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ON ONE LEXEME DENOTING TABLEWARE IN “RUSUDANIANI” (“PINJANI” (TEA/COFFEE) CUP)

“*Rusudaniani*” is a work of heroic-adventure literature composed by the 17th century anonymous author. The complete text of “*Rusudaniani*” contains “pinjani” among other lexemes that denote tableware with the function of containing liquids.

Georgian “**pinjani**” – “generally a china wide tea-/coffee-cup with a handle” – is a lexical item transferred from Greek into Persian, and it denotes: “a small bowl made of ceramics, crystal or china for drinking tea or coffee”.

Persian فنجان [fɛnjan] appears to have transferred into Georgian as an Arabized form. The function of pinjani is not apparent in “*Rusudaniani*”. It is mentioned along with the glass which is used for making drinkware for wines and aromatic spirits.