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German Egyptologist who made important studies of hieroglyphic writing and the Egyptian language. On his two expeditions, he excavated the Hawarah labyrinth in the Faiyum, discovered the Canopus Decree at Tanis, and collected antiquities for the Berlin Museum, where he headed the department of Egyptology. He also brought back a large collection of detailed drawings of temples, monuments, and inscriptions. His extensive writings, along with almost 900 illustrations, are preserved in his 12-volume work, *Denkmaler aus Aegypten und Aethiopien* (1849-1859).