

BOOKS IN PRINT - ARABIC NUMISMATICS

A problem common to most collectors of oriental coins is that of acquiring copies of the essential books. Specialist bibliographies are most useful in describing the books and articles which exist but all too often it proves impossible to actually find a copy for sale. The following list has been prepared to show only books which we believe to be available now. In general ONS can supply them but the position can change overnight as very small stocks are held by most book-sellers. Books priced in dollars can be obtained directly from the ANS. Postage extra.

Lane Poole, S Catalogue of Oriental Coins in the British Museum 10 vols. London 1875-90 reprinted Bologna 1967 (reduced size) £12.50 per vol.

The only comprehensive catalogue available for the whole arabic series but nearly 100 years old and reprinted unchanged.

- vol. 1 Post-reform Umayyad and Abbasid.  
(8 pl.) The Umayyad section has been superseded by Walker's catalogue of Muhammeden coins in the B.M. but this has itself just gone out of print.
- vol. 2 Spanish Umayyads and their successors; early dynasties of North Africa and Egypt; early Persian and Trans-oxine dynasties.  
(8 pl) The Spanish section is now covered more fully by Miles (see below).
- vol. 3 Hamdanids etc., Seljuks, Urtukids, Zengids, and Atabegs.  
(12 pl)
- vol. 4 Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks.  
(8 pl) The Mamluk series is dealt with in more detail by Balog (see below).
- vol. 5 Moors beginning with the Al Moravids and the dynasties of the Yemen from the Rasulids.  
( pl) The North African issues are covered more fully by Hazard (see below).
- vol. 6 Mongols from Ghengis Khan to the invasions of Timar including the Jelairs and the Muzzaffarids.  
(9 pl.)
- vol. 7 Timurids and their successors including the Mangits and the Khans of Khiwa and Khokand.  
(5 pl.)
- vol. 8 Turks including the Aq-Quyuni and a few pieces of the Mahdi and the Sultan of Zanzibar.  
(12 pl)
- vol. 9 Additions to vols. 1 to 4 comprising some 2000 coins and including many Aghlabids and Ghaznavids. Also contains Arab-byzantine issues and those of the Ghorids  
(20 pl)
- vol.10 Additions to vols. 5 to 8 of some 850 coins including some interesting Yemeni pieces. Also contains 250 pages of indexes to all 10 volumes giving years, mints (both cross-referenced) and people.  
(13 pl)

Sassanian. Göbl S, Sassanian Numismatics £5.50  
English version of original German volume.

Arab-sassanian. Walker J, Catalogue of the Arab-Sassanian coins £5.00  
Includes much on Sassanian mints and script.  
Gaube H. Arabosassanidische Numismatik £12.00.

Spanish Umayyads. Miles G.C, The Coinage of the Umayyads of Spain \$10.00  
Miles G.C, Coins of the Spanish Muluk Al-Tawa'if \$4.50

Saffarids. Walker J, The Coinage of the Second Saffarid Dynasty in Sistan \$1.00  
Mainly on the issues of the Samanid governors.

Amirs of Crete, Miles G.C, The Coinage of the Arab Amirs of Crete \$4.00

Tulunids. Grabar O, The Coinage of the Tulunids \$3.00

Fatimids. Miles G.C, Fatimid Coins in the Collections of the University Museum Philadelphia and the ANS \$2.00  
A useful introduction to the series.

- Mamluks. Balog P., The Coinage of the Mamluk Sultans of Egypt and Syria £ 35.00
- Moors. Hazard H.W., The Numismatic History of Late Medieval North Africa £10.00  
Deals with the period AH439 - ca 950 excluding Egypt.
- Mangits etc. Torrey C.C., Gold Coins of Khokand and Bukhara £1.00  
13 coins from AH1233-1285
- Ottomans. Sultan J., The Ever Victorious £1.00  
An introduction to Ottoman coin types.  
Olcer C., Yildirim Bayezid'in Ogullarina Ait Akce ve Mangilar £2.00  
Schaendlinger A.C., Osmanischer Numismatik £13.00
- General Series. Valentine W.H., Modern Copper Coins of the Muhammadan States £2.25  
Zambaur Ev., Die Münzprägungen des Islams £12.50  
In German but an essential history of all known mints, dates and references.
- General Reference. Bosworth E.B., The Islamic Dynasties £1.25  
The best short guide to names, tribes and potted history.

In addition to the books listed above there are a number of useful papers in periodical publications, principally in:-

American Numismatic Society Museum Notes  
available from ANS, Broadway at 156th St.,  
NEW YORK, NY 10032, USA.  
Back numbers to 1948 (except 1954) at prices from  
£5.00 to £10.00 each

Numismatic Chronicle  
available from the Royal Numismatic Society,  
c/o Dept. of Coins and Medals, British Museum,  
LONDON WC1. Back numbers to 1964 at £5 each (£4 to Fellows).

Please let me know of any books in print on arabic numismatics which are not on this list. Price and source please.

#### A HEJAZ PATTERN RIYAL

We are indebted to Mr. Whitler for the following interesting note. He can supply copies of the pattern in copper and a few in silver.

During the year AH1340+1 (1341), AD 1922, new coin minting presses from England were delivered to the port of Jeddah, then transported by camel caravan to Mecca. At Mecca, the presses were installed in the Mecca Mint, with British personnel assisting in the installation and in the initial operation of the presses.

All of this operation took place under the authority granted by the King of Hejaz, Al Hussein Bin Ali (the great grandfather of the present King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) who was interested in up-dating and improving the quality of the coinage of Hejaz.

After the presses were operational, pattern coins were struck from dies that had been brought from England. The King of Hejaz made the final decision as to which pattern was to be the model for all the Hejaz coinage, and although the pattern we are writing about today was not the pattern selected, to the best of my knowledge it is the only pattern coin to survive.

Our pattern, the 1340+1 pattern, was struck in copper and in crown size (the size of a silver dollar). It was not struck for circulation, since such a coin would have had to be in silver, being a 20 girsh or 1 riyal denomination.

One side of the pattern says "struck in the Year 1340 Hegira in Year 1 of the Hashemite Arabic Government with Capital of Government in Holy Mecca." The other side reads "Usage ordered by Al Hussein Bin Ali, His slave and the son of Mis (God) slave."