 feet 8 inches high.




\section*{PLATE X.}

A domestic fountain, whieh has probably been used for sacred purposes. It consists of an upright, eylindrieal piece of marble, emriched with different sorts of foliage. It is divided into three parts, eaeh part emanating from a number of broad leaves, (1) which form a kind of calyx. The first or lower division is ornamented with branches of the olive trec, the second with branches of ivy, and the third or upper division with the leaves and flowers of some unknown plant. In addition to the other ornaments, the middle division has a serpent twined round it. The water appears to have been conveyed through a perforation on the baek part of the eolumn, and to have issued from the mouth of the serpent, in whieh a leaden pipe was introduced, part of whieh still remains. This fountain, in its original state, probably stood in the eentre of a small basin or reservoir for water, of whieh kind two are preserved in this collection. The pedestal in which it is at present inserted is modern, as is likewise a small portion, about three inches and a half, at the top.

This eurious and very elegant monument was found by Nieolo la Picola, in the year 1776 , near the road, between Tiroli and Præneste.

It measures in height, including the pedestal, 5 feet \(10 \frac{6}{8}\) inehes. The diameter, in the thiekest part, is \(6 \frac{I}{2}\) inches.

\footnotetext{
a These leaves mark the commencement of a new nature. When different plants appear growing from the same stem, in specimens of aneient seulpture, it may be observed that care has been taken that each plant shall issue from a separate germ, to indicate the termination of one genus, and the beginning of another. These leaves, however, have no conneetion with the plant which rises out of them, but their form is cntirely regulated by the taste and fancy of the artist. In like manner, when any two things, not naturally connected, are placed together, the ineongruity arising from thence is in some measure obviated by the intervention of foliage, an instance of which we have just seen in the leg of a tripod table, formed of the head and leg of a tion.
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\section*{PLATE XI.}

A colossal head of Herculcs, of the fincst Greek sculpturc. The statue to which this head belonged cvidently represented Hercules in a statc of repose, and was probably a copy of the famous statuc of Glycon,(1) found in the baths of Caracalla, and now in the court of the Farncsc Palace; it was after this model that the bust was restored at Rome. The head, howerer, differs in scveral points from that of the Farncsc Hercules : the face is broader, the muscles of the chceks and forehcad have more convexity, and the hair of the head and beard is more in distinct masses; the whole head indced is executed in a bolder style of art, and is, if possible, characterised by a ligher degree of grandeur and sublimity. The ears of Hercules are generally represented of a remarkable form, having a swoln and lacerated appearance. This peculiarity is very striking in the instance before us. The motive which induced the ancient sculptors to represent Hercules with this particular mark, was in order to denote the injurics he received in the numerous combats in which he had been engaged.(2) This superb head was dug up at the foot of Mount Vesuvins, where it had becn buried by the lava of that Volcano; it was presented to the Muscum by the late Sir William Hamilton.

The nose, the right car, and a splinter on the right cheek, are the only restorations it has received. It measures, including the bust, 2 feet \(5_{8}^{3}\) inches in height.

\footnotetext{
- The Farnese Hercules is represented on several ancient coins; among others on a copper coin of Athens, Haym. Thesaur. Britan. vol. i. tab. xvii. fig. 9, and on a medallion of Gordianus Pius, struck at Hypæpa in Lydia, Vaillant Sel. Num. in ere Max. Mod. pag. 89. fig. 3.
\({ }^{2}\) Eudemus, the wrestler, is called by Lucian wiroxá \(\alpha \xi \leqslant 5\), that is, one with torn ears:
 Suidas in voce. The following line is applied to Amycus, a famous boxer, who was conquered by Pollux ;

The reader is referred, for a more copious illustration of this subject, to Winckelmann. Mon. Ant. Ined. part i. pag. 75.
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\section*{PLA'TE XIL.}

A colossal head of Herenles. The hardness of eharaeter, the sharpness of the work, as well as the formal manner in which the liair(1) is represented, all coneur to denote that it must have been the work of a very early period of art. The same stiff and uniform eurls which decorate this head may be also remarked in a very ancient figure of Hercules, in this gallery, exeeuted in the early flat style of seulpturc.(2) It is worthy of observation, that the ears are differently formed from those whieh distinguish the heads of Hereules of later work, in not having the swoln and laceratcd appearanee, which we pointed out in our description of the preeeding article.

This liead was found by Mr. Gavin Hamilton, in the year 1769, at the Pantanella in Hadrian's Villa. The chest, a small portion of the nose, and the outer edges of the ears are modern.

It is 2 fect \(4 \frac{7}{8}\) inches in leight.
- Pythagoras of Rhegium, according to Pliny, was the first who represented hair with the truth and exactness of nature:
Hie primus nervos et venas expressit, capillumque diligentius. Plin. Hist. lib. xxxiv. c. 8.

The same author remarks of Myro, that notwithstanding all the improvements in art which were effected by him, he represented the hair with no more adherence to nature, than was observed in the rudest ages of sculpture:

Primus hic multiplicasse varietatem videtur, numerosior in arte, quam Polycletus, et symmetria diligentior; et ipse tamen corporum tenus curiosus, animi sensus non expressisse, capillum quoque et pubem non emendatius feeisse, quam rudis antiquitas instituisset. Plin. Hist. loc. cit.
\({ }^{2}\) See Room III. No. 7.



