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PY Xn1130 should be cancelled since it is a part of An614, as shown PT II 62. Eall15 has been joined to Ab584. We are greatly indebted to Mabel Lang for the discovery and testing of these and other recently reported joins of the Pylos tablets in the National Museum in Athens.

In connection with recent discussion about the possible mention of stimulating drugs in Mycenaean tablets (PY Sb1314; cf. Merlingen, Athenaeum 46 [1958] 413-14, Die Sprache 4 [1958] 96-97), Sp. Marinatos reports an observation made by Dr. P. Kretikos, professor of Pharmacology in the University of Athens. Dr. Kretikos observed that the poppy-capsules decorating the head of the "Poppy Goddess" found at Gazi, Crete (Marinatos, Arkhaiologikē Ephēmeris 1937 1 278ff; cf. also Marinatos-Hirmer, Kreta und das Mykenische Hellas, 102, Nr. 128) bear some perpendicular incisions very similar to the incisions made even today to collect the juice from which opium is made.

Errata: p. 82, read M. F. Galiano, Madrid. p. 83, s.v. Combellack, and p. 84, s.v. Whatmough, read Classical Philology 55 (1960). The diagram drawn on p. 83, lower right is incorrect. A corrected version, to be pasted on p. 83, is supplied herewith.

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