

Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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**Our next meeting
will be at the**

**South Huntsville Public
Library
7901-L Bailey Cove Rd Se
Huntsville, AL 35802**

**On
Monday November 21,
2022
from 6:00 – 7:30**

**It's Our Annual
Potluck and Bourse Month**



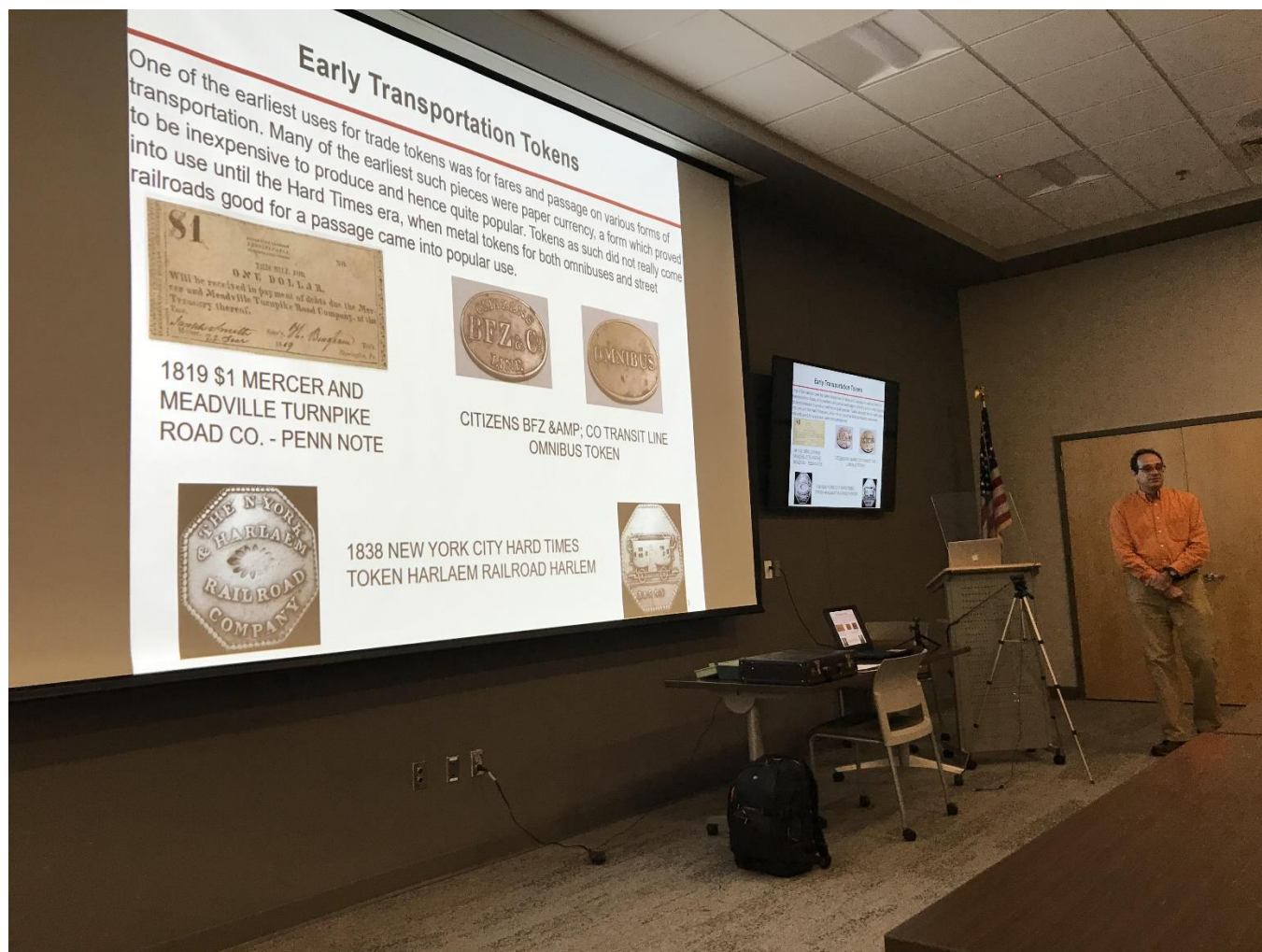
The next meeting is our annual end of the year potluck supper. The club will provide drinks, paper products and utensils. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow club members. It is also our bourse night. Come see what treasure you can find! We will also vote for next year's officers.

