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**Gold coins, Alexandria Troas and Goths.
Origin of early Germanic coinage**

Since 1881 Cabinet des Medailles in Paris has had in its keeping a pierced gold coin of Gallienus struck with the die of Alexandria Troas. Only bronze coins were minted in Asia Minor at this time so this continued to challenge the most eminent numismatists such as H. Cohen or E. Babelon. Currently three gold coins of this type are known. One of them was discovered in north-eastern Ukraine. In AD 263 Alexandria Troas was plundered by Gothic troops. No doubt, its mint also fell into barbarian hands, complete with bronze coin dies and possibly, its workers too. Next, the looted dies found their way north and were used, possibly with the help of moneyers of Troas themselves, in striking gold coins, pierced, of a weight significantly in excess of the aureus standard. This is an evidence on a remarkable mechanism of the direct import of know-how to Barbaricum from the Empire that would form the foundation for later independent coinage. Germanic societies migrating south and westward keep the tradition of imitation gold coinage, variously resembling their Roman prototypes. In the end of 5th – early 6th century the first monograms and names of Germanic rulers start to appear on the pseudo-imperial coins.

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