

Mr. W. W. Gill asserts, in his *Myths and Songs of the South Pacific*, belong here, and are the favorites among the story-tellers of the Hervey Islands. They make the star  $\mu^1$  a little girl, **Piri-ore-ua**, the Inseparable, with her smaller brother,  $\mu^2$ , fleeing from home to the sky when ill treated by their parents, the stars  $\lambda$  and  $\nu$ , who followed them and are still in pursuit.

This  $\mu^1$  has recently been discovered to be a spectroscopic binary, with a period of about 35 hours. It is a 3.3-magnitude, and of Secchi's 1st class.

$\mu^2$  is of 3.7 magnitude.

$\gamma$ , Quadruple, 4, 5, 7.2, and 8.3,

is **Jabbah** in the *Century Cyclopedia*, perhaps from its being one of the *mansil Iklil al Jabbah*.

It lies  $2^\circ$  east of  $\beta$ , and is another **Double Double** like  $\epsilon$  Lyrae, although less readily resolved, the larger pair being only  $0''.89$  apart, and the smaller about  $1''.9$ . Espin-Webb says: "Probably a quadruple system." Burnham finds it surrounded by a remarkable winglike nebula some  $2^\circ$  in diameter.

$\xi$ , Triple, 5, 5.2, and 7.5, bright white, pale yellow, and gray.

Bayer wrote that the "Barbarians" called this **Graffias**, a title that Burritt assigned in 1835 to  $\xi$  of Libra; but he transferred this in his *Atlas* of 1856 to  $\beta$  Scorpii,  $8\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  to the north, leaving this star nameless. On the Heis map  $\xi$  is near the tip of the northern claw, so close to the northern scale that Flamsteed made it the 51 Librae of his catalogue.

The components are  $1''.4$  and  $7''.3$  apart, and may form a triple system with a possible period of about 105 years.

$\zeta$ , Double, 3 and 9, creamy white, and  $\tau$ , 2.9,

were **Al Niyât**, the *Praecordia*, or Outworks of the Heart, on either side of, and, as it were, protecting, Antares, the Heart of the Scorpion. Knobel, in his translation of Al Achasi's work, explains the word as "the vein which suspends the heart"!

$\upsilon$ , 2.8.

**Lesath**, or **Lesuth**, is from **Al Las'ah**, the Sting, which, with  $\lambda$ , it marks; yet Smyth, who treats of these two stars at considerable length, says that the word is