

TABLES OF
ASSYRIAN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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MEASURES OF LENGTH :—

- 60 ubani = 1 suklu, rabtu or ammat (“cubit” = 20 inches)
 6 ammat = 1 kanu (“cane” = 10 ft.)
 12 kani = 1 ribu or gar
 60 ribi = 1 soss
 30 sosses = 1 kasbu or aslu (“a day’s journey,” about 7 miles)

For field measures the square of 60 yards was the unit, and the *soss* was called *ammāt-gagar*, containing 360 yards. Sixty of these made one *masku* of 21,600 yards.

WEIGHTS AND MONEYS :—

- 8 ig or “royal shekels” = 1 shekel (5 dts., 4 fifteenths)
 60 shekels = 1 mana-gina (1 lb., 4 oz., 8 dts.)
 2 mana-gina (“standard manehs”) = 1 maneh (2 lbs., 8 oz., 16 dts.)
 80 manehs = 1 talent (82 lbs.)

The talent was according to the standard either of Assyria (“the royal talent” or “the talent of the country”) or of Carchemish. The contract-tablets variously give 1 talent of silver as equivalent to 5 manehs of gold, 5 manehs of silver to 2 manehs of gold, 10 manehs of silver to 1 maneh of gold, etc.

MEASURES OF CAPACITY :—

Land and grain were alike measured by the *log* (*lagitu*) which contained respectively 10, 9, and 8 subdivisions called *baru*, *aru*, and *arrat*. Grain was also measured by the *makaru*; and we find 100 *makarrat* of barley in a contract-tablet. The *arrat* was divided into the “*baru*” or “half of wood” and the “*baru* of stone.”

The tonnage of ships was reckoned by the *gurru*; thus we have ships of 15 and 60 *gurri*.

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