Not more numerous are instances in the papyri of Jewish artisans, among whom potters (*B. G. U.*, 1282), weavers (*B. G. U.*, 1436; *S. B.*, 5819), tanners (*P. Oxy.*, 2037), a painter (*P. Ross. Georg.*, III, 38), and a flute-player (*P. Tebt.*, 882), are mentioned. It may be assumed that in this case the paucity of instances does not correspond with the true state of affairs, the various handicrafts being the chief occupation of the Jews in Palestine. The Talmudic sources (Tosephta Sukka, IV, 6; B. Sukka, 51 *b*; B. Joma, 38 *a*; B. Arachin, 10 *b*; J. Kiddushin, 3, 14) and Philo (in *Flacc.*, 56/57) mention various kinds of Jewish artisans in Alexandria.

7. *Bankers and money-lenders.*—The part played by Jewish bankers in Egypt has been exaggerated by modern scholars no less than their part as merchants. The long list of Egyptian bankers drawn up by Calderini[1] contains no Jews at all. There may have been Jewish bankers in Upper Egypt in the IIIrd century B. C., but it must be remembered that under the Ptolemies bankers were officials of the King and not private persons lending their own money. In the Roman period Jewish money-lenders are mentioned in Alexandria (*B. G. U.*, 1079); Alexander, the brother of Philo, was evidently a rich banker (*Ant.*, XVIII, 159; *B. Jud.*, V, 205). It has been suggested that Jewish capitalists are to be found among the Πέρσαι τῆς ἐπιγονῆς so numerous in Egypt at the end of the Hellenistic and the beginning of the Roman period; yet from the total number of nearly 530 "Persians" known to us from the documents[2], hardly ten may be regarded as Jews (s. p. 117 above). There is thus no reason to suspect that there was a large number of Jews among the "Persians". Numerous documents mention various money-transactions of a private character, including money-lending, in which Jews are involved (*P. Tebt.*, 817; 818; 815, fr. 2; *P. Oxy.*, 1281; *P. Cornell*, 7), as well as Greeks and Egyptians. In all these cases

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[1] Calderini, *Censimente topografico delle banche dell'Egitto greco-romano*, *Aegyptus*, 18, 1938, p. 244-278.

[2] Heichelheim, *Die auswaertige Bevoelkerung im Ptolemaerreiche*, p. 100 ff.; *Arch. f. Pap.*, 9, p. 53; 12, p. 61.