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PUVAH (פֻּוּחַ), Gen. 46:13 RV, AV PUVAH. See PUVAH.

PYGARG (פִּיגָרְגַּ, *difon*; 'leaper' [?]; ΠΥΓΑΡΓΟΣ — i.e., 'white-rumped' [BL], ΠΥΛΑΡΓΟΣ [A]; *pygargus*), a clean animal mentioned only in Dt. 14:5† (see CLEAN AND UNCLEAN, § 8). The rendering of EV, derived from C, is improbable, and the AV's 'bison' is almost certainly incorrect. Targ. Pesh. favour 'mountain-goat,' which is the meaning of the doubtless related Ass. word *dallu*.¹ *Difon* is identified by Tristram with the Addax.²

¹ For the Ass. analogy cp. Del. *Ass. Studien*, 1:54; Hommel, *Stugethiere*, 391; and see *TSBA* 5:346 and Ball, *PSBA* 11:395 (who translates 'spotted deer'). For the Pesh. פִּיגָרְגַּ, *raima*, see UNICORN.

² This is supported by *addacem* (in the accus.) which, according to Pliny, is the African name for the *Streptaceros* (cp. mod. Ar. names *adas*, *akas*; cited by Houghton, Smith's *DB*).

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(*Addax nasomaculatus*); this denizen of Northern Africa, it is true, can hardly be said to have been known in Palestine, in recent times at least, but it is improbable that the ancients distinguished between the species. Herodotus (4:192) uses terms which denote some Libyan deer or antelope; but perhaps the antelope with a white rump may have been none other.

The Addax is rather over than under 3 ft. in height, yellowish-white colour, with a brown head, neck, and horns, the horns attain a length of nearly 3 ft., measured at the base, and are ringed at the base. The Bedouins hunt the Addax in the deserts and wastes which lie to the west of the Nile. The name recurs as that of a spirit in the *Book of Job*. A. E. S.

PYRHRUS (ΠΥΡΡΟΣ [Ti. WH]), Acts 20:15. SOPATER (q.v.).

PYTHON (ΠΥΘΩΝΑ ΠΥΘΩΝΑ). Acts 16:17. EV a spirit of DIVINATION (q.v.).