

ranged themselves before him

Arise aleft before the throne
Bright Ranks of youthful charmers shone
While Regal pomp was placed on high
Mid Fortune and prosperity

On the one side appeared the nobles of
the city on the other the judges In this
manner the social board was arranged
and nothing could excell the magnificence
of the Perizades for as the poet says

High in the Palace sat the princely band
With martial nobles ranged on every hand
The welcome nuptials all their thoughts employ
and tune their souls to sprightly notes of joy
O'er treasured heaps the left assistants lean
And weath unmeasured flits their hands between
Beneath the loads of pearl and precious stone
Sacinth and ruby numerous camels groan
But first of gems the Ruby claims the van
Fair light of Yemen and of Budekonan
A thousand camel loads of tapestry gay
Glittering brocades that changeful hues display
Fair Khotens youths the radiant stuffs unfold
Each wears a belt and poniard rough with gold
With numerous Singe youths of amber hue
Who boast the scent and tinge of amber too
Around were heaps of gems of amber spread
Innumerable as the waves that roughen Ocean's bed
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