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**Please bring a coin,
medal, note, or something
for Show-and-Tell.**

Some Scenes from our Last Meeting



MCCC is on Facebook

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

The Madison County Coin Club is now on Facebook. The Facebook page has pictures of recent meetings, schedules of upcoming events like the Huntsville Coin show, and post from members. Navigate to:
<http://www.facebook.com/MadisonCountyCoinClub> .

Post comments - Visit the page and don't forget to "Like" us.



Three New Members: Ann, Chad, and Todd



Members enjoying the presentation

November Meeting Details

At the October meeting, nominations for 2023 MCCC officers were held. The following people were nominated:

Doug Glandon	President
Wayne Koger	Vice President
Aaron Wales/Wayne Koger	Secretary
Mike Campbell	Treasurer
Kurt Springfield	Member-at-Large

At the November meeting, there will be a vote for the election of the 2023 MCCC officers. The program for the month is the club's end-of-year potluck, auction, and buy & sell night. You can arrive early (5:40) to help set up.

Potluck

Please bring food to share for 4-6 people. The drinks will be provided, and the club provides the drinks, plates, cups, utensils, etc. for the potluck.

Auction

For the auction, please remember that this is a cash auction, and money is collected from each lot as it sells. Small bills are very helpful. If you bring an item for the auction, please remember to complete the small auction form that identifies you and the item. Auction lots can be placed beginning at 5:40 pm. We try to keep the auction to about 50 lots with a maximum of 5 lots per person.

Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?

