

So the manuscripts at 'Quintilian', *decl. min.* 283 (p.148,23 Ritter). The eccentric punctuation is Ritter's. In fact, of course, the two *quaestiones* suggested are: Is fire the origin of things or just a material substance composed of atoms? and, Is our world eternal or doomed to perish? In the first, the emotive *mirabilibus* goes uneasily with the scientific *minutis*. Hence conjectures: *mutabilibus* (Rohde), and further back *innumerabilibus* or *insecabilibus* (Aerodius). But our declaimer wrote *mobilibus*: for Epicurean fire atoms, if not round like those of Democritus,² were certainly easily moved. Lucretius³ knew this well, and he supplies the crowning parallel: 'ignem / constituit natura minutis mobilibusque (montibusque OQ) / corporibus' (6.225-7; cf. also 4.343 'mobiliior . . . minutior').

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venit aut quid fiat aut quit sit futurum, ut in generalibus "an atomorum concursu mundus sit effectus, an providentia regatur, an sit aliquando casurus" . . .

² See Aristotle, *de anima* A2, 405^a11 τῶν δὲ σχημάτων εὐκωητότατον τὸ σφαιροειδὲς λέγει (sc. Democritus) • τοιοῦτον δ' εἶναι τὸν τε νοῦν καὶ τὸ πῦρ. Mr. R.D. Brown, to whom I am much

indebted for his help with this matter, points out to me that according to the scholiast on Epic. *ad Hdt.* 66.5 (cf. Lucretius 2.456-63) Epicurus regarded fire atoms as considerably different from the smooth, round soul atoms.

³ He could have supplied more: for fire as origin of things 1.635 seq., for the time span of the world 2.1105 seq.

ADDENDUM TO 'A EUPOLIDEAN PRECEDENT FOR THE ROWING SCENE IN ARISTOPHANES' "FROGS"?

In a recent article of the above title published in *CQ* N.S. 24 (1974), 250-2, I supported Lobel's suggestion¹ that the scholia of P. Oxy.2740 relate to Eupolis' *Taxiarchs*, and I further argued that Dionysus was probably involved in a rowing scene in the play. The article was prepared before I had the opportunity to see a copy of C. Austin's edition of the Comic fragments from papyri², and I was unaware that he had been able to publish a new fragment of Eupolis from Photius³, explicitly cited from *Taxiarchs*, which matches a partly preserved lemma in the scholia of P. Oxy.2740. The discovery of this new fragment makes it certain that the scholia do comment on *Taxiarchs*, and I am indebted to Dr. Austin for drawing my attention to this new evidence.

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¹ *Oxyrhynechus Papyri*, xxxiv (1968), p. 49.

² *Comicorum Graecorum Fragmenta in Papyris Reperta*, (Berlin and New York,

1973).

³ Austin, *op.cit.*, fr.98, line 16 n. (p. 114).