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Introduction

The existing published collections of Eastern Turki (New Uighur) proverbs may be divided into three groups, based on the number of proverbs contained in the collections. The richest collections are those belonging to the Uighur minority living in the Soviet Union, expecially in the Kazakh SSR.¹ In the Uighur Autonomous area of Sinkiang, where the absolute majority of Uighurs lives, the northern parts of the region with a population that formerly was called Taranchi can show numerically rather strong collections. Our supply of proverbs from the southern parts of Sinkiang which would form the third group are on the other hand insignificant.

The following list contains a survey of the published collections of proverbs of the Uighurs of Sinkiang. The full titles of the works referred to will be found in the List of References. The number of proverbs in each collection is placed within parenthesis.

I. The Northern Parts of Sinkiang

The largest published collections available are those of Muhammat Zayyidi in his book on Uighur proverbs and riddles (Beijing 1957), containing about 2000 proverbs and that of Zunun Kadiri and Mamat Rahimi (Urumchi 1957) containing about 1800 proverbs. To these two works must be added the recent collection of proverbs of Mahammat Rahim (Urumchi 1983) which contains about 800 proverbs. These collections evidently cover the whole area and cannot be identified as representing any specific district. In this connection I also refer to the comprehensive article by Mahammat Zunun and Abdukarim Rahman in the book "Fundaments of Uighur Popular Literature" (pp. 392—419) which also contains specimens of Uighur proverbs of the same category.

- A. Ili (i.e. texts in Taranchi)
 - 1. RADLOFF, Proben, VI, pp. 1-4, (52).
 - 2. Pantusov, Obrazcy, pp. 61-166, (494).

¹ Cf. Ujgurskie poslovicy i pogovorki (1978) and (1981).

B. Turfan.

- 1. Le Coo, Sprichwörter (=LC), pp. 6-47, (312).
- 2. KATANOV-MENGES (=KM II), pp. 172—182, (111). (Logučen),
- 3. Malov, Materialy, pp. 311-313, (5).
- 4. Malov, Ujgurskie narečija, pp. 77—78, (6).

C. Oomul.

- 1. KATANOV-MENGES (=KM II), pp. 164-172, (93).
- 2. Judakhin, pp. 3—5, (65).
- 3. Nadjip, Ujgurskij jazyk, pp. 41, 43, 46—47, 50—52, 54—56, 64, 66, 70, 72, (81).
- 4. KAYUM TURDI, Khalk makalliri, pp. 486—489, (81).

The number of published proverbs from the northern parts of Sinkiang can be estimated at 5900.

II. The Southern Parts of Sinkiang

A. Kashghar.

- 1. AHLBERT, Ordspråk, pp. 97-99, (in Swedish only), (26).
- 2. JARRING, Materials, II, pp. 132-133, (10).
- 3. JARRING, Gustaf Raquette and Qasim Akhun, (in English only), p. 30, (3).
- 4. Aratan, (=Ar.), pp. 16—23, (150).
- 5. Skrine, pp. 215—216, (25).
- 6. Tenishev, p. 60, (2).

B. Yarkand.

1. Kúnos, pp. 9—21, (208).

C. Khotan.

1. JARRING, Materials, I, pp. 120-122, (8).

D. Guma.

1. JARRING, Materials, III, pp. 122-129, (27).

E. Keriya-Khotan.

1. Malov, Ujgurskie narečija, pp. 28—29, (4).

F. Niya.

1. MATTUMUR ISMAYIL, p. 490, (14).

G. Lop-nor.

1. Malov, Lobnorskij jazyk, pp. 9-10, (12).

H. Probably from the South.

1. Muhammed Emin Islami Turkestani, pp. 169—170, (7).

The total of published proverbs from the southern parts of Sinkiang would be 496 — against about 5900 from the North.

The collection of Uighur proverbs and popular sayings which is presented here goes back to the 1940's and 1950's. The proverbs and sayings all belong to the southern parts of the province of Sinkiang. They were collected and arranged by Rev. Sigfrid MOEN² of the Swedish East Turkestan mission, assisted by Dr. Nur Luke³ of Khotan. MOEN (b. 1897) acquired a deep knowledge of the Eastern Turki (nowadays Uighur) language and literature during a long stay in the country. He was mainly in Kashghar and Yangi-Hissar, but later on he was also in India, at the time when the missionary activities had been transferred to Poona, after the expulsion of the Swedish Mission in 1938.

Some years ago Rev. Moen very kindly presented me with a rich collection of different manuscripts containing specimens of Uighur popular literature of varying contents. Among other things it contained the present collection of proverbs and popular sayings. It will in time be presented by me to the University Library of Lund and will thus enrich the already rather extensive collection of New Uighur manuscripts, held there.

The Moen collection of proverbs and popular sayings is contained in three different manuscripts which I have classified as follows.

A. This manuscript contains the material written down by Nur Luke with a lead-pencil, all in Arabic script, in an exercise-book of Indian make. Size 19.5×16 cm. White ruled paper. Water-mark "Sirpur-Super Fine" and "Hyderabad Deccan Laid". The exercise-book contains 142 pages, of which 97 are blank pages. In addition to the proverbs the book contains different specimens of Uighur popular poetry, etc. No transcription. In a few cases remarks by Moen concerning the interpretation of the proverbs.

B. The proverbs and popular sayings likewise in Arabic script, written by Jacob Stephen in an exercise-book of Swedish make, with black oil-cloth covers. Size 20.5×16.5 cm. White ruled paper without watermark. 196 pages, of which 171 are blank pages. Neither transcription nor interpretation. In addition to the proverbs the book contains a few specimens of Uighur popular poetry.

² For Moen v. further my Wörterverzeichnis zu G. Raquettes Ausgabe von Täji bilä Zohra, p. 7.

³ For Luke cf. my Materials, IV, p. 3.

C. This is the main collection. The proverbs in Arabic script, in red ink, with a simplified transcription — except in a few cases — and in most cases Swedish translation. In some cases detailed commentaries are given in Swedish. The proverbs in Arabic script were written by Nur Luke, the transcription, translation and commentaries by Moen. Exercise-book, probably of Russian make, with green cardboard covers. Size 33×16 cm. White ruled paper without water-mark. 350 pages, of which 67 blank pages. The book contains in addition to the proverbs and popular sayings different specimens of Uighur popular literature, mainly in Arabic script.

In addition to the MOEN collection of proverbs I have included a few proverbs, collected and written down by me during my visits to Kashghar in 1929—30 and in 1978. In each case their provenance is clearly indicated.

There are in Uighur several different words for 'proverb' — temsil, maqal, temsil sözler, čin söz seem to be in more frequent use in Northern Sinkiang, than in the South. Sometimes the expression atalær sözü 'words of the forefathers' is used. In the case of the present collection the term zerbulmesel 4 < A. فرب المثل is used. In manuscript A (front inside cover) it is written zärbä mässäl, i.e. zerbi mesel with the same meaning. According to a note in C 91, this term ought to be considered the Khotan designation for 'proverb'. However, I assume it to be current in the whole southern part of Sinkiang and it may be in use elsewhere too.

With regard to content and interpretation, these proverbs mainly deal with popular wisdom, human behaviour and human qualities. One theme which is very popular is the sufferings of the poor, often in contrast to the wealth and comfortable life of the rich. The negative attitude to rich people is often stressed. Similarly, one can discern a mixture of negativism and sarcasm towards the Mullahs and the Moslem clergy (v. especially proverbs No. 38, 43, 75, 115—118, 163, 182). The attitude of the common people to the ruling Chinese is revealed in No. 71, 114, 165. The negative attitude to the Chinese is stressed in proverbs No. 39, 51, 106.

It has to be remembered however that these proverbs refer to the period before the Communist revolution in China.

All the items included in the MOEN collection cannot be considered as pure proverbs. Many can best be described as popular sayings. At the end of the collection I have grouped a few qošaγ or qošaγ qošaγï 'rhymes' which are described as such in the manuscripts. They can be characterized as popular poetry.

Although this collection has been prepared with the help of a native of Khotan, there are no traces of the Khotan dialect — at least not phonet-

⁴ Steingass 801 zarbi (zarbu'l-) masal proverb.

ically in the textual material. Where transcriptions are available, they have been made in a normalized Uighur. I too have followed this method when rendering the texts in Arabic script in phonetic transcription. The influence of the Khotan dialect is however visible in some lexical forms, namely čara against Kashghar suyutyu, 'small bowl'; yinek otherwise ingek; qurtuq for xotek and tajxer, 'donkey's foal'; and taqildayuč against taraqlayuč in Kashghar. No Chinese influence can be traced in the language of the proverbs and popular sayings. On the other hand there are several allusions to the Chinese as the rulers of Sinkiang of those days, cf. no. 39, 114, 165.

The proverbs have been arranged in alphabetical order in accordance with the initial word of each proverb or saying.

On the whole I have confined myself to drawing parallels only with the existing collections of proverbs from southern Sinkiang. I introduce parallels from only two of the collections from the northern part, viz. LE COQ and KATANOV-MENGES. "Parallel" does not imply complete agreement in every detail. In some cases the parallels mainly indicate related content. The number of parallels noted for each proverb give an idea of the popularity of the proverb in question and its dissemination.

My main purpose in preparing the MOEN collection for publication is to make it available for philological research as well as making it a source for folkloristic studies.

The Proverbs and Popular Sayings

1. ač balam bar balam tog balam jog balam

My hungry child holds on to me, my child who has satisfied its hunger runs away.

M.: A child that does not get all that it wants remains unspoilt; a child that gets all that it wants will be spoilt.

A 23, B 13, C 75: 16.

Cf. LC No. 251.

2. ačiy ürüknin ačasidin ¹
mæzlum kišinin gačasidin
pena:h berin yuda:jim

From the thorny branches of the sour apricot, from the second-rate women,

O, Lord! deliver us!

A 15, B 15, C 63:24; in A 15 ačiy ūrūk ačasidin; in B 15 aččig instead of ačiy.

Cf. Skrine, p. 217 A Khotan Litany; cf. further Jarring, Materials, I, p. 132.

3. adam balasi baqsan ayiz burnunni qan qilur hajvan balasi baqsan ayiz burnunni jay qilur

If you take care of someone's child, it will make your mouth and nose bleed.

If you take care of the child (the young one) of an animal, it will grease your mouth and nose.

M.: The child may fight and quarrel with you when it grows up, i.e., it may become insolent;

but the young of an animal you can kill and eat.

A 69 balasini in both cases; B 21, C 99, 101.

¹ ača M. translates 'fork, crutch, crotch'; I prefer J 11 'thorny branches'.

² M. translates gača with 'deaf and dumb', which is a correct meaning of the word. The meaning here no doubt is NADJIP 674 gačča 'sleepy-head, dullard, blockhead > stupid, second rate'; gača < P. gača ~ gačča cf. MENGES 43 gäčä 'stutterer'.

