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## A NOTE ON *pecku* 'VIEH, CATTLE'

In her analysis of the Old Prussian declensional system Kaukienė (1995, 17) writes that *pecku* 'Vieh, cattle' is an example of a neuter *-u* stem noun in the *Elbing Vocabulary*. Since *pecku* does not occur in the *Elbing Vocabulary* a better choice for a neuter *-u* stem would probably have been *alu* E 392 'mead'. On the other hand in her listing of substantive stems in the catechisms (Kaukienė, 1995, 19) she does not include the *-u* stems where *pecku* might have been mentioned. The form *pecku* is encountered once each in the first two catechisms and three times in the *Enchiridion* for a total of five times according to Trautmann (1910, 392) and this can be easily checked also in Kortlandt's (1996) on-line editions of the catechisms. It can also be determined from Kortlandt's on-line edition of the *Elbing Vocabulary* that *pecku* does not occur there.

Curiously enough Kaukienė (1995, 120) does mention the neuter *pecku* in its one occurrence where it could be considered a dative singular. Mažiulis (1981, 390) writes that there are four occurrences of *pecku*, but (1981, 302) gives only two locations, although in his own text in addition to the two locations listed it can also be found in II 7<sub>7</sub>, III 40<sub>8</sub>, III 53<sub>13</sub>. In the three latter occurrences it would seem to be an accusative singular and would seem to be sufficient evidence for the establishment of a neuter *-u* stem category for the catechisms.

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