

Paradise Lost

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absyrtus, and threw his limbs in
her fathers way. The return of the
Argonauts was celebrated in Thebes,
but on account of his old age,
Aegeon the father of Jason c^d not
attend; Medea restored him to vigour
& youth. Pelias also wished Medea
to renew his youth, & she persuaded
his daughters to cut his body in
pieces and put it in a boiling cal-
dron of boiling water. Medea infered
the flesh to be consumed, and he was
not restored to life. After this she
fled to Corinth where she lived with
Jason 10 years in perfect happiness.
Afterwards Jason fell in love with
Glauce, the daughter of the king of
the country & divorced Medea; Medea

destroyed her children in presence
of their father. After his separation
from Medea Jason lived a melan-
choly life. He was pined by a
fever which fell upon his head as
he was one day reposing himself
by the side of the ship which car-
ried him to Colchis. ("Through
Bosphorus") the Thracian Bospho-
rus, or the Straits of Constanti-
nople, or the Channel of the Black
Sea; the sea is here so narrow that
cattle are said to have swum across
it. "Between the jostling rocks")
two rocks at the entrance into
the Buxine or Black Sea, called
in Greek Symplegades, which mil-
ton translates the "jostling rocks"

because they were so near, that at a
distance they seemed to open & shut
again, and jostle one another, as the
ship varied its course. In short, Ja-
son's voyage thro' the fighting elements
was more difficult & dangerous
than that of the Argonauts thro'
narrow seas betwixt jostling rocks.
"with opal towers") with towers
of precious stones. Opal is a stone
of diverse colors, partaking of
the carbuncle, amethyst & emerald.

("In Tartarus profound")
Tartarus was one of the regions
of hell, where the most impious
& guilty were supposed to have
been punished.

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"As at the Olympian games"
What were the Olympian games?
celebrated games which derived
their name, either from Olympia
where they were observed, or from
Jupiter Olympius, to whom they
were dedicated. The most received
opinion of their institution is that
they were established by Hercules
in honor of Jupiter Olympius
after a victory obtained over An-
gias. But they were neglected
& no notice taken of them, till
Iphitus, in the age of Lycurgus, re-
newed them. They were never how-
ever regularly exhibited until

3. Porocbus - 776 B. C. The care &
superintendence of the games were
intrusted to the people of Elis, to
they were excluded by the Pisceans.
They derived great privileges from
the appointment. No women were
permitted to appear at the celebra-
tion. In these games were exhibited
running, leaping, wrestling, boxing
& the throwing of the quoit. They
were observed every fifth year, &
they continued for 5 successive days,
or rather, after a revolution of
four years.

The Pythian games were games
celebrated in honor of Apollo
near the temple of Delphi. They
are said to have been instituted

by Apollo himself in honor of the
victory he obtained over the serpent
Python. They were celebrated every
5th year on the 2^d year of every
Olympiad. ("As when Alcides")

See Hercules - as written,