4. adem bolsan jürüš qil hajvan bolsan köjüš ³ qil

If you are a man, behave (properly). If you are an animal, chew the cud.

A 67, B 21, C 97.

5. adam qadrini adam bilur altun qadrini zerger

A man knows the value of a man, a goldsmith the value of gold.

B 7, C 59: 11.

Cf. KM II p. 180, No 82.

6. ayız dzuguruqı basqa put dzuguruqı asqa

> When (your) mouth moves, it may mean trouble for your head. When (your) feet move, it may help you to find food.

I.e., to talk too much means trouble for your head, but to move on foot (i.e., to work) will sustain your living.

C. 80.

Cf. Ar. No. 76, 95.

 a:histe maŋyan barur jugurup baryan harur B 11.

a:histe maŋyan barar jugurup ketken harar C 73.

astu ⁴ maŋγan bara ⁵ jugurup ketkεn hara ⁵

A 23.

The one who walks slowly will proceed.

The one who runs will get tired.

Cf. No. 107.

³ köjüš < köjü-, cf. Russko-ujgurskij slovar', p. 307 köjšimεk 'to chew the cud', and J 178 köši- ~ köšε- do.

⁴ astu contracted form of a:histe.

⁵ bara, hara with loss of final -r.

8. alsam jesem bermesem mekkege ketsem kelmesem

If I buy and eat and do not pay, if I go to Mecca and never come back (nothing will happen).

M.: The meaning is that a man can do all kinds of evil things, but if he goes away to Mecca and remains there all is forgiven.

A 21, B 11, C 71:9; B 11 mekkεγæ.

9. altun almaj dua: al dua: altun em'esmu? ata anannin dua:si tögemes dunja: em'esmu?

Accept prayers and not gold.

Isn't a prayer (the same as) gold?

The prayers of your father and mother (your parents) aren't they wealth which never ends?

A 65, B 21, C 95; B 21 altun instead of dunja:.

10. anamnin ölüsini bilsem isek kepekke satip alur erdim

If I had known that my mother would die, I would have sold (what I have lost) for an išek 6 of bran.

M.: This is said of people who have lost property by fire, theft or for other reasons. If they had known beforehand that they would be exposed to a calamity, they would have sold what they had at any price.

A 21; C 71: 4; in A 21 ölüšni.

Cf. LC No. 83 'father' instead of 'mother'.

11. a:qilyæ iša:ret na:da:nyæ dzuwalduz lazem

For the intelligent one, a sign is enough.

For the stupid one, you need a big needle.

I.e., a clever man understands when it is time to leave, the stupid one has to be pricked with a needle.

C 82

⁶ išek J 143 one quarter of a čarεk; cf. RAQUETTE, A Contribution, p. 25 išek equal to 1/4 čεrik. A čεrik in Kashghar=8.96 kg., in Yarkand less, only 7.28 kg.; SHAW II, p. 93 chârak a certain weight — with further information on the three different kinds of charak.

Cf. JARRING, Materials III, p. 122 with a different interpretation; Ar. No. 107.

12. arpa badjan ičmegenler emdi ičti čaj išek qurtuqi minmegenler emdi mindi taj

Those who did not drink even barley gruel, now drink tea. Those who did not even ride a donkey's foal, now ride a horse's foal.

A 29, 70, B 15, C 81; in A 70 instead of qurtuq" tajxær"; in B 15 xoteki; in B 15 and C 81 instead of ičti, mindi ičer, miner.

M.: said about the noveaux riches.

Skrine, p. 215 has the following variant: Ishak khotake minmaganlär emdi minär tai Arpabadiān ichmaganlär emde ichär chai

Those who never even rode a donkey's foal, now ride yearling horses; those who never even drank barley gruel, now drink tea. (Nouveaux riches).

Another variant in Malov, Lobnorskij jazyk, p. 131 ešek kutuk minmegelle emdi minni taj; Jarring, Materials, III, p. 126.

13. arpa tiriq tolumdæ jetim bala bulundæ

Barley and millet in a goat-skin bag An orphan child in a corner.

M.: In the same way as grain is kept in coarse bags, the poor people will have to stay in a corner, far from the seat of honour. A 73, B 23, C 109.

14. eselde yæta: jog bedeslde wæfa:

In the well-born there is no fault. In the low-born there is no confidence.

C 81. Cf. No. 23.

⁷ arpa badjan I, with some hesitation, following SKRINE translate with 'barley gruel'. It normally is the name of Anisum sativum (J 26), but according to an unpublished notation of RAQUETTE, badjan also, has the meaning 'different seeds of the umbelliferae'.

⁸ qurtuq donkey's foal (a Khotan-form), cf. MALOV op. cit., p. 131 kutuk, otherwise I 133 xotuk ~ xotek or tajxær.

15. a:sma:ndæki yaznïŋ šorbæsï nan čilamaŋ

Don't soak bread in soup which is prepared from a goose that is still in the air.

B 17, C 88; in B 17 šorbæsiyæ instead of šorbæsi; in C 88 čilama instead of čilamay.

16. atin ištajlik ⁹ bolsæ berdi χuda: χatunun ištajlik bolsæ urdi χuda:

If your horse has a large appetite, it is a gift from God. If your wife has a large appetite, it is a punishment from God.

A 72, B 27, C 107.

17. atqan oq janmas.

An arrow shot will not return.

A 33.

Cf. KM II p. 178, No. 69, LC No. 246.

18. awči jürer qardæ
eniŋyæ süsaj bilen qunduz lazem
zinet bergeli
ajnïŋ etra:fïyæ julduz lazem

The hunter walks in the snow.

For him it is necessary (to find) marten and beavers.

In order to give (reach) elegance,
there is need for stars around the moon.

C 82.

19. ædzep damlajsen endza:nnï baq'almajsen bir dza:nnï

You are boasting about the wonderful Andidjan,¹⁰ but you are not able to take care of one (single) soul.

A 71, B 27, C 103; B 27 endidza:nni instead of the contracted form endza:nni.

⁰ ištajlik A. اشتها ishtihā' wishing for, longing for; appetite, desire (Steingass 63).

10 People formerly used to go to Andidjan in Russian Turkestan for seasonal well-paid employment, but some people spent their earnings before coming back.

20. ærzen guštnin šorbæsi jog

There is no soup from cheap meat.

B 7.

Cf. KM II p. 174, No. 4; cf. further LC No. 7 a variant with the same meaning.

21. εčkunių 11 εčilip tursæ heč gep joq qojnių 11 εčilip qalsæ hojt hojt! 12

If the hind quarters of a goat become visible, never mind. If the hind quarters of a sheep are visible, they say hojt hojt!

A 74, C 109.

M.: A goat usually carries its tail upwards so its hind quarters are always visible, a sheep does not. The meaning is that what is normal in some people becomes sensational in others.

22. erteki qoj guštidin bugunki öpke jazši

The lung of today is better than the mutton of tomorrow.

A 69, B 21, C 99; in B 21 ertedeki, gündeki instead of erteki, bugünki.

A piece of lung is a more ordinary and cheaper foodstuff than mutton. The meaning is that it is better to eat what you have today than to sit waiting for something better which may never appear. Cf. LC No. 2; JARRING, Materials, III, p. 129.

23. eselde 13 xæta: jog bedeselde væfa:

In the well-born there is no fault.

In the low-born there is no confidence.

A 29, C 81.

Cf. JARRING, Materials, III, p. 126.

Cf. No. 14.

24. Eselnin gilini xillajdur hüpüpni jundamaj jeidur

He picks out a hair from the honey, but eats the hoopoe unplucked.

A 21, B 9, C 69: 1.

I.e., Strain a gnat and swallow a camel.

¹¹ Ečkunin, qojnin implicit qoni 'hind quarters'.

¹² hojt hojt! interjection expressing astonishment.

¹³ $\varepsilon s \varepsilon l < A$. اصل asl root, stock, family, nobility (Steingass 69).

25. baj ne jerde bolsæ vaj šu jerde

Wherever a rich man is, there is lamentation.

A 11, B 7, C 61: 18.

26. baj talqan 14 jese a:sma:ndïn jamyur tüšüp nemdep beremiš kembeyel talqan jese

buran čiqip učurup ketemiš

If a rich man eats talqan 14 rain is said to fall from heaven and moisten it.

If a poor man eats talqan

it is said that a storm rises and causes it to blow away.

A 72, C 105.

Cf. Ar. No. 23.

27. bala: joqsïzyæ učrajdur kik oqsïzyæ

Bad luck (calamity) meets the one who owns nothing. An antelope the one who has no arrow.

C 105.

bala: joqsizyæ avušlajdur 15 kepek toqsizyæ

Bad luck (calamity) will increase for the one who owns nothing. (It will increase) for the hungry one who gets only bran to eat.

M.: When it rains gruel, the poor people have no spoon.

A 72.

Cf. LC No. 62.

28. bar tabaqim jan tabaqim barmasan janmasan otradæ sen tabaqim

Go my bowl, turn back my bowl! If you don't go, if you don't turn back, you are still in the center, my bowl.

A 75.

¹⁴ talqan J 292 a mixture of roasted grain and the dried fruits of the Oleaster ground into flour; Ross & Wingate p. 47 'parched grain'.

¹⁵ avušla- cf. NADJIP 56 avuš augmentation, increase.

29 bar tabagim kel tabagim

barip kelmesen otrædæ sen tabagim

Go my bowl! Come my bowl! If you go and don't come back, you are still in the center, my bowl!

A 25, C 77: 21.

30. baši čon barat gozi bolman!

Do not become a big-headed barat 16 lamb!

Meaning: Never be impertinent!

A 27, B 13, C 79: 24; in A 27 qozæ instead of qozi.

31. baza:rdæ bar min kiši könülde bar bir kiši

A 29, 68; C 83.

baza:rdæ min kiši könülde bir kiši

B 17.

In the bazaar, there are one thousand people.

In one's heart, there is (only) one.

32. bes 17 meze üčün ašqæ bir qošuqyine tuz lazem

In order to make the food (pillaw) tasty, just a small spoon of salt is necessary.

C 82.

33. beka:rnin čolasi joq

An idler has no spare time.

A 27, B 13, C 79.

34. beš qolun 18 jay bolsæ juzunge sur

If you have fat (grease) on your five fingers, smear it on your face.

A 25.

Cf. Kúnos No. 104; LC No. 1.

¹⁶ According to Moen barat qozi is a lamb born during the cold time of the year for which reason it does not grow in the same way as other lambs. It is mainly the head which grows and it becomes bigger than those of the other lambs. These lambs, the barat qozi are known to be more active than the other lambs and push their way forward in front of them. They are considered to be aggressive and unabashed, which is said in a figurative sense also about people; barat < A.P. bara:t the 8th month of the lunar year?

¹⁷ $b\varepsilon s$ enough, sufficient, just < P. bas; Steingass 184.

¹⁸ gol lit, 'hand', here stands for 'finger'.

35. biga:neni ašinyæ tartsæn tart amma gašinyæ tartma!

