

TWO HEADS OF SMALL STATUES FOUND AT THE
TEMPLE OF MUT AT KARNAK.

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I bought these heads of statues at Luxor four or five years ago. They were found on the site of the Temple of Mut, but in what part of the building I do not know.

Fig. 1 is carved in black basalt, and is $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high. The head is represented as completely shaven, and I suppose it to represent the head of a priest. The features are very carefully modelled, and it is a fine example of ancient carving. The style of carving seems to show Greek influence, and its date may probably be XXVI dynasty. It bears a striking resemblance to a basalt head found at Memphis, and now in the Berlin museum, (No. 12500 in the museum catalogue) where it is described as being of Græco-Roman time. It measures $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height. A bronze cast of it was exhibited at the exhibition of Egyptian Art, at the Burlington Fine Arts Club, in 1895.

The other head, Fig. 2, is made of a very hard blue paste, of fine texture, and is 2 inches high. It wears the cap of Amen, in the top of which is a hole into which the feathers of the head-dress (now missing) fitted. The eyebrows and eyes have been inlaid; the inlay has dropped out, but the red cement with which it was held in place still remains. On each side of the face is a curved groove extending from the lower edge of the cap to the chin, no doubt representing the straps by which the false beard worn by kings was suspended. It probably comes from a figure of Amen, either of the God himself or of a king wearing the attributes of the God, and may be of the time of the XXII dynasty. A somewhat similar head is figured in the Misses Benson and Gourley's work "The Temple of Mut in Asher."





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