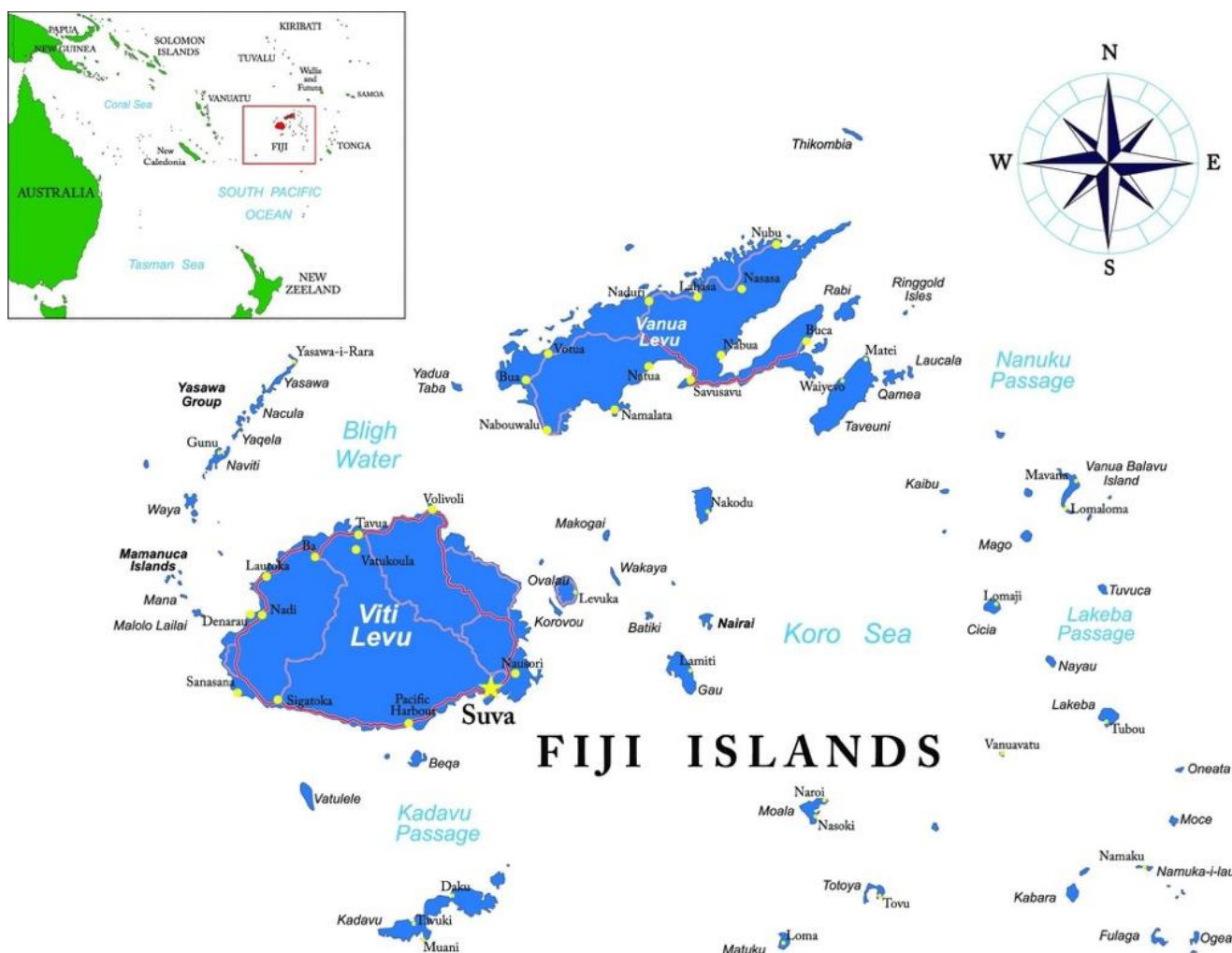
The Fiji Five Dollar Bill

By Aaron Wales

I was given a Fiji five dollar bill from a friend for my 11th birthday. He is a banknotes collector. This is a very interesting and beautiful banknote. Here's a little history about it.

Fiji is part of Oceania in the South Pacific Ocean. It is north-northeast of New Zealand.

Fiji consists of an archipelago of more than 330 islands. Dutch explorer, Abel Tasman was the first known European visitor to Fiji in 1643. The explorer Captain James Cook visited the southern islands in 1774. Articles have described the Fijians as formidable warriors and builders of the finest vessels in the Pacific. At that time, they called their home Viti. But the Tongans called it Fisi. Captain James Cook began the pronunciation Fiji (Feejee).



The Kingdom of Fiji became a crown colony of the British Empire in 1874. Fijian currency has traditionally included The Royal Family since King George V. However, they decided to adopt local plants and animals in a new series which was started December 12, 2012. The series starts with the 5-dollar denomination. This particular banknote is green and was printed from 2012 to 2013. It was nominated for the International Bank Note of the Year in 2013, but it did not win.

On the obverse:



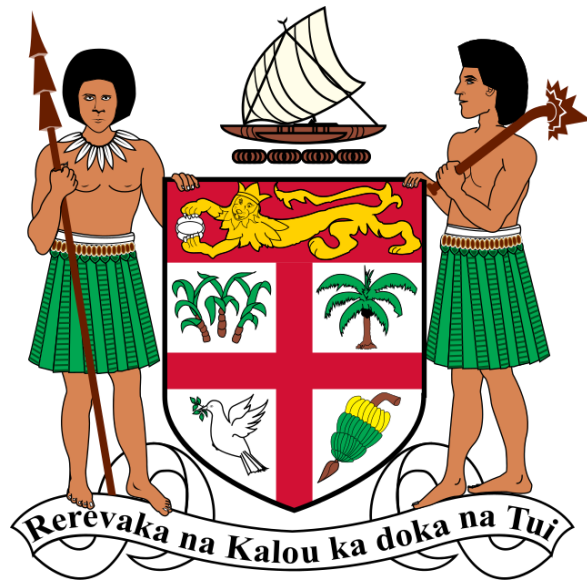
- Kulawai is small lorikeet and is entirely green in color except for its red cheeks, throat and thighs. The undertail and tail tips are a mustard yellow. It is also known as the Red-throated Lorikeet and has been seen on several islands. However, the last confirmed sighting of the Kulawai was on Viti Levu in 1993, on the slopes of Mt Tomaniivi, Fiji's highest mountain. Most observations of the bird have been at the forest edge. But many wonder if habitat loss has led to researchers searching the wrong location. The Ship Rat (*Rattus rattus*), which is now the most common rat in Fiji's forests, is known to be a serious predator of nesting Pacific lorikeets and may be responsible for the rarity and decline of the Kulawai. Due to the extreme rarity of this species, it is considered to have a total population of less than 50 birds. It may, in fact, be extinct.