If you draw (invite) a stranger to your food (hospitality) do! But do not draw him to your side (home and family)!

I.e., you may invite a stranger, but don't get on intimate terms with him.

A 23.

Cf. No. 36.

36. biga:neni qašinyæ em'es ašinyæ tart!

A stranger is not for your side (home and family). Draw him (invite) him for food!

B 13, C 75: 18. Cf. No. 35.

37. bir harγanγæ gep qilmaŋ vε bir ačqanγæ

Don't speak to someone who is tired nor to one who is hungry.

B 19, C 91; in C 91 $v\varepsilon$ excluded.

bir ačqanyæ gep qilman bir haryanyæ Don't speak to one who is hungry nor to one who is tired.

A 27.

38. bir mehelleniŋ balalærïyæ bašlamčï bolyan qærï taz

The leader for the children of a town district has become an old taz.¹⁹

C 109.

39. biz bolsaq ælïštæ tašïmïz bar saŋdæ ašïmïz bar qoxtadæ qïšïmïz bar kiši ɛrdük

As for us, we have stones in the water-gate,

¹⁹ M.: qærï taz 'old scald-head' is a word of abuse for a mullah who is leading on the children whom he is teaching to improper ways of behaviour; cf. No. 163 (qonaqliqtæ...) — In general taz people have a reputation for being evil-minded.

in the store we have grain, on the top of the town wall we have bricks; such people we have always been.

A 11, C 59: 16; in A 11 edük instead of erdük,

M. gives the following explanation of alis. If someone was the owner of, e.g., 100 mo^{20} of land, he had to detail one man to the team which had to dam up the river and lead the water into the alis which irrigated the fields. This damming up was called alis the water-taking. The place where the river was dammed up was called alis or, alis. The damming up was performed with stones. That is why it is said alis al

The Chinese taxed farmers who owned 100 mo of land or more by having them pay in natura in the form of grain to be delivered to state grain stores say.²¹ Others had to pay in cash.

qoxta is the breastwork or top of a town wall. For the upkeep of the town wall every owner of 100 mo of land had to deliver a certain amount of bricks. This proverbial phrase contains an expression of disdain towards the ruling Chinese of those days.

40. bulbulyæ qæfes lazem em'es bay jaxšï qïryïzyæ šeher lazem em'es tay jaxšï

There is no need of a cage for a nightingale.

The garden is better.

There is no need of a city for a Kirghiz.

The mountains are better.

A 63, B 25, C 93.

41. čagani 22 dorup jilan 23 kela:lemdur? 24

Is the snake impotent (harmless) because it imitates a wheel?

I.e., coiling itself up like a wheel. A 71.

²⁰ mo A Chinese square measure, cf. J 197 mo:.

²¹ say < Ch., cf. J 265; Menges 108.

 $^{^{22}}$ čaqa wheel < P. čary; cf. NADJIP 383 čaq wheel.

²⁹ doru- to imitate, normally dora- J 87.

²¹ kela:le impotent, harmless; Steingass 1040 A كلالة kalāla كلالة kalālat being fatigued etc.

42. čüčini küzlükke sanan

A 23

čüdzelerni küzde sanan

B 11

čüdzeni küzlükte sanan

Count the (your) chicken in the autumn!

C 75: 14.

I.e., some may have disappeared, e.g., a hawk may have taken some of them.

Meaning: Don't crow too soon! Cf. Ahlbert, p. 98; LC No. 196

43. dosqan joy'an bir nan joq selle joy'an ima:n joq

The table cloth is big, but there is no bread.

The turban is big, but there is no faith.

B 19; C 91.

Cf. No. 182.

44. dostlærim yæmgin bolup düšmenlerim ša:d ejlesun!

When my friends are distressed, my enemies may be joyful.

C 99.

Cf. Kúnos No. 91; LC No. 55.

Cf. No. 113.

45. dövlet baridæ atlær turædur mingeli qon joq dövlet joqidæ atlær tügül bir noytæ tapilmas

With those who are rich, many horses are standing (in the stable), but there are not enough rumps to ride them.

With those who have no wealth, neither horses nor halters are to be found.

A 63, C 91.

Cf. JARRING, Materials, I, p. 121.

46. dövlet kelse insa:nnin bašiyæ serimug 26 kelür enin gašiyæ

²⁵ dosqan < P. dasturxan a table-cover spread on the floor, also what is placed on it, a table-cloth (J 81).

When wealth comes to a man (lit. to the head of a man), Simurgh ²⁶ also comes to him.

A 67.

Cf. Ar. No. 14; KM II p. 166, No. 35.

Cf. No. 170.

47. dzuvaliyni ursæ dzuvasizyæ to ketti

A 5

dzuvaliqni ursæ dzuvasizyæ tor ketti

C 55: 3.

When they struck the man in a furcoat, it resounded in the man without a furcoat.

M. meaning: a punishment to himself and a warning to others.

48. eger dærja lebide bolsæ dzajin bæha:ne birle jetkuzgej yuda:jin

Even if your abode is on the bank of a river, God will find a reason to maintain you.

A 69, C 99.

49. egilgen bojanni qilič kesmeptu

The sword will not cut a bent neck.

C 86.

50. gača qaŋyaqtïn ²⁷ jæman buqa toŋyuzdïn

The deaf mute is worse (off) than the stutterer.

The ox is worse (off) than the pig.

A 73, C 107.

Cf. No. 51, 53.

²⁸ serimuq < P. sīmury the fabulous bird of Persian folklore believed to have its nest in the Qaf mountain (Donaldson, The Wild Rue, pp. 91, 166). As qaf is believed to be populated by evil spirits and demons, the indication probably is that Simurgh is bringing evil influence — but I have not been able to find any definite allusion to this in our scanty collections of Eastern Turki folklore. In another proverb (no. 170) M. notes that sirimuq has the meaning dövletnin qušī 'the bird of wealth'; cf. further Menges, p. 112 Sirmuq.

²⁷ qaŋyaq one who talks through his nose, a stutterer.

51. gača qaŋyaqtin jæman jurti jog panag 28 jæman

The deaf mute is worse (off) than the stutterer, worse than a flat-nosed man without a country.

C 106.

Cf. No.. 50, 53.

52. gačaγæ dost bolmaŋ nakasγæ ²⁹ gærzda:r

Don't be friends with a blockhead; he is the debtor of an upstart.

B 7.

Cf. No. 50, 51, 53, 104.

53. galča ³⁰ qalmaqtin jæman buqa toŋyuzdin

> A Galcha is worse (off) than a Kalmuck. A bull worse (off) than a pig.

B 23.

Cf. No. 50, 51, 52.

54. ger qolundin kelse her giz murčeni ayratmayil bes xuda: bendem demes her kim ki dilazar dur

If an ant creeps along your hand by no means hurt it! Undoubtedly God will never say "my servant" about those who are cruel.

C 73: 12.

From Sa'di?

55. gepni qïlγïl oqqanγæ mud3azingε ³¹ jaqqanγæ

²⁸ panaq a man with a squeezed or flat nose, often said about Chinamen.

²⁰ nakas < P. Steingass 1377 $n\bar{a}$ -kas unmanly, worthless etc., or A. $n\bar{a}kis$ hanging the head; humbled, depressed.

³⁰ galča J 108 yalčæ Ghalcha, the name applied to the Aryan inhabitants of the mountain districts of the Southern parts of Eastern Turkestan.

³¹ mud Jaz ~ mud Juz Steingass 1269 A. معجن majaz, ma'jiz weakness, impotence. lt ought here to be understood as 'weak character'.

Speak to the one who understands you and to the one who is agreeable to your character.

B 5, C 71: 5; in B 5 mudzuzuŋγæ. Cf. No. 56.

56. gepni qülyül oqqanyæ mudzuzinge jaqqanyæ išenmegin dostunyæ sama:n tüqqan postunyæ

Speak to the one who understands you and to the one who is agreeable to your character.

Don't believe in your friend who has stuffed straw into your skin.32

A 20.

Cf. LC No. 32.

Cf. No. 55.

57. govher jatur bu sajdæ tonumasæŋ neme fajde

There are precious stones lying in this saj. 33 But what is the profit if you don't recognize them.

A 75, B 25, C 111; in B 25 bar dur instead of jatur.

58. gul væqtidæ gulunni qis gul tögüse qonanni qis

When it is the time of flowers, pinch your flowers. When the flowers have finished, pinch your rump.

I.e., cut your coat according to your cloth.

A 71, B 27, C 103; A 71 tögügende instead of tögüse; B 27 qonunni instead of qonanni.

Cf. Ar. No. 48.

Cf. No. 140.

59. gušt bilen jay bir toqqan pija:znin köjgeni beka:r Meat and fat are brothers, to brown the onion is of no value.

The meaning according to M.: If two brothers fight, it is an affair

³² M.: Sheepskins are stuffed with straw in order to let them dry. A 'friend' here alludes to a 'sweetheart' who stuffs his skin with straw, i.e. her love is like straw, that is, undependable.

³³ saj J 263 gravel-desert, river-bed.

within the family; if a third person — outside the family — interferes, he makes a fool of himself.

A 9, B 7, C 59: 10.

60. yalča at minse čiqmayan duni qalmas didek mundzaq salsæ kirmegen öji qalmas

If a Ghalcha 34 mounts a horse, there is no hill which he has not climbed (on horseback).

If a slave girl (maid servant) puts on a necklace, there is no house which she has not entered.

A 63.

Cf. Jarring, Materials, I, p. 121; Ar. No. 106, 148, 149; KM II p. 180, No. 104, p. 182, No. 105.

Cf. No. 62.

61. yudzamnin joqidæ alajip aldim qaranyudæ olturup homajip aldim

When my master was away I looked forbidding, (when my master was home) I was sitting in the darkness and glared.

Said about someone who is cocky when it is safe to be cocky.

C 63:23 the full version; in A 13 and B 9 only the first line; B 9 xodzamnin instead of yudzamnin.

62. yulam atyæ minse čiqmayan duŋi qalmas didek mundʒaq salsæ kirmegen öji qalmas

If a slave mounts a horse, there is no hill which he has not climbed (on horseback).

If a slave girl puts on a necklace, there is no house which she has not entered.

A 35, C 89.

Cf. No. 60.

63. ha:lïŋyæ baqïp ha:l tart xaltaŋyæ baqïp un tart

Think over your condition and behave accordingly!
Grind flour according to what you have in your (grain-) sack!

A 23, 71, B 11, C 75: 17.

Cf. Ar. No. 73, 120; Jarring, Materials III, p. 125.

⁸⁴ Cf. n. 30.

64. harman 35 dese esmede qondum deiduryan kisi ik'en

He is such a man that if you say to him "Don't give up!", he replies "I stayed in Ashma".

Meaning: your answer is without rhyme or reason. A 23, C75: 15; in A 23 haman instead of harman.

