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lies on the right foot, only a little to the southwest of the place of the noted Kepler's Star, the *nova* of 1604.

Epping says that the 25th ecliptic constellation of Babylonia was marked by it as **Kash-shud Sha-ka-tar-pa**, of undetermined signification.

With  $\xi$  it was the Sogdian **Wajrik**, the Magician; the Khorasmian **Markhashik**, the Serpent-bitten; and the Coptic **Tshiō**, the Snake, and **Aggia**, the Magician;  $\eta$  being included in the last two.

With adjacent stars it was the Chinese **Tien Kiang**, the Heavenly River.  $\iota$ , a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -magnitude, was **Ho**, one of the dry measures of China, but this title included  $\kappa$  and two other near-by stars of Hercules.

Gould thinks that it may be variable.

$\lambda$ , Binary, 4 and 6, yellowish white and smalt blue.

**Marfik**, or **Marfik**, is from the similar Arabic **Al Marfik**, the Elbow, which it marks. Bayer, Burritt, and probably others have it **Marsic**, doubtless from confounding the antique forms of the letters *f* and *s*. This same title appears for  $\kappa$  Herculis.

With neighboring stars the Chinese knew it as **Lee Sze**, a Series of Shops.

The components are  $1''.6$  apart, with a position angle of  $53^\circ$  in 1897, and an estimated period of revolution of 234 years.

$\nu$ , a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -magnitude, was **She Low**, a Market Tower; and the 5th-magnitudes  $\phi$ ,  $\chi$ ,  $\psi$ , and  $\omega$  were **Tung Han**, the name of a district in China.

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While far Orion o'er the waves did walk  
That flow among the isles.

Shelley's *The Revolt of Islam*.

Orion with his glittering belt and sword  
Gilded since time has been, while time shall be.

Thou splendid soulless warrior! What to thee,  
Marching along the bloodless fields, are we!

Lucy Larcom's *Orion*.

## Orion, the Giant, Hunter, and Warrior,

admired in all historic ages as the most strikingly brilliant of the stellar groups, lies partly within the Milky Way, extending on both sides of the