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THE DENARII OF OTHO:  
A STYLISTIC AND COMPOSITIONAL STUDY

*Introduction*

*Marcus Salvius Otho seized power in a coup on 15 January AD 69, and committed suicide on 15 or 16 April after his army was defeated in battle by the forces of his rival, Vitellius. Apart from some provincial silver and bronze produced at Antioch in Syria and Alexandria in Egypt, the bulk of the coinage of this short reign consists of aurei and denarii issued by the mint of Rome. As is well known, no base metal issues were produced at Rome for this emperor.*