65. havanin gulduri bar jamyuri joq bubanin hapa:pi ³⁶ bar mayduri joq

There is thunder in the air, but no rain.

An old man storms, but he is unable to put force into it.

A 19, B 9, C 67; A 19 and C 67 buwanin instead of bubanin. Cf. Jarring, Materials, I, p. 121; Skrine, p. 215.

66. hæqiqæt kimde bolsæ azmayaj ol hæqiqætsiz kiši tapmayaj jol

> A man who is sincere will never lose his way. A man without sincerity will never find his way.

A 31, B 3, C 83.

67. her kallade bir χia:l

In every head there is one (different) idea.

A 33, B 17, C 89.

68. her kim her neme qilsæ qilur özige a:sma:nyæ baqip tökürse janip tüšer jüzige B 5, C 87; B 5 qajlap instead of baqip. her kim qilsæ qilur özige a:sma:nyæ baqip tökürse janip tüšer jüzige A 33.

Whatsoever one does, one does to oneself. If someone spits up into the air, it will fall back upon his face.

³⁵ harman! a greeting, literally "don't get tired!".

³⁶ hapa:p an old man's attempt at roaring out his orders; also hapa:pla- to storm.

Cf. Ar. No. 6; Ahlbert, p. 97; Skrine, p. 216. Cf. No. 69, 96.

69. her kim qilsæ kišige eni qilur özige juqari baqip tökürse janip tüšer jüzige A 67, C 95. her kim neme qilsæ qilur özige a:sma:nyæ qajlap tökürse janip tüšer jüzige B 19.

Whatever you do to someone else, you do to yourself. If someone spits up (into the air) it will fall back upon his face.

Cf. No. 68, 96.

70. her kiši bala:yæ qalur öz ixtijari 37 bilen

Everyone who meets with misfortune has only himself to blame.

C 109. Cf. No. 125.

71. xitaj kefšni xej deidur turup čamyuni sej deidur bedzindin xitaj kelse kajin dzenguidelej deidur

The Chinese call an overshoe $\chi \varepsilon j$; ³⁸ they call turnip and rape $s\varepsilon j$. ³⁹ When a Chinaman comes from Peking he says kajin ⁴⁰ dzɛnguidɛlɛj. ⁴¹

A 76, C 111, 113; in A 76 instead of kajin kelin.

³⁷ ixtijar lit. choice.

⁸⁸ $\chi \varepsilon j <$ Chin. $\chi aj \sim haj$ slipper, cf. Rakhimov p. 134.

 $sej < Chin. saj \sim sej$ lettuce, cf. Rakнiмov, p. 186.

⁴⁰ kajiŋ Chinese pronunciation of keliŋ 'come here!'.

⁴¹ dʒɛŋguidɛlej. I thank my learned friend Professor Göran Malmquist of the Stockholm University for his kind help with the identification of this Chinese sentence, as well as for his help with nr. 64. According to Malmquist, it could be either zhèngguīde lái 'to arrive in the regular manner' or zhèngguĭde lái 'to arrive along the right route'. It may be a Chinese expression corresponding to Uighur jol bolsun! May you have a good journey (road)!.

72. yoraz čirlamasæ kiče jarumamdur?

Would not the night become light even if the cock did not crow? 42 C 205.

73. igesini siyinyan itiyæ sungek salur

One gives a bone to a dog whose owner one likes.

A 63, C 93.

74. inge 43 kirsen ilinče suyæ kirsen belinče

When you put on your clothes do it according to the length of your arm! When you enter water (for a swim), do it according to your waist (i.e., do not let the water reach higher than your waist).

A 73.

Cf. Ar. No. 91.

75. istemegil mæša:jixni nezre 44 ve nijazin bolmæsæ dua:sini alyali bir baš pia:zin bolmæsæ

Do not go to see holy persons if you do not bring gifts and presents.

In order to have his prayers, you have (at least) to bring a head of onion.

C 110.

76. išanyæ 45 tušluq murud bolædur saqalyæ tušluq burut bolædur išanyæ qajlap murud 46 čiqædur saqalyæ qajlap burut čiqædur

⁴² A proverb ascribed to Mullah Nasr-ud-din efendi.

⁴³ in contracted form of igin.

⁴⁴ nezre < A. ندر offering, gift.

⁴⁵ išan P. ایشان eshan, title in Central Asia for a Mohammedan holy man, who preaches or teaches (J 143).

⁴⁶ murud for muri:d disciple.

To an eshan 45 there is a corresponding disciple; to a beard a corresponding mustache.

A disciple will be according to his eshan; a mustache will grow according to the (growth of) beard.

A 65, C 93; C 93 containing only the two first lines.

77. išek halvadadī ⁴⁷ jedi samannī nemege færg etmedi jaxšī jæmannī?

The donkey became restive but she ate her straw. Why can't she distinguish between good and evil?

I.e., if she eats her straw she ought to understand that she has to accept to be ridden.

A 72, C 105.

išek halva 48 dep jedi samanni nemege færq qilmadi jaxši jæmanni

The donkey said "It is halva" and ate her straw. Why can't she distinguish between good and evil?

B 25.

78. išek haŋrajdur sajdæ mælum bolur patqaq dʒajdæ

The donkey is braying in the gravel desert; (what she is good for) will be known when she comes to a quagmire. (She is cocky when she is on firm foundation, but what will happen when she finds herself in a quagmire).

A 71, C 103.

78 a. išek neme bilur kundzure bilen nabatnin qadrini

What does a donkey know? (Does she know) the value of sugar-candy and oilcakes?

A 9, B 7, C 59: 12. Cf. KM II p. 172, No. 82.

⁴⁷ halvada- to be restive, said about horse and donkey when they try to cast off their rider.

⁴⁸ halva J 114 < A. a kind of sweet pudding, halva.

79. išeki uč tene 49 togami beš tene

His donkey is worth three tanga 49 and its saddle five.

A 21, B 11, C 71: 4; in A 21 both toqami and dzuli 50 'donkey cover' alternately; in B 11 toqumi instead of toqami.

Cf. Ar. No. 74.

80. išekke kučun jetmese ur togamyæ

If your strength (for beating) your donkey is insufficient, beat the saddle!

A 69, B 21, C 101; in B 21 išεkγæ instead of išεkkε. Cf. Ar. No. 75, 136; KM II p. 172, No. 3.

81. išeknin qoniyæ afta:b tüšse qolunni isit

If sunshine falls on the rump of a donkey, warm your hands (from it).

A 70, C 103; A 70 *issit* instead of *isit*. Cf. Ar. No. 55, 143.

82. išenme bir demde la: gepke ælip kelse mu pomlap lepke æjt sözünge deli:l epke! 52 išendürgeli deli:l lazem

Do not believe for one moment in boasting, even if they come unloading it (the boasting) on (your) lips.

Tell them: Bring proof of your words! In order to make (me) believe, proofs are necessary. C 82.

Probably from some (Persian) literary original.

83. išenmegil dostunyæ saman tiqar postunyæ

Don't believe in your friend who stuffs straw into your skin.

⁴⁹ tεηε tanga a coin=25 cash or 50 pul (J 303).

⁵⁰ dzul a horse or donkey cover.

⁵¹ la: stands for la:m; STEINGASS 1113 P. lām boasting.

⁵² $\varepsilon pk\varepsilon < \varepsilon lip k\varepsilon l$.

B 5, C 71: 7. Cf. Ar. No. 15; KM II p. 180, No. 87; LC No. 32. Cf. No. 56.

84. itekler jaqa boldi jaqalær itek didekler χanïm boldi γanïmlær didek

The coat-skirts have become collars, the collars coat-skirts.

The maid servants have become ladies, the ladies maid servants.

A 13, B 9, C 63.

85. itler qavašur geda:ni körse a:šiqlær ⁵³ söjünür bala:ni körse mæzlum kišiniŋ χuda: bilen iši joq sebre qil'almas dzefa:ni körse

The dogs bark when they see a beggar.
The dervishes are pleased when they encounter a calamity.
A woman has nothing to do with God.
She is not able to be patient when she meets trouble.

A 3, B 7, 25, C 55:1; in B 7 only the two first lines; in B 25 third line missing.

Cf. LC No. 124.

86. izengüni čin tut

puštanni oyri tutma

malinni čin tut

qošnunni oyri tutma

Take well care of your stirrup (and, if it disappears), don't consider the saddle-girth the thief. Take well care of your property (and, if it disappears), don't consider your neighbour the thief.

A 73, C 107; in A 73 only the two first lines.

87. jaxši gep tašni jarur jæman gep bašni jarur

⁵³ a: šiq Steingass 830 A. 'āshiq a lover . . . transported with divine love > a dervish.

B 3, C 85; Kashghar 1978.
jaχši gep tašni jarædur
jæman gep bašni
A 31.
Nice words split a stone,

Nice words split a stone, bad words split a head.

Cf. LC No. 237.

88. jaš jūz gæri gon

Young face but old bum.

Kashghar 1929.

Said of young people who do not understand to leave their place in favour of old people.

89. jæma:n inek ölmegunče sutluk atanmæs

A bad cow will not be called a good milk-cow until she has died.

A 11, B 7, C 59: 15.

Cf. LC No. 131.

90. jæmanlayan habdalnin 54 xordziniyæ zia:n

An Abdal who gets angry will suffer in his bag (beggar's bag).

I.e., nobody will give him anything when he is begging.

C 86.

Cf. LC No. 219; SKRINE p. 215.

91. jete dowzæx degen bilen eniničide juz min dzaj

When speaking of the seven hells, (don't forget that) there are one hundred thousand places inside them.

C 99.

Cf. No. 138.

92. jilan özüm egrü em'es tüšüküm egrü deidur

The snake says "it is not I myself who is crooked, it is my hole". A 31, C 85.

⁵⁴ habdal ~ abdal J 10 a tribe of beggars living in different parts of Eastern Turke-stan . . .; cf. Le Coq, Die Abdal; Stein, Ruins of Desert Cathay, I, p. 502 also has the form habdal.

Cf. LC No. 52. Cf. No. 159.

93. jilannin tili jumšaq zehri bar

On the tongue of a snake there is soft poison.

A 35, B 17, C 89. Cf. LC No. 109.

94. jol maŋsæŋ sen čoŋ jol bilen maŋ! uzun bolsæ mu musa: firlig jæman ik'en bir kun bolsæ mu

If you walk, do it on a main road, even if it may be long. To be a stranger is bad, even if it is for only a day.

A 75, B 27, C 111; in B 27 joldæ instead of jol; in B 27 and C 111 sen excluded.

Cf. No. 120.

95. joqnin jiyisidin barnin juki jaxši

The burden of wealth is better than weeping because of penury. C. 80.

96. juqari baqip tökurse janip tüser juzige.

If someone spits up into the air, it will fall back upon his face.

A 67, C 95.

Cf. Kúnos No. 155; LC No. 96.

Cf. No. 68, 69.