- Kato ni Masima is a type of salt basket. Hundreds of years before the arrival of the first European in Fiji, homemade salt was produced in settlements along the Sigatoka Sand Dunes. These early settlers prepared salt by evaporating saltwater in special clay dishes using the power of the sun. They were thought to be the first pre-contact salt makers in the Pacific. Hundreds of years later, the successors of the industry emerged. But unlike those who were the first to master salt-making, the new breed of salt producers extracted salt by boiling seawater. From its early use, salt slowly developed into a market commodity for prestige and trade. Today, it is used as a seasoning in foods, cooking, and for preserving food. In the olden days, Lomawai villagers took salt as a gift when visiting other villages or traded them for other food produce or traditional artifacts from other villagers. Salt was also presented during special traditional occasions. Lastly, special baskets using the stripped inside parts of young mangrove are woven to store the salt. In the olden days, salt baskets would be hung above the fireplace to help preserve it. They were taken down, scraped to remove soot and then the white crystals were collected for cooking.



- A transparent Fijian man is sketched in a clear window. It is an iTaukei man. The iTaukei is a major group of indigenous people in Fiji. They are Melanesians who possess a mixture of Polynesian blood. Many trace their descent from strangers who sailed or drifted to Fiji's shores from distant islands, and who settled singly or in small groups among the Melanesian people already occupying the land.
- The national coat of arms has a shield divided by Cross of St. George and topped by a gold lion. These represent the United Kingdom. Fiji was not granted independence until 1970. The shield is supported by two Fijian warriors (one on each side). There is a legend that they are twins. One has a spear and one has a club. At the very top of the crest is a traditional Fijian canoe. In the quarters of the shield are sugar cane, coconut palm, and bananas. These are some of the country's natural resources. In the final quarter is a dove to symbolize peace. At the bottom is the motto "**Rerevaka na Kalou ka Doka na Tui.**" These words mean "Fear God and honour the King." This was utilized on the country's flag during the reign of King Cakobau whose government was the last before British rule. It has been the coat of arms since 1908.



On the reverse:



- Fiji Crested Iguana is featured. This animal is extremely endangered. Goats have been a major factor in the decline of the Fiji Crested Iguana. It has been found in the northwestern islands of the Fijian archipelago. It has short, tiny crests along the back. The males also have three cream to white strips. They are herbivores and eat leaves, fruits, shoots, and flowers from trees and shrubs. If threatened, it extends its throat. It can even jump at its attacker. As a safety measure, the iguana can change color from green, dark green, to

black depending on if it's threatened. There are at least two tribes which have this iguana as their totem.



