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hour at the time of the equinox to the progress made by a good walker during the same time, both accomplishing one parasang. The whole course of the sun during the twenty-four equinoctial hours was fixed at twenty-four parasangs, or 720 stadia, or 360 degrees. This system was handed on to the Greeks, and Hipparchus the Greek philosopher, who lived about 150 B. C., introduced the Babylonian hour into Europe.

Ptolemy, who wrote about 140 A. D., and whose name still lives in that of the Ptolemaic system of astronomy, gave still wider currency to the Babylonian way of reckoning time. It was carried along on the quiet stream of traditional knowledge through the Middle Ages, and, strange to say, it sailed down safely over the Niagara of the French Revolution. For the French when revolutionizing weights, measures, coins and dates, and subjecting all to the decimal system of reckoning, were induced by unexplained motives to respect clocks and watches; and allowed our dials to remain sexagesimal, that is Babylonian—each hour consisting of sixty minutes.

*Max Muller*

### Failure

**A**RT thou nigh beaten in the battle  
dread  
Beaten down on thy knee and sore bestead?  
Then on thy knee  
Beneath the stars to the great whole up-  
soar,  
In dust and ashes worship and adore.  
Is thy sword shivered in thy helpless hands  
Smiting the wrong that still thy force  
withstands.  
Then in thy heart,  
Thy fainting heart, the splinters hide,  
that so  
Thy blood may richer for the world's life  
flow

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