97. kalpukun bar dur bir jerim čarek qujruqun keledur tört ilik čarek

You have an upper lip weighing half a čarek.⁵⁵ Your tail is four inches ⁵⁶ long (and weighs) one čarek.

A 17, B 35; in B 35 bar dur instead of keledur.

This specimen cannot be considered a proverb. It is part of the *munazara* "The Conversation between the Horse and the Camel". Cf. Jarring, Some Notes on Eastern Turki (New Uighur) *munazara* Literature, p. 16.

⁵⁵ čar $\epsilon k < P$. J 66 a quarter, a weight = 8,96 kg.

⁵⁸ ilik J 140 roughly 'inch'.

98. kašq'arinnin šeheride dza:n saqlamaq asan em'es bir bay bede on alte pul at saqlamaq asan em'es

In your city of Kashghar it is not easy to stay alive. One bundle of lucerne costs 16 pul.⁵⁷ It is not easy to keep a horse.

A 71, C 105; in A 71 qašqar instead of kašqar.

99. keter kiši joldæ jazšï

It is better for a person who is about to leave, to be on the road. (Or, a departing person is better on the road.)

M.: Do not unnecessarily delay a departing friend. C 99.

100. kimge dövlet quši qonsæ učær her dzajge qanatsiz kemi bæxti qær'ar bolsæ enin desti dera:z bolmas

> If the bird of luck settles on someone, he will fly everywhere without wings. As for the one who has been alloted less fortune, his hands will not be long.

Khotan 1935.

101. köčmes tam učmas toxi

Until you move the wall the hen does not fly away.

M.: Hens like to sit on the top of a mud wall.

They will not move from it until the wall is taken down (broken).

Meaning: Nothing is done until it is absolutely necessary.

A 68, B 23, C 97; A 68 toxæ instead of tox; in B 23 kösmes (!).

102. könülnin kejnige kirmen könül her dʒajyæ bašlajdur jolundin tašgari čigarip eza:zullugyæ ⁵⁹ bašlajdur

⁵⁷ pul the coin pul.

⁵⁸ dövlet quš, dövlet quši bird of luck of the tales.

⁵⁹ Eza:zulluq devilishness; Eza:zul Steingass 846 A عن ازيل 'azāzīl name of a fallen angel; a devil, an evil spiriit; cf. EI 'Azāzīl.

Do not try to get behind the (your) heart (i.e., do not follow your heart's feelings and desire).

The heart will lead you everywhere.

It leads you away (lit. outside) from your (right) way to devilishness.

C 85.

103. könülnin kejnige kirmen könül her dzajyæ bašlajdur samarqand almasïdek ælip jarip seni čöllerge tašlajdur

A 68; A 3, ælip and seni omitted.
--- samarqand almasidek jarip
čöl jerge tašlajdur

A 31.

 - - - samarqand almasidek apparip čölleryæ tašlajdur

B 3.

Do not try to get behind the (your) heart (i.e., do not follow your heart's feelings and desire). The heart will lead you everywhere. It will cleave you like an apple from Samarkand and throw you away in the desert.

104. kusayæ 60 dost bolman nakεsyæ qærzdar

Don't be friend with a beardless person. He is the debtor of a parvenu.

A 11, C 59: 13; A 11 nakesge instead of nakesγæ Cf. No. 52.

105. kündüzi gep qilsan janbelinge 61 baq kičesi gep qilsan qulaqanni 62 qulaqyæ jaq

> If you say something in daytime, look in all directions! If you say something in nighttime, put your ear to (another) ear.

⁸⁰⁰ kusa < P. ڪو سه $k\bar{o}sa$ Steingass 1062 a man with little or no beard; according to M. a kusa is considered to be hiliger a deceitful person.

⁶¹ jan bel; jan side; bel back; janbel sidewards and backwards.

⁶² $qulaqa\eta = qulaqi\eta; -a\eta \sim -i\eta$ often alternate.

A 29, C 81; in C 81 second line aγizni "the mouth" instead of qulaqanni.

kunduzi gep qilsan aldi arqinyæ 63 baq kičesi gep qilsan ayizni qulaqyæ jaq

If you say something in daytime, look in front of you and behind you.

If you say something in nighttime, put the mouth to the ear.

B 13.

Cf. Ar. No. 17; KM II p. 168, No. 39; p. 176, No. 44.

106. lo tedzelli maju 64 tüge kördün mu jaq özünni bil qonanni qis jolunyæ baq

> Have you seen the camel? No! Know yourself! Compress your rump! Watch your path!

A 25, C 75: 19.

107. maŋyali eringen jugurær a:histe maŋyan barær jugurup ketken harær

The lazy one who minds walking, will have to run.

The one who walks slowly will proceed.

The one who runs will get tired.

A 23, A 70, C 73:13; A 23 and A 70 only the first line; in A 70 ejingen 65 instead of eringen, jugurur instead of jugurær.

Cf. No. 7.

108. men aldirar men ketkeli išekim aldirar jatqæli

I am in a hurry to depart. My donkey is in a hurry to lie down.

⁶³ arqin=arqan.

⁶⁴ lo tedzelli maju, according to MALMQUIST (cf. n. 41), is probably a Uighur rendering of the Chinese sentence luòtuo zhèli ma? 'Is (are) the camel (camels) here'?; ju in maju is possibly the Chinese verb you which in Chinese is placed before the object. The correct Chinese would therefore be zhèli you luòtuo ma. The Uighur sentence seems to be a contamination of luòtuo zhèli ma? and zhèli you luòtuo ma?

⁶⁵ ejingen < eringen with the common $r \sim j$ alternation.

A 72, B 23, C 105; in A 72 jatyælï instead of jatqælï; B 23 second line aldïrajdur instead of aldïrar.

Cf. Skrine, p. 216.

109. men barmayan kent em'es
pul bermegûnče bergen em'es

There is no village to which I have not gone. They have not given me anything until I have paid for it.

A 70, C 101; in A 70 bir kent. Cf. No. 110.

110. men barmayan šeher joq pul bermesem bergen joq

> There is no town to which I have not gone. If I haven't paid for it, they haven't given me anything.

C 100. Cf. No. 109.

111. men müşükümni bujurdum müşüküm qujruqnï

I gave an order to my cat, and my cat to (its) tail. B 9.

SKRINE p. 215. "Refers to a habit of Oriental servants of passing an order from one to another right down through the household, with the result that the thing never gets done."

112. men ölüp topraqtæ jatsæm kim meni jad ejlesün

When I am dead and rest in the earth, who may then remember me?

C 99.

Cf. No. 113.

113. men ölüp topraqtæ jatsæm kim meni jad ejlesiin dostlærim γæmgin bolup düšmenlerim ša:d ejlesiin

When I am dead and rest in the earth, who may then remember me?

My friends may be distressed, but my enemies joyful.

A 69, B 21; in B 21 $\gamma \approx mkin$ instead of $\gamma \approx mgin$. Cf. No. 44, 112.

114. minguj 66 jiliyæ qajlanlær bu iš emdi išlamdur? išni qilsæ rabatčuk guštni bajlær tišlamdur?

Look to the years of the republic. Do they do what they did then? When they work, do not the rich people chew the meat of the workers? (i.e., do not the rich people take the profit?)

A 7, C 57: 8.

115. molla kišidin pul almaq petir ⁶⁸ nandin qil almaq

To get money from a mullah (is as easy as) taking out a hair from a slack-backed loaf.

A 65, B 19, C 93. Cf. KM II p. 166, No. 18; LC No. 13.

116. molla men ha! molla men mollanï körsem jolda men

> I am a mullah, yes I am mullah. When I see a mullah, I am on the road.

(i.e., I am running away).

A 27, C 79.

Cf. KM II p. 176, No. 49.

117. molla tola bolsæ qoj hara:m bolur

If there are many mullahs, the sheep (mutton) will be (declared) unclean (unlawful).

A 21, B 9, C 69: 2.

118. mollanın gilyanını gilma degenini gil

Do not do what the mullahs do.

Do what they teach you.

⁶⁶ mingui < Ch. mingu, cf. Novgorodskij, Kitajskie elementy, p. 87; by 'republic' is meant the coming to power of Sun Yat-sen in 1912.

⁶⁷ rabatčuk < R. raboči.

⁶⁸ petir slack-baked bread; cf. Steingass 933 A. fatir unleavened dough; anything precipitately done; meat hastily dressed . . .; cf. Menges 92 pätär.

A 21, C 69: 3.

mollanin degenni qil qilyanni qilma
Do what the mullahs teach you!
Do not do what they do!

B 9.

119. muhebbetlik kišinin könli jaz dur æsli qiš bolmas muhebbetsiz kišinin könli qiš dur æsli jaz bolmas.

The heart of an affectionate person is (like) summer; it never becomes (like) winter; The heart of the loveless one is (like) winter; it never becomes (like) summer.

A 74, B 23, C 109, 111; dur in the first line excluded in B 23.

120. musa:firliq jæman iken bir kun bolsæ mu

To be a stranger is bad, even if it is for only a day.

C 111.

Cf. No. 94.

121. müšükniŋ ætï aslan χan itniŋ ætï bostan χan

The name of the cat is Aslan Khan,⁶⁹ the name of the dog is Bostan Khan.

I.e., although the cat is less important than the dog, it has got the name "lion-king"

A 13, C 61: 22.

122. müšükümnin joqidæ sačqan ojnajdur

When my cat is away, the mice will play.

В 9.

123. můšůkůmniy puli joq guštyæ amraq qajnanamniy tiši joq töšge amraq

My cat has no money, but loves meat.

My mother-in-law has no teeth, but loves the gristle of the sternum.

⁶⁹ aslan < arslan; aslan χan 'Lion-king'; bostan garden; bostan χan 'King of the garden'.

M.: Those who want to live beyond their means often reach for things which are beyond their standard or capacity.

A 13, B 11, C 61: 21; in A 13 gušyæ instead of guštyæ; B 11 tösyæ instead of tösge.

Cf. LC No. 258.

124. nan uvaq ma hεm nan dur

Even if it is crumbs, it is still bread.

B 5.

125. nava:ji ötti bu joldin pia:de jari bilen her kiši bala:yæ qalur öz iytija:ri bilen

> Navai 70 passed this way on foot together with his friend. Everyone who meets with bad luck has himself to blame.

A 74, C 109.

Cf. No. 70.

126. o jan ötöp bu jan ötöp nerge barursen? osma 71 qojup gulnï qisip dʒannï alursen?

Having passed that way and this way, where are you then going? Having made yourself up with osma and having fastened a flower (onto your dress), are you going to take (this) soul (i.e., seduce me)? A 3.

127. oylum jep oryæ 72 čiqti qizim jep qiryæ

My son ate and went hunting.

My daughter ate and went (somewhere) in the fields.

(i.e., in order to have tamaša 'fun').

A 27, C 79.

oylum jep ævvel čiqti qizim jep tojyæ

My son ate and left first, then my daughter who went to a wedding.

B 27.

