It lies just south of  $\theta$ , inclosed in faint nebulosity. The two larger stars are 11".5 apart, with a position angle of 142°; the 11th-magnitude companion is 49" away, at a position angle of 103°.

## x, 2.4,

located near the right knee, was appropriately described by the Arabic astronomers as **Rijl Jauzah al Yamnā'**, the Right Leg of the Jauzah, but we now know it as **Saiph**, from Al Saif, the Sword, although it is at some distance from that weapon, and the name really belongs to  $\eta$ ,  $\iota$ , and stars near by.

In his vast Head immerst in boundless spheres
Three Stars less bright, but yet as great, he bears.
But further off remov'd, their Splendor's lost.

Creech's Manilius.

λ, Double, 3.8 and 6, pale white and violet.

Al Maisān, the title of  $\gamma$  Geminorum, by some error of Firuzabadi was applied to this star as Meissa, and is now common for it. Al Sufi called it Al Taḥāyī; but Al Ferghani and Al Tizini knew it as Rās al Jauzah, the Head of the Jauzah, which it marks.

The original Arabic name, Al Haḥ'ah, a White Spot, was from the added faint light of the smaller  $\phi^1$  and  $\phi^2$  in the background, and has descended to us as **Heka** and **Hika**. These three stars were another of the Athāfiyy of the Arabs; and everywhere in early astrology were thought, like all similar groups, to be of unfortunate influence in human affairs.

They constituted the Euphratean lunar station **Mas-tab-ba-tur-tur**, the Little Twins, a title also found for  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$  Geminorum; and individually were important stars among the Babylonians, rising to them with the sun at the summer solstice, and, with a and  $\gamma$ , were known as **Kakkab Sar**, the Constellation of the King. In other lunar zodiacs they were the Sogdian **Marezānā**, and the Khorasmian **Ikhma**, the Twins; the Persian **Aveçr**, the Coronet; and the Coptic **Klusos**, Watery. They also were the 3d *mansil*, **Al Haķ'ah**; the *sieu* **Tsee**, or **Tsuy He**, the Beak, or Pouting Lips, anciently **Tsok**, which Reeves gave as **Keo**; and the *nakshatra* **Mrigaçiras**, or **Mrigaçirshā**, the Head of the Stag,—Soma, the Moon, being its presiding divinity, and  $\lambda$  the junction star towards Ārdrā, and its determinant. As to this lunar station Professor Whitney very reasonably wrote:

It is not a little strange that the framers of the system should have chosen for marking the 3d station this faint group, to the neglect of the brilliant and conspicuous pair  $\beta$  and