

HYKES, a sort of blankets, in great use among the natives of Barbary. They are woven by the women, who make no use of a shuttle therein, but conduct every thread of the wool with their fingers. One of these hykes is usually six yards long, and five or six broad, serving the Kabyle as well as Arab, both male and female, for a complete dress in the day, and for his bed and covering in the night. It is a loose and troublesome kind of garment, being frequently disconcerted, and falling on the ground, so that the wearer is every moment to be taking it up, and folding it anew round his body. Dr. Shaw (Trav. p. 286.) takes it to be much the same with the peplus, if not with the toga, of the ancients.