M.: said about children who do not care for their parents.

Cf. Ar. No. 83, 102; KM II p. 178, No. 77.

⁷⁰ How Navai, the famous Central Asian poet, comes into the picture is difficult to understand.

⁷¹ osma 1 324 osma ~ usma black dye for cosmetic purposes.

⁷² or hunting, hunt; normally aw; the same form KM II p. 178, No. 77, cf. MENGES, p. 86 with further references.

128. ol bolsæ júrúš turuši olturup qopaši gep ayzi bek čirajliq adem iken

As regards him, he is a man with very excellent behaviour and posture and sitting down and getting up and speaking.

A 9.

129. ol bolsæ tuz jep tuzlugyæ čičeduryan

As regards him, (he is a man who) having eaten some of the salt, sprinkles it back into the salt-cellar.

M.: A man who rewards evil with good acts.

C 79.

Cf. No. 203.

130. ondæ jatqan girde ⁷³ jeidur ketmen ⁷⁴ čapqan dzigde ⁷⁵ jeidur

He who lies flat on his back (the rich one), eats $gird\varepsilon$.

He who hoes with a ketmen, eats $d_{3ig}d\varepsilon$.

Illustrating the difference between rich and poor.

A 65, B 19, C 95; in B 19 second line girde instead of dzigde.

131. o:rænï kim korlasæ özi tüšedur

Those who dig a pit for others, fall into it themselves.

A 67.

Cf. LC No. 200.

132. otniy 76 otyæ ketti suniy 76 ketti suyæ qaldi qatiq beš pul

What had come from fire, went back to fire.

What had come from water, went back to water.

Only five hard pul (coins) remained.

I.e., Ill-gotten gains seldom prosper.

A 35, C 89.

Explanation in A 35: roze axon bolsæ dunja:ni hara:mdin tapqan erdi munin itčiin otnin otyæ ketti sunin suyæ ketti qaldi qatiq beš pul

As regards Roze akhond, he had found his wealth from unlawful

⁷³ gird ε J 104 gid ε < P. girda a round thick loaf with a hole in the middle.

⁷¹ ketmen J 171 hoe.

 $^{^{75}}$ d3igd ϵ J 96 a specifies of Oleaster, Eleagnus angustifolia, with eatable but tasteless fruits.

otni $\eta = otni\eta ki$; suni $\eta = suni\eta ki$.

sources. Therefore it is said: otniη otγæ etc. Cf. Ar. No. 102.

133. öjüŋye kirgüzme delleni ⁷⁷ čirerde čiqardæ bozar pelleni.⁷⁸

Don't let an evil woman into your house! She will destroy (even) the staircase when coming and going.

i.e., keep scandal-mongers out!

A 11, B 5, C 61: 19; in A 11 öjüŋizgε kirgüzmε instead of öjüŋgε kirgüzmε; in B 5 öjüŋγæ instead of öjüŋgε.

Cf. JARRING, Literary Texts from Kashghar, p. 72.

134. öz öjünnin xosluqi put qolunnin bosluqi

The happiness of your own house is the freedom of both your feet and hands.

I.e., in your own house you are free to behave according to your own wishes.

A 67, B 5, C 97.

135. özge gep qilma jolda gep qil

Don't talk about other things (i.e. things which do not concern you). Talk when you are on the road.

M.: stick to the point! C 22.

136. özüm ayriq gelim saqtur kiši nan berse jeidurmen

I am ill myself, but my throat is healthy. If somebody gives me bread I shall eat it.

B 27.

137. özün aradæ ašïn čaradæ

If you (try to) go between your food will be in the small bowl.

⁷⁷ delle old woman, procuress, bitch, vixen; cf. Jarring, Wörterverzeichnis, p. 20 dellä P. 'a sly, deceitful woman' with further references; cf. also Jarring, Literary Texts, p. 78, n. 14.

⁷⁸ pelle ladder < P. palla Steingass 255 The round or step of a ladder, stairs, flight of steps, staircase; NADJIP 251 pelle step; J 225 pelempej staircase.

A 74, C 109.

M.: It is the custom when guests are invited for sujuk as (J 279 $sujuq \sim sujuk$ as 'fluid soup', with pieces of dough in it) to be offered in two bowls for each guest — one big bowl filled with soup and one very small bowl with only a few spoonfuls of soup. These small bowls are called $\check{c}ara$, which is the word used in Khotan; the equivalent in Kashghar is suyutyu. The intention is that the guest should begin eating from the small bowl, and, when the soup in it is finished, he should refill it from the big bowl. In this way the soup gets cooler and is easier to eat.

138. özün ro:šen bolaj desen seher væqtïdæ ičkil čaj beš dowzæx degen bilen enin ičide jüz min dzaj

If you say — "I want to become bright (intelligent)", then drink tea at dawn.
When speaking of the five hells, (don't forget that) there are one hundred places inside them.

A 68, C 99. Cf. No. 91.

139. özünge fajdeni közlep kišige urma zerer

C 73:11.

özünyæ fajde ejlep kišiyæ qilma zija:n

B 11.

özünge fajdeni közlep kišige urma zija:n A 33.

If you take your own advantage into consideration, never harm anybody.

I.e., If you want to make profit, never do it at the expence of other people.

140. özünni bil qonunni qis jolunyæ baq

Know yourself, pinch your rump, guard your road (i.e. be careful).

B 5.

Cf. KM II p. 168, No. 44; LC No. 155.

Cf. No. 58.

141. pačaqtæki putlær jagayæ jarmašti ⁷⁹

The feet on the legs are the envy of the collar.

I.e., The feet fit so well on the legs that they are the envy of the collar which does not fit so well to the garment.

A 13.

142. pa:diša:h geda: bolsæ
pa:diša:hliqini qojmas
geda: pa:diša:h bolsæ
geda:liqini qojmas

If the king becomes a beggar, he does not give up his royal nature. If a beggar becomes a king, he does not give up his beggar nature.

A 29, B 9, C 81. Cf. Ahlbert, p. 98.

143. pičaq egrulikidin yilafnin ičide putlešedur

The knife, because of its crookedness, hesitates (lit. stumbles) when introduced into the sheath.

A 33, B 17, C 87.

144. pičaqni özünge tiq ayramasæ kišige tiq

Stick the knife into yourself (first).

If it is not painful, then stick it into somebody else.

A 23, B 11, C 73:10; in A 23 and B 11 ayrimasæ instead of ayramasæ; in B 11 özünyæ, kišiyæ instead of özünge, kišige. Cf. Ar. No. 119.

145. pul tapsæ kören galvan kiši bolyusi da:na: pulsiz kišidin æqli keter fehmi tapilmas yæm jetse eninyæ dost mu qačar düšmen mu tapilmas

Look! If a stupid man finds money (becomes rich), he becomes wise.

From a man without money, his wisdom disappears and his intellect is not to be found.

⁷⁹ jarmašti Nadjip 772 envy.

When trouble affects him, friends disappear and enemies are not to be found.

A 63, C 91. Is said to be from Kashghar.

146. puli barnin gepi on puli joqnin gepi ton

What a rich man says is right; What a poor man says is stupid (unripe.)

A 65, B 19, C 93. Cf. LC No. 15; Skrine, p. 216.

147. puti kičik čaqqanni kejsun puti joyan tapqanni kejsun

He, who has a small foot, can put on a smart shoe. He, who has a big foot, will have to put on what he is able to find.

A 72, B 23, C 107.

148. qa:dir kiši qoj öltürür a:d3ïz kiši čüd3ɛ xora:z

A powerful (rich) man will kill a sheep; A weak (poor) man a chicken or a cock.

B 25.

Cf. No. 188.

149. qarya keklekni doraimen dep öz manišini onutti The crow intended to imitate the partridge, but forgot its own way of walking.

> A 35, B 17, C 89. Cf. LC No. 132.

150. qarγaγæ oq atma jæmanγæ söz qatma ⁸⁰

> Don't shoot an arrow at a crow! Don't jest with a bad woman!

A 29, B 17, C 83.

⁸⁰ söz qat-=ojan gep qil- to jest, to joke.

151. qašqar qizi čæčidæ ⁸¹
apaq xodzam ⁸² tuma:ri
tuma:rinin qišidæ ⁸³
minlap ⁸⁴ a:šiq yuma:ri

In the hair of the Kashghar girl there is an amulet from Afaq Khodja.

Around that amulet

there appear thousands of young men, drunk with love.

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152. qatiq jayačni jumšaq qurt jeidur

A soft worm can eat hard wood.

M.: With softness you can defeat even an evil man.

A 33, B 17, C 87.

153. gazandæ bolsæ čúmúčke čigadur

As soon as it is in the kettle, it will be dealt with by the ladle.

A 25.

Cf. KM II p. 178, No. 57; LC No. 195; further Ar. No. 12, a slightly different version.

Cf. No. 157.

154. qazanyæ jolaqsan qarasi joqar jæmanyæ jolaqsan bala:si joqar

If you rub against the kettle, its black (soot) leaves its mark.

If you rub against evil, its bad influence leaves its mark.

B 27, C 84.

Cf. Ar. No. 80; KM II p. 178, No. 72; Kúnos No. 124; LC No. 26; further JARRING, Literary Texts from Kashghar, p. 72, sentence 105.

155. qazanı mdæ joq čimi čimde neme iš qilur?
A 25, C 77: 23; in A 25 qilædur instead of qilur.
qazanı mdæ joq čimi čimni neme iš bar?
B 13.

B1 čæčidæ < sačidæ.

⁸² Apaq Khodja, the famous Moslem shrine outside Kashghar.

⁸⁸ qisidæ < qæsidæ < qasidæ.

⁸⁴ minla- to appear in thousands.

What has that to do in my ladle which is not in my kettle?

M.: How can rumour-mongers accuse me of something which I haven't done?

156. qazaninnin qajnašiyæ baq balannin ojnašiyæ baq

> Watch your kettle when it is boiling. Watch your children when they play.

A 25, B 5, C 77: 20; in B 5 qazannin instead of qazaninnin.

Cf. Ar. No. 93; KM II p. 174, No. 18; LC No. 38.

M.: There is a belief in Turkestan that if you add salt to the water in the kettle, it will boil all over; if there is no salt, it will boil only in the middle of the kettle. As you can estimate the salinity from the boiling of the water, you can also judge the character of your children from their way of playing.

157. qazanïηγæ neme salsæŋ čumučuŋge šol čiqar

Whatever you put in the kettle will go (straight) to the ladle.

M.: what you sow, you will also harvest.

A 70, B 5, C 103; in A 70 and B 5 čůmůčůnyæ instead of čůmůčůnge and šu čiqar instead of šol čiqar.

Cf. Ar. No. 12; KM II p. 178, No. 57; LC No. 195.

Cf. No. 153.

158. qol jetmegen šaptul ačiy

The peach which can't be reached by (one's) hand is sour. ('Sour grapes' said the fox.)

A 11, A 71, C 59: 14.

