

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST:

SIR: Are your pages open to an Orientalist to bring forward a tiny point—but one curious and, perhaps, significant enough—at which seemingly East and West join? He would seek aid from students of mediæval Europe. In the cosmography of Islam, borrowed from the cosmographies of India, the world is depicted as a series of stages, one below the other, supported by an angel, a bull, a green stone, a great fish, the sea, the back of the wind, the power of Allah. The fish has, in Arabic fashion, three names. Long ago, Fleischer pointed out that two of these are derived from Behemoth and Leviathan in the Book of Job. More recently, in the *American Journal of Semitic Languages* (April, 1899), I pointed out that the third name was also derived from a word common in Job, and very rare elsewhere. So much for the East.

In Mr. Andrew Lang's 'Monk of Fife,' one of the characters is represented (I cannot find the reference at present) as swearing by Behemoth. Mr. Lang is not an inventor of strange oaths, and his color may be relied on, but, until a few weeks ago, I had no parallel for this treatment of Behemoth as either deity or demon. Then, however, in Epiphanius's 'Lives of the Prophets,' printed in Nestle's little Syriac chrestomathy, compared with the parallel Greek texts given by Migne, Behemoth turned up again as a deity in good and regular standing. In the Syriac text (lines 168, f.) we are told of Nebuchadnezzar that he was in the form of Behemoth. But one of the Greek versions given by Migne (*Patrol. Græca*, xliii., col. 404), apparently translated and muddled from a fuller Syriac text than we have, says that he was *δεόμενος τοῦ θεοῦ Βεημών, ὃ ἐστὶν τοῦ θεοῦ Ἰσραήλ*. So here we have Behemoth turned into the God of Israel. Apparently, also, from the reference to Ephrem Syrus, given in Brockelmann's 'Lexicon,' some Syrians explained Behemoth in Job as meaning Satan.

My queries now are two: Can any further light be cast on the Western use and interpretation of Behemoth? And, second, has Behemoth had any part in the mystery of the Baphomet of the Templars?

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at 5-32 to $\frac{1}{8}$ attracted some attention. This stock has been very quiet for a long time.

Other sales were: Interborough Rapid Transit 120 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 121, a gain of $\frac{1}{2}$ point; Northern Securities 99, Greene Copper 14 $\frac{7}{8}$ and 15, Standard Oil 631, a decline of 1 per cent.; Mercantile Marine common 3 $\frac{5}{8}$ and 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ and Consolidated Refrigerating 4 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Miscellaneous Stocks.

ACTIVE ISSUES.

	To-day.		Yesterday.	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
American Chicle	85	88	85	88
American Chicle pr.	74	79	74	79
Am. Writing Paper	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Am. Writing Paper pr... ..	11	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am. Writing Paper 5s... ..	74	75 $\frac{1}{2}$	74	75 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bay State Gas	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
Borden's Cond. Milk pr.	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	110	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	110
British Col. Copper.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
Compressed Air Power ..	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Con. Refrigerating Co... ..	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	4
Con. R. Tire Co. deb. 4s.	7	11	7	11
Electric Boat	41	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	42
Electric Boat pr.	69	75	70	75
Electric Vehicle	9	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	9	10
Electric Vehicle pr.....	11	13	11	13
Great North. pr. w. r... ..	170	175	170	175
Hackensack Mead.	17	20	17	20
Havana Tobacco	24	28	24	28
Havana Tobacco pr.	35	39	35	39
Mackey Co.	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{4}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{4}$
Mackey Co. pr.	68	70	68	70
Manhattan Transit	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Montreal & Boston	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{6}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$
New Orleans Railway	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	10
New Orleans Railway pr.	27	30	27	30
N. Y. Trans.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	5
North Pacific w. r.....	182	187	182	187
North. Securities reduced	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Otis Elevator	28	31	28	31
Otis Elevator pr.	84	87	84	87
Royal Baking Powder pr	101	103	101	103
St. Louis Transit	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Seaboard Air Line 5s....	85	86 $\frac{1}{2}$	85	86 $\frac{1}{2}$
Standard Milling	7	9	7	9
Standard Milling pr.	27	29	27	29
Standard Milling 5s ....	..	..	74	78
Tennessee Copper	30	32	30	32
Union Copper	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{7}{8}$
United Boxboard & P....	1	2	1	2
Unit. Boxboard & P. pr.	11	12	11	12
United Copper Co	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	9
United Ry. of St. Lou. pr	55	59	55	59
Va. aCr Chemical 5s	94	94 $\frac{1}{4}$	94	94 $\frac{1}{4}$
Wash. Ry. & Elec. pr... ..	55	59	55	59
White Knob Copper	7	8	7	8

*And interest.

Gas Companies.

NEW YORK.

	To-day.		Yesterday.	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
*Central Union Gas	103 $\frac{1}{2}$	109	106 $\frac{1}{2}$	109
*Equitable 1st con.	111	115	111	115
Mutual	290	310	290	310
*N. Amsterdam G. 1st ..	106 $\frac{1}{2}$	107	106 $\frac{1}{2}$	107
*N. Y. & E. River	111	113	111	113
*N. Y. & E. River con. 5s	107	109	107	109
Standard	130	140	130	140
Standard pr.	155	170	155	170
*Standard 1st 5s.....	109	112	109	112

OTHER CITIES.

Am. Light & Traction... ..	50	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am. Light & Trac. pr.. ..	90	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	90	92 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baltimore Consolidated..	70	72	70	72
Balt. Consold'd 1st 5s... ..	112	...	112	...
*Binghamton Gas 5s....	94	97	94	97
Buffalo Gas	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Buffalo Gas 5s.....	55	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	55	57 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chic. Consumers 1st 5s..	103 $\frac{1}{2}$	107	103 $\frac{1}{2}$	107
Chic. Eq. Gas L. & M. 1st 6s	103 $\frac{5}{8}$	...	103 $\frac{5}{8}$	...
Chic. P. Gas & C. 1st 6s.	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	...
Chic. P. Gas & C. 2d 6s	101	...	101	...
Chic. P. Gas & C. con. 6s	122	...	122	...
*Chic. Peo. Gas ref. 5s..	104	...	104	...
Consol. Gas of N. J. 5s.	89	93	89	93
	2414	2614	2414	2614

