TABLES OF

ASSYRIAN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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MEASURES OF LENGTH:

60 ubani = 1 suku, 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 ammat-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 Car-
chemish. 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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