Cf. KM II p. 178, No. 56.

Cf. No. 92, 159.

159. qol jetmegen šaptul aččiq tama tama köl bolædur jilan özüm egrü emes tüšüküm egrü deidur

The peach that can't be reached by (one's) hand is sour.

(Water) constantly dripping becomes a lake.

The snake says 'It is not I myself who is crooked, it is my hole".

B 15.

Cf. No. 92, 158.

Although written down as one proverb in the manuscript, I understand it as the two different proverbs referred to above.

160. qolni jusæn qol qopup juzni juidur

A 25, C 77: 22.

qolunni jusæn qol qopup juzni juidur

B 13.

When you wash your hand, the hand raises itself and washes (your) face.

M.: If you do a good deed (kindness) to somebody he will return your good deed (your kindness).

Cf. Ar. No. 9; Kúnos No. 5; LC No. 273.

161. qona 85 axond baj išlamdur? saqa 86 axond baj išlamdur? hereket qilmaj uxlasæ mu qatiq nanni tišlamdur? A 7, C 57: 7.

qurban ayond baj ïšlamdur? saq ⁸⁶ ayond baj ⁸⁷ ïšlamdur? hereket qïlmaj uylasæ mu qatïq nannï tišlamdur?

B 15.

Does Qona (Qurban) akhond bai work? Does Saqa (Saq) akhond bai work? Even when they sleep not moving (motionless) do they even chew (a piece of) hard bread?

Illustrating the difference between rich and poor.

162. qonaqliqtæ qo qo taz pija:zlïqtæ pi pi taz

In a maize-field the scald-head says qo-qo.

In an onion-bed he says pi-pi.

C 109.

taz someone affected by Favus, scald-head.

⁸⁵ qona as a man's name is probably a contracted form, perhaps of qurban.

⁸⁶ saq as a man's name could be a protective name meaning 'safe' or 'sound' given to a child at birth.

⁸⁷ baj title for a rich man, cf. J 46.

qo qo the first syllable of qonaq.

pi pi from the first syllable of pija:z.

M.: taz boys are often used as servants or farmhands. A taz, whose duty it is to keep the birds away from a maize-field, says qo qo when chasing them away. In an onion-bed he would say pi pi.

Cf. No. 163.

163. qonaqliqtæ qo qo taz pija:zlïqtæ pi pi taz. bir mehelleniŋ balalærï bašlamčï bolyan gærï taz

In a maize-field the scald-head says go go.

In an onion-bed he says pi pi.

The leader for the children of a town district has become an old taz.

A 74.

Cf. No. 38, 162.

164. qoryušunnin ayiriliqidin almas kesmejdur

The diamond does not cut lead on account of its heaviness (because it is too heavy).

A 33, B 17, C 87. Cf. Ahlbert, p. 98.

165. roze azond baj zayra jemes ya:zi azond baj zayra jemes bu bajlærniŋ jūrūš turuši minguj liiyæ 88 toyra emes

Roze akhond bai does not eat maize-bread. Ghazi akhond bai does not eat maize-bread. The behaviour of these rich people is not in accordance with the law of the republic.

A 7, C 57: 6.

166. sačqannin ölgüsi kelse müsüknin qujruyini tislejdur

When a rat understands that it cannot escape death, it bites the tail of the cat.

A 73, B 23, C 107. Cf. Ar. No. 133.

⁸⁶ lii Chinese 'law', cf. J 184 li:.

167. salmayan gepni qilman tögurmenyæ taqildayuč 80 bolman

> Don't speak if you have not been invited to. Don't become a wooden peg in the mill (i.e. don't become a chatter-box at the mill).

B 13. Cf. No. 172, 202.

168. sebre qilsan yorædin halva 90 püter sebre qilmayan öz ajayidin jiter 91

If you have patience, unripe fruit ends up as halva.

A person who has no patience will run away from his own legs.

A 27, 67, B 13, C 79: 25; A 27 and B 13 only the first line; in A 67 qülsæ instead of qülsan and sebresiz kiši instead of sebre qülmayan. Cf. KM II p. 168, No. 40, LC No. 199.

169. sen elifdek rast bolsan heč bala: joqtur sene lam elifdek egrü bolsan her bala: bar dur sene

> If you are upright like an εlif , 92 you will never be exposed to calamity. If you are crooked like (the combination of) εlif lam, all (kinds of) calamity will be your lot.

A 31, B 3, C 83; in B 3 čun befor lam elifdek.

170. sirimuq 93 kelse insannin bašiyæ dövlet kelür enin qašiyæ

When Simurgh comes (and perches) on the head of a man, wealth also comes to him.

⁸⁹ taqildayuč is probably the same as J 295 taraqlayuč a wooden peg which is fastened to the čonaq of a mill < taraqla- to rattle; cf. Nadjip 279 taqildaq 'chatterbox'. People usually gather at the mill which leads to much gossip and loose talk.

⁹⁰ halva cf. n. 48.

⁰¹ jit- lit. to disappear, to be lost.

⁹² εlif the first letter of the Arabic alphabet; lam the letter l, combined with εlif 1.

⁹³ sirimuq in No. 170 serimuq < simury, cf. n. 26.

A 67, C 95; in both places dövlet and sirimuq transposed, but corrected to the above reading.

Cf. KM II p. 166, No. 35.

Cf. No. 46.

171. sormayan gepni qilma tonumayanyæ sela:m

Don't speak to someone who has not asked (to be spoken) to.

Don't greet someone whom you don't know.

A 27.

Cf. No. 167, 172-174.

172. sormayan gepni qilman tögürmenge taqildayuč bolman

Don't speak to someone who has not asked (to be spoken to). Don't become a wooden peg in the mill (i.e. don't become a chatter-box at the mill).

C 79: 26.

Cf. No. 167, 202.

173. sormayan gepni qilman učramayanyæ sela:m qilman

Don't speak to someone who has not asked (to be spoken to). Don't greet someone whom you have not met.

A 35, C 89.

Cf. No. 171, 174.

174. sormayanyæ söz qïlma učramayanyæ sela:m

Don't speak to someone who has not asked (to be spoken to). Don't greet someone whom you have not met.

B 19.

Cf. No. 171-173.

175. su alïp kelgen χα:r oluptur ⁹⁴ koze sïnduryan æzïz

The one who fetches water is contemptible. The one who breaks the jug is great.

⁸⁴ ol- for bol- only occasionally used or, it may be a writing error.

A 65, B 21, C 95; in A 65 bolædur instead of oluptur, in B 21 boluptur.

176. su ketip taš qalædur osma ⁹⁵ ketip qaš qalædur

> When the water runs away, the stones remain. When the osma disappears, the eyebrow remains.

A 68, B 21, C 97; in B 21 ketse instead of ketip in both places.

Cf. Ar. No. 101.

Cf. No. 205.

177. suγarsæm tiriqni šekernin süjide tiriqtur tiriqtur tiriqtur tiriqtur tiriq

Even if I watered the millet with sugar-water, it remains millet: millet and millet is millet.

A 9, B 7, C 57: 9; A 9 tiriγ throughout.

M.: A man in Aq-su had a farm but the soil was such that he could grow only millet on it. The millet seed when used for making bread makes the bread taste bitter. Our man then decided to by a large quantity of sugar, dilute it in water, and use it for irrigation of the millet-field. When the harvest time came, he was eagerly awaiting the result. He rubbed some seeds in his hands, tasted them, and found that they were as bitter as before. In his despair he made this rhyme.

178. suni körmej ištan salma

Don't take off (your) trousers without having seen the water (for washing).

I.e., never be in haste!

C 88.

Cf. KM II p. 176, No. 42; Ar. No. 2.

179. suni singen jerge sepkil

Sprinkle the water at the place where it will be absorbed.

A 21, B 11, C 71: 8; in A 21 sepin instead of sepkil. Cf. Ar. No. 45; LC No. 11.

⁰⁵ osma cf. n. 71.

180. šaltag keter galtag galur

Stains will disappear, bad repute remains.

A 29, B 17, C 81.

181. šema:l čigmæsæ dræxt lengišemejdur

If the wind doesn't rise the trees will not sway.

No smoke without fire.

A 70, B 23, C 103; in A 70 and B 23 lenšemejdur instead of lengišemejdur.

Cf. Ar. No. 67; KM II p. 178, No. 68; Kúnos No. 154; LC No. 270.

182. šipang ⁹⁶ igiz bir nan joq desta:r ⁹⁷ joyan ima:n joq

The pavilion has a high ceiling, but there is no bread.

The turban is big, but there is no faith.

A 36, C 91.

Cf. No. 43.

183. šir awlayan awči miken kik awlayan awči miken araq ičse köterelmej buze ičken no:če ⁹⁸ miken

Is the one who hunts lions a hunter, I wonder?
Is the one who hunts antelopes a hunter, I wonder?
If he drinks brandy and can't stand it, and then drinks (turns to) beer, is he then a real man (snob), I wonder?

A 7, C 57: 5; in A 7 haraq instead of araq.

184. tak tak eter tömürči pulnï usar künči 99 xinekide 100 o:ra 101 korlap d3a:n talašur bözči

Tak tak makes the blacksmith; the leather-seller scoops up the money. Having dug a pit up to his chin, the cotton-stuff worker fights for his life.

⁹⁸ šipang Rakнiмov p. 204 < Ch. sifan hut, summerhouse, pavilion.

⁹⁷ $d\varepsilon sta:r$ is the bigger turban used by more prominent people in contrast to $s\varepsilon ll\varepsilon$ which is in use among ordinary people.

⁹⁸ no:čε J 210 no:ča P. a young man, youth, snob, dandy; no:čε = oyolbala 'a real man'.

⁹⁹ künči cf. J 177 könči leather-worker, tanner.

¹⁰⁰ $\chi in \varepsilon k$ chin, a Khotan form of $in g \varepsilon k$, cf. J 141 $in g \varepsilon k \sim in g \varepsilon k$ (Guma) jaw, cheekbone, chin.

¹⁰¹ o:ra pit, here the pit in which the weavers are sitting when weaving.

A 5, C 55: 4; in A 5 talasar instead of talasur.

tak tak æjtur tömürči pulni usar künči kindekide o:ra korlap d3a:n talašur bözči

Tak tak says the blacksmith; the leather-seller scoops up the money. Having dug a pit to his navel, the cotton-stuff worker fights for his life.

B 15.

The meaning is that the cotton-stuff worker in his deplorable working conditions, sitting down in a dug out pit, is not able to make money, in contrast to the blacksmith and the leather-seller.

185. taladæki mūšūk öjdeki mūšūkni goylap čigardī

The cat from outside chased the indoor cat away.

Said about someone who forces another person out of his lawful position.

A 13, B 7, C 61: 20.

186. tama tama köl bolædur

(Water) constantly dripping becomes a lake.

A 35.

Cf. Ar. No. 64; LC No. 63.

Cf. No. 159.