Members' Notices

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the editor, hkfears@gmail.com, of the Madison County Coin Club newsletter. Notices will be limited to a maximum of 8 lines, including the name and contact information. The person entering the notice must answer all responses to notices. Preference will be given in the following order to notices when the page is oversubscribed in a single month:

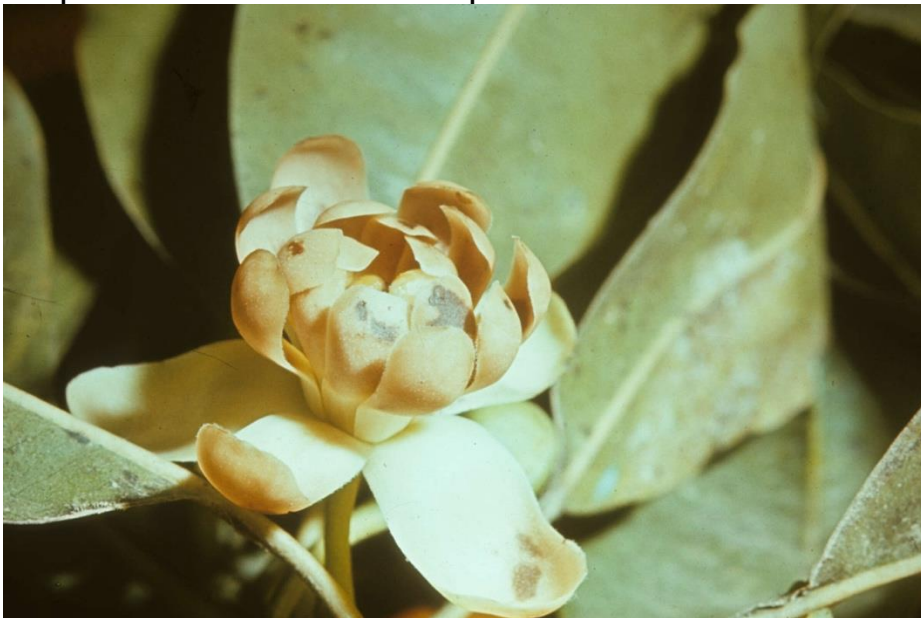
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- Balaka Palm is shown. There are 9 known species of this palm family. Seven are in Fiji and the other two are in Samoa. This palm can grow up to 26 feet tall. It likes the wet forest areas in Fiji including Vanua Levu. This also has orangish-red fruit. Parrots consume the fruit.



- A masiratu flower is shown. It's from a large tree which prefers high altitude. The timber for the tree has been used for buildings and furniture. The flower was also depicted on a 45-cent stamp and a 1-dollar bill in 1988.



The 1887 Queen Victoria Golden Jubilee Medal

The official Queen Victoria 1887 Golden Jubilee medal were engraved by L.C.Wyon after models of a portrait by Joseph Edgar Boehm. The obverse has a left-facing portrait of Queen Victoria wearing a small diamond crown and long lace veil over ornate clothing. She is wearing several decorations including the Garter Star and Imperial Order of the Crown of India as well as plenty of jewelry. The legend reads in Latin as 'VICTORIA REGINA ET IMPERATRIX' or in English 'Victoria Queen and Impress'. This portrait bears many similarities to Boehm's 'Jubilee Head' coinage portrait, introduced in the same year, but is more detailed. The artists initials appear on the truncation of the Queen's shoulder as 'J.E.B.'.

The reverse shows the enthroned and crowned figure of Victoria holding sword and orb. Mercury and Time lounge at her feet while the personifications of Science, Letters, Art, Industry and Agriculture congregate around her, holding relevant implements. Two cherubs appear above with the lettering 'IN COMMEMORATION'. Below the figures are shields bearing the words 'ASIA', 'AMERICA', 'EUROPE', 'AUSTRALASIA' and 'AFRICA', surrounded by laurels. A tiny 'FL' to the left of Mercury identifies the artist behind this design as Frederick Leighton.

The medals were housed in red leather cases and were issued at the following prices: fine gold £13/13/0; fine silver £2/2/0; bronze 10/6d. Only 4,257 bronze medals were issued between 18 July 1887 and 26 February 1889. The medals were unpopular that a new portrait was incorporated from 1893 onwards - also engraved by Wyon but after a portrait by Thomas Brock. The medal is 77 millimeters in diameter.

