

Eur. (*Again quotign.*)

(1) "Kadmus, when leaving the Sidonian town,
Son of Agenor"—

Aesch. "Lost his pocket flask

Dion. That flask, my friend, I think you'd better buy,
Or it will ruin all your prologue.

Eur. I buy from *him*? Why?

Good counsel.

Eur. I repeat it.
I've lots of prologues when he cannot use it.

"The (2) son of Tantalus to Pisa coming
"With his swift horses."

Aesch. "Lost his pocket flask."

Dion. He's made it fit again, you must allow.
(*To Aesch.*) Good sir, restore it to him anyhow,
You'll get another beauty for a penny.

Eur. Not yet, by Jove! I've still got a good many.
(3) "Oeneus in harvest"

Aesch. "Lost his pocket flask."

Eur. Do let me say the whole line, if you please,
"Oeneus in harvest gathering plenteous store
While sacrificing"—

Aesch. "Lost his pocket flask."

(1) Europa, daughter of Agenor, King of Phœnicia, was carried away by Zeus. So Agenor ordered Cadmus his son, to seek her, and not to return without her. But in Thrace the oracle bade him abandon the search, and to follow a cow which should meet him, and found a city where she lay down. She led him to Boeotia, where he was attacked by a Dragon, which he slew. And when he had sown its teeth, armed men sprang up, and fought with each other until only five remained. With their help he founded the city which was afterwards to become famous as Thebes, and the five survivors became the founders of the Theban aristocracy.

(2) Pelops, son of Tantalus, came to Pisa in Southern Greece to compete in a chariot race for the hand of Hippodamia, the king's daughter. He won the victory, the bride, and the kingdom by the help of the winged horses given to him by the god Poseidon.

(3) Oeneus was King of Calydon, in Aetolia. And it happened that once while sacrificing he forgot to honour the goddess Artemis. So she sent a savage boar, which ravaged his country and slew his son, Meleager. And after this he was dethroned and imprisoned by his enemy Agrius, but being avenged by his grandson, who killed Agrius, he was himself treacherously slain by Agrius' two sons, who had escaped their father's fate.