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The fragments of this text, edited by H.Maehler in The Oxyrhynchus Papyri LIV (1987) 1-57, number no less than 113, but the amount of new information they yield about Anacreon is disappointingly small. Nowhere do we recover so much as a complete new line of his poetry. The following brief notes are an attempt to wring one or two more drops out of an already diligently squeezed lemon that had little juice in it in the first place.

Fr. 1.24]ονοτι και τω κοριω $c\pi$ [: cf. Poll. 6.107 = PMG 496 'Ανακρέων δὲ καὶ μύρτοις στεφανοῦςθαὶ φηςι καὶ κοριάννοις κτλ. Alcaeus was apparently mentioned in line 21, perhaps to illustrate something to do with garlands or scent.

Fr. 2.7]μεν γαρ οιδα και λειαν: if this quotation is from Anacreon, write λ íην. Homeric parallels (II. 1.553, 8.358, 19.408, Od. 1.46, 3.203, 9.477, 11.181, 13.393, 15.155, 16.37, 17.312) suggest that καὶ λίην is an Ionic idiom meaning 'all too well' or 'it is only too true that ...'; Maehler cites only Men. fr. 758, where, however, the καί is probably connective. The verse may have been an iambic dimeter, to be supplemented with τὸ] (Maehler) or τὰ].

Fr. 5.3] $\upsilon\alpha\rho\mu$ ' $\epsilon\lambda\alpha\alpha$ [: there are difficulties about taking this as a lemma. We should not expect a hiatus in Anacreon even after the normally unelidable vowel - υ . Nor should we expect a form such as $\epsilon\lambda\alpha\alpha(\iota)$ or $\epsilon\lambda\alpha\alpha\kappa\epsilon$ with epic diectasis (though see below on fr. 29 for another possible instance). The latter difficulty could be avoided by adopting Maehler's alternative reading $\epsilon\lambda\alpha\omega$. But perhaps it is better to assume that a hexameter poet is being quoted.] υ might be $\tau\alpha\chi$] $\dot{\upsilon}$.

Fr. 15 i 3-5: I do not question the recognition of Anacr. PMG 403 and 377 here. But it is hard to see how they can both be lemmata:

403 ἀcήμων ὑπὲρ ἑρμάτων φορέομαι.
377 ἱπποθόρον δὲ Μυcoí εὑρον μεῖξιν ὄνων.

The metres are quite different, the one ionic, the other aeolic, and no connection of sense whatever can be found between them.

Fr. 15 ii 9: the quotation of Hes. Op. 596 here (and perhaps also at fr. 88.3) provides documentary support for Casaubon's emendation of τρὶc to τρεῖc. Cf. Anacr. 409 πέντέ $\langle \tau \epsilon \rangle$ καὶ τρεῖc ἀναχείcθω (sc. κυάθουc), Alc. 346.4 ἔγχεε κέρναιc ἕνα καὶ δύο, Pherecr. 70.4 Kock, etc. The commoner idiom is with the neuter (sc. μέτρα).

Fr. 19.3]κοι χε^ιλιδον[: if χελιδον[, cf. Anacr. 394(a) and 453. (The latter fragment, however, possibly belongs to the Anacreontea, if Barnes was right in restoring κωτίλη for \dagger coι λάλευ \dagger in Anacreont. 10.2.)

Fr. 29.2]μειδιοων πρ[: apparent support for the reading μειδιόων in PMG 380

χαιρε φίλον φῶς, χαρίεντι μειδι(ο)ων προςόπωι,

however unlikely this epic form may appear (cf. above on fr. 5). Should it be correct, one might consider emending $\chi \alpha \rho i \epsilon \nu \tau \tau$ to $\chi \alpha \rho i \epsilon \nu$ (adverbial with $\mu \epsilon \tau \delta \iota \delta \omega \nu$) to give the same metrical form as in 381(b) (cf. 378). But $\pi \rho o c \delta \pi \omega \tau$ is better with an adjective; cf. II. 7.212 $\mu \epsilon \tau \delta \iota \delta \omega \nu$ βλοcυροîcι προcώπαcι, Sappho 1.14 $\mu \epsilon \tau \delta \iota \delta \iota \alpha \iota \tau$ αράτωτ προcώπωι. If $\chi \alpha \rho i \epsilon \nu \tau$ is kept, the metre seems to require $\mu \epsilon \tau \delta \iota \delta \nu$, the expected form. Cf. Wilamowitz, Gr. Verskunst 230.

] ...[.]εν Τεω οικηςαντω[]ει[...] περι Ανακρεοντος[]... του Αιολου ετ[...]νο[]ον κτι[...]...[.] γκ[

Cf. Strab. 14.1.3 p.633 (= PMG 463) Τέω δὲ ᾿Αθάμας μὲν πρότερον (κτίζει), διόπερ ᾿Αθαμαντίδα καλεῖ αὐτὴν ᾿Ανακρέων (and similarly St. Byz. s. Τέως p.619 M.), together with Paus. 7.3.6. Τέων δὲ ὥικουν μὲν ἘΟρχομένιοι Μινύαι cùν ᾿Αθάμαντι ἐς αὐτὴν ἐλθόντες· λέγεται δὲ ὁ ᾿Αθάμας οὗτος ἀπόγονος ᾿Αθάμαντος εἶναι τοῦ Αἰόλου.

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