\section*{PLATE XIII.}

A fragment of one of the supports of a table, or more probably of a tripod; it represents the head of a lion with the horns of a groat. Underneath the head is a eirele composed of leaves, below whieh, when perfeet, this pieec of seulpture terminated in the leg of a lion, in the same manner as we have already seen in an article lately deseribenl.(1) This head, though it bears the eharacter of a lion, is in reality that of a griffin, whieh was a fabulous amimal sacred to Apollo, and was represented partly under the form of an eagle, and partly under that of a lion. It was usually represented having the body, legs, and tail of the latter, with the head and wings of the former. But this mode of representation, though most frequently adopted by the ancients, was not always observed, for we sometimes see the griffin without any portion of the eagle exeept the wings, in whieh eases we have remarked that the horns of the goat have been generally affixed to the head.(2) On the frieze of the temple of Apollo Didymans,(3) at Miletus, two of these animals are guarding the lyre of Apollo, and they are each distinguished, in like manner, with the head of a lion and the horns of a goat. Two of these animals are also represented with the same charateristies on a marble rase,(4) in the colleetion of M. Van-Hoorn, an engraving of which has been published by the learned author of the Monumens Antiques Inedits. Many other instances of the same kind might, if it were necessary, be enmmerated.

This fragment is exeeuted with great spirit; it was found in the year 1769 , ly Mr. Gavin Hamilton, in the Pantanella, within the grounds of Hadriun's Villa, near Tivoli.
The foliage underneath the head, the alae of the nose, and both the horns, with the exeeption of a small portion towards the base, have been restored. It measures 1 foot \(3 \frac{2}{8}\) inclies.

\footnotetext{
- See Plate III.
\({ }^{2}\) As the groat was an emblem of fecundity among the ancients, it is not improbable that the horns of that animal indicate in these instances the prolific qualities of the sun.
\({ }^{3}\) Ionian Antiquities, Part I. pl. x. fig. 1.
4 Millin, Mon. Ant. Ined. tom. 1. pl. xxxi. xxxii. p. 303.
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\section*{PLATE XIV.}

The capital of a votive cippus, the four sides of which are ornamented with subjects principally rclating to the mythology of Bacchus. In the front is a vase with two handles, on each side of which is a dove drinking out of it; behind the vase is a terminus of the bearded Bacchus. At the back part of this capital are two geese pecking at a festoon of fruit suspended between them; over the festoon is a patera. The ornaments on one of the sides of this capital consist of two masks, namely, those of a young Faun, and a Satyr, each of which is placed upon the wicker basket(1) which was sacred to Bacchus; between the masks is a terminus probably intended for a Faun. The ornaments on the other side also consist of two masks, placed npon similar baskets; the masks are those of young Fauns, with a drinking horn and a pair of cymbals suspended between them.
The body of the cippus, from which this capital was cut at Rome, was decorated with foliage of the ivy, the vine, and the olive.

The upper and lower divisions of this capital, which project beyond the border that surrounds the figures, are of modern workmanship.

It measures \(7 \frac{5}{8}\) inches in height, 1 foot \(4 \frac{2}{8}\) inches in length, and 1 foot \(1 \frac{2}{8}\) inches in depth.

\footnotetext{
\({ }^{1}\) Et levis occultis conscia cista sacris. Tibul. lib. 1. El. vii. 48.
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\section*{PLATE XV.}

A part of one of the supports of an aneient table; it eonsists of a double volute, of a very elegant form. The eireumvolutions of the upper and lower parts turn in contrary direetions. The lower volute serves as a basis or pedestal to a figure of Vietory, whieh fills up the intervening spaee in a light and beautiful manner. The marble has been so elaborately hollowed out behind this figure, that with the exception of the feet and wings it is perfeetly detached. This support was found, with many other similar fragments, among some extensive ruins in the neighbourhood of Fraseati.

It measures 3 feet \(\frac{6}{8}\) ineh in height. The head and the left fore arm of the figure of Vietory are modern.
(2n)



\section*{PLATE XVI.}

A colossal head of Minerva, a specimen of very early Greck work. The face, with the exception of the tip of the nose, which is restored, is in the highest prescrvation, and retains, in some degree, the lustre of its original polish. The sockets of the eyes, which are now hollow, were originally filled with compositions intended to represent the natural appearance of the eye. The ears have been ornamented with pendents. The upper part of the helmet is modern, but the lower part proves that it must have fitted close to the head, like those which we see on the most ancient silver coins of Athens. The artist who restored this head, seems, in the ornaments of the helmet, to have imitated a silver coin of the eity of Nola, on which Minerva is in like manner represented with an owl on each side of her lielinet.

It measures 2 fcet \(1_{8}^{3}\) inch in height.```


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     xà̀ тaútns '「үเء'as. Pausan. Att. c. 23.

[^1]:    - Statues, Busts, \&e. at Ince, in the collection of Henry Blundell, Esq. vol. ii. pl. 122.
    ${ }^{2}$ Nudi, aut sagulo leves. Taciti Germ. c. 6.
    
    

[^2]:    * Acanthus mollis. Linn.
    ${ }_{5}$ Tom. i. Tav. 45.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ Jul. Poll. Jib. x. c. 20.
    , Quod tibi destinaras trapezophoron, si te delectat, habebis : sin autem sententiam mutasti, ego habebo scilicet. Cic. Epist. Fam. lib. vii. 23.

[^4]:    , Raccolta di Vasi Antichi, tom. ii. tav. 68.

[^5]:    ${ }^{\prime}$ No. xviii. p. 12.
    
    
    
    
    Quid, caput abscissum demens cum portat Agave
    Gnati iufelicis, sibi tum furiosa videtur. Itorat. Serm. lib. ii. 3, 303.
    —— visis ululavit Agave,
    Collaque jactavit, movitque per acra crinem,
    Avulsumque caput digitis complexa cruentis
    Clamat, lo, \&c.
    Ovid. Met. lib. iii. 725.
    Felix Agave faciuus horrendum manu, Qua fecerat, gestavit : et spolium tulit Cruenta nati Mænas in partes dati. Senecæ lhœeniss, v. 363.