187. tambako čekkεn kišini

χuda: oŋlar išini nasva:l čekkεn kišini urup čaqsun tišini

As regards the man who smokes tobacco, God takes care of his affairs. As regards the man who takes snuff, he may have his teeth knocked out.

A 75, C 111; in A 75 tamako instead of tambako.

M.: said about a smoker who had a bad cough owing to his smoking. His cough during the night frightened away some thieves, so the cough was godsent. The man who took snuff had no cough and was punished accordingly.

188. tapγanï gul keltürür tapmaγanï bir baš pija:z qa:dïr kiši qoj öltürür a:d3ïz kiši čüd3ε γοra:z

The one who has found (wealth) brings flowers.

The one who has not found (wealth) brings a (head of) onion.

A powerful (i.e., rich) man will kill a sheep, a weak (poor) man a chicken or a cock.

A 75, C 111; in A 75 čüdzi instead of čüdzε. Cf. No. 148.

189. ta:r dʒajdæ aš jegūči 102 keŋ dʒajdæ mušt je

Eat (your) pillaw in a narrow (safe) place. Take a beating in a wide (unsafe) place.

B 25.

Cf. KM II p. 168, No. 53; LC No. 287.

190. taš tüšken jeride æziz

The stone is precious in the place where it has fallen down.

A 33.

taš öz d3ajïdæ æzïzdur

The stone is precious in its own place.

B 17.

taš bolyan jeride æzïz

The stone is precious in the place where it is.

C 87.

M.: If, for example, a butcher moves his shop into the section of the bazaar which is reserved for the cloth-dealers, it will not further his business.

191. tæqtïrï χuda: tæqtïrdïn özge bolurmu? tašnïŋ χætï jamγur bilen jujulur mu? ger bendege qæza: jetse qačïp qutulur mu?

Will there be any other destiny than that appointed by God?
Will the written letters on the stone be washed away by the rain?
If the servant (i.e. God's servant) is struck by a calamity (death), can he save himself (escape) from it?

¹⁰² jegüči lit. eater.

A 73, B 25, C 107; in B 25 eger instead of ger. From Sa'di?

192. tekebür ejleme her gi:z
igilgil lejle medʒnundek ¹⁰³
qumušni körmedin mu
baš čiqardi boria boldi pettek ¹⁰⁴

Never be naughty.

Bend down like a weeping willow.

Haven't you seen the reed?

It sprouted ears. It became straw mats and insoles.

A 68, C 97.

193. tilinni tejer tut

zæxm qilmasun tišin
sen özünni bilgil
kiši bilen neme išin

Keep your tongue ready (quiet) (i.e. curb your tongue), so it will not hurt your teeth.

Know yourself

and what your business is with (other) people.

A 69, C 101.

Cf. No. 194-195.

194. tilinni tind3 tut
tujmasun kišin
kiši bilen ne išin
sïnmasun tišin

Curb your tongue

so that no one around you may know what you say.

Whatever you do with other people,

may it not (lead to) your teeth being broken.

C 87.

Cf. No. 193, 195.

195. tilinni tindz tut tujmasun tišin kiši bilen ne išin sinmasun tišin

 $^{103~}lejle~med\,gnun$ name for the weeping willow Salix babylonica < the famous lovers Laila and Majnun.

¹⁰⁴ pettek cf. J 229 petek an insole < Iran.

Curb your tongue so that your teeth do not know what you say.

Whatever you do with other people, may it not (lead to) your teeth being broken.

A 33, B 3, 19; in B 19 birlε instead of bilεn. Cf. No. 193—194.

196. tišių ayrisæ tiliųni jių közių ayrisæ goluųni jių

If your tooth aches, control your tongue. If your eye aches, control your hand.

A 31, B 3, C 85; in B 3 ayrasæ instead of ayrisæ.

I.e., don't lick the tooth with your tongue, it makes your toothache worse. And always keep your hand away from your eyes.

Medical advice in the form of a proverb!

197. toxæ tiriqni tüšer otanči dzengalni

The hen dreams of millet, the woodcutter of the forest.

B 11.

198. toyî dangal tüser otančî dzengal

The hen dreams of dangal, 105 the woodcutter of the forest.

A 29, C 83. Cf. Ar. No. 141.

199. tojγæ barsan tojap bar balannï öjdε qojap bar

When you go to a wedding, satisfy your hunger before you go. Let your children remain at home when you go.

A 73, B 23, C 107; in B 23 tojup, qojup instead of tojap, qojap. I.e., eat before you go so that you are not too greedy for food; the children would be a nuisance at a wedding.

Cf. Ar. No. 50; Kúnos No. 84.

¹⁰⁵ dangal the grains of corn which are left over when threshing, used as chicken feed.

200. toquz aqliq pajtima jayliq öteki hem jamayliq mihman bolup öjige kirse nan ošatmas toquz aqliq

> A man from Toquz-aq wears a footcloth as a girdle and in addition his boot is patched. If a guest enters his house he doesn't break bread with his guest. Such is a man (the people) of Toquz-aq.

A 70, C 101.

tögε qančæ bolsæ jæγïrï šunčæ
 C 89.

töge qančæ bolsæ jæyï šunčæ B 17.

tive qančæ jæyiri šunčæ A 33.

The bigger the camel, the bigger its sores.

Cf. Ahlbert, p. 98.

202. tögürmenge taqildayuč bolman!

Don't be a wooden peg to the mill!

Don't be a chatterbox!

A 27.

Cf. No. 167, 172.

203. tuz jep tuzluqqæ čičeduryan

(Someone who) having eaten (some of) the salt sprinkles it back into the salt-cellar.

A 27.

Cf. No. 129.

204. uryali bolmas yudzamni tilleyali bolmas yudzamni yuda: ursun yudzamni

It won't do to beat my master. It won't do to scold my master. May God beat my master!

B 13.

205. usma ¹⁰⁶ ketür qaš qalur su ketür taš qalur

The usma disappears, the eyebrow remains. The water runs away, the stones remain.

C 80.

Cf. No. 176.

206. usma jaqmas qara qašqæ čač salur taz bašqæ

There is no need for *usma* for someone who has black eyebrows, but hair on the head of a *taz*.¹⁰⁷

C 82.

207. ünmegen čiy 108 töbidin toyulmayan tošqanni čiqardi

He sent out an unborn hare from below ungrown reeds. (He tells lies by the dozen.)

A 11, B 9, C 61:17; in A 11 tawušqan čiqti "a hare came out" instead of tošqanni čiqardi; in B 9 tawušqan čiqardi instead of tošqanni čiqardi. This proverb is probably an extract from a tall tale, cf. Jarring, A Tall Tale from Central Asia, p. 30, sentence 77 "There was lying under a bush of Artemisia, ungrown, one child of a hare, unborn."

208. üdzme piš ayzimyæ tüš deiduryan kiši

A person who says "Ripen mulberry and fall into my mouth!".

C 101.

üdzmε pïš aγzïmγæ tüš! Ripen mulberry and fall into my mouth!

A 70.

Cf. Ar. No. 128.

¹⁰⁸ usma ~ osma cf. n. 71.

¹⁰⁷ taz scald-head, cf. n. 19.

¹⁰⁸ $\check{c}i\gamma$ cf. J 70 $\check{c}i\gamma$ a grass or reed, Arundinella nepalensis, used for making baskets and mats . . .

209. üd3meler pišip qaptu ¹⁰⁹
ša:χ ša:χidæ šor baγlap
čokanlær ¹¹⁰ qarip qaptu
emčekige tor baγlap

The mulberries have become overripe and salt has got hold of their branches (i.e. they have got a salty taste).

The young women are getting old and have tied up their breasts with nets.

A 15, C 63: 25; in A 15 مئى instead of šor.

210. zemista:n körmegen bulbul baha:rnïŋ qæderini bilmes dʒepa:nï qatmayan a:šïq vopa:nïŋ qæderini bilmes

A nightingale who has not met with the winter does not understand the charm of the spring.

A lover who has not become hardened to cruelty (in love) will not understand the charm of faithfulness.

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211. ajvanindæ aj bar mu serajindæ šu aq rabattæ ajrilyan jarim šu

Is there a moon on your porch? It is the same (moon) in your serai. She is my friend from whom I parted in Aq-rabat.

A 3.

212. almanï attïm dærja:yæ lejlemejdur čökmejdur ajïm xannïŋ otlærï jaldïrlajdur učmajdur

> I threw the apple into the river. It does not float, it does not sink.

¹⁰⁹ qap < qalip.

¹¹⁰ čokan J 75 a newly married woman who has not yet born a child . . . with further references.

¹¹¹ Is it STEINGASS 1357 P. mai grape-wine, J 190 mej wine?

¹¹² No. 211—218 are described in the manuscripts as qošay qošay rhyme; also qošay ~ qošaq; cf. Jarring, Wörterverzeichnis, p. 47 with further references. It is the normal term for 'folk-song, ballad'.

Ayim Khan's love-fire is flaming. It will not die down.

A 3.

213. amraqim deimu senni vaj tatliqim deimu senni šišedin sanduq etip saqlap söjejmu vaj senni

> May I call you my beloved one? May I call you Oh, my sweetie? If I make a box of glass oh, may I keep you in it and kiss you?

A 2.

214. endidza:nyæ bardim išledim eski tonumni tašladim bar pulumni xærdz qilip kesekni nan dep tišledim

I went to Andidjan for work.
I threw away my worn-out clothes.
After I had spent the money I had,
I chewed a piece of brick calling it bread.

A 71, C 103; in A 71 etip instead of qilip. Cf. No. 215.

215. endidza:nyæ barip išledim kohne tonumni tašladim bar pulumni xærdz qilip kohne nanni tišledim

I went to Andidjan for work.
I threw away my old (worn-out) clothes.
After I had spent the money I had,
I chewed old (pieces of) bread.

B 27. Cf. No. 214.

216. iki qolum jaray dur iki közüm čeray qorsaqïm xord3ïn dur iki putum ulay My two hands are (my) weapon, my two eyes (my) lamp, my belly is my saddle-bag, my two feet (my) beast of burden.

A 5, B 15, C 55: 2. Sung by the dervishes.

217. otan kesken kerkü miken jayač kesken kerkü miken tatliq gepni išitmejdur jarniŋ köŋli tertü miken

That which has cut the wood, is that the axe, I wonder? That which has cut the tree, is that the axe, I wonder? She does not listen to sweet words.

Is the mind of my friend wrong, I wonder?

A 5.

218. turaryæ ta:qætïm ta:q oldï bu jolyæ joq æsba:p quluŋyæ sɛn kɛrɛm etkil ja: mufetihul abva:p

> I became restless and without strength to stay on here. But I do not have the means for travelling on this road. Be generous to your slave! Oh, conqueror (opener) of doors!

M.: This song is sung by people who accompany pilgrims bound for Mecca. They show the pilgrims *izzet*, a mark of respect and honour, by singing special songs, stroking their foreheads against their stirrups if they are on horseback etc.

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