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The obverse of the 1887 official Jubilee Medal



The reverse of the 1887 Jubilee Medal



The medal's obverse bears many similarities to Boehm's 'Jubilee Head' coinage





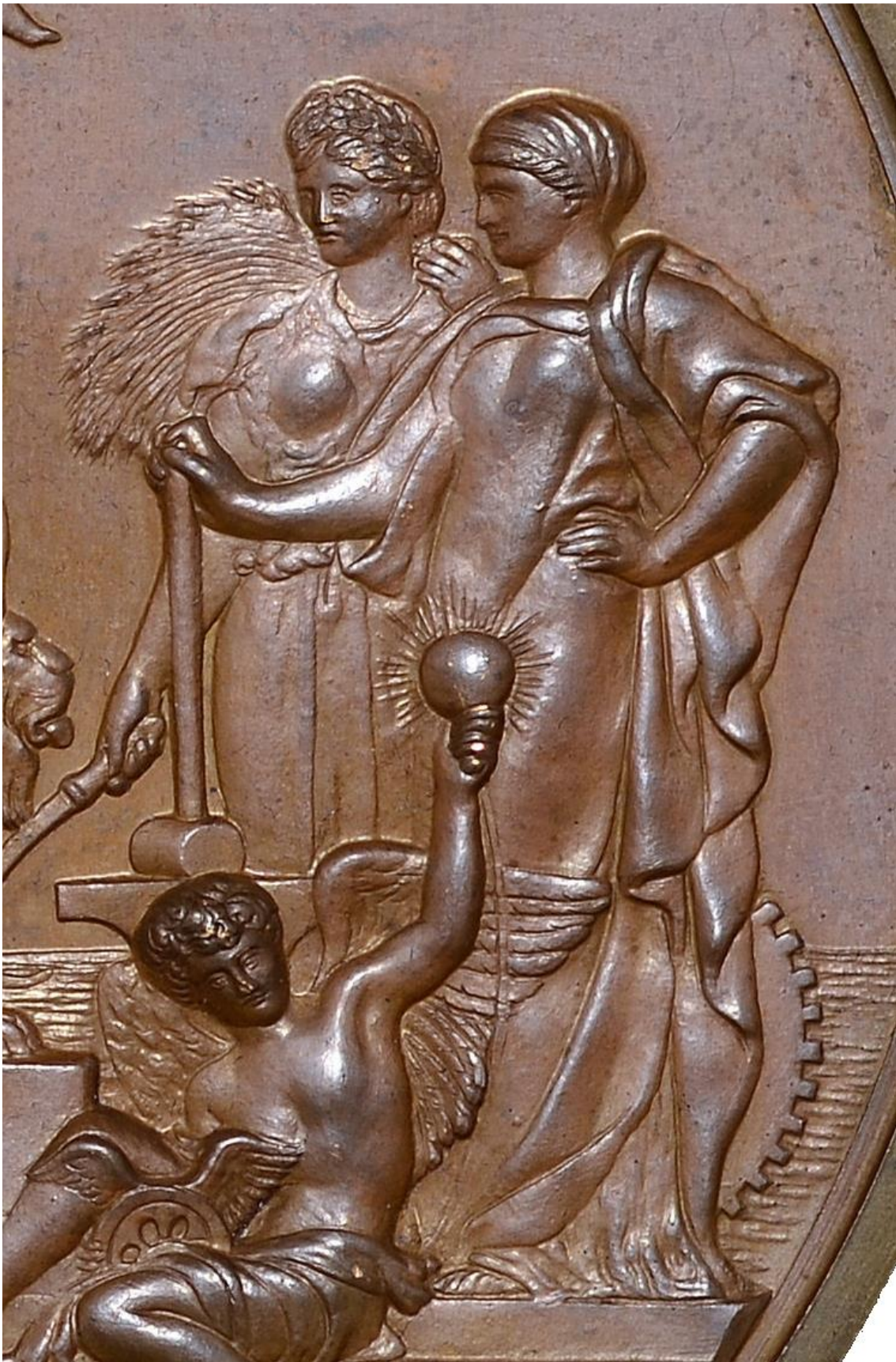
Note that the Garter Star and Imperial Order of the Crown of India are clearly visible

