

country, on the 9th of June, A. D. 118, one of the early records of that planet.

ζ, Ternary, 5.6, 6.3, and 6, yellow, orange, yellowish,—changing.

This lies on the rear edge of the Crab's shell, and is known as **Tegmine**, In the Covering; but, if the word be allowable at all, it should be **Tegmen**, as Avienus is supposed to have had it. Ideler, however, said that Avienus was referring to the covering shell of the marine object, and not to the stellar.

This is a system of great interest to astronomers from the singular changes in color, the probable existence of a fourth and invisible component, and for the short period of orbital revolution—sixty years—of the two closer stars. The maximum of interval between these is but 1'', the minimum 0''.2; yet they never close up as one star. The third member is 5'' away, and its orbital period must be at least 500 years.

ζ and θ, according to Peters' investigations, probably are the objects announced by Watson as two intra-Mercurial planets, discovered (?) during the total eclipse of the sun on the 29th of July, 1878.

λ, of the 6th magnitude, with adjacent stars, was in China **Kwan Wei**, the Bright Fire.

μ, a 5½-magnitude, with χ Geminorum, was **Tsih Tsin**, a Heap of Fuel.

ξ, another 5½-magnitude, with λ Leonis, formed the seventh *manzil* **Al Tarf**, the End, or, as some translate it, the Glance, *i. e.* of the Lion's Eye, the ancient Asad, which occupied so large a portion of the sky in this neighborhood. They also were the Persian **Nahn**, the Nose, and the Coptic **Piantos**, the Eye, both lunar asterisms.

ξ, with κ and stars in Leo, was the Chinese **Tsu Ke**, one of the flags of that country.



Boötes hath unleash'd his fiery hounds.

Owen Meredith's *Clytemnestra*.

Canes Venatici, the Hunting Dogs,

are the French **Chiens du Chasse**, or **Levriers**; the German **Jagdhunde**, and the Italian **Levrieri**, lying between Boötes and Ursa Major. Ptolemy entered their stars among the ἀμόρφωτοι of the latter constellation, and the