

west. They are rich in doubles and full of interest to the owners of even small glasses.

β , Double, 2.1 and 10, brilliant pure white and pale gray.

El Nath is from **Al Nāṭih**, the Butting One, because located on the tip of the northern horn, 5° from ζ , similarly placed on the southern. This title also appears for Aries and its star Hamal.

Bayer said that many included it and ζ in the Hyades group, but this seems improbable, although Pherecydes had it thus.

β Tauri is identical with γ Aurigae, and has been considered as belonging to either constellation; Burritt's *Atlas* calling it **Aurigae** or **El Nath**. As a member of Auriga it lies on the left ankle, and was the Arabians' **Kabd al 'Inān**, usually translated the Heel of the Rein-holder.

Smyth, who is often humorous amid his exact science, referring to the position of this star at the greatest possible distance from the hoof, says: "Can this have given rise to the otherwise pointless sarcasm of 'not knowing B from a bull's foot'?"

With Capella and other stars in Auriga it was the Chinese **Woo Chay**, a Fire-carriage.

In Babylonia it was **Shur-narkabti-ah-iltanu**, the Star in the Bull towards the North, or the Northern Star towards the Chariot,—not our Wain, but the Chariot of Auriga,—and marked the 6th ecliptic constellation. The sun stood near this star at the commencement of spring 6000 years ago.

Among the Hindus it represented **Agni**, the god of fire, and commonly bore that title; as also the similar **Hutabhuja**, the Devourer of the Sacrifice.

Astrologers said that El Nath portended eminence and fortune to all who could claim it as their natal star.

It has a Sirian spectrum, and is receding from us at the rate of about five miles a second.

Between it and ψ Aurigae was discovered on the 24th of January. 1892. the now celebrated *nova* Aurigae that has occasioned so much interest in the astronomical world.

γ . 4.2, yellow.

Hyadum I is generally seen for this, and, synonymously, **Primus Hyadum**, or, more correctly, as with Flamsteed, **Prima Hyadum**; but this was not original with him, for long before it evidently was an Arabic designation, as Al Achsasi had **Awwal al Dabarān**, the First of the Dabarān.

Hipparchos described it as ἐν τῷ ῥιγῶντι, "in the muzzle," still its location at the vertex of the triangle.