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Philip Grierson - Professor of Numismatics, University of Cambridge



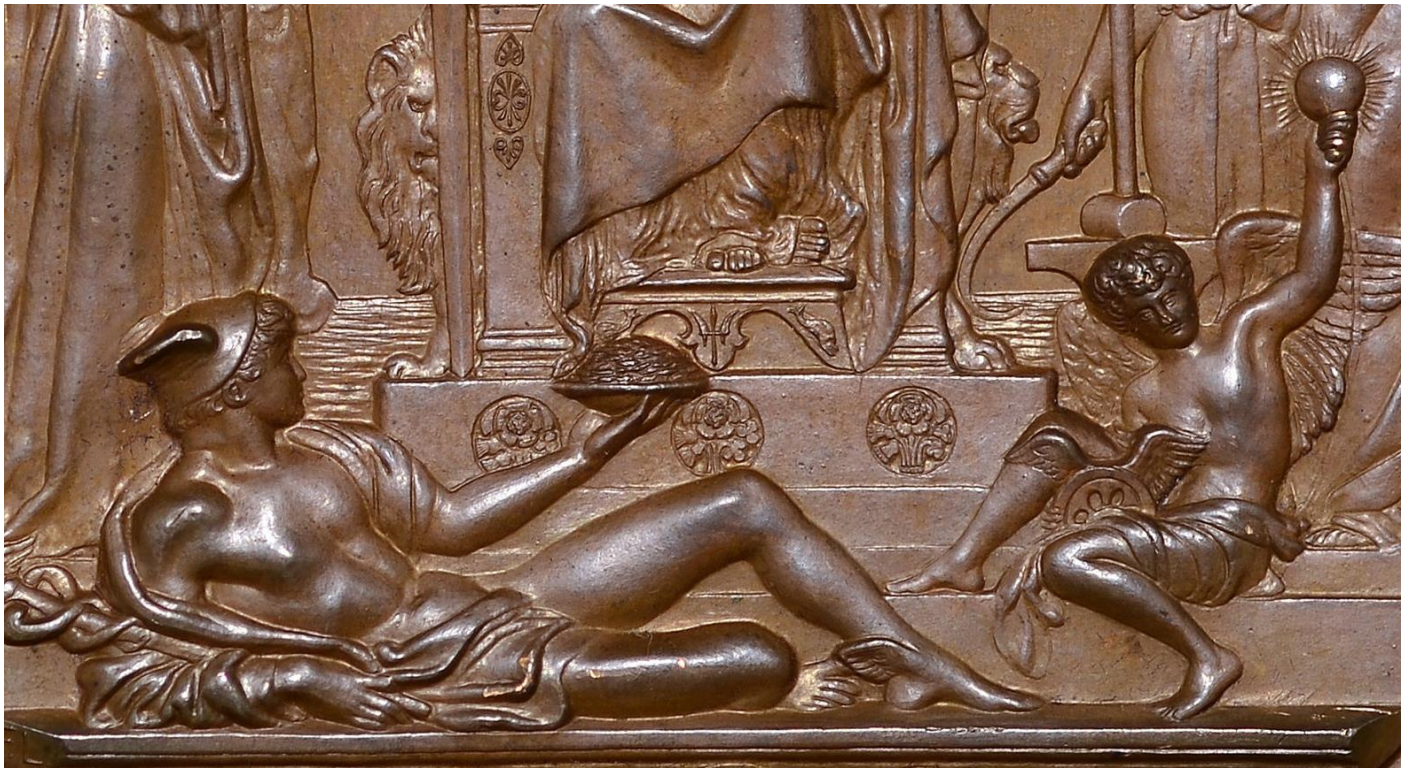
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The Queen



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