

COMMUNICATIONS

Though there appear many reviews of Palmer's Mycenaeans and Minoans below, I have not had my copy long enough to read it through as for a review. But I have got to page 65, where I was intrigued by the fragment of a sentence, "the second group ends with the 'currant-bun' sign no. 78." Currant-buns are less frequent in America than in England, and so I had never thought to speak of 78 as a "currant-bun" sign. However, I have myself spoken, and heard my colleagues speak, of the signs of Linear B by many strange appellations before numbers were attached to them, or sometimes in preference to numbers. I remember "spider," "telephone-pole," "double-axe" and "single-axe" of course, "whip," "head," "sail," and others. I find that I am fast forgetting them, and suppose that others are too. I would be pleased to collect any repertoires of such names in any language from those who have worked with the signs in their undeciphered state, whether they were used as what it was thought the signs really represented in Mycenaean times or as convenient arbitrary symbols for particular shapes. It seems unlikely that anything of importance would come from such a compilation, but whatever unimportant interest is to be found in the replies to this request will be communicated.

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